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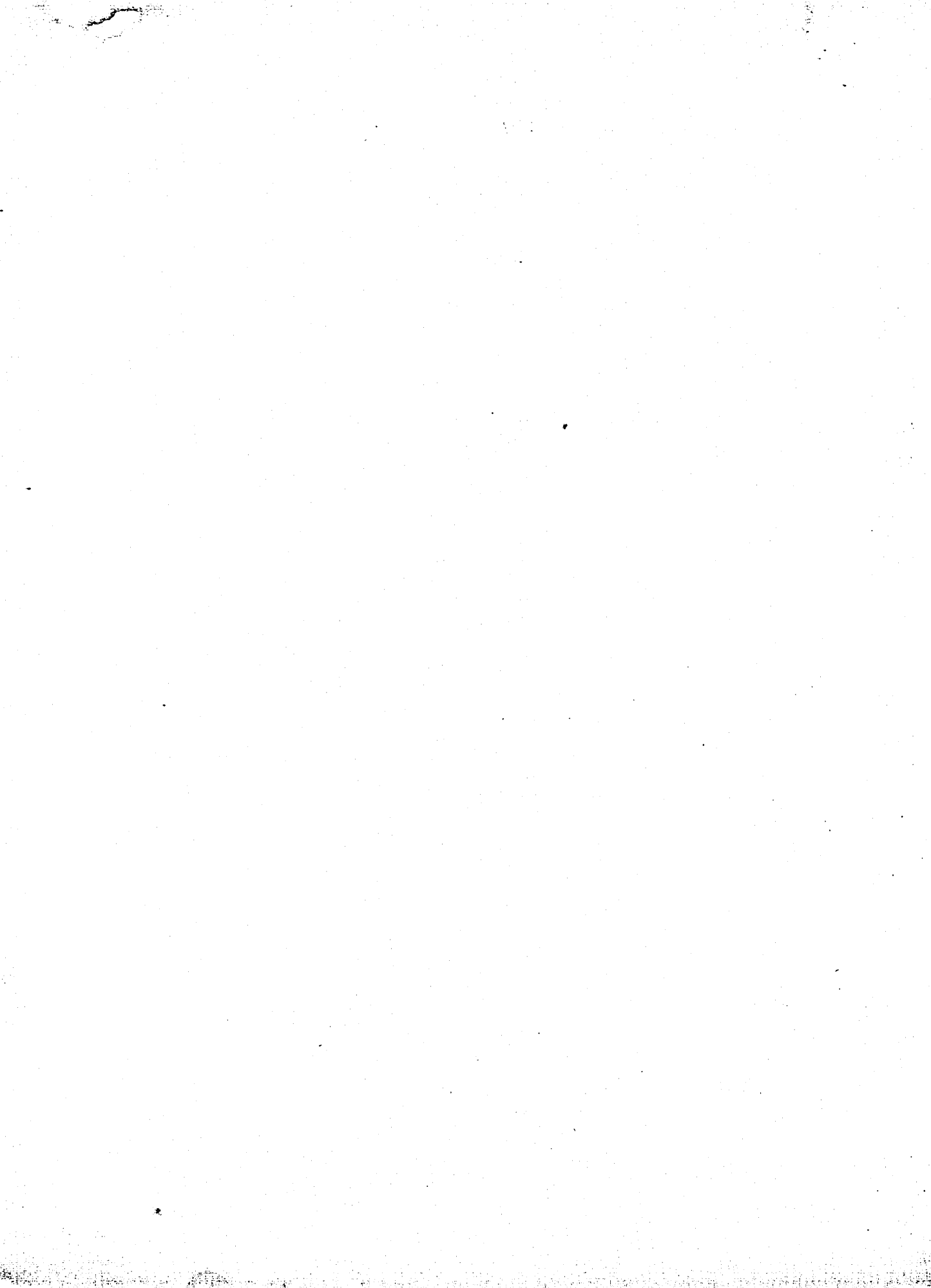
PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

1843.

[Richard Nugent, Printer to the Legislature.]





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, Lieutenant-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 Thursday, the Ninth day of June next :

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly until Thursday the Eighth day of September 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 31st day of May, in the fifth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and in the year of our Lord 1842.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN WHIDDEN.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

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Falkland.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued until Thursday the Eighth day of September next :

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly until Thursday the Tenth day of November 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 31st day of August, in the sixth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and in the year of our Lord 1842.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN WHIDDEN.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.



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Falkland.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued until Thursday, the Tenth day of November next :

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly until Thursday the Fifth day of January 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 3rd day of November, in the sixth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and in the year of our Lord 1842.

By His Excellency's Command.

JOHN WHIDDEN.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

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, Lieutenant-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 Thursday the Fifth day of January next :

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly until Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of January next, 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 13th day of December, in the sixth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and in the year of our Lord 1842.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN WHIDDEN.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

JOURNAL AND PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
OF
THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA,
SESSION, 1843.

Thursday, 26th January, 1843.

THE House having been by several Proclamations prorogued until this day, then to meet for the Despatch of Business; and being met—

A Message was delivered by John James Sawyer, Esquire, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

Meeting of House

Message from Lt. Governor commanding attendance of House

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor commands the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly the House went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber. And being returned,

House attend—

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Provincial Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had for greater accuracy obtained a copy, which he read to the House as followeth:—

And Speaker reports Speech of Lt. Gov.

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

I have called you together at the earliest period that the state of the Public Business has rendered it convenient for me to do so, or that (as I have reason to believe) the avocations of individual Members would admit of their attendance.

You will, I am sure, deem it a matter of congratulation, that since I last met you, a Treaty has been concluded by Her Majesty with the United States—by which the Boundary Line of the Queen's North American Possessions is definitively settled.

I am happy to be able to state to you, that the Fisheries have been more than usually productive during the past season; while we have abundant reason to be grateful to the Divine Giver of all Good for a plentiful and safely stored Harvest.

As might have been anticipated, from the general depression of Commercial Interests, (a depression, from which, however, Nova Scotia has suffered but little, comparatively with other Countries,) there has been a decrease in the Revenue; but it is gratifying to find, that while all claims on the Provincial Treasury have been punctually discharged hitherto, the resources of the Province are such as (if husbanded with a judicious economy) leave no doubt of our ability to meet such engagements with equal regularity in future.

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The first Report of the Commissioner for Indian Affairs is ready for your inspection; and I hope that an investigation of the facts therein set forth, will make it appear, that the money so generously appropriated to a benevolent purpose has been expended with due discretion; and that a proportionate benefit is likely to accrue to the oppressed and suffering Race, for whose relief it was designed.

I trust you will, on examination, be convinced, that in every matter of public concern, the conduct of which has been confided to the Executive Government, the interests of the Colony have been vigilantly protected.

It has been my duty, during the recess, to maintain a correspondence with the Secretary of State for the Colonies on several subjects of deep importance. This correspondence, in which the views of Her Majesty's Government on the various topics it embraces are fully developed, shall be communicated to you without delay.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

The Accounts for the past, as well as the Estimates for the current year, shall be forthwith laid on your Table. I fully rely on your disposition to provide liberally for the Public Service.

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

The attention of the Government has been directed to the revision of the Law of Debtor and Creditor; and the co-operation of the Legislature will be invited, with a view to the establishment of a system adapted to ameliorate the condition of the one, and secure the rights of the other.

A plan for regulating, in future, the disposal of Crown Lands, based on the principles propounded in a Despatch from the Secretary of State, communicating the opinion of the Commissioners of Land and Emigration on this question, will be presented for your consideration.

A measure, conceived with a design to extend the privileges of the Constituency of Nova Scotia, and which is calculated to render available to the Province at large, the services of persons well qualified to comprehend its wants and advance its interests, but whom local circumstances might, under the present Law, temporarily exclude from the Legislature, will be submitted to you, and will, I trust, meet with your concurrence.

It will be necessary for me, shortly, to ask your aid in maturing other measures of general interest, but which can be more conveniently brought under your notice by Message.

Of your sincere desire to assist me, and those who are my Constitutional Advisers, in our united efforts to promote the welfare of Nova Scotia, I entertain the most perfect conviction; and I therefore feel assured, that as you will enter on the discussion of all subjects it may be incumbent on me to bring before you, in a spirit of candour and devotion to the welfare of your Country, I shall derive from your labours, during the present Session, the same advantage that I have heretofore reaped from your deliberations.

After which Mr. Speaker rose, and from the chair addressed the House as followeth:

Gentlemen,

“It becomes my duty to inform you at the earliest moment that the forms of Parliament will permit, that I have, during the recess, accepted the situation of Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, an office that I consider quite incompatible with the duties of the Chair, which I now humbly beg your permission to resign.

“Having been elected your Speaker while holding a seat in the Executive Council and the House having taken no further action in the matter, I did not object to serve in both capacities, because no emoluments were attached to the distinction conferred upon me by the Crown, although the junction of the two offices was not in strict analogy with British Parliamentary practice; but having now accepted a place of profit and emolument, regard to the character and privileges of this House and to my own reputation tells

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me that a salaried servant of the Government ought not to preside over your deliberations.

“With my warmest thanks for the high honor conferred upon me, and for the courtesy and confidence extended to me since I have occupied the chair, I now respectfully solicit your acceptance of the resignation I feel it my duty to tender.”

On motion of Mr. Lewis, *resolved*, that this House feel it a duty to express towards the Honourable Joseph Howe their sense of the faithful and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of Speaker of this Assembly for the last two years.

Resolution acknowledging faithful discharge of Speakers duties, &c.

On motion of Mr. Marshall, *resolved*, that the office of Speaker of this House, and that of Executive Councillor, are incompatible with each other, and ought not to be held by the same individual.

Resolution that offices of Speaker and Executive Councillor are incompatible

On motion of Mr. Henry, *resolved*, that this House do accept the resignation of the Honourable Joseph Howe of his office as Speaker, and that the said office is hereby declared vacant, and that the Honorable Solicitor General, Mr. Dickson, Mr. DesBarres, Mr. Gates, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. J. R. Dewolf, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, respectfully to communicate to him this resolution, and to acquaint him that this House is without a Speaker.

Resolution accepting the resignation of Hon. J. Howe as Speaker, &c.

And thereupon, The Hon. Mr. Howe left the Chair.

Mr. Howe leaves the Chair

A Message was delivered from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

Message from Lt. Gov. commanding attendance of House

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor commands the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly the House went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber, when the President of the Legislative Council said—

House attend when—

“The House of Assembly having communicated to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor that the Honorable Joseph Howe has resigned the office of Speaker, and that his resignation has been accepted by the House, and that the House is without a Speaker, it is therefore His Excellency’s will and pleasure that the Gentlemen of the House of Assembly do repair to the place in which they usually sit and there elect a Speaker, and present him here for His Excellency’s approbation.”

President of Council directs Speaker to be chosen

And the House being returned,

Samuel Chipman, Esquire (addressing himself to the Clerk, who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down) proposed to the House for their Speaker the Honorable William Young, and moved “that the Honorable William Young do take the Chair of this House as Speaker”—which motion was seconded by Benjamin Smith, Esquire.

Choice of Speaker
Mr. Young proposed

Then William Stairs, Esquire, in like manner, proposed to the House for their Speaker Herbert Huntington, Esquire, and moved “that Herbert Huntington, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker”—which motion was seconded by Henry Gates, Esquire;

Mr. Huntington proposed

And after a debate in relation to both the said Members,

The question was put by the Clerk “that the Honorable William Young do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.”

Division on nomination of Mr. Young Carried—

The House divided—The yeas on the right 24.

The noes on the left 22.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Young was conducted to the Chair by Mr. S. Chipman and Mr. Smith, and, standing on the upper step, addressed the House as followeth :

Mr. Young chosen Speaker—

Gentlemen—

It is impossible for language to convey the high sense I entertain of the honor you have conferred on me. The office to which you have just elevated me, being the highest in the gift of the people, might satisfy the most aspiring ambition, and is doubly acceptable as a mark of confidence from you, with whom I have been so long and so intimately connected. The maintenance of the dignity and privileges of this House is indispensable to the public

and returns thanks

public freedom and tranquility, and will demand my first care, combined with a due regard to those of the other Branches of the Legislature. In the management of the Public Business, I shall study to press it forward with regularity and dispatch, while in preserving the order of the House, I will endeavour to act at all times with impartiality and firmness. In discharging this delicate and important duty, I will rely on your cordial co-operation, and, I have no doubt, will be aided by the experience and ability of the late Speaker, and by the Honorable Gentleman to whom I have been just opposed, and who stands so deservedly high in our esteem.

Mr. Speaker Elect, with the House, then went to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where Mr. Speaker Elect was presented to His Excellency by Mr. Dickson, who addressed His Excellency as followeth:

May it please your Excellency—

The House of Assembly, agreeably to your Excellency's command, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and have elected the Honorable William Young, Member for the County of Inverness, to that office, and, by their direction, I beg leave to present him for the approbation of your Excellency.

After which, His Excellency was pleased to say—

“I approve of the Speaker whom the House of Assembly have chosen.”

The House being returned, and Mr. Speaker having taken the Chair,

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency had been pleased to approve of the choice the House had made of him to be their Speaker, and that he had thereupon addressed His Excellency to the following effect:

May it please your Excellency;

Her Majesty's faithful subjects, the Commons of Nova Scotia, having been pleased to make choice of me as their Speaker, I have to thank your Excellency for your approbation of that choice; and your Excellency having at the opening of the present House granted to the House all its usual rights and privileges, then demanded in the accustomed manner, it only remains for me to request from your Excellency the most favourable construction of my acts, and that I as the Speaker may have access to your Excellency at all times, when Her Majesty's service and the interests of the Province require it.

Whereupon His Excellency was pleased to say, “all that the Speaker has asked I cheerfully grant.”

Mr. Fairbanks then moved the following Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech, and that the same do pass:—

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 HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

May it please your Excellency;

WE, the Representatives of Her Majesty's Loyal Subjects, the people of Nova Scotia, renew with satisfaction under your Excellency's auspices our Legislative labours, at a period

Mr. Speaker Elect presented to His Excellency

and approved of Speaker reports his Address to His Excellency

Address moved in answer to His Excellency's Speech

period which suits the circumstances of the country, and admits of the despatch of public business.

The prospect which the settlement of the North Eastern Boundary question affords, of peaceful relations between the Mother Country and the United States, is gratifying to the people of Nova Scotia, who, however forward to assert the rights of the Empire, would be the first to deplore the calamities of a war, between nations that have so many inducements to cultivate the most friendly intercourse.

We unite with your Excellency in fervent gratitude to the Giver of all Good for an abundant harvest and successful fishery. Those we represent have borne with steadiness, honourable to the Provincial character, their share of the depression which has affected the commerce of the world; but we rejoice that our resources have been adequate to the requirements of the Government, and assure your Excellency of our intention to husband them with judicious economy.

To the Report of the Commissioner for the Indians we shall give our best attention, with every disposition to aid the Government in carrying out the Act of last Session.

We thank your Excellency for your efforts during the recess to explain by free communication with Her Majesty's Government, the wants and wishes of the people of this Colony, and shall await with anxiety the copies of such correspondence promised to be laid before us.

Your Excellency may rely upon our disposition, having first investigated the public accounts, to make adequate provision for the support of Her Majesty's Government.

To the state of the Law of debtor and creditor,—the project for regulating in future the disposal of the Crown Lands, and to any measure calculated to extend the privileges of the people of Nova Scotia, it will be our duty to give a grave examination, with a view to second Your Excellency's endeavours in all things wise and judicious, and to afford to the Crown and its Constitutional advisers, the advantage of our Local Knowledge and Legislative Experience.

Which, being seconded,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Address be postponed until to-morrow.

Made Order of Day for to-morrow

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Dewolf, the Hon. Mr. McNab, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Stairs, and Mr. Marshall, be a Committee of this House for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts, jointly with a Committee of the Legislative Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Committee of Public Accounts

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Blackadar, and Mr. DesBarres, be a Committee to examine and report on the Expiring Laws.

Committee on Expiring Laws

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two of the clock.

Friday, 27th January, 1843.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the Day being read—the House, pursuant to order, proceeded to consider the Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session—and the same was read clause by clause—

Order of the Day—Address considered clause by clause and agreed to

And the several clauses were respectively agreed to by the House: and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Address do pass.

Ordered, That the Address be engrossed.

Passed—

Ordered, That the Address be presented to His Excellency by the whole House.

To be engrossed—and to be presented by whole House

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. McNab be appointed a member of the Committee of Privileges, instead of the Hon. the Speaker.

Hon. Mr. McNab added to Com. of Privileges

Mr. Speaker informed the House that, in pursuance of the Resolution of this House, passed in the last Session, the Clerks of the House had proceeded to call for Tenders for the

Contract for Printing, &c. laid before House—

the Public Printing; and that, having received Tenders, a Contract had been entered into for such Printing with Mr. Richard Nugent; and that a Bond, with sureties, had been taken for the performance of such Contract. That the Clerk had submitted to him, Mr. Speaker, the Contract, Bond, Tenders and Documents, relating to the same, which he presented to the House.

and referred to Select Committee

On motion, *resolved*, that the Contract, Bond, Tenders and Documents, be referred to Mr. Huntington, Mr. Annand and Mr. Dickson, to examine and report upon.

Petition of Custos and Foreman Grand Jury Colchester

A Petition of the Custos Rotulorum and Foreman of the Grand Jury for the County of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Dickson and read, praying that Commissioners may be authorized by Law, to sell the old Court House at Truro, and to apply the proceeds to the finishing of the new Building designed for a Court House.

Leave to bring in a Bill.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table, and that Mr. Dickson have leave to bring in a Bill pursuant to the prayer thereof.

Statute Labor Com.

On motion of Mr. Henry, *resolved*, that a Select Committee be appointed to examine into the Laws respecting Statute Labour, and to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Henry, Mr. S. Chipman, Mr. Smith, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Marshall, be a Committee for the above purpose.

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, informed the House that His Excellency had been pleased to appoint this day at four o'clock to receive the House with the Address in answer to the Speech at the opening of the Session.

Council's Committee on Public Accounts.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed Mr. Tobin, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Bell, to be a Committee to join the Committee of this Honourable House to examine the Public Accounts.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Address in answer to Speech presented.

Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with their Address, pursuant to the order of to-day;

And being returned—

Mr. Speaker reported that His Excellency was pleased to give this Answer to the Address of the House:

Governor's Answer.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

The assurance contained in your Address, for which I beg to thank you, of your readiness to give me, and those who are my Constitutional Advisers, the benefit of your local knowledge and Legislative experience, in our efforts to advance the prosperity of the Province, is highly gratifying to me, because I am fully sensible of the advantages I have hitherto derived from your cordial co-operation, and anticipate the happiest results to the Country from a continuance of it.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Saturday, 28th January, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Pet. of A. Seaman and Company

A Petition of Amos Seaman and Company, of Minudie, in the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Dickey and read, praying the return of certain Duties paid by Petitioners on a quantity of Wheat Flour imported into the Port of Cumberland.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Post Office Com.

On motion of the Hon. Solicitor General, *resolved*, that a Select Committee be appointed to examine and report on all matters connected with the Post Office Department.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. J. R. Dewolf, Mr. Stairs, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Annand, Mr. DesBarres, Mr. S. Chipman, and Mr. Holmes, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dewolf, *resolved*, that a Select Committee of seven Members be appointed to consider of all matters connected with Agriculture, and to report by Bill or otherwise.

Com. on Agriculture

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Smith, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Rider, Mr. Annand and Mr. Crow, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion of the Hon. Solicitor General, *resolved*, that a Select Committee of five Members be appointed to examine and report upon all matters connected with the Trade and Manufactures of the Province.

Com. on Trade

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Howe, Mr. Stairs, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Taylor, and the Hon. Mr. Dewolf, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion of the Hon. Solicitor General, *resolved*, that a Select Committee of five Members be appointed, to whom shall be referred and who shall examine and report upon all matters connected with Education.

Com. on Education

Ordered, That Mr. Creighton, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. DesBarres, Mr. Forrestall, and Mr. Dickson, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion of the Hon. Solicitor General, *resolved*, that a Select Committee of five Members be appointed to examine into and report upon all matters connected with the Coast and Deep Sea Fisheries.

Com. on Deep Sea Fisheries

Ordered, That the Hon. Solicitor General, Mr. Martell, Mr. Spearwater, Mr. Budd, and the Hon. Mr. McNab, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion of the Hon. Solicitor General, *resolved*, that a Select Committee of five Members be appointed to examine and report upon all Petitions and other matters connected with Navigation Securities.

Com. on Navigation Securities

Ordered, That the Hon. Solicitor General, Mr. S. B. Chipman, Mr. Clements, Mr. Forrestall, and Mr. McLellan, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Ordered, That the Petition of Amos Seaman and Company be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Pet. of A. Seaman & Co. ref. to Com. on Trade

A Petition of Owen Edwards was presented by the Hon. Mr. Dewolf and read, praying for a return of Duties paid by Petitioner on Wheat Flour imported into the Port of Parrsborough.

Pet. of Owen Edwards

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Com. on Trade

Mr. Annand, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill relating to the appointment of Sheriffs, and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Sheriffs' Bill read 1st time.

A Petition of Silas H. Morse and others, of the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Dickey and read, praying that the House would grant a sum of money to encourage the running of a Weekly Stage between Amherst and Parrsborough.

Pet. for aid to Coach from Amherst to Parrsborough

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Post Office Department.

Ref. to Post Office Com.

A Petition of Hugh McKinnon, of Whycocomagh, in the County of Inverness, was presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, praying for aid in the erection of an Oat Mill at Whycocomagh.

Pet. of H. McKinnon

A Petition of Joseph Pearce Bickers was presented by Mr. DesBarres and read, praying for aid in the erection of an Oat Mill at Country Harbour.

Pet. of J. P. Bickers

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Ref. to Com. on Agriculture

A Petition of Exmouth Davison, of Falmouth, and a Petition of Stephen Jenks, of Horton, were presented by Mr. Payzant and read, severally praying the return of certain duties

Pet. of E. Davison and Pet. of S. Jenks

duties by the Petitioners respectively paid on the importation of Wheat Flour into the port of Windsor.

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Com. on
Trade

Pet. of Chas. Weaver

A Petition of Charles Weaver was presented by Mr. Dickson and read, setting forth the Petitioner's long service as a Licensed Teacher in the County of Colchester—his inability to pursue said avocation from his advanced age, and praying that the House would grant him some aid from the Provincial Funds.

Mr. S. B. Chipman moved that the Petition be withdrawn: which, being seconded,

Mr. McLellan, by way of amendment to the question, moved to leave out all the words thereof after the word "Petition," and in place of the words so left out to insert the following—"be referred to the Committee on Education": which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, fourteen; against it, twenty-two.

So it passed in the negative.

The original question being then put,

Ordered, That the Petition be withdrawn.

Withdrawn

Pet. of Angus Ban
McDonald

A Petition of Angus Ban McDonald, of Morristown, in the County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Henry and read, praying for a return of Duties paid by the Petitioner on sundry dutiable articles used by him in the building and outfit of certain Ships or Vessels, which were afterwards lost by shipwreck.

Mr. Henry moved that the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade: which, being seconded,

Mr. Payzant, by way of amendment to the question, moved to leave out all the words thereof after the word "be," and in place of the words so left out to insert the word "withdrawn": which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment: sixteen; against it, eighteen.

So it passed in the negative.

The original question being then put,

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Com. on
Trade

Salmon Fishery Bill

Mr. Henry, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to regulate the Salmon Fishery in the Bay of Saint George, in the County of Sydney—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Cape-Breton Repre-
sentation

The Hon. Mr. Dodd moved for leave to bring in a Bill at a future day to divide the County of Cape-Breton into two Counties, and to increase the Representation thereof: which, being seconded and put, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered accordingly.

Pet. of W. Weeks

A Petition of William Weeks, of Tidnish, in the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Dickey and read, praying the continuance of the Provincial Grant in aid of the establishment of a Packet between the Bay of Verte and Prince Edward's Island.

Mr. Dickey also pursuant to the Standing Order of the House, laid before the House the Account of the funds and expenditure and state of the funds of the said Packet for the last year, duly verified on oath.

Ordered, That the Petition and Account be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.

Ref. to Com. on Nav.
Sec.

Pets. for returns of
Flour Duties

A Petition of Dow D. Roop; a Petition of James Merriam, Peter McCallum, and Randolph Morris; a Petition of John Pettis; a Petition of Charles Hatfield; a Petition of Richard W. Card; a Petition of Samuel Patterson; a Petition of Patrick Blake; a Petition of Robert Salter; a Petition of Michael Blake, were severally presented by Mr. Lewis and read, praying the return of certain duties on Wheat Flour imported by the respective Petitioners into the ports of Parrsborough or Windsor.

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Com. on
Trade

A Petition

A Petition of Dr. Edward L. Brown, of Horton, was presented by the Hon. Mr. DeWolf and read, praying compensation for loss sustained by him in consequence of the accidental destruction of Provincial Treasury Notes by fire.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Pet. of Dr. E. L. Brown

Ref. to Com. on Trade

A Petition of Henry Horne, of Shubenacadie, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Howe and read, praying compensation for loss sustained by him while engaged in the Public Service.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Gates, Mr. Dickey, and Mr. Johnson, to examine into the merits thereof and report upon.

Pet. of Henry Horne

Ref. to Sel. Com.

A Petition of the Reverend Andrew Kerr and others, of Economy and Londonderry, members of the Presbyterian Church, was presented by Mr. McLellan and read, praying for the endowment from the Provincial Funds of a Seminary of Learning at Pictou.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Pet. of Rev. A Kerr and others

Ref. to Com. on Education

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Howe, *resolved,* that a Select Committee be appointed to examine and report upon all Petitions and claims in respect to Transient Paupers.

Ordered, That Mr. Clements, Mr. Dickey, and Mr. S. Chipman, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Transient Pauper Claims Com.

A Petition of James S. Everitt and others, was presented by Mr. Budd and read, praying further aid from the Public Treasury towards the completion of the Pier or Breakwater at Saint Mary's Bay, in the County of Digby.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.

Pet. of James S. Everitt and others

Ref. to Com. on Nav. Sec.

A Petition of the Union Marine Insurance Company of Nova-Scotia, was presented by the Hon. Mr. McNab and read, praying that an Act may pass to enable the Company to compensate their Directors and Auditors.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table, and that the Hon. Mr. McNab have leave to bring in a Bill pursuant to the prayer thereof.

The Hon. Mr. McNab, pursuant to such leave, presented a Bill to enable the Union Marine Insurance Company of Nova-Scotia to compensate their Directors and Auditors—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Pet. of Union Marine Ins. Co. presented—

and leave to bring in Bill

Bill for compensating Directors, &c. of Union M. I. Co. read 1st time

A Petition of Edward Oultown, of Jolicure, in the Province of New-Brunswick, was presented by Mr. Dickey and read, praying a return of certain duties paid by the Petitioner on Butter, the produce of the said Province, imported into this Province, and paid by him at the Port of Cumberland.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Pet. of Edward Oultown

Ref. to Com. on Trade

On motion of Mr. McLellan, *resolved,* that the Committee to whom were referred the Contract and Documents relative to the Public Printing, be instructed to enquire and report the number of copies of the Laws printed annually, and how they are distributed, and whether any necessity exists for increasing the number of copies printed, and to what extent.

Res. as to No. of copies of Laws

The Hon. Mr. Howe, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House the Report of the Commissioner for Indian Affairs, with various Papers, Vouchers, and Documents connected therewith—and the same were read.

(See Appendix No. 1.)

Report of Commr. on Indian Affairs

Ordered, That the Report, Papers, Vouchers, and Documents, be referred to Mr. Marshall, Mr. Blackadar, Mr. S. Chipman, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Martell, to examine and report upon.

Ref. to Sel. Com.

Mr. Thorne, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill 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

Bridgetown Baptist Meeting House Bill read 1st time

ratifying the appointment and defining the powers of the Trustees of such Meeting House—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

St. George's Bay
Salmon Fishery
Bill—

Marine Ins. Co. Di-
rectors Bill read 2d
time—

and committed

Com. on Bills

On motion, *ordered nem. con.*, that the Bill to regulate the Salmon Fishery in the Bay of Saint George, in the County of Sydney; and

The Bill to enable the Union Marine Insurance Company of Nova Scotia to compensate their Directors and Auditors, be now read a second time.

And the same were read a second time accordingly.

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report Ins. Co. Bill
without amendt.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to enable the Union Marine Insurance Company of Nova Scotia to compensate their Directors and Auditors, and had directed him to report the said Bill without any amendment.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, which the House agreed to.

Bill to be engrossed

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Treasurers Account
laid before House

The Hon. Mr. Dewolf, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House an Account from Mr. Treasurer Wallace, of all monies received into, and payments made from, the Provincial Treasury, between the 1st January and 31st December, 1842—and the same was read.

(See Appendix No. 2.)

Ref. to Com. on Pub-
lic Accounts

Ordered, That the Account be referred to the Committee to examine and report upon the Public Accounts.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at two of the clock.

Monday, 30th January, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Pet. of Lewis R.
Bourges

A Petition of Lewis R. Bourges and others, was presented by Mr. Comeau and read, praying a further grant from the Provincial Treasury in aid of the erection of the Break-water at Whale Cove, in the Township of Clare.

Ref. to Com. on Nav.
Sec.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.

Engrossed Marine
Ins. Co. Bill read
3d time—

An engrossed Bill to enable the Union Marine Insurance Company of Nova Scotia to compensate their Directors and Auditors, was read a third time.

Passed—

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to enable the Union Marine Insurance Company of Nova Scotia to compensate their Directors and Auditors.

and sent to Council

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Pet. of Jas. Carline

A Petition of James Carline, of Sydney, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Dodd and read, praying compensation for losses sustained by him in consequence of the seizure of his vessel for an alleged breach of the Revenue Laws, which vessel was subsequently released.

Ref. to Com. on
Trade

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Pet. of Herbert Hun-
tington

A Petition of Herbert Huntington, Esquire, Secretary of the Agricultural Society for the County of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. DesBarres and read, praying that a Bond for the duties on certain Live Stock imported for the use of said Society, and for improving the breed of Stock, may be cancelled, and the Petitioner and his Sureties released therefrom.

Ref. to Com. on
Trade

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.

The

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House certain rules and orders for regulating the practice of the Courts of Probate, prepared by the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Master of the Rolls, pursuant to the Act 5 Vict. cap. 22, section 64.

Rules for Probate Courts laid before House

(See Appendix No. 3.)

Ordered, That the rules and orders do lie on the Table.

A Petition of Ambrose Poole and others, Members of the Baptist Church and Congregation and others, resident at Wilmot, was presented by Mr. S. B. Chipman and read, praying a grant from the Public Funds of the Province, towards the erection of Buildings for the use of Acadia College at Horton.

Pet. of Ambrose Poole and others

A Petition of C. R. Bill and others, Members of the Baptist Church and Congregation, and others, residents of Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. S. Chipman and read, praying a grant from the Public Funds of the Province, towards the erection of Buildings for the use of Acadia College at Horton.

Pet. of C. R. Bill and others

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on Education

A Petition of Samuel McLellan and George McLellan was presented by Mr. McLellan and read, praying for the return of duties on certain quantities of Wheat Flour imported into Colchester.

Pet. of Sam. McLellan and George McLellan—

A Petition of Richard Card; a Petition of David Reid; a Petition of James O'Brien; a Petition of John Skaling, were severally presented by Mr. Palmer and read, praying a return of duties on Wheat Flour imported by the respective Petitioners into the port of Windsor.

Pets. of R. W. Card—of David A. Reid—of James O'Brien—of John Skaling—

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Com. on Trade

A Petition of the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Horton, was presented by Mr. Johnson and read, praying for remuneration of certain expences incurred by them in Medical and other necessary attendance on a diseased Transient Pauper, and his interment.

Pet. of Overseers of Poor, Horton

Ordered, To be referred to the Committee on the claims for Transient Paupers.

Ref. to Com. on Transient Paupers

A Petition of David B. Pineo and others, of the Baptist Church and Congregation, and others, resident at Ragged Islands, was presented by Mr. Spearwater and read, praying a grant of money from the Public Funds of the Province, towards the erection of Buildings for the use of the Acadia College at Horton.

Pet. of David B. Pineo and others—

A Petition of Edward Manning and others, Members of the Baptist Church and Congregation, and others, residents in Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. Beckwith and read, praying a grant from the Public Funds of the Province, towards the erection of Buildings for the use of Acadia College at Horton.

Pet. of Edward Manning and others—

A Petition of George Dimock and others, Members of the Baptist Church and Congregation, and others, resident in Newport, was presented by Mr. Dimock and read, praying a grant from the Public Funds of the Province, towards the erection of Buildings for the use of Acadia College at Horton.

Pet. of Geo. Dimock and others—

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on Education

Mr. Huntington, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill concerning the Registrars of Deeds throughout this Province—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Registrars of Deeds Bill read 1st time

A Petition of R. B. Dickie and others, Members of the Baptist Church and Congregation, and others, residents of Liverpool, was presented by Mr. J. R. Dewolf and read, praying a grant from the Provincial Funds, towards the erection of Buildings for the use of Acadia College at Horton.

Pet. of R. B. Dickie and others

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on Education

A Petition of James Anderson, of Sydney, was presented by the Hon. Solicitor General and

Pet. of James Anderson

and read, praying a Grant for the encouragement of a Steam Grist Mill erected by him at Sydney, in order that he might be enabled to afford the use of said Mill to all persons for grinding, upon the usual toll.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Com. on Trade

Pet. of Samuel Bancroft and others

A Petition of Samuel Bancroft and others, Members of the Baptist Church and Congregation, and others, residents of Digby, was presented by Mr. Budd and read, praying a grant from the Provincial Funds, towards the erection of buildings for the use of Acadia College at Horton.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education,

Ref. to Com. on Education

Pet. of Geo. Holmes—of Gould N. Davison

A Petition of George Holmes ; a Petition of Gould N. Davidson, were severally presented by Mr. Payzant and read, praying a return of the duties on Wheat Flour, imported by the respective Petitioners into the Port of Windsor.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Com. on Trade

Bridgetown Baptist Meeting House Bill read 2d time—

A Bill 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 powers of the Trustees of such Meeting House, was read a second time.

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

and committed

Bankrupt Bill read 1st time

The Hon. Solicitor General, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill relating to Insolvent persons, and Bankruptcy—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Economy Meeting House Bill read 1st time—

Mr. Dickson, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorize the Congregation of the Presbyterian Meeting House at Economy, to raise money from the Pews of said Meeting House, for the finishing, repairing, and ornamenting thereof, and the same was read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to Mr. McLellan, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Rider, to examine and report upon.

and ref. to Sel. Com.

Comm. on Bills—

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Recommend St. George's Bay Salmon Fishery Bill to Sel. Com.—

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the Bill to regulate the Salmon Fishery in the Bay of Saint George, in the County of Sydney, and had directed him to report that it be recommended to the House to refer the said Bill to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. That the Committee had gone through the Bill 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 powers of the Trustees of such Meeting House, and had directed him to report the said Bill with an amendment.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, which the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill to regulate the Salmon Fishery in the Bay of Saint George, in the County of Sydney, be referred to the Hon. Solicitor General, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Henry, to examine and report upon.

St. George's Bay Salmon Fishery Bill ref. to Sel. Com.

Amendment to Meeting House Bill agreed to and order to engross

The amendment to the Bill reported with an amendment, was read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendment be engrossed.

Elections Law amendment Bill read 1st time

The Hon. Mr. Howe, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend the Act for regulating the Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr.

Mr. McLellan, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill respecting Grants of Money for or in aid of Colleges, Academies, or Schools—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill respecting Grants for Colleges, &c. read 1st time

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House copies of Communications from Vice Admiral Sir Charles Adam, to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, dated the 5th September, and 14th October, 1842, on the subject of sites for Light Houses in the Bay of Fundy, with Extract of a Letter from Commander Robb, to Sir Thomas Harvey, in 1840, on the same subject.

Communications from Vice Admiral as to sites for Light Houses, Bay of Fundy, presented and—

(See Appendix No. 4.)

Ordered, That the copies of Communications, with the Extract of Letter, be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.

Ref. to Com. on Nav. Sec.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Howe, ordered, that Mr. Fairbanks and Mr. Delaney be added to the Committee on Trade.

Members added to Com. on Trade

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Tuesday, 31st January, 1843.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Enos Churchill, and others, of Ragged Islands, was presented by Mr. Spearwater and read, praying that the House would make a grant of a sum of money to open a Post Communication to Ragged Islands from the Main Post Road.

Pet. of Enos Churchill and others

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Post Office Department.

Ref. to Post Office Com.

A Petition of James Whitney, was presented by Mr. Huntington and read, praying that Petitioner may receive the Provincial Grant for running a Steam Boat from Yarmouth to Halifax, touching at the intermediate ports, for the last year, and that the said grant may be confirmed to the Petitioner.

Pet. of James Whitney—

Mr. Huntington, also, pursuant to the Standing Order of the House, presented an account of the funds, expenditure, and state of funds, of such Steam Boat.

with Account of Shore Steam Boat

Ordered, That the Petition and account be referred to Mr. Huntington, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Forrestall, to examine and report upon.

Ref. to Sel. Com.

A petition of James Campbell, Schoolmaster, late of the Arichat Academy, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Howe and read, praying an alteration in the Law by which the situation of Schoolmasters may be rendered more secure, and their merits and qualifications more accurately and justly determined.

Pet. of Jas. Campbell

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on Education

A Petition of Mathew J. Archibald and others, was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying that an old road in Truro may be shut up and sold, and the money applied to the improvement of the Roads in the vicinity.

Pet. of M. J. Archibald

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table, and that Mr. Archibald have leave to bring in a Bill pursuant to the prayer thereof.

Leave to bring in Bill

A Petition of Hugh McDonald and others, was presented by Mr. DesBarres and read, praying the opening of a Post Communication from Sherbrooke to Indian Harbour, in the County of Guysborough.

Pet. of Hugh McDonald and others

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Post Office Department.

Ref. to Com. on Post Office

A Petition of Charles F. Harrington and others, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Howe and read, praying that such measures may be adopted as will result in the establishment of an Academy at Arichat on a permanent basis, and that the unappropriated moneys granted for such Academy, may be applied to procuring a suitable Building for the same.

Pet. of C. F. Harrington and others.

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on Education

- Pet. of Dow D. Roop** A Petition of Dow D. Roop, was presented by Mr. Dickey and read, praying that the House would grant a sum in aid of establishing a Mail Communication by a covered coach between Parrsborough and Amherst, and that Petitioner may be permitted to contract for the carriage of the Mails by such conveyance.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Post Office Department.
- Ref. to Com. on Post Office**
- Pet. of Obadiah Wilson and others** A Petition of Obadiah Wilson and others, was presented by Mr. McKenna and read, praying the return of duties on certain articles imported from the United States, and consumed as ships stores on a whaling voyage commenced by Petitioners.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.
- Ref. to Com. on Trade**
- Copy of Despatch from Gov. Genl. announcing ratifying of U. S. Treaty presented** The Hon. Mr. Howe, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House a copy of Despatch from His Excellency Sir Charles Bagot, Governor General, to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, dated on the 26th day of November, 1842, announcing the ratification of the Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America.
(See Appendix No. 5.)
Ordered, That the copy of the Despatch do lie on the Table.
- Pet. of Edmund Crowell** A Petition of Edmund Crowell, was presented by Mr. McKenna and read, praying the continuance of the grant in aid of the Provincial Establishment on Seal Islands.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.
- Ref. to Com. on Nav. Sec.**
- Pet. of T. Brown and others** A Petition of Thomas Brown and others, of Londonderry, was presented by Mr. McLellan and read, praying for the increase of Impost duties on such articles of Foreign growth and manufacture, as this Province can produce—and also for the admission into the United Kingdom duty free of Colonial Agricultural Produce.
Mr. McLellan moved that the Petition be referred to the Committee on Agriculture: which, being seconded,
The Hon. Solicitor General, by way of amendment to the question, moved that all the words thereof after the word “on” be omitted, and in place of the words so left out the word “Trade” be inserted: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, sixteen; against it, nineteen.
So it passed in the negative.
The original question being then put,
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.
- Motion to refer to Com. on Agriculture Amendt. to Com. on Trade**
- Amendt. negatived Original carried**
- Pet. of John Davison** A Petition of John Davison, was presented by Mr. Palmer and read, praying the return of certain duties paid by him on Wheat Flour, imported by the Petitioner into the Port of Windsor.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.
- Ref. to Com. on Trade**
- Pet. of Overseers of Poor for Digby** A Petition of the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Digby, was presented by Mr. Budd and read, praying the remuneration of certain expenses incurred by Petitioners in aid of various Transient Paupers, on their passage from Digby out of the Province.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the claims respecting Transient Paupers.
- Ref. to Com. on Transient Paupers**
- Pet. of James D. Harris** A Petition of James D. Harris, of Kentville, was presented by Mr. S. Chipman and read, praying the return of certain Duties, paid by Petitioner on certain Wheat Flour imported into the Port of Windsor.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.
- Ref. to Com. on Trade**
- Pets. for aid to Acadia College** A Petition of George Richardson and others, members of the Baptist Church and Congregation, and others, residents of the County of Cape Breton; a Petition of Anthony Campbell and others, members of the Baptist Congregation, and other persons, resident at Sydney, Mira River, and Cow Bay, in the County of Cape Breton, were presented by the Hon. Mr.

Mr. Dodd, severally praying a grant of money from the Public Funds of this Province, in aid of the erection of Buildings for the use of Acadia College, at Horton.

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on
Education

A Petition of Dugald B. McNab, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Dodd and read, praying compensation for the time occupied, and expenses of travel incurred by him in attending a Criminal Trial at Arichat during three different Terms.

Pet. of D. B. McNab
Motion to refer to
Com.

The Hon. Mr. Dodd moved that the Petition be referred to a Select Committee of three Members, to examine and report upon: which, being seconded,

Mr. McLellan, by way of amendment to the question, moved to leave out all the words thereof after the word "be," and instead of the words so left out to insert the word "withdrawn": which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the negative.

Amend. negatived

The original question being then put,

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Dickey, to examine and report upon.

Ref. to Sel. Com.

A Petition of Maurice Kavanagh and others, was presented by the Hon. Solicitor General and read, praying a grant from the Legislature to keep Boats, with competent crews, for the protection of the Fishery at St. Peter's Bay, St. Peter's Island, and L'Ardoise, in the Island of Cape Breton.

Pet. of M. Kavanagh
and others

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Ref. to Com. on
Fisheries

A Petition of Jean Nicolle, Esquire, and others, was presented by the Hon. Solicitor General and read, praying that the House would grant a sum of money towards the erection of Wharves, and other necessary appurtenances, for the transport of articles of Merchandize at the Bras d'Or Lake and Little St. Peter's, in the Island of Cape Breton.

Pet. of Jean Nicolle
and others

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.

Ref. to Com. on Nav.
Sec.

A Petition of Hugh O'Reilly and others, of the County of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Dickson and read, praying that the House would grant a sufficient sum of money for the purchase of a Tract of Land for the use of the Indians in the County of Pictou, in some locality near the Town of Pictou, favorable for combining the occupations of Agriculture and Fishing.

Pet. of H. O'Reilly
and others

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Report of the Commissioner for Indian Affairs.

Ref. to Com. on
Indian Affairs

A Petition of Elisha Dewolf and others, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Dewolf and read, praying that the Mails may hereafter be transmitted by the Western Coaches three times in each week.

Pet. relating to West-
ern Mails

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Post Office Department.

Ref. to Post Office
Com.

A Petition of the Temperance Societies in the County of King's, and others, friends of morality and good order; a Petition of the Lower Horton Temperance Society, in King's County, were presented by the Hon. Mr. Dewolf and read, severally praying a Law more effectually to restrain the sale of Spirituous Liquors in the Streets, Fields, Lanes, and Highways.

Pet. of King's Tem-
perance Society

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table, and that the Hon. Mr. Dewolf have leave to bring in a Bill pursuant to the prayer thereof.

Leave to bring in Bill

A Petition of Joseph F. Bent and others, Ministers, Officers, and Members of the Wesleyan Society, and Members of the Wesleyan Congregation, and others, in Aylesford Circuit, in King's County; A Petition of John Wells and others, Ministers, Officers, and Members of the Wesleyan Society, and Members of the Wesleyan Congregation, and others, in the Horton and Cornwallis Circuit, in the County of King's County, were presented by the Hon. Mr. Dewolf and read, severally praying Provincial aid from the Treasury for the institution of an Academy or Seminary of Learning at Sackville, in the Province of New Brunswick, recently established.

Pets. for aid to Wes-
leyan Academy—

A Petition

Of Joshua Newton
and others—

A Petition of Joshua Newton, and others, Ministers, Officers, and Members of the Wesleyan Congregation and others, of the Liverpool Circuit, in the County of Queen's County, was presented by Mr. Fairbanks and read, praying Provincial aid from the Treasury for the institution of an Academy or Seminary of Learning at Sackville, in the Province of New-Brunswick.

Of T. H. Davison
and others—

A Petition of Thomas H. Davison, and others, Ministers, Officers, and Members of the Wesleyan Society, Members of the Wesleyan Congregation and others, in the Sydney Circuit, County of Cape Breton, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Dodd and read.

Of William Webb
and others—

A Petition of William Webb, and others, Ministers, Officers, and Members of the Wesleyan Society, and Members of the Wesleyan Congregation and others, in the Lunenburg Circuit, in the County of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Creighton and read.

Of John Marshall
and others—

A Petition of John Marshall, and others, Ministers, Officers, and Members of the Wesleyan Society, Members of the Wesleyan Congregation and others, in the Guysborough Circuit, in the County of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. DesBarres and read.

Of James G. Hennigar
and others—

A Petition of James G. Hennigar, and others, Ministers, Officers, and Members of the Wesleyan Society, Members of the Wesleyan Congregation and others, in the Bridgetown Circuit, in the County of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read.

Severally praying Provincial aid from the Treasury for the institution of an Academy or Seminary of Learning at Sackville, in the Province of New-Brunswick.

Ref. to Com. on
Education

Ordered, That the Petitions be respectively referred to the Committee on Education.

Pet. for aid to Sydney
Academy

A Petition of the Trustees of Sydney Academy, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Dodd and read, praying a grant of money in aid of the Building for such Academy; and that a Law may pass to enable the Trustees by way of Mortgage to raise sufficient funds for its completion.

The Hon. Mr. Dodd also, pursuant to the standing Order of the House, presented with the Petition, an Account of the funds, expenditure and state of funds of the said Academy.

Ref. to Com. on
Education

Ordered, That the Petition and Account be referred to the Committee on Education.

Pet. relative to Meeting
House Gay's
River

A Petition of David Moore, and others, of Gay's River, was presented by Mr. Annand and read, praying an Act might pass to enable the proprietors of the Presbyterian Meeting House at Gay's River, to raise money by assessment on the Pews of the Meeting House, for the repairing and upholding thereof.

Leave to bring in Bill

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table, and that Mr. Annand have leave to bring in a Bill pursuant to the prayer thereof.

Pet. from Ladies
relative to Temperance

A Petition of Charlotte Irene McPherson, and others, Ladies of the Northern District of the County of Queen's, was presented by Mr. Lewis and read, praying the House to take into early consideration the expediency of discontinuing the licenced sale of Spirituous Liquors, and of prohibiting their importation.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, *resolved*, that a Committee of five Members be appointed to consider and report upon all subjects connected with the promotion of Temperance.

Com. on Temperance

Ordered, That Mr. Lewis, the Hon. Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Fulton, Mr. McLellan, and Mr. Gates, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.

Ladies Pet. referred
to Com.

Ordered, That the Petition of Charlotte Irene McPherson and others, be referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Pet. for aid to Acadia
College

A Petition of William Gillard, and others, Members of the Baptist Churches and others, residents in Digby Neck, in the County of Digby, was presented by Mr. Holdsworth and read, praying aid towards the erection of Buildings for the use of Acadia College at Horton.

Ref. to Com. on
Education

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Pet. of John Fuller

A Petition of John Fuller, Sheriff of the County of Richmond, was presented by the Hon. Solicitor General and read, praying remuneration for loss and expenses incurred by
him

him in attending a Committee of this House for determining a contested election under the order of the Committee.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Smith, Mr. Creighton, and Mr. Beckwith, to examine and report upon.

Ref. to Sel. Com.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two of the clock.

Wednesday, 1st February, 1843.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill 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, was read a third time.

Engrossed Bridgetown Baptist Meeting House Bill, read third time—

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An 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.

Passed—

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

and sent to Council.

The Hon. Solicitor General by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented copies of several Despatches, and other papers, which were read by the Clerk, as followeth:

Copies of Despatches respecting Fisheries, &c. presented.

1. Copy of a Despatch from Lord John Russel to Lord Falkland, dated, 9th April, 1841, with copies of a Letter from Lord Leveson, of the Foreign Office, to James Stephen, Esq., of the Colonial Office, dated, 2d April, 1841; and of a Note from Mr. Stevenson, Minister from the United States of America, to Lord Palmerston, dated, 27th March, 1841.

2. Copy of a Despatch from Lord Falkland to Lord John Russel, dated, 28th April, 1841, with copy of a Case stated, raising the necessary questions as to the right of Fishery, to be referred to the Crown Officers in England.

3. Copy of a Despatch from Lord Falkland to Lord John Russel, dated, 8th May, 1841, submitting observations and Report on the allegations of the American Minister, complaining of certain proceedings of the Authorities of Nova Scotia, towards the Vessels and Citizens of the Republic, engaged in Fishing on the Coasts of the Province.

4. Copy of a Despatch from Lord Falkland to Lord Stanley, dated, 11th July, 1842, transmitting Report of Committee of House of Assembly.

5. Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley to Vicount Falkland, dated, 23th November, 1842, with inclosures, including a Report of the Queen's Advocate and Attorney General.

(See Appendix No. 6.)

Ordered, That the several copies of Despatches, and other papers, do lie on the Table.

Laid on the Table—

On motion of the Hon Solicitor-General, *resolved*, that two hundred copies of the foregoing Despatches and papers, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

and ordered to be printed.

A Petition of Thomas E. Barnaby, was presented by Mr. Beckwith and read, praying the return of certain Duties on Wheat Flour, imported by him into the Port of Cornwallis.

Pet. of T. E. Barnaby

A Petition of John Liswell, of Newport, was presented by Mr. Dimock and read, praying the return of duties on certain quantities of Wheat Flour, imported by Petitioners into the Port of Windsor.

Pet. of John Liswell.

A Petition of Kendal Holmes, of Falmouth, was presented by Mr. Payzant and read, praying a return of duties paid by him, on certain quantities of Wheat Flour, imported into the Port of Windsor.

Pet. of Kdl. Holmes.

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Com. on Trade

A Petition of Alexander Campbell, and John M'Leod, of the East side Bras d'Or, was presented

Pet. of Alex. Campbell and J. McLeod

presented by the Hon. Mr. Dodd and read, praying aid in building a Grist Mill, and other Mills, on a stream at the Barrasois above Long Island, in the County of Cape Breton.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Ref. to Com. on
Agriculture.
Pet. of Rd. Bryden.

A Petition of Richard Bryden, was presented by Mr. Fairbanks and read, praying a return of Duties on certain Machinery imported by Petitioner for the use of his Carding Mills, erected and in operation at Brookfield, in the County of Queen's County.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Com. on
Trade

Bill for sale of old
Court House, Truro
read 1st time.

Mr. Dickson, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorise the sale of the old Court House at Truro, and the same was read a first time—and ordered to be read a second time.

Pet. of William S.
Raymond & others.

A Petition of William S. Raymond and others, inhabitants of the southern part of the Township of Clare, was presented by Mr. Huntington and read, praying that all that part of the Township of Clare, lying to the South of Salmon River, and adjoining the north line of the Township and County of Yarmouth, may be annexed to the County of Yarmouth.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table, and that Mr. Huntington have leave to bring in a Bill pursuant to the prayer thereof.

Leave to bring in Bill

Report on Petition of
Henry Horne.

Mr. Gates reported from the Committee on the Petition of Henry Horne, against the prayer of the Petition, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix No. 7.)

Received and adopted

On motion, *resolved*, that the Report be received and adopted by the House.

Pet. of Alfred Skinner
and others—

A Petition of Alfred Skinner and others, the Committee of Givens's Wharf, in Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. S. Chipman and read, praying that the House would grant a further sum towards the Breakwater or Wharf at Givens's Cove.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.

Ref. to Com. on Nav.
Sec.

Regr. of Deeds Bill
Bankruptcy Bill read
2d time
and committed.

A Bill concerning the Registrars of Deeds throughout this Province.

A Bill relating to Insolvent persons and Bankruptcy, were severally read a second time.

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

Order of the Day for
committing Bank-
rupt Bill.

On motion of the Hon. Solicitor General, *resolved*, that this House will, on Friday the tenth day of February instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of considering the Bill relating to insolvent persons and Bankruptcy.

Order of Day for 2d
reading of Elections
Law Amendt. Bill.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Howe, *resolved*, that the Bill to amend the Act for regulating the Election of Members to serve in General Assembly, be read a second time on Monday the 6th instant.

Grants to Colleges
Bill.

A Bill respecting Grants of money for or in aid of Colleges, Academies, or Schools, was read a second time.

Motion to defer.

Mr. Smith, moved, that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months : which, being seconded,

Motion to adjourn
carried.

Mr. Lewis, moved, that the House do now adjourn : which, being seconded, and put, passed in the affirmative.

The House accordingly adjourned until To-morrow, at two of the clock.

Thursday, 2nd February, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Pet. of E. McLatchy,
of Wm. Metzler,
of Elkanah Young
of David Smith.

A Petition of Edward McLatchy; a Petition of William Metzler; a Petition of Elkanah Young; a Petition of David Smith, were presented by Mr. Palmer and read, severally praying the return of Duties on certain quantities of Wheat Flour, imported into the Port of Windsor.

A Petition

A Petition of John Jennings, was presented by Mr. Anmand and read, praying compensation for the loss of Treasury Notes accidentally destroyed by fire.

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Pet. of John Jennings.

Ref. to Com. on Trade

A Petition of Stephen Bamford and others, Ministers, Officers, and Members of the Wesleyan Society, Members of the Wesleyan Congregations and others, in the Annapolis and Digby Circuit, was presented by Mr. Gates and read, praying for a grant from the Provincial Treasury in aid of the establishment of a Seminary of Learning at Sackville, in the Province of New-Brunswick, in connection with the said Society.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Pet. of Stephen Bamford and others.

Ref. to Com. on Education

A Petition of Basil A. Robichau and others, was presented by Mr. Comeau and read, praying for a further grant in aid of the completion of the Breakwater at Montegan Cove in the Township of Clare.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.

Pet. of Basil A. Robicheau.

Ref. to Com. on Nav. Sec.

A Petition of Murdoch Ross and others, Members of the Baptist Church and Congregation, and other residents in the County of Inverness, was presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, praying for a Grant of money in aid of the erection of certain buildings for the use of Acadia College, in Horton.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Pet. of Murdoch Ross and others.

Ref. to Com. on Education

A Petition of Edward Carritt and others, Office-Bearers of the Guysborough Mechanics' Institute, was presented by Mr. DesBarres and read, praying a Grant from the public funds in aid of that Institution.

Mr. DesBarres moved that the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education, which being seconded,

Mr. Fairbanks moved by way of amendment to the question, to leave out all the words thereof after the word "be," and instead of the words so left out, to insert the word "withdrawn": which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

The original question being put,

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Pet. of Edw. Carritt and others.

Motion to refer to Sel. Com.

Amend. to withdraw negatived—and

Ref. to Com. on Education

A Petition of George Bingay and others, inhabitants of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Huntington and read, praying that the Mail may be conveyed twice a week from Digby to Yarmouth.

A Petition of Isaiah Smith and others, inhabitants of the County of Hants, was presented by Mr. Smith and read, praying that a Post Communication may be opened from Maitland to the Shubenacadie at Nelson's Bridge.

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office Department.

Pet. of George Bingay and others.

Pet. of Isaiah Smith and others.

Ref. to Post Office Com.

A Petition of Edward Heustis and others; a Petition of Ansel Robbins and others; a Petition of William Churchill and others, all respectively Members of the Baptist Church and Congregation and others, residents in the County of Yarmouth, were presented by Mr. Huntington and read, severally praying for a grant from the Public Funds in aid of the erection of Buildings for the use of Acadia College at Horton.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Pet. of Edw. Huestis and others—of Ansel Robbins & others—of W. Churchill and others.

Ref. to Com. on Education

A Petition of John Phillips and others, was presented by Mr. Huntington and read, praying a grant in aid of the completion of the Breakwater or Pier at Green's Cove, at Yarmouth.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.

Pet. of John Phillips and others.

Ref. to Com. on Nav. Sec.

A Petition of Thomas Killam and others, residents of Yarmouth; a Petition of Edward Lovitt and others, residents of Yarmouth, were presented by Mr. Huntington and read, severally praying that an Act might pass for declaring Yarmouth Parade Ground to be Public Property.

Pet. of Thos. Killam and others—of E. Leavitt and others.

Mr. Huntington

Motion for leave to bring in a Bill.

Mr. Huntington moved that the Petitions do lie on the Table, and for leave to bring in a Bill pursuant to the prayer thereof: which, being seconded,

Amendment to refer Pet. to Sel. Com.

Mr. Fairbanks moved, by way of amendment to the question, to leave out all the words thereof after the word "Petition," and instead of the words so left out, to insert the words "be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon": which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment twenty-four; against it, twenty-two.

Amendment carried and—

So it passed in the affirmative.

Pet. referred to a Sel. Com. :—and

The question, as amended, being then put,
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Hon. Mr. Howe, the Hon. Mr. Dodd, and Mr. McLellan, to examine into, and report upon.

Pet. of Church Wardens, &c. of Trinity Church, Yarmouth, presented and—

A Petition of the Churchwardens, Vestry, and Parishioners of Trinity Church, at Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Fairbanks and read, setting forth a grant of Yarmouth Parade Ground to the Rector and Churchwardens of said Church, and praying that the said grant may not be disturbed, or the Grantees deprived of their right to said Parade Ground, unless for a just compensation.

Ref. to same Com.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Petitions of Thomas Killam and others, and Edward Lovitt and others.

Pet. of John E. Cogswell and others.

A Petition of John E. Cogswell and others, Members of the Baptist Church and Congregation at Port a Pique, and others, friendly to the objects of the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society, was presented by Mr. McLellan and read, praying a grant from the Provincial Funds in aid of the erection of Buildings for the use of Acadia College, at Horton.

Ref. to Com. on Education

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Pet. of Silas H. Crane and others.

A Petition of Silas H. Crane and others, Farmers, in Economy, was presented by Mr. McLellan and read, praying the imposition of increased Impost Duties on such articles of Foreign growth and manufacture as this Province can produce; and also, for an Address to Her Majesty upon the mutual advantages that would accrue to Great Britain and the Colonies, by permitting the produce of their industry reciprocally to interchange duty free.

Ref. to Com. on Trade.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Pet. of Gideon Power and others.

A Petition of Gideon Power and others, was presented by Mr. Beckwith and read, praying for a further grant of money to aid in the completion of the Pier or Breakwater at Canady Creek.

Ref. to Com. on Nav. Sec.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.

Pet. of S. Binney and E. Binney.

A Petition of Stephen Binney and Edward Binney, was presented by Mr. Stairs and read, praying that the Accounts of certain duties collected, as well by the late Collector of Impost Duties at Halifax, as by the Petitioner, Edward Binney, during the vacancy of office, may be audited by a Committee of the House; and that the Petitioner, Edward Binney, may be allowed a commission of three and one half per cent. on all monies collected by him, and paid into the Treasury, over and above the sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds paid in on the late Collectors Account.

Ref. to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Huntington, Mr. Stairs, and Mr. Marshall, to examine and report upon.

Despatches respecting the Trade, &c. presented and—

The Hon. Mr. McNab, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House copies of several Despatches, and other Papers—and the same were read by the Clerk as followeth:

1. Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 19th August, 1842, with annexed copy of a Despatch addressed by Lord Stanley to the Governor of Canada, on the subject of the Imperial Act 5 & 6, Vic. cap. 49, "to amend the Laws for the regulation of the Trade of the British Possessions abroad," and explaining the policy of Her Majesty's Government in relation thereto.

2.—A copy of the Imperial Act 5 and 6 Vict. chap. 49, entitled “ An Act to amend the Laws for the regulation of the Trade of the British possessions abroad.

3.—Copy of Circular Despatch from Lord Stanley to the Lieutenant-Governor, dated 20th August, 1842, requiring the exclusion from General Revenue Acts of all enactments affecting external trade.

(See Appendix No. 8.)

Ordered, That the copies of Despatches and the other papers be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Com. on Trade and—

On motion of Mr. Smith, resolved, that one hundred copies of the Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, with the accompanying Despatch to Sir Charles Bagot, be printed for the use of the Members.

Ordered to be printed

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House a copy of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 5th and 6th Vic. cap. 107, for regulating the carriage of Passengers in Merchant vessels.

Passengers Act of Imperial Parliament presented and—

(See Appendix No. 9.)

Ordered, That the copy of the Act do lie on the Table.

Laid on Table

The Hon. Mr. McNab, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to alter and amend the Act to incorporate the Town of Halifax; and the same was read a first time.

Bill to amend Halifax Incorporation Act read 1st time and—

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to Mr. Creighton, Mr. Smith, Mr. Fairbanks, the Hon. Mr. McNab, and Mr. Delaney, to examine and report upon.

Ref. to Sel. Com.

A Petition of Stephen Binney and Company, of Halifax, was presented by the Hon. Mr. McNab and read, praying the return of certain duties over paid by mistake, on certain quantities of Rum imported by Petitioners into the Port of Halifax.

Pet of S. Binney & Co.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Com. on Trade

A Petition of William Croscomb and others, Ministers, Officers, and Members of the Wesleyan Congregation and others, on the Halifax Circuit, was presented by the Hon. Mr. McNab and read, praying the grant of a sum of money to encourage the establishment of a Seminary of Learning at Sackville, in the Province of New-Brunswick, in connection with the said Society.

Pet. of Wm. Croscombe and others

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on Education

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to enable Creditors to recover their just debts out the Real Estate, Personal Property, and Effects, of Absent or Absconding Debtors: and the same was read a first time—and ordered to be read a second time.

Absent or Absconding Debtors Bill read 1st time

Mr. Fulton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for enforcing performance of engagements in aid of Public Works: and the same was read a first time—and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill enforcing engagements for Public Works read 1st time

The Hon. Solicitor General, by Command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House, a letter from Edward Wallace, Esquire, to the Provincial Secretary, dated, 1st February, 1843, with the statements of the expenses of the Vessels employed by the Provincial Government for the protection of the Revenue and the Fisheries, and a general Account Current of receipts and disbursements in 1842, with vouchers for the same.

Accounts of Provincial Cutters presented and—

(See Appendix No. 10.)

Ordered, That the Letter, and Statement, Account Current, and Vouchers; be referred to the Committee on the Fisheries.

Ref. to Com on Fisheries

A Petition of Thomas Cooke, was presented by the Hon. Solicitor General and read, praying a return of Head money or duties, paid on certain Emigrants brought by Petitioner's vessels into this Province.

Pet. of Thomas Cooke

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Com. on Trade

A Petition

Pet. of Rev. James Knowlan

A Petition of the Rev. James Knowlan, was presented by the Hon. Solicitor General and read, praying that the House would adopt measures to appoint a travelling Agent and Lecturer, for the promotion of Education in the Province.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on Education

Pet. of Wm. H. Thorpe

A Petition of William H. Thorpe, was presented by Mr. S. Chipman and read, praying compensation for the loss of certain Treasury Notes, accidentally destroyed by fire.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Com. on Trade

Report of Sel. Com. on Economy Meeting House Bill with amendts. &—

Mr. McLellan reported from the Committee on the Bill to authorize the Congregation of the Presbyterian Meeting House at Economy, to raise money from the Pews of said Meeting House, for the finishing, repairing, and ornamenting thereof; that the Committee had made several amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill, and he delivered the Bill and amendments, in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

And the same was read a second time accordingly.

Bill read 2d time &—

Committed

Ordered, That the Bill, with the amendments, be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two of the clock.

Friday, 3d February, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Pet. of Simon Gallant

A Petition of Simon Gallant, was presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, praying that the House would grant him his proportion of Seal Bounty, which was earned by his vessel, but which Petitioner was prevented from obtaining in consequence of the loss of his vessel before Registry.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Com. on Trade

Pets. of Jas. Snow & others—of David Thomas & others—of Chas. McLearn & others—of Jas. McComisky & others—and—

A Petition of James Snow and others, of Port la Tour; a Petition of David Thomas and others, of Cape Negro; a Petition of Charles McLearn and others, of Barrington; a Petition of James McComisky and others, of Barrington, were presented by Mr. Homer and read, severally praying that an Act might be passed to fix and establish the site for the erection of the proposed Town House in Barrington.

Pet. of Obadiah Wilson & others—

A Petition of Obadiah Wilson and others, Freeholders and Tax payers in the Western section of the Township of Barrington, was presented by Mr. McKenna and read, praying that the decision of the majority of the Commissioners for building a Town House at Barrington, as to its proposed site, may be carried into effect.

Ordered, That the Petitions be respectively referred to Mr. Fairbanks, the Hon. Mr. Howe, and Mr. Rider, to examine and report upon, with power to report by Bill or otherwise.

Ref. to Sel. Com.

Message from Council with—

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

Ordinance Lands Bill

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to certain Lands belonging to Her Majesty, and for vesting the Title to the same in the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance Department—to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this Honourable House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The engrossed Bill from the Council was then read a first time.

Bill read 1st time &—

Ref. to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to Mr. Annand, Mr. Stairs, and Mr. Forrestall, to examine and report upon.

Pet. of John Steele

A Petition of John Steele, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Howe and read, praying that

that the House would grant a sum of Seventy-five Pounds, to be applied in the employment of unemployed Labourers, for breaking stones to complete the Kempt Road.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition of Thomas Etteridge and others, of Margaree, was presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, praying that the House would grant Miles McDaniel a sum of money in aid of the erection, by him, of a Grist and Oat Mill at Margaree.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A Petition of Winthrop Sargent and others, Ministers, Officers, and Members of the Wesleyan Society, Members of the Wesleyan Congregations, and others, in the Barrington Circuit, was presented by Mr. Homer and read, praying that a grant may be made from the Provincial Funds in aid of the endowment of a Seminary of Learning connected with the Society at Sackville, in the Province of New Brunswick.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Zwicker, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorize the Grand Jury and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Lunenburg, to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the Township of Chester—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

A Petition of Lemuel Morehouse, was presented by Mr. Budd and read, praying the continuance of the grant to the Petitioner, to enable him to defray the expenses of his ferriage, as Mail Courier between Digby and Brier Island.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Post Office Department.

A Bill to authorize the sale of the old Court House at Truro.

A Bill to enable Creditors to recover their just debts out of the Real Estate, Personal Property, and Effects of absent or absconding Debtors.

A Bill for enforcing performance of engagements in aid of Public Works.

A Bill relating to the appointment of Sheriffs—were severally read a second time.

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

Mr. Dickson, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill concerning the Representation of the County of Colchester—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House a copy of a Communication from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, with a copy of a Letter from Capt. Crawley, R. E., proposing the survey of a new line for a Canal between the Bay of Fundy and the Gulf of St. Lawrence—and the same was read.

(See Appendix No. 11)

Ordered, That the copy of the Communication and Letter do lie on the Table.

The Hon. Solicitor General, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for extending the remedies of Creditors against the property of Debtors—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

The Hon. Mr. Howe, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House copies of Despatches relative to the disposal of Crown Lands in this Province—and the same were read by the Clerk as followeth :

1. Copy of Despatch from Lord Falkland to Lord Stanley, dated 21st December, 1841.
2. Extract of a Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 15th March, 1842, with a report of the Commissioners for Colonial Lands and Emigration, made in February, 1842.

(See Appendix No. 12.)

Ordered, That the copies of Despatches do lie on the Table.

Pet. of Thos. Etteridge & others

Ref. to Com. on Agriculture

Pet. of W. Sargent and others

Ref. to Com. on Education

Bill for making regulations as to Sea Manure in Chester read 1st time

Pet. of Lemuel Morehouse

Ref. to Com: on Post Office

Bill for sale of old Court House Truro Absconding Debtors Bill

Public Works Engagements Bill— Sheriffs' Bill—read 2d time—and— Committed

Representation of Colchester Bill read 1st time

Com. from Lt. Gov. of New Brunswick presented

Laid on the Table

Bill for extending remedies of Creditors, &c.

Crown Lands Despatches presented and—

On Laid on the Table and—

Ordered to be printed

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Howe, *resolved*, that two hundred copies of the Despatches be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Com. on Bills

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report progress

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business referred to them, and had directed him to ask the leave of the House to sit again, which the House agreed to.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two of the clock.

Saturday, 4th February, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Bill for Sea Manure regulations, Chester

A Bill to authorize the Grand Jury and Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Lunenburg to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure, in the Township of Chester.

Bill to extend remedies of Creditors; read 2d time—and committed

A Bill for extending the remedies of Creditors against the property of Debtors, were severally read a second time.

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

Pet. of Overseers of Poor, Wilmot

A Petition of Edward Lumsden and others, Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Wilmot, in the County of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying the reimbursement of certain expenses incurred by Petitioners in necessary assistance provided for distressed Seamen.

Pet. of Overseers of Poor, Amherst

A Petition of Samuel Gourley and others, Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Amherst, was presented by Mr. Dickey and read, praying reimbursement of expenses incurred by them in the relief of Transient Paupers.

Referred to Com. on Transient Paupers

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on claims for Transient Paupers.

Pet. of Daniel B. Munro and others

A petition of Daniel B. Munro and others, Members of the Presbyterian population of the Province, was presented by Mr. Fulton and read, praying for a grant from the Public Treasury towards the endowment of the proposed Institution of Learning at Pictou.

Referred to Com. on Education

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Pet. of R. Morris and others

A Petition of Randolph Morris and others, inhabitants of Parrsborough, was presented by Mr. Dickey and read, praying for increase of allowance from the Province, so that a weekly communication by Mail may be established between Partridge Island and Advocate Harbour.

Pet. of Hon. R. M. Cutler and others

A Petition of the Hon. Robert M. Cutler and others, was presented by Mr. DesBarres and read, praying for the carriage of the Mail weekly between Guysborough, Country Harbour, and the Forks of Saint Mary's.

Pet. of Jas. S. Fullerton and others

A Petition of James S. Fullerton and others, of Parrsborough, was presented by Mr. Dickey and read, praying for a further allowance from the Public Funds for completing the Post Communication from Partridge Island to Five Islands.

Pet. of Edw. Leonard

A Petition of Edward Leonard, Packet Signal-man at Digby, was presented by Mr. Budd and read, praying that he may receive the usual compensation for his services for the past year, which has not been paid in consequence of mistake or omission.

Ref. to Post Office Com.

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office Department.

Pet. for aid to Acadia College

A Petition of Benjamin Potter and others, Members of the Baptist Church and Congregation and others, residents of Digby, was presented by Mr. Holdsworth and read, praying a further grant from the Provincial Treasury in aid of the erection of Buildings for the use of Acadia College at Horton.

A Petition

A Petition of Alexander Kent and others, Members of the Presbyterian Congregation at Truro, was presented by Mr. Huntington and read, praying for a grant of money in aid of the endowment of the proposed Institution of Learning at Pictou, and that the rights of property in the present Academy may be protected in case of the failure of the proposed Institution.

Pet. of Alex. Kent and others

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on Education

A Petition of Donald McDonald, Mail Courier between Antigonish and Plaister Cove, was presented by Mr. Henry and read, praying for an increase of compensation for his services in such capacity.

Pet. of D. McDonald

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Post Office Department.

Ref. to Com. on Post Office

A Petition of James Gosbie, was presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying to be remunerated for certain expenses incurred in providing Medical and other assistance for a wounded Seaman.

Pet. of Jas. Gosbie

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the claims for Transient Paupers.

Ref. to Com. on Transient Poor

A Petition of the Rev. John Stewart and others, Trustees of the Normal School at New Glasgow, was presented by Mr. Holmes and read, praying that a grant may pass for aid to that Establishment from the Provincial Funds.

Pet. of Trustees of Normal School New Glasgow

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on Education

A Petition of the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Egerton, was presented by Mr. Holmes and read, praying the reimbursement of certain expenses incurred by them in the support and relief of Transient Paupers.

Pet. of Overseers of Poor, Egerton

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the claims for Transient Paupers.

Ref. to Com. on Transient Poor

A Petition of Thomas Glencross and others; a Petition of the Reverend Angus McGilvray and others, were presented by Mr. Holmes and read, severally praying for the establishment of a Post Communication between New Glasgow, on the East River of Pictou, and Glenelg, on the West River of Saint Mary's.

Pet. relative to Post Communication New Glasgow

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office Department.

Ref. to Com. on Post Office

A Petition of Hugh Fraser and others, inhabitants of the Township of Egerton, was presented by Mr. Holmes and read, praying that part of that Township in which the Albion Mines are situated may, for the reasons stated in the Petition, be set off as a separate parish for the support of its own poor.

Pet. relative to Egerton Poor Rates

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition of Duncan McDonald and others, Trustees of a School in the Upper Settlement of East Branch East River of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Holmes and read, praying for additional aid from the Province for such school.

Pet. of Trustees of School Pictou

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on Education

A Petition of John King and others, was presented by Mr. McLellan and read, praying for an increase of duties on articles of Foreign growth and manufacture which the Province can produce, and for an Address to Her Majesty to admit into the United Kingdom Colonial productions duty free.

Pet. of John King and others

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Ref. to Com. on Agriculture

A Petition of the Reverend Thomas Trotter and others, Members of the Baptist Church and Congregation, and other residents, in the County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Henry and read, praying a further grant from the Provincial Treasury in aid of the erection of Buildings for the use of Acadia College, at Horton.

Pet. for aid to Acadia College

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on Education

A Petition of George LeCain and Andrew LeCain, was presented by the Hon. Mr. McNab.

Pet. of G. & A. LeCain

McNab and read, praying for a drawback or return of certain duties paid or secured by Petitioners on various Importations of Goods accidentally consumed by fire.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Com. on Trade

Pet. for aid to Acadia College

A Petition of George Garrison and others, Members of the Baptist Church and Congregation and others, residents of Saint Margaret's Bay, was presented by the Hon. Mr. McNab and read, praying that a further grant may be made from the Public Treasury towards the erection of Buildings for the use of Acadia College at Horton.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on Education

Pet. of W. Pryor and others

A Petition of William Pryor and Sons, and others, of Halifax, was presented by the Hon. Mr. McNab and read, praying that an additional Weigher of Flour may be appointed for the City of Halifax.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Com. on Trade

Pet. for aid to Breakwater at Solnier's Cove

A Petition of Charles Comeau and others, of Clare, was presented by Mr. Comeau and read, praying a further grant of money in aid of the completion of the Breakwater at Solnier's Cove, in Clare.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.

Ref. to Com. on Nav. Sec.

Pet. of James E. McDonald & others

A Petition of James E. McDonald and others, Inhabitants of Canso, River Inhabitants, River Dennis, and Argyle, was presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, praying that a weekly Post Communication may be established between Plaister Cove and Argyle.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Post Office Department.

Ref. to Com. on Post Office

Pet. of Overseers of Poor Pictou

A Petition of Murdoch McDonald and William Ross, Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Blackadar and read, praying for the reimbursement of expenses incurred in the support and relief of Transient Paupers.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the claims for Transient Paupers.

Ref. to Com. on Transient Poor

Report from Com. on Contracts, &c. for Printing

Mr. Huntington reported from the Select Committee on the Contracts and other documents relative to the Public Printing, and for enquiring into the numbers of copies of Laws annually printed, and the necessity of increasing the same; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

(See Appendix No. 13.)

Adopted

On motion, *resolved*, that the Report be received and adopted by the House.

Moose Bill read 1st time

Mr. Smith, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for making regulations relative to the setting of snares for catching Moose—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Sydney Streets Bill read 1st time

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to extend to the Town of Sydney the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, and to repeal a certain Act in relation thereto—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Pet. of Read and Seaman

A Petition of Read & Seaman, of Minudie, was presented by Mr. Lewis and read, praying the return of duties paid by them on a certain quantity of Wheat Flour, imported into the Port of Cumberland.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Com. on Trade

Pet. for aid to Pictou Academy

A Petition of the Rev. John Baxter and others, Members of the Presbyterian population of the Province, was presented by Mr. Crow and read, praying that the House would grant a sum of money in aid of the endowment of the proposed Institution of Learning at Pictou.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on Education

The Hon. Solicitor General by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented

presented to the House certain Reports, and other papers, relative to the proposed alterations of Roads in Newport, and the new Bridge lately erected over the Saint Croix River—and the same were read by the Clerk, as followeth :

Papers relative to
Newport Road and
St. Croix Bridge

1. Wightman's Report on two proposed alterations of Road between the Hebert and Meander Rivers, in Newport, with plan.

2. Wightman's Report on expediency of draw in new Bridge to be erected across St. Croix River, Newport, with plan.

3. Petition of Messrs. Wier and Chambers, Commissioners for building the Bridge over St. Croix River, praying protection against a suit at Law brought against them in the Supreme Court at Windsor, by James Sterfing, for obstructing the Navigation.

4. Messrs. Wier and Chambers' (Commissioners) Report as to Bridge built by them across St. Croix River, stating reasons for over-expenditure.

5. Account of Messrs. Wier and Chambers of over-expenditure of £206 12s. in building new Bridge across St. Croix River.

(See Appendix No. 14.)

Ordered, That the Reports and Papers be referred to Mr. Blackadar, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Budd, to examine and report upon.

Ref. to Sel. Com.

A Petition of William Jones and Duncan McCrea, Commissioners for building the Bridge over Barrasois River, was presented by the Hon. Solicitor General and read, praying a further grant of money for the completion of said Bridge.

Pet. of Wm. Jones
and others

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Com. on Bills

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill for enforcing engagements in aid of Public Works, and had made several amendments to the said Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House, with the Bill; that the Committee had also considered the Bill for the sale of the old Court House at Truro, and had directed him to report, that it be recommended to the House to refer that Bill to a Select Committee; and he afterwards delivered the Bills and the amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Report Public Works
Bill with amtds.

Old Court House
Truro to be ref. to
Com.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, which the House agreed to.

The amendments to the Bill for enforcing engagements in aid of Public Works being read, were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bill for the sale of the old Court House at Truro, be referred to Mr. Dickson, the Hon. Mr. Dodd, and Mr. Dickey, to examine and report upon.

Truro Court House
Bill ref. to Sel.
Com.

Mr. S. Chipman, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to provide for an additional Sitting of the General Sessions of the Peace in King's County—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

King's County Ses-
sions Bill read 1st
time

The Hon. Solicitor General, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for equalizing the Representation of the people in General Assembly—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Representation Bill
read 1st time

Mr. Blackadar, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to prevent illegal overholding and detainer of Real Estate—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Overholding Bill
read 1st time.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Bill to amend the Act for regulating Election of Members to serve in General Assembly, be read a second time on Wednesday the 8th instant.

Election Bill made
Order of Day

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at two of the clock.

Monday,

Monday, 6th February, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Engrossed Public
Works Bill read
3d time
Motion to add rider
negatived

An engrossed Bill for enforcing performance of engagements in aid of Public Works was read a third time.

Mr. Marshall moved that the following enacting clause do pass, and be added to the Bill by way of rider.

And be it Enacted, That it shall not be lawful for any person appointed to expend any sum of money, or perform any undertaking under the provisions of this Act, to sue for or recover any sum or sums of money so subscribed as aforesaid, until he shall have first given Bond, with two good sureties, to the subscribers to the work required to be performed, in an amount equal in value to the work he is required to perform, that he will well and faithfully perform such work or undertaking within a given period of time, to be specified in said Bond, and with good and sufficient materials; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, ten; against it, fifteen.

So it passed in the negative.

Bill passed

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for enforcing performance of engagements in aid of Public Works.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Moose Bill
Sydney Streets Bill

A Bill for making regulations relative to the setting of snares for catching Moose.

A Bill to extend to the Town of Sydney the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax and certain other places, and to repeal a certain Act in relation thereto.

General Sessions
King's County Bill

A Bill to provide an additional sitting of the General Sessions of the Peace in King's County.

Overholding Bill
read 2d time and—

A Bill to prevent illegal overholding and detainer of Real Estate, were severally read a second time.

Committed

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

Pet. of Ben. Heany

A Petition of Benjamin Heany was presented by Mr. Henry and read, praying that he may be allowed some compensation for losses sustained by him in the erection of a Light House at the North entrance of the Gut of Canso, in consequence of unforeseen difficulties arising in the prosecution of the Work.

Ref. to Com. on Nav.
Sec.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

Council agree to
Bridgetown Meet-
ing House Bill

The Council have agreed to the Bill entitled, An Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Meeting House at Bridgetown, to raise money from the Pews of 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, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Truro old Road Bill
read 1st time

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented A Bill for disposing of a certain old road in Truro, and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Com. on Bills

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report Bills without
amdt. viz—
Registrars of Deeds
Chester Sea Manure

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill concerning the Registrars of Deeds throughout the Province; the Bill to authorize the Grand Jury and General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Lunenburg to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the Township of Chester; the Bill to extend to the Town of Sydney the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways

Sydney Streets

in Halifax, and certain other places, and to repeal a certain Act in relation thereto; and the Bill for making regulations relative to the setting of snares for catching Moose, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills to the House, severally, without any amendment; and he afterwards delivered the several Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

Moose Snares

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, on the consideration of Bills, which the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

A Petition of Alexander McKay, Senior, and others, members of the Presbyterian population of Earltown, was presented by Mr. Blackadar and read, praying a grant from the Public Treasury, in aid of the proposed Seminary, or Institution of Learning, at Pictou.

Pet. for aid to Pictou Academy

A Petition of William C. Rideout and others, members of the Baptist Church and Congregation, and others interested in the welfare of the Seminaries at Horton, was presented by Mr. S. Chipman and read, praying for a further grant from the Provincial funds, in aid of the erection of Buildings for the use of Acadia College at Horton.

Pet. for aid to Acadia College

A Petition of Charles Randall and others, members of the Baptist Church and Congregation of Weymouth or Sissiboo, and others interested in the Education of youth, was presented by Mr. Holdsworth and read, praying for a further grant from the Provincial Treasury, in aid of the erection of Buildings for the use of Acadia College at Horton

Pet. for aid to Acadia College

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on Education

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two of the clock.

Tuesday, 7th February, 1843.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill concerning the Registrars of Deeds throughout the Province, was read a third time.

Engrossed Bills read 3d time, viz—

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act concerning the Registrars of Deeds throughout the Province:

Registrars of Deeds Passed

An engrossed Bill to authorize the Grand Jury and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Lunenburg, to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the Township of Chester, was read a third time.

Chester Sea Manure

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to authorize the Grand Jury and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Lunenburg, to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the Township of Chester.

Passed

An engrossed Bill for making regulations relative to the setting of snares for catching Moose, was read a third time.

Moose Snares

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for making regulations relative to the setting of snares for catching Moose.

Passed

An engrossed Bill to extend to the Town of Sydney, the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, and to repeal a certain Act in relation thereto, was read a third time.

Sydney Streets

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to extend to the Town of Sydney, the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, and to repeal a certain Act in relation thereto.

Passed

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Bills sent to Council

A Petition of Alexander McDonald and others, members of the Presbyterian population of the Province, was presented by Mr. Forrestall and read, praying the grant of a sum of money from the Public Funds, towards the endowment of the proposed Institution of Learning at Pictou.

Pet. for aid to Pictou Academy

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on Education

- Pets. for return of Flour duties** A Petition of Hibbert Michener; a petition of Ezra Churchill; A petition of James Curry; a Petition of Charles Martin, were presented by Mr. Payzant and read, severally praying a return of duties on certain quantities of Wheat Flour, imported by the petitioners respectively into the port of Windsor.
- Pet. for return of Flour duties** A petition of John T. Chamberlain, was presented by Mr. Heckman and read, praying the return of duties on certain quantities of Wheat Flour, imported by the Petitioner into the port of Lunenburg.
- Ref. to Com. on Trade** *Ordered*, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Trade.
- Pet. for aid to Acadia College** A petition of Homes C. Masters and others, members of the Baptist Church and Congregation and others resident in Nictaux and Wilmot, was presented by Mr. S. B. Chipman and read, praying a further grant from the Public Treasury, in aid of erecting Buildings for the use of Acadia College at Horton.
- Pets. for aid to Acadia College** A Petition of Charles Tupper and others, members of the Baptist Church and Congregation and others resident in Amherst, and the places adjacent, was presented by Mr. Lewis and read, praying a further grant from the public Funds, towards the erection of Buildings for the use of Acadia College at Horton.
- Pets. for aid to Acadia College** A petition of Joshua B. Cogswell, and others, members of the Baptist Church and Congregation, and other residents in Lower Granville; a Petition of William Wethers and others, members of the Baptist Church and Congregation, and other residents in and around Bridgetown, were presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying a grant from the Provincial Funds in aid of the erection of Buildings for the use of Acadia College at Horton.
- Ref. to Com. on Education** *Ordered*, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Education.
- Pet. of Overseers of Poor, Windsor** A Petition of Joseph Rickards and others, Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Windsor, was presented by Mr. Smith and read, praying the reimbursement of expenses incurred in the support and relief of Transient Poor in such Township.
- Ref. to Com on Transient Poor** *Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the claims for Transient Paupers.
- Pet. for aid to Acadia College** A Petition of J. S. Thompson and others, members of the Baptist Church and Congregation, and other residents of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Creighton and read, praying the grant of a sum of money from the Public Treasury, in aid of the erection of Buildings for the use of Acadia College at Horton.
- Pet. for aid to Acadia College** A Petition of John Douglas and others, members of the Baptist Church and Congregation and others, resident in the Northern District of Queen's County, was presented by Mr. Fairbanks and read, praying the grant of a sum of money from the Public Treasury, in aid of the erection of Buildings for the use of Acadia College at Horton.
- Ref. to Com. on Education** *Ordered*, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Education.
- Pet. relative to Queen's County Representation** A Petition of David Freeman and others, Freeholders of the Northern District of the County of Queen's, was presented by Mr. Fairbanks and read, praying that the equalization of the Representation of such County may take place, so that the Northern District may return one Member.
- Ordered*, That the Petition do lie on the Table.
- Pet. for aid to Pictou Academy** A Petition of John Patterson, and David Crichton and others, Members of the Presbyterian population of the Province, was presented by Mr. Holmes and read, praying for the grant of a sum of money from the Public Funds, in aid of the endowment of the proposed Institution of Learning at Pictou.
- Pet. relative to Pictou Academy** A Petition of the Rev. John Brown and others, Members of the Presbytery of Truro, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying that in case of any Act passing in relation to the proposed Institution of Learning at Pictou, the rights of property to the present Academy, in case of failure in the proposed Seminary, should be preserved.
- Pet. for aid to Acadia College** A Petition of David Harris and others, Members of the Baptist Church and Congregation and others, residents in Port Medway, was presented by Mr. J. R. Dewolf and read, praying

Praying that a grant may pass for aid from the Public Treasury, towards the erection of Buildings for the use of Acadia College at Horton.

A Petition of Moses Clark and others, Members of the Presbyterian population of the Province, was presented by Mr. Dickson and read, praying a grant of money from the Provincial Treasury, in aid of the endowment of the proposed Institution of Learning at Pictou.

Pet. for aid to Pictou Academy

A Petition of Nathaniel Marsters and others, Members of the Baptist Church and Congregation and others, resident in the County of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Dickson and read, praying the grant of a further sum from the Public Funds of the Province, in aid of the erection of Buildings for the use of Acadia College at Horton.

Pet. for aid to Acadia College

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Education.

Referred to Com. on Education

A Petition of Aaron D. Harrington, was presented by Mr. Forrestall and read, praying for the payment of an over expenditure made by him as a Commissioner of Roads, in the year 1836.

Pet. of Aron D. Harrington

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Hon. Mr. Dodd, Mr. Heckman, and Mr. Smith, to examine and report upon.

Ref. to Sel. Com.

A Petition of Angus Smith and others, was presented by Mr. Holmes and read, praying that the House would adopt measures and grant aid, for exploring a new line of Road from Sutherlands River Bridge to New Glasgow.

Pet. for exploration of Road, New Glasgow

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition of the Reverend Doctor Willis, was presented by the Hon. Mr. McNab and read, praying the usual allowances in aid of the African School at Halifax.

Pet. for aid to African School

A Petition of the Rev. Mr. Uniacke, was presented by the Hon. Mr. McNab and read, praying for the continuance of the usual Legislative grant and allowance in aid of the Schools under his superintendance, for the instruction of poor children in the North End of the City of Halifax.

Pet. for aid to Rev. Mr. Uniacke's Schools

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on Education

A Petition of Thomas Williamson, Esquire, Mayor, and others, Merchants and others, engaged in Trade in the City of Halifax, was presented by the Hon. Mr. McNab and read, praying for the appointment of an additional Weigher of Flour at Halifax, and for the reduction of the fees payable for the performance of the duties of such office.

Pet. of Mayor and Merchants of Halifax relative to Flour Inspectors

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Com. on Trade

The Hon. Mr. McNab, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the better preservation of the property of the Inhabitants of the City of Halifax, by providing for a sufficient Watch at night; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Halifax Night Watch Bill read 1st time

A Petition of Edward Lawson, and John V. N. Bazalgette, was presented by the Hon. Mr. McNab and read, praying the return of certain duties on a quantity of Porter received by the Petitioners from New York, and re-shipped for the same place.

Pet. of E. Lawson & Co.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Com. on Trade

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council men of the City of Halifax, was presented by the Hon. Mr. McNab and read, praying that a law may pass appointing some more suitable and proper place than the County Court House, for holding Elections for representatives of the County and Township of Halifax.

Pet. of Mayor, &c. of Halifax, relative to Election Poll

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table, and that the Hon. Mr. McNab have leave to bring in a Bill pursuant to the prayer thereof.

Leave to bring in Bill

A Petition of Arthur W. Godfrey, was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying that the House would so amend the Act for incorporating the City of Halifax, that Petitioner and others, doing business in the City of Halifax, and paying rents therein sufficient to qualify them to vote at the Election of Civic Officers, though residing in Dartmouth, may be either permitted to vote, or relieved from the City Taxes.

Pet. of A. W. Godfrey

Ordered,

Ref. to Com.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Select Committee on the Bill for amending the Act to Incorporate the City of Halifax.

Pets. from Cornwallis on Temperance

A Petition of the Temperance Societies in Cornwallis and others, friends of morality and good order; a Petition of the Union Cornwallis Temperance Society, were presented by Mr. Beckwith and read, praying that a Law may pass restraining the Sale of Spirituous Liquors upon the Highways, Streets, and Lanes, at Public Meetings and other occasions.

Ref. to Temperance Com.

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Pet. of Jas. Seaman

A Petition of James Seaman, Mail Courier between Amherst and Minudie, was presented by Mr Dickey and read, praying the payment of the sum allowed for the performance of such service which he has not received.

Ref. to Com. on Post Office

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Post Office Department.

Pet. for aid to Pictou Academy

A Petition of Peter G. McGregor and others, members of the Presbyterian population of the Province, was presented by Mr. DesBarres and read, praying that a grant may pass for a sum of money from the Public Treasury, in aid of the endowment of the proposed Institution of Learning at Pictou.

Pets. for aid to Pictou Academy

A Petition of James G. McKeen and others, members of the Presbyterian population of the Province; a Petition of Donald Gray and others, members of the Presbyterian population of the Province, were presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, severally praying a grant from the Public Treasury, in aid of the endowment of the proposed Institution of Learning at Pictou.

Pets. for aid to Acadia College

A Petition of T. H. Porter and others, members of the Baptist Church and Congregation, and others resident in the Township of Rawdon, was presented by Mr. Smith and read, praying a further grant from the Provincial Funds in aid of the erection of Buildings for the use of Acadia College at Horton.

Ref. to Com. on Education

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Education.

Pet. of Bear River Indians

A Petition of Andrew Meuse and others, Indians of the settlement at Bear River, was presented by Mr. Budd and read, praying aid in making a Road at that place.

Motion to refer to Com. on Indian Affairs

Mr. Budd moved that the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Report of the Commissioner for Indian Affairs; which, being seconded,

Amdt. negatived

Mr. Spearwater, by way of amendment to the question, moved to leave out all the words thereof after the word "to" and in place of the words so left out to insert the words "the Members of the County of Digby to provide for"—which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the negative.

Pet. ref. to Indian Com.

The original question being then put,

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Report of the Commissioner for Indian Affairs.

Pet. of Cornwallis Agricultural Society and others

A Petition of the President and members of the Cornwallis Agricultural Society; a Petition of James Allison and others; a petition of Edward Borden and others; were presented by Mr. Beckwith and read, severally praying that the House would increase the duties of Impost on all such articles of foreign growth and production, as the Province can produce.

Ref. to Com. on Agriculture

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Agriculture

Pet. relative to Sup. Court, Amherst

A Petition of W. W. Bent and others, was presented by Mr. Dickey and read, praying that an Act may pass for extending one of the Terms of the Supreme Court at Amherst, so as to enable the presiding Judge to clear the Docket once a year.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Pet. for separate School Comms. Argyle

A Petition of Matthew Jeffery and others, of the Township of Argyle, was presented by Mr. Rider and read, praying that a separate Board of Commissioners of Schools may be established for that Township.

Ref. to Com. on Education

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

A Petition of Peter Power and others, Fishermen, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Howe and read, praying that a Law may pass for regulating the Fisheries of Upper and Lower Prospect, Dover, and Blind Bay.

Pet. of P. Power
and others

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Fisheries

Ref. to Com. on
Fisheries

A Petition of Winckworth Fenerty, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Howe and read, praying that he may be allowed to shut up a piece of the old Windsor Road, crossing Springfield Hill.

Pet. of W. Fenerty

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition of John Stiles, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Howe and read, praying for the return of duties paid by Petitioner on the importation of a Printing Press, and materials for printing.

Pet. of John Stiles

A Petition of Hiram Hyde, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Howe and read, praying the return of certain duties paid by the Petitioner on the importation of Coaches and Harness, imported by him, for the transport of Mails and conveyance of Passengers, between Halifax and Pictou, under his contract.

Pet. of H. Hyde

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Com. on
Trade

A Petition of George Lister, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Howe and read, praying that the House would permit the Petitioner to expend the grant for the Road from Scott's to Sackville, on his giving Bonds to complete the said Road in one year from the date.

Pet. relative to Road
from Sackville to
Scott's

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition of George Handley, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Howe and read, praying that the House would not sanction or permit any interference with the rights of Petitioner and his Co-proprietor of Lands, at or near the Portage of St. Peter's.

Pet. of Geo. Handley

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.

Ref. to Com. on Nav.
Sec.

A Petition of John Robertson and others, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Howe and read, praying a Law to Incorporate the Petitioners, and their associates, into a Company, for Dykeing Cole Harbour, and reclaiming the Lands now submerged by the waters thereof.

Pet. for Incorporation
of Cole Harbor
Dike Company

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition of Matthew A. McCurdy and others, was presented by Mr. Annand and read, praying that the Road from Scott's to Sackville may be opened, that Petitioners may be relieved of the heavy toll payable at the Steam Boat Ferry.

Pet. relative to Road
from Sackville to
Scott's

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition of John Johnston and others, members of the Baptist Church and Congregation and others, inhabitants of Horton, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Dewolf and read, praying a further grant from the Public Treasury, in aid of the erection of Buildings for the use of Acadia College at Horton.

Pet. for aid to Acadia
College

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on
Education

A Petition of William Somerville and others, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Dewolf and read, praying that a Law may pass, for enabling the Board of Management of the Presbyterian Congregation at Horton, to assess the owners and occupiers of Pews in their place of Worship, for repairing the same.

Pet. from Presby-
terian Congregation
Horton

A Petition of the Horton Temperance Society, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Dewolf and read, praying that some enactment may be made more effectually to restrain the sale of Spirituous Liquors at Public Meetings on the Highways.

Pet. of Horton Tem-
perance Society

A Petition of the Lower Horton Temperance Society, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Dewolf and read, praying for some alterations and amendments in the Licence Law, for the promotion of Temperance, and for increased duties on Spirituous Liquors.

Pet. of Lower Horton
Temperance So-
ciety

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

- Pets. for division of Digby into Poor Districts
A Petition of Charles M. Desmond and others, of Digby; a Petition of Samuel T. Bacon and others, of Digby; a Petition of James Morehouse and others, of Digby; were presented by Mr. Budd and read, severally praying some alterations in the Poor Laws, and that the Township of Digby may be divided into separate Districts for maintaining their Poor.
Ordered, That the Petition be do lie on the Table, and that Mr. Budd have leave to bring in a Bill pursuant to the prayer thereof.
- Leave to bring in Bill
Pet of Union Fire Company
A Petition of the Union Fire Company of the City of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Stairs and read, praying that the Petitioners may be allowed certain exemptions and immunities, now by Law allowed to them, upon their retirement from said Company, after a specified time of service therein.
- Ref. to Sel. Com.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. S. Chipman, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Forrestall, to examine into the merits thereof, and report thereon, with power to report by Bill or otherwise.
- Pet. of Overseers of Poor, Truro
A Petition of the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Truro, was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying the reimbursement of expenses incurred in the relief of Transient poor.
- Referred to Com. on Transient Paupers
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on claims for Transient Paupers.
- Pet. for Law to regulate Mahone Bay Fishery
A Petition of John W. Kedy and others, was presented by Mr. Zwicker and read, praying that a Law may pass for regulating the Fishery, and the hauling Seines and setting Nets in Mahone Bay Harbour.
- Leave to bring in Bill
Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table, and that Mr. Zwicker have leave to bring in a Bill pursuant to the prayer thereof.
- Pet. for aid to Acadia College
A Petition of James Thomson and others, Members of the Baptist Church and Congregation, and others, resident on Windsor Road, was presented by the Hon. Mr. McNab and read, praying for a further grant from the Treasury of the Province, in aid of erecting Buildings for the use of Acadia College at Horton.
- Ref. to Com. on Education
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.
- Pet. of Geo. McKenzie and others
A Petition of George McKenzie and others, Merchants, Manufacturers, and others, engaged in Trade in the City of Halifax, was presented by the Hon. Mr. McNab and read, praying that a Law may pass for granting a drawback on all Refined Sugar used in the manufacture of confectionary exported from the Province.
- Ref. to Com. on Trade
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.
- Pet. of Trustees of Amherst Meeting House
A Petition of the Trustees of the Baptist Meeting House at Amherst, was presented by Mr. Lewis and read, praying that a Law may pass to enable them to obtain monies for the repair of the Meeting House.
- Ref. to Com. on Bills
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Bills.
- Pets. of H. McMonagle—of J. L. Brown
A Petition of Hugh McMonagle, Junior; a Petition of John L. Brown, were presented by Mr. S. Chipman and read, severally praying the return of duties paid by Petitioners on Wheat Flour, respectively imported by them into the Port of Windsor.
- Ref. to Com. on Trade
Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Trade.
- Pet. of Ben. Weaver and others
A Petition of Benjamin Weaver and others, Farmers, of Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. S. Chipman and read, praying for the increase of Impost Duties on such articles of Foreign growth and production as the Province can produce.
- Ref. to Com. on Agriculture
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.
- Pet. for Law to regulate Baptist Meeting House, Canard
A Petition of Walter Reid and others, proprietors of the Baptist Meeting House at Canard, Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. S. Chipman and read, praying a Law for raising money from the Pews of said Meeting House for repair thereof, and other regulations concerning the same.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table, and that Mr. S. Chipman have leave to bring in a Bill pursuant to the prayer thereof.

Leave to bring in Bill

A Petition of William North and others, of Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. S. Chipman and read, praying a grant of money in aid of the erection of a Grist Mill at the North Mountain.

Pet. of W. North and others

Mr. S. B. Chipman moved that the Petition be withdrawn, which being seconded,

Motion to withdraw

The Hon. Mr. Dewolf, by way of amendment to the question, moved to leave out all the words thereof after the word "be," and in place of the words so left out to insert the words "referred to the Committee on Agriculture": which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, twenty-one; against it, sixteen.

Amendt. to refer to Agricultural Com. carried on division

So it passed in the affirmative.

The original question, as amended, being then put,

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Ref. to Com. on Agriculture

A Petition of Donald McKay and others, was presented by Mr. Holmes and read, praying for the grant of a sum of money in aid of the erection of a Saw Mill in a remote part of the County of Pictou, adjoining the East River of St. Mary's.

Pet. of Don. McKay and others

A Petition of Peter Ross and others, Freeholders and others, resident on the East River of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Holmes and read, praying that a survey and exploration may be made of a road from the West Branch of the East River, to the Great Eastern Road.

Pet. of Peter Ross and others

A Petition of Isaac Harris and others, inhabitants of the East River of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Holmes and read, praying the Building of a new Bridge across the East River, opposite to the Albion Mines.

Pet. of Isaac Harris and others

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

A Petition of Obadiah Newcomb and others, was presented by Mr. Beckwith and read, praying that a Law may pass to enable the Presbyterian Congregation in Cornwallis to manage their secular affairs with regularity, and to advantage.

Pet. for Law to regulate Presbyterian Meeting House Cornwallis

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table, and that Mr. Beckwith have leave to bring in a Bill pursuant to the prayer thereof.

Leave to bring in Bill

Mr. Beckwith, pursuant to such leave, presented A Bill to empower the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Cornwallis to manage and transact their Secular Affairs—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Cornwallis Presbyterian Meeting House Bill read 1st time

A Petition of the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Clare, was presented by Mr. Comeau and read, praying reimbursement of expenses of a Transient pauper.

Pet. of Overseers of Poor, Clare

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the claims for Transient Paupers.

Ref. to Com. on Transient Poor

A Petition of the Reverend John Brown and others, members of the Presbyterian population of the Province, was presented by Mr. McLellan and read, praying a grant of money from the Public Funds towards the endowment of the proposed Institution of Learning at Pictou.

Pet. for aid to Pictou Academy

A Petition of John Cameron, of New Glasgow, Teacher, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Howe and read, praying that the House would grant him certain allowances to which he was entitled, as Teacher of a Combined Grammar and Common School, withheld from him by the Commissioners of Schools for Pictou.

Pet. of John Cameron

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on Education

A Petition of George Grant, Overseer of the Poor for Scotch Hill, in the County of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Blackadar and read, praying reimbursement of expenses of a Transient Pauper.

Pet. of Geo. Grant

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on claims for Transient Paupers.

Ref. to Com. on Transient Poor

- Pet. for aid to Pictou Academy
A Petition of the Reverend Robert Blackwood and others, members of the Presbyterian Congregation at Tatamagouche, was presented by Mr. Blackadar and read, praying a grant from the Public Treasury towards the endowment of the proposed Institution of Learning at Pictou.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.
- Ref. to Com. on Education
Pet. of D. Owen
A Petition of Daniel Owen, Guager and Weigher for Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Heckman and read, praying compensation for a seizure made by him in July last, to be paid to him out of the Duties paid by Petitioner on the articles seized.
- Pet. of B. Dewolf for returns of duties on Mill Machinery
A Petition of Benjamin Dewolf, was presented by Mr. Palmer and read, praying the return of certain duties paid by him on a pair of French Burr Stones and some Bolting Cloth imported by him for a Grist Mill, erected by Petitioner at Windsor.
- Pet. of B. Dewolf for returns of duties on Wheat Flour
A Petition of Benjamin Dewolf, was presented by Mr. Palmer and read, praying the return of certain duties paid by Petitioner on the importation of Wheat Flour into the Port of Windsor.
Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Trade.
- Ref. to Com. on Trade
Pet. for aid to Pictou Academy
A Petition of Samuel Mitchell and others, Members of the Presbyterian population of the Province, was presented by Mr. Blackadar and read, praying a grant of money from the Treasury towards the endowment of the proposed Institution of Learning at Pictou.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.
- Ref. to Com on Education
Pet. of Board of Health, Pictou
A Petition of John McMillan and others, members of the Board of Health at Pictou, was presented by Mr. Blackadar and read, praying the payment of certain expenses incurred by the Petitioners in preventing the spread of Small Pox, and in necessary attendance upon the diseased.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Creighton, Mr. Forrestall, and Mr. Fairbanks, to examine and report upon.
- Ref. to Sel. Com.
Pet. of Jas Chandley
A Petition of James Chandley, of Horton, was presented by Mr. Johnson and read, praying compensation for fencing a certain Road run through his land.
Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.
- Pet. for extension of Hx. License Laws to Pictou
A Petition of Daniel Hockin and others, of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Blackadar and read, praying that the enactments of the License Laws for the City of Halifax, in respect to Shop Licences, may be extended to Pictou.
Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.
- Pets. relative to Barrington Town House
A Petition of Peter Stalker and others, of the Township of Shelburne; a Petition of G. H. Demstadt and others, of the Township of Shelburne; a Petition of Obadiah Wilson, Junior, and others, were presented by Mr. McKenna and read, severally praying that the decision of the majority of Commissioners for building the Town House at Barrington, as to its proposed site, may be carried into effect.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the same Committee to whom were referred the Petitions of James Snow and others, on the same subject.
- Ref. to Com.
Papers laid before House
The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House
Copy of a Circular Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 26th September, 1842, on the subject of vesting the Ordnance property in Nova Scotia in the Principal Officers of the Ordnance.
- Ordnance
Light Houses
(See Appendix No. 15.)
Also, the Report of the Commissioners of Light Houses, dated 31st January, 1842.
(See Appendix No. 16.)
Ordered, That the copy of the Despatch and Report do lie on the Table.
- Report from Com. on Ordnance Bill
Mr. Annand reported from the Select Committee on the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act relating to certain Lands belonging to Her Majesty, and for vesting the

the Title to the same in the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance, that the Committee had considered the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

And the same was read a second time accordingly.

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

Bill read 2d time and committed

On motion of Mr. Forrestall, *resolved*, that a Select Committee be appointed to make enquiry into the expediency of making provision for Reporting the Debates of the Legislature, and to report thereon to this House.

Com. on Reporting

Ordered, That Mr. Forrestall, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Dickey, be a Committee for the above purpose.

A Petition of Alexander Miller, Deputy Surveyor, was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying that a remedy may be adopted for the evils at present existing in the mode of sale of Crown Lands.

Pet. of Alex. Miller relative to sale of Crown Lands

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

The Hon. Mr. Dewolf reported from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Legislative Council in the examination of the Public Accounts, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

Report from Com. on Public Accounts

(See Appendix No. 17.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two of the clock.

Wednesday, 8th February, 1843.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of John Smith and others, Merchants, Manufacturers, and others, was presented by Mr. Stairs and read, praying enquiry into the existing protection for Domestic Industry, and that measures may be adopted by the House for the more efficiently protecting Home Manufactures.

Pet. of John Smith and others

A Petition of John and George Watt and others, manufacturers of Tobacco, was presented by Mr. Dickson and read, praying protection may be afforded to that branch of domestic industry.

Pet. of John & Geo. Watt

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Trade

Ref. to Com. on Trade

A Petition of William Cutlip and others, Mechanics of the City of Halifax and Town of Dartmouth, was presented by Mr. Stairs and read, praying the Incorporation of the Halifax Mechanic's Whaling Association.

Pet. of Wm. Cutlip and others

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table, and that Mr. Stairs have leave to bring in a Bill pursuant to the prayer thereof.

Leave to bring in Bill

A Petition of E. F. Munro, was presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying that the House would give its attention to the complaint formerly made against the conduct of the Honorable Alexander Campbell, a Member of the Legislative Council, at the last Election of the County of Colchester, and adopt some measure to prevent the interference of the Members of Council at Elections in future.

Pet. of E. F. Munro

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges.

Ref to Com. of Privileges

The Hon. Mr. Dewolf, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House—

Abstract Accounts of the amounts of Duties received; and on what articles, at the Custom House at the Port of Halifax, for the several Quarters of the year, ending respectively on the 5th April; 5th July, and 5th October, 1842, and the 5th January, 1843.

Abstract Accounts of Custom House presented

(See Appendix, No. 18.)

Laid on Table

Ordered, That the Abstract Accounts do lie on the Table.

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House—

Copies of Despatches
&c. respecting the
Post Office

Copies of Despatches and other papers relating to the Post Office Department, and the same were read by the Clerk as followeth :

1.—Copy of a Despatch from Lord Falkland to Lord Stanley, dated 26th March, 1842, with copy of a Letter addressed by Lord Falkland to Sir William Colebrooke, dated 30th March, 1842, and referred to in the Despatch.

2.—Copy of Letter from Lord Falkland to Sir William Colebrooke, dated 1st April, 1842.

3.—Copy of a Despatch from Lord Falkland to Lord Stanley, dated 1st July, 1842 ; with copies of a Letter from Lord Falkland to Sir Charles Bagot, dated 6th April, 1842—the answer of Sir Charles Bagot thereto, dated 9th May, 1842—the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown in Nova Scotia addressed to Lord Falkland, dated 6th June, 1842—and a statement of amounts of certain receipts and disbursements of the Post Office Department in Nova Scotia for the year ending 5th April, 1842, made by the Deputy Postmaster General at Halifax, in answer to queries sent to him by the Lieutenant-Governor : the four last mentioned papers being referred to in the Despatch to Lord Stanley.

4.—Copy of a Letter from the Deputy Postmaster General, at Halifax, to the Acting Provincial Secretary, dated 1st November, 1842, with a copy of a Letter from Colonel Maberly to the Deputy Postmaster General, at Halifax, dated “General Post Office, 14th October, 1842,” and copies (therein referred to) of a Letter from C. E. Trevilyan, Esq., to the Postmaster General, dated “Treasury, 26th September, 1842,” and of a Treasury Minute, authorising the application of the Packet Postage, collected in Nova Scotia, to the payment of the Post Office expenditure therein.

5.—Copy of a Letter from the Deputy Postmaster General, at Halifax, to the Acting Provincial Secretary, dated 16th Novr., 1842, with copies of Letters from the Secretary to the Postmaster General, addressed to Deputy Postmaster General at Halifax, and Mr. Page, directing the discontinuance of certain Routes of Post Communication, designated in a list sent therewith ; also, copies of a correspondence between the Acting Provincial Secretary, (by command of the Lieutenant-Governor) and the Deputy Postmaster General, in which His Excellency undertakes to defray the expense of keeping up those routes until the meeting of the Legislature.

6.—Copies of Letters from the Acting Provincial Secretary, to the Deputy Postmaster General, at Halifax, and from him in April, 1842, on the subject of one uniform rate of Internal Postage, not exceeding 4d. sterling, with his statement of one week's paid and unpaid Postage.

7.—Copy of Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 13th November, 1842, on the subject of Newspapers and Pamphlets being transmitted by Mail, free of charge.

8.—Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 27th August, 1842, with copy of Instructions issued from the General Post Office, London, to the Deputy Postmaster General at Halifax, for the future regulation of the patronage of the Colonial Post Office Department.

9.—Copy of Letter from the Acting Deputy Postmaster General, at Halifax, to the Acting Provincial Secretary, dated 21st January, 1843, stating reductions in expenses of the Department, and shewing deficiencies in Revenue to meet the disbursements, after application of the Packet Postage thereto.

10.—Five Accounts received from the Post Office Department, Halifax, at the Provincial Secretary's office, viz : Three Accounts, shewing gross and net produce of Revenue, and charges of management, for the Quarters ending 5th April, 5th July, and 5th October, 1842 ; and two Accounts of the Deputy Postmaster General, at Halifax, with the General Post Office, London, for the Quarters ending 5th April and 5th July, 1842.

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(See Appendix No. 19.)

- Ordered*, That the copies of Despatches, and other Papers, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office Department. Ref. to Com. on Post Office
- A Petition of Thomas James, was presented by Mr. S. B. Chipman and read, praying compensation for services performed by him, as Seizing Officer at Gates' Breakwater. Pet. of Thos James
- Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade. Ref. to Com. on Trade
- The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House several Petitions, and other applications to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in aid of divers services—and the same were read by the Clerk as followeth : Pets. and Applications to His Excellency presented
- 1.—Application from Justices of the Peace at Sydney, C. B., for grant of funds to erect a Building there for the relief of newly arrived Emigrants, and shipwrecked Seamen and Passengers. From Justices of Peace, Sydney, C. B. relief of Emigrants
- Ordered*, That the Application be referred to the Committee on claims for Transient Paupers. Referred to Com. on Transient Paupers
- 2.—Petition of James S. Thompson, Major Commanding Chester Militia Artillery, for aid to repair the old, or erect a new Building for storing the Guns, &c., appertaining thereto, recommended by the Lieutenant-Governor to the consideration of the House. Of Commanding Officer Militia Artillery
- Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to Mr. DesBarres, the Hon. Mr. Dodd, and Mr. Dickson, to examine and report upon. Ref. to Sel. Com.
- 3.—Petition of Settlers at Sherbrooke, in the County of Lunenburg, (disbanded Soldiers,) for aid to open Road from that Settlement towards Kentville, in King's County, recommended by the Lieutenant-Governor to the favorable consideration of the House of Assembly. Pet. of Settlers in Sherbrooke
- Ordered*, That the Petition do lie on the Table. Laid on Table
- 4.—Memorial from Barristers, in the County of Annapolis, for provision to be made for reporting decisions of Supreme Court at Halifax. Memorial of Barristers Annapolis
- Ordered*, That the Memorial be referred to the Committee on the Expiring Laws. Ref. to Com. on Expiring Laws
- 5.—Representation of Dr. Hoffman, Health Officer at Halifax, concerning vessels with passengers, and stating his want of a Boat and Crew in order to efficiently perform the duties required of him. Representation of Health Officer Halifax
- 6.—Account of Dr. Hoffman, Health Officer in Halifax, for services and expenses incurred in relation to Seamen sick with Yellow Fever on board H. M. S. Volage. Account of Health Officer
- 7.—Account of expenses incurred by the Board of Health at Barrington in 1841, for attendance, &c. upon one Isaac James, (a colored man) in his sickness with Small Pox at Port La Tour. Account of Expenses of Board of Health
- Ordered*, That the Representation and Accounts be respectively referred to the Committee on claims for Transient Paupers. Ref. to Com. on Transient Poor
- 8.—Letter from John Fuller, Esquire, Sheriff of the County of Richmond, to the Acting Provincial Secretary, with account of services performed and expenses incurred by him in the course of Criminal Proceedings against certain persons in that County, for which he seeks remuneration. Letter from John Fuller, Sheriff of Richmond
- Ordered*, That the Letter be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Fuller. Ref. to Sel. Com.
- 9.—Account of expenses of Shipwrecked Seamen (of schooner Elizabeth) for Board and Lodging, with John Thompson, at Sydney, Cape Breton. Account of expenses of Shipwrecked Seamen
- Ordered*, That the Account be referred to the Committee on the claims for Transient Paupers. Ref. to Com. on Transient Poor
- A Petition

- Pet. of Jas. Wilkie A Petition of James Wilkie, was presented by Mr. Henry and read, praying the return of certain duties upon certain goods imported by Petitioner, overpaid by mistake.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.
- Ref. to Com. on Trade
- Pet. of Commrs. of the Poor for Halifax A Petition of the Commissioners of the Poor for the City of Halifax, was presented by the Hon. Mr. McNab and read, praying for the grant of a sum of money to make proper arrangements for the reception and accommodation of Lunatics in the Asylum at Halifax.
 The Hon. Mr. McNab also presented to the House, an aggregate List of Articles purchased for the use of the Halifax Asylum for the Poor during the year 1842; also, an account of the Paupers admitted into the Asylum during the past year, distinguishing Halifax from the Transient; and an account of Funds received for the use of said Asylum during the same year, and from whence received.
 (*See Appendix, No. 20.*)
Ordered, That the Petition and Accounts do lie on the Table.
- Accounts of Poor House presented
- Pet. of J. B. Hadley A Petition of James B. Hadley, of Milford, in the County of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying for increase of allowance to the Petitioner for his services in forwarding the Mail between Guysborough and Cape Breton.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Post Office Department.
- Ref. to Com. on Post Office
- Pets. of W. B. Sargent and others—of A. Cocken and others—of Stephen Perry and others A Petition of William B. Sargent and others; a Petition of Alexander H. Cocken and others; a Petition of Stephen Perry and others, were presented by Mr. Homer and read, severally praying the House would fix and establish a site for the proposed Town House at Barrington, in accordance with the present Election Law and the conveniences of the inhabitants.
Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of James Snow and others, on the same subject.
- Ref. to Sel. Com.
- Pet. of C. Jones and others A Petition of Charles Jones and others, of New Edinburgh, was presented by Mr. Budd and read, praying the return of certain duties on Wheat Flour paid by the Petitioners.
Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Trade.
- Ref. to Com. on Trade
- Pet. of McLean and others A Petition of Peter McLean and others, of Argyle, River Dennis, River Inhabitants; a Petition of Duncan McNaughton and others, of Argyle, Middle River, and their vicinities, were presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, praying for the opening of a Post Communication between Plaister Cove, Middle River, and Argyle.
Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on the Post Office Department.
- Ref. to Com. on Post Office
- Pet. of J. R. Lovett and others A Petition of James R. Lovett and others, of Ward No. 6, in the City of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Stairs and read, praying that the Petitioners may by Law be declared not to be within the limits of the said Ward No. 6.
- Pet. of Mayor, &c. Halifax A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Councilmen, of the City of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Stairs and read, praying that the House may grant and allot a piece of land for a Public Cemetery at Halifax, as designated in the Petition.
Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on the Bill to amend the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax.
- Ref. to Sel. Com.
- Pet. of Geo. Christie and others A Petition of George Christie and others, Members of the Presbyterian Congregation at Gays River; a Petition of Francis R. Parker and others, Members of the Presbyterian population of the Province, were presented by Mr. Dickson and read, severally praying for a grant of money in aid of the proposed Seminary of Learning at Pictou; and also, that the right of property in the present Academy may be preserved in case of the failure of the Seminary now proposed.
Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Education.
- Ref. to Com. on Education
- Pet. of Inglis Van Buskirk A Petition of Inglis Van Buskirk, was presented by Mr. Fairbanks and read, praying remuneration for Vaccinating eighty poor persons, mostly Indians and Negroes.

A Petition of Inglis Van Buskirk, was presented by Mr. Fairbanks and read, praying that the Petitioner may be remunerated for Medical Attendance afforded by the Petitioner to a distressed Seaman, who was a Transient Pauper.

Pet. of Inglis Van Buskirk

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on the claims for Transient Paupers.

Ref. to Com. on Transient Paupers

A Petition of Donald Cameron and others, Freeholders of River Dennis and Big Harbour, was presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, praying that another Polling Station for Polling at Elections of Representatives may be opened at Whycocomagh, in the County of Inverness.

Pet. of D. Cameron and others

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition of the Executive Committee of the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society, was presented by Mr. S. Chipman and read, praying a further grant from the Public Funds of the Province in aid of the erection of Buildings for the use of Acadia College, at Horton.

Pet. for aid to Acadia College

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to on Com. Education

Mr. Forrestall reported from the Select Committee on the subject of Reporting the Debates of the Legislature; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

Report from Com. on Reporting

(See Appendix No. 21.)

On motion, *resolved,* that the Report be received and adopted by the House.

Rec'd. and adopted

A Petition of Edward Manning and others, Members and Ministers of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia, met in Association at Wilmot, on the twenty-third day of June, 1842, was presented by Mr. Johnson and read, praying a further grant of money from the Public Funds of the Province in aid of the erection of Buildings for the use of Acadia College, at Horton.

Pet. for aid to Acadia College

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on Education

A Petition of Elkanah Morton, Collector of Colonial Duties at Digby, was presented by Mr. Holdsworth and read, praying remuneration for certain services performed by him in that capacity.

Pet. of E. Morton

A Petition of Charman and Company, of Halifax, Merchants, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Howe and read, praying that Bonds given by Petitioners for certain duties on Sugars, imported by them, may be cancelled, for the reasons stated in the Petition.

Pet. of Charman & Co

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Com. on Trade

A Petition of Thomas Tobin and others, Inhabitants of Upper Prospect, was presented by Mr. Stairs and read, praying that the House would, by Law, prevent the alienation, by Grant, of the Common and Barren Lands near and around their place of residence, for securing them the means of fuel, and other necessary supplies of wood.

Pet. of T. Tobin and others

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition of Richard McFarlane, was presented by Mr. Stairs and read, praying that the House would grant the Petitioner a small sum of money in aid of his discovery of self-acting principles of Perpetual Motion.

Pet. of R. McFarlane

On motion of Mr. DesBarres, *ordered,* that the Petition be withdrawn.

Withdrawn

A Petition of the Roman Catholics of the City of Halifax, was presented by the Hon. Mr. McNab and read, praying that the House would confirm the provision made by the City Council of Halifax, in its application to the House for a Public Cemetery, for the Cemetery for the Roman Catholics.

Pet. of Halifax Catholics

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Bill to amend the Act for Incorporating the City of Halifax.

Ref. to Com. on Incorporation amdt. Bill

- Res. requesting returns of Sheriffs
On motion of Mr. Annand, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and respectfully request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct the proper officer to furnish, for the information of this House, lists of the names of persons in the several Counties of the Province, nominated by His Honor the Chief Justice to serve as Sheriffs, for the last three years.
- Com. named
Ordered, That Mr. Annand, Mr. Stairs, and Mr. S. B. Chipman, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.
- Pet. of J. J. Archibald and others
A Petition of John James Archibald and others, was presented by Mr. Dickson and read, praying a grant from the House out of the Public Treasury for the re-building of the Bridge across the Salmon River, on the route of the old road to Pictou.
- Withdrawn
Mr. Dickey moved that the Petition be withdrawn: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the affirmative.
- Pet. of Rev. James Knowlan
Ordered, That the Petition be withdrawn.
- Pets. for aid to Pictou Academy
A Petition of the Reverend James Knowlan, was presented by Mr. Stairs and read, praying that the House would not grant any sum of money in aid of an Institution of Learning situated in another Province; but that aid may be granted to the best judgment of the House for Common School Education.
- Referred to Com. on Education
A Petition of John Smith and others; a Petition of Archibald McLean and others, all Members of the Presbyterian population of the Province, were presented by Mr. Delaney and read, praying that a grant may pass from the Public Funds of the Province towards the endowment of the proposed Seminary of Learning at Pictou.
- Pet. of Geo. McKenzie
Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Education.
- Ref. to Com.
A Petition of George McKenzie, was presented by Mr. Blackadar and read, praying reimbursement of expenses incurred by him in the relief of persons infected with Small Pox brought in his vessel to Pictou.
- Old Roads Bill read 1st time
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Creighton, Mr. Forrestall, and Mr. Fairbanks, to examine and report upon.
- Order of Day
Mr. Henry, pursuant to leave given, presented A Bill for disposing of Old Roads, and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Elections Bill read 2d time
The Order of the Day being read,
Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly, be now read a second time.
- Motion to commit
An the same was read a second time accordingly,
And the usual question having been propounded from the Chair, that the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, and a Debate arising thereon,
- Debate adjourned
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Thursday, 9th February, 1843.

PRAYERS.

- Pet. for aid to Pictou Academy
A Petition of the Reverend James Smith and others, Members of the Presbyterian Congregation of Upper and Middle Steviacke, was presented by Mr. Dickson and read, praying that a Law may pass to establish the proposed Seminary of Learning at Pictou, and for the grant of a sum from the Public Treasury towards the endowment of the same.
- Ref. to Com. on Education
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.
- Pet. of J. Morrison and others
A Petition of Jonathan Morrison and others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of Five Islands, was presented by Mr. Dickson and read, praying that a Law may pass to enable the Proprietors of the Presbyterian Meeting House of Five Islands to provide means for the repair thereof.
- Ordered*, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition

A Petition of Joshua Francis, of Newport, was presented by Mr. Dimock and read, praying the return of certain duties on Wheat Flour, imported by Petitioner into the port of Windsor.

Pet. of J. Francis

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Com. on Trade

A Petition of Charles M. Forbes, Principal of the Annapolis Academy, was presented by Mr. S. B. Chipman and read, praying that a grant of money may be made in aid of that Institution, sufficient to enable the Petitioner to employ an Assistant.

Pet. for aid to Annapolis Academy

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on Education

A Petition of Timothy C. Tobias, Land Waiter and Seizing Officer at the Port of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. S. B. Chipman and read, praying compensation for his services as such officer.

Pet. of T. C. Tobias

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Com. on Trade

A Petition of Robert Logan and others, members of the Presbyterian Population of said Province, was presented by Mr. S. B. Chipman and read, praying that a grant may pass from the Provincial Funds for the endowment of the proposed Institution of Learning at Pictou.

Pet. for aid to Pictou Academy

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on Education

A Petition of Charles C. Hamilton and others, was presented by Mr. S. Chipman and read, praying that increased Duties of Impost may be imposed on all articles of Foreign growth and production, that the Province can produce.

Pet. of C. C. Hamilton and others

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Agriculture

Ref. to Com. on Agriculture

A Petition of James D. Harris and others, Freeholders of the County of King's County, was presented by Mr. S. Chipman and read, praying that a greater compensation for the Postmaster at Kentville may be provided for his services.

Pet. of Jas. D. Harris and others

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Post Office Department.

Ref. to Post Office Com.

A Petition of Margaret Rand and James E. Rand, Administratrix and Administrator, and others, the Heirs of John Rand, was presented by Mr. S. Chipman and read, praying some relief from the operations of the Law, lately passed, relative to the Courts of Probate.

Pet. of Margaret Rand and others

On motion of Mr. S. Chipman, *resolved,* that a Select Committee be appointed to consider the expediency of altering or amending the Law of Probate, with power to report by Bill or otherwise.

Com. on Probate Law

Ordered, That Mr. Huntington, Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf, Mr. McLellan, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Henry, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.

Com. named

Ordered, That the Petition of Margaret Rand and James E. Rand, and others, be referred to the same Committee.

Ref. to Com.

A Petition of Anthony V. Dimock and others, members of the second Baptist Church and Congregation, and others, resident in Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Clements and read, praying a further grant in aid of the erection of Buildings for the use of Acadia College.

Pet. for aid to Acadia College

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on Education

A Petition of George Eastwood, was presented by Mr. S. Chipman and read, praying that the House would appoint a Committee to examine the Pilot Cloth produced by Petitioner at his Woollen Manufactory and Mill, in order that he may receive the sum granted in encouragement of such Manufactory.

Pet. of Geo. Eastwood

A Petition of George Eastwood, was presented by Mr. S. Chipman and read, praying the return of certain duties paid by the Petitioner on Machinery imported for the use of his Woollen Manufactory.

Pet. of Geo. Eastwood

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Com. on Trade

- Pet. of Elisha Payson** A Petition of Elisha Payson, and others of the Inhabitants of the Township of Westport, was presented by Mr. Holdsworth and read, praying that a Light House may be erected at the Southern entrance of the Grand Passage.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.
- Ref. to Com. on Nav. Sec.**
- Pets. for returns of Flour Duties** A Petition of James Lennerton, of Windsor; a Petition of John Duncan, of Windsor; a Petition of James Fletcher, of Windsor, were severally presented by Mr. Palmer and read, praying for the return of certain duties paid by Petitioners on the importation of Wheat Flour by them respectively imported into the Port of Windsor.
Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Trade.
- Ref. to Com. on Trade**
- Pet. for aid to Wesleyan School** A Petition of the Committee of the Wesleyan School at Halifax, was presented by Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf and read, praying the continuance of the usual grant in aid of that School.
Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf also, pursuant to the Standing Order of the House, laid upon the Table of the House the Account of funds, expenditures, and state of funds of the said school.
Ordered, That the Petition and Account be referred to the Committee on Education.
- Accounts of Wesleyan School**
- Ref. to Com. on Education**
- Pet. of E. L. Brown** A Petition of Edward L. Brown, was presented by Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf and read, praying remuneration for Medical Attendance afforded by the Petitioner to a Transient Pauper.
Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on claims for Transient Paupers.
- Pet. of Overseers of Poor, Rawdon**
- Ref. to Com. on Transient Poor**
- Pet. from Missionaries Clare** A Petition of the Reverend L. Abbe Segoigne and the Rev. Z. Le'veque, Missionaries in Clare, was presented by Mr. Comeau and read, praying the establishment of a Board of School Commissioners for the Township of Clare.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.
- Ref. to Com. on Education**
- Pet. of Chas. Boudro and another** A Petition of Charles Boudro and Bernard Trahan, was presented by Mr. Comeau and read, praying compensation for damages sustained by Petitioners by the erection of an Aboiteau built over the creek at Cape Cove, in the Township of Clare.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.
- Ref. to Com. on Nav. Sec.**
- Pet. of J. B. Hadley** A Petition of James B. Hadley, was presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying repayment of expenses and remuneration for labour incurred by Petitioner at the Gut of Canso.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Marshall, Mr. Forrestall, the Hon. Solicitor General, Mr. Stairs, and Mr. Clements, to examine and report upon.
- Ref. to Com.**
- Pet. of Catharine McPherson** A Petition of Catharine McPherson, of Grandance, in the County of Richmond, was presented by the Hon. Mr. Dodd and read, praying that she may receive compensation for the use of her House for the exchange of the mails to Arichat and Sydney.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Post Office Department.
- Ref. to Com. on Post Office**
- Pet. for Egerton Representation** A Petition of Bernard L. Fitzpatrick and others, Freeholders of the Township of Egerton, was presented by Mr. Blackadar and read, praying that the Township of Egerton may be allowed a Representative in General Assembly.
Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.
- Pet. of George McKenzie** A Petition of George Mitchell, was presented by Mr. Blackadar and read, praying that he may be repaid an over-expenditure in building the new Bridge over the East River, at New Glasgow.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Dickey, Mr. Fulton, and Mr. Annand, to examine report upon.
- Ref. to Com.**
- Report from Com. as to returns of Sheriffs** Mr. Annand reported from the Select Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to request lists of the names of persons in the several Counties of the Province, nominated by His Honor the Chief Justice to serve as Sheriffs, for the last three years—that the Committee had performed the duty assigned to them,
and

and that His Excellency was pleased to say, that he would cause the required information to be furnished to the House.

A Petition of John Mattheson and others, Inhabitants of L'Esprit, and its immediate neighbourhood, was presented by Mr. Delaney and read, praying that the Post Communication may be extended from L'Ardoise to L'Esprit.

Pet. of John Mattheson and others

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Post Office Department.

Ref. to Com. on Post Office

A Bill for disposing of a certain old Road in Truro.

Truro Road Bill—

A Bill for disposing of Old Roads.

Old Roads Bill—

A Bill to empower the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Cornwallis, to manage and transact their Secular Affairs.

Cornwallis Meeting House Bill—

A Bill for the better preservation of the property of the Inhabitants of the City of Halifax, by providing for a sufficient Watch at Night, were severally read a second time.

Halifax Night Watch Act—read 2d time and committed

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

The House, pursuant to order, resumed the adjourned debate upon the question proposed yesterday—that the Bill to amend the Act for regulating the Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly, be committed to a Committee of the whole House

Debate on Election Bill resumed

And the question being again propounded, and a further debate arising thereupon,

Ordered, That the debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

Adjourned

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Friday, 10th February, 1843.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of William Chipman and others, residents in the Township of Cornwallis, was, by special leave of the House, presented by Mr. S. Chipman and read, praying that a small sum may be appropriated from the Provincial Revenue towards the further instruction, at a proper Asylum, of one William Sanford, a deaf and dumb youth of that Township.

Pet. for aid to deaf and dumb Boy

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Hon. Solicitor General, Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf, and Mr. Fairbanks, to examine and report upon.

Ref. to Sel. Com.

Mr. Fairbanks moved for the special leave of the House to present the Petition of Thomas Firth: which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Special leave to present Pet. refused

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.

Com. on Bills

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act relating to certain Lands belonging to Her Majesty, and for vesting the title to the same in the principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance Department; also, the Bill for disposing of Old Roads, and that they had directed him to report the said Bills to the House without any amendment; and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

Report Council's Ordnance Bill

And Old Roads Bill without amdt.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of Bills, which the House agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill for disposing of Old Roads be engrossed.

Ordered, That the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act relating to certain Lands belonging to Her Majesty, and for vesting the Title to the same in the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance Department, be now read a third time.

Council's Ordnance Bill read 3d time

And the same was read a third time accordingly.

Resolved, That the House do agree to the Bill.

Agreed to

Sent to Council

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed thereto without amendment.

Orders of Day

Bankrupt Bill postponed

The Orders of the Day being read,
Resolved, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill relating to Insolvent persons and Bankruptcy.

Debate on Election Bill resumed

The House then, pursuant to order, resumed the adjourned Debate upon the question proposed on Wednesday last, the 8th instant, that the Bill to amend the Act for regulating the Election of Members to serve in General Assembly be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

And the same usual question being again propounded and a further Debate arising thereupon,

Amdt. moved

Mr. McLellan, by way of amendment to the question, moved to leave out all the words thereof after the word "That" and in place of the words so left out to insert the words "the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until the next Session," which being seconded,

And a debate arising thereon,

Debate adjourned

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

Council agree to Insurance Directors Bill and—Sydney Streets Bill

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Union Marine Insurance Company of Nova Scotia to compensate their Directors and Auditors; also, to the Bill entitled, An Act to extend to the Town of Sydney, the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, and to repeal a certain Act in relation thereto, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at two of the clock.

Saturday, 11th February, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Halifax Mechanics' Whaling Bill read 1st time

Mr. Stairs, pursuant to leave given on a former day, presented a Bill to incorporate the Halifax Mechanics' Whaling Association—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Orders of Day

Bankruptcy Bill postponed

The Orders of the Day being read,
Resolved, That this House will on Monday next resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill relating to Insolvent persons and Bankruptcy.

Adjourned Debate on Election Bill resumed

The House, pursuant to order, resumed the adjourned debate upon the question proposed on Wednesday last, that the Bill to amend the Act for regulating the Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly be committed to a Committee of the whole House, and the amendment proposed yesterday to the question to leave out all the words thereof after the word "That" and in place of the words so left out to insert the words "the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until the next Session,"

Amdt. to defer Bill

And the same usual question being again propounded, and the same amendment again moved and seconded,

After some debate,

The amendment was put and the question proposed "That the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until the next Session," and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, twenty-four; against it, twenty-six.

For the amendment—		Against the amendment—		Division
Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Rider	Mr. Comeau	
" Beckwith	" McLellan	" Holdsworth	" Creighton	
" Palmer	" Heckman	" Lewis	" Delaney	
" Smith	" Crow	" S. B. Chipman	" Stairs	
" Blackadar	" Homer	Hon. Solicitor General	" McKenna	
" Fairbanks	" Zwicker	Mr. Martell	" Dickey	
" McKay	" Thorne	" Marshall	" Annand	
" Johnson	" Gates	" Spearwater	" Henry	
" DesBarres	" Budd	" Huntington	Hon. Mr. McNab	
" Forrestall	" Taylor	" Payzant	Mr. Dickson	
" Dimock	" Hatton	" Turnbull	" Clements	
" Holmes	" J. R. Dewolf	Hon. Mr. Howe	" Archibald	
		Hon. Mr. Dodd	" S. Chipman	

So it passed in the negative.

The original question being then put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the question, twenty-seven ; against it, twenty-three.

Negatived
Bill committed on division

For the question—		Against the question—	
Mr. Rider	Mr. Comeau	Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf	Mr. Fulton
" Holdsworth	" Creighton	" Beckwith	" McLellan
" Lewis	" Delaney	" Palmer	" Heckman
" Stairs	" McKenna	" Smith	" Crow
" S. B. Chipman	" Dickey	" Blackadar	" Zwicker
Hon. Solicitor General	" Annand	" Fairbanks	" Thorne
Mr. Martell	" Henry	" McKay	" Gates
" Marshall	Hon. Mr. McNab	" Johnson	" Budd
" Spearwater	Mr. Dickson	" DesBarres	" Taylor
" Huntington	" Clements	" Forrestall	" Hatton
" Payzant	" Archibald	" Dimock	" J. R. Dewolf
" Turnbull	" S. Chipman	" Holmes	
Hon. Mr. Howe	" Homer		
Hon. Mr. Dodd			

So it passed in the affirmative.

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

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at twelve of the clock.

Monday, 13th February, 1843.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to Incorporate the Halifax Mechanics' Whaling Association, was read a second time.

Whaling Bill read 2d time and committed

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

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.

Com. on Bills

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the Bill for the better preservation of the property of the Inhabitants of the City of Halifax, by providing for a sufficient Watch at night ; also, the Bill to prevent illegal overholding and detainer of Real Estate, and that the Committee had directed him to report that it be recommended to the House to refer the said Bills to a Select Committee ; also, that the Committee had gone through the Bill to Incorporate the Halifax Mechanics' Whaling Association, and had made an amendment to the said Bill which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill, and he afterwards delivered the Bills and amendment in at the Clerk's Table.

Halifax Night Watch Act and—

Overholding Real Estate—recommended to be ref. to Com.

Whaling Bill with amdt.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, on the consideration of Bills, which the House agreed to.

The

The amendment to the Bill reported with an amendment, being then read, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the amendment, be engrossed.

Halifax Night Watch
refd. to Com.

Ordered, That the Bill for the better preservation of the property of the Inhabitants of the City of Halifax, by providing for a sufficient Watch at Night, be referred to the Committee on the Bill to alter and amend the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax.

Overholding Bill ref.
to Com.

Ordered, That the Bill to prevent illegal overholding and detainer of Real Estate, be referred to Mr. Blackadar, Mr. DesBarres, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Annand, and Mr. Henry, to examine and report upon.

Report from Com. on
Expiring Laws,
viz—

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee on Expiring Laws, and thereupon reported forty-one Bills, viz :

Stewiacke Meeting
House

A Bill to continue the Act to authorise the Congregation of the Meeting House at Upper Stewiacke to raise money from the Pews of the said Meeting House, for the repairing and ornamenting thereof.

Juries

A Bill to continue the Act for the regulation of Juries, and the Act in amendment thereof.

Crown Lands

A Bill to continue the Act to establish sundry regulations for the future disposal of Crown Lands within the Province of Nova-Scotia.

Lotteries

A Bill to continue the Act for the suppression of Lotteries.

Highways amdt.

A Bill to continue the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges.

Sydney Pilotage

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

Summary Trials

A Bill to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace.

Disorderly Riding

A Bill to continue the Acts in force to prevent Disorderly Riding, and to regulate the Driving of Carriages on the Streets of Halifax or other Towns, or on the Public Roads of this Province.

Light Houses

A Bill to continue the Acts for the support and regulation of Light Houses.

Halifax Pilotage

A Bill 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.

King's Cy. Landings

A Bill to continue the Act to regulate certain Landings in the County of King's County.

Beef Weighing

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

Lunenburg Fisheries

A Bill to continue the Act to prevent Injuries to the Fisheries within the County of Lunenburg, by mill dams or any other obstruction.

Fishermens' Nets

A Bill to continue the Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen by Coasting Vessels.

Militia

A Bill to continue the Act for regulating the Militia.

Passengers

A Bill to continue the Act relating to Passengers from Great Britain and Ireland, and the Acts in amendment thereof.

Town Officers

A Bill to continue the Acts in amendment of the Act for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating of Townships, and the Acts to alter and amend the same.

Commrs. of Sewers

A Bill to continue the Acts in amendment of the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers.

Trespasses

A Bill to continue the Act further to amend the Act relating to Trespasses.

Trespasses

A Bill to continue the Acts now in force relating to Trespasses.

Richmond Fisheries

A Bill to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries in the County of Richmond.

Shubenacadie Fishery

A Bill to continue the Act for regulating the Fishery in the river Shubenacadie.

Halifax Grammar
School

A Bill to continue the Act to amend an Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax.

Coals

A Bill to continue the Act to authorise the sale of Coals by weight.

Nova Scotia Bank

A Bill 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.

Sable Island

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

Supervisors Public
Grounds

A Bill to continue the Acts for appointing Supervisors to take charge of Public Grounds, and for other purposes.

Bridgeport Harbor
Master

A Bill to continue the Act for establishing a Harbor Master at Bridgeport in the Island of Cape Breton.

A Bill

A Bill 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.

Assessments—County rates

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

Billeting

A Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, and the Acts in amendment thereof.

Road expenditures

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

Poors amendt. Act

A Bill to continue the Act in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act to prevent Nuisances by Hedges, Weirs, and other incumbrances, obstructing the passage of Fish in the Rivers of this Province.

River Nuisances

A Bill to continue the Act more effectually to provide against the introduction of Infectious or Contagious Diseases, and the spreading thereof in this Province, and the Act in amendment thereof.

Infectious Diseases

A Bill to continue the Act additional concerning Nuisances.

Nuisances—additional Act

A Bill to continue the Act to prevent the spreading of Contagious Diseases, and for the performance of Quarantine, and the Act in amendment thereof.

Quarantine

A Bill to continue the Act to suspend the operation of the Acts to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Monopolising of Cord Wood, in the Town of Halifax.

Cord Wood monopolising Act

A Bill to continue the Act to repeal the Act to regulate the Public Landing at Windsor, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof.

Windsor Landing

A Bill to continue the Act in further amendment of, and additional to, the Acts relating to Trespasses.

Trespasses, additional Act

A Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Survey of Timber and Lumber, and to repeal certain Acts now in force.

Survey of Lumber

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

Assize of Bread

And the said Bills were severally read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

read 1st, and

Ordered, nem. con., That the several Bills be now read a second time.

Ordered to be read 2d time

And the same were read a second time accordingly.

Ordered, That the Bill to continue the Acts for the support and regulation of Light Houses be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.

Light House Bill referred to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That the Bill to continue the Act for regulating the Militia be referred to Mr. DesBarres, the Hon. Mr. Dodd, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Dickey and Mr. S. Chipman, to examine and report upon.

Militia Bill referred to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That the Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Survey of Timber and Lumber, and to repeal certain Acts now in force, be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Survey of Lumber ref. to Com. on Trade

Ordered, That the several other Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Bills committed

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House copies of Despatches and accompanying papers, which were read by the Clerk as followeth—

Papers laid before House, viz. :

1.—Copy of Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland (dated 21st February, 1842) acknowledging receipt of Addresses of Legislative Council and House of Assembly to the Queen on the occasion of the Birth of Prince of Wales.

Birth of Prince of Wales

(See Appendix No. 22.)

Ordered, That the copy of Despatch do lie on the Table.

2.—Copy of Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 4th April, 1842, acknowledging receipt of Address of House of Assembly on the subject of Alterations proposed by Her Majesty's Government in the Customs Possessions Act.

Customs

(See Appendix, No. 23.)

Ordered, That the copy of Despatch do lie on the Table.

- Drawback on Officers' Wines 3.—Copy of Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 30th September, 1842, with a communication from the War Office accompanied by a Memorial from the Officers of the three Regiments in Garrison at Halifax, representing the hardship in their having to pay duty on Wines imported from Great Britain, recommended by the Lieutenant Governor to the favorable consideration of the House of Assembly.
(See Appendix No. 24.)
- Ref. to Com. on Trade Ordered, That the copy of Despatch and accompanying documents, be referred to the Committee on Trade.
- Distressed Seamen 4.—Copy of Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland (dated 27th June, 1842) with copy of Letter from the Treasury, and enclosures, relative to expenses incurred by Her Majesty's Consuls at the Havannah, and at Portland, U. S., for the relief of distressed Seamen of vessels owned at Halifax and St. John, N. B.; also, copy of Lord Falkland's Despatch to Lord Stanley in reply, with copy of Letter from the British Consul at Havannah.
(See Appendix No. 25.)
- Ref. to Com. on Trade Ordered, That the copy of Despatch with the copy of Letter and enclosures, be referred to the Committee on Trade.
- Indians 5.—Copy of Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 12th July, 1842, signifying Her Majesty's approval of the Act for the instruction and settlement of the Indians, &c.
(See Appendix No. 26.)
- Trade 6.—Copy of Circular Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 23d November, 1842, with an Order of Her Majesty in Council relative to the Trade with Portugal.
(See Appendix No. 27.)
Ordered, That the several copies of Despatches and Order in Council do lie on the Table.
- Report of Commissioners of Bridewell The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House—
A Report of the Commissioners for erecting Bridewell, for 1842, with Estimate for enclosing wall for Penitentiary, and Plans and Estimate for completion.
(See Appendix No. 28.)
- Report as to Revenue Boat, Sydney A Report of C. E. Leonard, Collector of Impost, respecting Revenue Boat in the Bras d'Or, Cape Breton.
(See Appendix, No. 29.)
Ordered, That the Reports do lie on the Table.
- Report of Mr. Wightman as to alteration on Eastern Road The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House—
A Report of Mr. Wightman, in regard to an alteration contemplated on the Main Eastern Road, in Truro, chiefly between Salmon River and North River, with plans.
(See Appendix No. 30.)
- Report of Comms. on Treasury Notes A Report of the Commissioners for issuing and cancelling Provincial Treasury Notes.
(See Appendix No. 31.)
- Returns of names for Sheriffs, presented Also, Returns of the names of persons nominated as Sheriffs, for 1839, 1840, and 1842.
Ordered, That the Reports and Returns do lie on the Table.
- Com. of the whole Election Law amendt. Bill On motion of Mr. Annand, *resolved*, that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said Bill to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly, and had directed him to report the said Bill without any amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Report Bill without amendment

Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf moved that the report of the Committee be not received: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-two; against it, twenty-seven.

Motion not to receive report

For the motion—

Mr. J. R. Dewolf
 " Smith
 " Fairbanks
 " Blackadar
 " Beckwith
 " McLellan
 " Johnson
 " Heckman
 " Fulton
 " DesBarres
 " Palmer

Mr. Dimock
 " McKay
 " Holmes
 " Crow
 " T. A. S. Dewolf
 " Budd
 " Taylor
 " Zwicker
 " Gates
 " Hatton
 " Thorne

Against the motion—

Mr. Clements
 Hon. Solicitor General
 Mr. Holdsworth
 " Payzant
 " Turnbull
 " Lewis
 " Spearwater
 " Martell
 " McKenna
 " Dickey
 " Huntington
 " Forrestall
 " Stairs
 " Rider

Mr. Annand
 Hon. Mr. Dodd
 Hon. Mr. Howe
 Mr. Comeau
 " S. B. Chipman
 " Dickson
 " Marshall
 " Archibald
 Hon. Mr. McNab
 Mr. Delaney
 " Creighton
 " Henry
 " S. Chipman

So it passed in the negative.
 Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Negatived

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton:
 Mr. Speaker,

Message from Council with Bill to amend Judiciary Act

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act passed in the fourth year of Her present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to improve the Administration of the Law, and to reduce the number of Courts of Justice within this Province, and to diminish the expense of the Judiciary therein—to which they desire the concurrence of this Honourable House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Orders of the Day being read,

Resolved, That the House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the Bill relating to Insolvent Persons and Bankruptcy.

Order of Day for Com. of whole on Bankrupt Bill postponed

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two of the clock.

Tuesday, 14th February, 1843.

PRAYERS.

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to amend the Act passed in the fourth year of Her present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to improve the Administration of the Law, and to reduce the number of Courts of Justice within this Province, and to diminish the expense of the Judiciary therein, was read a first time.

Council's Bill to amend Judiciary Act read 1st time—and

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Blackadar, Mr. S. Chipman, Mr. McLellan, and Mr. Dickie, to examine and report upon.

Ref. to Sel. Com.

The Hon. Mr. McNab, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House the Report of the Central Board of Agriculture for the year 1842.

Rep. of Central Board of Agriculture

(See Appendix No. 32.)

Also, several Accounts, Papers, and Vouchers referred to, and connected with the said Report.

With Accounts, &c. presented

Ordered, That the Report, Accounts, Papers, and Vouchers, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

And ref. to Com. on Agriculture

An

- Bill to Incorporate Whaling Association read 3d time and passed An engrossed Bill to Incorporate the Halifax Mechanics' Whaling Association, was read a third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Mechanics' Whaling Association.
- Election Law amendt. Bill read 3d time and passed An engrossed Bill to amend the Act for regulating the Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly, was read a third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to amend the Act for regulating the Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly.
- Old Roads Bill read 3d time and recommitted An engrossed Bill for disposing of Old Roads, was read a third time.
On motion of Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf, *resolved*, that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.
- Special leave to present Pet. refused Mr. Dickson moved for the special leave of the House to present the Petition of John McDonald: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the negative.
- Pet. of W. J. Bigelow and others A Petition of W. J. Bigelow and others, was, by the special leave of the House, presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying the grant of a sum of money for building a Lock-up House at Wilmot, in the County of Guysborough.
- Leave to bring in Bill On motion of Mr. Archibald, *ordered*, that the Petition do lie on the Table, and that Mr. Marshall have leave to bring in a Bill to assess the County of Guysborough for the building of the Lock-up House, prayed for by the Petitioners.
- Special leave refused to present Petition Mr. Smith moved for the special leave of the House to present the Petition of the Reverend John B. Strong and others: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, sixteen; against it, twenty-four.
So it passed in the negative.
- Estimate for 1843 The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented an Estimate of the expense of the Civil Government of the Province, for the year 1843—and the same was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.
- Motion for Supply On motion of the Hon. Solicitor General, *resolved*, that a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.
- Order of the Day for Com. on Supply *Ordered*, That this House do, on Thursday next, the sixteenth instant, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.
- Estimate referred to Com. of Supply *Ordered*, That the Estimate of the expense of the Civil Government, for the present year, be referred to the Committee of Supply.
- Pet. of G. E. Jean A Petition of George Edward Jean, was, by the special leave of the House, presented by Mr. Martell and read, praying compensation for services performed by direction of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in taking the Census of the Indians in the County of Richmond, in the year 1841.
- Referred to Com. on Indian Affairs *Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Report of the Commissioner for Indian Affairs.
- Resolution for special leave to present Petitions from C. B. On motion of the Hon. Solicitor General, *resolved*, That as the passage of the Mail between Cape Breton and Nova Scotia proper, was impeded by the obstruction of ice in the Gut of Canso, whereby many Petitions intended for this House have been detained which would otherwise have been in time, Special leave be now given to present such Petitions, notwithstanding the Standing Order of this House.
- Pet. of M. Maddock A Petition of Matthew Maddock, Mail Courier between Arichat and Widow McPherson's, was, by such special leave, presented by Mr. Martell and read, praying to be compensated for a sum of money surcharged the Petitioner, which was contained in a letter abstracted from the Mail, under the circumstances disclosed in the Petition.
- Ref. to Com. on Post Office *Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Post Office Department.
- Pet. of R. Cameron and others; Pet. of Revd. John Gunn and others A Petition of Roderick Cameron and others; a Petition of the Reverend John Gunn and

and others, Members of the Presbyterian population of the Province, were by such special leave, presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, severally praying a grant of money from the Public Treasury of the Province towards the endowment of the proposed Seminary of Learning at Pictou.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on Education

A Petition of D. McPherson and others, of the Gut of Canso, was by such special leave, presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, praying the grant of a sufficient sum of money for erecting a Light House on Sand Point, South Entrance of the Gut of Canso.

Pet. of D. McPherson and others

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.

Ref. to Com. on Nav. Sec.

A Petition of Hugh Smith and others, of School District No. 27, at Broad Cove, Inverness; a Petition of Donald McIsaac and others, of the same place; a Petition of Peter J. Brouard and others, of Ship Harbour, School District No. 9, County of Inverness, were, by such special leave, presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, severally praying grants of money in aid of the School Houses and Schools in such School Districts respectively.

Pet. of Hugh Smith and others

Pet. of P. J. Brouard and others

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on Education

A Petition of Stephen Trenham and others, was, by such special leave, presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, praying a drawback or return of duties on certain machinery imported by the said Stephen Trenham for a Carding Mill in said County, and also a grant in aid of such Mill.

Pet. of Stephen Trenham and others

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Com. on Trade

A Petition of Adam McKenzie and others, was, by the same special leave, presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, praying that the House would grant such sum of money as would be adequate to make a Carriage Road through the valley of Masheope from the West River of Pictou to Ship Harbour.

Pet. of A. McKenzie and others

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Beckwith, and Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf, to examine and report upon.

Ref. to Sel. Com.

On motion of Mr. Holmes, *ordered,* that the Petition of Angus Smith and others, be referred to the same Committee.

Pet. of Angus Smith and others, referred to same Committee

A Petition of Angus Gillies and others, of the County of Richmond, was, by the like special leave, presented by the Hon. Mr. Howe and read, praying that measures may be adopted for the establishment of Arichat Academy on a more permanent basis, and that the monies granted for such Academy and remaining unappropriated may be applied in procuring a suitable Building for such Academy.

Pet. of Angus Gillies and others

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on Education

A Petition of Hector McNeil, Post Rider from Sydney to the Straits of Canso, was, by the like special leave, presented by the Hon. Mr. Dodd and read, praying additional allowance for his services.

Pet. of H. McNeil

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Post Office Department.

Ref. to Com. on Post Office

A Petition of the Reverend J. B. Maranda and others, Magistrates, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the County of Richmond, was, by the like special leave, presented by Mr. Delaney and read, praying that a Grammar School may be established in Arichat on the foundation of the Academy, and the arrears of the Provincial Grant be devoted to the erection of a proper Building.

Pet. of Rev. J. B. Maranda and others

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education.

Ref. to Com. on Education

A Petition of Charles F. Harrington and others, of the County of Richmond, was, by the like special leave, presented by Mr. Delaney and read, praying some alterations in the Law regulating Statute Labour.

Pet. of C. F. Harrington and others

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Laws respecting Statute Labour.

Ref. to Com. on Statute Labor Law

- Pet. of John Janvrin and others A Petition of John Janvrin and others, Magistrates, Merchants, and Freeholders of the County of Richmond, was, by the like special leave, presented by Mr. Delaney and read, praying that some alteration may be made in the mode of conveying the Mails between Arichat and Sydney.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Post Office Department.
- Ref. to Post Office Com.
- Pet. of John Fuller and others A Petition of John Fuller and others, of Arichat, was, by the like special leave, presented by Mr. Delaney and read, praying that some alteration may be made in the Law regulating Pilotage at the Port of Sydney.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Stairs, to examine and report upon.
- Ref. to Select Com.
- Pet. of H. Blanchard and others A Petition of Hiram Blanchard and others, Inhabitants of Port Hood, was, by the like special leave, presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, praying that a certain piece of old Road may be vested in the Trustees of the Academy for the County of Inverness, to be sold, and the proceeds applied for the benefit of the Academy.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole House on Bills.
- Ref. to Com. on Bills
- Time limited for presenting Bills On motion of Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf, *resolved*, that no Bill be presented after Wednesday, the first day of March next, unless by the special order of the House.
- Special leave to present Pet. refused Mr. DesBarres moved for the special leave of the House to present the Petition of James Chisholm and others: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the negative.
- Order of Day postponed The Order of the Day being read,
Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill relating to Insolvent Persons and Bankruptcy.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two of the clock.

Wednesday, 15th February, 1843.

PRAYERS.

- Message from Council A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton:
 Mr. Speaker,
 The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for making regulations relative to the setting snares for catching Moose, with amendments—to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.
 And then the Messenger withdrew.
- Members added to Post Office Com. On motion of Mr. J. R. Dewolf, *ordered*, that Mr. Fairbanks and Mr. Dickson, be added to the Committee on the Post Office Department.
- Resolution as to Postage of Assembly On motion of Mr. J. R. Dewolf, *resolved*, that the Committee be directed to enquire into the charge for the postage of the Assembly; and report thereon within the present week.
- Councils amts. to Moose Regulation Bill The amendments of the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act for making regulations relative to the setting of Snares for catching Moose were read, and are as follow—
 In the preamble—8th line—Leave out the word “principal.”
 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 the same having been read a second time and agreed to by the House,
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendments back to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the said amendments.
- Agreed to and— Sent back to Council

Mr.

Mr. Dickey reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of George Mitchell, and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table. Report on Pet. of Geo. Mitchell

(See Appendix, No. 33.)

On motion, *resolved*, That the Report be received and adopted by the House. Received and adopted

A Bill for equalizing the Representation of the People in General Assembly was read a second time. Equalizing Representation Bill read 2d time

Mr. Smith moved that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months, which being seconded, Motion to defer

And a Debate arising thereon, Debate

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow. Debate adjourned

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton: Message from Council

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for making regulations relative to the setting of Snares for catching Moose, as amended. Agreed to Moose Bill as amended

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Order of the Day being read, Order of Day postponed

Resolved, That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill relating to Insolvent Persons and Bankruptcy.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two of the clock.

Thursday, 16th February, 1843.

PRAYERS.

The Orders of the Day being read,

Resolved, That the House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill relating to Insolvent Persons and Bankruptcy. Orders of Day—Bankrupt Bill postponed

Ordered, That the House do, tomorrow, resume the adjourned Debate on the question proposed yesterday that the further consideration of the Bill for equalizing the Representation of the People in General Assembly, be deferred until this day three months. Equalizing Representation Bill postponed

The House, pursuant to order, resolved itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty. Com. of Supply

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had come to sundry Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House—and he delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table. Resolutions reported, viz—

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, which the House agreed to.

The said Resolutions were then read as followeth:

1. *Resolved*, That the sum of Two Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to the Speaker of the House of Assembly, in full for his salary as Speaker, during the present year. £200 Speaker

2. *Resolved*, That the sum of Six Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to the Treasurer of the Province, for his salary, and as Comptroller and Auditor of Public Accounts, and in lieu of Office Rent, Clerks, and all other contingent expenses, for the present year. £600 Treasurer

3. *Resolved*, That the sum of Two Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, for his services in the present year. £200 Clerk of Assembly

4. *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted and paid to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to be by him paid to the Chaplains who may attend the House Assembly during the present Session. £25 Chaplains

5. *Resolved*,

- £100 Clerk Assistant of Assembly 5. *Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to the Clerk Assistant of the House of Assembly, for his services for this Session.
- £50 Sergeant at Arms 6. *Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted and paid to Matthew Forrester, for his services as Sergeant at Arms to the House of Assembly for this Session.
- £30 Assistant Sergeant at Arms 7. *Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty Pounds be granted and paid to John Jennings, for his services as Assistant Sergeant at Arms to the House of Assembly for this Session.
- £40 Messenger of Governor 8. *Resolved*, That the sum of Forty Pounds be granted and paid to the Messenger of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, and the Executive and Legislative Councils, for the present year.
- £30 John Gibbs 9. *Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty Pounds be granted and paid to John Gibbs, for his services as Messenger to the House of Assembly for the present Session.
- £35 Clerk of Comrs. of Revenue 10. *Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty-five Pounds be granted and paid to the Clerk of the Commissioners of the Revenue, for his services for the present year.
- £200 Guager and Weigher 11. *Resolved*, That the sum of Two Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to the Guager and Weigher, for the collection of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, for his services for the present year.
- Allowance to extra Waiters 12. *Resolved*, That there be granted and paid, on the certificate of the Commissioners of the Revenue, at the rate of Seven Shillings and Sixpence per day to such person or persons as shall be employed during the present year by the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, as Extra Waiter or Waiters for the Port of Halifax, Five Shillings per day to such Extra Waiter or Waiters when unemployed, and at the rate of Five Shillings per day to Temporary Waiters.
- £60 Keeper of Assembly 13. *Resolved*, That the sum of Sixty Pounds be granted and paid to the keeper of the Assembly House and Council Chamber and Law Library, for the present year.
- £600 Transient Poor 14. *Resolved*, That the sum of Six Hundred Pounds be granted for the support of the Transient Poor for the present year, to be paid to the Commissioners of the Poor at Halifax.
- £50 Adj. Gen. and £40 Qr. Mr. Gen. Militia 15. *Resolved*, That the sum of Eighty Pounds be granted and paid to the Adjutant-General of Militia, for his services for the present year; and the further sum of Forty Pounds to the Quarter-Master General of Militia, for his services for the present year.
- £400 Sable Island 16. *Resolved*, That the sum of Four Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to the Commissioners of Sable Island for the support of that establishment for the present year.
- Resolutions agreed to The said several Resolutions being then again read, were agreed to by the House.
- Resolution as to Proth'ys. Fees On motion of Mr. S. Chipman, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to direct the proper Officer to cause to be laid before this House at an early day a return shewing the amount of Fees received by the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court at Halifax during the years 1840, 1841 and 1842, respectively, and also the amount received by him from his different Deputies throughout the Province respectively, during the same years.
- Motion to defer College Bill The Hon. Solicitor General moved that the further consideration of the Bill respecting grants of money for or in aid of Colleges, Academies, or Schools, be deferred until this day three months, which, being seconded,
- Amtd. to commit carried The Hon. Mr. Howe, by way of amendment to the question, moved to leave out all the words thereof after the word "That," and instead of the words so left out to insert the words "the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House for the purpose of considering the question of Colleges generally," which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.
- Motion as to report of Com. on Public Accounts *Ordered*, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
- On motion of Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be forthwith furnished with a Copy of the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts, and that he be respectfully requested to direct immediate action to be had on the several recommendations of the above Committee which require His Excellency's interference.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two of the clock.

Friday, 17th February, 1843.

PRAYERS.

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House a Letter from the Acting Deputy Post Master General at Halifax to the Acting Provincial Secretary, dated 16th February, 1843, with copies of Communications from the General Post Office in England to the Department in Halifax, dated in September last.

Papers respecting
Post Office

(See Appendix No. 34.)

Ordered, That the Letter and Copies of Communications be referred to the Committee on the Post Office Department.

Ref. to Com. on Post
Office

The Orders of the Day being read,

Ordered, That the House do, to-morrow, resume the adjourned Debate on the question proposed on Wednesday the 15th instant, that the further consideration of the Bill for equalizing the Representation of the Province, be deferred until this day three months.

Order of Day—
Equalizing Representa-
tion postponed

The House, pursuant to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on consideration of the Bill relating to Insolvent Persons and Bankruptcy.

Com. on Bankrupt
Bill

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business referred to them, and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the said Bill, which the House agreed to.

Report progress

Ordered, That this House do again, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Bill relating to Insolvent Persons and Bankruptcy.

Committee on Bill

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Creditors to recover interest on their debts in certain cases—to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly, with an amendment—to which amendment they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

Council agree to
Election Bill with
an amendt.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to enable Creditors to recover Interest on their Debts, in certain cases, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Council's Interest
Bill read 1st time

The amendment of the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly, was read, and is as follows:

Council's amendt. to
Election Bill

“At the end of the Bill add the following clause—

Suspending clause

Provided always, and be it enacted, That this Act shall not go into operation, or be of any force or effect, until Her Majesty's assent shall be given thereto.”

And the same having been read a second time, was agreed to by the House,

Read 2d time and
and agreed to
Bill and amendt. sent
to Council

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendment back to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the said amendment.

On motion of Mr. Huntington, *resolved*, that the Committee to consider the expediency of altering or amending the Law of Probate, have power to send for persons and papers.

Probate Com. em-
powered to send for
persons and papers

On motion of Mr. McLellan, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to direct the proper officer to lay upon the Table of this House,

Resolutions request-
ing returns of
Windsor College.

with

with the least possible delay, the names of the Students and Pupils respectively, who have attended King's College, and the Academy at Windsor, during the last five years, with the respective periods of their attendance—their course of study—and the amount of their tuition fees, in each year respectively.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Saturday, 18th February, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Report from Com. on
Pet. of Union En-
gine Company. viz.
Fire Engine Bill.

Mr. S. Chipman reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of the Union Fire Engine Men of the City of Halifax, and thereupon presented a Bill to extend the privileges of the Fire Engine Men of Halifax—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Equitable claims on
Real Estate Bill,
read 1st time.

Mr. S. Chipman, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for indemnifying bonâ fide occupants of Land for improvements made under defective Titles—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Exportation of Grind-
stones Bill, read 1st
time.

Mr. Dickey, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill respecting the Exportation of Grindstones from the County of Cumberland—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Com. on Bills

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report continuing
Bills without amdt.
viz.
Halifax Grammar
School
Trespasses
Disorderly Riding

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to continue the Act to amend an Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax; the Bill to continue the Acts now in force relating to Trespasses; the Bill to continue the Acts in force to prevent Disorderly Riding, and to regulate the Driving of Carriages on the Streets of Halifax, or other Towns, or on the Public Roads of this Province, and for repealing certain Acts therein mentioned; the Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, and the Acts in amendment thereof; the Bill to continue the Act to suspend the operation of the Acts to prevent Forestalling, Regrating, and Monopolising of Cord Wood, in the Town of Halifax; the Bill to continue the Act to regulate certain Landings in the County of King's County; the Bill to continue the Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen by Coasting Vessels; the Bill 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; the Bill to continue the Act additional concerning Nuisances; the Bill to continue the Act for regulating the Fishery in the River Shubenacadie; the Bill to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province; the Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Sydney, in the Island of Cape-Breton, and the Acts in amendment thereof; the Bill 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; the Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Weighing of Beef, and the Acts in amendment thereof; the Bill to continue the Act to repeal the Act to regulate the Public Landing at Windsor, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof; the Bill 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; the Bill to continue the Act further to amend the Act relating to Trespasses; the Bill to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island, in this Province; the Bill to continue the Act to prevent Injuries to the Fisheries within the County of Lunenburg, by Mill Dams, or any other obstructions; the Bill to continue the Act for establishing a Harbor Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape Breton; the

Road expenditures

Cord Wood mono-
polising Act

King's Co. Landings
Fishermen's Nets

Assessments—County
rates
Nuisances

Shubenacadie Fishery
Poors amendt. Act

Sydney Pilotage

Halifax Pilotage

Beef Weighing
Windsor Landing

Nova Scotia Bank

Trespasses, additional
Act
Sable Island
Lunenburg Fisheries

Bridgeport Harbor
Master

Bill

Bill to continue the Act in further amendment of, and additional to, the Acts relating to Trespasses; the Bill to continue the Act to regulate the sale of Coals by weight; the Bill to continue the Act for the suppression of Lotteries; and the Bill to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries in the County of Richmond, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills to the House, severally, without any amendment.— That the Committee had also gone through the Bill to authorise the Congregation of the Presbyterian Meeting House at Economy, to raise money from the Pews of the said Meeting House, for the finishing, repairing, and ornamenting thereof; and the Bill to continue the Act in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act to prevent Nuisances by Hedges, Wears, and other incumbrances, obstructing the passage of Fish in the Rivers in this Province, and that the Committee had made several amendments to the said Bills, which they had directed him to report to the House, with the Bills. That the Committee had also considered the Bill to continue the Act relating to Passengers from Great Britain and Ireland, and the Acts in amendment thereof; and the Bill to continue the Act, entitled, An Act to provide for the Accommodation and Billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another, and also the Acts in amendment thereof, and that they had directed him to report, that it be recommended to the House to refer the said Bills respectively to a Select Committee; and he afterwards delivered the Bills and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of Bills, which the House agreed to.

The amendments to the two Bills reported with amendments, were then read a first and second time, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bills with the amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bills reported without amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bill to continue the Act, entitled, An Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, &c. be referred to Mr. Dickey, the Hon. Solicitor General, and Mr. Dickson, to examine and report upon.

Ordered, That the Bill to continue the Act relating to Passengers from Great Britain and Ireland, &c. be referred to the Hon. Mr. Dodd, Mr. Blackadar, and Mr. Fairbanks, to examine and report upon.

Ordered, That the copy of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 5 and 6 Vict., ch. 107, for regulating the carriage of Passengers in Merchant Vessels—be referred to the same Committee.

Mr. Zwicker, pursuant to leave given on a former day, presented a Bill for the regulation of the Fisheries at the Head of Mahone Bay—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Select Committee on the several Petitions relative to the site of the Town House at Barrington, and thereupon, presented a Bill to amend the Act to provide a Lock-up House and Town House at Barrington, in the County of Shelburne—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Clements reported from the Select Committee on claims for Transient Paupers, and read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix No. 35.)

On motion, *resolved*, that the Report be received and adopted by the House.

Ordered, That so much of the Report as recommends grants of money, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion of Mr. Creighton, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to direct the proper officer to lay before this House certain papers and documents connected with the application of John Cameron, relative to the non-payment of his allowance as Teacher of a combined Common and Grammar School in the County of Pictou.

Trespasses
Coals

Lotteries
Richmond Fisheries

Economy Meeting
House, with amds.

River Nuisances
and recommended
to be referred to the
Select Committee

Passengers, and

Billeting

Amendts. agreed to

Bills and amendments
to be engrossed
Bills without amds.
to be engrossed
Billeting Bill refer'd
to Select Committee

Passengers Bill ref. to
Committee

Impl. Act respecting
Passengers referred
to Committee

Mahone Bay fisheries
Bill, read 1st time

Report from Com. on
Barrington Town
House Petitions
Bill to amend Bar-
rington Town
House Act

Report from Com. on
Transient Poor

Adopted
Ref. in part to supply

Resolution requesting
Returns relative to
application of John
Cameron

Com on Bills

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Sheriffs' Bill reported

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill relating to the appointment of Sheriffs, and had directed him to report the said Bill to the House without any amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of Bills, which the House agreed to.

Motion to defer Sheriffs' Bill

Mr. Fairbanks moved, that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-one; against it, twenty-nine.

Division

For the motion—

Against the motion—

Mr. Delaney
" Fairbanks
" Blackadar
" Holmes
" Marshall
Hon. Mr. Dodd
Mr. Budd
" Beckwith
" Thorne
" Johnson
" T. A. S. Dewolf

Mr. DesBarres
" Dickey
Hon. Solicitor General
Mr. Fulton
" Zavicker
" Hatton
" Taylor
" Heckman
" Creighton
" J. R. Dewolf

Mr. Clements
" Stairs
" Payzant
" Gates
" Martell
" Palmer
" Holdsworth
" Spearwater
" Homer
" McLellan
" Crow
" Dimock
" Turnbull
" Rider
" S. B. Chipman

Mr. Forrestall
" Huntington
" Comeau
" Archibald
" McKenna
" S. Chipman
" Annand
" Dickson
Hon. Mr. Howe
Mr. McKay
" Lewis
Hon. Mr. McNab
Mr. Smith
" Henry

Negatived

So it passed in the negative.

Bills to be engrossed

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Motion for special leave to present Cape Breton Pts. Division

The Hon. Solicitor General moved for the special leave of the House, to present twelve Petitions from the County of Cape Breton, praying for a division of that County; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty; against it, twenty.

Speaker votes for motion

Whereupon, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote in favor of the motion,

So it passed in the affirmative.

Petitions for division of Cape Breton and increase of Representation

A Petition of D. B. McNab and others; a Petition of Kenneth McKenzie and others; a Petition of Alexander Munro and others; a Petition of Roderick McIver and others; a Petition of John Landers and others; a Petition of John Campbell and others; a Petition of John Fraser and others; a Petition of John McInnis and others; a Petition of Angus McLellan and others; a Petition of Duncan McKenzie and others; a Petition of Alexander McRae and others; a Petition of William Warren and others, Inhabitants of the Northern Section of the County of Cape Breton, were accordingly, pursuant to such special leave, presented by the Hon. Solicitor General and read, severally praying the division of the County of Cape Breton into two separate Counties, with an alteration of the Representation.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Orders of Day— Representation Bill

The Orders of the Day being read,

Ordered, That the House do on Monday next resume the adjourned debate on the question proposed on Wednesday last the 15th instant, on the question that the further consideration of the Bill for equalizing the representation of the People in General Assembly be deferred until this day three months.

Bankrupt Bill postponed

Ordered, That the House do, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Bill relating to Insolvent Persons and Bankruptcy.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at twelve of the clock.

Monday,

Monday, 20th February, 1843.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of William A. Chipman and others, resident in the Township of Cornwallis, was, by the special leave of the House, presented by Mr. S. Chipman and read, praying that a Bill now before the House relating to the Presbyterian Church at Cornwallis may not pass into a Law, without certain guards and modifications suggested by the Petition.

Pet. against Cornwallis Meeting House Bill

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Bills.

Ref. to Com. on Bills

An engrossed Bill to authorize the Congregation of the Presbyterian Meeting House at Economy, to raise money from the Pews of the said Meeting House, for the repairing and ornamenting thereof, was read a third time.

Economy Meeting House Bill read 3d time

On motion of Mr. Dickson, the following enacting clause was passed, and added to the Bill by way of Rider,

Rider added

“ Provided also, and be it Enacted, That whenever any Act may have been passed for any particular Meeting House or Place of Worship, all proceedings that have been heretofore had under and by virtue of such Act shall be valid and binding, and all repairs and other things that may have been commenced thereunder shall be completed, any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.”

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to authorise the proprietors of Meeting Houses or Churches to raise money from the Pews of the same, for the repairing and upholding thereof.

Title altered and Bill passed

An engrossed Bill relating to the appointment of Sheriffs, was read a third time.

Sheriffs Bill read 3rd time

Mr. Holmes moved that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of adding a clause directing that the Justices in Session may be consulted and allowed the privilege of recommending one fit and proper person to act as Sheriff in every County, annually: which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Motion to re-commit negatived

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act relating to the appointment of Sheriffs.

Bill passed

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Sent to Council

On motion of Mr. Annand, *resolved*, that the House do, on Wednesday next, the 22d instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the General State of the Province, for the purpose of considering the question of Colleges.

College question made Order of Day

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to enable Creditors to recover Interest on their Debts, in certain cases, was read a second time.

Council's Interest Bill read 2nd time

Mr. S. B. Chipman moved, that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months: which, being seconded,

Motion to defer

Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf moved, by way of amendment to the question, to leave out all the words thereof after the word “that,” and in place of the words so left out to insert the following—“the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House”: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, sixteen; against it, nineteen.

Amdt. to commit negatived.

So it passed in the negative.

The original question being then put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eighteen; against it, seventeen.

Original motion carried on division

For the motion—

Against the motion—

Mr. S. Chipman
 “ S. B. Chipman
 “ Zwicker
 “ Smith
 “ Annand
 “ McKay
 “ Dickson
 “ Comeau
 “ Forrestall
 Mr. Gates
 “ Dimock
 “ Blackadar
 “ Lewis
 “ Martell
 “ Palmer
 Hon. Mr. Howe
 Mr. Huntington
 “ Beckwith

Mr. J. R. Dewolf
 “ Heckman
 “ Hatton
 “ Stairs
 “ Thorne
 “ Johnson
 “ Henry
 “ Clements
 “ Budd
 Mr. Holmes
 “ McLellan
 “ Dickey
 “ McKenna
 “ Fulton
 “ Fairbanks
 “ Rider
 “ T. A. S. Dewolf

So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered,

- Bill deferred *Ordered*, That the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months.
- Fire Engine Men's Bill
Equitable Claims Bill A Bill to extend the privileges of the Fire Engine Men of Halifax.
A Bill for indemnifying bonâ fide occupants of Land for improvements made under defective Titles.
- Mahone Bay Fishery
Barrington Town House A Bill for the regulation of the Fisheries at the head of Mahone Bay.
A Bill to amend the Act to provide a Lock-up House and Town House at Barrington, in the County of Shelburne, were severally read a second time.
- Bills committed *Ordered*, That the Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
- Returns relative to claim of John Cameron
The Hon. Mr. McNab, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House certain Papers relating to the claim of John Cameron, Teacher of a combined Grammar and Common School at New Glasgow, in the County of Pictou, as requested by a Resolution of this House.
- Ref. to Com. on Education *Ordered*, That the Papers be referred to the Committee on Education.
- Digby Poor's Bill read 1st time Mr. Budd, pursuant to leave given on a former day, presented a Bill for dividing the Township of Digby into separate Districts, for the support of the Poor—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Com. on Bills On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
- Report Engine Bill The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to extend the privileges of the Fire Engine Men of Halifax; the Bill to amend the Act to provide a Lock-up House and Town House at Barrington, in the County of Shelburne; and the Bill to provide an additional Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace in King's County, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills to the House severally without amendment. That the Committee had also considered the Bill to empower the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Cornwallis to manage and transact their secular affairs, and had directed him to report that it be recommended to the House to refer that Bill to a Select Committee to examine and report upon; and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.
- Barrington Town House Bill, and—
King's County Sessions Bill, without am., and—
Recommend Cornwallis Meeting House Bill to be ref. to Sel. Com. The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, on the consideration of Bills, which the House agreed to.
Ordered, That the Bills reported without amendment be engrossed.
- Cornwallis Meeting House Bill ref. to Committee *Ordered*, That the Bill to empower the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Cornwallis to manage and transact their secular affairs be referred to Mr. Dickey, the Hon. Mr. Howe and Mr. Fairbanks, to examine and report upon
- Message from Council A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton:
Mr. Speaker,
- Agree to Chester Sea Manure Bill, with an amdt. The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Grand Jury and Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Lunenburg to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the Township of Chester, with an amendment; to which amendment they desire the concurrence of this Honourable House.
- And to Election Bill, as amended The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for regulating the Election of Members to serve in General Assembly, as amended.
And then the Messenger withdrew.
- Council's amdt. to Chester Sea Manure Bill The amendment made by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to authorise the Grand Jury and Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Lunenburg to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the Township of Chester, was read as followeth—

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

And

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

Continuing Clause

And the same being read a second time was agreed to by the House.

Agreed to

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendment back to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the said amendment.

Sent back to Council

On motion, *resolved,* that this House do, on Thursday next, the 23d instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the General State of the Province, for the purpose of considering the Law of Debtor and Creditor.

Consideration of Law of Debtor and Creditor made Order of Day

The Orders of the Day being read,

Ordered, That this House do, to-morrow, resume the adjourned debate on the question proposed on Wednesday last, the 15th instant, that the further consideration of the Bill for equalizing the Representation of the People in General Assembly be deferred until that day three months.

Orders of Day Representation Bill postponed

Ordered, That the House do, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Bill relating to Insolvent Persons and Bankruptcy.

Bankrupt Bill postponed

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Tuesday, 21st February, 1843.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. J. R. Dewolf, *resolved,* that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to direct the Deputy Postmaster General to lay before this House the amount of receipts and disbursements of the Post Office Department, in this Province, for the year ending 5th January, 1843, specifying particularly the expenditure and receipts on each of the several Mail Routes; also, to direct the Deputy Postmaster General, and such other persons connected with the Post Office, as may be required to attend a Committee of this House to give information respecting that Department.

Resolution as to Post Office

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House Returns of Suits in the Court of Chancery, relative to the settlement of Estates of deceased persons, during the last five years.

Returns of Chancery Suits

(See Appendix No. 36.)

Ordered, That the Returns be referred to the Committee on the expediency of amending the Probate Law.

Ref. to Com- on Probate Law

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved,* that the Rules and Orders for regulating the proceedings and practice of the Courts of Probate, be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon.

Rules for Courts of Probate ref. to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. DesBarres, and Mr. Blackadar, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act to provide a Lock-up House and Town House at Barrington, in the County of Shelburne, was read a third time.

Public Town House, Barrington, read 3d time, amended

Mr. Huntington moved, that the Bill be amended in the first clause, by inserting therein, after the word "Harbour," in such clause, the following words: "not further to the westward than the west line of the lot called the Public Land, on which the old Meeting House stands": which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the Bill be amended accordingly.

And the said amendment having been made,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to amend the Act to provide a Lock-up House and Town House at Barrington, in the County of Shelburne.

And Passed

An

Additional Sessions
King's Co. Bill
read 3rd time
Passed

An engrossed Bill to provide an additional Sitting of the General Sessions of the Peace in King's County, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to provide an additional Sitting of the General Sessions of the Peace in King's County.

Halifax Fire Engine
Men's Bill, read 3d
time, amended

An engrossed Bill to extend the privileges of the Fire Engine Men of Halifax, was read a third time.

The Hon. Mr. Howe moved, that the Bill be amended in the first clause, by leaving out therein, between the words "appointed" and the word "hereafter" in such clause, the word "or," and in place of the word so left out, inserting the words "and being a Fire Engine Man for the City of Halifax, and who shall continue to perform his duties as such, for the period of sixteen years from the passing thereof, and every person who shall": which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the Bill be amended accordingly.

And the said amendment having been made,

And Passed

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to extend the privileges of the Fire Engine Men of Halifax.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Digby Township di-
vision Bill read 2nd
time, and—
Committed

A Bill for dividing the Township of Digby into separate Districts, for the support of the Poor, was read a second time.

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

Bill further to prevent
Sale of Liquors, &c.
read 1st time

Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf, pursuant to leave given on a former day, presented a Bill further to prevent the sale of Spirituous Liquors without License—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Orders of Day, Re-
presentation Bill
postponed

The Orders of the Day being read,

Ordered, That the House do, to-morrow, resume the adjourned debate on the question proposed on Wednesday last, the 15th instant, that the further consideration of the Bill for equalizing the Representation of the People in General Assembly be deferred until that day three months.

Bankrupt Bill
postponed

Ordered, That this House do, again, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Bill relating to Insolvent Persons and Bankruptcy.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Wednesday, 22d February, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Report from Com. on
Pet. of Geo. Mc
Kenzie, and of
Board of Health,
Pictou

Mr. Creighton reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of George McKenzie, and on the Petition of John McMillan and others, the Board of Health at Pictou, favourably to the prayer thereof; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

(See Appendix No. 37.)

Adopted

On motion of Mr. Holmes, *resolved*, that the Report be received and adopted by the House.

Ref. to Supply

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Halifax Firewards
Bill, read 1st time

Mr. Stairs, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill further concerning Firewards and Fires in Halifax; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill for relief of Chas.
Clarke, and—

Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the relief of Charles Clarke, an Insolvent Debtor; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

A Bill

A Bill further to prevent the sale of Spirituous Liquors without Licence, was read a second time.

Sale of Spirituous Liquors, read 2d time and—
Committed

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

Mr. Creighton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend the Act to extend to the Town of Sydney the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax and certain other places—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill to amend Sydney Streets Bill read 1st time

Mr. Stairs, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the regulation of the Poor House Burying Ground for the City of Halifax—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Halifax Poor House Burying Ground Bill read 1st time

Mr. Marshall reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of James B. Hadley favourably to the prayer thereof; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

Report from Com. on Pet. of James B. Hadley

(See Appendix No. 38.)

On motion of Mr. Marshall, resolved, That the Report be received and adopted by the House.

Adopted

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ref. to Supply

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton:

Message from Council

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Grand Jury and Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Lunenburg, to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the Township of Chester, as amended.

Agree to Chester Sea Manure Bill without amendment

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Orders of the Day being read,

Ordered, That the House do, to-morrow, resume the adjourned Debate on the question proposed on Wednesday the 15th instant, that the further consideration of the Bill for equalizing the Representation of the People in General Assembly, be deferred until that day three months.

Orders of Day Representation Bill postponed

Ordered, That the House do, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the Bill relating to Insolvent Persons and Bankruptcy.

Bankrupt Bill postponed

The House, pursuant to order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the General State of the Province, to consider the question of Colleges generally.

Com. on Colleges

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again, which the House agreed to.

Report progress

Ordered, That this House do, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the General State of the Province, further to consider of the question of Colleges.

Made Order of Day

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House—

Papers laid before House

A Report of Mr. George Wightman, on the subject of the state, condition, and requirements, of the Great Western Road.

Mr. Wightman's Report on Great Western Road

(See Appendix No. 39.)

Mr. Wightman's Report on Great Eastern Road

A Report of Mr. George Wightman, on the subject of the state, condition, and requirements, of the Great Eastern Road.

(See Appendix No. 40.)

Ordered, That the Reports do lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two of the clock.

Thursday, 23d February, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Hx. Firewards Bill
Sydney Streets Act amended

A Bill further concerning Firewards and Fires, in Halifax.

A Bill to amend the Act to extend to the Town of Sydney the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places.

Halifax Poor House Burying Ground Bill read 2d time and committed

A Bill for the regulation of the Poor House Burying Ground for the City of Halifax—were severally read a second time.

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

Grindstone Exportation Bill

A Bill respecting the Exportation of Grindstones from the County of Cumberland, was read a second time.

Ref to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to Mr. Stairs, Mr. S. B. Chipman, and Mr. Dickey, to examine and report upon.

Halifax and Guysborough County line Bill read 1st time

Mr. DesBarres, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to alter the line of division between the Counties of Halifax and Guysborough—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Report from Com. on Pet. of J. Whitney

Mr. Huntington reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of James Whitney, favourably to the prayer thereof—and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

(See Appendix No. 41.)

Adopted

On motion of Mr. Clements, resolved, that the report be received and adopted by the House.

Report from Com. on Pet. of John Fuller

Mr. Smith reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of John Fuller, and a Letter from the Petitioner to the Secretary of the Province, laid before this House by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix No. 42.)

Motion to adopt carried on division

Mr. S. B. Chipman moved that the report be received and adopted by the House, which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-nine; against it, eleven.

For the motion—

Mr. Creighton	Mr. Holmes
Hon. Solicitor General	" Martell
Mr. Clements	" Beckwith
" Smith	" Homer
" Fairbanks	" Spearwater
Hon. Mr. Dodd	" Comeau
Mr. Blackadar	" Turnbull
" Forrestall	" Crow
" Heckman	" Holdsworth
" T. A. S. Dewolf	" Budd
" Dimock	" Zwicker
" DesBarres	" McKay
" Payzant	" Hatton
" Fulton	" Taylor
" J. R. Dewolf	

Against the motion—

Mr. Johnson
" Rider
" Lewis
" McLellan
" Dickey
" Gates
" Annand
" McKenna
" S. B. Chipman
" S. Chipman
" Archibald

So it passed in the affirmative

Resolved,

Resolved, That the report be received and adopted by the House.

Report adopted
Ref. in part to Supply

Ordered, That so much of the report as recommends a grant of money, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend the Act relating to Courts of Probate, and to the settlement and distribution of the Estates of deceased persons—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Probate Amendment
Bill—

Mr. Holmes, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to extend to the Town of New Glasgow, certain Acts respecting Firewards and Fires—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

New Glasgow Fire
wards Bill—read
1st time

Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf reported from the Select Committee on Agriculture—and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Rep. from Com. on
Agriculture

(See Appendix No. 43.)

On motion of Mr. Forrestall, *resolved*, that the report be received and adopted by the House.

Adopted

Ordered, That so much of the report as relates to a grant of money, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ref. in part to Supply

Mr. Creighton reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the Town of Halifax—and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

Rep. from Com. on
Halifax Incorporation
Amdt. Bill, &c

(See Appendix No. 44.)

On motion, *resolved*, that the report be received and adopted by the House.

Adopted

Mr. Creighton also reported from the same Committee, that the Committee had made several amendments to the said Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill, and he delivered the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments
Bill read 2d time

On motion, *resolved*, that the Bill be now read a second time.

And the same was read a second time accordingly.

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendments be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Bill with amendments
committed

Mr. Creighton also, thereupon, presented a Bill in further addition to, and amendment of, the several Acts now in force concerning Cemeteries or Burial Grounds in the Town of Halifax—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Halifax Cemeteries
Bill presented

The Hon. Mr. McNab, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House, an Account of the Receipts and Payments of Her Majesty's Casual Revenue, for the year ending 31st December, 1842.

Accounts of Casual
Revenue for 1842

(See Appendix No. 45.)

Ordered, That the Account do lie on the Table.

The Orders of the Day being read,

Ordered, That this House do, to-morrow, resume the adjourned debate on the question proposed on Wednesday, the 15th instant, that the further consideration of the Bill for equalizing the Representation of the People in General Assembly, be deferred until that day three months.

Orders of Day
Representation Bill
postponed

Ordered, That this House do to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the Bill relating to Insolvent Persons and Bankruptcy.

Bankrupt Bill post-
poned

Ordered, That the House do, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the General State of the Province, for the purpose of considering the Law of Debtor and Creditor.

Law of Debtor and
Creditor postponed

The House, pursuant to order, resolved itself into a Committee on the General State of the Province, further to consider the question of Colleges.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Papers presented by
Command

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some further progress in the business referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again, which the House agreed to.

Ordered, That this House do, again To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee on the General State of the Province, further to consider the question of Colleges.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Friday, 24th February, 1843.

PRAYERS.

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House—

Order in Council
regulating Costs

A Copy of an Order of the Queen in Council, dated 11th August, 1842, regulating Costs of Appeals to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

(See Appendix No. 46.)

Despatches respecting
Acts, &c.

A Copy of Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 3d February, 1843, relating to the provisions of certain Acts of the General Assembly concerning Fishery Regulations, Pilotage, Revenue, &c. with copy of an Order of the Queen in Council, of the 1st February, allowing certain Acts.

(See Appendix No. 47.)

Orders in Council
respecting Acts

Copies of various Orders of the Queen in Council, respectively dated on the 11th March, 27th April, 3d June, 11th August, 27th August, and 24th September, 1842, allowing and continuing Acts of the General Assembly of this Province, passed in the Sessions of 1841 and 1842.

(See Appendix No. 48.)

Ordered, That the copy of Despatch, and the copies of Orders in Council, do lie on the Table.

Report on Pet. of A.
D. Harrington

The Hon. Mr. Dodd reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of Aaron D. Harrington; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

(See Appendix No. 49.)

Motion to refer to
Members of Cy.

Mr. Spearwater moved, that the report be referred to the Members from the County of Sydney, to provide for: which, being seconded,

Amdt. to refer to
Com. of Supply
negatived

Mr. Forrestall, by way of amendment to the question, moved to leave out all the words thereof after the word "That," and in place of the words so left out to insert the following words, "be referred to the Committee of Supply," which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Ref. to Members of
County

The original question being then put,
Ordered, That the report be referred to the Members from the County of Sydney to provide for.

Bill to amend Pro-
bate Act

A Bill to amend the Act relating to Courts of Probate, and to the settlement and distribution of the Estates of deceased persons.

Bill to extend Fire-
wards Act to New
Glasgow

A Bill to extend to the Town of New Glasgow certain Acts respecting Firewards and Fires.

Bill further to amend
Hx. Cemeteries
read 2d time and—

A Bill in further addition to, and amendment of, the several Acts now in force concerning Cemeteries or Burial Grounds in the Town of Halifax—were severally read a second time.

Committed

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

Mr.

Mr. Creighton reported from the Select Committee on Education—and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

Report from Com. on Education

(See Appendix No. 50.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Mr. Creighton also thereupon presented

A Bill for founding, establishing, and maintaining an Institution of Learning at Pictou, in this Province, to be called "The Pictou Presbyterian Union Academy"—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Pictou Academy Bill

The Orders of the Day being read,

Ordered, That the House do, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Bill relating to Insolvent Persons and Bankruptcy.

Orders of the Day—

Bankruptcy Bill—

Ordered, That this House do, to-morrow, resume the adjourned debate on the question proposed on Wednesday the 15th instant, that the further consideration of the Bill for equalizing the Representation of the People in General Assembly, be deferred until that day three months.

Equalizing Representation Bill—

Ordered, That the House do, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee on the General State of the Province, to consider of the Law of Debtor and Creditor.

Law of Debtor and Creditor—postponed

The House, pursuant to order, resolved itself into a Committee on the General State of the Province, further to consider of the question of Colleges.

Committee of whole on Colleges, &c.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the business referred to them, and had come to a resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's table, where it was again read, and is as followeth :

Report—

Resolved, That the policy, heretofore pursued, of chartering and endowing Collegiate Institutions, of a Sectarian or Denominational Character, is unsound, and ought to be abandoned.

Resolution—

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Resolution be not received by the House, but that the House in place thereof, do come to the following resolutions :

Motion not to receive, and amdt. moved

Resolved, That this House recognise the solemn responsibility which devolves upon them, as the Representatives of the People of Nova Scotia, to provide for the Education of its youth, and that it is their duty, as far as it is practicable, to combine and foster religious and moral improvement, with secular instruction.

Resolved, That whilst this House should regard the Education of the Poor, and the extension of Common Schools, as the primary object of the Legislature, it is indispensable to the cause of Education in its various branches, and for the purpose of providing competent Teachers, that the higher Seminaries of Education should be sustained and encouraged.

Resolved, That although in the opinion of this House, it would be highly desirable to have one University, respectably endowed, in which the fundamental doctrines of Christianity might be taught, in connection with the higher branches, free from Sectarian control, and open to all denominations, regarding the same as quite adequate to the necessities of the Province : yet, that experience has shown the impracticability of uniting the various denominations of Christians in such a manner, and that a different Policy having been forced upon the House, and hitherto recognised and adopted, by the passage of various Acts of the Legislature, calling into existence a number of Denominational Institutions, which are in active operation and rapidly enlisting in their favor the zeal and support of their Members, which is manifest from the increase of Pupils, and large contributions to the funds, that it would at this time be unwise and unjust to prostrate those Institutions, by withdrawing altogether from them the support which they have hitherto derived from the Public Funds.

Resolved, That whilst this House feels itself constrained by the peculiar circumstances of the Country, the strong feeling hitherto manifested in favor of Denominational Colleges, and the past measures of the Legislature still to persevere in the Policy they have recently pursued, of granting aid to such Institutions, it is due to the people of Nova Scotia to declare that the funds of the Province are unequal to any further than a moderate support, and that their existence must mainly depend upon the support of private contributions, aided only by such portion of the public monies as the wants of Common Schools, and other necessities of the Country may, from time to time, leave at the disposal of the Legislature.

Put—

Which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-one; against it, twenty-eight.

For the motion—

Mr. S. Chipman	Mr. Smith
" T. A. S. Dewolf	" Dimock
Hon. Mr. Dodd	" Crow
Mr. Holmes	" Johnson
" Blackadar	" Thorne
" Palmer	" Budd
" Beckwith	" Zwicker
" Fairbanks	" McKay
" Marshall	" Hatton
" S. B. Chipman	" Lewis
" J. R. Dewolf	

Against the motion—

Mr. Holdsworth	Mr. DesBarres
" Spearwater	" McKenna
" Heckman	" Dickey
" Taylor	" Stairs
" Homer	" Annand
" Comeau	" McLellan
" Fulton	" Huntington
" Martell	" Dickson
" Gates	" Forrestall
" Turnbull	" Archibald
" Payzant	" Clements
" Creighton	Hon. Mr. McNab
Hon. Solicitor General	Mr. Rider
Hon. Mr. Howe	" Henry

And lost

So it passed in the negative.

Original resolution agreed to

The Resolution reported from the Committee was then, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Committee to bring in a Bill

On motion of Mr. Annand, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill in accordance with the foregoing Resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Annand, Mr. Huntington, Mr. DesBarres, the Hon. Mr. Howe, and Mr. Creighton, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Leave of absence

Ordered, That Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf have leave of absence to return home for a few days, in consequence of sickness in his family.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Saturday, 25th February, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Despatch respecting Fisheries, Pilotage, Revenue Acts ref. to Com. on Expiring Laws

On motion of Mr. DesBarres, *resolved*, that the copy of Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, respecting the Acts regulating Fisheries, Pilotage, Revenue, &c., presented yesterday, be referred to the Committee on the Expiring Laws, to examine and report upon.

Rep. of Sel. Com. on Militia Bill, with amendment

Mr. DesBarres reported from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill to continue the Act for regulating the Militia: that the Committee had made an amendment thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill; and he delivered the Bill and amendment in at the Clerk's Table.

Bill and amendment committed

Ordered, That the Bill and amendment be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Adjournment

Then the House adjourned until three of the clock this day.

Meet again

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On

On motion, *resolved*, that this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means, for raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty; and accordingly, The House resolved itself into such Committee.

Committee of Ways and Means

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again, which the House agreed to.

Report progress

Ordered, That this House do, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

Order of Day

Mr. McLellan, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill relating to the duties of Clerks of the Peace; and Overseers of the Poor—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill relating to Clerks of the Peace and Overseers of Poor, read 1st time

The Orders of the Day being read,

Orders of the Day

Ordered, That this House do, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Bill relating to Insolvent Persons and Bankruptcy.

Bankrupt Bill postponed

Ordered, That this House do, on Monday next, resume the adjourned debate on the question proposed on Wednesday the 15th instant, that the further consideration of the Bill for equalizing the Representation of the People in General Assembly, be deferred until that day three months.

Equalization of Representation Bill postponed

Ordered, That this House do, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee on the General State of the Province, to consider the Law of Debtor and Creditor.

Law of Debtor and Creditor postponed

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at two of the clock.

Monday, 27th February, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Rider, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for establishing separate Boards of School Commissioners in the Counties of Digby and Yarmouth respectively—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill for separate Boards of School Commissioners, &c. Read 1st time

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton:

Mess. from Council

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Mechanics' Whaling Association; also, the Bill, entitled, An Act to extend the privileges of the Fire Engine Men of Halifax, with amendments—to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this Honourable House.

Agree to Bill to Incorporate Halifax Mechanics Whaling Association—
Bill extending privileges Hx. Engine men, with amndts. And to Barrington Lock-up House Bill without amndt.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to provide a Lock-up House and Town House at Barrington, in the County of Shelburne, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The amendments from the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Mechanic's Whaling Association, were read, and are as follow

Council's amendments to Halifax Mechanics Whaling Association Incorporation Bill read 1st

"5th clause, 4th line—After the word "privilege" insert the following words "to lend money by way of discount, or to enter into any Banking operation whatsoever, or."

And the same having been read a second time were agreed to by the House.

and 2d time—
agreed to—
and sent to Council

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendment back to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the said amendment.

The amendments from the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to extend the privileges of the Fire Engine Men of Halifax, were read, and are as follows—

Council's amendments to Bill extending privileges of Fire Engine Men, Hx. read 1st time, and—

1st clause—4th line—after the word "who" insert the words "has performed, or."

7th line—leave out the words "passing of this Act," and insert the words "date of his enrolment."

16th line—leave out the word “then,” and insert the words “now retire, or after such period of service as aforesaid shall hereafter.”

17th line—leave out the word “thereafter,” and insert the words “any longer.”

To be read 2d time

Ordered, That the said amendments be read a second time.

Pictou Academy Bill
read 2d time—

A Bill for founding, establishing, and maintaining an Institution of Learning at Pictou, in this Province, to be called “the Pictou Presbyterian Union Academy”—was read a second time.

and committed

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

Bill relating to Clerks
of Peace, &c., read
2d time

A Bill relating to the Duties of Clerks of the Peace and Overseers of the Poor, was read a second time.

Motion to defer con-
sideration

Mr. Huntington moved that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months, which being seconded,

Amendment to refer
to Sel. Com.

Mr. Archibald moved, by way of amendment to the question, to leave out all the words thereof after the word “that,” and in place of the words so left out to insert the following “the Bill be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon”—which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, thirteen; against it, fourteen.

Negativd

So it passed in the negative.

Original carried

The original question being then put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, eighteen; against it, ten.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Bill deferred

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months.

Rep. from Sel. Com.
on the Bill regulat-
ing Exportation of
Grindstones, &c.
with amendments

Mr. Dickey, from the Select Committee on the Bill respecting the Exportation of Grindstones from the County of Cumberland, reported that the Committee had made several amendments to the said Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill, and he delivered the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Ref. to Com. of whole

Ordered, That the Bill and amendments be referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Polls at Elections Bill
read 1st time—and

Mr. Blackadar, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill further to amend the Act for establishing the times and places of holding the Polls at Elections of Representatives—and the same was read a first time.

Ref. to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to Mr. Blackadar, Mr. S. B. Chipman, and Mr. Marshall, to examine and report upon.

Leave of Absence

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald have leave to return home for a few days on urgent private business.

Committee on Bills

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Rep. Bill to amend
Halifax Incorporation
Bill, with
amendments

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to alter and amend the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax, and had made several amendments to the said Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill, and he afterwards delivered the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of Bills, which the House agreed to.

Amtds. agreed to

The amendments to the said Bill, having been read a first and second time, were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

Rep. from Sel. Com.
on Probate Courts

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Select Committee on the Rules and Orders for regulating the practice and proceedings of the Courts of Probate, and he read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

(See Appendix No. 51.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend an Act to establish sundry regulations for the future disposal of Crown Lands within the Province of Nova Scotia—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Table
Crown Lands dispos-
able Bill
Read 1st time
Orders of Day
Representation Bill
postponed

The Orders of the Day being read,

Ordered, That this House do, to-morrow, resume the adjourned debate on the question proposed on Wednesday, the 15th instant, that the further consideration of the Bill for equalizing the Representation of the People in General Assembly, be deferred until that day three months.

Ordered, That this House do to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the Bill relating to Insolvent Persons and Bankruptcy.

Bankrupt Bill post-
poned
Law of Debtor and
Creditor postponed

Ordered, That the House do, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee on the General State of the Province, for the purpose of considering the Law of Debtor and Creditor.

Committee of Ways
and Means

The House, pursuant to order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again, which the House agreed to.

Report progress—and
leave to sit again

Ordered, That this House do, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Order of Day

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Tuesday, 28th February, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Mr. McLellan moved, that the Order of Yesterday for deferring the further consideration of the Bill relating to the duties of Clerks of the Peace and Overseers of the Poor, be rescinded: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the negative.

Motion to rescind
order to defer Clerks
of the Peace Bill—
negatived

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented—

1.—An Account of Overseers of Poor at Sydney, C. B., for expenses of support of a Transient Maniac.

Acct. of Overseers of
Poor, Sydney, C.B.

Ordered, That the Account be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ref. to Committee of
Supply
Application of Charles
Dodd

2.—An Application of Mr. Charles Dodd, of Sydney, C. B., for compensation for custody of a vessel seized for a breach of the Revenue Laws, and afterwards released with certificate.

Ordered, That the Application be referred to the Committee on Trade.

Ref. to Committee on
Trade

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to repeal the Act for settling Titles in a certain Tract of Land in Cape-Breton, called the Miré Grant, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Miré Grant Bill read
1st time

The Hon. Mr. Howe, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to establish a new Parish, to be called the Parish of Saint Margaret—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Saint Margaret's
Parish Bill read 1st
time

School Commissioners Digby & Yarmouth Bill—	A Bill for establishing separate Boards of School Commissioners in the Counties of Digby and Yarmouth, respectively.
Crown Lands Bill— read 2d time	A Bill to amend an Act to establish sundry regulations for the future disposal of Crown Lands, within the Province of Nova Scotia, were severally read a second time.
Committed	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Orders of Day—	The Orders of the Day being read,
Bankruptcy Bill—	<i>Ordered</i> , That this House do, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Bill relating to Insolvent Persons and Bankruptcy.
Law of Debtor and Creditor—	<i>Ordered</i> , That this House do, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee on the General State of the Province, to consider of the Law of Debtor and Creditor.
Equalizing Representa- tion Bill—	<i>Ordered</i> , That this House do, to-morrow, resume the adjourned debate on the question proposed on Wednesday, the 15th instant, that the further consideration of the Bill for equalizing the Representation of the People in General Assembly, be deferred until that day three months.
Postponed	
Committee of Ways and Means—	The House, pursuant to order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker left the Chair, Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
Report Resolutions	The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had come to several Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House—and he delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table.
Leave to sit again	The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, which the House agreed to.
Ordered to Report to-morrow	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Resolutions be reported to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Wednesday, 1st March, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Adjourned and—	Then the House adjourned until two of the clock this day.
meet again	The House met pursuant to adjournment.
Bill to amend Halifax Incorporation Act read 3d time—	An engrossed Bill to alter and amend the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax, was read a third time.
Passed—	<i>Resolved</i> , That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to alter and amend the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax.
and sent to Council	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence.
Motion for special leave to present Pet. refused	Mr. S. Chipman moved for the special leave of the House to present a Petition of William Victory: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the negative.
Orders of the Day—	The Orders of the Day being read,
Bankruptcy Bill—	<i>Ordered</i> , That the House do, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, further to consider the Bill respecting Insolvent Persons and Bankruptcy.
Law of Debtor and Creditor—	<i>Ordered</i> , That the House do, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee on the General State of the Province, to consider the Law of Debtor and Creditor.
Equalizing Representa- tion Bill—	<i>Ordered</i> , That the House do, to-morrow, resume the adjourned Debate on the question proposed on Wednesday, the 15th February, that the further consideration of the Bill for equalizing the Representation of the People in General Assembly, be deferred until that day three months.
Postponed	
Report from Com. of Ways and Means	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means do now report the several Resolutions, which he was directed to report this day from the Committee, and thereupon—

Mr.

Mr. Clements reported the following Resolutions, which were read :

1.—*Resolved*, That the system of Revenue and Duties now in force be continued the same as last year, from the 31st day of March instant, with the exceptions in the following Resolutions enumerated, until the 5th day of July next, ensuing.

2.—*Resolved*, That Black Teas be charged one penny half-penny per pound, and Green Teas three pence per pound, instead of the present duties.

3.—*Resolved*, That on all Butter there be charged, on British production four shillings, and on Foreign production eight shillings, for every hundred weight, in addition to the Imperial duty, instead of the present duties.

4.—*Resolved*, That on all Foreign Manufactured Tobacco there be charged a duty of one penny half-penny per pound weight, instead of the present duty.

5.—*Resolved*, That on all Raisins, Currants, and Figs, there be charged a duty of ten per cent. ad valorem, instead of the present duties.

6.—*Resolved*, That on, from, and after the 5th day of July next ensuing, on all the articles, whether of British or Foreign growth, production, or manufacture, in the following Table of articles subject to Colonial duties, and exempted from Colonial duties specified, which are not therein declared to be duty free, there shall be raised, levied, imposed, and collected, the several and respective duties set opposite to such articles, in the respective columns of duties to the said Table affixed :

General System of Revenue till 5th July, with exemptions, viz. :—

Teas

Butter

Foreign manufactured Tobacco

Raisins, &c.

General system of Revenue after 5th July

TABLE OF COLONIAL IMPOST DUTIES, AND EXEMPTIONS OF DUTY.

ARTICLES.	COLONIAL IMPOST DUTIES.	
	On British Produce.	On Foreign Produce.
	1ST COLUMN.	2D COLUMN.
Ale, in Bottles—for every £100 of the value,	£7 10 0	£15 0 0
Anchors and Grapnels, and Anchor Palms—for every £100 of the value,	duty free	2 10 0
Apples, fresh or dried—per barrel,	0 4 0	0 4 0
Ashes, to-wit—Pot Ashes and Pearl Ashes,	duty free	duty free
Bacon, per cwt.,	0 6 0	0 12 0
Baggage and Apparel, worn and in use, and not made up and intended for sale,	duty free	duty free
Barley, unground,	duty free	duty free
“ Hulled or Pearl Barley—for every £100 of the value,	7 10 0	17 10 0
Barilla,	duty free	duty free
Beans,	duty free	duty free
Beef, salted, of all sorts—per cwt.,	0 0 9	0 12 0
“ fresh, brought by land or inland navigation—per cwt.,	duty free	0 9 0
“ fresh, otherwise brought—per cwt.,	duty free	0 9 0
Biscuit or Bread—per cwt.,	0 0 9	0 1 8
“ fine, called Crackers or Cakes—per cwt.,	0 0 9	0 3 4
Books, prohibited to be imported into the United Kingdom,	prohibited	prohibited
“ not so prohibited,	duty free	duty free

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Bullion,

Table of Duties

ARTICLES.	COLONIAL IMPOST DUTIES.	
	On British Pro- duce.	On Foreign Pro- duce.
	1st COLUMN.	2d COLUMN.
Bullion, Gold or Silver,	duty free	duty free
Burr Stones,	duty free	duty free
Butter—per cwt.,	0 4 0	0 8 0
Cables, of Hemp, or other vegetable substances—for every £100 value,	duty free	duty free
“ and when exempt from Imperial Duty—for every £100 value,		7 0 0
“ of Iron—for every £100 value,	duty free	12 10 0
Candles, of Wax or Spermaceti—for every £100 value,	7 10 0	7 10 0
“ of Tallow—for every £100 value,	5 0 0	15 0 0
Carriages of Travellers, not for Merchandize, or intended to be sold,	duty free	duty free
Cattle, viz—Asses and Mules,	duty free	duty free
Horse, Mare, or Gelding—each,	duty free	3 4 0
Neat Cattle, viz—Ox or other Neat Cattle, three years old, or upwards—each,	duty free	2 0 0
Cow and Cattle under three years old—each,	duty free	1 0 0
Sheep—each,	duty free	0 3 0
Hog—each,	duty free	1 12 0
Chocolate or Cocoa Paste—for every £100 value,	5 0 0	
“ “ —for every pound weight,		0 0 1
Coal,	duty free	duty free
Cocoa, used in the manufacture of Chocolate,	duty free	duty free
Coffee—per cwt.,	duty free	0 4 4
Clocks, of all kinds—for every £100 of the value,	5 0 0	20 0 0
All wheels, machinery, and materials for manufactur- ing Clocks—for every £100 of the value,	5 0 0	20 0 0
Corkwood,	duty free	duty free
Coin, Base or Counterfeit,	prohibited	prohibited
“ Gold and Silver Coins, and British Copper Coins,	duty free	duty free
Copper, viz—Copper Ore, or in pigs or bricks,	duty free	duty free
“ in plates, sheets, bars, or bolts, for Ship-building,	duty free	duty free
“ wrought or cast, for Machinery, pure, or with other metal,	duty free	duty free

ARTICLES.	COLONIAL IMPOST DUTIES.	
	On British Pro- duce.	On Foreign Pro- duce.
	1st COLUMN.	2d COLUMN.
Copper, viz—Copper Castings of every description, for Ma- chinery, for Mills or Steamboats—Copper and Composition Nails and Spikes, for Ship- building,	duty free	duty free
“ old or worn, or fit only to be re-manufactured,	duty free	duty free
Corn, viz—Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn, and Buckwheat, un- ground,	duty free	duty free
Wheat Flour,	duty free	0 2 0
Corn, viz—Barley Meal, Rye Meal, Oat Meal, Indian Meal, Buckwheat Meal, Peas, Beans, and Calavances,	duty free	duty free
Cordage, tarred or untarred,	duty free	duty free
and when exempted from Imperial Duty—for every £100 value,		7 0 0
Dog Stones,	duty free	duty free
Fish, viz—Fresh,	duty free	duty free
“ Salted, dried, or pickled,	duty free	duty free
Fish Hooks,	duty free	duty free
Fish Oil, viz—Train Oil, Spermaceti Oil, Head Matter, Blubber,	duty free	duty free
Fins and Skins, the produce of fish or crea- tures living in the sea, taken or caught by the crews of British Ships,	duty free	duty free
“ Not taken or caught by British Subjects, or the crews of British Ships, or imported otherwise than from the United Kingdom, or a British Possession,	duty free	duty free
Flax,	duty free	duty free
Fruit, fresh, not otherwise charged with duty—for every £100 value,	5 0 0	5 0 0
Fruit, dried, viz—Raisins, Currants, and Figs—for every £100 value,	10 0 0	10 0 0
Hay and Straw—for every £100 of the value,	5 0 0	20 0 0
Hemp,	duty free	duty free
Hides, or pieces of Hides, raw, not tanned, curried, or dressed,	duty free	duty free
Horns,	duty free	duty free
Iron, viz—In Bars or Pigs, unwrought or Pig Iron,	duty free	duty free
“ Ores of Iron of all kinds,	duty free	duty free

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Iron,

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ARTICLES.	COLONIAL IMPOST DUTIES.	
	On British Pro- duce.	On Foreign Pro- duce.
	1st COLUMN.	2d COLUMN.
Iron, viz—Castings for Machinery, for Mills, for Steam En- gines, and for other purposes, and cast or wrought Pipes and Tubes,	duty free	duty free
Sheet Iron, intended to be used in manufacturing Cut Nails,	duty free	duty free
Iron Rails for Rail Roads, Boiler Plates, and Plough Moulds,	duty free	duty free
Lard—per cwt.,	0 4 0	0 8 0
Leather, Sole Leather—for every £100 value,	5 0 0	
“ “ —for every pound weight,		0 0 1
“ Upper Leather of all sorts—for every £100 value,	5 0 0	
“ “ “ —for every pound weight,		0 0 4
“ Boots, Shoes, and Leather Manufactures of all sorts —for every £100 value,	5 0 0	15 0 0
Lentils,	duty free	duty free
Lime and Limestone,	duty free	duty free
Lines for the Fisheries, of all kinds.	duty free	duty free
Maps and Charts,	duty free	duty free
Machinery, or parts of Machinery, for Steam Engines or Carding Machines, or Agricultural purposes—for every £100 of the value,	duty free	duty free
Meat, fresh—for every £100 of the value,	duty free	10 0 0
Molasses—the gallon,	duty free	0 0 2½
Nets—Fishing Nets and Seines, of all kinds,	duty free	duty free
Oats, unground—for every £100 of the value,	duty free	10 0 0
Oakum—for every £100 of the value,	duty free	duty free
Onions—per cwt.,	0 2 6	0 2 6
Ores of all kinds,	duty free	duty free
Paintings,	duty free	duty free
Pears, fresh or dried—per barrel,	0 4 0	0 4 0
Pitch,	duty free	duty free
Plate, of gold and silver, old and fit only to be re-manu- factured,	duty free	duty free
Plants, shrubs and trees,	duty free	duty free
Pork, salted of all kinds—per cwt.	0 1 3	0 12 0

Pork,

ARTICLES.	COLONIAL IMPOST DUTIES.	
	On British Pro- duce.	On Foreign Pro- duce.
	1st COLUMN.	2d COLUMN.
Pork, fresh, brought by land or inland navigation, or otherwise —per cwt.	duty free	0 9 0
Porter, in bottles—for every £100 of the value,	7 10 0	15 0 0
Poultry, of all sorts, dead—for every £100 of the value,	duty free	10 0 0
Rags, viz. old rags, old rope, junk and old fishing nets,	duty free	duty free
Rice, unground,	duty free	duty free
Rosin,	duty free	duty free
Sails or Rigging saved from vessels wrecked on the coast of the Province,	duty free	duty free
Sail Cloth of all kinds, Canvass included,	duty free	duty free
Salt,	duty free	duty free
Seeds of all kinds,	duty free	duty free
Skins, Furs, Pelts, or Tails, undressed,	duty free	duty free
Spirits, viz—Brandy, Gin, Rum, or other Spirituous Liquors (save and except Rum or Spirits distilled from Molasses, Grain or Fruit) which by any way or method whatsoever shall be manufactured, compounded, or extracted, distilled or made within this Province—the gallon,	0 1 4	
If 5 per cent. over proof, “	0 1 10	
Rum or Spirits distilled in this Province from Molasses, Grain or Fruit—the gallon,	0 0 9	
If 5 per cent. over proof, “	0 1 3	
Spirits and Whiskey, the manufacture of the United Kingdom—the gallon,	0 1 4	
Brandy, Whiskey, Geneva, Cordials and other Spirits, except Rum—the gallon,	0 1 4	0 1 8
Rum, “	0 1 3	0 1 4
Shrub or Santee, “	0 0 10	0 1 4
Stone, unmanufactured, not otherwise charged with duty,	duty free	duty free
Sugar, viz—Of the Maple,	duty free	duty free
“ Do. refined—per cwt.	0 8 0	0 8 0
“ Crushed—per cwt.	0 6 0	0 6 0
“ Do. Brown or Muscovado, not refined—per cwt.	0 2 0	0 2 0
Tallow—for every £100 of the value,	2 10 0	2 10 0
Tar,	duty free	duty free

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Tea,

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ARTICLES.	COLONIAL IMPOST DUTIES.					
	On British Pro- duce.		On Foreign Pro- duce.			
	1st COLUMN.		2d COLUMN.			
Tea, viz—Souchong, Congo, Pekoe, Bohea, Pouchong, and all other Black Teas—for every pound weight,	0	0	1½	0	0	1½
“ Gunpowder, Hyson, Young Hyson, Twankay, and other Green Teas—for every pound weight,	0	0	3	0	0	3
Twines and Lines, used in the Fisheries,	duty free		duty free			
Tobacco, manufactured (except Snuff and Cigars) for every pound weight,	0	0	0½	0	0	1½
Segars and Snuff—for every £100 of the value,	7	10	0	15	0	0
Unmanufactured—for every £100 of the value,	duty free		duty free			
Tongues of Cattle dried or pickled—per cwt.	0	0	9	0	12	0
Tow,	duty free		duty free			
Turpentine.	duty free		duty free			
Vegetables, fresh—for every £100 of the value,	duty free		15 0 0			
Whale Fin or Bone, taken or caught by crews of British ships	duty free		duty free			
Wines, viz—Hock, Constantia, Malmsey, Tokay, Champagne, Burgundy, Hermitage, Claret called Lafitte, Latour, Margeaux or Hautbrian—the gallon,	0	3	0	0	3	0
Madeira and Port—the gallon,	0	2	6	0	2	6
Sherry Wines, of which the first cost is £20 per pipe or upwards—the gallon,	0	2	6	0	2	6
Other Claret Wines, Barsac, Sauterne, Vin de grave, Moselle, and other French Wines, and Lisbon and German Wines—the gallon,	0	1	3	0	1	3
All other Sherry Wines, Teneriffe, Marsala, Sici- lian, Malaga, Fayal and all other Wines—gallon	0	1	3	0	1	3
All Wines the produce of the Cape of Good Hope, except Constantia—the gallon,	0	1	3	0	1	3
Wood, viz—Masts, Spars, Boards, Plank, Deals, Staves, Heading, Shingles, Clapboards, Timber, Laths, Hoops and Wood of all sorts, Lumber the pro- duce of and imported from any British posses- sion, the West Coast of Africa, Wood and Lumber otherwise imported, Cabinet Maker's Wood, Hard Wood,	duty free		duty free			
“ Manufactures of, viz—Chairs, Tables and other House- hold Furniture and Utensils, Carriages of all sorts, Carts, Waggons, Cabinet Maker's Work, Carpenter's Work, and Wheelwright's Work of all kinds, not being for Agricultural purposes— for every £100 of the value,	5	0	0	10	0	0
“ Agricultural Implements and Machinery—for every £100 of the value,	2	10	0	2	10	0
All other Goods, Wares and Merchandize not otherwise charged with duty, and not herein declared to be free of duty—for every £100 value,	5	0	0	5	0	0

7. *Resolved*, That all Animals imported by or through any Agricultural Society, for the purposes of breeding, be admitted duty free.

Breeding Animals
duty free

8. *Resolved*, That the several duties imposed upon Licensed Houses and Shops should be respectively continued from the 31st March instant, at the amount and rates as at present, both in the Town of Halifax, and elsewhere in this Province.

License Duties

The said Resolutions being again read, were agreed to by the House.

Resolutions agreed to

Ordered, That the Hon. Solicitor General, Mr. DesBarres, and Mr. Smith, be a Committee to prepare and report Bills in accordance with the foregoing Resolutions.

Com. to prepare Revenue Bills

Mr. Holmes, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for setting off part of the Township of Egerton as a separate District, for the support of the Poor—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Egerton Poores' division Bill

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House, agreeably to the Resolution of this House—

A Return of Fees received by the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court at Halifax, in the years 1840, 1841, and 1842.

Return of Prothy's Fees presented

(See Appendix No. 52.)

Ordered, That the Return do lie on the Table.

Mr. S Chipman moved for leave at a future day to introduce a Bill respecting the Office of Prothonotary: which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

Leave to bring in a Bill

Ordered accordingly.

Mr. Blackadar reported from the Select Committee on the Bill further to amend the Act for establishing the times and places of holding the Polls at Elections of Representatives—that the Committee had made several amendments to the said Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill; and he delivered the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Polls at Elections amdt. Bill reported—

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

And the same was read a second time accordingly.

Read 2d time and—

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendments be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

committed

Mr. DesBarres reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of J. S. Thompson, to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before this House by order of His Excellency; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

Report on Pet. of J. S. Thompson

(See Appendix No. 53.)

Mr. DesBarres moved, that the Report be received and adopted by the House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, nineteen; against it twenty-four.

Motion to receive

So it passed in the negative.

Negatived

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

The Hon. Solicitor General, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to divide the County of Cape-Breton, and to regulate the same—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill to divide Cape Breton County read 1st time

Ordered, That Mr. Turnbull have leave to introduce, within this week, a Bill to regulate the Harbor Fishery at Port Hood.

Leave to introduce Bills—
Fishery at Port Hood—

Ordered, That Mr. McLellan have leave to introduce, within this week, a Bill respecting Commissioners of Sewers.

Respecting Commrs. of Sewers—

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. Howe have leave to introduce, within this week, two Bills for diking Lands at Chizetcook and Cole Harbour.

Diking Chizetcook and Coal Harbour

Saint Matthew's
Church Bill read
1st time

The Hon. Mr. McNab, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill concerning the property of Saint Matthew's Church or Congregation at Halifax—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Com. of Supply

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report Resolution

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had come to a Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House—and he delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, which the House agreed to.

The Resolution being then read is as followeth—

£15000 Road Service

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds be granted for the General Road Service for the present year.

Agreed to and—
sent to Council

The said Resolution being then read a second time, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Resolution to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Com. on over-expen-
diture

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to investigate the Accounts of Over-expenditures incurred in the service of Roads and Bridges, under the authority of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, now remaining to be provided for.

Ordered, That Mr. Dickson, Mr. S. B. Chipman, Mr. Smith, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Creighton, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.

Representation for
Egerton Bill read
1st time

Mr. Blackadar, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorize the return of a Representative in General Assembly for the Township of Egerton—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Thursday, 2d March, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Miré Grant Bill—

A Bill to repeal the Act for settling Titles in a certain Tract of Land in Cape Breton, called the Miré Grant, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof.

St. Margaret Parish

A Bill to establish a new Parish to be called the Parish of Saint Margaret.

Bill—
Egerton Poors' di-
vision Bill—

A Bill for setting off part of the Township of Egerton, as a separate district for the support of the Poor.

Saint Matthew's
Church Bill—read
2d time and—
committed

A Bill concerning the property of Saint Matthew's Church or Congregation—were severally read a second time.

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

Division line of Guys-
borough and Hali-
fax Bill read 2d
time
Motion to defer

A Bill to alter the line of division between the Counties of Halifax and Guysborough, was read a second time.

Mr. Annand moved, that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-two; against it, ten.

For the motion—

Mr. McLellan	Mr. Annand
" Johnson	" Dimock
" Rider	" Comeau
" Lewis	" Holmes
Hon. Mr. McNab	" Heckman
Mr. Smith	" Martell
" Stairs	" Gates
Hon. Solicitor General	" Crow
Mr. Fulton	" Payzant
" Dickey	" Holdsworth
" Budd	" Zwicker

Against the motion—

Mr. Palmer
" Hatton
" J. R. Dewolf
" Delaney
" Marshall
" McKay
" DesBarres
" Creighton
" Henry
" Blackadar

Division

So it passed in the affirmative.

Carried and—

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months.

Bill deferred

The Order of the Day that the House do again resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the Bill relating to Insolvent Persons and Bankruptcy, being read,

Order of Day, Bankrupt Bill—

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged, and that the House do resolve itself into such Committee at some future day.

discharged

The Order of the Day that the House do resolve into a Committee on the General State of the Province, to consider of the Law of Debtor and Creditor, being read,

Order of Day as to Law of Debtor and Creditor—

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged, and that the House do resolve itself into such Committee at some future day.

discharged

The Order of the Day that the House do resume the adjourned debate on the question proposed on Wednesday, the 15th February, that the further consideration of the Bill for equalizing the Representation of the People in General Assembly, be deferred until that day three months, being read,

Order of Day, adjourned debate on Equalizing Representation Bill—

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged, and that the House do resume the adjourned debate at some future day.

discharged

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.

Com. on Bills

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again, which the House agreed to.

Report progress

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had considered the Bill for founding, establishing and maintaining an Institution of Learning at Pictou, in this Province, to be called "The Pictou Presbyterian Union Academy."

Bill respecting Pictou Academy consider'd

Ordered, That the Report on the said Bill be made to-morrow.

Ordered to be reported to-morrow

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton:

Mess. from Council

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Mechanics' Whaling Association, as amended.

Agree to Hx. Mechanics' Whaling Association Bill as amended—

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Proprietors of Meeting Houses or Churches to raise money from the Pews of the same, for the repairing and upholding thereof; also, to the Bill, entitled, An Act to provide an additional Sitting of the General Sessions of the Peace in King's County, severally with amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

To Meeting House repair Bill, with amds.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mess. from Council—
with Bill for punish-
ment of Fraudulent
Debtors

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act for the punishment of Fraudulent Debtors, to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Returns of Students
and Pupils of Kings
College and Acade-
my at Windsor
presented

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House, agreeably to the Resolution of the House,

A Return of Students at King's College, Windsor, since January, 1838 ; also,

A Return of Pupils who have attended the Collegiate School at Windsor, &c. since January, 1838.

(See Appendix No. 54.)

Ordered, That the Returns do lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Friday, 3d March, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Fraudulent Debtors
punishment Bill
read 1st time

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act for the punishment of Fraudulent Debtors, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Amdts. to Meeting
House Bill read 1st
time and—

The amendments from the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Proprietors of Meeting Houses and Churches to raise money from the Pews of the same, for the repairing and upholding thereof, were read and are as followeth :

1. 1st clause—18th line—Leave out the words “ to nominate and appoint.”

2. 20th line—After the word “ meeting ” insert the following words “ to declare the amount of money necessary and proper to be raised for such purposes, and by a like vote to nominate and appoint.”

3. 22d line—after the word “ the ” insert the word “ said.”

4. 23d line—after the word “ money ” insert the words “ so found and declared to be.”

5. 2d clause—at the end of the clause insert the following Proviso : “ Provided that it shall be lawful, within the said term of ten years, to let the said pews from year to year, until the said rate or assessment shall be fully paid off, after due notice previous to each letting shall have been given, in manner as hereinbefore directed in the case of the first letting.”

6. 5th clause—3d line—after the word “ to ” insert the words “ any Church or Congregation is or shall be in communion with the Church of England and Ireland, as by Law established, or to.”

Ordered, That the amendments be read a second time.

ordered to be read a
2d time

Amdts. to King's
County Sessions
Bill read and—

The amendments from the Council to the Bill, entitled: An Act to provide for an additional Sitting of the General Sessions of the Peace, in King's County, were read, and are as followeth :

“ 1st clause—8th line—after the word “ sitting ” leave out all the words to the word “ any,” in the 18th line, and insert instead thereof the following words—“ it shall and may be lawful for such General Sessions of the Peace to grant and order, to or for any person or persons, Shop or Tavern Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, in case the person or persons applying for such License shall make it to appear to such General Sessions of the Peace, that he or they were unavoidably prevented from applying for such License at the previous October Term or Sitting : provided that such License so granted shall not continue in force, or extend beyond the next succeeding Term or Sitting of the said General Sessions of the Peace.”

2d clause—3d line—after the word “ whatsoever,” leave out the remainder of the clause, and insert instead thereof the following words—“ which are now made returnable at the next October Term or Sitting of the General Sessions of the Peace, at Kentville, shall

shall continue and remain returnable to that Term, notwithstanding the intermediate Term or first Sitting of the General Sessions of the Peace hereby appointed."

And the same having been read a second time, were agreed to by the House.

Agreed to and—
sent to Council

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendments back to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the said amendments.

The Order of the Day for bringing up the report of the Committee of the whole House on the Bill for founding, establishing and maintaining an Institution of Learning at Pictou, in this Province, to be called "The Pictou Presbyterian Union Academy," being read,

Report on Pictou
Academy Bill
brought up

Ordered, That the said Report be now made.

Mr. Smith accordingly reported from the Committee, that the Committee had considered the Bill for founding, establishing, and maintaining an Institution of Learning at Pictou, in this Province, to be called "the Pictou Presbyterian Union Academy," and that the Committee had directed him to report that it be recommended to the House to defer the further consideration of the Bill to this day three months—and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Mr. Blackadar moved that the report be not received, and that the House do come to a resolution as followeth:

Motion to re-commit
to insert £444 annually

Whereas, it was proposed by the Bill, entitled, An Act for founding, establishing and maintaining an Institution of Learning at Pictou, in this Province, to cement the union happily effected between the two Presbyterian Bodies in that County, and it is reasonable that the same sum should be assigned to them as was granted last Session to the Catholic and Baptist Bodies for their respective Institutions for a period of three years: *Resolved therefore*, that the report for deferring the said Bill for three months be not received, and that the same be recommitted, for the purpose of inserting the following clause,

And be it enacted, That the said Trustees shall be entitled to draw from the Treasury of said Province, the sum of £444 of lawful money of Nova-Scotia, in each and every year for two years, to be appropriated by the said Trustees for the general uses and purposes of said Academy; Provided always, that such sufficient proof shall be adduced in each and every year, to the satisfaction of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, and the Executive Council, that the sum of £100 each has been raised by the Members of the said two Bodies respectively, and applied for the general uses and purposes of said Academy: which being seconded,

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by way of amendment to the question, moved to leave out all the words thereof, both before and after the word "Resolved," and in place of the words so left out, after the word "Resolved" to insert the following words, "That although the Presbyterians as a Body are fully entitled to the same privileges as other denominations, yet inasmuch as the proposed Institution is to be an Academy only, therefore the sum of three hundred pounds annually would be sufficient for the endowment of such a seminary, and therefore that the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of endowing it with that amount for the years 1843 and 1844:" which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, nine; against it, thirty-six.

Amdt. moved to re-commit
for insert-
ing £300 annually

Amdt. put and nega-
tived

For the amendment—

Against the amendment—

Hon. Mr. Dodd

Mr. Rider

Mr. Clements

Mr. McKay

Mr. Smith

" Homer

" Heckman

" Comeau

" Fairbanks

" Crow

" Dimock

" S. Chipman

" Palmer

" J. R. Dewolf

" Turnbull

" Stairs

" Dickey

" Payzant

" McKenna

Hon. Mr. Howe

Hon. Solicitor General

" Hatton

" Huntington

Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf

Mr. Gates

" Delaney

" Amard

" Henry

" Thorne

" Johnson

" McLellan

" Marshall

" Zwicker

" Taylor

" Holmes

" Blackadar

" Budd

" Fulton

" Dickson

" Martell

" DesBarres

Hon. Mr. McNab

" Creighton

" Spearwater

Mr. S. B. Chipman

So it passed in the negative.

Amdt. to receive report—

Mr. Henry then moved, by way of amendment to the original question, to leave out all the words thereof both before and after the word "Resolved," and in place of the words so left out, after the word "Resolved" to insert the following words, "That as the friends of the Bill have stated their unwillingness to receive a reasonable Academical endowment for the Institution at Pictou, and that as the Educational condition of the country does not admit of so large a Grant as that proposed, the Report of the Committee be received:" which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, eighteen; against it, twenty-eight.

put, and negatived

For the amendment—

Mr. S. Chipman	Mr. Heckman
Hon. Mr. Howe	" Clements
Mr. Stairs	" Payzant
" Henry	" Martell
" Comeau	" Huntington
" Marshall	" Homer
" Spearwater	" Zwicker
" DesBarres	" Rider
" Annand	" McKenna

Against the amendment—

Mr. J. R. Dewolf	Mr. McLellan
" Thorne	" Holmes
" Hatton	" Fulton
" Delaney	Hon. Mr. Dodd
" Johnson	Mr. Dickey
" Taylor	" McKay
" Budd	" Palmer
" Creighton	" Smith
" Crow	" Fairbanks
" Dimock	" Blackadar
" Beckwith	" T. A. S. Dewolf
" Turnbull	" Dickson
" Gates	" S. B. Chipman
Hon. Solicitor General	Hon. Mr. McNab

So it passed in the negative.

The original Resolution being then put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the Resolution, seventeen; against it, twenty-nine.

Original put and negatived

For the Resolution—

Mr. Dickson	Mr. Turnbull
Hon. Mr. McNab	" Dimock
Mr. Blackadar	" Crow
" T. A. S. Dewolf	" Delaney
" Dickey	" J. R. Dewolf
" McKay	" Johnson
" Holmes	" Hatton
" McLellan	" Beckwith
" Fulton	

Against the Resolution—

Mr. Rider	Mr. McKenna
" Payzant	" Heckman
" Spearwater	" Gates
" Thorne	Hon. Solicitor General
" Zwicker	Mr. S. B. Chipman
" Clements	Hon. Mr. Dodd
" Taylor	Mr. Annand
" Budd	" DesBarres
" Creighton	" Henry
" Homer	" Comeau
" Martell	" Palmer
" Huntington	" Smith
Hon. Mr. Howe	" Fairbanks
Mr. Stairs	" Marshall
" S. Chipman	

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Smith then moved, that the report of the Committee be not received, but that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-three; against it, eighteen.

Motion to re-commit

So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Carried

Mess. from Council—
agree to Great Road
Service Resolution

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this Honourable House for granting the sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds for the General Road Service, for the present year.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Cont. on Bills

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill for founding, establishing, and maintaining an Institution of Learning at Pictou, in this Province, to be called "the Pictou Presbyterian Union Academy," and that the Committee had directed him to report, that it be recommended to the House to defer the further consideration of the said Bill until the next Session.

Report Pictou Academy Bill

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, which the House agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. Dodd moved, that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of adding thereto the following clause:

Motion to re-commit to add a clause

And whereas, it is desirable, before this Act shall come into operation, that it shall be fully ascertained and known that its provisions will be conducive to the proposed union of the said two Presbyterian Bodies; *And whereas*, this House has rejected the annual vote for £444, towards the support of the said Institution, but will agree to give for that object the sum of £300 annually, for two years, which the friends of the said Institution do not feel themselves at liberty to accept, without consulting the Trustees and Representatives of the said two Presbyterian Bodies; and for that purpose—*Be it enacted*, That this Act shall not be of any force or effect, or come into operation, until the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being shall, by Proclamation, so direct and order: which, being seconded,

Mr. McLellan, by way of amendment to the question, moved to leave out all the words thereof after the word "that," and in place of the words so left out, to insert the following words—"the report be received, and that the Bill be deferred until the next Session": which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, twenty-five; against it, twenty-one.

Amdt. to receive report

For the amendment—

Mr. S. Chipman	Mr. Huntington
" Clements	" Stairs
Hon. Mr. Howe	" McLellan
Mr. Smith	" McKenna
" Annand	" Martell
" Dickson	" Spearwater
" Fairbanks	" Comeau
" Marshall	" Palmer
" Rider	" Zwicker
" DesBarres	" Payzant
" Heckman	" Taylor
" S. B. Chipman	" Holdsworth
" Henry	

Against the amendment—

Mr. J. R. Dewolf	Mr. McKay
" Beckwith	" Blackadar
" Hatton	" Fulton
" Thorne	" Turnbull
" Creighton	" Holmes
" Budd	Hon. Solicitor General
" Dickey	Hon. Mr. Dodd
" Delaney	Mr. Lewis
" Dimock	" T. A. S. Dewolf
" Gates	Hon. Mr. McNab
" Crow	

So it passed in the affirmative.

Carried and—

The question, as amended, being then put,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until the next Session.

Bill deferred

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House the Memorial of the Directors of the Prince Edward Island Steam Navigation Company, praying that measures may be adopted not only for rendering the communication remunerative, but also for making the same more extensive, which His Excellency recommended to the favorable consideration of the House.

Memorial of Directors of P. E. Island Steam Boat presented

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade.

The Hon. Solicitor General reported from the Select Committee on Navigation Securities, and he read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

Report of Com. on Nav. Sec.

(See Appendix No. 55.)

The Hon. Solicitor General moved, that the Report be received and adopted by the House—which, being seconded,

Motion to receive and adopt

Mr. McLellan moved, by way of amendment to the question, to leave out all the words thereof after the word "That," and in place of the words so left out, to insert the following words,

Amdt. not to receive part relating to White Island Light House negatived

words, "so much of the said report as relates to building a Light House on White Island be not received:" which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, nineteen; against it, twenty-one.

So it passed in the negative.

Amdt. not to receive part as to building White Island Light House next Summer, carried

Mr. Smith then moved, by way of amendment to the question, to leave out all the words thereof after the word "That," and in place of the words so left out, to insert the following words, "so much of the said Report as recommends the building of a Light House on White Island the ensuing summer be not received by the House:" which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the affirmative.

Resolved, That so much of the Report as recommends the building of a Light House on White Island the ensuing summer, be not received by the House.

Rest of Report rec'd. and adopted

On motion, *resolved*, that the Report, with the foregoing exception, be received and adopted by the House.

and ref. to Com. of Supply

Ordered, That so much of the Report as recommends grants of money, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Report on Pet. of D. B. McNab

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of Dugald B. McNab favorably to the prayer thereof—and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

(See Appendix No. 56.)

Ref. to Committee of Supply

Ordered, That the Report and Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Rep. on Despatch as to Fishery, Pilotage and Revenue Laws

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Committee on Expiring Laws, on the Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary for the Colonies, dated 3d February, 1843, relative to certain Acts of the General Assembly, concerning Fishery Regulations, Pilotage, Revenue, &c. referred to that Committee—and he read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

(See Appendix No. 57.)

Laid on Table

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Report on Comms. Report for Indian Affairs

Mr. Marshall reported from the Select Committee on the Report from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs—and he read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

(See Appendix No. 58.)

Received and adopted and—referred to Committee of Supply

On motion, *resolved*, that the report be received and adopted by the House.
Ordered, That the report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Report on Petitions—of Geo. E. Jean—of H. O'Reilly and al.—of Andrew Meuse and al.

Mr. Marshall further reported from the Select Committee on the Report of the Commissioner for Indian Affairs, on the several Petitions of George E. Jean, of the Reverend Hugh O'Reilly and others, and of Andrew Meuse and others, referred to that Committee—and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

(See Appendix No. 59.)

Ref. to Committee of Supply

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Fire Engine Men Bill amends. read and—agreed to and—Sent to Council

The amendments from the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to extend the privileges of the Fire Engine Men at Halifax, were read a second time and agreed to by the House.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendments back to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the said amendments.

2d Report of Central Board of Education

The Hon. Mr. McNab, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House the second Annual Report of the Central Board of Education, accompanied by a Letter from the Secretary of the Central Board to the Secretary of the Province.

(See Appendix No. 60.)

Ref. to Committee on Education

Ordered, That the Report and Letter be referred to the Committee on Education.

The

The Hon. Mr. McNab also, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House—

Acct. of Expenses of
Waterloo Hospital

An Account of Expenses incurred by the Commissioners of the Poor at Halifax, during the last year, at Waterloo Hospital, occupied as a Fever Hospital.

Ordered, That the Account be referred to Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Dickey, and Mr. S. Chipman, to examine and report upon.

Ref. to Sel. Com.

A Petition of James Turnbull, Esquire, was presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying the investigation of a certain surcharge made against Petitioner, as Collector of Light Duties at Arichat, by the Committee of Public Accounts.

Pet. of J. Turnbull

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of this House on the Public Accounts.

Ref. to Com. of House
on Public Accounts

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Saturday, 4th March, 1843.

PRAYERS.

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act for the punishment of Fraudulent Debtors, was read a second time.

Fraudulent Debtors—
Bill read 2d time

Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf moved, that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the affirmative.

Motion to defer carried and—

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months.

Bill deferred

The Hon. Mr. Howe, pursuant to leave given on a former day, presented a Bill to incorporate the Cole Harbour Dike Company, and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill to Incorporate
Cole Harbor Dike
Company and—

The Hon. Mr. Howe, pursuant to leave given on a former day, presented a Bill to incorporate the Chezetcook Dike Company, and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill to Incorporate
Chezetcook Dike
Co. read 1st time

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee on the General State of the Province, to consider of the Law of Debtor and Creditor.

Com. on Gen. State
of the Province—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the business referred to them, and had come to two Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House—and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where they were again read, as followeth:

report—

1. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Effects, Debts, and Credits, of Insolvent Debtors, should be equally divided among the Creditors of such Insolvent, at an equal pound rate.

Resolutions

2. *Resolved*, That all Insolvent Debtors, whose Estates shall pay, after deducting all expenses, a dividend of shillings in the pound, shall be entitled to a certificate to discharge and protect their persons from arrest, and to free their future acquisitions of property from liability for preceding engagements.

The said Resolutions were then, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Res. agreed to

On motion, *resolved*, that a Select Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill in accordance with the foregoing Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Hon. Solicitor General, Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Creighton, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.

Com. to bring in a Bill

Letter from Dy. PM.
General with state-
ments, &c.

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House, agreeably to a Resolution of the House,

A Letter from the Acting Deputy Postmaster General to the Acting Provincial Secretary, dated 4th March, 1843, with statements of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Post Office Department in this Province, for the three quarters, ending 5th October, 1842, and Returns of the numbers of Letters passing the Post Offices in Nova Scotia in three several weeks.

(See Appendix No. 61.)

Ordered, That the Letter, Statements, and Returns, be referred to the Committee on the Post Office Department.

Cont. on "Marshall's
Justice"

On motion of Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf, *resolved*, that a Select Committee be appointed to enquire and report as to the number of Copies of "Marshall's Justice" forwarded for sale to the respective Clerks of the Peace, and the Returns made by them.

Ordered, That Mr. McLellan, Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf, and Mr. Smith, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.

Committee on Bills—

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

report—

Miré Grant Bill—

New Glasgow Fire-

wards Bill—

Disposing Old Roads

Bill—

without amendments

Exportation of Grind-

stones Bill—

Division of Digby

Poor Bill—

with amendments

To refer Highways
amendment Bill to
Select Committee

To defer Mahone Bay
Fisheries Bill three
months

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to repeal the Act for settling Titles in a certain Tract of Land in Cape Breton, called the Miré Grant, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof; also, the Bill to extend to New Glasgow certain Acts respecting Firewards and Fires; also, that they had again gone through the Bill for disposing of Old Roads, and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills to the House, severally without any amendment. That the Committee had also gone through the Bill respecting the Exportation of Grindstones from the County of Cumberland; also, the Bill for dividing the Township of Digby into separate districts, for the support of the Poor, and that the Committee had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bills. That the Committee had also considered the Bill to continue the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges, and that the Committee had directed him to report that it be recommended to the House to refer that Bill to a Select Committee to examine and report upon. That the Committee had also considered the Bill for the regulation of the Fisheries at the Head of Mahone Bay, and that the Committee had directed him to report that it be recommended to the House to defer the further consideration of that Bill until this day three months—and he afterwards delivered the several Bills and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of Bills, which the House agreed to.

Amnts. agreed to
and—

The amendments to the Bills reported with amendments, were then severally read, and agreed to by the House.

Bills to be engrossed

Ordered, That the Bills, with the amendments, be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bills reported without amendment, be engrossed.

Sel. Com. on High-
ways Amtd. Bill

Ordered, That the Bill to continue the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads, and Bridges, be referred to Mr. Blackadar, Mr. Turnbull, and Mr. Huntington, to examine and report upon.

Mahone Bay Fisheries
Bill deferred

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Bill for the regulation of the Fisheries at the Head of Mahone Bay, be deferred until this day three months.

Bill respecting Com-
missioners of Streets
for Arichat

Mr. Henry reported from the Select Committee to examine into the Laws respecting Statute Labor, and thereupon presented a Bill to extend to the Town of Arichat the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr.

Mr. S. Chipman, pursuant to leave given on a former day, presented a Bill concerning the Prothonotaries of the Supreme Court and Clerks of the Crown, throughout the Province—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill concerning Prothonotaries
read 1st time

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at twelve of the clock.

Monday, 6th March, 1843.

PRAYERS.

The amendments from the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the proprietors of Meeting Houses or Churches to raise money from the Pews of the same, for the repairing and upholding thereof, were read a second time.

Amdts. to Meeting House Bill read 2d time and—

On motion of Mr. McLellan, *resolved*, that all the said amendments, except the second and fourth amendments, be agreed to by the House.

agreed to with exceptions, viz—

On motion of Mr. McLellan, *resolved*, that the second amendment proposed to the said Bill be amended as follows: leave out all the words proposed by the said amendment to be inserted in the Bill, from the word "declare" to the word "and," and in place of the words so left out, to insert the following words—"the necessity of such repairs, and that the expenses shall not exceed such sum as may then be named."

Second amendment amended—

On motion of Mr. McLellan, *resolved*, that the fourth amendment proposed to the Bill be amended as follows: leave out all the words proposed by said amendment to be inserted in the Bill, after the word "so," and in place of the words so left out, to insert the words "named and."

Fourth amendment amended—

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendments back to the Council, and acquaint them with the foregoing Resolutions.

Sent back to Council

Then the House adjourned until two of the clock this day.

Adjournment

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Meet again

Mr. Fairbanks, from the Select Committee on the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to amend the Act passed in the fourth year of Her present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to improve the Administration of the Law, and to reduce the number of Courts of Justice within the Province, and to diminish the expense of the Judiciary therein—that the Committee had made several amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill; and he delivered the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Sel. Com. on Amdt. to Judiciary Act Bill report Bill with amendments

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Bill read 2d time and

And the same was read a second time accordingly.

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendments be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Committed

An engrossed Bill for disposing of Old Roads, was read a third time.

Disposing Old Roads Bill read 3d time

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for disposing of Old Roads.

An engrossed Bill to extend to the Town of New Glasgow certain Acts respecting Firewards and Fires, was read a third time.

New Glasgow Firewards Bill read 3d time

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to extend to the Town of New Glasgow certain Acts respecting Firewards and Fires.

An engrossed Bill to repeal the Act for settling titles in a certain Tract of Land in Cape Breton, called the Miré Grant, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof, was read a third time.

Miré Grant Bill read 3d time

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to repeal the Act for settling titles in a certain Tract of Land in Cape Breton, called the Miré Grant, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof.

An engrossed Bill respecting the exportation of Grindstones from the County of Cumberland, was read a third time.

Exportation of Grindstones Bill read 3d time

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act respecting the measuring of Grindstones in the County of Cumberland.

Division of Township
of Digby Bill read
read 3d time

An engrossed Bill for dividing the Township of Digby into separate Districts, for the support of the Poor, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for dividing the Township of Digby into separate Districts, for the support of the Poor.

Resolution as to Poor
Settlers Loan
moved—

Mr. McLellan moved the House do come to a Resolution as followeth :

Resolved, That the balance due the Province from the several Counties, for money obtained under the Act of 1837, to grant relief to Poor Settlers, be paid this Session, agreeably to the provisions of said Act : which, being seconded,

Améts. moved

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by way of amendment to the question, moved to leave out all the words thereof after the word "*Resolved*," and in place of the words so left out to insert the following words : " That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to appoint Commissioners, in the recess, for the several Counties of this Province, to enquire and report to His Excellency, for the information of the House, the expenditure and application of monies advanced under the Act for the Loan to Poor Settlers, and the ability of persons who may have borrowed the same to repay the amounts received by them, and how much of the money may have been recovered, and how the same has been disposed of, and that all monies collected be paid in : which, being seconded,

And a debate arising on the question and amendment,

Previous question
moved

Mr. S. Chipman moved the previous question, that the question be now put : which, being seconded,

Adjournment moved
—put and lost

Mr. Fairbanks moved, that the House do now adjourn : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-one ; against it, twenty-eight.

So it passed in the negative.

Previous question put
and carried

The previous question, that the question be now put, being put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-eight ; against it, twenty-one.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Amendment put

Accordingly, the amendment proposed to the original question was then put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, twenty-seven ; against it, twenty-two.

Division

For the amendment—

Against the amendment—

Mr. Payzant	Mr. Dimock
" Smith	" Archibald
" S. Chipman	" Zwicker
Hon. Solicitor General	" Dickey
Mr. Henry	" Turnbull
Hon. Mr. McNab	" Crow
Mr. Fulton	" Creighton
" Beckwith	" Martell
" Marshall	Hon. Mr. Howe
" Stairs	Mr. Palmer
" Blackadar	" McKay
" Heckman	" Hatton
Hon. Mr. Dodd	" S. B. Chipman
Mr. Annand	

Mr. J. R. Dewolf	Mr. Homer
" Clements	" Lewis
" Taylor	" Fairbanks
" Thorne	" Forrestall
" Budd	" DesBarres
" Johnson	" Comeau
" Spearwater	" Rider
" Holmes	" Huntington
" Holdsworth	" T. A. S. Dewolf
" McKenna	" Dickson
" Gates	" McLellan

Carried

So it passed in the affirmative.

Amended resolution

The main question as amended being then put,

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to appoint Commissioners in the recess, for the several Counties of this Province, to enquire and report to His Excellency, for the information of the House, the expenditure and application of Monies advanced under the Act for the Loan to Poor Settlers, and the ability of persons who may have borrowed the same to repay the amounts received by them, and how much of the money may have been reserved, and how the same has been disposed of, and that all monies collected be paid in.

A Message

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to extend the privileges of the Fire Engine Men of Halifax; also, to the Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for an additional Sitting of the General Sessions of the Peace, in King's County, severally, as amended.

The Council have agreed to the amendments proposed by this Honourable House to the amendments proposed by the Council, to the Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Proprietors of Meeting Houses or Churches to raise money from the Pews of the same, for the repairing and upholding thereof.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Proprietors of Meeting Houses or Churches to raise money from the Pews of the same, for the repairing and upholding thereof, be agreed to as amended.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill back to the Council, and acquaint them with foregoing Resolution.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Tuesday, 7th March, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Mr. J. R. Dewolf moved, that the Resolution of yesterday for appointing Commissioners to enquire into the expenditure and application of the monies advanced under the Act for the Loan to Poor Settlers, &c. be rescinded: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-two; against it, twenty-five.

For the motion—

- Mr. Clements
- “ DesBarres
- “ Dickson
- “ T. A. S. Dewolf
- “ Huntington
- “ Fairbanks
- “ McKenna
- “ Homer
- “ McLellan
- “ Marshall
- “ Gates
- Mr. Rider
- “ Lewis
- “ Forrestall
- “ Holmes
- “ Holdsworth
- “ Spearwater
- “ Thorne
- “ Taylor
- “ Budd
- “ Johnson
- “ J. R. Dewolf

Against the motion—

- Mr. Heckman
- Hon. Solicitor General
- Mr. Stairs
- “ Hatton
- “ Zwicker
- “ Dickey
- “ Palmer
- “ Martell
- “ Payzant
- “ Turnbull
- “ Beckwith
- “ McKay
- “ S. Chipman
- Mr. Henry
- “ Crow
- “ Comeau
- “ S. B. Chipman
- “ Smith
- “ Annand
- “ Fulton
- “ Archibald
- Hon. Mr. Howe
- Mr. Dimock
- Hon. Mr. McNab
- Mr. Blackadar

Mess. from Council—

Agreeing to Fire Engine Bill, and King's Cy. Sessions Bill as amended

Agree to amendts. to Meeting House Bill

Meeting House Bill passed as amended

Sent to Council

Motion to rescind Resolution relative to Poor Settlers Loan

Division

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Huntington moved, that the House do come to a Resolution, as followeth :

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be requested to direct the Attorney General to enforce the Terms of the Act passed in the Session of 1837, entitled, An Act to afford relief to Poor Settlers, in such manner as to secure all such sums as are still due and recoverable under that Act: which, being seconded,

Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf, by way of amendment to the question, moved to leave out all the words thereof after the word “ Resolved,” and in place of the words so left out, to insert the following words, “ That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to direct immediate enquiry to be made of the County Treasurers, what amounts are in their hands on account of Loan to Poor Settlers, and to remit the same forthwith to the Treasurer of the Province; and also, to forward forthwith a List of Notes in their hands, taken for that Loan, and a Statement of persons probably able to pay their respective obligations; and also, to direct enquiry to be made forthwith of all Commissioners appointed to distribute that Loan, to furnish without delay, an account of monies received

Negatived

Motion for Instructions to carry out Poor Settlers Relief Act

Amendment moved—

put and lost

by them, and how appropriated, and where they have money in hand to remit the same at once to the Treasurer of the Province :” which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, twenty-two : against it, twenty-seven.

So it passed in the negative.

Original Resolution
put and lost

The original Resolution being then put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, eighteen ; against it, thirty-one.

For the motion—

Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf
“ Lewis
“ Dickson
“ Huntington
“ McLellan
“ Clements
“ Spearwater
“ Homer
“ J. R. Dewolf

Mr. Rider
“ Thorne
“ Budd
“ Taylor
“ Comeau
“ Fairbanks
“ Johnson
“ McKenna
“ Holdsworth

Against the motion—

Mr. Zwicker
“ Heckman
“ Hatton
“ Forrestall
“ Holmes
“ Beckwith
“ Creighton
“ Dickey
“ Martell
“ Turnbull
“ Henry
“ Marshall
“ Crow
“ S. B. Chipman
“ DesBarres
“ Stairs

Mr. Smith
“ Dimock
“ Palmer
“ Payzant
“ McKay
“ Fulton
Hon. Mr. Howe
Hon. Mr. Dodd
Mr. Blackadar
“ Gates
“ S. Chipman
Hon. Solicitor General
Mr. Annand
Hon. Mr. McNab
Mr. Archibald

So it passed in the negative.

Message from Council
with Policies of In-
surance Bill

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the Recovery of Debts due on Policies of Assurance ; also, a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Imprisonment for Debts : to which Bills severally they desire the concurrence of this Honourable House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act relative to the recovery of Debts due on Policies of Assurance.

Imprisonment of Debt
Bill
Bills read 1st time

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act relating to Imprisonment for Debts—were severally read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Mess. from Council—

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Proprietors of Meeting Houses or Churches to raise money from the Pews of the same, for the repairing and upholding thereof, as amended.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Report on “ Marshall's
Justice ”

Mr. McLellan reported from the Select Committee appointed to enquire and report upon the copies of “ Marshall's Justice ” forwarded to the Clerks of the Peace, and the returns made by them—and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

(See Appendix No. 62.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Resolution to enforce
payment of “ Mar-
shall's Justice ”

On motion of Mr. McLellan, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to direct that the persons who owe the Province money on account of the Book called “ Marshall's Justice,” be required to pay the same into the Province Treasury immediately, and in case of refusal or neglect to comply therewith for the space of three months, to direct the Attorney General to enforce payment.

Revenue Bills report-
ed, viz :—

The Hon. Solicitor General reported from the Committee to prepare and bring in the Revenue Laws, and thereupon presented nine Bills, viz :

A Bill

<p>A Bill to continue and amend the 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.</p>	<p>Colonial Impost Duties Act continuing Bill</p>
<p>A Bill 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.</p>	<p>Colonial Impost Duties Bill</p>
<p>A Bill to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods.</p>	<p>Importation Bill</p>
<p>A Bill to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods.</p>	<p>Warehousing Bill</p>
<p>A Bill to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks.</p>	<p>Drawbacks Bill</p>
<p>A Bill to continue the Act for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties.</p>	<p>General regulation of Duties Bill</p>
<p>A Bill to continue and amend the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling.</p>	<p>Smuggling prevention Bill</p>
<p>A Bill to continue and amend the Act for granting Duties on Licences for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and the Act to alter the same.</p>	<p>License Duties Bill</p>
<p>A Bill to continue the Act for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and for Sales by Auction, in Halifax, and the Act to alter the same—and the same were severally read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time,</p>	<p>License Duties, Hx.</p>
<p>The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House a Letter from the Judges of Nova Scotia, addressed to His Excellency, relative to their conveyance to their Circuits to Cape Breton, with certain Accounts of expenses incurred.</p>	<p>Letter from Judges as to Cape Breton Circuits, with Accounts</p>
<p>(See Appendix No. 63.)</p>	
<p>Ordered, That the Letter and Accounts do lie on the Table.</p>	<p>Laid on Table</p>
<p>Mr. Dickson reported from the Select Committee on the over-expenditures on Roads and Bridges, authorized by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.</p>	<p>Report from Com. on Over-expenditures</p>
<p>(See Appendix No. 64.)</p>	
<p>Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.</p>	<p>Laid on Table</p>
<p>Mr. Dickson, from the Select Committee on the Bill to authorize the sale of the old Court House at Truro, that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bill to the House without any amendment.</p>	<p>Report of Sel. Com. on Truro Court House Bill</p>
<p>Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.</p>	<p>Bill recommitted</p>
<p>The Hon. Mr. Howe reported from the Select Committee on Trade; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.</p>	<p>Report from Select Com. on Trade</p>
<p>(See Appendix No. 65.)</p>	
<p>Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.</p>	<p>Referred to Com. of Supply</p>
<p>The Hon. Mr. Howe reported from the Select Committee on Trade, on the Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Survey of Timber and Lumber, that the Committee had made several amendments to the said Bill, which the Committee had directed him to report to the House with the Bill—and he delivered the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.</p>	<p>Com. of Trade reported Survey of Timber and Lumber Bill, with amdts.</p>
<p>Ordered, that the Bill be now read a second time.</p>	<p>Bill read 2d time and</p>
<p>And the same was read a second time accordingly.</p>	<p>Committed</p>
<p>Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.</p>	<p>Committed</p>
<p>Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.</p>	

 Wednesday, 8th March, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Engrossed continuing
Bills read 3d time,
viz—
Lotteries suppression

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for the suppression of Lotteries, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act for the suppression of Lotteries.

Sydney Pilotage

An engrossed Bill to continue the Acts now in force to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Sydney, in the Island of Cape-Breton, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, 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.

Disorderly Riding

An engrossed Bill to continue the Acts in force to prevent Disorderly Riding, and to regulate the Driving of Carriages on the Streets of Halifax, or other Towns, or on the Public Roads of this Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Acts now in force to prevent Disorderly Riding, and to regulate the Driving of Carriages on the Streets of Halifax, or other Towns, or on the Public Roads of this Province.

Halifax Pilotage

An engrossed Bill 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, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, 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.

King's Cy. Landings

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to regulate certain Landings in the County of King's County, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act to regulate certain Landings in the County of King's County.

Beef Weighing

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Weighing of Beef, and the Acts in amendment thereof, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Weighing of Beef, and the Acts in amendment thereof.

Lunenburg Fisheries

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to prevent Injuries to the Fisheries within the County of Lunenburg, by Mill Dams, or any other obstruction, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act to prevent Injuries to the Fisheries within the County of Lunenburg, by Mill Dams, or any other obstruction.

Fishermen's Nets

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen by Coasting Vessels, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen by Coasting Vessels.

Trespasses amendt.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act further to amend the Act relating to Trespasses, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act further to amend the Act relating to Trespasses.

Trespasses

An engrossed Bill to continue the Acts now in force relating to Trespasses, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Acts now in force relating to Trespasses.

Richmond Fishery

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries in the County of Richmond, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries in the County of Richmond.

Shubenacadie Fishery

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fishery in the River Shubenacadie, was read a third time.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fishery in the River Shubenacadie.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to amend an Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax, was read a third time.

Halifax Grammar School

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act to amend an Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to authorize the sale of Coals by weight, was read a third time.

Sale of Coals by wt.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act to authorize the sale of Coals by weight.

An engrossed Bill 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, was read a third time.

Nova Scotia Bank

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, 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.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island, in this Province, was read a third time.

Sable Island

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island, in this Province.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for establishing a Harbor Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape Breton, was read a third time.

Bridgeport Harbor Master

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act for establishing a Harbor Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape Breton.

An engrossed Bill 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, was read a third time.

County and District Rates

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, 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.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, and the Acts in amendment thereof, was read a third time.

Expenditure on Roads and Bridges

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, and the Acts in amendment thereof.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province, was read a third time.

Poor

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships of this Province.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act to prevent Nuisances by Hedges, Wears, and other Incumbrances, obstructing the passage of Fish in the Rivers of this Province, was read a third time.

River Nuisances

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to make perpetual the Act to continue the Act in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act to prevent Nuisances by Hedges, Wears, and other Incumbrances, obstructing the passage of Fish in the Rivers of this Province.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act additional concerning Nuisances, was read a third time.

Nuisances

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act additional concerning Nuisances.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to suspend the operation of the Acts to prevent Forestalling, Re-grating, and Monopolising of Cord Wood, in the Town of Halifax, was read a third time.

Cordwood forests

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, 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.

Windsor Landing

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to repeal the Act to regulate the Public Landing at Windsor, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Public Landing at Windsor, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof.

Trespasses, additional Act

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act in further amendment of, and additional to, the Acts relating to Trespasses, was read a third time.

Bills passed and sent to Council

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act in further amendment of, and additional to, the Acts relating to Trespasses.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Cole Harbor Dike Bill

A Bill to Incorporate the Cole Harbor Dike Company.

Chezetcook Dike Bill

A Bill to Incorporate the Chezetcook Dike Company.

Arichat Street Bill

A Bill to extend to the Town of Arichat the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax and certain other places.

Prothonotaries Bill and Revenue Bills, viz

A Bill concerning the Prothonotaries of the Supreme Court and Clerks of the Crown throughout the Province.

Colonial Impost continuing

A Bill to continue and amend the 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.

Importation of Goods Warehousing

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

Exportation and Drawbacks

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

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

Duties regulation

A Bill to continue the Act for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties.

Smuggling

A Bill to continue and amend the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling.

General Licenses

A Bill to continue and amend the Act for granting Duties on Licences for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and the Act to alter the same.

Halifax Licenses

A Bill to continue the Act for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and for Sales by Auction, in Halifax, and the Act to alter the same.

Gen. Colonial Impost

A Bill 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—were severally read a second time.

Bills committed

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

Council's Imprisonment for Debt Bill read 2d time

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act relating to Imprisonment for Debt, was read a second time.

Motion to defer carried and—

The Hon. Solicitor General moved, that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the affirmative.

Bill deferred

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months.

Council's Interest on Insurances Bill read 2d time and—

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act relative to the recovery of debts due on Policies of Assurance, was read a second time.

Ref. to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Hon. Mr. Dodd, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Clements, to examine and report upon.

Report from Com. on Nav. Sec. on Light House Bill

The Hon. Solicitor General reported from the Select Committee on Navigation Securities, on the Bill to continue the Act for the support and regulation of Light Houses, referred to that Committee, that the Committee had made several amendments to the said Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill, and he delivered the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

And

And the same was read a second time accordingly.

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendments be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Bill read 2d time and with amezdts. com'd.

Mr. Dickey reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to continue the Act, entitled, An Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another; and also the Acts in amendment thereof—and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

Report from Com. on Billeting Act

(See Appendix No. 66.)

On motion, *resolved*, that the report be received and adopted by the House.

Adopted

Mr. Blackadar reported from the Select Committee on the Reports and Papers on the proposed alteration of Roads in Newport, and the new Bridge lately erected over the Saint Croix River, laid before the House by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

Report from Com. on Papers relative to St. Croix Bridge

(See Appendix No. 67.)

On motion, *resolved*, that the report be received and adopted by the House.

Adopted

Mr. Dickey reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to empower the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church at Cornwallis to manage and transact their secular affairs, that the Committee had made several amendments to the Bill—and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered the report, together with the Bill and amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

Report from Com. on Cornwallis Meeting House Bill

(See Appendix No. 68.)

On motion, *resolved*, that the report be received and adopted by the House.

Adopted

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Bill re-committed

Mr. Blackadar reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to prevent the illegal overholding and detainer of Real Estate, that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bill without any amendment, and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Report from Com. on Overholding Bill

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Bill re-committed

Mr. McLellan moved, that the House do now again resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means, for the purpose of imposing an additional duty on Pork: which, being seconded,

Motion to go into Com. of Ways and Means for imposing duty on Pork

Mr. Huntington, by way of amendment to the question, moved to leave out all the words thereof after the word "that," and in place of the words so left out, to insert the following—"the House do come to a Resolution as followeth:

Amendment moved

Whereas, in the two last Sessions of the Legislature the sum of £10,000 has been granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and expended principally on the Roads in the Midland Counties of the Province, together with a large sum over-expended: *Resolved*, that this House deems it just towards the people of the Province generally, who have alike contributed, according to their means, towards the Revenue, that the sum of £15,000 granted for the Road Service in the present Session, shall be applied as follows—the several sums expended by direction of His Excellency being first deducted from the sums allotted to the respective Counties, in which the same have been expended and applied, to the payment of such expenditure.

Road Scale

On the Roads in the County of Shelburne,	£850	0	0
“ “ Yarmouth,	850	0	0
“ “ Digby,	850	0	0
“ “ Queen’s	800	0	0
“ “ Annapolis,	850	0	0
“ “ Sydney,	850	0	0
“ “ Richmond,	850	0	0
“ “ Guysborough,	850	0	0
“ “ Halifax,	1130	0	0
“ “ Hants,	1100	0	0
“ “ Inverness,	865	0	0
“ “ Cape-Breton,	865	0	0
“ “ King’s,	860	0	0
“ “ Pictou,	860	0	0
“ “ Colchester,	860	0	0
“ “ Cumberland,	850	0	0
“ “ Lunenburg,	860	0	0

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Which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, thirty-one ; against it, nineteen.

Division

For the amendment—

Against the amendment—

Mr. S. B. Chipman	Mr. Turnbull	Mr. Hatton	Mr. Smith
“ Marshall	“ Rider	“ Palmer	“ T. A. S. Dewolf
“ Gates	“ Forrestall	“ Heckman	“ Annand
“ Creighton	“ Budd	“ Zwicker	Hon. Mr. Dodd
“ Comeau	“ Holdsworth	“ McKay	Hon. Mr. Howe
“ Delaney	“ McKenna	“ Crow	Mr. Archibald
“ Huntington	“ Spearwater	“ Holmes	“ Blackadar
“ Henry	“ Clements	“ Dimock	Hon. Mr. McNab
“ Fairbanks	“ Taylor	“ McLellan	Mr. Dickson
“ Fulton	“ Lewis	“ Payzant	
“ Martell	Hon. Solicitor General		
“ DesBarres	Mr. J. R. Dewolf		
“ Johnson	“ Beckwith		
“ S. Chipman	“ Thorne		
“ Homer	“ Dickey		
“ Stairs			

Carried

So it passed in the affirmative.

The main question, as amended, being then put, passed in the affirmative.

Order for presentation
of Road Scales

On motion, *resolved*, that the several Members from the respective Counties do prepare, and report to this House on or before Saturday next, the 11th instant, Scales of Sub-division of the respective sums allotted to each County, out of the sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds, agreeably to the foregoing Resolution.

Road Petitions ref'd.
to Members

Ordered, That the several ordinary Petitions praying aids for Roads and Bridges, presented this Session, (and by the course and practice of the House, placed on the file of Road Petitions, without being entered on the Journal at the time of presentation,) be referred to the several Members from the Counties respectively, from which such Petitions have been sent.

For a list of which Petitions—

(See Appendix No. 69.)

Private Petitions
made Order of Day

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, *resolved*, that this House will, to-morrow, proceed to the consideration of Private Petitions

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Thursday,

Thursday, 9th March, 1843.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the Day for the consideration of Private Petitions being read,
 The House proceeded to the consideration of Private Petitions.
 The Petition of John Steele, praying that the House would grant a sum of Seventy-five Pounds, to be applied in the employment of unemployed Labourers in breaking stones to complete the Kempt Road, was read.

Mr. J. R. Dewolf moved, that the Petition be referred to the Members from the County of Halifax, to provide for: which, being seconded,

The Hon. Mr. Howe, by way of amendment to the question, moved to leave out all the words thereof after the word "That," and in place of the words so left out to insert the following words, "the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply:" which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the negative.

Order of Day
 Private Pets. consid'd.
 Pet. of John Steele
 Motion to refer to Halifax Members

Amendment negatived

Original Mot. carried

The original question being then put,

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Members from the County of Halifax to provide for.

The Petition of William Jones and Duncan M'Crae, praying a further grant for the completion of the Bridge over Baddeck River, in the County of Cape Breton, was read.

Pet. for aid to Bad-deck River Bridge

Mr. Fulton moved, that the Petition be referred to the Members from the County of Cape Breton to provide for: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the affirmative.

Refd. to Cape Breton Members

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Members from the County of Cape Breton to provide for.

The Petition of George Lister, praying that the House would permit Petitioner to expend the grant for the Road from Scott's to Sackville, on his giving Bonds to complete the said Road in one year from the date; also,

Pets. for aid to Road from Sackville to Scott's

The Petition of Matthew A. M'Curdy and others, praying that the Road from Scott's to Sackville may be opened, that Petitioners may be relieved from the heavy toll payable at the Steam Boat Ferry, was read.

Mr. McLellan thereupon moved, that the House do come to a Resolution, as followeth:

Resolution moved

Resolved, That on Bonds being given, by George Lister, to the satisfaction of the Executive, for the completion of the proposed Road from Scott's to Sackville, the money granted in the year 1839 for that object be appropriated and drawn from the Treasury, provided that the same be not drawn until the year 1844: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, eleven; against it, twenty-nine.

For the motion—

Against the motion—

Division

- Mr. McLellan
- Hon. Mr. McNab
- Mr. Archibald
- " Annand
- " McKay
- " Dimock
- " Stairs
- " Smith
- " Crow
- " Palmer
- " Dickson

- Mr. Homer
- " Zwicker
- " Taylor
- " J. R. Dewolf
- " Creighton
- " Holdsworth
- " Heckman
- " Johnson
- " Beckwith
- " Huntington
- " Lewis
- " Budd
- " Comeau
- " McKenna
- Hon. Solicitor General

- Mr. Martell
- " Dickey
- Hon. Mr. Dodd
- Mr. Fulton
- " Forrestall
- " Marshall
- " S. B. Chipman
- " DesBarres
- " Rider
- " Clements
- " Blackadar
- " Fairbanks
- " Gates
- " Spearwater

So it passed in the negative.

Negatived

- Pet. of Lower Horton Temperance Society** The Petition of the Lower Horton Temperance Society, praying for some alterations and amendments in the License Law for the promotion of Temperance, and for increased duties on Spirituous Liquors, was read.
- Ref. to Com. on Bills** *Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Bills.
- Pet. of Don. McKay and al.** The Petition of Donald McKay and others, praying for the grant of a sum of money in aid of the erection of a Saw Mill in a remote part of the County of Pictou, was read.
- Withdrawn** *Ordered*, That the Petition be withdrawn.
- Pet. of Jas. Chandley** The Petition of James Chandley, praying compensation for fencing a certain road run through his land, was read.
- Ref. to Supply** *Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.
- Pet. for extension of Hx. License Laws to Pictou** The Petition of Daniel Hockin and others, praying that the provisions of the License Laws for the City of Halifax may be extended to Pictou, was read.
- Ref. to Com. on Bills** *Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Bills.
- Pet. relative to Crown Lands** The Petition of Alexander Miller, praying that measures may be adopted to remedy the evils at present existing in the mode of Sale of Crown Lands, was read.
- Ref. to Com. on Bills** *Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Bills.
- Pet. of Commrs. of Poor for aid to Lunatic Asylum** The Petition of the Commissioners of the Poor for the City of Halifax, praying for the grant of a sum of money to make proper arrangements for the reception and accommodation of Lunatics in the Asylum at Halifax, was read.
- Deferred till next Ses.** On motion of Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf, *resolved*, that in the present state of the Public Funds it will be inexpedient to comply with the prayer of such Petition in the present year, and that the further consideration of the Petition be deferred till the next Session.
- Pet. relative to Common Lands, Prospect.** The Petition of Thomas Tobin and others, praying that the House would, by Law, prevent the alienation, by grant or otherwise, of the Common and Barren Lands near and around Prospect, so that the Petitioners may have the means of supplying themselves with fuel and wood, was read.
- Ref. to Sel. Com.** *Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Annand, Mr. Stairs, and Mr. S. Chipman, to examine and report upon.
- Pet. of Sherbrooke Settlers** The Petition of the Settlers in Sherbrooke, to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying a special grant of money on the road from Sherbrooke towards Kentville, recommended to the favourable consideration of the House by His Excellency, was read.
- Motion to refer to King's and Lunenburg Members** Mr. McLellan moved, that the Petition be referred to the Members from the Counties of Lunenburg and King's County, to provide for: which, being seconded,
- Amendment to refer to Supply negatived** The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by way of amendment to the question, moved to leave out all the words thereof after the word "referred," and in place of the words so left out to insert the following words, "to the Committee of Supply:" which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.
- The original question being then put,
- Pet. refd. to Members** *Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Members from the Counties of Lunenburg and King's County, to provide for.
- Pet. of J. S. Thompson and Report thereon** The Petition of James S. Thompson to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that aid may be granted for repairing the old Building, or providing a new one for storing and preserving the guns, &c. at Chester, recommended by His Excellency to the consideration of the House, with the report of the Select Committee thereon, was read.
- Refd. to Supply** On motion of Mr. Creighton, *resolved*, that the Petition and Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.
- Pet. for Survey of Road in Pictou** The Petition of Peter Ross and others, praying that a Survey and Exploration of a road from the West branch of the East River of Pictou to the Great Eastern road may be made, was read.

Mr. Holmes moved, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply: which, being seconded. Mot. to ref. to Supply

Mr. S. Chipman, by way of amendment to the question, moved to leave out all the words thereof after the word "That," and in place of the words so left out to insert the following words, "the further consideration of the Petition be deferred until the next Session:" which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative. Amendt. to defer till next Session carried

The main question, as amended, being then put,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Petition be deferred until the next Session. Pet. deferred

The Petition of Isaac Harris and others, praying for the building of a new Bridge across the East River of Pictou, opposite to the Albion Mines, was read. Pet. for aid to Bridge over East River of Pictou

Mr. Holmes moved, that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply: which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative. Mot. to ref. to Supply Negatived

Ordered, That the Petition be withdrawn. Withdrawn

The Petition of Winthrop Sargent and others, the Petition of William Croscombe and others, the Petition of Stephen Bamford and others, the Petition of James G. Hennigar and others, the Petition of John Marshall and others, the Petition of Thomas H. Davis and others, the Petition of Joshua Newton and others, the Petition of John Wells and others, the Petition of Joseph F. Bent and others, and the Petition of William Webb and others, severally praying Provincial aid from the Treasury for the institution of an Academy or Seminary of Learning at Sackville, in the Province of New Brunswick, recently established, in connection with the Wesleyan Society, together with the report of the Committee of Education thereon, were read. Pets. for aid to Wesleyan Academy

On motion of the Hon. Solicitor General, *resolved*, that the Petitions and Report be referred to the Committee of Supply. Ref. to Supply

Ordered, That the House do, to-morrow, proceed further to consider Private Petitions. Private Pets. made further order of day

Ordered, That so much of the Report of the Committee on Education, as recommends grants of money, be referred to the Committee of Supply. Report of Com. on Education referred to Supply

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House a Letter from His Excellency Sir Henry Vere Huntly, Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island, to His Excellency Lord Falkland, which accompanied the Memorial from the Directors of the Steam Navigation Company of Prince Edward Island, already laid before this House by command of His Excellency. Papers relative to P. E. Island Steam Co.

(See Appendix No. 70.)

Ordered, That the Letter be referred to the Committee on Trade. Ref. to Com. on Trade

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, also presented to the House the Report of Thomas Ramsey, Road Commissioner, for the expenditure of £450 on the Shore Road between Liverpool and Shelburne. Rep. on Shore Road

(See Appendix No. 71.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Mr. Creighton reported further from the Committee on Education, and thereupon presented a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Sydney Academy, in the County of Cape Breton, to raise money for the completion of the same—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Sydney Academy Bill reported from Com. on Education, read 1st time

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

Mess. from Council—

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act for settling Titles in a certain Tract of Land in Cape Breton, called the Miré Grant, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof; also, to the Bill, entitled, An Act for disposing of Old Agreeing to Miré Grant Bill—and Old Roads Bill, with amendments

Old Roads, severally, with amendments—to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

The Council have agreed to the Bills following, viz :

- and to—
Grindstones Export
New Glasgow Fire
Wards
Digby Poor Districts
Sydney Pilotage
Richmond Fisheries
Shubenacadie Fishery
Halifax Grammar
School
Sale of Coals by wt.
Nova Scotia Bank
Sable Island
Bridgeport Harbor
Master
Trespasses, additional
Act
Nuisances
Cordwood forestalling
Expenditure on
Roads and Bridges
King's Cy. Landings
Trespasses
Fishermens' Nets
Trespasses amendt.
Lunenburg Fisheries
Lotteries suppression
Poor
Windsor Landing
Disorderly Riding
Beef Weighing
Halifax Pilotage
County and District
Rates
- A Bill, entitled, An Act respecting the measuring of Grindstones in the County of Cumberland.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to extend to the Town of New Glasgow certain Acts respecting Firewards and Fires.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act for dividing the Township of Digby into separate Districts, for the support of the 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.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries in the County of Richmond.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fishery in the River Shubenacadie.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to amend an Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to authorize the sale of Coals by weight.
- 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.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island, in this Province.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for establishing a Harbor Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape Breton.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act in further amendment of, and additional to, the Acts relating to Trespasses.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act additional concerning Nuisances.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to suspend the operation of the Acts to prevent Forestalling, Reqrating, and Monopolizing of Cord Wood, in the Town of Halifax.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, and the Acts in amendment thereof.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to regulate certain Landings in the County of King's County.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts now in force relating to Trespasses.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen by Coasting Vessels.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act further to amend the Act relating to Trespasses.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to prevent Injuries to the Fisheries within the County of Lunenburg, by Mill Dams, or any other obstruction.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the suppression of Lotteries:
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships of this Province.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Public Landing at Windsor, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts now in force to prevent Disorderly Riding, and to regulate the Driving of Carriages on the Streets of Halifax, or other Towns, or on the Public Roads of this Province.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Weighing of Beef, and the Acts in amendment thereof.
- A Bill, entitled, 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.
- 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—severally, without amendment.

And

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The amendments from the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act for disposing of Old Roads, were read, and are as followeth :

Amdts. to Old Roads Bill—

1st clause—9th line—leave out all the words after the word “ County ” to the word “ to ” in the 12th line.

26th line—leave out the words “ or special,”

39th line—leave out all the words after the word “ same ” to the word “ and ” in the 52d line.

54th line—leave out the words “ whether,” and “ or special.”

70th line—leave out the words “ or special.”

And the same having been read a second time, were agreed to by the House.

read and agreed to

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendments back to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the said amendments.

The amendments from the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act for settling Titles in a certain Tract of Land in Cape Breton called the Miré Grant, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof, was read.

Amdts. to Miré Grant Bill read and—

Ordered, That the said amendments be read a second time.

ordered to be read 2d time

The Hon. Mr. Dodd then moved, that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee on Bills : which, being seconded,

Motion for Com. on Bills

Mr. McLellan, by way of amendment to the question, moved to leave out all the words thereof after the word “ Committee,” and in place of the words so left out to insert the following words “ of Ways and Means, for the purpose of imposing an additional duty on Pork : ” which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, twenty-one ; against it, twenty-two.

Amdt. for Com. of Ways and Means

For the amendment—

Against the amendment—

Division

<i>Mr. Henry</i>	<i>Mr. Dimock</i>	<i>Mr. Rider</i>	<i>Mr. Budd</i>
“ <i>Johnson</i>	“ <i>S. B. Chipman</i>	“ <i>J. R. Dewolf</i>	“ <i>Turnbull</i>
“ <i>Dickey</i>	“ <i>McKay</i>	“ <i>Creighton</i>	“ <i>Heckman</i>
“ <i>Holmes</i>	“ <i>Lewis</i>	“ <i>Taylor</i>	“ <i>Homer</i>
“ <i>Blackadar</i>	“ <i>Beckwith</i>	“ <i>Marshall</i>	“ <i>Clements</i>
“ <i>Dickson</i>	“ <i>Crow</i>	“ <i>Holdsworth</i>	“ <i>Stairs</i>
“ <i>Fulton</i>	“ <i>Archibald</i>	“ <i>Delaney</i>	“ <i>DesBarres</i>
“ <i>S. Chipman</i>	“ <i>Palmer</i>	<i>Hon. Solicitor General</i>	“ <i>Gates</i>
“ <i>Forrestall</i>	“ <i>Zwicker</i>	<i>Mr. Spearwater</i>	“ <i>Huntington</i>
“ <i>McLellan</i>	“ <i>Thorne</i>	“ <i>Martell</i>	<i>Hon. Mr. Dodd</i>
“ <i>Smith</i>		“ <i>McKenna</i>	<i>Mr. Comeau</i>

So it passed in the negative.

Amdt. lost

The original question being then put, passed in the affirmative, and accordingly,

The House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.

Com. on Bills

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to continue and amend the 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 also, the Bill to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods, and had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bills. That the Committee had also gone through the Bill to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods ; the Bill to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks ; the Bill to continue the Act for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties ; and the Bill to continue and amend the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling—and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills to the House without any amendment, and he afterwards delivered the Bills and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Report—
Colonial Impost
Duties continuing

Importation of Goods
with amdts.

Warehousing

Drawbacks
General regulation

Smuggling—
without amdt.

- Leave to sit again The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of Bills, which the House agreed to.
- Amnts. agreed to The amendments to the Bills reported with amendments being read, were agreed to by the House.
- Bills to be engrossed *Ordered*, That the Bills with the amendments be engrossed.
 Ordered, That the Bills reported without amendments be engrossed.
- Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Friday, 10th March, 1843.

PRAYERS.

- Amnt. to Miré Grant Bill The amendment from the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act for settling Titles in a certain Tract of Land in Cape Breton, called the Miré Grant, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof, was read a second time, and is as followeth :
 “ After the sixth clause insert the following clause—
 Provided always, That in case of any conflict of Title to any part of the said Land, under the provisions of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander-in-Chief, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, to settle such conflicting claims upon equitable principles, and in such a manner as shall appear right, and such settlement so made shall be final between the parties.”
- Res. to amend— On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, *resolved*, that the said amendment be amended by inserting after the word “ Title ” in the second line of the clause proposed to be inserted in the said Bill, the following words “ between persons holding under Titles derived from the Crown, or by virtue of a possession for twenty years or upwards, in and.”
- passed and—
sent to Council *Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendment back to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the amendment proposed by the Council, with the foregoing amendment, to which this House desire their concurrence.
- Com. on Bills On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
 Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
- Report—
Colonial Impost Duties—
Halifax Licenses—
with amnts. The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill 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, the Bill to continue the Act for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and for Sales by Auction, in Halifax, and the Act to alter the same—and that the Committee had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bills. That the Committee had also considered the Bill to continue and amend the Act for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and the Act to alter the same—and had directed him to report that it be recommended to the House to refer that Bill to a Select Committee to examine and report upon; and he afterwards delivered the Bills and amendments in at the Clerk’s Table.
- License Act to be
refd. to Sel. Com. The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of Bills, which the House agreed to.
- Amnts. agreed to The amendments to the Bills reported with amendments being read, were agreed to by the House.
- Bills to be engrossed *Ordered*, That the Bills with the amendments be engrossed.
- License Duty Acts
refd. to Sel. Com. *Ordered*, That the Bill to continue and amend the Act for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and the Act to alter the same, be referred to Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Smith, the Hon. Mr. Dodd, and Mr. Creighton, to examine and report upon.

Mr.

Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of James Turnbull, Esquire; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

Report on Pet. of James Turnbull

(See Appendix No. 72.)

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Refd. to Com. of Supply

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton:

Mess. from Council

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Registrars of Deeds throughout the Province, with amendments—to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

Agree to Registrars of Deeds Bill with amtds.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Hon. Mr. Dodd moved, that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth:

Motion as to Pets. for Acadia College

Whereas, a number of Petitions have been presented to the House at the present Session, praying aid towards Acadia College: Resolved, That owing to the present low state of the Province, it is impossible to grant the prayer of the said Petitions, consistently with the necessary services of the country, and therefore, that the said Petitions be not referred to the Committee of Supply: which, being seconded,

The Hon. Mr. Howe moved, by way of amendment to the question, to leave out all the words thereof, after the word "Resolved," and in place of the words so left out, to insert the following words—"That this House having for many years refused all Petitions for the erection of Common School Houses, even in the poorest Settlements, cannot consent to grant money to enlarge the Buildings of the said Institution": which, being seconded,

Amendment

The Hon. Solicitor General moved, that the House do now proceed to the Order of the Day: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-four; against it, twenty-three.

Order of the Day moved

So it passed in the affirmative.

Carried

The Order of the Day for the further consideration of Private Petitions being read,

The House accordingly proceeded to the further consideration of Private Petitions.

Private Pets. further considered

The Petition of the Executive Committee of the Baptist Education Society, and thirty-two other Petitions, severally praying a further grant of money from the Provincial Funds for aid to erect Buildings for the use of Acadia College at Horton, with the report of the Committee of Education thereon, were read.

Pets. for Acadia College read and—

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, resolved, that the Petitions be withdrawn.

withdrawn

The Hon. Mr. Howe, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor presented to the House the Petition of the Commissioners of Schools of Saint Mary's, praying an increased allowance of money to enable them to establish a Grammar School; also,

Pet. from Commrs. of Schools and—

The Petition of W. P. Moffatt, Teacher of the Grammar School at Amherst, in the County of Cumberland, complaining of the insufficiency of the allowance made to him by the Commissioners of Schools for that County.

Pet. of Wm. P. Moffat

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Education.

Refd. to Com. on Education

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House—

Accts. of Commr. of Crown Lands

An Account Current of the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the year 1842, also an Account of Monies received in the year 1842 on account of Instalments due on sales of Crown Lands made in previous years; also, an account of the sales of Crown Lands made in the year 1842, with the monies received thereon.

(See Appendix No. 73.)

Ordered, That the Accounts be referred to the Committee on Bills.

Refd. to Com. on Bills

The

Report from Com. on
Fisheries

The Hon. Solicitor General reported from the Select Committee on the Fisheries—and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

(See Appendix No. 74.)

Refd. to Com. of
Supply

Ordered, That the report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Council's amds. to
Reg'rs. of Deeds
Bill read

The amendments from the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Registrars of Deeds throughout the Province, were read and are as followeth :

“ In the Preamble—at the end of the Preamble insert the following words—“ So soon as a vacancy shall occur in the office, as now held by the Honorable Sir Rupert Denis George, Baronet, under Letters patent from the Crown, and after Her Majesty's approval of such change shall have been graciously given.”

1st clause—2nd and 3d lines—leave out the words “ on, from, and after the first day of July next, after the passing thereof;” and insert instead thereof the following words, “ when and so soon as the said incumbent of said office, shall cease to hold the same, and a vacancy shall thereby occur in the said office, and not before.”

After the third clause insert the following clause :

And be it enacted, That no Registrar to be appointed under this Act, shall enter upon the duties of his office, until he shall have given Bond, with such Sureties, and to such amount, and in such form as shall be satisfactory to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, and the Executive Council, for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and the indemnifying of all Persons who may be injured by any default or misconduct of such Registrar, in his said office, and until he shall have made it appear to the satisfaction of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief for the time being, and the Executive Council, that he has provided a suitable place for the custody of all Deeds, and Papers, and Books of Registry, which may come to his care, or be in his keeping as such Registrar.

4th clause—leave out this clause.

5th clause—leave out this clause.

6th clause—leave out this clause.

8th clause—1st line—leave out the words “ Provided always.”

2d line—after the word “ as;” leave out all the words to the word “ the,” in the 9th line, and insert instead thereof the following words, “ this Act shall come into operation.”

At the end of the Bill insert the following Clause :

Provided always, and be it enacted, That this Act shall not be of any force or effect until Her Majesty's assent shall be signified thereto.”

And the same having been read a second time,

Motion not to agree
to

Mr. Huntington moved, that the amendments be not agreed to by the House ; which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, thirty ; against it, eight.

Division:

For the motion—		Against the motion—
Mr. Rider	Mr. Clements	Mr. J. R. Dewolf
“ Comeau	“ Forrestall	“ Taylor
Hon. Mr. McNab	“ Huntington	“ Heckman
Mr. S. Chipman	“ Fulton	“ Creighton
“ Homer	“ Henry	Hon. Mr. Dodd
“ Smith	“ McKenna	Mr. Holmes
“ Annand	“ Palmer	“ Fairbanks
“ S. B. Chipman	“ McKay	Hon. Solicitor General
“ Dickson	“ Archibald	
“ Marshall	“ Lewis	
“ Stairs	“ Gates	
Hon. Mr. Howe	“ McLellan	
Mr. Dimock	“ Beckwith	
“ Zavicker	“ Martell	
“ Crow	“ Holdsworth	

Carried—

So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendments back to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have not agreed to the said amendments.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mess. from Council—

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for disposing of Old Roads, as amended.

agree to Old Roads disposal Bill—

The Council have agreed to the amendment proposed by this Honourable House to the amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act for settling Titles in a certain Tract of Land in Cape Breton, called the Miré Grant, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof.

agree to amendment to Council amendts. to Miré Grant Bill

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act for settling Titles in a certain Tract of Land in Cape Breton, called the Miré Grant, &c. be agreed to as amended.

Miré Grant Bill agreed to as amended

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendments back to the Council and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the said Bill, as amended.

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Select Committee on the Accounts of the Commissioners of the Poor at Halifax, for the expenses of Waterloo Hospital—and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

Report on Account of Expenses of Waterloo Hospital

(See Appendix No. 75.)

Ordered, That the report and accounts be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ref. to Com. of Supply

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House, an account of Expenses incurred in the conveyance of George Hiscock, a convicted felon, from Halifax to England, on his way to Transportation to a Penal Colony, in pursuance of the commutation of his sentence.

Account of Expenses of George Hiscock presented and—

Ordered, That the Account be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Ref. to Com. of Supply

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

Com. of Supply—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had come to several Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House—and he afterwards delivered the Resolutions in at the Clerk's Table.

Report Resolutions and—

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again, which the House agreed to.

leave to sit again

The said Resolutions were then read and are as follow :

Resolutions read

Resolved, That the following sums be granted and paid, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on the subject of expenses incurred for the support of Transient Paupers, viz :

Overseers of the Poor &c.

To the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Clare,	£5	16	6
“ “ “ New Glasgow,	40	7	9
“ “ “ Truro,	3	10	0
“ “ “ Amherst,	21	15	3
“ “ “ Horton,	10	9	6
“ “ “ Digby,	7	9	0
“ “ “ Wilmot, County of Guysborough,	17	7	9
“ “ “ Pictou,	41	10	10

Doctor Inglis Van Buskirk, for Vaccinating 80 Indians and Negroes, 6 12 6

Doctor Edward L. Brown, Horton, 1 10 0

John Thompson, for Boarding four Shipwrecked Seamen, 5 0 0

The Board of Health at Barrington, to pay the expense of a case of Small Pox at Port La Tour, 10 0 5.

237. 1s. 8d. Health
Officer, Halifax

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-three Pounds One Shilling and Eight Pence, be granted and paid to Dr. Hoffman, for his services as Health Officer for the Port of Halifax.

157. 10s. Overseers of
Poor, Annapolis

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen Pounds and Ten Shillings be granted and paid to the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Annapolis, to reimburse expenses incurred in the support of a Transient Pauper.

127. 10s. Dr. Inglis
Van Buskirk

Resolved, That the sum of Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings be granted and paid to Dr. Inglis Van Buskirk, for Medicines and attendance upon John Miller, a Transient Pauper.

Resolutions agreed to

The said several Resolutions being again read, were agreed to by the House.

Sent to Council

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Resolutions to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Commrs. of Sewers
Bill read 1st time

Mr. McLellan, pursuant to leave given on a former day, presented a Bill for the appointment of Commissioners of Sewers, and to repeal all former Acts relative thereto—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Saturday, 11th March, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Impost continuing
Bill read 3d time

An engrossed Bill to continue and amend the 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, was read a third time.

Motion to re-commit

Mr. Smith moved, that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of having an additional duty imposed on salted Beef and Pork : which, being seconded,

Amend. negatived

Mr. Annand moved, by way of amendment to the question, to leave out all the words thereof, after the word "that," and in place of the words so left out, to insert the following words—"the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of revising the Duties generally": which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, it passed in the negative.

Original motion negd.

The original question being then put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-three ; against it, twenty-five.

Division

For the motion—

Against the motion—

Mr. Archibald

Mr. Beckwith

Mr. Rider

Mr. Huntington

" Henry

" Dimock

" Heckman

" Annand

" Blackadar

" Crow

" J. R. Dewolf

" Stairs

" Smith

" Johnson

" Homer

" DesBarres

" Dickson

" Holmes

" Taylor

" McKenna

" T. A. S. Dewolf

" Forrestall

" Zwickler

Hon. Mr. Howe

" Fulton

" Lewis

" Spearwater

Mr. Fairbanks

" S. Chipman

" McKay

" Delaney

Hon. Solicitor General

" S. B. Chipman

" Palmer

" Clements

Mr. Comeau

" Gates

" Payzant

" Creighton

Hon. Mr. McNab

" McLellan

" Thorne

" Martell

Hon. Mr. Dodd

" Dickey

" Turnbull

Mr. Marshall

" Holdsworth

So it passed in the negative.

Bill passed

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue and amend the 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.

Engrossed Bills read
3d time, viz—
Importation of Goods

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

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue and amend the Act to regulate the Importation of Goods.

An

- An engrossed Bill to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods, was read a third time. Warehousing
- Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods.
- An engrossed Bill to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks, was read a third time. Exportation and Drawbacks
- Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks.
- An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties, was read a third time. Duties regulation
- Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties.
- An engrossed Bill to continue and amend the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling, was read a third time. Smuggling
- Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue and amend the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling.
- An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors and for Sales by Auction in Halifax, and the Act to alter the same, was read a third time. Halifax Licenses
- Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and for sales by Auction in Halifax.
- An engrossed Bill 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, was read a third time. Col. Impost duties
Bill read 3d time
- The Hon. Mr. Howe moved that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House for the purpose of re-considering the duties on Spirits, so as to assimilate the mode of imposing the duties on Distilled and Imported Spirits: which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative. Motion to re-commit
negated
- The Hon. Mr. Howe then moved that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House for the purpose of reconsidering the duties on Teas, and increasing the duty on Teas imported otherwise than from China, the United Kingdom, or British Possessions: which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative. Another motion to re-commit
negated
- Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, 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. Bill passed
- Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the several Bills to the Council and desire their concurrence. Sent to Council
- Mr. J. R. Dewolf reported from the Select Committee on the Post Office Department—and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table. Rep. from Post Office
Com.
- (See Appendix No. 76.)
- Ordered*, That the report be referred to the Committee of Supply. Refd. to Com. of
Supply
- A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton : Mess. from Council—
- Mr. Speaker,
- The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the allotment of Parishes in this Province, to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House. Passed Parish Bill
- The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to make perpetual the Act in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act to prevent Nuisances by Hedges, Wears, and other Incumbrances, obstructing the passage of Fish in the Rivers of this Province, without any amendment. Agreed to River Nuisances
Bill
- And then the Messenger withdrew.
- The engrossed Bill from the Council entitled, An Act relative to the allotment of Parishes in this Provinces, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Council's Parish Bill
read 1st time
- A Bill

Sewers Bill read 2d time	A Bill for the appointment of Commissioners of Sewers, and to repeal all former Acts relative thereto, was read a second time.
Motion to defer negatived	Mr. S. Chipman moved that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until the next Session : which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.
Bill committed	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Sydney Academy Bill read 2d time	A Bill to enable the Trustees of the Sydney Academy, in the County of Cape Breton, to raise money for the completion of the same, was read a second time.
Committed	The Hon. Mr. Dodd moved, that the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House : which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative. <i>Ordered</i> accordingly.
Com. of Supply	On motion the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Speaker left the Chair, Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
Report progress	The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had come to several Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House, and that the Committee had also directed him to move for leave to sit again, which the House agreed to. <i>Ordered</i> , That the Resolutions be reported at a future day.
Leave of absence to Mr. DesBarres	<i>Ordered</i> , That Mr. DesBarres have leave of absence to return home, after to-day, in consequence of illness in his family.
Order of Day Presentation of Road Sales postponed	The Order of the Day being read, <i>Ordered</i> , That the several Scales of sub-division of Road Money be presented on Monday next.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at twelve of the clock.

Monday, 13th March, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Account of expenses incurred by Health Officer, Amherst

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House an Account of expenses incurred by Dr. Bell, Health Officer at Amherst.

Referred to Supply

Ordered, That the Account be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Report from Com. on Insolvent Debtor Laws by Bill

The Hon. Solicitor General reported from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill in accordance with the Resolutions reported from the Committee on the General State of the Province, on the Law of Debtor and Creditor, and thereupon presented a Bill for the relief of Insolvent Debtors—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Res. for change of appropriation to Oat Mill in Guysboro'

Mr. DesBarres moved, that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth.
Whereas, the sum of Nineteen Pounds was granted by the Legislature in the Session of 1840, to be paid to such person or persons as should, within two years thereafter, erect and put into operation the first Oat Mill and Kiln at or near Salmon River Bridge, in the County of Guysborough ; *And whereas*, the said sum of money has not been drawn from the Treasury, no person having erected the said Mill ; *And whereas*, the erection of an Oat Mill and Kiln in some central and convenient situation within the Township of Guysborough, would be beneficial to the Inhabitants of said Township : *Resolved therefore*, that the said sum of Nineteen Pounds, so remaining undrawn, be paid to such person or persons as shall, within two years, erect and put into operation the first Oat Mill and Kiln upon the stream known as Spank's Brook, and near to Godfrey's Saw Mill, within the said Township : which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Resolution to the Council, and desire their concurrence.
Mr.

Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to continue and amend the Act for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and the Act to alter the same—that the Committee had made several amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill; and he delivered the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Rep. from Com. on
Genl. License Bill

Ordered, That the Bill and amendments be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Bill, &c. re-committed

The Hon. Solicitor General reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of William Chipman and others—and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

Report from Com. on
Pet. of Wm. Chip-
man and others

(See Appendix No. 77.)

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Supply

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mess. from Council—

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to four Resolutions for granting and appropriating sums of money for the several purposes following, viz :

agreeing to money
votes

For various sums, Expenses of Transient Paupers.

£23 1s. 8d. Dr. Hoffman, Health Officer, Halifax.

£15 10s. Overseers of the Poor, Annapolis.

£12 10s. Dr. Buskirk, Vaccinating poor persons, &c.

The Council desire a Conference, by Committee, with this Honorable House, on the General State of the Province.

Desire Conference

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Conference, as desired by the Council, be agreed to.

Conference agreed to

Ordered, That the Hon. Solicitor General, Mr. Creighton, and Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf, do manage the Conference.

Com. of Conference

Ordered, That the Clerk do acquaint the Council that this House have agreed to the Conference, and that the managers thereof, on the part of this House, are ready to meet the Committee of the Council thereon.

So they went to the Conference.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

Com. of Supply

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had come to several Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House, and that the Committee had also directed him to move for leave to sit again, which the House agreed to.

Report progress

Ordered, That the Resolutions be reported on a future day.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mess. from Council—

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act for settling Titles in a certain Tract of Land in Cape Breton, called the Miré Grant, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof, as amended.

Agree to Miré Grant
Bill as amended

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House an Account of Messrs. John Howe & Son, for Printing for Government and the Legislature, from the 1st January, 1842, to 1st February, 1843.

Messrs. Howe's acct.
for Printing for
1842

Ordered, That the Account be referred to Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf, Mr. Annand, and Mr. S. Chipman, to examine and report upon.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

Despatch announcing
appointment of
Gov. Gen.

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, also presented to the House a Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley to His Excellency, announcing the appointment of Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalf to be Governor-General, and the same was read as followeth—

No. 98.

Downing Street, 30th January, 1843.

MY LORD—

I have the honor to inform you that Her Majesty has been pleased to appoint the Right Honorable Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalf, Bart. G. C. B., to be Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, and of the Island of Prince Edward, and Governor General of all Her Majesty's Provinces on the Continent of North America, and of the Island of Prince Edward.

Sir Charles Metcalf will be invested with the same powers as were delegated to his Predecessor.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

The Right Honorable Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

Ordered, That the copy of Despatch do lie on the Table.

Laid on Table

The Order of the Day being read,

Ordered, That the several Scales of sub-division of Road Money be presented to-morrow.

Order of Day

Sub-division of Road
Money postponed

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Tuesday, 14th March, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Report further on
Militia Bill with
amds.

Mr. Dickey reported further from the Select Committee on the Bill to continue the Act entitled, An Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another, and the Acts in amendment thereof—that the Committee had made several amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill; and he afterwards delivered the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill and amendments be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Re-committed

Com. to examine into
imports and exports
of Cocoa appointed

On motion of Mr. Stairs, *resolved*, that a Select Committee be appointed to examine into, and report to this House the respective amounts received under Imperial Acts for duty on Foreign Cocoa, and of drawbacks paid on Chocolate manufactured in the Province, and exported therefrom during the past nine years, with power to send for persons and papers.

Ordered, That Mr. Stairs, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Smith, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.

Mess. from Council

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

Adhere to their amds.
to Reg'rs. Bill

The Council adhere to the amendments proposed by them to the Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Registrars of Deeds throughout this Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Com. of Supply

On motion, the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had come to several Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and that the Committee had also directed him to move for leave to sit again, which the House agreed to.

Report progress

Ordered, That the Resolutions be reported at a future day.

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House a copy of a Dispatch from His Excellency Sir John Harvey, Governor of Newfoundland, to His Excellency Lord Falkland, dated 27th February, 1843, with a copy of a Dispatch, and of its enclosures, addressed by Sir John Harvey to His Excellency the Governor General, relative to the maintainance of a Light House proposed to be erected on the South-west Coast of Newfoundland.

Papers relative to
Light House New-
foundland

(See Appendix No. 78.)

Ordered, That the copy of Despatch, and other Documents, do lie on the Table.

Laid on Table

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, also presented the Report of Mr. Wightman, of survey of proposed alteration of Post Road between River Philip and Pugwash, with Plan and Estimate.

Road Report pre-
sented

(See Appendix No. 79.)

Also, a Letter from Richard Smith, Esquire, (with Account of expenditure on the Five Mile River Bridge, in Douglas,) addressed to the Provincial Secretary.

Ordered, That the Report, Letter, and Account, do lie on the Table.

Laid on Table

Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of John Fuller and others, and thereupon, by leave of the House, presented a Bill further to amend the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Pictou—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Report on Pet. of
John Fuller

Mr. Henry reported from the Committee on the Laws respecting Statute Labour—and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

Report on Statute
Labour Laws

(See Appendix No. 80.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. Stairs, *resolved,* that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to cause the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Customs for the Port of Halifax to furnish, for the information of this House, a return of the quantity of British and Foreign Cocoa imported into, and exported from, the Port of Halifax, from the year 1834 to 1842 inclusive, with the amount of duty thereon paid during said period, under Acts of the Imperial Parliament.

Res. relative to re-
turns of Cocoa

The Order of the Day being read,

Ordered, That the several scales of sub-division of Road money be presented to-morrow.

Order of Day

Sub-division of Road
Money postponed

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Wednesday, 15th March, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That the Chairman of the Committee of Supply do now report the several Resolutions which he has been directed to report from the Committee yesterday, and on former days, not yet agreed to by the House ; and thereupon,

Resolutions from
Com. of Supply
reported

Mr. Clements reported seventy-two Resolutions, which were read, and are as follow—

1. *Resolved,* That the sum of Sixteen Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Six Pence be granted and paid to George McKenzie, for expenses incurred by him in consequence of certain passengers in his vessel being seized with small Pox, agreeably to the report of the Select Committee on his Petition.

£16 18s 6d George
McKenzie

2.

£12 17s Board of
Health, Pictou

2. *Resolved*, That the sum of Twelve Pounds and Seventeen Shillings be granted and paid to the Board of Health at Pictou, to defray the following sums of money :

To Lawrence Roach's Account,	-	-	-	-	£6	0	0
To Ellen Carroll,	-	-	-	-	0	12	0
To Ellen Brown,	-	-	-	-	0	5	0
To Roderick McDonald,	-	-	-	-	6	0	0
					£12 17 0		

£104 5s 6d Jas. B.
Hadley

3. *Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred and Four Pounds Five Shillings and Six Pence be granted and paid to James B. Hadley, agreeably to his Petition, and the report of the Select Committee thereon, for disbursements and commissions as Collector of Light Duties at Canso.

£15 John Fuller

4. *Resolved*, That the sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted and paid to John Fuller, to compensate him for attendance before a Committee of the House of Assembly, agreeably to the report of the Committee on his Petition.

£10 H. McKinnon

5. *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to Hugh McKinnon, to aid him in the erection of an Oat Mill at Whycocomagh, in the County of Inverness, to be drawn under the usual conditions.

£10 J. P. Bickers

6. *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to Joseph Pearce Bickers, to aid him in the erection of an Oat Mill at Country Harbour, in the County of Guysborough, to be drawn under the usual conditions.

£4 2s Overseers of
Poor, Sydney, C. B.

7. *Resolved*, That the sum of Four Pounds and Two Shillings be granted and paid to the Overseers of the Poor for Sydney, Cape Breton, for remunerating them, expenses incurred in aid to a Transient Maniac.

£40 African School

8. *Resolved*, That the sum of Forty Pounds be granted and paid as the salary for the Female Teacher of the African School at Halifax, for the present year.

£100 Rev. R. F.
Uniacke's School

9. *Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to the Reverend R. F. Uniacke, to enable him to defray the expenses incurred to support the School for Poor Children in the North Suburbs of the Town of Halifax.

£50 Infant School

10. *Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted and paid to the Ladies, Managers of the Infant School at Halifax, in aid of that Institution for the present year.

£100 Methodist
School

11. *Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to the Hon. Hugh Bell and others, to support a School in connection with the Methodist Church at Halifax.

£20 E. Crowell

12. *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.

£40 Chas. Boudrot

13. *Resolved*, That the sum of Forty Pounds be granted and paid to Charles Boudrot and Bernard Trahan, to compensate them for damage created by the construction of an Aboiteau, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities—to be drawn when it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor that there are no other claims for damages in respect to such Aboiteau.

£100 Education on
Eastern Shore

14. *Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred Pounds be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to enable him to confer the benefit of Education upon the poorer classes living on the Eastern Shore of this Province, between Halifax and Canso.

£10 Dugald B.
McNab

15. *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to Dugald B. McNab, to reimburse expenses incurred by him in attending as a Witness in a Criminal Prosecution at Arichat, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on his Petition.

16.

16. *Resolved*, That the sum of Three 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 last Session; out of which Fifteen Pounds to be paid to George E. Jean, for taking the account of the Indians in the Island of Cape-Breton. £300 Indians
17. *Resolved*, That the sum of Two Hundred and Twenty-eight Pounds Five Shillings and Two Pence be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to repay the respective parties named in a list or schedule, contained in the report of the Committee of the House of Assembly on Trade and Manufactures, the excess of certain Duties paid by such parties, at the rate in such report mentioned. £228 5s 2d Excess of Duties
18. *Resolved*, That a Drawback of Seven Shillings and Six Pence sterling, per hundred weight, be granted on all Refined Sugar used in the manufacture of Confectionary made in, and exported from, this Province, direct to the United Kingdom—such amount to be drawn and paid by and under, and subject to, such conditions, limitations, rules, and regulations, as may be from time to time, fixed, established, directed, and ordered, by the Board of Revenue. Drawback on Sugar
19. *Resolved*, That the sum of Seven Pounds Seven Shillings and Eleven Pence be granted and paid to Edward Lawson & Co., return of duties paid by them, agreeably to the report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures. £7 7s 11d Edward Lawson
20. *Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty Pounds Four Shillings and Six Pence sterling, to be reduced into currency, at and after the Custom House rates, be granted and paid to Stephen Binney & Co., amount of duties over-paid by them, agreeably to the report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures. £50 4s 6d S. Binney & Co.
21. *Resolved*, That the sum of Six Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Three Pence be granted and paid to James Wilkie, amount of duties over-paid by him, agreeably to the report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures. £6 19s 3d James Wilkie
22. *Resolved*, That the sum of Four Pounds be granted and paid to Daniel Owen, Esquire, for services performed by him in making a seizure, agreeably to the report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures. £4 Daniel Owen
23. *Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty-five Pounds be granted and paid to James Carline, as compensation for detention of his vessel illegally seized, and the further sum of Thirty-four Pounds Seven Shillings and Six Pence to Charles Dodd, for his services as ship-keeper of said vessel, agreeably to the report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures. £35 James Carline and £34 7s 6d Charles Dodd
24. *Resolved*, That the sum of Three Pounds and Fifteen Shillings be granted and paid to Stephen Trenholm, return of duties paid by him on Carding Machinery, agreeably to the report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures. £3 15s Stephen Trenholm
25. *Resolved*, That the sum of Four Pounds Seven Shillings and Three Pence be granted and paid to Richard Bryden, return of duties paid by him on Carding Machinery, agreeably to the report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures, £4 7s 3d Richard Bryden
26. *Resolved*, That the sum of Six Pounds Four Shillings and Eleven Pence be granted and paid to John Stiles, return of duties on a Printing Press, agreeably to the report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures. £6 4s 11d J. Stiles
27. *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, as will suffice to pay to Simon Gallant the amount of Bounty to which he would have been entitled, under the Act to encourage the Seal Fisheries of this Province, had his vessel been duly Registered, to be drawn when the amount thereof shall have been made appear to the satisfaction of His Excellency. Simon Gallant, Bounty on Seal Fishery

- Advances by British Consuls** 28. *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor as will enable His Excellency to repay Forty-four Pounds sterling, advanced by the British Consul at Havanna, and Thirty-three Pounds Eight Shillings and Two Pence, advanced by the British Consul at Portland, U. S., for the relief and forwarding of shipwrecked Seamen belonging to this Province.
- Drawback on Officers' Wives** 29. *Resolved*, That the Board of Revenue, for the time being, be 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.
- £6 1s Jas. Chandley** 30. *Resolved*, That the sum of Six Pounds and Eight Shillings be granted and paid to James Chandley, expenses of putting up a Fence on the New Mount Denson Road.
- £20 Militia Store House Chester** 31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor for the purpose of repairing the Store House for Militia Arms, Ammunition and Accoutrements, in the Town of Chester, or rebuilding the same, as may be deemed advisable.
- £7 Jas. Turnbull** 32. *Resolved*, That the sum of Seven Pounds be granted and paid to James Turnbull, Esquire, expenses incurred by him as Collector of Light Duties at Arichat, as surcharged him by the Committee on Public Accounts, pursuant to the report of the Committee on his Petition.
- £200 Methodist Academy** 33. *Resolved*, That there be granted and paid to the Trustees and Managers of the Wesleyan Methodist Academy at Sackville, in New Brunswick, Two Hundred Pounds annually for two years, in aid of the support of that Institution.
- £505 3s 11d Revenue Cutters** 34. *Resolved*, That the sum of Five Hundred and Five Pounds Three Shillings and Eleven Pence be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to defray the over-expenditure for maintaining the Revenue Cutters last year.
- £800 Revenue Cutters** 35. *Resolved*, That the sum of Eight Hundred Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to continue the service of one Revenue Cutter, in addition to the schooner Sisters, on the Coast of Nova Scotia, as heretofore; and that no further sum be expended for that purpose.
- £19 4s Transporting G. Hiscock** 36. *Resolved*, That the sum of Nineteen Pounds and Four Shillings be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to defray expenses attending the conveyance of George Hiscock (a private soldier under sentence of death) from Halifax to England for transportation.
- £982 4s 9d Post Office** 37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine Hundred and Eighty-two Pounds Four Shillings and Nine Pence be granted and paid to defray the probable deficiency in the Post Office Establishment in this Province up to the fifth of January last.
- £5 6s Dr. Bell** 38. *Resolved*, That the sum of Five Pounds and Six Shillings be granted and paid to Doctor Bell for services performed by him as Health Officer for the County of Cumberland during the last year.
- £69 Wm. Sandford** 39. *Resolved*, That the sum of Sixty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to be drawn Thirty Pounds in each year for the next two years and paid towards defraying the expense of maintaining William Sandford, a deaf and dumb boy, at an Asylum in Hartford, Connecticut, pursuant to the report of the Committee.

40. *Resolved*, That the sum of Forty-five Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to be applied under such guards as he may deem necessary towards enabling John Campbell, of St. Paul's Island, to send three of his children to a deaf and dumb asylum. £45 John Campbell
41. *Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted and paid to the Owners of the Packet running between Windsor and Partridge Island, to encourage the running of the said Packet between the said places, under such regulations as may be made and ordered by the Justices in their Sessions for the County of Hants, for the present year. £50 Partridge Island Packet
42. *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. £50 Guysborough Packet
43. *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 to be run under the regulations of the General Sessions for the County of Hants; to be 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. £20 Shubenacadie Ferry
44. *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty 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. £20 Cape Breton Ferry
45. *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. £15 LaHave Ferry
46. *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. £10 Ferry Sable River
47. *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 regulation of the General Sessions for the County of Guysborough. £10 Ferry Gut of Canso
48. *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 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 regulation of the General Sessions for the County of Richmond. £10 Ferry Gut of Canso
49. *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds each be granted and paid to such persons as shall respectively keep up a Ferry at the mouth of the Harbour of Port L'Herbert, provided a Boat be kept to convey Horses and Cattle across said Harbour—said sum to be paid upon the Certificate of the Court of Sessions in the County of Shelburne. £20 Ferry Port L'Herbert

£20 Bay Verte
Packet

50. *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty Pounds be granted and paid to W. Weeks, or any person who will run a Packet Boat between the Bay of Verte and Prince Edward 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 Sessions for the County of Cumberland.

£40 Revenue Boat
Sydney, C. B.

51. *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.

£30 Revenue Boat
Pictou

52. *Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the purpose of employing a Revenue Boat and Tide Waiters, or Boat-men, at Pictou, to aid in the protection of the Revenue, to be under the direction of the Collector of Excise at that Port.

£20 Shubenacadie
Ferry

53. *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 Hants and Colchester, for the transportation of Horses and Carriages across that River—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.

£1519 18s 9d Comrs.
Public Buildings

54. *Resolved*, That the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred and Nineteen Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Nine Pence be granted and paid to the Commissioners of Public Buildings, to defray the expenses incurred by them during the last year.

£607 6s 4d Expenses
Legislative Council

55. *Resolved*, That the sum of Eight Hundred and Seven Pounds Six Shillings and Four Pence be granted and paid to defray the balance of the expenses of the Legislative Council for the present year.

£15 M. Nickerson

56. *Resolved*, That the sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted and paid to Margaret Nickerson to enable her to continue her establishment for the accommodation of Travellers on the road from Barrington to Shelburne.

£8 19s 2d John T.
Chamberlain

57. *Resolved*, That the sum of Eight Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Two Pence be granted and paid to John T. Chamberlain, being the amount of excess of duties paid by him, omitted in the report of the Committee on Trade.

£25 School in Poor
House

58. *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.

£50 Hx. Dispensary

59. *Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted and paid to Doctors Grigor and Stirling, in aid of the Halifax Dispensary for the present year: provided they keep, during the year, a sufficient quantity of Vaccine Matter.

Allowance to Clerks
of Peace

60. *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and paid to the Secretary of the Province as will enable him to pay Three Pounds and Ten Shillings to each of the Clerks of the Peace within this Province to whom His Excellency directed Road Commissions and Bonds in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-two.

£10 J. J. Sawyer

61. *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to John James Sawyer, Esquire, High Sheriff for the County of Halifax, for his expenses as such Sheriff at the opening and closing of the present Session of the General Assembly.

£60 Stationary

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty Pounds 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 present Session.

63. *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds each be granted and paid to the two Chairmen of the Committee on Bills and of Supply, for their services for the present Session. £10 each Chairmen of Committees
64. *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. £100 each Clerks of House
65. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two Hundred and Twenty Pounds, be granted to defray the expense of extra Messengers, and other services and articles for the House of Assembly, and for Fuel, according to estimate—the said sum to be drawn and applied by the Clerk of the House of Assembly, under the sanction of the Speaker. £220 Extra Messengers, &c.
66. *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 Publications for House
67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty Pounds be granted and paid to the Clerk of the House of Assembly to enable him to pay the several proprietors of newspapers in the Province, for publishing the Standing Orders of this House as to Private Petitions and Accounts of Steam Boats, Academies, &c. agreeably to the Resolution of this House last Session. £30 Publishing Standing Orders
68. *Resolved*, That the Collector of Impost at the Port of Halifax shall, and he is hereby authorised, 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 Act of the General Assembly, passed in the third year of Her present Majesty's reign, or the Act passed 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 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 amounts paid do not exceed One Thousand Pounds. Account of duties on Live Stock, &c. to be kept
69. *Resolved*, That the sum of One Pound per day, be granted and paid to each and every Member of the House of Assembly, for their Attendance in General Assembly for the present Session, to be paid on the certificate of the Speaker; also, the Travelling Charges as heretofore, provided that no member shall receive pay for more than forty days attendance. Members' Pay
70. *Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds be granted and paid to John S. Thompson, and John H. Crosskill, Reporters of the Debates and Proceedings of the Legislature, for their services during the present Session. £125 Reporters
71. *Resolved*, That the sum of Fourteen Pounds be granted and paid to John McKay, Commissioner of the New Glasgow Bridge, to enable him to pay that sum incurred in his defence of a law-suit, brought against him as Commissioner of said Bridge. £14 John McKay
72. *Resolved*, That the sum of One Thousand Four Hundred and Fourteen Pounds One Shilling and Two Pence be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to repay the over-expenditures on Roads and Bridges already advanced by order of His Excellency; and that out of the sum of Eleven Hundred Pounds appropriated for the Roads in the County of Hants there be expended the sum of One Hundred Pounds on the New Mount Denson Road, from Falmouth to Horton line, and Two Hundred Pounds on the Main Post Road through Hants County, from Halifax County line to Kings County line. £1414 1s 2 Over-expenditure on Roads, &c.

The Resolutions from the first to the third, inclusive, were again read and agreed to; and thereupon, Resolutions from 1st to 3d agreed to

Motion not to agree
to 4th negatived;

Mr. Archibald moved, that the fourth Resolution for granting £15 to John Fuller, be not agreed to by the House : which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative. The Resolution was then again read, and agreed to.

From 5th to 7th
agreed to

The Resolutions from the fifth to the seventh, inclusive, were again read and agreed to.

Motion not to agree
to 8th

Mr. McLellan moved, that the eighth Resolution for granting £40 to the Female Teacher in the African School, at Halifax, be not agreed to : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fourteen ; against it, twenty-eight.

Division

For the motion—

Mr. S. Chipman
" Homer
" Gates
" Johnson
" McLellan
" Zwicker
" McKenna
" Dimock
" Dickey
" Lewis
" Archibald
" Rider
" Palmer
" Beckwith

Against the motion—

Hon. Solicitor General Mr. Thorne
Mr. Creighton " Stairs
" J. R. Dewolf " Dickson
" Forrestall " Payzant
" Taylor " Smith
" Spearwater " T. A. S. Dewolf
" Martell " Clements
" Turnbull " Marshall
" Holdsworth Hon. Mr. Dodd
" Heckman Mr. Fulton
" Budd Hon. Mr. McNab
" Fairbanks Mr. S. B. Chipman
" Blackadar " Annand
" Crow " Henry

Negatived

So it passed in the negative.

The Resolution was then again read, and agreed to.

From 9th to 13th
agreed to

The Resolutions from the ninth to the thirteenth, inclusive, were again read and agreed to.

Motion not to agree
to 14th

Mr. S. B. Chipman moved, that the fourteenth Resolution for granting £100 for the purposes of Education on the Eastern Shore, from Halifax to Canso, be not agreed to : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-nine ; against it, fifteen.

Division

For the motion—

Mr. Smith
" McLellan
" Holmes
" McKenna
" Rider
" Homer
" Gates
" Henry
" Fulton
" Johnson
" Lewis
" S. Chipman
" McKay
" Dimock
" Dickey

Mr. S. B. Chipman
" Clements
" Palmer
" Comeau
" Thorne
" Marshall
" Payzant
" Beckwith
" Turnbull
" Zwicker
" Budd
" Crow
" Holdsworth
" Heckman

Against the motion—

Mr. J. R. Dewolf
" Taylor
" Dickson
" Spearwater
" Hatton
" Fairbanks
" Martell
" Creighton
" Annand
" Stairs
" Forrestall
" Archibald
" Blackadar
Hon. Mr. Dodd
Hon. Mr. McNab

Carried

So it passed in the affirmative.

From 15th to 25th
agreed to

The Resolutions from the fifteenth to the twenty-eighth, inclusive, were then again read and agreed to.

Motion not to agree
to 29th

Mr. McLellan moved, that the twenty-ninth Resolution for granting a drawback on Officers' Wines, not exceeding £300, be not agreed to : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twelve ; against it, thirty-one.

For

For the motion—

Mr. Gates
 “ *McLellan*
 “ *Annamd*
 “ *Johnson*
 “ *Fulton*
 “ *Beckwith*
 “ *Dickey*
 “ *Lewis*
 “ *T. A. S. Dewolf*
 “ *Spearwater*
 “ *Clements*
 “ *Palmer*

Against the motion—

Mr. Zwicker
 “ *McKenna*
 “ *J. R. Dewolf*
 “ *Holdsworth*
 “ *Heckman*
 “ *Crow*
 “ *Hatton*
 “ *Delaney*
 “ *Turnbull*
 “ *Thorne*
 “ *Budd*
 “ *Martell*
 “ *Creighton*
 “ *Comeau*
 “ *Marshall*
 “ *Stairs*

Mr. Forrestall
 “ *Dickson*
 “ *McKay*
Hon. Mr. Dodd
Mr. Dimock
 “ *Archibald*
 “ *Smith*
 “ *Payzant*
 “ *Fairbanks*
 “ *Henry*
 “ *Blackadar*
Hon. Solicitor General
Hon. Mr. Howe
Hon. Mr. McNab
Mr. S. Chipman

Division

So it passed in the negative.

Negated

The Resolution was then again read, and agreed to by the House.

The thirtieth Resolution was then again read, and agreed to by the House.

30th agreed to

Mr. McLellan moved, that the thirty-first Resolution for granting £20 for repairing the Store House for Militia Arms, &c., at Chester, be not agreed to : which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Motion not to agree to 31st negated

The Resolution being again read, was agreed to by the House.

The Resolutions from the thirty-second to the fiftieth Resolution, inclusive, were then again read, and agreed to by the House.

From 32d to 50th agreed to

Mr. McLellan moved, that the fifty-first Resolution for granting £40 for the Revenue Boat at Sydney, Cape-Breton, be not agreed to : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, eleven ; against it, twenty-nine.

Motion not to agree to 51st

For the motion—

Mr. Gates
 “ *Rider*
 “ *McLellan*
 “ *S. B. Chipman*
 “ *McKenna*
 “ *Comeau*
 “ *Dickey*
 “ *Creighton*
 “ *Heckman*
 “ *Clements*
 “ *Lewis*

Against the motion—

Mr. Thorne
 “ *J. R. Dewolf*
 “ *Zwicker*
 “ *Martell*
 “ *McKay*
 “ *Hatton*
 “ *Taylor*
 “ *Dickson*
 “ *Holmes*
 “ *T. A. S. Dewolf*
 “ *Turnbull*
 “ *Budd*
 “ *Dimock*
 “ *Forrestall*
 “ *Marshall*

Mr. Crow
 “ *Palmer*
 “ *Spearwater*
 “ *Archibald*
Hon. Mr. Dodd
Mr. Henry
 “ *Johnson*
Hon. Mr. Howe
Mr. Fulton
Hon. Mr. McNab
Mr. Blackadar
 “ *Huntington*
 “ *S. Chipman*
 “ *Smith*

Division

So it passed in the negative.

Negated

The Resolution was then again read and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Huntington moved, that the fifty-second Resolution for granting £30 for the Revenue Boat at Pictou, be not agreed to : which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Motion not to agree to 52d negated

The Resolution being then again read, was agreed to by the House.

The Resolutions from the fifty-third to the sixty-second, inclusive, were then again read and agreed to by the House.

From 53d to 62d agreed to

Mr.

Motion not to agree
to 63d negatived

Mr. Marshall moved, that the sixty-third Resolution for granting £10 each, to the two Chairmen of the House, be not agreed to : which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

The Resolution being again read, was agreed to by the House.

Remaining Reso-
lutions agreed to
Sent to Council

The remaining Resolutions were then again read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said several Resolutions, agreed to by the House, to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Mess. from Council—

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

Passed Dartmouth
Burial Ground
Bill

The Council have passed A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for establishing a Public Burial Ground at Dartmouth, to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

Agree to Bills follow-
ing without amdt.

The Council have agreed to the Bills following, without any amendment :

Colonial Impost con-
tinuing

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the 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.

Colonial 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.

Importation of Goods

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

Duties regulation

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

Exportation of Goods

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

Smuggling

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

Warehousing of
Goods

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

Licenses Halifax

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

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mess. from Council—

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

Desire Conference

The Council desire a Conference by Committee with this Honorable House on the General State of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Conference agreed to

On motion, *resolved*, that the said Conference, as desired by the Council, be agreed to.

Com. of Conference

Ordered, That the Hon. Solicitor General, Mr. Huntington, and the Hon. Mr. Howe, do manage said Conference, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council that this House have agreed to said Conference, and that the Committee of this House are ready to meet their Committee.

So the Managers went to the Conference.

Report of Com. on
Statute Labor Law

Mr. Henry reported from the Select Committee on the Laws relating to Statute Labour, and thereupon presented a Bill relative to the performance of the Statute Labor on the Roads ; also,

Comms. of Streets
repeal and amendt.
Bill

A Bill 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—and the same were severally read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Petition of Education
Com.—N. S. Bap-
tist Education Soc.

A Petition of the Executive Committee of the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society was, by the special leave of the House, presented by Mr. Johnston and read, praying that the House will not interfere with the present system of Collegiate Instruction.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

The Hon. Solicitor General from the Committee of Conference held with a Committee of the Council on General State of the Province, reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and that Committee of Council had communicated at such Conference the desire of the Council that this House would concur with the Council in an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, on his anticipated arrival in the expected Steamer Packet from England, on his way to the Seat of Government.

Report of Committee of Conference

On motion, *resolved*, that a further Conference be desired with the Council, by Committee, on the subject of the last Conference, and that the Committee of this House are of opinion that it would be more complimentary to His Excellency the Governor General, that each House should present a separate Address.

Motion for further Conference

Ordered, That the Clerk do request such Conference.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mess. from Council—

Mr. Speaker,

The Council agree to the Conference desired by this Honorable House on the subject of the last Conference, and the Committee of the Council are ready to meet the Committee of this Honorable House.

agree to Conference

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Committee who managed the last Conference do manage this Conference.

So they went to the Conference ;

Conference held—

And being returned,

The Hon. Solicitor General reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House.

and reported

On motion, *resolved*, that a Select Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, to be presented upon his arrival in this Province.

Sel. Com. to prepare Address to Governor General

Ordered, That the Hon. Solicitor General, Mr. Huntington, and the Hon. Mr. Howe, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.

The Hon. Solicitor General, from the Select Committee appointed on Monday last, to confer with a Committee of the Council on the General State of the Province, reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, but that the communication made at such Conference by the Committee of the Council, was of such a nature that it could not be reported to the House, without a violation of its privileges.

Report of Conference of Monday last

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for establishing a Public Burial Ground at Dartmouth, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill from Council— Burial Ground, Dartmouth

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.

Com. on Bills—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill for establishing separate Boards of Commissioners for the Counties of Digby and Yarmouth respectively, and had made several amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill.—That the Committee had also gone through the Bill for the sale of the Old Court House at Truro, and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the House without amendment ; and he afterwards delivered the Bills and the amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Report— Comms. of Schools Bill— Digby & Yarmouth— with amendments

Bill for sale of Truro Court House

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of Bills, which the House agreed to.

Mr. McLellan moved, that the Bill for establishing separate Boards of Commissioners for the Counties of Digby and Yarmouth, be referred to a Select Committee, for the purpose of ascertaining what proportion of money should be inserted in the Bill for the Town-

Motion to refer Digby and Yarmouth Comms. of Schools Bill to Sel. Com.

ship of Sterling: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, seven; against it, twenty.

Division

For the motion—

Mr. Johnson
 “ McLellan
 “ Crow
 “ Lewis
 “ Clements
 “ Spearwater
 “ Holdsworth

Against the motion—

Mr. McKay
 “ Taylor
 “ Palmer
 “ Martell
 “ Heckman
 “ Comeau
 “ Gates
 “ Rider
 “ Blackadar
 “ Holmes

Mr. Homer
 “ McKenna
 Hon. Solicitor General
 Mr. Huntington
 “ Fulton
 “ Dickson
 “ S. B. Chipman
 “ Forrestall
 “ Archibald
 “ Henry

Negatived
 Amendments to Bill
 agreed to
 Ord'd. to be engrossed

So it passed in the negative.

The amendments to the said Bill were then read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.*Ordered*, That the Bill reported without amendment be engrossed.

Report of Comms. of
 Bridewell referred
 to Sel. Com.

The Hon. Solicitor General moved, that the report of the Commissioners for building Bridewell, with the Plan and Estimate, be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon, with power to send for persons and papers.

Ordered, That Mr. S. Chipman, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Dickson, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.

Order of Day
 Road Scales postponed

The Order of the Day being read,

Ordered, That the several Scales of sub-division of Road Money be presented to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Thursday, 16th March, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Comms. Schools Bill
 Digby & Yarmouth
 read 3d time

An engrossed Bill, for establishing separate Boards of School Commissioners for the Counties of Digby and Yarmouth, respectively, was read a third time.

Motion to amend by
 leaving out Col-
 chester negatived

Mr. McLellan moved, that the Bill be amended by leaving out all that part of the Bill which related to the County of Colchester: which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

Proviso moved as
 Rider—

Mr. McLellan then moved, that the following Proviso do pass and be added to the Bill by way of Rider,

“ *Provided*, That no greater sum shall be allotted or allowed to any one School in the Township of Sterling, than is allowed and received by similar Schools in other parts of the County of Colchester, any thing to the contrary notwithstanding:” which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, six; against it, twenty-five.

For the motion—

Mr. Clements
 “ Lewis
 “ McLellan
 “ Crow
 “ Beckwith
 “ Johnson

Against the motion—

Mr. Creighton
 “ Taylor
 “ Turnbull
 “ Hatton
 “ J. R. Dewolf
 “ Homer
 “ Holmes
 “ Payzant
 “ Gates
 “ Heckman
 “ McKay
 “ S. B. Chipman
 “ Henry

Mr. Martell
 “ Holdsworth
 “ Spearwater
 “ McKenna
 “ Marshall
 “ Comeau
 “ Dickson
 “ Archibald
 “ Dickey
 “ Blackadar
 “ Fulton
 “ Rider

Negatived—

So it passed in the negative.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for establishing separate Boards of School Commissioners in the Counties of Digby, Yarmouth, and Colchester, respectively.

and Bill passed

An engrossed Bill for the sale of the Old Court House at Truro, was read a third time.

Bill for sale of Old Court House, Truro passed—

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to authorize the sale of the Old Court House at Truro.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

and sent to Council

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for establishing a Public Burial Ground at Dartmouth, was read a second time.

Council's Bill, establishing Dartmouth Burial Ground read 2d time—

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

and committed

Mr. Henry moved, that the Bill relative to the performance of Statute Labour be published in the Novascotian newspaper: which, being seconded,

Mot. to publish Statute Labor Bill

Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf, by way of amendment to the question, moved to leave out all the words thereof after the word "That," and in place of the words so left out to insert the following words, "two hundred and fifty copies of the Bill be printed in a pamphlet form, for the use of Members:" which, being seconded,

Amendt. to print 250 copies in pamphlet form—

And a debate arising thereon,

Debate—

Mr. S. B. Chipman moved, that the question be now put; which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

Previous question

The amendment being then put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, sixteen; against it, twenty.

Amendment put

So it passed in the negative.

Negatived

Mr. Smith then moved, by way of amendment to the original question, to leave out all the words thereof after the word "That," and in place of the words so left out to insert the following words, "two hundred and fifty copies of the Bill relative to the performance of Statute Labour, be printed on a Broad Sheet in Handbill form and Newspaper type, for the use of Members:" which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty; against it, seventeen.

Amendt. to print 250 copies on a broad sheet

For the motion—

Against the motion—

Mr. Fairbanks
 Hon. Solicitor General
 Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf
 " Forrestall
 " Smith
 " McKay
 " Holmes
 " Dimock
 " Marshall
 " Martell

Mr. Blackadar
 " Heckman
 Hon. Mr. Dodd
 Mr. Creighton
 " Hatton
 " Thorne
 " Budd
 " Taylor
 " Zwicker
 " J. R. Dewolf

Mr. Palmer
 " Dickson
 " Clements
 " Comeau
 " Henry
 " McLellan
 " Lewis
 " McKenna
 " Homer

Division

So it passed in the affirmative.

Carried

The question, as amended, being then put,

Ordered, That Two Hundred and Fifty Copies of the Bill relative to the performance of Statute Labour, be printed on a Broad Sheet in Handbill form and Newspaper type, for the use of Members.

Question as amended carried

The Hon. Mr. Dodd reported from the Select Committee on the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act relative to the recovery of debts due on Policies of Insurance, that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bill to the House without any amendment—and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Rep. of Sel. Com. on Bill relative to recovery of Debts on Policies of Assurance

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

Bill committed

The Hon. Mr. Dodd moved for the special leave of the House to present the Petition of Andrew Shiels and others, Land-owners at Dartmouth: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the negative.

Special leave to present Pet. refused

Mr.

Report on Pet. of T.
Tobin and others

Mr. Annand reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of Thomas Tobin and others, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix No. 81.)

Laid on Table

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Insolvent Debtors
Bill read 2d time

A Bill for the relief of Insolvent Debtors was read a second time.

Motion to defer con-
sideration negatived
and—

Mr. McLellan moved, that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until the next Session, and that in the meantime the Bill be printed: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the negative.

Bill committed

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

Mess. from Council—

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

Agreed to change of
appropriation Oat
Mill, Guysborough

The Council have agreed to the Resolution for changing the appropriation of the sum of £19 for an Oat Mill in the Township of Guysborough. And then the Messenger withdrew.

Committee on Bills

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report—
Militia Bill—

Egerton Poors Bill—

Survey of Timber Bill
—with amendments

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to continue the Act for regulating the Militia; also, the Bill for setting off part of the Township of Egerton, as a separate district, for the support of the Poor; also, the Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Survey of Timber and Lumber, and that the Committee had made amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bills—and he afterwards delivered the Bills and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of Bills, which the House agreed to.

Motion not to agree to
amendments to Mi-
litia Bill

Mr. Johnson moved, that the amendment to the Bill to continue the Act for regulating the Militia be not agreed to by the House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, thirteen; against it, twenty-seven.

Negatived

So it passed in the negative.

Motion to defer Bill
and amendments

Mr. McLellan then moved, that the further consideration of the Bill and amendment be deferred until this day three months: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, seven; against it, thirty-three.

For the motion—

Against the motion—

Mr. Johnson

Mr. Fulton

Mr. Forrestall

Mr. Blackadar

“ Lewis

“ J. R. Dewolf

“ S. B. Chipman

“ McKay

“ Palmer

“ Clements

“ McKenna

Hon. Solicitor General

“ McLellan

“ Crow

“ Annand

Hon. Mr. Dodd

“ Beckwith

“ Taylor

“ Rider

Hon. Mr. McNab

“ Holdsworth

“ Payzant

“ Holmes

Hon. Mr. Howe

“ Zwicker

“ Halton

“ Spearwater

Mr. Comeau

“ Thorne

“ Martell

“ Fairbanks

“ Archibald

“ Dimock

“ Creighton

“ T. A. S. Dewolf

“ Stairs

“ Smith

“ Dickey

“ Huntington

“ S. Chipman

Negatived

So it passed in the negative.

Amdts. agreed to and

The several amendments to the Bills reported with amendments being then read, were agreed to by the House.

Bills to be engrossed

Ordered, That the Bills with the amendments be engrossed.

Report from Select
Committee of—

The Hon. Solicitor General, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Address to His Excellency the Governor General on his expected arrival in the Steamer

Steamer Packet, reported that the Committee had prepared an Address, which they had directed him to report to the House—and he read the Address in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read and is as followeth :

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, Baronet, G. C. B. Captain General, and Governor in Chief of the Provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Governor General of all Her Majesty's Provinces on the Continent of North America, and of the Island of Prince Edward.

Address to Governor General

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA, IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

May it please Your Excellency ;

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Representatives of Her Majesty's loyal People of Nova Scotia, welcome Your Excellency to this portion of the Realm.

Devotedly attached to the person of our Sovereign, and proud of our connection with the Empire, we view the selection of Your Excellency to preside over Her Majesty's British North American possessions, as a proof of regard for their interests, and a guarantee of future security and peace.

The high character which Your Excellency has sustained in different parts of the world, and under trying and difficult circumstances, leads us to anticipate a successful and firm administration, and we speak the common sentiment of those we represent, in assuring Your Excellency that the People of Nova Scotia will be most happy on all occasions to aid your exertions for establishing on a firm foundation British Institutions, and rallying round them the affections of Her Majesty's subjects on this Continent.

Wishing Your Excellency every comfort in the prosecution of your journey, we cherish the hope that the noble Province to which Your Excellency is hastening, may advance in prosperity under your auspices, maturing feelings of attachment to the Mother Country, until no trace of past dissensions and difficulties shall remain.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Address be received and adopted by the House.
Ordered, That the Address be engrossed.

Address received and adopted To be engrossed

On motion of Mr. Annand, *resolved*, that this House will on Saturday next, the 18th instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the General State of the Province, to consider of the site of the proposed University for Nova Scotia.

Order of Day for University

The Hon. Mr. McNab, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House a Return from the Custom House of the quantity of Cocoa imported and exported, required by a Resolution of this House.

Custom House return of Cocoa

(See Appendix No. 82.)

Ordered, That the Return do lie on the Table.

Laid on Table

The Order of the Day being read,

Ordered, That the several scales of sub-division of Road money be presented to-morrow.

Road Scales postponed

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at ten of the clock.

Friday, 17th March, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Then the House adjourned until this day at twelve of the clock.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Motion to rescind
order for printing
Statute Labor Bill
negatived

Mr. S. Chipman moved, that the Order of yesterday for printing the Bill relative to the performance of Statute Labor, be rescinded: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, nineteen; against it, twenty-two. So it passed in the negative.

Militia Bill—

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for regulating the Militia, was read a third time. *Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Militia.

Survey of Lumber
Bill—

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Survey of Timber and Lumber, and to repeal certain Acts now in force, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue and amend the Act to regulate the Survey of Timber and Lumber, and to repeal certain Acts now in force.

Egerton Poor Bill—
read 3d time, pas-
sed, and—

An engrossed Bill for setting off part of the Township of Egerton as a separate District, for the support of the Poor, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for setting off part of the Township of Egerton as a separate District, for the support of the Poor.

sent to Council

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Report of Com. on
Temperance

Mr. Lewis reported from the Select Committee on Temperance; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

(See Appendix No. 83.)

Laid on Table

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Report of Com. on
Highway Bill
without amd.

Mr. Blackadar reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to continue the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges—that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the House without any amendment.

Bill re-committed

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Com. to borrow mo-
ney for Province

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, *resolved*, that a Select Committee be appointed to consider what sum will require to be borrowed by the Province, and on what terms the same could probably be obtained, with leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf, Hon. Solicitor General, Mr. Huntington, Mr. McLellan, and Mr. Stairs, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Statements of Banks
to be laid before
House

On motion of Mr. McLellan, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to direct the proper Officer to lay upon the Table of this House the Duplicate Statement that may have been furnished, and transmitted to the Secretary of the Province since 1833, in pursuance of the 35th section of the Act for Incorporating the Bank of Nova Scotia, or copies thereof; also, the names of the Proprietors of the Bank of British North America, now resident within the Province, as enrolled in the Secretary's Office, agreeably to the ninth section of the Act to Incorporate the Bank of British North America.

Report on Pet. of
Thos. Killam and
others

The Hon. Mr. Howe reported from the Select Committee on the Petitions of Thomas Killam and others, of Edward Lovitt and others, and of the Churchwardens, Vestry, and Parishioners of Trinity Church, at Yarmouth; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

(See Appendix No. 84.)

Laid on Table

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Pictou Navigation
Bill read 2d time
and—
committed

A Bill further to amend the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Pictou, was read a second time.

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

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace ; the Bill to continue the Acts for appointing Supervisors to take charge of Public Grounds, and for other purposes ; the Bill to continue the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges ; the Bill to continue the Act for the regulation of Juries, and the Act in amendment thereof ; the Bill to continue the Act to prevent the spreading of Contagious Diseases, and for the performance of Quarantine, and the Act in amendment thereof ; the Bill to continue the Act more effectually to provide against the introduction of Infectious or Contagious Diseases, and the spreading thereof in this Province, and the Act in amendment thereof ; the Bill to extend to the Town of Arichat the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places ; the Bill to enable the Trustees of the Sydney Academy, in the County of Cape Breton, to raise money for the completion thereof ; the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act relative to the recovery of Debts due on Policies of Assurance ; and the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for establishing a Public Burial Ground at Dartmouth—and that they had directed him to report the said Bills to the House without any amendment. That the Committee had also gone through the Bill to amend the Act to extend to the Town of Sydney, the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax and certain other places ; the Bill to continue the Act for the support and regulation of Light Houses ; the Bill to empower the congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Cornwallis to manage and transact their secular affairs ; the Bill to continue and amend the Act for granting duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and the Act to alter the same ; the Bill further to amend the Act for establishing the times and places of holding Polls at Elections of Representatives ; and the Bill to continue the Act, entitled, An Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another, and also the Acts in amendment thereof, and that the Committee had made several amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bills—and he afterwards delivered the Bills and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

The amendments to the Bills reported with amendments were then read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bills with the amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the two engrossed Bills from the Council, reported without amendment, be read a third time.

Ordered, That the other Bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to improve the administration of the Law, and to reduce the number of Courts of Justice within this Province, and to reduce the expense of the Judiciary therein—to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

The Council have agreed to sixty-nine Resolutions for granting and appropriating for the several purposes following, viz. :

£12	17	0	Board of Health, Pictou.
15	0	0	John Fuller.
104	5	6	James B. Hadley.
10	0	0	Hugh McKinnon.
10	0	0	Joseph Pearce Bickers.
4	2	0	Overseers of the Poor, Sydney, C. B.

£40

Com. on Bills

Report Bills, viz—
Summary Trials—
Public Grounds—

Highways, &c.—

Juries—

Quarantine—

Contagious Diseases—

Commrs. Highways,
Arichat—

Sydney Academy—

Council's Policies of
Assurance—and
Burial Ground, Dart-
mouth—without
amdt.

Sydney Highways—

Light Houses—

Presbyterian Church,
Cornwallis—

Licenses—

Polls at Elections—
and
Militia Bills—with
amdt.

Amdts. agreed to

Ord. to be engrossed

Engrossed Council's
Bills read 3d time

Ord. to be engrossed

Mess. from Council—

Passed Judiciary Bill
—and

agree to 69 Resolu-
tions for granting
money

£10	0	0	Female Teacher African School.
100	0	0	Rev. R. F. Uniacke's Schools.
50	0	0	Infant School, Halifax.
100	0	0	Methodist School.
20	0	0	Edmund Crowell.
40	0	0	Charles Boudrot and Bernard Trahan.
10	0	0	Dugald B. McNab.
300	0	0	Indians.
Drawback on Refined Sugars.			
228	5	2	Excess of Duties.
7	7	11	Edward Lawson & Co.
50	4	6	Stephen Binney & Co.
6	19	3	James Wilkie.
4	0	0	Daniel Owen.
35	0	0	To James Carline, and £34 7 6 to Charles Dodd.
3	15	0	Stephen Trenholm.
4	7	3	Richard Bryden.
6	4	11	John Stiles.
Seal Bounty to Simon Gallant.			
77	8	2	To re-pay advances by Consuls for Shipwrecked Seamen.
Drawback on Officers' Wines.			
6	18	0	James Chandley.
20	0	0	Storing Militia Arms, Chester.
7	0	0	James Turnbull.
200	0	0	Annually, for two years, to Sackville Academy.
505	3	11	Over-expenditure Revenue Cutters.
800	0	0	Revenue Cutters.
19	4	0	Expenses of transporting George Hiscock.
982	4	9	Post Office deficiency.
5	6	0	Dr. Bell.
60	0	0	William Sanford.
45	0	0	Sons of John Campbell.
50	0	0	Parrsborough Packet.
50	0	0	Guysborough Packet.
20	0	0	Londonderry Ferry.
20	0	0	Ferry Gut of Canso.
10	0	0	Each to Shubenacadie Ferrymen.
15	0	0	LaHave Ferry.
10	0	0	Cornelius Craig.
10	0	0	Richard Carter.
10	0	0	Ferryman east side of Gut of Canso.
10	0	0	Each, Ferrymen at Port L'Herbert.
20	0	0	Bay of Verte Packet.
40	0	0	Sydney Revenue Boat.
30	0	0	Pictou Revenue Boat.
1519	18	9	Commissioners Public Buildings.
807	6	4	Expenses of Council.
8	19	2	John T. Chamberlain.
15	0	0	Margaret Nickerson.
25	0	0	Poor House School.
50	0	0	Halifax Dispensary.
3	10	0	Each of the Clerks of the Peace.
10	0	0	J. J. Sawyer.
60	0	0	Stationary.
10	0	0	each, Chairmen of House.
100	0	0	each, Clerks of House.

£220	0	0	Contingencies of House.
30	0	0	Advertising for House.
125	0	0	Reporters.
14	0	0	John McKay.
1414	1	2	Over Expenditures on Roads.
15	0	0	Publications for House.
16	18	6	George McKenzie.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The engrossed Bill from the Council to amend the Act to improve the Administration of the Laws, &c. was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill from Council to amend Judiciary Act read 1st time

The Hon. Mr. Dodd reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to continue the Act relating to Passengers from Great Britain and Ireland, and the Acts in amendment thereof, and thereupon presented a Bill relating to Passengers arriving in this Province—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill relating to Passengers read 1st time

A Petition of the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society was, by the special leave of the House, presented by the Hon. Mr. Dodd and read, praying that the Petitioners may be heard at the Bar of the House, before the House enter on any definite Resolution respecting the subject of the establishment of an University.

Pet. of N. S. Baptist Education Society

The Hon. Mr. Dodd thereupon moved, that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth :

Resolved, That the Petitioners be heard at the Bar of the House, by themselves or their Counsel, in accordance with the prayer of their Petition : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, seventeen ; against it, twenty-four.

Motion that Petitioners be heard at the Bar

For the motion—

Mr. S. Chipman	Mr. Dimock
" Lewis	" McKay
" S. B. Chipman	Hon. Mr. Dodd
" Fairbanks	Mr. Blackadar
" Palmer	" Beckwith
" T. A. S. Dewolf	" Gates
" Johnson	" Dickson
" Smith	" Holmes
" Clements	

Against the motion—

Mr. Dickey	Mr. Henry
" Zwicker	" Crow
" Spearwater	" Stairs
" Hatton	" Annand
" Homer	Hon. Mr. Howe
" Rider	Mr. McKenna
" Delaney	" Turnbull
" Heckman	" McLellan
" Archibald	" Payzant
" Fulton	" Huntington
" Creighton	" Comeau
" Martell.	Hon. Mr. McNab

Division

So it passed in the negative.

Negatived

The Order of the Day being read,

Order of Day

Ordered, That the several Scales of sub-division of Road Money be presented to-morrow.

Road Scales postponed

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at ten of the clock.

Saturday, 18th March, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Then the House adjourned until twelve of the clock, this day.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for establishing a Public Burial Ground at Dartmouth ; also,

Council's Bills—
To amend Dartmouth Burial Ground Act—
Relative to Policies of Assurance—
read 3d time—
agreed to—

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act relative to the recovery of debts due on Policies of Assurance—were severally read a third time.

Resolved, That the House do agree to the said Bills.

- and sent back to Council
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council and acquaint them that this House have agreed thereto severally without amendment.
- Engrossed Bills read 3d time
Prebyterian Church, Cornwallis
An engrossed Bill to empower the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Cornwallis to manage and transact their secular affairs, was read a third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to empower the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Cornwallis to manage and transact their secular affairs.
- Sydney Highways amdt.
An engrossed Bill to amend the Act to extend to the Town of Sydney the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, was read a third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act relative to the appropriation of the License Duties in the Town of Sydney.
- Polls amdt. Bill
An engrossed Bill further to amend the Act for establishing the times and places of holding the Polls at Elections of Representatives, was read a third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act further to amend the Act for establishing the times and places of holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives.
- Commrs. Highways, Arichat
An engrossed Bill to extend to the Town of Arichat the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, was read a third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to extend to the Town of Arichat the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places.
- Sydney Academy Bill
An engrossed Bill to enable the Trustees of the Sydney Academy, in the County of Cape Breton, to raise money for the completion of the same.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to enable the Trustees of the Sydney Academy, in the County of Cape Breton, to raise money for the completion of the same.
- Supervisors of Public Grounds
An engrossed Bill to continue the Acts for appointing Supervisors to take charge of Public Grounds, and for other purposes, was read a third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Acts for appointing Supervisors to take charge of Public Grounds, and for other purposes.
- Billeting Act
An engrossed Bill to continue the Act, entitled, An Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another, and also the Acts in amendment thereof, was read a third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue and amend the Act, entitled, An Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another.
- Summary Trials
An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace, was read a third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace.
- Highways amdt.
An engrossed Bill to continue the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads, and Bridges, was read a third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads, and Bridges.
- Quarantine
An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to prevent the spreading of Contagious Diseases, and for the performance of Quarantine, and the Act in amendment thereof, was read a third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act to prevent the spreading of Contagious Diseases, and for the performance of Quarantine, and the Act in amendment thereof.
- Contagious Diseases
An engrossed Bill to continue the Act more effectually to provide against the introduction of Infectious or Contagious Diseases, and the spreading thereof in this Province, and the Act in amendment thereof, was read a third time.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act more effectually to provide against the introduction of Infectious or Contagious Diseases, and the spreading thereof in this Province, and the Act in amendment thereof.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for the regulation of Juries, and the Act in amendment thereof, was read a third time. Juries

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Acts for the regulation of Juries, and the Act in amendment thereof.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Acts for the support and regulation of Light Houses, was read a third time. Light Houses

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for the support and regulation of Light Houses.

An engrossed Bill to continue and amend the Act for granting duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and the Act to alter the same, was read a third time. License Duties

Mr. Henry moved, that the Bill be amended by striking out the fourth clause thereof, prohibiting the sale of Liquors on the Lord's Day: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-two; against it, twenty-four. Motion to amend by striking out 4th clause

For the motion—

Mr. Annand	Mr. McKenna
Hon. Solicitor General	“ Turnbull
Hon. Mr. Howe	“ Homer
Hon. Mr. Dodd	“ Holmes
Mr. Stairs	“ Archibald
Hon. Mr. McNab	“ Dickson
Mr. Huntington	“ Crow
“ Blackadar	“ Forrestall
“ Henry	“ Thorne
“ Martell	“ Rider
“ Payzant	“ Hatton

Against the motion—

Mr. Taylor	Mr. Creighton
“ J. R. Dewolf	“ Comeau
“ Spearwater	“ Dickey
“ Zwicker	“ Budd
“ Palmer	“ Heckman
“ Dimock	“ Clements
“ Johnson	“ Smith
“ McLellan	“ Fulton
“ Lewis	“ Gates
“ McKay	“ Fairbanks
“ T. A. S. Dewolf	“ S. Chipman
“ Holdsworth	“ S. B. Chipman

Division

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Henry then moved, that the following Proviso do pass, and be added to the fourth clause of the Bill, by way of Rider. Negativated Proviso moved and carried

“ *Provided always*, that nothing herein contained shall extend to any person or persons actually lodging and living in any Licensed Tavern, or other House of Public Entertainment, within this Province:” which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

Which Proviso being added,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue and amend the Act for granting duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and the Act to alter the same. Bill passed

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the several Bills to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Then the House adjourned until three of the clock, this day. Adjournment

And being met pursuant to adjournment, Meet again

Mr. Speaker informed the House that His Excellency, the Governor General, having arrived from England in the Steamer Packet, on his way to the seat of Government, in the Province of Canada, had been pleased to signify that he would receive the Address of this House to-day, at a quarter before four of the clock, at Government House. Speaker reports arrival of Gov. Gen. and that he will receive Address

Ordered, That the Address be presented to His Excellency by the whole House. Address to be presented

Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency the Governor General with their Address, and being returned, House attend Gov. Gen.

Mr. Speaker reported that His Excellency was pleased to give this Answer to the Address of the House— Speaker reports answer to Address

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen,

I return you my most sincere thanks for your very cordial and obliging Address.

I shall

I shall be happy indeed, if I shall be so fortunate as, in the results of my administration, to realize the favourable anticipations you have been pleased to express.

I beg to thank you all sincerely.

Report on Pet. of
Barristers

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of the Barristers residing and practising in the County of Annapolis—and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

(See Appendix No. 85.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Bill for reporting de-
cisions of Supreme
Court reported, and
read 1st time

Mr. Fairbanks also reported further from said Committee, and thereupon presented a Bill for reporting the decisions of the Supreme Court—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Com. on Bills

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report progress

The Chairman reported that the Committee had made some progress in the business referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of Bills, which the House agreed to.

Orders of Day—

The Orders of the Day being read,

Road Scales—

Ordered, That the several Scales of sub-division of Road Money be presented on Monday next.

University—post-
poned

Ordered, That the House do, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee on the General State of the Province, to consider of the site for the proposed University.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at eleven of the clock.

Monday, 20th March, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Bill from Council to
amend Judiciary
Act

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to improve the Administration of the Law, and to reduce the number of Courts of Justice within this Province, and to diminish the expense of the Judiciary therein.

Passengers—and
Decisions of Supreme
Court Bills—read
2d time—and
committed

A Bill relating to Passengers arriving in this Province.

A Bill for reporting the decisions of the Supreme Court, were severally read a second time.

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

Colchester Represen-
tation Bill read 2d
time

A Bill concerning the Representation of the County of Colchester, was read a second time.

Motion to defer

Mr. S. B. Chipman moved, that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-eight; against it, fourteen.

Carried—
and Bill deferred

So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months.

Motion for Com. on
Colleges Bill

Mr. Annand moved, that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the Bill respecting grants of money for, or in aid of Colleges, Academies, or Schools: which, being seconded,

Order of Day moved,

Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf moved, that the House do now proceed to the Order of the Day: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty; against it, twenty-three.

negatived

So it passed in the negative.

The original question being then put, passed in the affirmative ; and the House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee on the consideration of the Bill respecting grants of money for, or in aid of, Colleges, Academies, or Schools.

Original motion carried
Com. on College Bill

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business referred to them—and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the said Bill, which the House agreed to.

Report progress

Mr. Creighton reported further from the Committee of Education, on the several Petitions of William P. Moffatt, and of the Commissioners of Schools for the District of Saint Mary's—and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

Report from Com. on Education

(See Appendix No. 86.)

On motion, *resolved*, that the report be received and adopted by the House.

Received and adopted

Ordered, That Mr. Creighton have leave to return home after Thursday next, on urgent private business.

Leave of absence

The Orders of the Day being read,

Ordered, That the several scales of sub-division of Road money be presented to-morrow.

Orders of Day—

Ordered, That the House do, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee on the General State of the Province, to consider of the site of the proposed University.

Road Scales—

University—post-poned

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Tuesday, 21st March, 1843.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Thomas Dickson, Esquire, was, by special leave of the House, presented by Mr. S. B. Chipman and read, praying that the House would grant Petitioner some further time to liquidate the amount due by him on his arrears to the Province, as Collector of Impost and Excise, at Pictou.

Pet. of Thos. Dickson presented

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Stairs, Mr. Clements, Mr. Smith, Mr. S. B. Chipman, and Mr. Rider, to examine and report upon.

Ref. to Sel. Com.

A Petition of E. F. Munro and others, a Committee appointed at a Public Meeting at Truro, was, by the special leave of the House, presented by Mr. McLellan and read, praying that the House would not sanction the payment of over-expenditures for the Road and Bridge service in the County of Colchester.

Pet. of E. F. Munro and others

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Laid on Table

Mr. Huntington reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of Stephen Binney and Edward Binney ; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

Report on Pet. of S. Binney & Co.

(See Appendix No. 87.)

On motion, *resolved*, that the Report be received and adopted by the House.

Adopted

The Hon. Mr. Howe, by leave of the House, presented a Bill to extend to the Town of Dartmouth the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Dartmouth Assize of Bread Bill read 1st time

Ordered, nem. con., That the same be now read a second time.

And the same was read a second time accordingly.

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

Read 2d time—and committed

Resolution moved
relative to Over-
expenditures

Mr. McLellan moved the House do come to a Resolution as followeth :
Whereas, large Over-expenditures have been made, from time to time, in the County of Colchester, and other parts of the Province, not duly authorized, or sanctioned, to the great dissatisfaction of the Assembly and People.

Resolved therefore, with a view to prevent in future, such Over-expenditures, that only one-half such Over-expenditure made by Pollork, on the Road from Halifax to Truro, and by Archibald, on the Salmon River Bridge, &c. shall be paid this year, out of the money allotted to the Counties in which such expenditure has been made, and the remainder out of the next year's grant, and that Commissioners Pollock and Archibald shall not retain any part of the money granted them this year for commissions, attendance, claim, or for any payment advanced by them to Laborers :

Which, being seconded,

Amndt. moved

Mr. Dickson moved, by way of amendment to the question, to leave out all the words thereof, both before and after the word "Resolved," and in place of the words so left out, after the word "Resolved," to insert the following words, "That the sum of £275 12s., being the balance of the Over-expenditure on the Great Eastern Road in the year 1842, as reported upon by a Committee of this House on the 8th instant, and not yet provided for, be provided for by the following Counties, out of the sums allotted them, respectively, out of the £15000, granted this Session, for the service of Roads and Bridges ; that is to say, by the County of Colchester the sum of £183 12s., and by the County of Hants the sum of £92 : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, nine ; against it, twenty-five.

Division

For the amendment—

Against the amendment—

Mr. Rider
" Homer
" Archibald
" Dickson
" Heckman
" Dickey
" McLellan
" Crow
" Comeau

Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf	Mr. Budd
" J. R. Dewolf	" Holdsworth
" Taylor	" Beckwith
" Forrestall	" Dimock
" Thorne	" Smith
" S. B. Chipman	" Palmer
" Turnbull	" Clements
" Henry	" Payzant
Hon. Solicitor General	" Creighton
Mr. Blackadar	" Lewis
" Gates	" Fulton
" Zwicker	" McKay
" McKenna	

Negatived

So it passed in the negative.

Original Resolution
negatived

The original motion was then put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the negative.

Division of Colches-
ter Road Money
ref. to Hx. Mem-
bers

On motion of Mr. McLellan, *resolved*, that it be referred to the Members from the County of Halifax, to settle and adjust the Scale of sub-division of Road Money for the County of Colchester.

Communication from
Newfld. relative to
Light Houses, re-
ferred to Nav. Sec.

On motion of the Hon. Solicitor General, *resolved*, that the Communication from His Excellency the Governor of Newfoundland, to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to the maintainance of a Light House proposed to be erected on the South-west Coast of Newfoundland, be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.

Letter from Judges
of Nova Scotia ref.
to Supply

On motion of the Hon. Solicitor General, *resolved*, that the Letter from the Judges of Nova Scotia, relative to their Circuits to Cape Breton, with the accompanying Accounts, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Bill for relief of C.
Clarke read 2d
time—and
Ref. to Sel. Com.

A Bill for the relief of Charles Clarke, an Insolvent Debtor, was read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to Mr. Creighton, Mr. Dickey, and McLellan, to examine and report upon.

Council's Parish Bill
read 2d time

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act relative to the allotment of Parishes in this Province, was read a second time.

Mr.

Mr. S. B. Chipman moved, that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-four; against it, twenty.

For the motion—		Against the motion—		Division
Mr. McKenna	Mr. Homer	Mr. J. R. Dewolf	Mr. Holmes	
" S Chipman	" Dimock	" Budd	" McKay	
" Archibald	" Henry	" Crow	" Heckman	
Hon. Mr. McNab	" Rider	" Hatton	" Blackadar	
Hon. Mr. Howe	" Gates	" Taylor	" Palmer	
Mr. Annand	" Payzant	" Zwicker	Hon. Solicitor General	
" Fulton	" Forrestall	" Dickey	Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf	
" Huntington	" Lewis	" Holdsworth	Hon. Mr. Dodd	
" Comeau	" Turnbull	" Thorne	" Fairbanks	
" Stairs	" Spearwater	" Creighton	" Smith	
" McLellan	" Martell			
" S. B. Chipman	" Clements			

So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to empower the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Cornwallis to manage and transact their secular affairs, with an amendment—to which amendment they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to extend to the Town of Arichat the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places.

The Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the appropriation of the License Duties in the Town of Sydney.

The Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Trustees of the Sydney Academy, in the County of Cape Breton, to raise money for the completion of the same.

The Bill, entitled, An Act for establishing separate Boards of School Commissioners in the Counties of Digby, Yarmouth, and Colchester, respectively.

The Bill entitled, An Act for setting off a part of the Township of Egerton as a separate District, for the support of the Poor.

The Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of the Old Court House at Truro.

The Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Militia.

The Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act to regulate the Survey of Timber and Lumber, and to repeal certain Acts now in force.

The Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the support and regulation of Light Houses.

The Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act, entitled, An Act to provide for the accommodation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another, and also the Acts in amendment thereof.

The Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of Juries, and the Act in amendment thereof.

The Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for appointing Supervisors to take charge of Public Grounds, and for other purposes.

The Bill, entitled, An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace.

The Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges.

The Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act more effectually to provide against the introduction

introduction of Infectious or Contagious Diseases, and the spreading thereof in this Province, and the Act in amendment thereof—and

Quarantine—without
amdt.

The Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to prevent the spreading of Contagious Diseases, and for the performance of Quarantine, and the Act in amendment thereof, severally, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Letter rel. to colored
people, Hammond's
Plains

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House a Letter from the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, dated 18th March, 1843, with a List of Families of Colored People in a state of destitution at Hammond's Plains.

Ref. to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That the copy of Letter be referred to Mr. Annand, Mr. Dickey, and Mr. Turnbull, to examine and report upon.

Returns from Bank of
Nova Scotia and—

The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, also presented to the House Returns from the Bank of Nova Scotia, required by a Resolution of this House, for the years 1837, 1839, 1840, 1842, and 1843, made to the Office of the Provincial Secretary, agreeably to the Act of Incorporation.

(See Appendix No. 88.)

Bank of British North
America presented

Also, Returns of names of Proprietors in the Bank of British North America, as also required by a Resolution of this House.

Laid on Table

Ordered, That the Returns do lie on the Table.

Resolution for Sel.
Com. relative to
Banks

On motion of Mr. McLellan, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to obtain from the respective Banks hereinafter mentioned, and to report to this House the following information :

From the Bank of British North America, the amount of their Notes put in circulation—amount and statement of Accounts with the other Banks in Halifax—amount deposited in the Bank, the rate and amount of interest paid thereon—amount of dividends and profits declared—and the amount paid for and during the year 1842; also, the amount of their Bank Notes in circulation at the present time—and the amount of Treasury Notes in their vaults.

From the Halifax Banking Company, the amount of their Notes put in circulation—amount and statement of Accounts with the other Banks in Halifax—the amount deposited in their Bank, the rate and amount of interest paid thereon—the amount of Dividends or Profits declared and paid for and during the year 1842—the amount of their Notes now in circulation—the amount of Treasury Notes in their vaults—and the names of the present Proprietors of the Bank.

From the Commissioners of the Savings Bank, the names and residence, as far as is known, of the present depositors in the Bank, with the dates of deposits, and the rates of interest paid, and that such Committee have power to send for persons and papers.

Ordered, That Mr. McLellan, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Annand, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.

Motion to consider
College Bill

Mr. Gates moved, that the House do now again resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of the Bill respecting grants of money for, or in aid of Colleges, Academies, or Schools: which, being seconded,

Amdt. moved and
carried

The Hon. Solicitor General moved, by way of amendment to the question, to leave out all the words thereof, after the word "Committee," and in place of the words so left out, to insert the following words, "on Bills": which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the affirmative.

Com. on Bills

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to
continue

continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread; the Bill to continue the Acts in amendment of the Act relating to Commissioners of Sewers; the Bill to continue the Acts in amendment of the Act for the choice of Town Officers and regulating of Townships; and the Bill to extend to the Town of Dartmouth the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread—and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills to the House without any amendment. That the Committee had also gone through the Bill to amend an Act to establish sundry regulations for the future disposal of Crown Lands within the Province of Nova Scotia; the Bill further concerning Firewards and Fires, in Halifax; and the Bill relating to Passengers arriving in this Province—and that the Committee had made several amendments to the said Bills, respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bills. That the Committee had also considered the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to improve the Administration of the Law, and to reduce the number of Courts of Justice within this Province, and to diminish the expense of the Judiciary therein—and had directed him to report that it be recommended to the House to defer the further consideration of the Bill till the next Session, and he afterwards delivered the Bills and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Report Bills, viz—
Assize of Bread—
Commissioners of
Sewers contce.—
Town Officers—
Dartmouth Assize of
Bread—without
amdt.

Crown Lands—
Firewards—and
Passengers—with
amdt.

Council's Judiciary
amdt. Bill rec'mdt.
to be deferred

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of Bills, which the House agreed to.

The amendments to the Bills reported with amendments were read, and agreed to by the House.

Amdts. agreed to—

Ordered, That the Bills with the amendments be engrossed.

and Bills to be en-
grossed.

Ordered, That the Bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to improve the Administration of the Law, and to reduce the number of Courts of Law within this Province, and to diminish the expense of the Judiciary therein, be deferred until the next Session.

Judiciary amdt. Bill
deferred

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mess. from Council

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the practice of the Courts of Probate within this Province, to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

Passed Probate Bill
—and

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and the Act to alter the same, with amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

License Bill agreed to
with amendments

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to regulate the practice of the Courts of Probate within this Province, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Council's Probate
Bill read a 1st time

Ordered, That Mr. Payzant have leave of absence to return home after Friday next, on urgent private business.

Leave of absence to
Mr. Payzant

Ordered, That Mr. Palmer have leave of absence to return home after Friday next, on urgent private business.

Leave of absence to
Mr. Palmer

The Hon. Mr. Howe reported from the Select Committee on Trade on the Memorial of the Directors of the Steam Boat St. George, and the Letter of His Excellency Sir Henry Vere Huntley, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

Report from Com. on
Trade relative to
Steam Boat St.
George

(See Appendix No. 39.)

On motion, *resolved,* that the Report be received and adopted by the House.

Adopted—and

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Supply

Orders of Day—
Road Scales

The Orders of the Day being read,
Ordered, That the several Scales of sub-division of Road Money be presented on Monday next.

University—post-
poned

Ordered, That the House do, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee on the General State of the Province, to consider of the site for the proposed University.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Wednesday, 22d March, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Sel. Com on Road
Scales

On motion, *resolved*, that a Select Committee be appointed to inspect the several Scales of sub-division of Road Money, before their presentation to the House, in order to ascertain what proportion of the sums appropriated to the respective Counties are to be expended on the Main Post Roads.

Ordered, That Mr. S. B. Chipman, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Fulton, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.

Engrossed Bills—
Assize of Bread—

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.

Commissioners of
Sewers—

An engrossed Bill to continue the Acts in amendment of the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers.

Town Officers—

An engrossed Bill to continue the Acts in amendment of the Act for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating of Townships, and the Acts to alter and amend the same, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Act for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating of Townships, and the Acts to alter and amend the same.

Crown Lands—

An engrossed Bill to amend an Act to establish sundry Regulations for the future disposal of Crown Lands within the Province of Nova Scotia, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue and amend the Act to establish sundry Regulations for the future disposal of Crown Lands within the Province of Nova Scotia.

Dartmouth Assize of
Bread—

An engrossed Bill to extend to the Town of Dartmouth the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to extend to the Town of Dartmouth the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.

Passengers—

An engrossed Bill relating to Passengers arriving in this Province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act relating to Passengers arriving in this Province.

Halifax Firewards—
read 3d time—and

An engrossed Bill further concerning Firewards and Fires in Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act further concerning Firewards and Fires in Halifax.

sent to Council

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Report of Sel. Com.
on Bill for relief of
Charles Clarke

Mr. Creighton reported from the Select Committee on the Bill for the relief of Charles Clarke, an Insolvent Debtor; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

(See Appendix No. 90.)

Adopted—and
Bill deferred

On motion, *resolved*, that the Report be received and adopted by the House.
Ordered, That the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months.

On

On motion of Mr. McKenna, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to order the proper officer to lay before this House, for its information, the return of all Fines levied and collected in the County of Shelburne, payable to Her Majesty, for the last six years.

Return of Fines
from Shelburne

The engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to regulate the practice of the Courts of Probate within this Province, was read a second time.

Engrossed Probate
Bill read 2d time—

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

and committed

The amendment from the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to empower the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church at Cornwallis to manage and transact their secular affairs, was read and is as followeth:

Amdt. from Council
to Cornwallis Meeting
House Bill

“Last clause—at the end of the clause insert the following words, “and to use all that part of the said Public Ground now enclosed as aforesaid, for all purposes connected with, or incidental to the use of the said Public Burial Ground, but for no other purpose whatsoever.”

Mr. S. Chipman moved, that the amendment be not agreed to: which, being seconded,

Motion not to agree to
Amdt. for Sel. Com.
agreed to

Mr. Huntington moved, by way of amendment to the question, to leave out all the words thereof after the word “That,” and in place of the words so left out, to insert the following words, “the Bill and amendment be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon:” which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

The question, as amended, being then put,

Ordered, That the Bill and amendment be referred to Mr. Dickey, the Hon. Mr. Howe, and Mr. Fairbanks, to examine and report upon.

The amendment to the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for granting Duties upon Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and the Act to alter the same, was read; and thereupon,

Amdts. to License
Duty Bill

On motion, *resolved*, that this House cannot consider the said amendment, as it affects the imposition of a duty.

Resolution not to
consider—

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendment back to the Council, and acquaint them with the foregoing Resolution.

and sent back to
Council

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Select Committee appointed to examine the Scales of sub-division of Road Money—and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk’s Table.

Report from Sel. Com
on Road Scales

(See Appendix No. 91.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Laid on Table

On motion of Mr. Beckwith, *resolved*, that the sum of Ten Pounds granted in 1842, to open a New Road through the woods from Earl Burgess southerly to the road passing Little Lake, in the Township of Cornwallis, undrawn, be applied to the road from Thomas White’s to Canady Creek wharf, in said Township.

Motion to change ap-
propriation for
Road in Cornwallis

Mr. Stairs reported from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the amount of duty received on Cocoa, and the Bounty paid on Chocolate—and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk’s Table.

Report on Chocolate
Bounty

(See appendix No. 92.)

On motion, *resolved*, that the Report be received and adopted by the House.

Adopted

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.

Com. on Bills

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, and the Bill to Incorporate the Cole Harbour Dike Company—and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills to the House without

Report—
Insolvent Debtors
Bill—
Cole Harbor Dike
Bill—without amd

Halifax Cemeteries
Bill—

Poor House Burying
Ground Bill—with
amds.

Comms. of Sewers
Bill recommended
to be deferred

without any amendment. That the Committee had also gone through the Bill in further addition to, and amendment of, the several Acts now in force concerning Cemeteries or Burial Grounds in the Town of Halifax; and the Bill for the regulation of the Poor House Burying Ground for the City of Halifax—and that the Committee had made several amendments to the said Bills, respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bills. That the Committee had also considered the Bill for the appointment of Commissioners of Sewers, and to repeal all former Acts relative thereto—and that the Committee had directed him to report that it be recommended to the House to defer the further consideration of that Bill until the next Session; and he afterwards delivered the Bills and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of Bills, which the House agreed to.

Motion to defer In-
solvent Debtor Bill

Mr. Dickey moved, that the report from the Committee on the Bill for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, be not received, but that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, nineteen; against it, twenty-one.

Negatived

So it passed in the negative.

Amdts. agreed to

The amendments to the Bills reported with amendments being then read, were agreed to by the House.

Bills to be engrossed

Ordered, That the Bills with the amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

Comms. of Sewers
Bill deferred

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Bill for the appointment of Commissioners of Sewers, and to repeal all former Acts relative thereto, be deferred until the next Session.

Report of Sel. Com.
on Colchester Road
Money

Mr. Annand reported from the Select Committee of the Members from the County of Halifax, appointed to settle and adjust the Scale of sub-division of Road Monies for the County of Colchester—and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

(See Appendix No. 93.)

Adopted

On motion, *resolved*, that the Report be received and adopted by the House.

Members from Col-
chester to prepare
Road Scale

Ordered, That the Members from the County of Colchester do prepare and bring in their Scale of sub-division of Road Money for that County, agreeably to such report.

Report from Sel.
Com. on Account
of J. Howe & Son

Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf reported from the Select Committee on the Account of Messrs. Howe and Son, for printing for the Legislature and the Government, from 1st January, 1842, to 1st February, 1843—and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

(See Appendix No. 94.)

Refd. to Supply

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

List of Collectors of
Impost and Excise
presented

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House a List of the Collectors of Impost and Excise, for the respective districts, with the names of their Sureties, dates of Bonds and Penalties.

(See Appendix No. 95.)

Also, copies of Circulars and Letters written to Collectors, pursuant to request of the Assembly, with answers thereto.

Laid on Table

Ordered, That the List, Circulars and Letters, with the Answers, do lie on the Table.

Orders of Day—

The Orders of the Day being read,

Road Scales—

Ordered, That the respective Scales of sub-division of Road Monies be presented to-morrow.

University—post-
poned

Ordered, That the House do, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee on the General State of the Province, to consider of the site of the proposed University.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Thursday, 23d March, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Dickey reported from the Select Committee on the Letter from the Right Revd. the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to the distressed state of the Colored Inhabitants of Hammond's Plains—and he read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report from Sel. Com on Coloured People

(See Appendix No. 96.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Laid on Table

Mr. Stairs reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of Thomas Dickson, Esquire—and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

Report on Pet. of Thos. Dickson

(See Appendix No. 97.)

On motion, resolved, that the Report be received and adopted by the House, and that a Copy thereof be communicated to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Adopted

An engrossed Bill in further addition to, and in amendment of, the several Acts now in force concerning Cemeteries or Burial Grounds, in the Town of Halifax, was read a third time.

Engrossed Bills—

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in further addition to, and amendment of, the several Acts now in force concerning Cemeteries or Burial Grounds, in the Town of Halifax.

Cemeteries—

An engrossed Bill for the regulation of the Poor House Burial Ground, for the City of Halifax, was read a third time.

Poor House Burial Ground—

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the regulation of the Poor House Burial Ground, for the City of Halifax.

An engrossed Bill to Incorporate the Cole Harbor Dike Company, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to Incorporate the Cole Harbor Dike Company.

Cole Harbour Dike Company—read 3d time

An engrossed Bill for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, was read a third time.

Insolvent Debtors Bill read 3d time Motion to re-commit

Mr. Dickey moved, that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of re-considering the clause containing the Pound-rate payment which shall entitle a debtor to his discharge, as also to guard against Commissioners acting in cases where the parties may be nearly related to them: which, being seconded,

Mr. Fulton moved, by way of amendment to the question, to leave out all the words thereof after the word "re-committed," and in place of the words so left out, to insert the following words, "for the purpose of substituting fifteen shillings instead of ten shillings in the pound, as the rate of payment which shall entitle a debtor to his discharge:" which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the negative.

Amdts. moved—and negatived

Mr. Henry then moved, by way of amendment to the original question, to leave out all the words thereof after the word "recommitted," and in place of the words so left out to insert the following words, "for the purpose of inserting five shillings as the Pound-rate instead of ten shillings, which will entitle a debtor to his discharge:" which, being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

The original question being then put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the negative.

Original question negatived

Mr. Dickey then moved, that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until the next Session: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, seventeen; against it, twenty-five.

Motion to defer—

Division	For the motion—	Against the motion—
	<i>Mr. Henry</i>	<i>Mr. J. R. Dewolf</i>
	" <i>Clements</i>	" <i>Taylor</i>
	" <i>S. B. Chipman</i>	" <i>Halton</i>
	" <i>Huntington</i>	" <i>Archibald</i>
	" <i>Payzant</i>	" <i>Holdsworth</i>
	" <i>Dickey</i>	" <i>Thorne</i>
	" <i>Fulton</i>	" <i>Holmes</i>
	" <i>McKenna</i>	" <i>Rider</i>
	" <i>McLellan</i>	" <i>Zwicker</i>
		" <i>Turnbull</i>
		" <i>T. A. S. Dewolf</i>
		" <i>Heckman</i>
		" <i>Crow</i>
	<i>Mr. Smith</i>	<i>Mr. Comeau</i>
	" <i>Johnson</i>	" <i>Budd</i>
	" <i>Dimock</i>	<i>Hon. Mr. Dodd</i>
	" <i>McKay</i>	<i>Hon. Solicitor General</i>
	" <i>Beckwith</i>	<i>Mr. Marshall</i>
	" <i>Palmer</i>	" <i>Dickson</i>
	" <i>Stairs</i>	" <i>Gates</i>
	" <i>Spearwater</i>	" <i>Fairbanks</i>
		" <i>S. Chipman</i>
		" <i>Blackadar</i>
		" <i>Martell</i>
		" <i>Annand</i>
Negatived—	So it passed in the negative.	
Bill sent to Council	<i>Resolved</i> , That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors.	
Mess. from Council—	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council, and desire their concurrence.	
Agree to Bill to alter Hx. Incorporation and Polls audt. Act with amdt.	A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton : Mr. Speaker, The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax ; also, to the Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend the Act for establishing the times and places of holding the Polls at Elections of Representatives, severally, with amendments—to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House. And then the Messenger withdrew.	
Amdt. to Polls Bill read—	The amendment from the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend the Act for establishing the times and places of holding the Polls at Elections of Representatives, was read, and is as followeth : " 1st clause—before the words " County of Digby," insert the following words— " Township of Liverpool.—The Poll shall be opened at the Court House in Liverpool, and there be continued for the space of four days, and be thence adjourned to some fit and convenient place at Port Medway, and be there held for two days."	
and agreed to—	And the same having been read a second time, was agreed to by the House.	
and sent back to Council	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendment back to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the said amendment.	
Report on Communication from Sir J. Harvey	The Hon. Solicitor General reported further from the Select Committee on Navigation Securities, on the Letter from Sir John Harvey, Governor of Newfoundland, to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, &c. ; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table. <i>(See Appendix No. 98.)</i>	
Adopted	On motion, <i>resolved</i> , that the Report be received and adopted by the House.	
Sel. Com. on Light House Duties at P. E. Island, &c. appointed	On motion of the Hon. Solicitor General, <i>resolved</i> , that a Select Committee be appointed to investigate the state of the Light Duties collections made at Prince Edward Island, and enquire and report, if any, and what sum is due to this Province from the Government of said Island, in respect to contributions to the Light Houses maintained by this Province. <i>Ordered</i> , That Mr. Stairs, the Hon. Solicitor General, and Mr. Marshall, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.	
Report from Sel. Com on Post Office	Mr. J. R. Dewolf reported further from the Select Committee on the Post Office Department ; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.	

(See Appendix No. 99.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Laid on Table

Mr. S. Chipman reported from the Select Committee on the Report of the Commissioners for building a Bridewell; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report from Sel. Com on Report of Bridewell Commrs.

(See Appendix No. 100.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf reported from the Select Committee to enquire into the amount required to be borrowed for the use of the Province, and the terms on which a Loan could be obtained, and thereupon presented a Bill to authorize a Loan for the use of the Province—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Report from Sel. Com on Loan

Ordered, *nem. con.*, That the same be now read a second time.

Bill for Loan read 1st and—

And the same was read a second time accordingly.

2d time—

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

and committed

On motion of Mr. Fulton, *resolved*, that the sum of Six Pounds, granted by the Legislature in 1842, to repair the Road from Daniel Casey's to the Post Road, near John Bent's, in the County of Cumberland, and not yet expended, be applied to the repair of the Road from George Cruikshank's to the Post Road, near John Bent's.

Change of appropriation—£6 Road, Cumberland

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Resolution to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day for the presentation of the several Scales of sub-division of the Road Monies being read,

Order of Day—

The undermentioned Members presented to the House, Scales of sub-division accordingly, for the several Counties set against their names:

Road Scales presented—and

Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf—for the County of King's County.

Mr. Smith—for the County of Hants.

Mr. Creighton—for the County of Lunenburg.

Mr. Fulton—for the County of Cumberland.

Mr. Rider—for the County of Yarmouth.

Mr. S. B. Chipman—for the County of Annapolis.

Mr. Budd—for the County of Digby.

Mr. J. R. Dewolf—for the County of Queen's County.

Mr. Dickson—for the County of Colchester.

Mr. McKenna—for the County of Shelburne.

Which, being respectively read, were agreed to by the House. For Lists of which,

(See Appendix No. 101.)

On motion, *resolved*, that the following sums appropriated for the Roads and Bridges in the several Counties hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:

appropriation of Road Monies for Halifax, Cape Breton, Inverness, Richmond, Sydney, Guysboro'

County of Halifax,	- - - - -	£1130
“ Inverness,	- - - - -	865
“ Cape Breton,	- - - - -	865
“ Richmond,	- - - - -	850
“ Sydney,	- - - - -	850
“ Guysborough,	- - - - -	850

be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be expended in the said service.

Mr. Blackadar then presented the Scale of sub-division of Road Monies for the County of Pictou.

Pictou Scale of Road Monies moved

(See Appendix No. 101.)

And

- And thereupon moved, that the same be agreed to by the House : which, being seconded,
- Amdt. moved—** Mr. Dickey, by way of amendment to the question, moved to leave out all the words thereof after the word “That,” and in place of the words so left out to insert the following words, “the sum of £230 7s. 4d., part of the sum of £860 appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Pictou, be applied to pay the over-expenditure made by George Mitchell, in building the bridge over the East River of Pictou, at New Glasgow, and the remainder of such sum, so appropriated, be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be expended in the said service :” which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the amendment, seventeen ; against it, twenty-seven.
- negated and—** So it passed in the negative.
- Scale agreed to** *Resolved*, That the Scale presented be agreed to by the House.
- Resolutions and Road Scales sent to Council** *Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry to the Council the Scale of general division of the sum of £15000 granted for the service of Roads and Bridges, and the several Scales of subdivision thereof, with the Resolution in regard to the sums appropriated for the respective Counties of Halifax, Cape Breton, Inverness, Richmond, Sydney, and Guysborough, and desire the concurrence of the Council to the same, respectively.
- Mess. from Council—** A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :
Mr. Speaker,
- Agree to change of appropriation £10 Cornwallis** The Council have agreed to a Resolution for the change of appropriation of £10, for a road in Cornwallis.
- Adhere to amdts. to License Duties Bill** The Council adhere to the amendment to the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for granting duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and the Act to alter the same.
- And then the Messenger withdrew.
- Resolution moved as to Over-expenditures** Mr. McLellan moved, that the House do come to a Resolution, as followeth :
Whereas, the system of Over-expenditure on Roads and Bridges, pursued by Samuel Archibald from year to year, amounting in 1842 to about one third of the entire sum granted for Colchester for 1843, causing much annoyance to this House, and injustice to the people :
Resolved therefore, That it is the opinion of this House, that Samuel Archibald should not be appointed or commissioned to expend any Public Money on Roads and Bridges in future : which, being seconded,
- Amdt. moved for Com. on Bills—carried** The Hon. Mr. Dodd, by way of amendment to the question, moved to leave out all the words thereof both before and after the word “Resolved.” and in place of the words so left out after the word “Resolved,” to insert the following words, “That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee on Bills” : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the affirmative.
- Com on Bills** The question, as amended, being then put,
The House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
- Report—Loan Bill—Chizetcook Dike Co. Bill—with amdts.** The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to authorize a Loan for the use of the Province ; also, the Bill to Incorporate the Chizetcook Dike Company, and that the Committee had made several amendments to the Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bills ; and he afterwards delivered the Bills and amendments in at the Clerk’s Table.
- The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of Bills, which the House agreed to.
- Amdts. agreed to—and Bills to be engrossed** The amendments to the said Bills, respectively, were then read and agreed to by the House.
Ordered, That the Bills with the amendments be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for a Committee of the whole House on the General State of the Province, to consider of the site for the proposed University, being read.

Order of the Day—
University postponed.

Ordered, That the House do, To-morrow, resolve itself into such Committee.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Friday, 24th March, 1843.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to authorize a Loan for the use of the Province, was read a third time.

Loan Bill, and—

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to authorize a Loan for the use of the Province.

An engrossed Bill to Incorporate the Chizetcook Dike Company, was read a third time.

Chizetcook Dike
read 3d time, and—

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to Incorporate the Chizetcook Dike Company.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Huntington reported from the Select Committee on the Probate Law, and thereupon presented a Bill in addition to, and amendment of, the Act relating to the Courts of Probate, and to the settlement and distribution of the Estates of deceased persons—and the same was read a first time.

sent to Council
Report of Sel Com.
on Probate Laws—
report Bill to amend
Probate Act, &c.

Mr. McLellan moved, that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until the next Session : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the negative.

Motion to defer, ne-
gative

Mr. Henry moved, that the Standing Order of the House, prohibiting the reading of any Bill twice in one day, be suspended, in order that the Bill may be now read a second time : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-eight ; against it, six.

Motion to suspend
Standing Order—

So there being more than two-thirds of the Members present in favor of the motion, it passed in the affirmative.

carried, and—

And the Bill was read a second time accordingly.

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

Bill committed

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mess. from Council—

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Passengers arriving in this Province.

Agree to Bills, viz—
Passengers—

The Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Act relating to Commissioners of Sewers.

Comms. of Sewers—

The Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Act for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating of Townships.

Town Officers—

The Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act to establish sundry regulations for the future disposal of Crown Lands within the Province of Nova Scotia.

Crown Lands—

The Bill, entitled, An Act further concerning Firewards and Fires in Halifax.

Halifax Firewards—

The Bill to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread—and

Assize of Bread—and

The Bill, entitled, An Act to extend to the Town of Dartmouth the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread—severally without any amendment.

Dartmouth Assize of
Bread—without
amdt.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Huntington, pursuant to leave given on a former day, presented a Bill relative to the Parade at Yarmouth—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Yarmouth Parade
Bill read 1st time

Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf, pursuant to the special leave of the House, presented a Bill continuing

Licenses amdt. Bill
read 1st time—

tinuing and amending the Acts for granting duties on Licensed Houses—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

2d time, and—

Ordered, nem. con., That the Bill be now read a second time.

committed

And the same was read a second time accordingly.

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

Copy of Treaty relative to N.E. Boundary presented

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House a copy of the Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America.

(See Appendix No. 102.)

Laid on Table

Ordered, That the copy of the Treaty do lie on the Table.

Council's amds. to Halifax Incorporation Bill read—
disagreed to—

The amendments from the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax were read, and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that this House cannot consider the said amendments, as the same affect the imposition, recovery, and collection, of rates and taxes.

and sent back to Council

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendments back to the Council, and acquaint them with the foregoing resolution.

Report from Sel. Com. on amdt. to Cornwallis Presbyterian Church Bill

Mr. Dickey reported from the Select Committee on the Bill, entitled, An Act to empower the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church at Cornwallis to manage and transact their secular affairs, and the amendment from the Council to the said Bill, that the Committee had directed him to Report to the House that they cannot recommend the House to agree to the said amendment.

Amdt. disagreed to—
and sent back to Council

On motion, *resolved*, that the amendment be not agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendment back to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have not agreed to the said amendment.

Motion for Despatches relative to Repeal of Union

On motion of Mr. Turnbull, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to lay upon the Table of this House, copies of any Despatches that may have been received on the subject of the Repeal of the Union of Cape Breton with Nova Scotia Proper, or such portions thereof as His Excellency may think it proper to communicate.

Further Report from Com. on Post Office

Mr. J. R. Dewolf reported further from the Committee on the Post Office Department, on the several Petitions referred to such Committee; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

(See Appendix No. 103.)

Refd. to Supply

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mess. from Council—

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

Adhere to amds. to Hx. Incorporation Bill

The Council have adhered to the amendments proposed by them to the Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mess. from Council—

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

Agree to Polls Bill, as amended

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend the Act for establishing the times and places of holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives, as amended.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Com. of Supply—

On motion, the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the business referred to them, and had come to several Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House.

Report finally

Mr. J. R. Dewolf moved, that the House do now adjourn : which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the affirmative ; and accordingly,

Motion to adjourn

The House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Saturday, 25th March, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Mr. Thorne have leave of absence to return home after Monday next, on urgent private business.

Leave of absence to—
Mr. Thorne—

Ordered, That Mr. Fulton have leave of absence to return home after Monday next, on urgent private business.

Mr. Fulton—and

Ordered, That Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf have leave of absence to return home after Monday next, in consequence of illness in his family.

Mr. T. A. S. De-
wolf

Ordered, That the Chairman of the Committee of Supply do now report all the Resolutions from the Committee of Supply, passed therein on Saturday last, except the Resolution for granting a sum of money for the Bridewell ; and thereupon,

Resolutions from
Com. of Supply

Mr. Clements reported ten Resolutions, which were read, and are as follow :

1. *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six Pence be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to defray certain expenses incurred for the Judges of the Supreme Court on their circuit to Cape Breton, during the last year ; but that this House will not provide for any such expenses in future, the same being already amply provided for in the travelling fees allowed by law.

£25 17s 6d Judges of
the Supreme Court

2. *Resolved*, That there be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, Fifty-two Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Six Pence, the amount required to pay the balance of J. Howe and Son's account for Printing, the past year, agreeably to the report of the Committee appointed to examine the same.

£25 15s 6d J. Howe
and Son

3. *Resolved*, That the sum of Five Pounds be granted and paid to Edward Leonard, for his services as signal-man at Digby for the last year, agreeably to the Report of the Post Office Committee.

£5 Edward Leonard

4. *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to Lemuel Morehouse, to enable him to pay his Ferriages at Petite and Grand Passages for the last year, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on the Post Office Department.

£10 Lemuel More-
house

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Pounds be granted, and placed at the disposal of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to pay the Expense of Printing for the Legislature, and for the Government during the present year, the accounts for such Printing, having been first properly certified as correct.

£500 Printing

6. *Resolved*, That the sum of Seven Pounds Ten Shillings be granted, and paid to James Seaman, for his services in carrying the Mail between Amherst and Minudie, pursuant to the Report of the Post Office Committee.

£7 10s Jas. Seaman

7. *Resolved*, That if any of the Bridges on the Main Post Roads of this Province, 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

£1000 Repairs of
Roads and Bridges

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 favor of such Commissioner or Commissioners, provided the same shall not exceed the sum of One Thousand Pounds.

£200 Steam Boat
St. George

8. *Resolved*, That there be granted to the proprietors of the steamer St. George, the sum of Two Hundred Pounds, to encourage the running of the said boat during the ensuing year, between Pictou, Charlotte Town, and Miramichi; provided the said boat shall once a week, at least, carry the Mails between the said places—the said sum to be drawn on its being certified to the satisfaction of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor that the said duties have been faithfully performed.

£30 Colored People

9. *Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to relieve distressed Negroes at Hammond's Plains.

£10 H. Huntington

10. *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to Herbert Huntington, Esquire, to repay him the difference between the sum advanced by him to Mark Killam, and the sum voted for the said Killam in the last year, which sum so voted last year was Ten Pounds instead of Twenty Pounds as intended to have been voted.

Resolutions agreed to
and—

And the said Resolutions being again read, were agreed to by the House.

sent to Council

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Resolutions to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Bill to amend Hx.
Incorporation Act
read 1st time—

Mr. Stairs, pursuant to special leave given, presented a Bill relating to the Halifax Assessment, and further to amend the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, nem. con., That the Bill be now read a second time.

2d time—

And the same was read a second time accordingly.

and committed

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

Yarmouth Parade
Bill read 2d time
Motion to commit

A Bill relative to the Parade at Yarmouth, was read a second time.

Mr. Huntington moved, that the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House: which, being seconded,

Amdt. to defer

Mr. Fairbanks, by way of amendment to the question, moved to leave out all the words thereof after the word "That," and in place of the words so left out, to insert the following words, "the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months:" which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fourteen; against it, twenty-five.

Division—

For the motion—

Against the motion—

Mr. Smith
" T. A. S. Dewolf
" Blackadar
Hon. Mr. Dodd
Hon. Solicitor General
Mr. Fairbanks
" Holmes
" Heckman
" Marshall
" Taylor
" Thorne
" Budd
" J. R. Dewolf
" Zwicker

Mr. Johnson
" Palmer
" McKenna
" Spearwater
" McLellan
" Archibald
" Holdsworth
" Turnbull
" Crow
" Homer
" Dickson
Hon. Mr. McNab
Mr. Lewis
Mr. Dickey
" Clements
" Huntington
" Dimock
" Fulton
" Stairs
" Annand
Hon. Mr. Howe
Mr. Martell
" S. Chipman
" S. B. Chipman
" Comeau

Negatived

So it passed in the negative.

The original question being then put,

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

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Chairman of the Committee of Supply do now report the Resolution passed in the Committee on Saturday last, and not yet reported, for granting a sum of money for the Bridewell, and thereupon,

Resolution from Com. of Supply—

Mr. Clements reported the Resolution, and delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read as followeth:

Resolved, That the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty-one Pounds Nine Shillings and Two Pence be granted and paid to the Commissioners for building the new Bridewell at Halifax, to pay the amount now due the said Commissioners, and to enable them to proceed in the erection of such Building, agreeably to the report of the Committee.

£3261 9s 2d Com- missioners Bride- well

Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf moved, that the Resolution be not received by the House: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twelve; against it, twenty eight.

Motion not to receive Resolution

For the motion—

Against the motion—

Division

Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf
 " Fulton
 " Beckwith
 " Dimock
 " Smith
 " Dickey
 " Lewis
 " McLellan
 " McKay
 " Crow
 " Palmer
 " Johnson

Mr. Zwicker
 " Holmes
 " Thorne
 " Heckman
 " Taylor
 " McKenna
 " Spearwater
 Hon. Mr. Howe
 Mr. Turnbull
 " Archibald
 Hon. Mr. Dodd
 Mr. Martell
 " Homer
 " Dickson

Mr. Huntington
 " Marshall
 Hon. Solicitor General
 Mr. Annand
 " Stairs
 " Fairbanks
 " S. B. Chipman
 Hon. Mr. McNab
 Mr. Comeau
 " Holdsworth
 " Clements
 " Blackadar
 " S. Chipman
 " Henry

So it passed in the negative.

The Resolution being then again read was agreed to by the House.

Negatived

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Resolution to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Resolution agreed to and— sent to Council

A Message from the Council by Mr. Haliburton:

Mess. from Council—

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the several Resolutions for dividing, sub-dividing, and appropriating the sum of £15000 for the service of Roads and Bridges.

Agree to Resolutions for subdivision of Road Money

And to the Resolution for the change of appropriation of £6 for a road in Cumberland. And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Martell moved, that the House do come to a Resolution, as followeth:

Resolved, That the sum of Two Hundred Pounds, granted in former Sessions towards the maintainance of the Academy at Arichat, (which sum has not been drawn from the Treasury) be appropriated towards the erection of a Building for said Academy, and that the present Trustees be authorized to draw the above amount from the Treasury for the above purpose, when it shall be made to appear satisfactorily to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that the sum of One Hundred Pounds has been subscribed and paid by the Inhabitants of Arichat, towards the erection of said Building: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, nineteen; against it, twenty.

Resolution relative to Arichat Academy

So it passed in the negative.

Negatived

Mr. Marshall moved, that the House do come to a Resolution, as followeth:

Resolved, That out of the sum of Two Hundred Pounds, granted in former Sessions, towards the maintainance of the Academy at Arichat, (which sum has not been drawn from the Treasury), One Hundred Pounds be appropriated towards the erection of a Building for said Academy, and that the present Trustees be authorized to draw the above amount from the Treasury for the above purpose, when it shall be made to appear satisfactorily to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that the sum of One Hundred Pounds has been subscribed

subscribed and paid by the Inhabitants of Arichat towards the erection of said Building : which, being seconded,

Amdt. moved and—

Mr. McLellan moved, by way of amendment to the question, to leave out all the words thereof after the word "House," and in place of the words so left out, to insert the following words, "do now resolve itself into a Committee on Bills:" which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

carried

The question, as amended, being then put,

Com. on Bills—

The House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report—

Licenses—

Hx. Assessment—

Pictou Harbor Navigation—

Yarmouth Parade—
without amdt.

Council's Probate
Court Practice—&

Probate Amdt. Bills
—with amdt.

Decisions of Sup.
Court Bill recom-
mended to be de-
ferred

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill continuing and amending the Acts for granting duties on Licensed Houses; the Bill relating to the Halifax Assessment, and further to amend the Act to incorporate the Town of Halifax; the Bill further to amend the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Pictou; and the Bill relative to the Parade at Yarmouth—and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills to the House without any amendment. That the Committee had also gone through the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to regulate the practice of the Courts of Probate within this Province, and the Bill in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act relating to the Courts of Probate, and to the settlement and distribution of the Estates of deceased persons—and that the Committee had made several amendments to the said Bills, respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bills. That the Committee had also considered the Bill for reporting the decisions of the Supreme Court, and had directed him to report that it be recommended to the House to defer the further consideration of that Bill until the next Session—and he afterwards delivered the Bills and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of Bills, which the House agreed to.

Amdts. agreed to

The amendments to the Bills reported with amendments, being then severally read a first and second time, were agreed to by the House.

Amdts. and—

Ordered, That the amendments to the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to regulate the practice of the Courts of Probate within this Province; be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

Bills to be engrossed

Ordered, That the other Bill reported with amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

Bill deferred

Ordered, That the further considerations of the Bill for reporting the decisions of the Supreme Court, be deferred until next Session.

Mess. from Council—

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

Adhere to amdt. to
Cornwallis Presby-
terian Church Bill

The Council adhere to the amendments proposed by them to the Bill, entitled, An Act to empower the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church at Cornwallis, to manage and transact their secular affairs.

Agree to eleven Re-
solutions for grant-
ing money

The Council have agreed to eleven Resolutions of this Honorable House, for granting and appropriating monies for the several purposes following, viz :

£25	17	6	Expenses of Judges on Circuit to Cape Breton.
52	15	6	Balance of Printing, J. Howe & Son.
5	0	0	Edward Leonard, Signal-man, Digby.
10	0	0	Lemuel Morehouse, Ferriages.
500	0	0	Printing, present year.
7	10	0	James Seaman, carriage of Mail.
1000	0	0	Casualty Vote.
200	0	0	Steam Boat St. George.

£30 0 0 Distressed Negroes at Hammond's Plains.

10 0 0 Advance to Mark Killam, made last year.

3261 9 2 Commissioners Bridewell.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House, as required by a Resolution of the House, an account of Fines levied and collected in the County of Shelburne, payable to Her Majesty, for the last six years, as per Return made by the Sheriff of that County, to the Clerk of the Crown at Halifax.

Account of Fines collected in Shelburne presented

(See Appendix No. 104.)

Ordered, That the Account do lie on the Table.

Laid on Table

Ordered, That the Clerk do prepare and present an engrossed Bill for appropriating such part of the Supplies, granted in the present Session of the General Assembly, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

Clerk to prepare Appropriation Bill

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at twelve of the clock.

Monday, 27th March, 1843.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That Mr. S. B. Chipman have leave of absence to return home after to-day, on urgent private business.

Leave of absence to—
Mr. S. B. Chipman

Ordered, That Mr. Heckman have leave of absence to return home after to-morrow, on urgent private business.

Mr. Heckman

Ordered, That Mr. Henry have leave of absence to return home after to-day, on urgent private business.

Mr. Henry

Ordered, That Mr. Clements and Mr. Rider have leave of absence to return home after to-morrow, on urgent private business.

Mr. Clements and
Mr. Rider

Ordered, That Mr. Marshall have leave of absence after to-day, to return home on urgent private business.

Mr. Marshall

An engrossed Bill continuing and amending the Acts for granting duties on Licensed Houses, was read a third time.

Engrossed Bills read
3d time—
Licensed Houses
continuing Bill

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act continuing and amending the Acts for granting duties on Licensed Houses.

An engrossed Bill relating to the Halifax Assessment, and further to amend the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax, was read a third time.

Amdt. Halifax Assessment and Corporation Bill

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act relating to the Halifax Assessment, and further to amend the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax.

An engrossed Bill, in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act relating to Courts of Probate, and to the settlement and distribution of the Estates of deceased persons, was read a third time.

Amdt. Courts of Probate Bill

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act relating to Courts of Probate, and to the settlement and distribution of the Estates of deceased persons.

An engrossed Bill relative to the Parade at Yarmouth, was read a third time.

Yarmouth Parade Bill

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act relative to the Parade at Yarmouth.

An engrossed Bill further to amend the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Pictou, was read a third time.

Navigation Pictou Harbor Bill

Mr.

Rider added

Mr. Huntington moved, that the following enacting clause do pass, and be added to the Bill, by way of Rider:

"*Provided always, and be it enacted,* That no order, rule, or regulation, made for establishing rates of Pilotage at Picton, whether heretofore made, or hereafter to be made, shall hereafter be of any force or effect, until the same shall have been transmitted to and approved of, by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, and the Executive Council:" which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

Passed, and—

And the said Clause having been added to the Bill,
Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act further to amend the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Picton.

sent to Council

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Amdts to Probate
Courts Practice
Bill read 3d time

The engrossed amendments to the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to regulate the practice of the Courts of Probate within this Province, were read a third time, and are as follow:

"In the Preamble—

6th recited rule or order—leave out this rule or order.

16th recited rule or order:

After the word "the," in the sixth line of this recited rule or order, leave out all the words to the word "such" in the seventh line, and in place of the words so left out, insert the words "Royal Gazette Newspaper, at Halifax, of."

18th and 19th recited rules or orders:

Leave out these rules or orders."

Passed, and

Resolved, That the said amendments do severally pass.

sent to Council

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendments to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the said Bill with amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of the Council.

Clerk of Board of
Revenue—Salary

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, *resolved,* that as the sum granted for the Clerk of the Commissioners of the Revenue, for the present year, has been mis-printed in the Journal at Thirty-five Pounds instead of Forty-five Pounds, as actually passed, and remaining on the original written Journal—in order to prevent mistakes, the Clerk be directed to insert the said sum of Forty-five Pounds in the Appropriation Bill for the present year.

Appropriation Bill
presented—

read first—

The Clerk, pursuant to order, presented An engrossed Bill for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-three, and for other purposes—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

and 2d time

Ordered, nem. con., That the same be now read a second time.

And the same was read a second time accordingly.

Passed—

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-three, and for other purposes.

and sent to Council

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their concurrence.

Sel. Com as to New
Edition of Laws

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Dodd, *resolved,* that a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into, and report on, the propriety of arranging and re-printing a new Edition of the Laws of the Province.

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Dickson, and Mr. Smith, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.

Despatches as to Re-
peal of Union. Cape
Breton, presented

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, presented to the House, pursuant to the Resolution of this House, an extract of a Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 9th February, 1843, with Correspondence

ence between the Colonial Office, London, and Henry Bliss, Esquire, on the subject of the Memorial for the Repeal of Union of Cape Breton with Nova Scotia Proper.

(See Appendix No. 105.)

Ordered, That the extract of Despatch do lie on the Table.

The Hon. Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, also presented to the House, Abstract of Returns of Suits and Prosecutions, Civil and Criminal, before Justices of the Peace throughout the Province, in 1842.

Returns of Suits before Justices of the Peace presented

(See Appendix No. 106.)

Also, the Returns of such Suits and Prosecutions for the same year.

Ordered, That the Returns and Abstract, do lie on the Table.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Howe, *resolved*, that a Select Committee be appointed to consider a proposition made by Mr. Wightman, for the publication of a Treatise on Road Making, and report thereon to the House.

Sel. Com. as to publishing Treatise on Road Making

Ordered, That Mr. Smith, Mr. Holmes, and Mr. Lewis, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Howe, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to cause the Revenue Acts of this Session to be printed immediately after the prorogation of the Legislature, and copies of the same to be forthwith transmitted to the respective Collectors of Customs and Excise, throughout the Province.

Resolution as to printing Revenue Acts of Session

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Howe, *resolved*, that Two Hundred and Fifty Copies of the Laws, bearing upon the Collection of the Provincial Revenue, together with the Imperial Act, which comes into operation on the 5th of July next, be forthwith published in pamphlet form, under the direction of the Clerks of the House, and copies be forwarded to the several Collectors of Customs and Excise.

Resolution for printing all the Revenue Laws

On motion of Mr. Forrestall, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to collect information, and report to this House at its next sitting, if any and what means can be adopted with a view to such revision and modification of the Colonial Impost duties, as will tend to secure to the native producer of Beef and Pork, such moderate protection as may be found politic, and not at variance with the tenor of the Despatch laid before the House this Session.

Resolution for Sel. Com. as to protecting duties on Beef and Pork

Ordered, That Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Forrestall, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.

The amendment from the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to empower the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church at Cornwallis to manage and transact their secular affairs, was again read, and thereupon,

Amdt to Cornwallis Presbyterian Church Bill read

On motion of Mr. Beckwith, *resolved*, that this House do not adhere to the Resolution not to agree to the said amendment.

Disagreement not adhered to

On motion of Mr. S. Chipman, *resolved*, that the said amendment be amended by inserting at the end thereof, the following words:

Amdt. amended—

“ *Provided always, and be it enacted*, That all that part of the said Public Ground so enclosed lying north of a line parallel with the north side of the said Meeting House, and adjoining the Public Burial Ground aforesaid, shall be and remain as part and parcel of such Public Burial Ground, to be used as such, when required, for the Burial of the dead.”

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendment back to the Council, and acquaint them with the foregoing resolution.

and sent back to Council

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the Bill respecting grants of money for or in aid of Colleges, Academies, or Schools.

Com. of whole on College Bill

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report progress

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business referred to them—and had directed him to move for leave to sit again, which the House agreed to.

Adjournment

Then the House adjourned until this day, at half-past eight of the clock.

Meet again

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Com. of whole on
College Bill

On motion, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the Bill respecting grants of money for or in aid of Colleges, Academies, or Schools.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning,

Tuesday, 28th March, 1843.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report Bill without
amdt.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the business referred to them, and had directed him to report the said Bill to the House without any amendment.

Resolution to defer
further consider-
ation moved

The Hon. Mr. Dodd moved, that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth :
Whereas, King's College, Windsor, Acadia College, Horton, and St. Mary's College, Halifax, have been called into existence, and have each assumed a Denominational character, and have heretofore been endowed and sustained by grants of money from the Legislature of the Colony, and also, by large private subscriptions and donations from the friends of the said respective Colleges, thereby enlisting in their cause the affections of a large proportion of the population of the Province; *And whereas*, the founding of one General College upon the ruin of all others in the Province, unless sanctioned by the cordial feelings and wishes of the population, cannot be effected, and if practicable, would be unjust to those persons who have contributed so largely their private means towards the present Institutions of Learning in the Country; *And whereas*, the expense of such an Institution would be wholly disproportioned to the resources of the Province, and at the same time have a tendency to subvert and change the legitimate appropriation of the People's money for Common School Education, and to which they have a right paramount to all others, for an object so important as that of the Education of the poorer classes of the population, and to which they, themselves, contributed so largely; *And whereas*, in consequence of the Laws respecting Education, having been passed with a view to the duration of the present Assembly, it is now inexpedient to interfere therewith, or to alter or change, at the present time, the system of Collegiate Education as established: *Resolved therefore*, That the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months: which, being seconded,

Adjournment moved,
put and carried—

The Hon. Mr. Howe moved, that the House do now adjourn: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-two; against it, twenty-one.

For the motion—		Against the motion—	
Mr. Henry	Mr. Huntington	Mr. Crow	Mr. McKay
" S. B. Chipman	" Gates	" Marshall	" Lewis
" Archibald	" Comeau	" Thorne	Hon. Mr. Dodd
" S. Chipman	" Forrestall	" Hatton	Mr. Beckwith
" Dickson	" Stairs	" Budd	" Fairbanks
" McLellan	" Dickey	" Blackadar	Hon. Solicitor General
Hon. Mr. Howe	" Holdsworth	" Taylor	Mr. Palmer
Mr. Annand	" Martell	" Heckman	" Johanson
Hon. Mr. McNab	" McKenna	" Zwicker	" T. A. S. Dewolf
Mr. Fulton	" Spearwater	" Dinock	" Smith
" Clements	" Delaney	" Holmes	

So it passed in the affirmative—
and accordingly the House having continued to sit until half-past one of the clock, on Tuesday morning, adjourned until this day, at twelve of the clock. and House adjourn

Tuesday, 28th March, 1843.

Ordered, That Mr. Zwicker have leave of absence to return home after to-day, on urgent private business. Leave of absence to Mr. Zwicker

Mr. Huntington, pursuant to the special leave of the House, presented a Bill to encourage the running of a Steam Boat between Halifax and the Western Ports of this Province and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Western Shore Steam Boat Bill read 1st and—

Ordered, *nem. con.*, That the Bill be now read a second time.

And the same was read a second time accordingly.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House. 2d time— and committed

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the said Bill. Com. on said Bill—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the House without any amendment, and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table. Report—and

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed. Bill to be engrossed—

An engrossed Bill to encourage the running of a Steam Boat between Halifax and the Western Ports of this Province, was *nem. con.* read a third time. Read 3d time—and

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to encourage the running of a Steam Boat between Halifax and the Western Ports of this Province.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their concurrence. sent to Council

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills. Com. on Bills

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to amend the Act passed in the fourth year of Her present Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act to improve the Administration of the Law, and to reduce the number of Courts of Justice within this Province, and to diminish the expense of the Judiciary therein, and had made several amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill—and he delivered the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table. Report Council's Judiciary Bill with amds.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of Bills, which the House agreed to.

Mr.

Motion to re-commit
Bill to alter amdts.

Mr. Blackadar moved that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, in order to insert the following as part of the Bill, instead of the amendments reported to the House, viz. :

“ At Amherst, in the County of Cumberland, on the first Tuesday of June, as heretofore, and on the first Tuesday of October, as heretofore.

At Truro, in the County of Colchester, on the third Tuesday of June, instead of the second Tuesday of June, and on the second Tuesday of October, as heretofore.

At Pictou, in the County of Pictou, on the fourth Tuesday of June, instead of the third Tuesday of June, and on the third Tuesday of October, as heretofore.”

Which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twelve ; against it, eighteen.

Division—

For the motion—

Mr. T. A. S. DeWolf
“ Fairbanks
“ Dickson
“ Blackadar
“ Holmes
“ Build
“ McKay
“ Henry
“ Huntington
“ Hatton
“ Beckwith
“ Thorne

Against the motion—

Mr. Lewis
“ Crow
“ Spearwater
“ Dimock
“ Martell
Hon. Mr. Howe
Mr. Stairs
“ Clements
Hon. Solicitor General

Mr. Fulton
“ Marshall
“ Annand
“ Dickey
“ McLellan
Hon. Mr. McNab
Mr. Gates
“ Archibald
Hon. Mr. Dodd

Negatived

Amdts. read—

So it passed in the negative.

The amendments reported with the Bill were then read, and are as follow :

“ In the Preamble—after the word “ same ” in the fourth line, leave out all the remaining words.

First clause—leave out the words, “ the expiration of the present year ” in the third line, and in place thereof, insert the words, “ passing of this Act.”

After the word “ say ” in the sixth line, leave out all the words to the word “ at,” in the forty-third line.

Leave out the word “ first ” in the forty-fourth line, and in place thereof, insert the word “ third.”

Leave out all the words after the word “ June ” in the forty-fourth line, to the word “ and ” in the forty-fifth line, and in place thereof, insert the words “ as heretofore.”

Leave out the word “ third ” in the forty-fifth line, and insert the word “ first ” in place thereof.

Leave out the words “ as heretofore ” in the forty-sixth line, and in place thereof, insert the words “ instead of the third Tuesday of October.”

Leave out the word “ third ” in the fifty-first line, and in place thereof, insert the word “ first.”

Leave out all the words after the word “ June ” in the fifty-first line to the word “ and ” in the fifty-second line, and in place thereof, insert the words “ as heretofore.”

Leave out the word “ first ” in the fifty-second line, and in place thereof, insert the word “ third.”

Leave out the words “ as heretofore ” in the fifty-third line, and in place of the words so left out, insert the words “ instead of the first Tuesday of October.”

And the same having been read a second time, were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendments to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the said Bill with the amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of the Council.

agreed to—

and sent to Council

Mess. from Council—

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

Agree to Hx. Assessment—

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the Halifax Assessment, and further to amend the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax.

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<p>The Bill, entitled, An Act continuing and amending the Acts for granting duties on Licensed Houses, and</p>	<p>Licensed Houses—&</p>
<p>The Bill, entitled, An Act to authorise a Loan for the use of the Province, severally without any amendment.</p>	<p>Loan Bills—without amdt.</p>
<p>The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act in further addition to, and amendment of, the several Acts now in force concerning Cemeteries or Burial Grounds in the Town of Halifax, with amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.</p>	<p>Council agree to Cemeteries Bill, with amdts.</p>
<p>The Council have not agreed to the first amendment proposed by this Honorable House to the Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the practice of the Courts of Probate within this Province, but have agreed to the second and third amendments proposed by this Honorable House to the same Bill.</p>	<p>Council agree to 1st, but do not agree to 2d and 3d amdts. to Probate Courts practice Bill</p>
<p>And then the Messenger withdrew.</p>	
<p>On motion, <i>resolved</i>, that this House do not adhere to the first amendment proposed by them to the Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the practice of the Courts of Probate within this Province.</p>	<p>Res. not to adhere to amdt. to said Bill —and</p>
<p><i>Ordered</i>, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendment back to the Council, and acquaint them with the foregoing Resolution.</p>	<p>sent back to Council</p>
<p>A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :</p>	<p>Mess. from Council—</p>
<p>Mr. Speaker, The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the practice of the Courts of Probate within this Province, as amended.</p>	<p>Agree to Probate Courts practice Bill</p>
<p>The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act relating to the Courts of Probate, and to the settlement and distribution of the Estates of deceased persons, with amendments—to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.</p>	<p>Agree to Probate Amdt. Bill, with amdts.</p>
<p>And then the Messenger withdrew.</p>	
<p>A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :</p>	<p>Mess. from Council—</p>
<p>Mr. Speaker, The Council have passed a Bill, 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—to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.</p>	<p>Passed Cornwallis Presbyterian Church Bill</p>
<p>And then the Messenger withdrew.</p>	
<p>The said Bill was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.</p>	<p>Read 1st and—</p>
<p><i>Ordered, nem. con.</i>, That the Bill be now read a second time.</p>	
<p>And the same was read a second time accordingly.</p>	<p>2d time, and—</p>
<p><i>Ordered</i>, That the Bill be referred to Mr. S. Chipman, Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf, Mr. Beckwith, and Mr. Johnson, the Members from the County of King's to examine and report upon.</p>	<p>ref. to Sel. Com.</p>
<p>On motion, <i>resolved</i>, that the Bill entitled, An Act to regulate the practice of the Courts of Probate within this Province, be agreed to as amended.</p>	<p>Probate Courts practice Bill agreed to —and</p>
<p><i>Ordered</i>, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the Bill, as amended.</p>	<p>sent to Council</p>
<p>The amendments from the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act relating to the Courts of Probate, and to the settlement and distribution of the Estates of deceased persons, were then read, and are as follow :</p>	<p>Amdts. to Probate Courts Amdt. Bill read—</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First Preamble—leave out this Preamble. 2. First Clause—leave out all this Clause, after the word “ Assembly,” in the second line. 3. Second Preamble—leave out this Preamble. 4. Second Clause—leave out this Clause. 5. Third Clause—leave out the words “ And be it enacted,” in the first line. 	

6. Seventh Clause—leave out all the words after the word “granted,” in the seventh line, and insert instead thereof, “unless the Judge shall otherwise order.”

7. Last Proviso—leave out the word “herein,” in the first line, and insert instead thereof, the words “in this Act.”

and all but last not
agreed to

On motion, *resolved*, that the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth amendments be not agreed to.

Agree to last amdt.
—and

On motion, *resolved*, that the last amendment be agreed to.

sent back to Council

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendments back to the Council, and acquaint them with the foregoing Resolutions.

Leave of absence to
Mr. Archibald

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald have leave of absence to return home, after to-day, on urgent private business.

Mess. from Council—

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

Agree to Appropri-
ation Bill

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-three, and for other purposes, without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Report from Com. on
Cornwallis Presby-
terian Church Bill—

Mr. S. Chipman reported from the Select Committee on the engrossed Bill from the Council, entitled, An Act to vest certain Lands belonging to the Presbyterian Church in Cornwallis, in Trustees, and to enable them to dispose of the same, and to purchase others in their stead—that the Committee had examined said Bill, and heard evidence in respect to the details thereof, and recommend the Bill to the House without any amendment ; and he thereupon delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Read 3d time—

And the same was read a third time accordingly, and considered by the House.

agreed to—

Resolved, That the Bill be agreed to by the House.

and sent to Council

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council and acquaint them that this House have agreed thereto without amendment.

Cape Breton Division
Bill read 2d time—

A Bill to divide the County of Cape Breton and to regulate the same, was read a second time.

and committed

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

Com. on Bills

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Recommend Cape
Breton Division
Bill to be deferred,
and—

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to divide the County of Cape Breton, and to regulate the same—and that the Committee had directed him to report that it be recommended to the House to defer the further consideration of the Bill until the next Session.

The Chairman also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of Bills, which the House agreed to.

Bill deferred

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Bill to divide the County of Cape Breton, and to regulate the same, be deferred until the next Session.

Mess. from Council—

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

Do not adhere to
their amds to
Probate Amdt. Bill

The Council do not adhere to the amendments proposed by them to the Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act relating to Courts of Probate, and to the settlement and distribution of the Estates of deceased persons, which have not been agreed to by this Honorable House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Bill be agreed to as amended, by the amendment agreed to by this House. Bill agreed to, and—

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council and acquaint them with the foregoing Resolution. sent to Council

On motion of Mr. Stairs, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to direct the Treasurer of the Province to keep an open Cash Book, in which all sums, received and paid at his office, shall be entered day by day, the Book to be balanced at least once a week, and a return made to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor at the end of each month of the amount of cash remaining in the Treasury. Res. for Cash Book to be kept in Treasurer's Office

On motion of Mr. Annand, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to furnish, for the information of this House, at the commencement of the next Session, a return of the Fees and Emoluments of Masters in Chancery in Halifax, within the last five years. Res. for Return of Fees of Masters in Chancery

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton: Mess. from Council—

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act relating to Courts of Probate, and to the settlement and distribution of the Estates of deceased persons, as amended. Agree to Probate Amdt. Bill

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The amendments from the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act in further addition to, and in amendment of, the several Acts now in force concerning Cemeteries or Burial Grounds in the Town of Halifax, were read and are as follow: Amdts. to Cemeteries Bill read

“In the Preamble—10th line—leave out the word “the,” and insert instead thereof, the words “a certain.”

17th line—leave out the word “to,” and insert instead the following words, “and the respective Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance Department have taken possession of the same, by virtue thereof, to the use of.”

18th line—leave out the words “the spirit of.”

19th line—after the word “is,” leave out all the words to the word “the,” in the 22d line, and insert instead, the words “proper for perfecting.”

24th line—leave out the words “should be completed,” and insert the words, “and the object of this Act that the said piece of land should be conveyed to, and vested in, the City of Halifax.”

1st clause—7th and 8th lines—leave out the words “and duly recommended as legally sufficient.”

10th and 12th lines—leave out the words “or so much Land as shall be equal in quantity to that,” and insert instead, the words “near Fort Massey in fee simple, in consideration of the land so.”

13th line—after the word “same” insert the words, “land near Fort Massey.”

Preamble to second Clause—2d line—after the word “Cemeteries” insert the word “appointed.”

4th line—after the word “land” insert the words “near Fort Massey.”

5th line—after the word “not” insert the words “adequate or.”

5th and 6th lines—leave out the words, “Cemeteries to all the Congregations of,” and insert instead the words “a general Cemetery for.”

6th line—leave out all the words after the word “City,” to the word “and” in the 8th line.

Before the Preamble, commencing in the 8th line, insert the following Preamble—

“*And whereas*, the Respective Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance Department are willing to accept an absolute conveyance of that part of the said land, which includes the present Military Burial Ground, with an addition equal to the contents of a Road to be taken off the North side thereof, of thirty feet wide, and to erect and sustain the fences around the same, in lieu of a portion of the Public Cemetery, which, by the Acts in force relating

relating to Cemeteries, was directed to be appropriated for the purposes of a Burial Place for the Military.”

9th line—instead of the word “Parish” insert the word “Congregation.”

12th line—after the word “Halifax” insert the words “and have also agreed to erect and sustain the fences around the same in lieu of the portion to which they would be entitled in the general Cemetery.”

Before the second Clause insert the following Clause—

“*Be it therefore enacted*, That when, and so soon as such Deed or Conveyance of the said land, near Fort Massey, shall have been executed by the respective Officers of Her Majesty’s Ordnance Department, at Halifax, to the City of Halifax, as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the said City of Halifax, by Deed, signed by the Mayor, under the seal of the said City, to convey and assure to the principal Officers of Her Majesty’s Ordnance Department, in fee simple, the said Military Burial Ground, part of the said Land, except such Road, and with such addition as aforesaid, for the purpose of place of such Interment or Burial for the Military—and which Deed shall effectually in law convey and assure to the said principal Officers, for such use forever, the land hereby directed to be conveyed thereby, when and so soon as such Deed shall be accepted and received by the respective Officers of the said Department, at Halifax, or some or one of them for such purpose *Provided always, and be it enacted*, That such conveyance, when accepted and perfected, shall be and be taken, and held to be, a full performance of all the directions contained in the said Acts relating to Cemeteries, and each of them, for the laying off a portion of the Public Cemetery for the purpose of a place of Burial for the Military, or, as and for a just and satisfactory equivalent for such right. *And Provided also*, That the City of Halifax, or any Commissioners of Cemetery heretofore in office, or the present or any future Committee of Cemeteries, or other persons who may have the charge or care of the Public Cemeteries of the said City, shall not be bound or liable to erect or sustain the fences around the land so to be conveyed for a Military Burial Ground, or to contribute to the expense or charge thereof.”

2d Clause—2d line—after the word “of,” insert the word “the.”

7th line—leave out the words “City Council,” and insert instead, the words “said City of Halifax, by Deed signed.”

8th and 9th lines—leave out the words “the said Parish of Saint Mary’s,” and insert instead, the words “Trustees on behalf of the Roman Catholic population of the said City.”

10th line—leave out the words “a portion,” and insert instead, “so much as shall be adequate and satisfactory.”

11th and 12th lines—leave out the words “adjoining, and next to the Fort Massey or Military Burying Ground,” and insert the words “lying between the said Military Burying Ground and a certain Brook to the Westward, running through the said land.”

13th line—after the word “from,” insert the words “and a half”—leave out the word “and,” and insert instead, the words “so as.”

14th and 15th lines—leave out the words “cross, or even come up to,” and insert instead, the words “reach within thirty feet of.”

17th line—leave out the words “Saint Mary’s Parish,” and insert the word “Trustees.”

22d line—leave out the word “Parish,” and insert instead, the word “Congregation”—after the word “or,” insert the words “the Roman.”

At the end of this 2d Clause insert the following Proviso and Enacting Clause :

“*Provided also*, that a certain drain, watercourse, or sewer, passing through the said piece of ground, and necessary for draining the land and building grounds lying to the Northward thereof, or otherwise contiguous thereto, shall at all times be kept free, open, and unobstructed by the said Trustees, and their successors, at their expense, or the expense of the Roman Catholic Congregation of the said City.”

“*And provided always, and be it enacted*, That such Conveyance, when accepted and perfected, shall be, and be taken and held to be, a full performance of all the directions contained in the said Acts relating to Cemeteries, and each of them for the laying off of a portion

a portion of the Public Cemetery for the purpose of a place of burial for the Roman Catholic Congregations of the said City, or as and for a just and satisfactory equivalent for such right."

"*And Provided also*, That the City of Halifax, or any Commissioner of Cemeteries heretofore in office, or the present or any future Committee of Cemeteries, or other persons who may have the charge or care of the Public Cemeteries of the said City, shall not be bound or liable to erect or sustain the fences around the land so to be conveyed for a Roman Catholic Burial Ground, or to contribute to the expense or charge thereof."

3d Clause—2d line—after the word "Land," insert the words "near Fort Massey."

4th line—leave out the word "from," and insert the words "by the said Officers of;" after the word "Department," insert the words "to the City of Halifax."

8th line—after the word "City" leave out the rest of the clause, and insert instead, the words "as part of the Real Estate thereof."

In the Preamble to the 4th clause—2d line—after the word "Halifax" insert the words "hereinafter next," after the word "described" leave out all the words to the word "has" to the 10th line.

At the end of the Preamble insert the following words, that is to say, "all that piece of Land bounded as follows, that is to say, beginning at the North-west corner of a piece of Land formerly taken from the Common and laid out into Lots, known by the name of the Spring Garden Lots, and bounded on the West side by a line running from thence Northwardly along the East side of a Highway, which, at the said place of beginning, lies between the said Common and Land of the late Chief Justice Blowers to a point immediately opposite the North-east corner of the Land of the said late Chief Justice Blowers, where the said Highway is intersected by a Highway leading thence to the North-west Arm, and bounded on the North side by a line running Easterly from the last-mentioned point on a course parallel with the rear line of the said Spring Garden Lots until it shall meet or intersect the East side line hereinafter mentioned of the Land hereby now being described, and bounded on the South side by the rear line of the said Spring Garden Lots, running from the first mentioned place of beginning to the Eastward, across one of the Spring Garden Roads, and thence along the said rear line to another of the Spring Garden Roads, or the North-east corner of the Spring Garden Lot formerly held by one James Smith, now occupied by one Robert Smith, and bounded on the East side by a line on a course in continuation of the East side line of the last mentioned Spring Garden Lot, and parallel with the West side line herein before mentioned of the land now under description, until it shall meet or intersect the North side line herein before described."

4th Clause—4th line—after the word "said" insert the words "last described." At the end of this Clause insert the following words:

"Except as the same shall or may be altered or affected by this Act; *Provided*, that no part of the Land herein last described, and hereby intended to be set off, appropriated, and used, as and for a Public Cemetery, shall be subject or liable to be appropriated, set apart, or used, as or for a Military Burial Ground, or as or for a Roman Catholic Burial Ground or place of Interment—the said respective Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance, and the Roman Catholic portion of the Citizens of Halifax, having respectively chosen to have and use the separate allotments for Cemeteries herein before provided, in preference to receiving any appropriation or distinct portion of the said Public Cemetery, for the use of the Military, or the Roman Catholics, respectively."

At the end of the Bill insert the following Clauses:

"*And be it enacted*, That there shall be taken from the said Common, and laid off, a Public Road or Highway adjoining and along the East side of the said Public Cemetery, or last described piece of Land, being of the same width, and in continuation of the Spring Garden Road, which runs between the said Lot formerly occupied by James Smith, and now occupied by Robert Smith, and the Spring Garden Lot formerly owned by Thomas Wallace, and now used as a Vegetable Garden; and also, a Public Road or Highway adjoining and along the North side of the said Public Cemetery, or last described piece of Land, of the same width—and which said Roads or Highways shall be forever hereafter

kept free, open, and common, for the use of all Her Majesty's subjects, and subject to all such management, supervision, and care, as other Highways, in or through the said City, or the suburbs thereof.

"*And whereas*, it is believed that a part of the said Highway, to be laid out on the North side of the said Public Cemetery, will encroach upon that part of the said Common which was heretofore conveyed to the use of Her Majesty in exchange for the said Land, near Fort Massey; and the respective Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance, at Halifax, have agreed that so much thereof, as may be required for such Highway, may be taken for the purpose of such Highway, in consideration that an equal quantity of Land shall be taken from the Common, and added to the said Land of Her Majesty, on the North side thereof.

"*Be it therefore enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the respective Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance, at Halifax, for the time being, or some or one of them, by any deed or deeds, under their or his hand and seals, to convey and assure to the City of Halifax, for the purpose of such Highway, so much of the said land of Her Majesty, off the South side thereof, as may be necessary for such Highway, and for the said City of Halifax, by Deed, under the hand of the Mayor, and seal of the said City, to convey and assure to Her Majesty, or to Her Majesty's principal Officers of Ordnance, in Great Britain, so much of the Common of Halifax, lying to the North of the said Land of Her Majesty, as shall in size and quantity be similar and equal to such part thereof as shall so be conveyed in exchange as aforesaid, and the said Deeds shall respectively be and enure in Law as and for a full and absolute conveyance, in fee simple, for the respective purposes aforesaid."

And the said amendments having been again read, were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendments to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the said amendments.

Amnts. agreed to,
and—
sent to Council

Res for Crown Offi-
cers opinion on
documents relative
to Strait of Canso

On motion of the Hon. Solicitor General, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to direct the Crown Officers to give their opinion, for the information of this House at the next Session of the General Assembly, on the documents referred to this House, relating to the power of the Inhabitants of this Province over the Strait of Canso, and their right to exact Tolls, and impose Duties on Tonnage and Merchandize conveyed through such passage, and the legality of altering and changing the same from time to time, as exigency may require.

Mr. McLellan moved, that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth:

Whereas, complaints have been made by Magistrates and Town Clerks, on account of not receiving a copy of the Laws for 1842: *Resolved therefore*, that the Clerks of Assembly do cause five hundred and sixty copies of the Laws of 1842 to be printed, and placed in the Book Store of Messrs. McKinlay, for such of the Magistrates and Town Clerks as shall be certified by any Member of the County in which he may reside, not to have received a copy; and in case any copies remain uncalled for, as aforesaid, on the first day of July next, they are then to be sold to any person wishing to purchase, at cost, and this House will provide for the expense of the same at the next sitting: which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

Res. for re-print of
Laws for 1842

Mr. McKenna moved, that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth:

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to advance the sum of Fourteen Pounds Four Shillings and Eight Pence, to Obadiah Wilson, Obadiah Wilson, Junior, and Israel Lovett Wilson, being return of Duties on Articles used on a Whaling Voyage, agreeably to the report of the Committee on Trade, and this House will provide for the same at its next Session: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, twenty-four; against it, five.

£14 4s 8d Obadiah
Wilson and others

So there being more than two thirds of the Members present in favor of the motion, it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Resolution to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Sent to Council

Mr.

Mr. Forrestall moved, that the Bill for equalizing the Representation of the People in General Assembly, be published in the Royal Gazette and Novascotian, Newspapers: which, being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared, for the motion, fourteen; against it, fifteen.

So it passed in the negative.

Motion to publish
Representation Bill

Negatived

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Wednesday, 29th March, 1843.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Huntington, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to direct the Crown Officers to enquire into, and secure the amount due, if any, from Stephen Binney, or Edward Binney, or the Executors of the late Hibbert N. Binney, or his Sureties, or from whomsoever the same may be due, on account of the sums retained as Commissions for collecting the Excise in the Port and District of Halifax, up to the period of the appointment of the present Collector, in conformity with the report of the Committee on that subject.

Res. for Crown Officers to enquire into
Excise Commissions

Mr. Smith reported from the Select Committee on the subject of the proposed publication of Mr. Wightman's Treatise on Road Making; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

Report from Com. on
Mr. Wightman's
Treatise on Road
Making

(See Appendix No. 107).

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Laid on Table

Mr. Smith moved, that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth:

Resolved, That the Clerks of the House of Assembly be authorized to contract for printing and publishing a work composed by Mr. George Wightman, upon Road Making and Surveying, provided one thousand copies, containing two hundred and fifty octavo pages, in a pamphlet form, can be obtained for One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, and the House will provide for the expense of the same at its next sitting: which, being seconded,

Res. to publish

The Hon. Solicitor General moved, by way of amendment to the question, to leave out all the words thereof, after the word "That," and in place of the words so left out, to insert the following words, "the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the General State of the Province, to consider the subject of the Post Office Department": which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

Amdt. moved

And the question, as amended, being then put,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the General State of the Province, to consider the subject of the Post Office Department.

Com. on Post Office

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business referred to them—and had directed him to move for leave to sit again, which the House agreed to.

Report progress

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Mess. from Council—

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act in further addition to, and amendment of, the several Acts now in force concerning Cemeteries or Burial Grounds in the Town of Halifax, as amended.

Agree to Cemeteries
Bill as amended—

The Council have also agreed to the Resolution for a vote of credit of £14 4s. 8d. to Obadiah Wilson and others.

Vote of credit to
Obadiah Wilson

The Council have agreed to the first, second, and third amendments, and have not agreed to all the other amendments proposed by this Honorable House to the Bill, entitled,

Council agree to some
amds. and not to
others to Judiciary
Bill

AN

An Act to amend the Act passed in the Fourth year of Her present Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to improve the Administration of the Law, and to reduce the number of Courts of Justice within this Province, and to diminish the expense of the Judiciary therein.

The Council have proposed an amendment to the amendments to the same Bill, agreed to by the Council—to which amendment they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr. Huntington moved, that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth :

Whereas, James Whitney has, during the past year, run a Steam Boat between Yarmouth and Halifax, touching at the intermediate Ports of Lunenburg and Liverpool, for the period of seven months only : *Resolved therefore*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to pay to the said James Whitney the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, being the grant for a Steam Boat to be run between Halifax and the Western Ports, and to which the said James Whitney would have been entitled, if it had been practicable to have complied with the conditions of the grant of 1841 : which, being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Resolution to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Res. relative to Steam
Boat on Western
Shore

Sent to Council

Mess. from Council—

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

Passed Judiciary Bill

The Council have passed a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Act, entitled, An Act to improve the Administration of the Law and to reduce the number of Courts of Justice in this Province, and to diminish the expense of the Judiciary therein, to which Bill they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Bill was then read a first time.

Bill read 1st and—

Ordered, nem. con., That the same be now read a second time.

2d time—

And the same was read a second time accordingly.

agreed to and—

Resolved, That this House do agree to the said Bill.

sent to Council

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the Bill without amendment.

Report from Com. on
new Ed. of Laws

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Select Committee on the subject of arranging and re-printing a New Edition of the Laws of the Province—and he read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

(See Appendix No. 108.)

Laid on Table

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Mess. from Council—

A Message from the Council, by Mr. Halliburton ;

Mr. Speaker,

Agree to Western
Shore Steam Boat
Bill

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the running of a Steam Boat between Halifax and the Western Ports of this Province, without amendment. And then the Messenger withdrew.

Com. on Post Office

On motion, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the General State of the Province, further to consider the subject of the Post Office Department.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report Resolutions

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the business referred to them, and that the Committee had prepared several Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House with a recommendation that the House should adopt the same, and he delivered the Resolutions in at the Clerk's Table.

And

And the said Resolutions were severally read as followeth :

1. *Resolved*, That this House having re-examined the accounts of the Deputy Postmaster General, which are referred to in the Report of last Session, and the Resolutions passed by this House on the 17th and 18th days of March, 1842, are satisfied that the conclusions to which the House then came are fully borne out by the facts, and they must again respectfully urge upon the attention of Her Majesty's Government, the reasonable and just claim of this Legislature to be effectually relieved from the necessity of providing for the whole expense of transmitting the English Mails to and from New Brunswick and Canada, through our territory.

2. *Resolved*, That while this House are gratified by the concession, which has added to the General Post Office funds, the English Packet Postage, they have reason to apprehend that it will be less productive than heretofore, on account of the increased number of pre-paid Letters received from the United Kingdom, and that it will not yield a sufficient sum to defray the expense of the establishment at Halifax, which of late has been very largely increased.

3. *Resolved*, That this House being called upon to provide for any deficiency in the general fund, under pain of having the internal line of communication interfered with, or stopped, an evil which they would deprecate as the greatest that the Post Office authorities could inflict, they have acquired a direct interest in the expense and mode of managing the Department here, and in augmenting the Post Office Revenue, by all such suggestions as they can offer to the Government.

4. *Resolved*, That the House seeing that the prayer of their Address in 1842, as to the Carriage of Newspapers, will not be granted, earnestly invite the attention of the Home Government to the present vacancy in the office of Deputy Postmaster General as a fit opportunity for abolishing the obnoxious perquisite heretofore enjoyed, and which the new Incumbent (whosoever he may be) ought not, in the opinion of this House, to possess, in addition to his salary of £400 sterling a year, and they are gratified in learning that this productive and increasing fund will probably be added to the General Revenue.

5. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this House that the whole of the Contracts for the carriage of the Mails ought to be rigidly enquired into, and that wherever a saving can be effected they should be thrown open to competition, this House being satisfied, from their local knowledge and experience, that in very many cases the expense could be greatly reduced, and the work equally well done.

6. *Resolved*, That this House are confirmed, by the enquiries they have made this Session, in their previous opinion of the practicability and wisdom of introducing into this Province one uniform rate of Internal Postage, that such rate ought not, in their judgment, to exceed four pence sterling for a single letter; and as they are convinced that the Revenue therefrom would soon equal, and probably exceed, the present, they invite the attention of the Home Government on this head, and will provide for any deficiency that may in the first instance be occasioned thereby.

7. *Resolved*, That this House having granted the sum of £982 4s. 9d. currency to meet the estimated deficiency of the Post Office Revenue to the 5th of January last, will provide at the next Session for such sums as may be found absolutely necessary for keeping up the present lines of Post Communication in the Province, and the same may be drawn out of the Provincial Treasury for that purpose, with the sanction of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor. The whole amount contributed for this service in the past year, including the above sum, is £1559 8s. 6d. currency.

8. *Resolved*, That the changes in the Mail Routes, and the time of receiving and closing the Mails at Halifax, have been productive, in some instances, and particularly in the remote Eastern Counties, of great inconvenience, and have necessarily disturbed the

previous arrangement which had been gradually matured—this House will therefore be gratified, if means are taken by the Department here to transmit the Mails twice in each week to Port Hood, Arichat, and Sydney, which will redress the inconvenience complained of, and not deprive the people of the benefit of the new arrangement for the transport of the Mails to Pictou.

9. *Resolved*, That this House are of opinion that the Public Proceedings and Acts of the Colonial Legislatures ought to be transmitted to and from the Officers of the respective Houses, and from the Members to their Constituents, free of Postage, as has been the practice until the recent changes; and, at all events, that any change, therefore, ought not to be the perquisite of any Officer of the Department, but should be paid into the General Revenue.

10. *Resolved*, That it would be for the interest of this Province, were the Post Office under the direction of the Local Government, so as to admit of the rates of Postage on Letters and Newspapers, and the expense of maintaining the Establishment being regulated by the Provincial Legislature.

11. *Resolved*, That copies of the foregoing Resolutions, and of the Reports of the Select Committee on the Post Office Department, of this Session, be communicated to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with a respectful request, that His Excellency would be pleased to transmit the same to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and to take such other measures as to His Excellency may seem best, for carrying into effect the wishes of this House.

Resolutions agreed to

And the said Resolutions having been again read were severally agreed to by the House.

Res. relative to Chimney Sweeps

On motion of Mr. Marshall, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to direct the proper authorities to make a return, for the information of this House at its next Session, of the number of Chimney Sweeps employed in the City of Halifax—their respective ages—the dates of their Indentures—at what age they are employed—their Masters—by whose authority and by whom they are bound, and at whose expense they are boarded and lodged—what security is given for kind treatment of them, the number of deaths among them in the last three years—and their native origin—whether whites or blacks—whether they are educated and where—whether any Sweeps are without Masters and conduct their avocations on their own account—and what trades they follow, if any, after attaining manhood, with copies of the rules and regulations for Sweeping Chimnies in the City of Halifax—and copies of the Contracts and Bonds entered into for that service for the last three years.

Res. for Clerks to prepare new Edition of Laws

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to procure the services of the Clerks of this House to revise and prepare for publication an Edition of the Laws of the Province, and that this House will provide for such services at the ensuing Session—Provided the expense does not exceed the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

Message from Gov. commanding attendance of House

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor commands this Honorable House to attend His Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber.

House attend—Gov. assents to Bills, viz,

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the several Bills following, viz.:

Colonial Impost Duties

An Act to continue and amend the 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.

Duties Regulation

An Act to continue the Act for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties.

An

An Act to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks.	Exportation of Goods
An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the importation of Goods.	Importation of Goods
An Act to continue the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling.	Smuggling
An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods.	Warehousing of Goods
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.	Colonial Impost Duties
An Act to continue and amend the Act for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and for Sales by Auction, in Halifax.	Licenses Halifax
An Act continuing and amending the Acts for granting Duties on Licensed Houses.	Licensed Houses
An Act to amend the Act to regulate Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly.	Elections
An Act to continue and amend the Act to establish sundry regulations for the future disposal of Crown Lands within the Province of Nova Scotia.	Crown Lands
An Act to authorise a Loan for the use of the Province.	Loan
An Act relating to certain Lands belonging to Her Majesty, and for vesting the title to the same in the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance Department.	Ordnance Lands
An Act to regulate the Practice of the Courts of Probate within this Province.	Probate Courts practice
An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act relating to the Courts of Probate, and to the settlement and distribution of the Estates of deceased persons.	Probate Amt.
An Act relating to Passengers, arriving in this Province.	Passengers
An Act relative to the appropriation of the License Duties in the Town of Sydney.	License Duties, Sydney
An Act to enable the Trustees of the Sydney Academy, in the County of Cape Breton, to raise money for the completion of the same.	Sydney Academy
An Act for establishing separate Boards of School Commissioners in the Counties of Digby, Yarmouth, and Colchester, respectively.	School Commissioners Digby, &c.
An 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 amend the Act to provide a Lock-up House and Town House at Barrington, in the County of Shelburne.	Town House Barrington
An Act to authorize the Grand Jury and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Lunenburg, to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the Township of Chester.	Sea Manure, Chester
An Act to authorize the Proprietors of Meeting Houses or Churches, to raise money from the pews of the same, for the repairing and upholding thereof.	Repairing Churches, &c.
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.	Presbyterian Church, Cornwallis
An Act to amend the Act for establishing a Public Burial Ground at Dartmouth.	Burial Ground, Dartmouth
An Act relative to the recovery of Debts due on Policies of Assurance.	Recovery of Debts on Assurance
An Act to extend to the Town of Dartmouth the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.	Assize of Bread, Dartmouth
An Act further concerning Firewards and Fires in Halifax.	Halifax Firewards
An Act to extend the privileges of the Fire Engine Men of Halifax.	Halifax Fire Engine Men
An Act for disposing of Old Roads.	Old Roads
An Act to repeal the Act for settling Titles in a certain Tract of Land in Cape Breton, called the Miré Grant, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof.	Miré Grant
An Act to provide for an additional Sitting of the General Sessions of the Peace in King's County.	Sessions King's Cy.
An 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 power of the Trustees of such Meeting House.	Baptist Meeting House Bridgetown
An Act to incorporate the Halifax Mechanics' Whaling Association.	Mechanics' Whaling Association

Moose Snares	An Act for making regulations relative to the setting of snares for catching Moose.
Sydney Highways	An Act to extend to the Town of Sydney the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, and to repeal a certain Act in relation thereto.
Union Marine Insurance Company	An Act to enable the Union Marine Insurance Company of Nova-Scotia to compensate their Directors and Auditors.
Grindstones	An Act respecting the measuring of Grindstones in the County of Cumberland.
New Glasgow Firewards	An Act to extend to the Town of New Glasgow, certain Acts respecting Firewards and Fires.
Holding Polls	An Act further to amend the Act for establishing the times and places of holding the Poll at Election of Representatives.
Arichat Highways	An Act to extend to the Town of Arichat the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places.
Digby Poor	An Act for dividing the Township of Digby into separate Districts for the support of the Poor.
Halifax Assessment	An Act relating to the Halifax Assessments, and further to amend the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax.
Sale of Court House, Truro	An Act to authorise the Sale of the Old Court House at Truro.
Militia	An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Militia.
Survey of Lumber	An Act to continue and amend the Act to regulate the Survey of Timber and Lumber, and to repeal certain Acts now in force.
Light Houses	An Act to continue and amend the Acts for the support and regulation of Light Houses.
Billeting Troops	An Act to continue and amend the Act, entitled, An Act to provide for the accommodation and Billeting of His Majesty's Troops or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another, and also the Act in amendment thereof.
River Nuisances	An Act to make perpetual the Act in addition to, and amendment of, the Act to prevent Nuisances, by Hedges, Wears, and other Incumbrances, obstructing the passage of Fish in the Rivers of this Province.
Coals	An Act to continue the Act to authorise the sale of Coals by weight.
Public School, Halifax	An Act to continue the Act to amend an Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax.
Shubenacadie Fishery	An Act to continue the Act for regulating the Fishery in the River Shubenacadie.
Bridgeport Harbor Master	An Act to continue the Act for establishing a Harbor Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape-Breton.
Richmond Fisheries	An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries in the County of Richmond.
Sydney Pilotage	An Act to continue the Acts now in force to regulate Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Sydney, in the Island of Cape-Breton.
Trespasses Amdt.	An Act to continue the Act in further amendment of, and additional to, the Acts relating to Trespasses.
Cordwood Forestalling	An Act to continue the Act to suspend the operation of the Acts to prevent Forestalling, Re-grating, and Monopolizing of Cord Wood, in the Town of Halifax.
Nuisances	An Act to continue the Act additional, concerning Nuisances.
Road expenditure	An Act to continue the Act to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, and the Acts in amendment thereof.
King's Cy. Landings	An Act to continue the Act to regulate certain Landings in the County of King's County.
Trespasses	An Act to continue the Acts now in force relating to Trespasses.
Fishermens Nets	An Act to continue the Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen, by Coasting Vessels.
Trespasses Amdt.	An Act to continue the Act further to amend the Act relating to Trespasses.
Lunenburg Fisheries	An Act to continue the Act to prevent Injuries to the Fisheries within the County of Lunenburg, by Mill Dams, or any other obstructions.
County and District Rates	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.

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.	Halifax Pilotage
An Act to continue the Act to regulate the weighing of Beef, and the Acts in amendment thereof.	Beef Weighing
An Act to continue the Acts in force to prevent Disorderly Riding, and to regulate the driving of Carriages on the Streets of Halifax, or other Towns, or on the Public Roads of this Province.	Disorderly Riding
An Act to continue the Act to repeal the Act to regulate the Public Landing at Windsor, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof.	Windsor Landing
An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor, in the several Townships within this Province.	Settlement of Poor
An Act to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.	Assize of Bread
An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Acts for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating of Townships, and the Acts to alter and amend the same.	Town Officers
An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers.	Commrs. of Sewers
An Act to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island, in this Province.	Sable Island
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.	Nova Scotia Bank
An Act to continue the Act for the suppression of Lotteries.	Lotteries
An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of Juries, and the Act in amendment thereof.	Juries
An Act to continue the Acts for appointing Supervisors to take charge of Public Grounds, and for other purposes.	Public Grounds
An Act to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace.	Summary Trials
An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges.	Highways Amdt.
An Act to continue the Act more effectually to provide against the introduction of Infectious or Contagious Diseases, and the spreading thereof in this Province, and the Act in amendment thereof.	Contagious Diseases
An Act to continue the Act to prevent the spreading of Contagious Diseases and for the performance of Quarantine, and the Act in amendment thereof.	Quarantine
An Act to alter the Act, entitled, An Act to improve the Administration of the Law, and to reduce the number of Courts of Justice within this Province, and to diminish the expense of the Judiciary thereof.	Administration of Justice
An Act to encourage the running of a Steam Boat between Halifax and the Western Ports of this Province.	Western Shore Steam Boat
An Act in further addition to, and in amendment of, the several Acts now in force concerning Cemeteries or Burial Grounds in the Town of Halifax.	Cemeteries

After which, Mr. Speaker spake as followeth :

May it please your Excellency—

Your Excellency having been graciously pleased to give your assent to all the Bills passed in this present Session, it becomes my agreeable duty, on behalf of Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, Her faithful Commons of Nova Scotia, to present to your Excellency a Bill for appropriating the Supplies granted in this present Session, for the support of Her Majesty's Government, during this present year, and to request your Excellency's assent to the same.

Speaker presents Appropriation Bill

His Excellency was then pleased to give his assent to the Bill following, viz :

An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-three, and for other purposes.

Gov. assents to Appropriation Bill

His Excellency was then pleased to make the following

Speech of Gov.

S P E E C H.

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

The business of the Session having been brought, by your joint labours, to a satisfactory conclusion, I am enabled to release you from further attendance in Parliament.

Although the measures matured in the course of your recent sittings are few in number, some of them are of great importance, and I have much gratification in observing amongst them, one having for its object the regulation of the mode in which the Waste Lands of the Crown shall in future be disposed of, and another, of yet greater consequence, affecting the Qualification of Members of the Elective Branch of the Legislature, both Bills emanating from the Executive, and calculated, I sincerely believe, to work beneficially for the Country.

I regret that it has been found impossible, during your deliberations, to devise such a Law for the enforcement of the relative obligations of Debtor and Creditor, as would be considered adapted to the present condition of Nova-Scotia ; and, feeling as I do, that some enactment of this nature is highly essential to the maintenance of the commercial credit of the Colony, I cannot but hope that when next I meet you, some Law may be framed by which the desired object may be attained. In the meantime I am well content, that the settlement and discussion of a question of so much moment, and involving such various interests, has been approached and conducted with all due caution.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly ;

I thank you for the supplies granted for the current year, as also for the contingent provision you have made to meet any casual emergency. You may be assured that the funds placed at the discretion of the Government shall be carefully husbanded.

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

I now dismiss you to your several Counties, confident that you will use the influence you there possess, for the promotion of good order, and the peace of society ; and that when the period shall arrive, at which it will be again necessary for me to have recourse to your assistance, it will be afforded, as it has always hitherto been, with a hearty desire on your parts to co-operate with me in all plans likely to be conducive to the welfare of the Province.

After which, the President of the Legislative Council, by His Excellency's command, said—

Gentlemen—

Prorogation of Assembly

It is His Excellency's will and pleasure that this General Assembly be prorogued to Thursday, the First day of June next, then to be here held.

And this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to Thursday, the First day of June next.

JOHN WHIDDEN, }
Clerk of the House of Assembly. }

APPENDIX

TO THE

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OF

THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

OF THE

PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

FOR THE SESSION,

Commencing the 26th January, 1843, and ending the 29th March, 1843.



APPENDIX

No. 1.

(See Page 365.)

REPORT ON INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Halifax, January 25, 1843.

MY LORD—

In conformity with the 9th clause of the “Act to provide for the Instruction and Permanent Settlement of the Indians,” and in obedience to your Lordship’s Instructions, founded upon that Law, it becomes my duty to submit to your Lordship, for the information of the Legislature, a report of my proceedings as Commissioner for Indian Affairs, with an account of the mode in which the grant for that service has been applied.

In accepting the Commission, with which your Lordship was pleased to honour me, I was aware that the task I was about to assume was one beset with peculiar difficulties.—A given amount of money, skilfully and honestly applied, will make a road or a bridge, which every passenger may recognize as a valuable improvement; but the civilization of barbarous tribes—the eradication of habits and prejudices, the growth of centuries—the substitution of one kind of knowledge, absolutely indispensable to success, or even existence, in a new state of society, for another kind, equally important in the old, is a work of time, that may be entered upon in a season, but which cannot be completed, or yet much advanced, even under the most favorable circumstances, but by perseverance in a series of enlightened experiments running over a period of years. The French and Germans, who inhabit portions of this Province, are still French and Germans in most of the essential characteristics, though surrounded by a British Population for nearly a hundred years—it was not to be expected, therefore, that any striking impression could be made among the Micmacs in a few months, or that much more could be done than to collect and arrange facts, and lay a foundation for future operations. Your Lordship, who is quite aware that the energies of the finest minds, aided by the most lavish expenditure, have been employed to little purpose in similar designs, though you may find no inducement, in the history of these experiments, to shrink from the prosecution of a work of justice and philanthropy, will, I am quite assured, be disposed to turn from them with considerate discrimination to the little that may have resulted from my labours.

My first care was to collect and arrange all the information which I could gather from the Public Departments, bearing upon the subject embraced in my commission, and these documents, together with rough Notes of my tours of inspection, and the correspondence which has been conducted throughout the year, will be found in a volume which I transmit with this report, and which will be useful to my successor, should your Lordship’s pleasure, or the pressure of other avocations, render it necessary, at any future time, to place the management of Indian Affairs in other hands.

The Indian Statistics collected in 1838, exhibit the number of the Micmacs then in the Province, as follows :

County of Halifax,	- - - - -	265 souls.
Island of Cape-Breton,	- - - - -	520
Western District, including Annapolis, Digby, Yarmouth, Shelburne, Queen’s, and Lunenburg,	- - - - -	415
Pictou,	- - - - -	100
King’s,	- - - - -	35
County of Sydney,	- - - - -	90

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Assuming

Assuming this table to have been tolerably accurate in 1838, the rapidity with which these people had decreased, up to that time, may be judged from the fact, that in 1798, forty years before, there were 800 in the County of Pictou alone. Mr. Campbell, in his report to the Government in 1838, says, that "two years ago there were 60 or 70 souls in King's County, but that now there is not more than half that number," while I could not hear of but two or three families, there, in the autumn of last year. It is impossible, however, to estimate the ratio of decrease by the numbers in any particular County or locality, because almost every family which has not a framed house moves two or three times in a year; and such Counties as King's and Pictou, where the population is rapidly increasing, the forest disappearing before the axe, and mills either damming, or in course of erection, upon every stream, are very likely to be deserted for others, where, from the indifference of the soil, the march of improvement is not so rapid. Of the eastern section of the Province I cannot speak from actual observation, but think the decrease in the West must have been equal to 10 per cent. on the whole number since 1838. The decrease in the County of Halifax has probably been less, for, although the deaths in proportion to the numbers may have been equal, there is an immigration towards the capital, particularly in the summer season, partly for religious objects, and partly for the sale of small wares manufactured by the squaws.—At this rate, the whole race would be extinct in 40 years, and half a century hence the very existence of the tribe would be as a dream and a tradition to our grandchildren, who would find it as difficult to imagine the features or dwelling of a Micmac, as we do to realize those of an ancient Briton. The Temperance Pledge has probably arrested the progress of this mortality, and it is to be hoped that, henceforward, particularly in those places where permanent settlements are or may be formed, the numbers will begin to increase. Assuming the statistics of 1838 as the basis of a calculation, and deducting 10 per cent., your Lordship will perceive that there must be at least 1300 souls still in this Province—appealing to the sympathies of every honorable mind by the contrast of their misfortunes with our prosperity—their fading numbers with our numerical advancement—their ignorance and destitution with the wealth and civilization which surrounds and presses upon them from every side.

In approaching the Indians, with a sincere desire to faithfully represent in my intercourse with them the benevolent yet judicious intentions of the Government and the Legislature, I found myself in some degree embarrassed by the exaggerated ideas and expectations with which many, from various motives, had thoughtlessly misled the poor people committed to my care. For many weeks in the spring my dwelling was besieged, at all hours, by Indians, who had been taught to believe that unbounded wealth was at my disposal, and that they were to be fed and clothed hereafter at the expense of the Government. Had I yielded to the clamorous demands, and even reproaches of these visitors, the sum voted would barely have sufficed to supply the wants of the Halifax Indians alone for a single month—but I resolutely resisted those importunities, and although a great deal of time was necessarily consumed, in explaining the objects of the Act to numbers, and reasoning with them upon the evil consequences, even to themselves, of indiscriminate eleemosynary relief, still I felt that good humoured perseverance in this course was the only way to disabuse their minds, and secure their confidence and co-operation. The rule I adopted was, to give relief only to the old and infirm, the sick or maimed, or to those who had met with some calamity, which, for the time, gave them a claim to consideration. A list of trifling sums given to these, appears in the account under the head of "Miscellaneous Charities," and which including a sum of £8 paid to redeem a very industrious man's whaleboat and lines from the hands of the Constable, has been kept within £28 4s. 11d. For these sums, except the latter, of course, from the very nature of the expenditure, no vouchers could be produced.

For many years past the Legislature has granted £100 per annum for the use of the Indians, which has usually been laid out in Great Coats and Blankets, to be distributed in various parts of the Province. I knew that many would calculate on this resource, and that, at least for several years, a portion of the funds would have to be thus applied, until the practical value of assistance in other modes began to be realized, and until they were taught

taught that they must provide clothing for themselves. As I had anticipated, on the approach of winter, requisitions came from various parts of the Province, and urgent and hourly applications were made by those families residing near the capital. To those with whom I had personal communication, I endeavoured to explain that this species of relief, like that given in money throughout the summer, must be hereafter confined as much as possible to the indigent and infirm—to old persons confined to their camps—to widows, orphans, or women at childbirth during the winter months. With few exceptions coats or blankets have only been distributed in Halifax to this class of cases, and gentlemen to whose care small parcels have been sent in Cape Breton, Pictou and Hants, where no other expenditures for the benefit of the Indians had been authorized, have been requested to distribute them with the same care and discrimination. The expenditure under this head has been £46 19s. 2d. and the vouchers accompany the general account.

As the Lands reserved for the Indians must form the basis of all the operations of the Government, I endeavoured to ascertain, as early as possible, their extent, and, by personal inspection of their position, condition, and capabilities, at such times as my other avocations afforded me leisure, to collect information that might eventually lead to their permanent occupation and improvement. The Surveyor General politely furnished me with plans of all the reserves in Nova-Scotia, and, for more easy access, I had these copied into the volume to which reference has been already made. These consist of:

COUNTY OF HALIFAX.	
Western side of Shubenacadie Grand Lake, - - -	1000 acres.
On Ingraham's River, at the head of Margaret's Bay, -	300*
COUNTY OF HANTS.	
On two Brooks, falling into the Shubenacadie, about 5 miles from the New Bridge, at Parker's, - - - -	1750
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.	
On the Chinemecas River, - - - - -	1000
COUNTY OF LUNENBURG.	
On both sides of Gold River, - - - - -	1000
QUEEN'S COUNTY.	
On the Pleasant and Port Medway Rivers, - - -	1000
COUNTY OF DIGBY.	
At Bear River, - - - - -	1000
KING'S COUNTY.	
In the rear of the Township of Horton, - - -	1000
COUNTY OF SYDNEY.	
At Pomket, - - - - -	1000†
COUNTY OF ANNAPOLIS.	
Several lots on the Liverpool Road, about - - -	1000
In Nova Scotia proper, - - - - -	10,050
In Cape Breton, - - - - -	12,000
	22,050

* Another tract on the Indian River, Margaret's Bay, granted to Indians, has been alienated, and cannot be recovered—the sale appearing to have been bona fide, and the descendants of those who made it being content.

† It appears, by Mr. Thompson's survey, and letter, that considerable encroachments have been made on this tract.

The present condition and capabilities of such of these Lands as I have been enabled to visit may be gathered from the Journal which accompanies this report. It is to be regretted that so little judgment has been exercised in the selection of them—the same quantity, if reserved in spots where the soil was good, on navigable streams, or in places where fish was abundant, and game within reach, would now be a valuable resource. All the land reserved in this County is sterile and comparatively valueless. In Yarmouth, Hants, Colchester, Pictou, and Guysborough, there are no reserves, and in some other places, as at Pomket, and in parts of Cape Breton, it is to be feared that the quantity has been somewhat diminished by the encroachments of the whites. In the neighbourhood of Dartmouth and Halifax, where the Indians from all parts of the Province resort, at all seasons, particularly in the summer, they have no lands, and are consequently compelled to build their camps on private property, and are tempted to destroy the wood, and commit depredations which are becoming every year more annoying and vexatious.

Your Lordship will perceive, from my Journal, that directions have been given to the local Surveyors to lay off a few other tracts, in favourable situations, amounting in the whole to perhaps 1000 or 1500 acres. Should your Lordship give an order for the reservation or grant of these, it is probable that an equal quantity may, upon further examination, be relinquished as an equivalent.

The present value of the Reserves, which I have visited, may be thus stated :

Reserve at Margaret's Bay,	-	-	-	-	-	£100	0	0
“ at Shubenacadie Lake,	-	-	-	-	-	150	0	0
“ in Hant's,	-	-	-	-	-	432	0	0
“ at Gold River,	-	-	-	-	-	350	0	0
“ in Queen's,	-	-	-	-	-	250	0	0
“ at Bear River,	-	-	-	-	-	350	0	0

£1632 0 0

The tract of 1000 acres in King's County, I did not see—
this, with Lands held at Roseway, Tusket, Sabim Lake,
&c. may be worth - - - - -

368 0 0

Making the total value of the Western and Halifax Reserves, about £2000 0 0

Besides the public lands, a few tracts are held by individuals, either under grant or by possession : whenever my attention has been called to these, I have endeavoured to ascertain the nature of the title, and to protect the Indians. As an illustration of the mode in which the Aborigines have been deprived of the property, to which they were often entitled by grant or by uninterrupted possession, a case may be mentioned, the investigation of which has cost some labour during the past season. A tract at Indian Point, in the Township of Chester, on which there is an excellent lime-stone quarry, and which is now valued at £500, was purchased 20 years ago, by a person named Cook, who took a Deed from one of three Brothers to whom it was granted, giving a Note of Hand for £10 in exchange. The Note was deposited in the hands of a third party, claimed by the purchaser after the Indian's death, but there is no satisfactory proof that it was ever discharged. Meanwhile the white man has almost secured a title by possession, and has certainly established a claim to the consideration of the Government by extensive improvements; but the children of the Indians, who are attached to the spot, still mourn over the loss of what they regard as their rightful inheritance. This dispute I have endeavoured, and hope to compromise, by obtaining for the Indians a payment equal to the value of the land in its original state.

The only reserve, in the management of which any system appears to have been followed, is that at Bear River. Under the direction of the late Judge Wiswell, whose memory is fondly cherished by the Annapolis Indians, a portion of the 1000 acres was laid off in 30 acre lots, and heads of families put in possession of each. If they retained possession and improved, their title was respected—if they deserted the land for three years,

it was given to others of more industrious habits. The introduction of something like this system being contemplated by the Act of last session, and by my instructions, I have employed Surveyors to divide the Reserves in those Counties which I have visited, and shall proceed to put well disposed Indians in possession of lots, as soon as the plans are forwarded, and in sufficient time, I trust, to admit of commencing operations next Spring. These Plans and Surveys will probably cost about £30, although but £9 4s. 6d. has yet been paid under this head of expenditure.

The outlay for "Seed, Implements, Cattle," amounts to £42 8s. 7d. I would have gladly increased this item, but I found it would be of little use to make extensive distributions, until, by the completion of preliminary arrangements, the Government could have some assurance that the Bounty granted would be well applied. I could have given away hundreds of bushels of Potatoes in the Spring, but they would have been eaten and not planted—I therefore refrained, often under very pressing importunities, and in no instances assisted those who had not some cleared land in occupation and who showed a disposition to help themselves. The aid given to these, has, I have reason to believe, been seasonable and serviceable, and in most cases has been gratefully acknowledged. The heaviest item in this portion of the Account has been incurred for the purchase of working Oxen for the settlement at Bear River, but these were imperatively required, and as they were purchased in a season of depression, and belong to the Government, if not found useful, and well used, may be disposed of without much loss.

Some permanent expenditures, contemplated by the Act, have been authorized at Gold River, the Hants Reserve, and at the Fairy Lake. They will cost about £80, but have not yet been completed. The reasons for those will be found at large in the rough notes. It seemed to me, that one of the first steps was to lure the Micmac from his wigwam to a more comfortable habitation, whenever this could be done, and that, to permit the few houses already possessed by those who cultivated the soil, to go to decay, and be abandoned, when a small expenditure in each case might keep them in repair, would be exceedingly bad policy. It also struck me, that, as there was likely to be a large settlement at the Fairy Lake, the sooner a good example was set, by placing in its midst one family enjoying a degree of comfort which, by moderate exertion, all might emulate, the more probability was there of advancing civilization. As the opening and improvement of cheap roads, in two or three places, is in some degree connected with the ultimate success of these experiments, it will be very desirable that a small sum should be placed at the disposal of your Excellency to connect the Reserves with adjoining settlements.

The Education of the Indians was one of the most important topics to which my attention was called, by the enactments of the Legislature, and by your Excellency's instructions. With few exceptions, I at first found nearly the whole tribe strongly prejudiced against learning to read or write any other language than their own. Their books, which contain prayers and portions of their religious services, are more numerous than I at first supposed, and if not found in every wigwam, are carefully preserved and constantly referred to in every encampment. By visiting the camps, conversing cheerfully with the Indians—giving them familiar illustrations of the value of our rudimental branches, to themselves, and showing how much they had lost from not knowing how to secure lands as the whites had done, or to protect those which they had, an impression was gradually made upon some—while, by explaining the character and utility of different Books in my Library, and reading passages to them, others were interested. By writing letters about their own business, and receiving answers, I endeavoured to convince them of the superiority of the Post Office over the Courier de Bois. Having secured the aid of the Rev. Mr. Geary, to whose kind co-operation I am much indebted, a Sunday School was opened for the instruction of the Indians in the Chapel at Dartmouth, and, for several weeks, the attendance was very good, and our pupils of both sexes, and all ages, making fair progress; but as Mr. Geary was often necessarily absent visiting different portions of a widely extended mission, it was found impossible to ensure that certainty and regularity which were essential to the success of the design, and the Sunday school was subsequently abandoned. In the autumn a day school was opened at Dartmouth, but as most of the Indians had either moved to the interior

rior or retired to the woods, to prepare for winter, the attendance was very slight, and the room was closed at the end of the first Quarter. By combining both plans, in the ensuing Spring, I am in hopes that more good may be done. By having a School room, distinct from the Chapel, and open every Sunday, when the Indians have leisure to attend, and usually resort to Dartmouth, I trust that more progress will be made. Enough has been done, to conquer much prejudice, and to prove the capacity of the Micmac for receiving instruction. Some of the young people at Dartmouth learnt to spell quite as fast as any white children would have done, and required only the steady and assiduous attention of regular teachers to bring them rapily forward; and one man, with scarcely any instruction, wrote, in a few weeks, a copy book very much better than persons often do who have been twelve months at School.

Whenever I could find Indians near a School House, as at Gold and Bear Rivers, Port Medway, Liverpool, Macan, &c. I have endeavoured, by making arrangements for the gratuitous instruction of such children as chose to attend, to pave the way for a more general interest in the cultivation of the intellect.—Some of the more intelligent heads of families, are fully sensible of the necessity which must soon force upon the rising generation other pursuits than those which have been exclusively followed, and in which new information and ideas are absolutely essential to success. Meuse, of Bear River, to whom reference is more particularly made in the notes, has had five of his children taught to read and write—two of them are now at School, and some of the Copy Books of his youngest girl are handed in with this report.

The two Boys, placed in St. Mary's Seminary, after the few first weeks of restless chafing, at the restraints necessarily imposed upon them in such an institution, were over, conducted themselves well, and made as much progress as could be expected. The eldest can read, and writes a fair large hand; the youngest, who was almost too young to derive the full benefit of the instruction imparted, is less advanced, but evinces a lively intelligence, and a due appreciation of the advantages which a house has over a camp, and a comfortable bed over a litter of fir boughs. I should be exceedingly glad to continue these Boys at the Seminary until the experiment was fully tried, and they were much further advanced, but as the cost of boarding, (education being gratuitous,) amounts to £66 per annum, for the two, it is for the Government and the Legislature to determine whether they shall be withdrawn, or continued after the close of the current quarter.

The expenses of executing this Commission have amounted to £59 11s. 3d. I would willingly have made them less, but could not, even with the most rigid economy. They have been charged against the grant, as that seemed to be the intention of the Legislature, and as no salary, commission, or other profit upon the expenditure, was offered or expected when I entered upon the service. Should the cost of management seem extravagant, I shall not object to being surcharged with any part, or even the whole of the amount, rather than that the expense should be any bar to the carrying on of a work, which, however feebly executed, has been, in the design, but just to the Aborigines and highly honorable to the country.

Should the Legislature make a further Grant, and your Excellency honor me by employing me in this work of humanity for another season, I propose to visit Cumberland, and the Eastern Counties, including Cape Breton, and shall endeavour to place within the reach of my successor such information as will enable him to conduct the business chiefly by correspondence, with the aid of an occasional tour of inspection every third or fourth year. In concluding this Report, I have again to solicit your Excellency's favorable consideration of the difficulties of the task—difficulties scarcely to be overcome in a single year by the sedulous devotion of one person's entire time. I have been able to give to such preliminary measures, as seemed requisite for their ultimate mastery, only the leisure hours which could be borrowed from other and various duties, both of a public and private nature. Although deeply concerned in the fate of the large and interesting portion of Her Majesty's Subjects, whose future destiny was in some measure interwoven with my labours, I am conscious that more might have been done by others, having fewer claims upon them; but that nothing has been neglected which it was in my power to execute in

so short a time. I trust, however, that should your Excellency not be satisfied with the results of these first experiments, the blame may be laid upon the Commissioner, rather than be charged upon the capacity, or urged against the claims of a people, for whose many good qualities a more extended intercourse has only increased my respect, and who have, if not by treaty, at least by all the ties of humanity, a claim upon the Government of the Country, which nothing but their extinction, or their elevation to a more permanent and happy position in the scale of society, can ever entirely discharge.

I have the honor to be,

With high respect,

Your Lordship's obedient,

Very humble servant,

JOSEPH HOWE.

ACCOUNT CURRENT.

MISCELLANEOUS CHARITIES.

<i>March and April.</i> —Poor Indians, 2s 6d; Assam Paul, 2s 6d; Susan Charles, (broken arm) 5s 3d; Joe Cope, (sick wife) 5s 3d; F. Paul and others, (searching for lost children) 5s; Sundry Poor, 3s 9d; Bay Chaleur Indian, (wounded) 5s 3d; Old Chief, Sam Paul, (blind and bed ridden) 5s 3d; Sundry Poor, 3s 9d,	£1 18 6
<i>May, June, and July.</i> —Jos. Stevens, (burnt camp) 2s 6d; Mrs. Morris, 5s 3d; Old Nancy, 2s 6d; Aged, 1s 3d; Lame, 3s 9; Supplies to old Paul's Squaw, 10s; Cope, 5s 3d; Burnt Camp, 2s 6; Old Cope, (lost gun) 2s 6; Peter Toney, 3s 9d; Mrs. Cope, 5s 3d; Poor Squaws, 2s 6d,	2 7 0
<i>August and September.</i> —Malti Paul, (lame) 7s 6d; Sundry Poor, 3s 9; Mary Charles, 2s 6d; Pictou Chief, (Lapier) 10s 6d; Morris, 1s 3d; Mrs. Morris, 1s 3d; Poor, 2s 6d; Christopher Paul, 3s 1d; Pomket Squaw, 2s; Stewiacke do., 2s 6d; F. Paul, 2s 6d; Peter Geneesh, (disabled, from Miramichi) 10s; Halifax Chief, (powder) 20s; Squaw, 1s 3d; Liverpool Indians, 6s 3d; Andrew Meuse, 20s,	4 17 1
<i>October, November, and December.</i> —Peter Toney, 5s; Squaw at Ingraham's River, 3s 9d; Penalls, Gold River, 20s 4d; Malti, Liverpool, 2s 8d; Indians, Fairy Lake, 10s; Poor Squaws, Sable River Road, 5s; Labrador do., 1s 3d; Sick Squaw, Jordan River, 5s 3d; Barrington Indians, 5s 3d; Old Squaw, Bear River, 2s 6d; Charles Glode's children, 4s 4d; Jack Glode, 20s; Newville Paul, of Kentville, 5s 3d; Peter Tom, (lost boat) 3s 6d; T. Hammond, 5s; Poor Squaw, 1s 3d; Lame and Sick, 6s 3d; Sundry Poor, 7s 6d; do., 5s, Debt paid for Christopher Paul, Deposited with Abbe Segoigne,	5 19 1 8 3 3 5 0 0
	£28 4 11

SEED.—IMPLEMENTS.—CATTLE.

30 bushels of Potatoes, three families at Ingraham's River, see Voucher No. 1	£3 0 0
76 do. do. 4 Hoes and 4 Spades, seven families at Annapolis,	" 2 9 14 3
Oxen and Implements for Bear River Settlement	" 3 25 0 0
Supplies to Pictou Indians,	" 4 4 14 4
	42 8 7
	EDUCATION

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Joe Cope's two boys, boarded and taught at Seminary, see	Voucher No. 1	£49	10	0	
School at Dartmouth,	" 2	12	10	0	
Books for Sunday School, &c.	" 3	2	1	9	
William Nicholl's Bill	" 4	1	0	0	
					£65 1 9

PLANS AND SURVEYS.

Alexander Thompson—Surveys at Pomket,	Voucher No. 1	£6	4	6	
John Chamberlain—drawing Plans,	" 2	2	0	0	
William Faulkner, account not rendered.					
Whitman Freeman, ditto.					
Samuel Kimble, ditto.					
Donald McKay, ditto.					
Cableal Glode's Land (see Notes, p. 87.)		1	0	0	
					9 4 6

CLOTHING.

Mrs. McDonald's Bill, for Cope's Boys,	Voucher No. 1	£3	5	0	
Mignowitz Bill, for Blankets and Coats, for Cape Breton, Pictou, Hants, &c. &c.	" 2	40	4	2	
Bolton's Bill, for Blankets,	" 3	2	16	0	
C. H. Rhand's do.	" 4	0	14	0	
					46 19 2

EXPENSES.

Letter Book, 8s; Postage, and other Stationary, 40s	£2	8	0	
Indian Guides to Reserves, &c.	6	5	3	
Visiting Indian Point, Halifax, and Hants Reserves,	12	19	0	
Western Tour, five weeks,	37	19	0	
				59 11 3
Total paid	£251	10	2	
Cash on hand	48	9	10	
Provincial Grant	£300	0	0	

EXPENDITURES AUTHORIZED, BUT NOT PAID FOR.

Improvements at Gold River,	£12	0	0	
" at Fairy Lake,	25	0	0	
" in Hants County,	15	0	0	
" at Bear River, about	10	0	0	
Surveys, probably	20	0	0	
				£82 0 0
Balance of Grant	48	9	10	
To be provided for	£33	10	2	

No. 2.

(See Page 366.)

THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA, Dr.*For Payments made by the Treasurer, between 1st January and 31st December, 1842.***MARCH QUARTER.**

March 31.—To paid the Salaries of Officers of Government, Puisne				
Judges, &c. &c. per Abstract and Warrant,	1	£1423	15	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	187	0	0
Respective Stockholders, for one year's interest on Funded Debt,	5	146	5	0
Stockholders of the Funded Debt, for the quarter ending this day,	6	250	0	0
The Commissioner and Treasurer of Savings Bank, for interest,	7	300	0	0
The Collector of Her Majesty's Customs, to pay Salaries to Officers of Customs,	8	1786	4	8½
The Commissioners of the Poor,	9	150	0	0
The Trustees of Pictou Academy,	10	50	0	0
The Trustees of Dalhousie College,	11	50	0	0
The Trustees of the Horton Academy,	12	111	0	0
The High Sheriff of Sydney, returning Members,	13	3	0	0
The High Sheriff of Liverpool, for ditto	14	4	10	0
James Brown, for keeping a Ferry,	15	10	0	0
Clerk to Central Board of Education,	16	37	10	0
The Commissioners of Bridewell,	17	1000	0	0
James Whitney, for running Steamboat,	18	25	0	0
Richard Carter, for running Ferry Boat,	19	10	0	0
Cornelius White, for returning members to Assembly	20	4	10	0
Robert Atkinson, Drawback of Duties,	21	4	15	11
John Henderson, ditto	22	8	15	0
William and R. Fraser, ditto	23	8	11	8
Beamish Murdoch, Printing School Regulations	24	27	8	8
Honorable George Smith, as granted to him,	25	46	10	0
Hon. George Smith, repairs to Ammunition House,	26	15	0	2
Henry G. Hill, for Plans of Province Building,	27	12	10	0
Mrs. Fairbanks, as granted to her,	28	200	0	0
The Commissioners, over-expenditure on Revenue Cutters,	29	264	0	9
A. W. Godfrey, Return Duty on Printing Press,	30	6	10	0
John Stiles, Return Duty on Printing Press,	31	18	5	0
John McKay, Expences attending House of Assembly	32	10	0	0
John G. Nelson, being a Return of Duty,	33	9	0	0
Commissioners of Public Buildings,	34	661	18	5
Mark Terfry, for assisting a Traveller,	35	20	0	0
John W. Freeman, Expences in making a Seizure,	36	5	0	0
Jonathan Borden, Services in Vaccinating Indians,	37	4	10	0
Joey Metzler, amount of Notes destroyed by Fire,	38	25	0	0
Doctor Hoffman, for Services as Health Officer,	39	15	15	4
Timothy O'Brien, as granted to him,	40	52	10	0
The Honorable The Speaker, to procure Publica- tions for the use of the Assembly,	41	30	0	0
				March

March 31—To paid Doctor Johnson, and others, for Services in				
Vaccinating Poor Persons,	42	£743	5	0
Commissioners of Central Board of Education,	43	500	0	0
Overseers of the Poor, for support of Transient Paupers,	44	205	17	8
Members of the House of Assembly,	45	2617	10	0
Clerk of the House of Assembly,	46	100	0	0
Clerk Assistant ditto	47	200	0	0
Clerk of Assembly, to pay Messengers, Fuel, &c.	48	220	0	0
Clerk of Assembly, Expence of Stationary,	49	60	0	0
Chaplains of the House of Assembly, 1841,	50	25	0	0
Chaplains of Ditto, 1842,	51	25	0	0
Matthew Forrester, Sergeant at Arms to Assembly,	52	50	0	0
John Jennings, Assistant Ditto	53	30	0	0
John Gibbs, Messenger to Ditto	54	30	0	0
The Reporters of the House of Assembly,	55	100	0	0
J. J. Sawyer, opening and closing Assembly in 1841,	56	10	0	0
J. J. Sawyer, ditto ditto ditto 1842,	57	10	0	0
The Clerk of Legislative Council, 1841 and 1842,	58	1491	11	8
James C. Betts, as granted to him,	59	2	5	10
William Ayre, as granted to him,	60	45	0	0
John Howe and Son, Printing for the Legislature,	61	794	9	7
William Flynn and others, in lieu of Province Notes destroyed,	62	26	0	0
The Treasurer and others, attending Criminal Prosecution,	63	63	0	0
James B. Hadley, as granted to him,	64	217	17	4
William Weeks, for running a Packet, 1841,	65	20	0	0
William Weeks, for running a Packet, 1842,	66	20	0	0
Trustees of the Yarmouth Academy,	67	70	0	0
Trustees of the Liverpool Academy,	68	50	0	0
Trustees of the Cape Breton Academy,	69	50	0	0
Trustees of the Annapolis Academy,	70	18	15	0
Trustees of the Digby Academy,	71	100	0	0
Trustees of the Cape Breton Academy,	72	25	0	0
Trustees of the Annapolis Academy,	73	18	15	0
Deputy Post Master General, Post Communication,	74	475	0	0
Postages of Legislature,	75	550	0	0
The Trustees of St. Mary's College,	76	111	0	0
		£16218	14	11

JUNE QUARTER.

June 30.—To paid the Salaries of Officers of Government, Puisne Judges, &c. &c. per Abstract and Warrant,	1	£1423	15	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	277	10	0
The respective Stockholders, for one year's Interest on Funded Debt,	5	96	11	3
Ditto, for half year, ending this day,	6	200	0	0
Ditto, for quarter, ditto,	7	250	0	0
The Commissioner and Treasurer of Saving's Bank, for Interest,	8	255	0	0
				June

June 30.—To paid the Collector of H. M. Customs, to pay Salaries to Officers of Customs,	9	£1786	4	8½
Commissioners of the Poor,	10	150	0	0
The Trustees of the Acadian School,	11	50	0	0
The Trustees of the National School,	12	50	0	0
The Trustees of the Catholic School,	13	50	0	0
The Commissioner for Indian Affairs,	14	300	0	0
Francis Hooper, as granted to him	15	20	0	0
Commissioners for encouragement of Agricultural and Rural Economy,	16	1092	10	0
James Smith and others, for excess of Duties,	17	406	17	9
The Rev. O. Weeks, as granted to him,	18	50	0	0
The Honorable S. Cunard, encouragement for carrying Mails,	19	500	0	0
Commissioners for the erection of a Bridewell,	20	1000	0	0
Commissioners of the Poor, City of Halifax,	21	72	9	8
David Durland, keeping Public House,	22	15	0	0
William P. Moffat, as granted to him,	23	2	5	0
Clerk to Central Board of Education,	24	37	10	0
Peter Hume, compensation for loss by Fire,	25	50	0	0
G. W. McLellan, expences in case of Small Pox,	26	22	15	6
Mark Killum, as granted to him,	27	10	0	0
Henry Palmer, for purchase of a Horse from the U. States,	28	299	0	0
The Commissioners of Public Buildings,	29	500	0	0
Reuben Nickerson, for keeping an Establishment for Travellers,	30	15	0	0
Samuel Morehouse, to repay for keeping Ferries,	31	20	0	0
Nathaniel Morgan, for erecting Oat Mill at Lunenburg,	32	15	0	0
William Ayres, as granted to him,	33	45	0	0
Michael Graham, over-expenditure on a Bridge,	34	63	13	5½
John Pernette, keeping a Ferry at LaHave,	35	7	10	0
Smith McDonald, over-expenditure at Arisaig Pier,	36	53	11	8
Judge Bliss, for Travelling Expences,	37	37	6	8
Judge Haliburton, for ditto,	38	45	10	0
William Gardiner, being a Return of Duties,	39	12	0	0
Charles Pernette, keeping a Ferry at LaHave,	40	7	10	0
The Commissioners of Light Houses,	41	500	0	0
The Overseers of the Poor at Argyle,	42	27	15	0
Doctors Gregor and Stirling, in aid of Halifax Dispensary,	43	50	0	0
The Overseers of the Poor at Parrsboro',	44	6	10	0
Henry S. Jost, for repairing Block House at Lunenburg	45	25	0	0
High Sheriff of Hants, for returning a Member,	46	1	10	0
Cornelius Craig, keeping a Ferry at Sable River,	47	10	0	0
Samuel Archibald, over-expenditure at Salmon River Bridge,	48	121	4	6
Samuel Beckwith, Breakwater at Canady's Creek,	49	25	0	0
Balance,	49	25	0	0
Commissioners of Light Houses,	50	1062	14	5
Edward Wallace, Adjutant General of Militia,	51	40	0	0
The Trustees of St. Mary's College,	52	111	0	0
The Trustees of the Acadia College,	53	111	0	0

June

June 30.—To paid Edmund Crowell, for keeping an Establishment at Seal Island,	54	£40	0	0
Honorable J. Uniacke, to assist Indians to build a Chapel at Cape-Breton,	55	30	0	0
The Managers of the Infant School at Pictou,	56	25	0	0
James Whitney, for running Steam Boat,	57	25	0	0
The Trustees of the Shelburne Academy,	58	50	0	0
The Trustees of the Sydney Academy,	59	200	0	0
The Trustees of the Guysboro' Academy,	60	50	0	0
The Trustees of the Colchester Academy,	61	50	0	0
The Trustees of the Lunenburg Academy,	62	50	0	0
Commissioners of Poor, for support of School House,	63	12	10	0
Trustees of Dalhousie College,	64	50	0	0
		£12112	6	9

SEPTEMBER QUARTER.

Sept. 30.—To paid the Salaries of Officers of Government, Puisne Judges, &c. &c. per Abstract and Warrant,	1	£1323	15	0
Secretary of King's College,	2	111	2	2½
Master of the Halifax Grammar School,	3	37	10	0
Collector of Excise, for pay of Waiters,	4	259	0	0
The respective Stockholders, for one year's interest on Funded Debt,	5	72	10	0
Stockholders of the Funded Debt, for the quarter ending this day,	6	250	0	0
The Commissioner and Treasurer of Savings Bank, for interest,	7	327	10	0
The Collector of H. M. Customs, to pay the Salaries to Officers of Customs,	8	1786	4	8½
The Commissioners of the Poor,	9	150	0	0
Clerk to Central Board of Education,	10	37	10	0
Quarter Master General of Militia,	11	40	0	0
The Honorable the Chief Justice, for Travelling Expences,	12	39	13	4
James Whitney, for running Steam Boat,	13	25	0	0
Judge Hill, for Travelling Expences,	14	47	16	8
The Commissioners of Light Houses,	15	500	0	0
The Trustees of the Antigonish Academy,	16	50	0	0
The Master of the Grammar School, Sydney, C. B.	17	25	0	0
The Trustees of the Lunenburg Academy,	18	50	0	0
The Commissioners of Light Houses,	19	601	13	4
The President and Directors of Agricultural Society,	20	112	10	0
S. Cunard & Co., balance of Whale Fishery Bounty,	21	75	0	0
The Trustees of the Liverpool Academy,	22	25	0	0
Cyrus Parry, Breakwater at Given's Cove, Yarmouth,	23	100	0	0
Magistrates of Digby, as granted to them in 1841,	24	7	10	0
Commissioners of Light Houses, for building Light House at Gut of Canso,	25	109	18	11
Sundry persons, for expences to Shipwrecked Mariners,	26	585	16	0
Trustees of the Annapolis Academy	27	18	15	0
				September

Sept. 30.—To paid Anselm Trahan, completing Pier at Clare,	28	£166	0	0
The Board of Health at Pictou, as granted to them,	29	197	15.	5
Augustus LeBlanc, building Bridge at Metaghan River,	30	50	0	0
The Ladies, Managers of the Infant School,	31	50	0	0
The owners of the Steam Boat Pocahontas,	32	75	0	0
The Trustees of the Pictou Academy,	33	50	0	0
The Trustees of Dalhousie College,	34	50	0	0
The President and Directors of St. Mary's College,	35	111	0	0
The President and Directors of Acadia College,	36	111	0	0
The Trustees of the Albion Academy, Annapolis,	37	12	10	0
The President and Directors of the Pictou Academy,	38	50	0	0
Rev. Mr. Uniacke, School in North Suburbs,	39	50	0	0
The Trustees of the Methodist Chapel,	40	50	0	0
The Teachers of the African School	41	50	0	0
The Commissioners of Bridewell,	42	1000	0	0
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		£8842	0	7

DECEMBER QUARTER.

Decr. 31.—To paid the Salaries of Officers of Government, Puisne Judges, &c. &c. per Abstract and Warrant,	1	£1423	15	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	226	5	0
The respective Stockholders, for one year's Interest on Funded Debt,	5	72	10	0
Ditto, for half year, ending this day,	6	200	0	0
Ditto, for quarter, ditto,	7	250	0	0
The Commissioner and Treasurer of Saving's Bank, for Interest,	8	252	10	0
The Collector of Her Majesty's Customs, to pay the Salaries of Officers of Customs,	9	1786	4	8½
The Commissioners of the Poor,	10	150	0	0
Clerk to the Central Board of Education,	11	37	10	0
The President and Directors of Acadia College,	12	111	0	0
The President and Directors of St. Mary's College,	13	111	0	0
Trustees of the Acadian School,	14	50	0	0
Trustees of the National School,	15	50	0	0
Trustees of the Catholic School,	16	50	0	0
Secretary of Dalhousie College,	17	50	0	0
Trustees of Pictou Academy,	18	50	0	0
Trustees of the Methodist School,	19	50	0	0
Rev. Mr. Uniacke, School in North Suburbs,	20	50	0	0
Trustees of the Shelburne Academy,	21	50	0	0
Trustees of Guysboro' Academy,	22	50	0	0
Rev. Dr. Willis, in support of African School,	23	50	0	0
Trustees of Liverpool Academy,	24	25	0	0
Trustees of the Academy at Port Hood,	25	25	0	0
Trustees of the Sydney Academy,	26	25	0	0
Trustees of the Annapolis Academy,	27	18	15	0
Trustees of the Colchester Academy	28	12	10	0
Commissioners of Poor, for support of a School,	29	12	10	0
Hon. the Chief Justice, for Travelling Expences,	30	10	10	0
Judge Haliburton, ditto,	31	56	0	0

Decr. 31.—To paid Judge Hill, for Travelling Expences,	32	£37	6	8
Judge Wilkins, ditto,	33	30	6	8
Judge Bliss, ditto,	34	30	6	8
Commissioners of Light Houses,	35	200	0	0
James Everett, for completing Pier at Digby,	36	25	0	0
Alfred Skinner, Breakwater at Given's Cove,	37	100	0	0
James Thomson and others, for Seal Bounty,	38	373	15	0
James Kent, for surveying Road at Sheet Harbor	39	15	0	0
Middlemas & Trite, building Pier at Wilmot,	40	60	0	0
Antonia Sonea, Breakwater at Clare,	41	100	0	0
Alexius Boudrot, Breakwater at Clare,	42	50	0	0
Hunter & Chambers, for Drawback of Duties,	43	17	8	5
Dy. Postmaster General, balance due to Couriers,	44	550	0	0
Collector at Digby, for Revenue Boat,	45	60	0	0
Allan McMillan, for Ferry at Gut of Canso,	46	10	0	0
Commissioners of Light Houses,	47	500	0	0
Isaiah Smith, Ferry at Shubcnacadie,	48	30	0	0
Nisbet & Power, Breakwater at Cornwallis,	49	100	0	0
T. & E. L. Lydiard, Drawback of Duties,	50	14	19	0
David Rugg, ditto,	51	5	7	9
Commissioners for the protection of the Fisheries,	52	1800	0	0
The Salary of the Lieutenant-Governor,	53	2500	0	0
Adjutant General of Militia,	54	40	0	0
For payment of a Revenue Boat at Pictou,	55	30	0	0
Trustees of the Academy at the Albion Vale,	56	12	10	0
Trustees of the Sydney Academy,	57	25	0	0
James Whitney, for running a Steam Boat,	58	25	0	0
Owners of Parrsboro' Packet,	59	50	0	0
Commissioners of Light Houses,	60	500	0	0
Trustees of the Sydney Academy,	61	50	0	0
Charles E. Leonard, Revenue Boat at Sydney,	62	60	0	0
Asa Torrey, ditto, Windsor,	63	60	0	0
William McDougal, keeping a Ferry Boat,	64	7	10	0
Alexander Auld, ditto,	65	10	0	0
The Collector at Digby, Revenue Boat, 1842,	66	60	0	0
The Commissioners of Light Houses, for the erection of a Light House at Louisburg,	67	1000	0	0
The Commissioners of Sable Island,	68	400	0	0
Paid for Rations to Troops en route,	69	575	4	6
John Ferguson, Bounty on Chocolate,	70	110	1	6
Trustees of the Yarmouth Academy,	71	101	5	0
Deputy Secretary, to pay Clerks of Peace,	72	59	10	0
Commissioners of Light Houses,—balance,	73	944	1	3
Owners of Guysboro' Packet,	74	50	0	0
Richard Carter, keeping a Ferry,	75	10	0	0
Post Communication,	76	102	3	9
For printing Province Notes,	77	31	12	6
Board of Health at Pictou,	78	197	15	5
Trustees of Annapolis Academy, 1841,	79	18	15	0
Adjutants of Militia, per Warrants and Abstract,		609	0	0
Militia Arms,		172	6	7
Coroners,		205	0	0
Criminal Prosecutions,		251	15	4
Schools,		7444	9	7
Road Alteration,		880	9	6
				Decr.

Decr. 31.—To paid Old Road, and Balances,	£1216	4	4
For making and repairing Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, per Warrants and Abstracts,	32932	3	7½
This sum paid off with money received into the Savings Bank,	1500	0	0
	£98979	2	2½
Balance,	2534	6	6½
	£101513	8	9
To Balance brought down,	£2534	6	6½
Add error in Account for 1841, as reported,	35	0	0
Add overcharge Road Account, Warrant No. 799,	20	0	0
	£2589	6	6½
Balance in Treasurer's hand,			

IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH CHARLES W. WALLACE, TREASURER, CR.

Decr. 31, 1841.—By Balance of Account rendered at this date, 1842.		£17252	19	4
Received from the Collectors of Halifax.				
Received from the late Collector to 20th August, 1842,	£20000	0	0	
Received from the Acting Collector from 20th Aug. to 7th Sept. 1842,	8346	7	8	
Received from the present Collector from 8th Sept. to 31st Decr.	10000	0	0	
		38346	7	8
Received from the Collectors at the Out-ports, between 1st Jany. and 31st Decr., 1842.				
Liverpool,	£655	17	0	
Pictou,	552	10	0	
Lunenburg,	696	0	5	
Yarmouth,	767	12	9	
Digby,	121	12	6	
Shelburne,	324	10	8	
Barrington,	7	11	10	
Colchester,	7	16	6½	
Cumberland,	200	0	0	
Windsor,	115	0	0	
Argyle,	2	8	8	
Sydney,	17	10	0	
King's County,	60	0	0	
Annapolis,	44	12	6	
Weymouth,	8	0	0	
Sydney, C. B.	693	15	0	
Arichat,	658	16	8	
Port Hood, 1841 and 1842,	57	9	0	
Pugwash,	83	12	1	
Brier Island,	Nil			
Antigonish,	47	2	5	
Chester,	Nil			
Tatamagouche,	309	10	3	
		5431	8	3½
				Decr.

Decr. 31, 1842.—By received from the Collector of H.M.

Customs on account of Duties, between 1st Jan. and 31st Dec. 1842,	£33153	3	7	
Premium received on Dollars,	1381	7	6	
				£34534 11 1

LIGHT DUTY.

By received from the Collector of Halifax.

March Quarter,	£121	17	10
June Quarter,	404	18	3
September Quarter,	436	8	8
December Quarter,	408	12	6

By received from the Collectors at the

Out-ports, between 1st Jany. and 31st Decr., 1842.

Liverpool,	157	10	0
Shelburne, 1841 & 1842,	101	17	5
Yarmouth, 1841 & 1842,	439	3	7
Annapolis,	11	5	8
Pictou. Balance of 1841, and in full for 1842,	396	0	10
Argyle. Balance of £17 17 2, and in full, 1842,	62	11	8
Weymouth,	34	15	9
Digby, 1841 & 1842,	108	5	6
Sydney,	11	2	0
Arichat,	42	6	4
Hants County, 1841 & 1842, and on ac. of Balance,	300	0	0
Colchester,	0	0	0
Amherst,	17	19	4
Barrington,	46	13	0
Lunenburg,	58	10	6
Chester,			Nil
Brier Island, on account,	28	1	3
Pugwash. Balance of 1841 & 1842,	46	10	2
Sydney, C. B.	445	0	0
Antigonish, for 1841,	7	8	0
King's County,	6	0	3
Gut of Canso, (Hadley)	168	3	6
Ditto, (Bigelow) Balance of 1841,	66	8	5
Tatamagouche, 1840,	23	5	3
J. P. Miller, (Afloat)	3	6	6

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By received from the Commissioner and Treasurer of the Halifax Savings Bank,

1500 0 0

Received from the Attorney General, on account of Messrs. Munro, Wallace & Co., Bonds taken at Sydney, C. B.

350 0 0

Received from John Romans, late Collector at Colchester, in full for Balance,

129 17 2

Received from J. Crews, Collector at Barrington, on account of a Seizure,

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Received from Jacob Roop, Sheriff at Digby, on account of Ditto,

12 5 7

£101513 8 9

[Errors excepted.]

Treasurer's Office, Halifax, 31st December, 1842.

CHARLES W. WALLACE, Treasurer.

No. 3.

(See Page 367.)

Halifax, January 27th, 1843.

SIR,—

By an Act passed in the fifth year of our Lady the Queen, ch. 22, sec. 64, the Judges of the Supreme Court, and Master of the Rolls, are empowered to make rules and orders for regulating the practice of the Probate Courts throughout the Province.

The undersigned Judges, and Master of the Rolls, having taken the subject into consideration, beg leave to report to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, for the purposes expressed in said Act, as follows.

They find upon enquiry, that a tolerably uniform system of practice has been observed in the several Courts, compounded partly of that established in the Ecclesiastical Courts in England, and partly from the practice of the Probate Courts in Massachusetts, and that this system is well adapted to the exigencies of the Country, being compendious, cheap, and expeditious. After mature consideration they are of opinion that it is inexpedient to substitute any new or theoretical system, and equally inexpedient to enter too much into detail as to rules of practice, for the following reasons:

1st.—Because any entire change of system, would for many years to come, lead to much litigation, and many appeals, as no new code can be so framed, as to preclude questions for judicial decision, and would probably increase the expense, as well as the prolixity of pleading.

2ndly.—Because a sufficient remedy is now provided by appeal, as cases may arise calling for the interposition of the higher Courts.

3rdly.—Because rules are best established and more accurately framed, when called for by the growth of the country, by the necessity or convenience of the case. And

4thly.—Because any rules to be framed under the Act, if approved of, will receive a legislative sanction under the clause above referred to, and may embarrass a Judge of Probate, who will perhaps feel himself bound by a rule, which when it comes to be applied to practice, may be found too stringent, or too general to attain the object contemplated by it. Under these circumstances the undersigned have confined themselves to framing a few rules of a general nature, which it appears to them ought to be uniform and obligatory on all the Courts.

They therefore beg leave respectfully to submit the following Rules :

1st.—Every Judge of Probate shall provide a Seal of office with the name of the County or district over which his jurisdiction extends, and the words "Court of Probate" engraved upon it, to be used as a Seal of the Court, in all cases where a seal is requisite.

2nd.—That the Judge shall follow the rules of evidence, as far as practicable, which govern Courts of Common Law, and that the mode of procedure in all cases litigated before him, shall, as far as practicable, be assimilated to that of the Supreme Court.

3rd.—That it shall be the duty of the Judge, at least twice in each year, to inspect the books hereinafter ordered to be kept by the Registrar, and see that they are properly kept.

4th.—The Registrar shall keep the following books: 1—A book for the registration of Wills; 2—A book for the registration of decrees, orders, of sale of Real Estate; 3—A book of Acts, or a book containing a short abstract of the proceedings of the Court, properly indexed. -

5th.—All compulsory process shall be directed to the Sheriff, or his Deputy, or to the Coroner.

6th.—All service of process shall be personal, unless under circumstances to be approved of by the Judge, whose discretion in this particular is to be regulated by the practice of the Supreme Court.

7th.—In all cases of service of process, otherwise than by the Sheriff, the service to be proved by affidavit, to be endorsed upon, or annexed to, the original process, and sworn to, either before the Judge, or a Justice of the Peace, which affidavit shall specify the date, place, and manner of service.

8th.—Time for service of process on persons within, and on those without the County, to be the same as is established in the Supreme Court.

9th.—No Judge of Probate shall permit an original Will to be removed from the office, but for the purpose of being produced in evidence in the Court of Chancery, or the Supreme Court, and then only on security being taken for its safe keeping and return; but no Will to be permitted to be sent out of the Province.

10th.—All applications for the Probate of Wills, or Letters of Administration, or other Official Act, and all orders therein, to be made in writing.

11th.—No Letters ad Collegendum to be granted, without due security being first taken.

12th.—In all cases of division of Real Estate, when there appears to be a necessity for a plan, the Judge shall order a Surveyor to prepare one, to be filed with the Registrar.

13th.—All decrees to be regularly filed and registered.

14th.—All Letters of Guardianship, and all Letters ad Collegendum, to be registered.

15th.—All original Wills to be registered; and all interlineations, alterations, or apparent crasures, not noticed in the attestation, to be noticed at the foot of the record, so as to be as nearly as possible an exact and literal transcript of the original.

16th.—In all cases of application for Letters of Administration, or Probate, &c., when the sole, or some one of the parties entitled to Administration or Probate, be without the Province, the Judge shall reserve the right of such absent person, but proceed notwithstanding.

17th.—The value of an Estate in reference to the fees payable thereon, to be ascertained in the first instance by oath of the Administrator or Executor, to his belief of the value thereof, to be regulated however, eventually, by the actual state of the real amount.

18th.—Every oath administered to an Executor or Administrator, on entering into office, shall be either formally taken and subscribed in writing, or a memorandum thereof made in the book of Acts by the Registrar.

19th.—Every appraisement of effects of deceased persons, hereafter to be filed in the office of the Registrar, shall contain a certificate thereon, signed by the Executor or Administrator, that such appraisement is filed by him as part of his proceedings in reference to the Estate.

20th.—Whenever application shall be made to a Judge of Probate for filing and recording a copy of a Will proved without the Province, the Testator having real or personal property within his jurisdiction, said Judge shall order the Registrar to give public notice in the official Newspapers of the Province of such application, and of the time and place at which such application will be heard.

21st.—In all cases of appeal, the party seeking such appeal shall deliver in to the Registrar a written statement of the grounds on which such appeal is sought, and the appeal bond shall be filed within ten days, or such appeal shall be no stay of proceedings.

22d.—In all intestate estates the Judge of Probate shall appoint Guardians and take the requisite security from them, before the final Accounts of Administration shall be allowed, or the estate distributed.

23d.—No Judge of Probate shall grant original Letters of Administration, after twenty years from the death of the Intestate.

24th.—When the attendance of Appraisers to be sworn into office, appears to be inconvenient or expensive, the Judge shall empower a Justice of the Peace to administer the oath, which oath shall be written upon or annexed to the Warrant of Appraisement.

The foregoing rules are such as the undersigned conceive will be beneficial as general rules, a more minute application of rules they fear would be rather inconvenient than useful, to the several Judges, to whom much discretion must necessarily be left, and to whom, as most of them are now professional men, that discretion may be safely confided, even this code they feel is not so well digested as they could have wished. The unremitting attention which the Judges of common Law Courts have, from the great pressure of business, been compelled to give to the ordinary duties of their situation, has not afforded sufficient time to classify and arrange them as they would desire, and they present them now rather as an evidence of their desire to comply with the wishes of the Government, and
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the expectation of the Legislature, than as a system which they can strongly recommend to be adopted.

All which is humbly submitted,

BRENTON HALLIBURTON,
S. G. W. ARCHIBALD,
THOMAS C. HALLIBURTON.

John Whidden, Esq., Deputy Secretary, &c. &c. &c.

No. 4.

(See Page 369.)

Illustrious, Halifax, 5th September, 1842.

MY LORD—

In reply to your Excellency's Letter of the 19th ultimo, requesting that the Commanding Officer of the Pickle may be instructed to examine certain points at the head of the Bay of Fundy, with a view to selecting one for a Light House, or to report whether one is necessary there at all:

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship, that I have given the necessary instructions to that effect. I beg, however, to request your Excellency's attention to the annexed extract from the report of Commander Robb, late in command of H. M. Sloop Satellite, when employed in the Bay of Fundy. I have likewise consulted Commander Harvey, of the Racer, who was stationed in the Bay last year, whose opinion entirely agrees with that of Commander Robb; and I have no doubt that Haute Island is the most desirable position for a Light House, and that it will be extremely useful for the navigation of the upper part of the Bay of Fundy. The other places mentioned by your Lordship are only applicable for the navigation of the Basin of Mines, on one of which (Partridge Island) Commander Robb thinks a Light House should be placed; and in that Commander Harvey likewise concurs with him.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's

Very obedient servant,

CHARLES ADAM,

Vice Admiral, and Commander in Chief.

His Excellency Viscount Falkland,
Lieutenant-Governor, &c. &c. &c., Nova Scotia.

Extract of a Letter from Commander Robb, late H. M. Sloop Satellite, dated 27th October, 1840, to Vice Admiral Sir Thomas Harvey, Commander in Chief, &c. &c.

"In obedience to your orders, and in compliance with the wishes of His Excellency Sir C. Campbell, I proceeded to examine a suitable situation for a Light House, as a guide into the Basin of Mines, &c. and have selected the West point of the Isle of Haute, as far preferable to any other in the neighbourhood.

A Light House placed in this situation would be generally useful, not only as a guide into the Basin of Mines, and Cumberland Basin, but as a leading Light up the Bay from Annapolis, a mark for clearing the Eastern side of the Quaco Ledge, and running for the anchorage at Apple River, which is the only safe anchorage in this neighbourhood in S. E. gales.

This Light House would stand on a slope at the extremity on the West side, about 50 feet above high water mark, and would be seen from the North, South and West, and consequently

consequently is preferable to Cape Chignecto, which it would eclipse on the S. W. side, or Cape d'Or, which would be of use only for the Basin of Mines.

As the intercourse is yearly increasing between Windsor and St. John, which is most likely to become the general thoroughfare to all passengers during the summer, I would recommend another Light House to be built on the South West side of Partridge Island, in the Basin of Mines, which would be a guide to all vessels going in and out of the Basin, up and down the Cobequid River, up and down the Basin to and from Windsor, from Cape Blowmedown to Horton Bluff, and a Harbour Light for the Harbour of Parrsborough.

Were these two Lights established, the Navigation between Windsor and St. John (which is the shortest during the summer) would be materially benefitted.

I forwarded a plan of the Isle of Haute, and Partridge Island, with their respective Bearings from each other, with the above remarks to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia."

Illustrious, Halifax, 14th October, 1842.

MY LORD—

I have the honor to inform your Excellency, with reference to my letter of the 5th ultimo, on the subject of a Light House at the head of the Bay of Fundy; that Lieutenant Montrésor, of the Pickle, entirely confirms the opinion I before stated to your Lordship, that Haute Island is the most appropriate place for a Light House for the Navigation of the Bay.

He also reports that a Light House on Partridge Island would be most useful for the Navigation of the Bay of Mines.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's very obedient servant,

CHARLES ADAM,

Vice-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

To His Excellency Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

No. 5.

(See Page 370.)

COPY.

Government House, Kingston, 26th November, 1842.

MY LORD—

I have the honor to inform your Lordship, that I have just received a Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, communicating the intelligence of the Treaty, between Her Majesty and the United States, which was signed at Washington on the 9th August last, having been ratified in London on the 13th ultimo.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's

Most obedient

humble servant,

(Signed)

CHARLES BAGOT.

His Excellency Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

No. 6.

(See Page 373.)

COPY.

No. 45.

Downing Street, 9th April, 1841.

MY LORD,—

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, to your Lordship, the Copy of a Letter from the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, enclosing the copy of a note from the Minister at this Court from the United States of America, complaining of the proceedings of the Provincial Authorities in Nova Scotia towards the vessels and citizens of that Republic, engaged in fishing on the Coasts of the Province.

I have to request that you will make immediate enquiry into the allegations contained in Mr. Stevenson's note, and that you will furnish me with a detailed report on the subject, for the information of Her Majesty's Government.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. RUSSELL.

The Right Honorable Viscount Falkland, &c, &c. &c.

COPY.

Foreign Office, 2nd April, 1841.

SIR—

I am directed by Viscount Palmerston to transmit to you, herewith, for the consideration of Lord John Russell, a copy of a note from Mr. Stevenson, Minister from the United States of America, relative to certain proceedings of the Colonial Authorities of Nova Scotia, towards the vessels and citizens of the United States, engaged in fishing on the neighbouring Coasts of Nova Scotia.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

LEVESON.

James Stephen, Esq., &c. &c.

COPY.

The undersigned, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States, has the honour to acquaint Lord Viscount Palmerston, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that he has been instructed to bring to the notice of Her Majesty's Government, without delay, certain proceedings of the Colonial authorities of Nova Scotia, in relation to the seizure and interruption of the vessels and citizens of the United States, engaged in intercourse with the Ports of Nova Scotia, and the prosecution of the Fisheries on its neighbouring Coasts, and which, in the opinion of the American Government, demand the prompt interposition of Her Majesty's Government. For this purpose the undersigned takes leave to submit to Lord Palmerston the following representation :

By the 1st article of the Convention between Great Britain and the United States, signed at London, on the 20th October, 1818, it is provided—

1st. That the inhabitants of the United States shall have for ever, in common with the subjects of Great Britain, the liberty to take fish of every kind on that part of the Southern Coast of Newfoundland, which extends from Cape Ray to the Rameau Islands, on the Western and Northern Coast of Newfoundland, from the said Cape Ray to the Quiron Islands,

Islands, on the shores of the Magdalen Islands; and also, on the Coasts, Bays, Harbours, and Creeks, from Mount Joly, on the Southern Coast of Labrador, to and through the Straits of Belleisle, and thence northwardly, indefinitely along the Coast, without prejudice, however, to the exclusive rights of the Hudson Bay Company.

2nd. That the American Fishermen shall also have liberty, forever, to dry and cure Fish in any part of the unsettled Bays, Harbours, and Creeks, of the Southern portion of the Coast of Newfoundland, before described, and of the Coast of Labrador; the United States renouncing any liberty before enjoyed by their citizens to take the Fish within three marine miles of any Coasts, Bays, Creeks, or Harbours of the British Dominions in America, not included within the above limits, i. e. Newfoundland and Labrador.

3rd. That American Fishermen shall also be admitted to enter such Bays or Harbours for the purpose of shelter, and of repairing damages therein, and also, of purchasing wood, and obtaining water, under such restrictions only *as might be necessary, to prevent their taking, drying, or curing Fish therein, or abusing the privileges reserved to them.* Such are the stipulations of the Treaty, and they are believed to be too plain and explicit to leave room for doubt or misapprehension, or render the discussion of the respective rights of the two countries at this time necessary. Indeed it does not appear that any conflicting questions of right between them have as yet arisen out of the differences of opinion regarding the true intent and meaning of the Treaty. It appears, however, that in the actual application of the provisions of the Convention (committed on the part of Great Britain to the hands of subordinate Agents, subject to and controlled by Local Legislation) difficulties growing out of individual acts have unfortunately sprung up from time to time, amongst the most important of which have been recent seizures of American vessels for supposed violations of the Treaty. These have been made, it is believed, under colour of a Provincial Law of the 6th Wm. 4, chap. 8, 1836, passed doubtless with a view to restrict rigorously, if not intended to aim a fatal blow at the Fisheries of the United States on the Coast of Newfoundland. It also appears, from information recently received by the Government of the United States, that the Provincial authorities assume a right to exclude the vessels of the United States from all their Bays (even including those of Fundy and Chaleurs) and likewise to prohibit their approach within three miles of a line *drawn from headland to headland, instead of from the indents of the shores of the Provinces!* They also assert the right of excluding them from British Ports, unless in actual distress, warning them to depart or get under weigh and leave harbour whenever the Provincial Custom House or British Naval Officer shall suppose that they have remained a reasonable time, and this without a full examination of the circumstances under which they may have entered the Port. Now the Fishermen of the United States believe (and it would seem they are right in their opinion, if uniform practice is any evidence of correct construction) that they can with propriety take fish any where on the Coasts of the British Provinces, *if not nearer than three marine miles to land*, and have the right to resort to their Ports for shelter, wood and water, nor has this claim, it is believed, ever been seriously disputed, based, as it is, on the plain and obvious terms of the Convention. Indeed the main object of the Treaty was not only to secure to American Fishermen in the pursuit of their employment the right of fishing, but likewise to insure to him as large a proportion of the conveniences afforded by the neighbouring Coasts of British Settlements, as might be reconcilable with the just rights and interests of British subjects, and the due administration of Her Majesty's Dominions. The construction therefore which has been attempted to be put upon the stipulations of the Treaty by the Authorities of Nova Scotia, is directly in conflict with their object, and entirely subversive of the rights and interests of the citizens of the United States. It is one, moreover, which would lead to the abandonment to a great extent of a highly important branch of American industry, which could not for a moment be admitted by the Government of the United States. The undersigned has also been instructed to acquaint Lord Palmerston that the American Government has received information, that in the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, during the Session of 1839—40, an Address to Her Majesty was voted, suggesting the extension to adjoining British Colonies of rules and regulations

lations relating to the Fisheries, similar to those in actual operation in that Province, and which have proved so onerous to the Fishermen of the United States; and that efforts, it is understood, are still making to induce the other Colonies to unite with Nova Scotia in this restrictive system. Some of the provisions of her code are of the most extraordinary character. Amongst these is one which declares that any Foreign vessel *preparing* to fish within three miles of the Coast of any of Her Majesty's Dominions in America, shall, together with the cargo, be forfeited; that, in all cases of seizure, the owner or claimant of the vessel, &c., shall be held to prove his innocence, or pay treble costs; that he shall be forced to try his action within three months, and give one month's notice at least to the Seizing Officer, containing every thing intended to be proved against him, before any suit can be instituted; and also, prove that the notice has been given. The Seizing Officer, moreover, is almost wholly irresponsible, inasmuch as he is liable to no prosecution, if the Judge certifies that there was probable cause; and the Plaintiff, if successful in his suit, is only to be entitled to *two-pence damages, without costs, and the Defendant fined not more than one shilling*. In short, some of these rules and regulations are violations of well established principles of the Common Law of England, and of the principles of the just Laws of all civilized Nations, and would seem to have been designed to enable Her Majesty's Authorities to seize and confiscate, with impunity, American vessels, and embezzle, indiscriminately, the property of American citizens, employed in the Fisheries on the Coasts of the British provinces. It may be proper also, on this occasion, to bring to the notice of Her Majesty's Government the assertion of the Provincial Legislature, "*that the Gut or Strait of Canso is a narrow strip of water, completely within, and dividing several counties of the Province,*" and that the use of it by the vessels and citizens of the United States is in violation of the Treaty of 1818. This strait separates Nova Scotia from the Island of Cape Breton, which was not annexed to the Province until the year 1820. Prior to that, in 1818, Cape Breton was enjoying a government of its own, entirely distinct from Nova Scotia, the strait forming the line of demarkation between them, and being then, as now, a thoroughfare for vessels passing into and out of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The union of the two Colonies cannot therefore be admitted as vesting in the Province the right to close a passage which has been freely and indisputably used by the citizens of the United States since the year 1783. It is impossible, moreover, to conceive, how the use, on the part of the United States, of the right of passage, common, it is believed, to all other Nations, can, in any manner, conflict with the letter or spirit of the existing Treaty stipulations. The undersigned would therefore fain hope that Her Majesty's Government will be disposed to meet, as far as practicable, the wishes of the American Government in the accomplishing, in the fullest and most liberal manner, the objects which both governments had in view in entering into the conventional arrangement of 1818. He has accordingly been instructed to bring the whole subject under the consideration of Her Majesty's Government, and to remonstrate on the part of this Government against the illegal and vexatious proceedings of the authorities of Nova Scotia against the citizens of the United States engaged in the Fisheries, and to request that measures may be forthwith adopted by Her Majesty's Government to remedy the evils arising out of the misconstruction, on the part of the Provincial Authorities, of their conventional engagements, and prevent the possibility of the recurrence of similar acts.

The undersigned renews to Lord Palmerson, &c. &c.

(Signed)

A. STEVENSON.

32, Upper Grovesnor Street, 27th March, 1841.

No. 69.

Government House, Halifax, 23th April, 1841.

MY LORD,—

I transmit a copy of a Report of a Committee on the Fisheries of Nova Scotia, which Report has been adopted by the House of Assembly, and to which I have been requested to call your Lordship's attention.

The greatest anxiety is felt by the inhabitants of this Province that the Convention with the Americans, signed at London on the 20th of October, 1818, should be strictly enforced; and it is hoped that the consideration of the Report may induce your Lordship to exert your influence in such a manner as to lead to the augmentation of the force (a single vessel) now engaged in protecting the Fisheries on the Banks of Newfoundland, and the South shore of Labrador, and the employment in addition of one or two steamers for that purpose.

The people of this Colony have not been wanting in efforts to repress the incursions of the natives of the United States upon their fishing grounds, but have fitted out with good effect some small armed vessels, adapted to follow the trespassers into shoal water, or chase them on the seas (and the expediency of this measure has been corroborated by the testimony of Capt. Milne, R. N., in his Report of the Fisheries of Newfoundland,) but finding their own means inadequate to the suppression of this evil, the Nova Scotians earnestly entreat the further intervention and protection of the Mother Country.

I have the honor to forward, herewith, in accordance with the request made to me in the same Resolutions, a case stated (raising the necessary questions as to the right of Fishery which the people of these Colonies possess) for the purpose of being referred to the Crown Officers in England, in order that the existing Treaties, and the rights of these North American Provinces under them, may be more strictly defined.

I shall feel obliged by your Lordships allowing the opinion of the Crown Officers to be taken on the said case; and I am authorized by the House of Assembly here, to defray any expense that may be incurred in obtaining such opinion.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

The Lord John Russel, &c. &c. &c.

Case stated by direction of The Right Honorable Lord Viscount Falkland, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova-Scotia, at the request of the House of Assembly of that Province, for the purpose of obtaining the opinions of the Law Officers of the Crown in England.

At the Peace of 1783, a Treaty was entered into between the United States of America and Great Britain, by which the people of the former, obtained the right "To take fish on the Grand Bank, and all other Banks of Newfoundland, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and all other places in the sea, where the inhabitants of both Countries had been used to fish before, and the liberty to fish on such part of the Coast of Newfoundland as British Fishermen used, but not to dry or cure fish there, and on the Coasts, Bays, and Creeks of all other British Dominions in America." They also obtained liberty to dry and cure fish in any unsettled Bays, Harbours and Creeks of Nova Scotia, Magdalen Islands, and Labrador, but as soon as any of them were settled, this liberty was to cease, unless continued by agreement with the inhabitants.

The United States declared War against Great Britain in 1812, peace was subsequently proclaimed, and a Convention was entered into between Great Britain and the United States, and signed at London, October 20th, 1818, the first article of which is as follows:

"Whereas, differences have arisen respecting the liberty claimed by the United States for the inhabitants thereof, to take, dry and cure fish on certain Coasts, Bays, Harbours, and

and Creeks, of His Britannic Majesty's Dominions in America, it is agreed between the high contracting parties that the inhabitants of the said United States, shall have for ever, in common with the subjects of His Britannic Majesty, the liberty to take fish of every kind on that part of the Southern Coast of Newfoundland which extends from Cape Ray to the Rameau Islands on the Western and Northern Coast of Newfoundland, from the said Cape Ray to the Quirpon Islands, on the shores of the Magdalen Islands, and also on the Coasts, Bays, Harbours and Creeks, from Mount Joly on the Southern Coasts of Labrador, to and through the Straights of Belleisle, and thence northwardly indefinitely along the Coast, without prejudice, however, to any of the exclusive rights of the Hudson's Bay Company, and that the American Fishermen shall also have liberty for ever to dry and cure fish in any of the unsettled Bays, Harbours and Creeks of the Southern part of the Coasts of Newfoundland hereabove described, and of the Coast of Labrador; but so soon as the same or any portion thereof shall be settled, it shall not be lawful for the said Fishermen to dry or cure fish on or within at such portion so settled, without previous agreement for such purpose, with the Inhabitants, Proprietors, or Possessors of the ground. And the United States hereby renounce for ever any liberty heretofore 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 Harbours of His Britannic Majesty's Dominions in America, not included within the above mentioned limits—provided, however, that the American Fishermen shall be admitted to enter such Bays or Harbours, for the purpose of shelter, and of repairing damages therein, of purchasing wood, and of obtaining water, and for no other purpose whatever. But they shall be under such restrictions as may be necessary to prevent their taking, drying, or curing fish therein, or in any other manner whatever abusing the privileges hereby reserved to them."

An Act passed in 59th year of the Reign of His late Majesty George 3, chap. 38, entitled, An Act to enable His Majesty to make regulations with respect to the taking and curing Fish on certain parts of the Coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador, and His Majesty's other possessions in North America, according to a Convention made between His Majesty and the United States of America. And in the year 1836, His late Majesty William 4th, in the 6th year of His Reign, by an order in Council, assented to, and made the clauses of, a certain Act of the Assembly of Nova Scotia, the Rules, Regulations, and restrictions, respecting the Fisheries, on the Coasts, Bays, Creeks, or Harbours, of the Province of Nova Scotia, by the first section of which, it is enacted, that any ship, vessel, or boat, which shall be Foreign, and not navigated according to the Laws of Great Britain and Ireland, which shall have been found fishing, or preparing to fish, or to have been fishing, within three marine miles of the Coasts, Bays, Creeks, or harbours of this Province, such ship, vessel, or boat, and their respective cargoes, shall be forfeited. Nova Scotia is indented with Bays, many of which reach from 60 to 100 miles into the interior, such as the Bay of Fundy, Saint Mary's Bay, the Bras d'Or Lake, and Manchester Bay; the land on the shores is entirely British Territory; and Nova Scotia proper, is separated from the Island of Cape Breton by a narrow strait called the Gut of Canso, in some parts not wider than three quarters of a mile. In the Bay of Fundy, St. Mary's Bay, and the Straits of Canso, Americans conduct the Fishery, and their fishing vessels pass also through the Straits of Canso, or anchor there, and not only fish, but by using bait, toll the Mackarel into deep waters, thereby injuring the profitable Seine Fisheries of Fox Island, and Crow Harbour, Arichat, St. Peter's Bay, and other stations in the neighbourhood of Canso, which formerly were the most productive Fisheries of Nova Scotia. They also land on the Magdalen Islands, set nets, and sweep seines in the Spring of the year, at a time when the Herrings resort to those waters to spawn, thereby destroying the spawn and young fish, and consequently ruining the Fishery.

The opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown in England, is requested on the following points:

First.—Whether the Treaty of 1783 was annulled by the war of 1812, and whether citizens of the United States possess any right of fishery in the waters of the Lower Provinces, other than ceded to them by the Convention of 1818, and if so, what right.

Second.—Have American Citizens the right, under that Convention, to enter any of the Bays of Nova Scotia to take fish; if, after they have so entered, they prosecute the Fishery more than three marine miles from the shores of such Bays; or should the prescribed distance of three marine miles be measured from the headlands, at the entrance of such Bays, so as to exclude them.

Third.—Is the distance of three marine miles to be computed from the indents of the Coasts of British America, or from the extreme headlands, and what is to be considered a headland.

Fourth.—Have vessels of the United States of America, fitted out for a Fishery, a right to pass through the Gut or Straits of Canso; which they cannot do, without coming within the prescribed limits, or to anchor there, or to fish there; and is casting bait, to lure fish in the tract of the vessels fishing, within the meaning of the Convention.

Fifth.—Have citizens of the United States of America a right to land on the Magdalen Islands, and conduct the Fishery from the shores thereof, by using nets and seines; or what right of Fishery do they possess on the shores of those Islands, and what is meant by the term shore.

Sixth.—Have Fishermen of the United States the right of entering the Bays or Harbours of the Province of Nova Scotia, for the purpose of purchasing wood, and obtaining water, having provided neither of these articles at the commencement of their voyages, in their own Country; or have they the right only of entering such Bays and Harbours in cases of distress, or to purchase wood and obtain water, after the usual stock of those articles, for the voyage of such fishing craft, has been exhausted or destroyed.

Seventh.—Under existing Treaties, what rights of Fishery are ceded to the citizens of the United States of America, and what reserved for the exclusive enjoyment of British subjects.

No. 75.

Government House, Halifax, 8th May, 1841.

MY LORD,—

I have had the honor to receive your Despatch, No. 45, dated 9th April, 1841, transmitting a copy of a letter from the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, inclosing a copy of a note from the American Minister at the Court of St. James', complaining of certain proceedings of the Colonial Authorities of Nova Scotia, towards the vessels and citizens of the Republic engaged in fishing on the Coasts of the Province, and desiring that I will make immediate enquiry into the allegations made by Mr. Stevenson, and forward to you a detailed report on the subject. I have lost no time in obeying your instructions, and beg to submit the following observations, for your consideration:

Mr. Stevenson commences his representation by citing the first article of the Convention entered into between Great Britain and the United States, on the 20th October, 1818, and signed at London; and having done so, says:

“Such are the stipulations of the Treaty, and they are believed to be too plain and explicit to leave room for misapprehension, or render the discussion of the respective rights of the two Countries at this time necessary; indeed, it does not appear, that any conflicting questions of right between them, have as yet arisen out of the differences of opinion regarding the true intent and meaning of the Treaty; it appears, however, that in the actual application of the provisions of the Convention, (committed on the part of Great Britain to the hands of subordinate Agents, subject to, and controlled by local Legislation) difficulties growing out of individual acts, have unfortunately sprung up from time to time, among the most important of which, have been recent seizures of American vessels, for supposed violations of the Treaty. These have been made, it is believed, under colour of a Provincial Law, of 6, William 4, cap. 8, passed, doubtless, with a view to restrict rigorously, if not intended to aim a fatal blow at the Fisheries of the United States, on the Coast of Newfoundland. It also appears, from information recently received by the Government of the United States, that the Provincial authorities as-

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sume a right to exclude the vessels of the United States from all their Bays, including those of Fundy and Chaleurs, and likewise to prohibit their approach within three miles of a line from headland to headland, instead of from the indents of the Province."

The difficulties which exist, and of which Mr. Stevenson complains, as growing out of individual acts, are created by the difference of the interpretation put by the Nova Scotians and the Americans, upon the true intent and meaning of the Treaty referred to by His Excellency, and the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 59, Geo. 3, cap. 38, founded on that Treaty, and more fully referred to hereafter; and until formal adjudication, resulting from the seizure and prosecution of American vessels for abuse of the privilege ceded to them, shall take place, and consecutive precedents for future guidance, be thereby established, it appears probable that doubts may and will arise as to the interpretation to be borne by the said Treaty.

It is true that some seizures have been made of American Fishing vessels under the Provincial Act 6, Wm. 4, referred to by Mr. Stevenson, but His Excellency has fallen into much misapprehension as regards the character of this law, the extent of its operation, and the nature of the seizures made under it. The Act recites the Convention and the Imperial Statute 59, Geo. 3, cap. 38, before mentioned, and, in describing the encroachments on the Coasts of the Province, which it was its object to prevent, it will be found to be framed in perfect conformity with the letter and spirit of that Statute, while the provisions by which it seeks to effect the object in view are borrowed from Imperial enactments relating to Trade and Navigation. Its operation is limited, as of necessity it must be, to Nova Scotia, and therefore it could not have been passed, as assumed by Mr. Stevenson, with a view to restrict or destroy the Fisheries of the United States on the Coast of Newfoundland, and for the same reason this Act does not affect the Bay of Chaleurs also mentioned by His Excellency.

In point of fact I have not been able to learn that any seizures have been made when the vessels have not been within the distance prescribed by the Statute, or considered so to be: although it is true the Bay of Fundy, as well as smaller Bays on the Coast of Nova Scotia, is thought by the Law Officers in the Province to form part of the exclusive territory of the Crown, under the authority of a principle of the Law of Nations laid down by Grotius, and adopted by English Jurists, vide Chitty's Commercial law, vol. 1, page 90—extracts from which are contained in the paper marked No. 1, herewith transmitted.

The complaint that the Provincial Authorities assume the right to prohibit "the approach of American fishing vessels within three miles of a line drawn from headland to headland, instead of from the indents of the shores of the Provinces," is another exemplification of the difference I have stated to exist in the interpretation put upon the Treaty by the subjects of the two Governments; the following words of the Convention of 1818, cited by Mr. Stevenson, "the United States renouncing any liberty before enjoyed by their citizens to take fish within three marine miles of any Coasts, Bays, Creeks, or Harbors of the British Dominions in America, not included within the above limits, i. e. Newfoundland and Labrador," appearing to the Authorities here to bear them out in the assumption of such right, whereas the citizens of the United States maintain the direct contrary.

On this point the Law Officers of the Crown in the Colony express themselves very strongly, both on the general principle of international law, and the letter and direct spirit of the Convention. They deem it to be a settled rule that the shore of a state lying on the sea is determined by a line drawn from the projecting headlands, not by following the indentations of the coast, vide 1st Chitty 99 and 100, an extract from which is contained in paper marked No. 2, herewith transmitted, and therefore think it a necessary consequence that the three miles fixed upon by the Convention should always be measured from such a line. But they also say the words of the Convention would put an end to the question, could any be raised on the general rule.

The language used in the Convention (1st Article) is "three marine miles of any of the Coasts, Bays, Creeks, or Harbors of His Britannic Majesty's Dominions in America" and

—and it is considered that three miles from a Bay, Creek, or Harbor, must mean three miles from any part of it, and consequently from its entrance or mouth, or in other words from a line drawn from its projecting headlands. The Convention however does not stop here. It provides “that American fishermen may enter such Bays or Harbors for the purpose of shelter, repairing damages, and obtaining wood and water, and for no other purpose whatever. *But they shall be under such restrictions as may be necessary to prevent their taking, drying, or curing fish therein*, or in any other manner whatever abusing the privileges hereby reserved to them.” This language is considered conclusive against any pretense that American fishermen should have the right to enter any Bays or Harbors in Her Majesty’s North American Colonies, excepting only for shelter, repairing damages, or providing wood and water. Indeed the claim now set up, there is reason to believe, is new, as in point of practice, the American fishermen, when questioned for being within the waters of this Province, have uniformly resorted to the pretext afforded by the Convention, viz. the want of shelter, repairs, or wood and water, and never, it is believed, have asserted the right to fish within the Bays or Harbors of the Coasts.

This question is of extreme importance to Nova Scotia, as from the indented nature of its Coasts, the claim set up by the American Minister, would lead to results most injurious to the Province.

The right to resort to the Ports of Nova Scotia for shelter, wood, and water, which Mr. Stevenson conceives has never been seriously disputed, has always been frankly conceded in cases of real distress and unaffected calamity, but never when such right was supposed to be exercised for the purpose of evading the British Commercial regulations. Thus, in the case of the *Nabby*, seized in 1818, by Her Majesty’s Ship *Saracen*, and prosecuted in the Admiralty Courts of Nova Scotia, it was decided, that vessels are bound to have a sufficient quantity of wood, water, and provisions, on board for the voyage which they are engaged in,—a scarcity of either of these articles arising from design or neglect, not necessarily opening British Ports to any adventurer seeking to contravene the Law.

The American Minister states in his Despatch, that “the Fishermen of the United States believe (and it would seem they are right in their opinion, if uniform practice be evidence of correct construction) that they can, with propriety, take fish any where on the Coasts of the British Provinces, if not nearer than three marine miles to land.”—This, from the general context of Mr. Stevenson’s note, evidently means within three miles of the indents of the shore: the uniform practice alluded to by that gentleman, is a practice which has always been resisted by the Authorities of this Colony, although it is difficult, with an extended Coast, and inadequate means of protection, entirely to suppress it.

Mr. Stevenson goes on to say, that “the construction which has been attempted to be put upon the stipulations of the Treaty by the Authorities of Nova Scotia, is directly in conflict with their object, and entirely subversive of the rights and interests of the citizens of the United States”; again, “that some of the provisions of her code are of the most extraordinary character”; and towards the conclusion of his Despatch, that “some of these rules and regulations are violations of the well established principles of the Common Law of England, and of the principles of the just Laws of all civilized Nations, and would seem to have been designed to enable Her Majesty’s Authorities to seize and confiscate, with impunity, American vessels, and embezzle, indiscriminately, the property of American citizens, employed in the Fisheries on the Coasts of the British Provinces.”—This is very strong language, and if justly applicable at all, is applicable to the Statute 59, Geo. 3d., passed by the Imperial Parliament one year after the signing of the Convention, and with the express design of carrying out its provisions. The words of the above Imperial Statute 59, Geo. 3, c. 38, are—“and that it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, not being natural born subjects of His Majesty, in any Foreign ship, vessel, or boat, nor any person in any ship, vessel, or boat, other than such as shall be navigated according to the Law of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to fish for, or to take, dry, or cure any fish of any kind whatever, within three marine miles of

of any Coasts, Bays, Creeks, or Harbours whatever, in any part of His Majesty's Dominions in America, not included within the limits specified, and described in the first article of the said Convention; and that if any Foreign ship, vessel, or boat, or any persons on board thereof, shall be found fishing, or to have been fishing, or preparing to fish, within such distance of such Coasts, Bays, Creeks, or Harbours, within such parts of His Majesty's Dominions in America, as are out of the said limits as aforesaid, all such ships, vessels, and boats, together with their cargoes, and guns, ammunition, tackle, apparel, furniture, and stores, shall be forfeited, and shall and may be seized, taken, sued for, prosecuted, recovered, and condemned, by such and the like ways, means, and methods, and in the same Courts, as ships, vessels, or boats, may be forfeited, seized, prosecuted, and condemned, for any offence against any Laws relating to the Revenue of Customs, or the Laws of Trade and Navigation, under any Act or Acts of the Parliament of Great Britain, or of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, provided that nothing in said Act contained shall apply, or be construed to apply, to the ships or subjects of any Prince, Power, or State, in amity with His Majesty, who are entitled by Treaty with His Majesty to any privilege of taking, drying, or curing fish on the Coasts, Bays, Creeks, or Harbours, or within the limits in that Act described."

Thus, the very words "*preparing to fish*," so strongly animadverted on by Mr. Stevenson, are copied from an Imperial Act which has been *twenty three years* in force, and which, inasmuch as it has relation to American interests of the greatest importance, and sprung out of a Convention concluded with a view to the establishment of those interests, could not but be well known to the United States Government.

The 8th section of the 6th, Wm. 4, which provides that the owner of the vessel seized shall be held to prove his innocence, does not involve the payment of treble costs in case of failure; and Mr. Stevenson is, I am assured by the Crown Officers, here in error, with respect to the interpretation he has given to it.

Mr. Stevenson objects to the Seizing Officer being "liable to no prosecution, if the Judge certifies that there is probable cause of seizure"; and complains that the Plaintiff, if successful in his suit, is only entitled to two-pence damages, without costs, and the Defendant can be fined no more than one shilling."

This is an imperfect statement of the clause, inasmuch as the Plaintiff is entitled to recover the value of his goods; but in case probable cause is certified, he can only, in addition, recover two-pence damages.

The Province has, however, transcribed from the Imperial Statute of 6th, Geo. 4, cap. 114, entitled, An Act to regulate the Trade of the British Possessions abroad; and therefore, if it be in reality a violation of the well established principles of the Common Law of England, and of the principles of the just Laws of all civilized Nations, has been long submitted to by British subjects, and could not have been designed by the Assembly of Nova Scotia "to enable Her Majesty's Authorities to seize and confiscate, with impunity, American vessels, and embezzle, indiscriminately, the property of American citizens."

Her Majesty's exclusive property and dominion in the Strait of Canso is deemed maintainable upon the principles of international Law, already referred to, and which, it is considered, will apply equally, whether the shores on each side form parts of the same Province, or of different Provinces belonging to Her Majesty.—This Strait is very narrow, not exceeding, in some parts, one mile in breadth, as may be seen on the Admiralty Chart: and its navigation is not necessary for communication with the space beyond, which may be reached by going round the Island of Cape Breton.

Having noticed successively the allegations of the American Minister, I may be permitted to make one or two remarks on the general tenor of His Excellency's communication, which goes to charge the Legislature of Nova Scotia with a design to subvert the rights and interests of the citizens of the United States, in controvention of the Treaty of 1818.

It appears to me that the Provincial Legislature cannot fairly be accused of any such intention. It is manifest that neither the Statute of the Imperial Parliament nor that of the Colonial Legislature can extend the Terms of the Treaty itself, or render them

more comprehensive. Its true construction, according to the Law of Nations, must govern those to be affected by it, and the Colonists, aware of this, and conceiving themselves wronged by the interpretation given to the Treaty by their neighbours of the United States, have long been, and now are, as my Despatch No. 69, date 28th April, 1841, will have informed your Lordship, anxious to obtain the opinions of the most eminent Jurists on the subject, not seeking for any forced construction of the Treaty to give them privileges not contemplated at its execution, but merely to protect themselves from that which, be they right or wrong, they now deem an infringement of their rights. The whole course of their Legislation, in regard to this matter, appears to prove this. In the Laws they have made for the protection of their Fisheries, which are in no case more extensive than the Imperial Statute 59, Geo. 3, there is not only nothing new, but they have endeavoured, as I have shewn, to adopt on all occasions the principles of Imperial Legislation, and have copied even the words of Imperial Acts.

I have now, I trust, established, that if the interpretation put on the Treaty by the inhabitants of Nova Scotia is an incorrect one, they are sincere in their belief of the justice and truth of that interpretation, and most anxious to have it tested by capable authorities; and further, that if the Laws passed by the Provincial Legislature are really of the oppressive nature they are asserted to be by Mr. Stevenson, they were enacted in the belief that the framers of them were doing nothing more than carrying out the views of the Home Government, as to the mode in which the Colonists should protect their own dearest interests. I inclose a copy of a Proclamation containing the Act of the 6th Wm. 4, of which Mr. Stevenson complains, and any alteration in its provisions, should such be deemed necessary, may be made early in the next Session of the Provincial Parliament.

With regard to the Convention of 1818, it is I think apparent (from the history of the transaction as given by Mr. Rush in his memoirs, chap. 19, page 400) that at the time it was concluded the American Plenipotentiaries, *acting on wrong information derived from their own fishermen*, believed that in renouncing for ever the liberty of fishing within three miles of any part of the coasts of British America, where the right of fishing is not guaranteed to them by the terms of the said Convention, they did *not* in reality relinquish the advantages to be derived from these fisheries, *for they supposed the whole fishing ground on the coast of Nova Scotia to extend to a greater distance than three miles from the land*. The Plenipotentiaries, however, acted on bad information, and were mistaken, beyond three miles from the land, very few, if any, herring or mackerel, the chief objects of pursuit, are to be caught, and the natives of the United States are now consequently disappointed, and discontented, at not continuing to enjoy that which they had, as they conceived, only apparently covenanted to give up. Mr. Rush, in his memoirs, page 400, chap. 19, claims credit for his astuteness in regard to this arrangement, and the introduction into the Treaty of a clause not found in the British contre-project in the following words:—"It was by our act that the United States renounced the right to the fisheries not guaranteed to them by the Convention." That clause did not find a place in the British contre-project, *we* deemed it proper, under a three-fold view, first to exclude the implication of the Fisheries secured to us being a new grant: secondly, to place the rights secured and renounced on the same footing of permanence: thirdly, that it might expressly appear that our renunciation was limited to three miles from the coasts. This last point we deemed of the more consequence from our fishermen having informed us that the whole fishing ground on the coasts of Nova Scotia, extended to a greater distance than three miles from the land, whereas along the Coasts of Labrador it was almost universally close in with the coasts."

Whatever the true construction of the Treaty may be, and I cannot but conceive that that construction must be ascertained, not by negotiation, but in the Courts of Law, Her Majesty's subjects in this Province will willingly abide by it, and in like manner I cannot doubt but that any course Her Majesty's Government may deem it expedient to follow with regard to the above Treaty, will be cheerfully acquiesced in by the People of Nova Scotia, who feel assured that in a matter of such vital importance to their future prosperity, the conduct of the Mother Country will be guided by principles of equity and

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a due regard to the interests of her offspring, whenever those interests ought in justice to be upheld.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

The Lord John Russell, &c. &c. &c.

No. 90.

Government House, Halifax, 11th July, 1842,

MY LORD—

At the request of the Chairman of the Committee of the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia on the Fisheries, a copy of the Report of which Committee I enclose, I have the honor to call your attention to the subject of my Despatch No 69, date April 28th, 1841, addressed to your Lordship's predecessor. I also send a copy of the case stated, raising certain questions as to the rights of Fishery, which the people of these Colonies possess, which accompanied my former communication on this matter.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

The Lord Stanley, &c. &c. &c.

COPY.

No. 86.

Downing Street, 28th November, 1842.

MY LORD,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No. 90, of the 11th of July last, enclosing copies of two Reports made by Committees of the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, complaining of the encroachments of American Citizens on the Fisheries of British North America, and praying the establishment of a general code of Regulations for their protection—together with a copy of a case prepared by you in April, 1841, to be submitted to Her Majesty's Law Officers, raising certain questions, as to the rights of Fishery conferred by the Treaties on the subject, on British and American Fishermen respectively.

I enclose for your information a copy of the Report, which on the 30th of August, 1841, was received from the Queen's Advocate and Her Majesty's Attorney General, on the case drawn up by your Lordship. Since that date the subject has frequently engaged the attention of myself and my colleagues, with the view of adopting further measures, if necessary, for the protection of British Interest in accordance with the Law as laid down in the enclosed Report. We have, however, on full consideration come to the conclusion as regards the Fisheries of Nova Scotia, that the precautions taken by the Provincial Legislature appear adequate to the purpose, and that being now practically acquiesced in by the Americans, no further measures are required—while with respect to the proposed establishment of a general code of regulations to apply to all the North American Provinces, the very satisfactory Reports lately received from Vice Admiral Sir Charles Adam, of which copies are enclosed for your information, regarding the Fisheries in the Bay of Fundy and Gulf of St. Lawrence, appear to us to render it inexpedient to moot the question.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

The Right Honorable Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

Copy.

COPY.

Doctors Commons, 30th August, 1841.

MY LORD—

We are honored with your Lordship's commands, signified in Mr. Backhouse's Letter of the 26th of May, stating that he was directed to transmit to us the accompanying Letter from the Colonial Office, enclosing the copy of a Despatch from the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, enclosing an Address to Her Majesty from the House of Assembly of that Province, complaining of the continued encroachments of American Fishermen on the fishing ground of Nova Scotia and the adjoining Colonies, and praying that Her Majesty would establish, by an Order in Council, general regulations for the protection of the Fisheries, according to the code annexed to the address.

Mr. Backhouse is pleased to request that we would take these papers into consideration and report to your Lordship our opinion, whether there is anything in the proposed regulations which would be inconsistent with the stipulations of the Convention of the 28th October, 1818, between Great Britain and the United States of America.

We are also honored with Mr. Backhouse's letter of 19th of April, stating that he was directed to transmit to us a further Letter from the Colonial Office, dated the 16th instant, enclosing the copy of a Despatch from the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, covering a copy of an address from the Legislative Council of that Province, objecting to one of the above-mentioned regulations, proposed by the House of Assembly in the Session of 1840, and to request that he would take these papers into consideration, in addition to those referred to in his letter of the 26th March last, and that we would Report to your Lordship at our early convenience our opinion thereupon.

We are also honored with Mr. Backhouse's letter of the 8th June, stating that he was directed to transmit to us the accompanying copy of a letter from the Colonial Office, together with a copy of a Despatch from the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova-Scotia, enclosing a copy of the Report of the House of Assembly, on the subject of the Fisheries of that Province, and also enclosing a case for opinion as to what rights have been ceded to the citizens of the United States of America, and as to what rights have been exclusively reserved to Her Majesty's subjects, and to request that we would take the papers into consideration, and report to your Lordship our opinion upon the several questions stated in case above mentioned.

We are also honored with Mr. Backhouse's letter of the 5th ultimo, stating that he was directed to transmit to us a correspondence, as marked in the margin, which has passed between the Foreign Office and Mr. Stevenson, the American Minister at this Court, and the Colonial Department, on the subject of a remonstrance addressed by Mr. Stevenson against the proceedings of the Authorities of Nova Scotia, towards American fishing vessels encroaching on the Fisheries of that Coast, and to request that he would take these papers into consideration, and report to your Lordship our opinion thereupon.

1st Query.—In obedience to your Lordship's commands, we have taken these papers into consideration, and have the honor to report, that we are of opinion, that the Treaty of 1783 was annulled by the war of 1812; and we are also of opinion, that the rights of Fishery of the citizens of the United States must now be considered as defined and regulated by the Convention of 1818; and with respect to the general question, "*if so, what right,*" we can only refer to the terms of the Convention, as explained and elucidated by the observations which will occur in answering the other specific queries.

2nd Query.—Except within certain defined limits to which the query put to us does not apply, we are of opinion, that by the terms of the Convention, American citizens are excluded from any right of fishing within three miles of the Coast of British America, and that the proscribed distance of three miles is to be measured from the headlands or extreme points of land next the sea of the Coast, or of the entrance of the Bays, and not from the interior of such Bays or Indents of the Coast, and consequently, that no right exists on the part of American citizens to enter the Bays of Nova Scotia, there to take fish, although the fishing being within the Bay may be at a greater distance than three miles

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miles from the shore of the Bay, as we are of opinion that the term 'headland' is used in the Treaty to express the part of the land we have before mentioned, excluding the interior of the Bays and the indents of the Coast.

4th Query.—By the Convention of 1818, it is agreed that American citizens should have the liberty of fishing in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and within certain defined limits, in common with British subjects; and such Convention does not contain any words negating the right to navigate the passage or Gut of Canso, and therefore it may be conceded that such right of navigation is not taken away by that Convention; but we have now attentively considered the course of navigation to the Gulf, by Cape Breton, and likewise the capacity and situation of the passage of Canso, and of the British Dominions on either side; and we are of opinion, that independently of Treaty, no Foreign Country has the right to use or navigate the passage of Canso; and attending to the terms of the Convention relating to the liberty of Fishery to be enjoyed by the American citizens, we are also of opinion that that Convention did not either expressly, or by necessary implication, concede any such right of using or navigating the passage in question. We are also of opinion, that casting bait to lure fish in the track of any American vessels navigating the passage, would constitute a fishing within the negative terms of the Convention.

5th Query.—With reference to the claim of a right to land on the Magdalen Islands, and to fish from the shores thereof, it must be observed, that by the Convention, the liberty of drying and curing fish (purposes which could only be accomplished by landing) in any of the unsettled Bays, &c. of the Southern part of Newfoundland, and of the Coast of Labrador, is specifically provided for; but such liberty is distinctly negated in any settled Bays, &c., and it must therefore be inferred, that if the liberty of landing on the shores of the Magdalen Islands had been intended to be conceded, such an important concession would have been the subject of express stipulation, and would necessarily have been accompanied with a description of the inland extent of the shore over which such liberty was to be exercised, and whether in settled or unsettled parts, but neither of these important particulars are provided for, even by implication, and that, among other considerations, leads us to the conclusion that American citizens have no right to land, or conduct the Fishery from the shores of the Magdalen Islands. The word 'shore,' does not appear to have been used in the Convention in any other than the general or ordinary sense of the word, and must be construed with reference to the liberty to be exercised upon it, and would therefore comprise the land covered with water, as far as could be available, for the due enjoyment of the liberty granted.

6th Query.—By the Convention, the liberty of entering the Bays and Harbours of Nova Scotia, for the purpose of purchasing wood and obtaining water, is conceded in general terms, unrestricted by any condition expressed or implied, limiting the enjoyment to vessels duly provided with those articles at the commencement of their voyage; and we are of opinion that no such condition can be attached to the enjoyment of the liberty.

7th Query.—The rights of Fishery ceded to the citizens of the United States, and those reserved for the exclusive enjoyment of British subjects, depend altogether upon the Convention of 1818, the only existing Treaty on this subject between the two Countries, and the material points arising thereon have been specifically answered in our replies to the preceding Queries.

We have, &c.

(Signed)

J. DODSON,
THOS. WILDE.

Viscount Palmerston, K. B., &c. &c. &c.

Extract of a Letter from Vice Admiral Sir Charles Adam, dated at Halifax, 17th October, 1842.

"I inclose, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a Report from Commander Parrey, of the Sappho, and one from Commander Peel, of the Racehorse,

who relieved the first mentioned officer in the protection of the Fisheries in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

“ I have signified to both these officers my approbation of the manner in which they conducted the service entrusted to them, and of the report they have made.

“ It does not appear that there has been any serious cause of complaint of the fishery vessels, either of the French or of those from the United States of America, and I believe the protection which is afforded by Her Majesty’s Ships usually employed in the Gulf of St. Lawrence has been sufficient.

“ There can be no doubt however that fishermen from the United States frequently occupy the best ground for the Mackerel fishery on the North shore of Prince Edward Island, and I believe it could only be entirely prevented by small vessels under the Revenue Department being employed there, as is the case on the shores of Nova Scotia, but that would involve an expense which I believe the Colony would not readily bear, and even if the fishermen from the United States were entirely prevented from resorting to it, I doubt if the ground would be occupied by fishermen belonging to the Island or the other Colonies.”

Extract from Vice Admiral Sir Charles Adam’s letter, No. 363, dated the 17th October, 1842, at Halifax.

“ I request you will acquaint the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that the Pickle Schooner returned from the Bay of Fundy on the 5th instant, where Lieutenant Montresor was employed for a short time for the protection of the Fisheries.

“ I have received a very detailed report of his proceedings and observations, but it is unnecessary to trouble their Lordships further than to say that it does not appear that the Fisheries have been molested in any way during the season, which has just closed, and which like the last has been very favorable.”

No. 7.

(See Page 374.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Henry Horn, respecting the loss of a Horse, beg leave to report that they have examined his claim, and are of opinion that it cannot be granted, as it would involve a principle that your Committee cannot recognise, neither can they recommend to your Honorable House.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Halifax, Committee Room, 1st February, 1843.

HENRY GATES,
R. McG. DICKEY,
WILLIAM JOHNSON.

No. 8.

(See Page 377.)

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No. 64.

Downing Street, 19th August, 1842.

MY LORD,—

I transmit to you, herewith, an Act of Parliament, which received the Royal assent on the 16th ultimo, entitled, ‘ An Act to amend the Laws for the regulation of the Trade of the British Possessions abroad,’ and I have to request that you would take the first opportunity

tunity of communicating copies of this Act to the Legislature of the Province under your Government. I also inclose, for your information, the copy of a Despatch, which I have addressed to the Governor of Canada, explaining the policy by which Her Majesty's Government has been governed, in recommending to Parliament the adoption of the important changes in the Law affecting the Trade of the Colonies, which are sanctioned by this Act.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) STANLEY.

The Right Hon. the Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

COPY.

No. 227.

Downing Street, 17th August, 1842.

SIR—

I transmit to you, herewith, An Act of Parliament, 5 & 6 Victoria, c. 49, which received the assent of the Crown on the 16th ultimo, entitled, "An Act to amend the Laws for the regulation of the Trade of the British Possessions abroad," and I have to request that you will take the first opportunity of communicating copies of this Act to the Provincial Legislature of Canada.

Her Majesty's Government having undertaken, soon after their accession to office, the revision of the Laws by which the Commerce of the United Kingdom is governed, felt it to be their duty to consider with equal care the regulations bearing upon the Trade of the Colonies; and having in view the experience which has now been obtained of the Legislation promoted by the late Mr. Huskisson, and some of his successors in office, and being satisfied with its results, their object has been to give fuller effect to the spirit in which that Legislation was conceived. They have applied themselves, therefore, to remove restrictions upon Colonial Industry—to bring the provisions of the Imperial Law more and more into accordance with the spirit of the declaratory Act of 1778—and to afford new practical recognitions of the principle of equality and impartiality in the dealings of the Imperial Legislature, with the Colonial Possessions of the Crown. The Act now sent to you is the fruit of these endeavours, and I trust that the Legislature and the inhabitants of Canada will find in it enactments calculated to be of essential advantage to their Commerce, and to afford them relief as consumers of imported goods.

I do not propose to recapitulate the substance of the Act in all its provisions, but I wish to call your attention, in the first place, to the repeal of the duties under the Acts 4, Geo. 3, c. 15, 6, Geo. 3, c. 42, 14, Geo. 3, c. 88, on Pimento, Molasses, Wines, and Spirits, respectively.

I trust, that in the repeal of these duties, the Legislature will perceive and appreciate the desire of Her Majesty's Government to maintain the principle of the declaratory Act already alluded to, and confine the enactments of the Imperial Legislature, even as respects the imposition of Impost duties, within the narrowest limits, which are compatible with the due regulation of the Commercial interests of the Empire at large. I am desirous, also, to bring under your notice, a comparison of the table of Prohibitions, Duties, and exemptions, in the 4th and 7th sections, with those of the Possessions Act, applying to the like articles.

You will observe that the advalorem duties on Foreign Glass and Silk, manufactured, are reduced from 20 and 30 per cent, respectively, to 15 per cent.; those on Foreign Linen, Leather, and Paper, manufactures, and on Clocks and Watches, from 30 to 7 per cent.; those on Foreign Cotton Manufactures, Tobacco and Soap, from 20 to 7 per cent.; and those on unenumerated articles, from 15 to 4 per cent.; while Salt Fish of Foreign taking or curing, instead of being prohibited, is admitted at a duty of 2s. per cwt.; Foreign Oil, Blubber, Fins and Skins, also prohibited under the previous Act, are admitted on a duty of 15 per cent. advalorem; Cocoa, that was charged 5s per cwt., is admitted

admitted at 1s; and the prohibitions and restrictions, which were applied to the importation of Tea, otherwise than from the United Kingdom, or from British Possessions, or under certain specified conditions, are exchanged for a duty of 1d. per lb.

Her Majesty's Government are sensible that objections may be raised in Canada and New Brunswick, to the provisions of this Act, in reference to the important article of Foreign Lumber, as tending to injure them in supplying the West Indies with one of their staple exports. Her Majesty's Government earnestly trust that such may not be the unfavorable result of the recent Legislation. Having regard to the fact, that the United States are themselves compelled to resort largely to the British Provinces for a supply of wood, it is not hazarding too much to state, that the exemption of Foreign Lumber from duty does not appear likely to injure the British North American Trade, in this article, with the West Indies. The duty of 5s. per barrel upon Foreign Wheat Flour, and 12s. per cwt. on Foreign salted or cured Meat, which were imposed by the Possessions Act, were attended with this peculiarity, that they did not extend to Canada, where Wheat Flour and Salted provisions were altogether exempted from duty. The object of granting this exemption to Canada was to draw this species of produce from the North Western States of the Union down the River St. Lawrence to the Atlantic. But these articles being imported into Canada, not for her own consumption, but for re-exportation to the West Indian and other Colonial Markets, the effect was to give Canada the benefit of a transit trade at the expense of those Colonies. These duties are now reduced to 2s. per barrel in the case of Wheat Flour, and to 3s. per cwt. in the case of Meat; and to correct the unfair operation of the Law, which I have described, the reduced duties are extended to Canada equally with other Colonies; whilst, at the same time, in the new measures for the regulation of the Trade of the United Kingdom, important advantages have been given to the salted provisions of Canada, in the markets at home, which, it is hoped, will fully counterbalance any supposed disadvantages arising from the other change. Her Majesty's Government desire to observe, that under the 37th and 38th clauses of the British Possessions Act, 3 & 4, Wm. 4, c. 59, which are unrepealed by the Act of this Session, any articles may be entered at any Frontier Port of Canada without payment of duty, and may be delivered, to be passed on to one of the Warehousing Ports, under bond, for the due arrival and warehousing of such Goods at such Port. The existing exemptions would relieve parties from the observance of these regulations, and from any charges attending their fulfilment, in respect to the articles to which they apply.— Her Majesty's Government, however, question whether these exemptions ought not to be extended to other articles, besides Flour and Salt Meat; and they think, that if the St. Lawrence is really to compete with the Erie Canal, the freedom which it offers should extend to all articles embraced by the Export Trade of the Agricultural States of the West, and not merely to a selection from any one of them. If, therefore, it should appear of more importance to the inhabitants of Canada to retain, or to receive and extend the power of transmitting the produce of the United States, without the restrictions of the bond now required, down the St. Lawrence, than to enjoy the privilege of exporting their own produce to other British Colonies, with such advantage as the differential duties, imposed under the new Act, may afford them, Her Majesty's Government have no desire to place the Commerce of Canada, by Imperial Legislation, under restrictions, further than as they are required, by a due regard to the equal rights of the inhabitants of the other possessions of the Crown; and therefore, they would readily consider the expediency of proposing to Parliament to remove the duties now laid on the introduction of Flour, Salted Meat, and any other article of Agricultural produce into Canada; at the same time, however, placing the same articles, when exported from Canada to other Colonies, upon the footing, with respect to the duty of Foreign Produce, at the Custom Houses of those Colonies, and requiring proof of their Canadian origin as a condition of their privileged admission into this Country.

Her Majesty's Government are most willing, independently of the suggestion which has been just made, to entertain any plan for giving further facilities to the transit of the produce of the United States, by way of the St. Lawrence, in case it should be considered

sidered that a system of branding packages, or any other mode, would be more simple and satisfactory for the purposes of Commerce, than a compliance with the provisions of the present Law.

It is necessary that I should here advert, on the part of Her Majesty's Government, to the state of the duties on the importation of Refined Sugar into Canada, as they will stand under the new Law, and the Act passed by the Provincial Legislature in its last Session, for consolidating the duties on Customs.

This latter Act imposes a duty of 2d. per lb. on all Refined Sugar Imported into the Province, the effect of which will be to absorb altogether the Impost laid by the Possessions Act of the 3d & 4th, Wm. 4, upon Foreign Refined Sugar; and to place it upon an equal footing with Sugar refined in England.

The present Law imposes a duty of ten per cent. advalorem, which would probably be rated at 1-2d. per lb. on Sugar refined, in bond, in England, when exported to the Colonies, and a duty of 20 per cent. advalorem, on all Foreign Refined Sugar: and these duties are to be charged over and above any duty which may be leviable on the article by Colonial Act, irrespective of its origin.

The effect therefore of the enactments will be to give to the English refiner in bond, a *bona fide* advantage in the Canadian market of 1-2d. per lb. over his foreign competitor, by the mode of addition to the Colonial duty, which would probably raise it to the amount of 2 1-2d. and 3d. per lb. in the two cases respectively. Under these circumstances it appears to Her Majesty's Government to be a question for the Provincial Legislature to consider whether these duties may not be greater than it may be desirable to place on the article, and if that should be their view they may probably be disposed to reduce the Colonial duty on all refined sugar from 2d. to a smaller sum.

Her Majesty's Government further wish that the attention of the Legislature should be directed at its approaching meeting, to the law respecting the importation of Tea, as they are under the impression that it will be found advisable, with a view to the prevention of contraband trade, to make a reduction of the duty of 3d. per lb. now payable under the Provincial Act. An additional duty of 1d. on Teas not imported from China into the United Kingdom is chargeable under the new law, but Her Majesty's Government are apprehensive that a charge so high as 4d. per lb. upon an article so portable, will prevent the advantage which among others it is hoped to realize by the change now proposed, in putting a stop to the illicit introduction of Tea along the Canadian frontier from the United States.

From a general review of the provisions of the Act which I am considering, it will be seen that the attention of Her Majesty's Government and Parliament has been directed not only to the relaxation of restrictions, but also to the removal of such indulgences and exemptions in favor of some Colonies as rendered the law unjust in its bearing upon others. But whilst Her Majesty's Government have been anxious to correct every thing that was unequal in the operation of the law, and to do what in them lay to relieve the Colonists from burthensome imposts, they are aware that considerations, apart from any obligations imposed by Act of Parliament, may make it in some instances impossible for the Colonies to profit by the relief proposed for them. In particular Colonies the Revenue derived from some of the duties imposed by the Possessions Act, or from duties of similar amount otherwise imposed, may be indispensable as ways and means for carrying on the public service. The degree to which the Colonial Revenues may or may not be affected by the changes of the Imperial Law in particular cases, must be matter of much uncertainty until determined by experience, and it may be requisite in some instances to provide before hand for a contingent deficiency, and perhaps to reimpose, by local Acts, a part or even the whole of the duties now repealed, but if this should be necessary, the abolition of the duties repealed by the present Act, and the substitution of the simple Tariff which it establishes, will enable the Colonial Legislature to frame a scale of Colonial Impost Duties of a convenient character, and will relieve the commerce of the Colony from the inconvenience which necessarily resulted to importers, from the complex provisions and doubtful construction of the previous Imperial Acts. I have therefore to request that you will

invite the attention of the Legislature of Canada to the fiscal bearings of the present Act, and acquaint them that in thus confining the operation of the Imperial Law, to a narrower range, and enlarging the sphere of Colonial Legislation in matters of Commerce, Her Majesty's Government are assured that the local authorities will bring to that Legislation a judgement at once enlightened by local knowledge, and guided by a just sense of what is due to public credit, and to the maintenance of a proper provision for the wants of the public service. In inviting the attention of the Colonial Legislature to this important subject, you will bring under their especial notice, the principle involved in the 10th section of the present Act, by which you will observe that the duties thereby imposed are differential duties in favor of the produce and manufactures of the United Kingdom and its possessions; and that while the Colonial Legislatures are left at liberty to fix, subject to Her Majesty's approval, such rates of duty on all Imports as they may think necessary for purposes of Revenue, the effect of the section above referred to, is to maintain discriminating duties in all cases equal to the duties imposed by this Act.

With a view to give time to the Local Legislatures to make any arrangements which shall appear to them to be expedient, previously to the commencement of the new Act, its operation is postponed by the 1st section so far as the British Possessions in North America are concerned, to the 5th July, 1843,

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Sir C. Bagot, &c. &c. &c.

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An Act to amend the Laws for the Regulation of the Trade of the British Possessions Abroad.

WHEREAS, an Act was passed in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, An Act to regulate the Trade of the British Possessions abroad, hereinafter designated as "The Possessions Act:" And whereas it is expedient to make certain Alterations and Amendments therein: *Be it therefore enacted* by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That, except as hereinafter is provided, from and after the Fifth day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-three, so far as relates to the British Possessions in North America, and from and after the Fifth day of April, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-three, so far as relates to the British Possessions in South America and the West Indies, and from and after the Fifth day of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-three, so far as relates to the Mauritius, this Act shall come into, and be and continue in full force and operation, for all the purposes mentioned herein.

II. *And whereas*, under or by virtue of an Act passed in the Fourth Year of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled, An Act for granting certain Duties in the British Colonies and Plantations in America; for continuing, amending, and making perpetual, an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled, "An Act for the better securing and encouraging the Trade of His Majesty's Sugar Colonies in America;" for applying the produce of such Duties, and of the Duties to arise by virtue of the said Act, towards defraying the expenses of defending, protecting, and securing the said Colonies and Plantations; for explaining an Act made in the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, intituled, "An Act for the encouragement of the Greenland and Eastern Trades, and for the better securing the Plantation Trade;" and for altering and disallowing several Drawbacks on Exports from this Kingdom, and more effectually preventing the clandestine conveyance of Goods to and from the said Colonies and Plantations, and improving and securing the Trade

Trade between the same and the United Kingdom, the following Duties are chargeable upon Wines imported into the British Possessions in America ; (that is to say,)

For every Tun of Wine, of the growth of the Madeiras, or of any other Island or place, from whence such wine may be lawfully imported, and which shall be so imported from such Islands or places, the sum of Seven Pounds :

For every Tun of Portugal, Spanish, or any other Wine (except French Wine,) imported from the United Kingdom, the sum of Ten Shillings :

And whereas, under or by virtue of an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled, An Act for repealing certain Duties in the British Colonies and Plantations granted by several Acts of Parliament, and also the Duties imposed by an Act made in the last Session of Parliament upon certain East India Goods exported from the United Kingdom, and for granting other Duties instead thereof, and for further encouraging, regulating, and securing several branches of the Trade of this Kingdom and the British Dominions in America, the following Duties are chargeable upon Molasses and Syrups, and British Pimento, imported into the British Possessions in America ; (that is to say,)

For every Gallon of Molasses and Syrups (except as in the same Act is mentioned) One Penny :

For every Pound Weight Avoirdupois, of British Pimento, (except as in the same Act is mentioned,) One Halfpenny :

And whereas, under or by virtue of an Act passed in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled, An Act to establish a Fund towards further defraying the charges of the Administration of Justice, and support of the Civil Government within the Province of Quebec, in America, the following duties are chargeable on Brandy, Rum, and Spirits, imported into any Port of Canada ; (that is to say,)

For every Gallon of Brandy or other Spirits, of the manufacture of the United Kingdom, Three-pence :

For every Gallon of Rum or other Spirits which should be imported or brought from any of His Majesty's Sugar Colonies in the West Indies, Six-pence :

For every Gallon of Rum or other Spirits, which should be imported or brought from any other of His Majesty's Colonies or Dominions in America, Nine-pence :

For every Gallon of Foreign Brandy, or other Spirits of Foreign manufacture, imported or brought from the United Kingdom, One Shilling :

For every Gallon of Rum or Spirits, of the produce or manufacture of any of the Colonies or Plantations in America, not in the possession or under the Dominion of His Majesty, imported from any other Place except the United Kingdom, One Shilling.

And whereas it is expedient that the several hereinbefore mentioned Duties imposed by the said Acts respectively, should be repealed ; *Be it therefore enacted,* That so much of each of the said Three several Acts of His late Majesty King George the Third, as imposes or authorizes the charge of the hereinbefore mentioned duties upon Wine, Molasses, Pimento, and Spirits, respectively, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed.

III. *And whereas* by the said Possessions Act it was enacted, that the several sorts of Goods enumerated and described in the Table therein mentioned, denominated "A Table of Prohibitions and Restrictions," should be prohibited to be imported or brought either by Sea or Inland navigation into the British Possessions in America, or should be so imported or brought only under the Restrictions mentioned in such Table, accordingly as the several sorts of Goods are set forth therein, and that if any Goods should be imported or brought into any of the British Possessions in America, contrary to any of the Restrictions mentioned in such Table, in respect of such Goods, the same should be forfeited ; and that if the Ship or Vessel in which such Goods should be imported, should be of less burden than Seventy Tons, such Ship or Vessel should also be forfeited : *And whereas* it is expedient that the Prohibitions established by the lastly hereinbefore recited enactment, should be materially modified, and that for this purpose the said enactment should be repealed,

pealed, and such Prohibitions should be enacted as hereinafter are mentioned; *Be it therefore enacted*, That so much of the said Possessions Act as prohibits the importation of the Goods enumerated and described in the Table in the said Act contained, and hereinbefore mentioned, and as declares the Forfeiture of such Goods, and of certain Vessels importing the same, as hereinbefore is mentioned, shall be repealed.

IV. *And be it enacted*, That the several sorts of Goods enumerated or described in the Table following, denominated "A Table of Prohibitions and Restrictions," are hereby prohibited to be imported or brought, either by Sea or by inland carriage, or navigation, into the British Possessions in America or the Mauritius, or shall be so imported or brought only under the Restrictions mentioned in such Table, according as the several sorts of such Goods are set forth therein; (that is to say,)

A TABLE OF PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

Gunpowder,

Ammunitions, Arms, or Utensils of War,—prohibited to be imported except from the United Kingdom, or from some other British Possession.

Coffee,

Sugar, not being refined, in Bond in the United Kingdom,

Molasses,

Rum,—being the produce or manufacture of any British Possession within the limits of the East India Company's Charter, except and subject as hereinafter is provided, or being of Foreign produce or manufacture, prohibited to be imported into any of the British Possessions on the Continent of South America or in the West Indies (the Bahama and Bermuda Islands not included,) or into the Mauritius, except to be Warehoused for Exportation only, and may also be prohibited to be imported into the Bahama or Bermuda Islands, by Her Majesty's Order in Council.

Base or Counterfeit Coin.

Books, such as are prohibited to be imported into the United Kingdom—prohibited to be imported.

And if any Goods shall be imported or brought into any of the British Possessions in America or the Mauritius, contrary to any of the Prohibitions or Restrictions mentioned in such Table in respect of such Goods, the same shall be forfeited; and if the ship or vessel in which such Goods shall be imported, be of less burden than Seventy Tons, such ship or vessel shall also be forfeited.

V. *Provided always, and be it enacted*, That it shall be lawful to import into any British Possessions in the West Indies and South America, and into the Mauritius, any Coffee the produce of any British Possessions within the limits of the East India Company's Charter, and also any Sugar the produce of any British Possessions within the limits of the East India Company's Charter, into which the importation of Sugar the Produce of any Foreign Country, or of any British Possession into which Foreign Sugar may be legally imported, has been prohibited, and also any Rum, the produce of any British possession within the limits of the East India Company's Charter, into which the Importation of Rum, the produce of any Foreign Country, or of any British Possession into which Foreign Sugar or Rum may be legally imported has been prohibited: *Provided nevertheless*, that no such Coffee, Sugar or Rum, shall be entered in any British Possession in the West Indies or South America, or in the Island of Mauritius, as being the produce of any British Possession within the limits of the East India Company's Charter, from which the same may be legally imported under the Proviso last aforesaid, unless the master of the Ship importing the same shall have delivered to the Collector or principal officer of the Customs at the Port of importation, such certificate of origin as hereinafter is mentioned, under the Hand and Seal of the proper officer, at the place where the same shall have been taken on board; and such Master shall also make and subscribe a Declaration before the proper officer of the Customs, that such certificate was received by him at the place where such Coffee, Sugar or Rum was taken on board, and that the Coffee, Sugar, or Rum, so imported, is the same as is mentioned therein; and such certificate of origin shall,

shall, as regards Coffee, certify that a Declaration in Writing had been made and signed before the officer giving such certificate, the contents of which he believed to be true, by the shipper of such Coffee, that the same was really and *bona fide* the produce of some British Possession; and such certificate of origin shall, as respects Sugar, state the name of the District in which such Sugar was produced; the quantity and quality thereof, the number and denomination of the packages containing the same, and the name of the ship in which they were laden, and the master thereof, to the officer giving the same, by the shipper of such Sugar, and shall likewise certify that there had been produced a certificate under the Hand and Seal of the Collector or Assistant Collector of the Land or Customs Revenue of the District within which such Sugar was produced, that such Sugar was the produce of the District, and that the importation into such District of Foreign Sugar, or Sugar the growth of any British Possession into which Foreign Sugar can be legally imported is prohibited; and such certificate of origin shall, as respects Rum, state the name of the District in which such Rum was produced, the quantity and strength thereof, the number and denomination of the packages containing the same, the name of the ship in which they were laden, and of the master thereof, and shall also testify that there had been produced to the party giving such certificates, by the shipper of such Rum, a certificate under the Hand and Seal of the Collector or Assistant Collector of the Land or Customs Revenue of the District within which such Rum was produced, that the same was the production of such District.

VI. *And whereas*, by the Possessions Act it is enacted, that there shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid unto Her Majesty, the several duties of Customs, as the same are respectively set forth in figures in the Table of Duties hereinafter contained, upon Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported or brought into any of Her Majesty's Possessions in America, and in and by the said Table certain Articles are therein declared to be exempted from or free of such duties; and it is by the said Possessions Act provided, that no greater proportion of the Duties imposed thereby, except as therein excepted, shall be charged upon any article which is subject also to Duty under any of the Acts therein referred to, or subject also to Duty under any Colonial Law, than the amount, if any, by which the Duty charged by the said Possessions Act, should exceed such other Duty or Duties; and it is thereby further provided, that the full amount of the Duties mentioned therein, whether on account of such former Acts, or on account of such Colonial Law, or on account of the said Possessions Act, shall be levied, and recovered, and received, under the Regulations and by the means and powers of the said Possessions Act: *And whereas*, it is expedient that the said Duties should be repealed, and other Duties substituted in lieu thereof; *Be it therefore enacted*, That the hereinbefore recited enactment, imposing Duties upon Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported or brought into any of Her Majesty's Possessions in America, and so much of the said Possessions Act as extends any of such Duties to the Mauritius, and the said Duties and Exemptions so imposed and established, by the said Possessions Act, and the said several enactments in relation thereto, which are hereinbefore recited, shall be repealed.

VII. *And be it enacted*, That there shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid unto Her Majesty, the several Duties of Customs, as the same are respectively set forth in figures, in the Table of Duties hereinafter contained, upon Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, not being the Growth, Production, or Manufacture of the United Kingdom, or of any of the British Possessions in America, or of the Mauritius, or of any of the British Possessions within the limits of the East India Company's Charter, or the produce of any of the British Fisheries imported or brought into any of the British Possessions in America, or the Mauritius, by Sea, or inland carriage, or navigation:

TABLE OF DUTIES.

	s.	d.
Wheat Flour, the Barrel of 196 lbs. - - - - -	2	0
Fish, of Foreign taking } dried or salted, the Cwt. - - - - -	2	0
} pickled, the Bbl. - - - - -	4	0
Meat, salted or cured, the Cwt., - - - - -	3	0
		Butter,

	s.	d.
Butter, - - - - -	8	0
Cheese, - - - - -	5	0
Coffee, - - - - -	5	0
Cocoa, - - - - -	1	0
Molasses, - - - - -	3	0
Sugar, unrefined, - - - - -	5	0
Refined Sugar, the produce of and refined in Foreign Countries,—20 per centum <i>ad valorem</i> ,		
Tea, unless imported direct from China, or unless imported from the United King- dom, or from any of the British Possessions, per pound, - - - - -	0	1
Spirits :		
Rum, per Gallon, - - - - -	0	6
Other Spirits and Cordials, - - - - -	1	0
Glass Manufactures)		
Silk Manufactures)	15 per Centum <i>ad valorem</i> .	
Spermaceti)		
Wine, whether bottled or not		
Cotton Manufactures		
Linen Ditto.		
Woolen Ditto.		
Leather Ditto.		
Paper Ditto.		
Hardware,		
Clocks and Watches,		
Manufactured Tobacco		
Soap,		
Candles, other than Spermaceti		
Corks, Cordage, and Oakum—7 per Centum <i>ad valorem</i> .		
Oil, Blubber, Fins, and Skins, the produce of Fish and creatures living in the Sea, of Foreign Fishing—15 per Centum <i>ad valorem</i> .		
Articles not enumerated, except such as are comprised or referred to in the subjoined Table of Exemptions—4 per Centum <i>ad valorem</i> .		
And if any of the Goods hereinbefore proposed to be charged with Duty, except Sugar and Tea, shall be imported through the United Kingdom (having been warehoused therein, and being exported from the Warehouse), or the Duties thereon, if there paid, having been drawn back—(Such Goods shall only be charged with Three Fourths of the Duties hereinbefore proposed.)		

TABLE OF EXEMPTIONS.

Coin, Bullion, and Diamonds.
Horses, Mules, Asses, Neat Cattle, and all other Live Stock.
Hay and Straw.
Tallow and Raw Hides.
Salt.
Rice.
Corn and Grain, unground.
Biscuit or Bread.
Meal or Flour, except Wheat Flour.
Fresh Meat.
Fresh Fish.
Fruit and Vegetables, fresh.
Carriages of Travellers.
Wood and Lumber.
Cotton Wool.
Hemp, Flax, and Tow.

Drugs.

Drugs.

Gums and Resins.

Tortoise-shell.

Manures of all Kinds.

Herrings, taken and cured by the inhabitants of the Isle of Man, and imported from thence.

Provisions and Stores of every Description, imported or supplied for the Use of Her Majesty's Land and Sea Forces.

All Goods imported from the United Kingdom, after having there paid the Duties of Consumption, and imported from thence without Drawbacks.

VIII. *And be it enacted*, That the articles enumerated or mentioned in the Table of Exemptions hereinbefore contained, shall be imported without payment of any duty, under this Act, and also such of the following Articles ; (namely,)

Salted or Cured Meat.

Flour,

Butter,

Cheese,

Molasses,

Cork-wood,

Cordage,

Oakum,

Pitch,

Tar,

Turpentine,

Leather and Leather-ware,

Fishermen's Clothing and Hosiery,

Fishing Craft, Utensils, Instruments, and Bait,

as shall be imported for the use of the British Fisheries in America, into any place at or from whence any such Fishery is carried on, subject to such Regulations as the Commissioners of Customs, or the Principal Officer of Customs at such Place, shall make, and which they and he are hereby empowered to establish, for the purpose of ascertaining that such articles are *bona fide* intended to be applied to the use of such Fisheries, or that such Provisions and Stores as aforesaid, are *bona fide* imported or supplied for the use of Her Majesty's Land and Sea Forces.

IX. *And be it enacted*, That there shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid unto Her Majesty, a duty of Ten Pounds for every One Hundred Pounds of the value, upon Sugar refined in bond in the United Kingdom, not being of the growth of any of the British Possessions in America, or of the Mauritius, or of any of the British Possessions within the limits of the East India Company's Charter, imported or brought into any of the British Possessions in America, or into the Mauritius, by sea, or by inland carriage, or navigation.

X. *And be it enacted*, That if in any of the British Possessions in America or the Mauritius, any duty be chargeable by any Colonial Law, upon any articles being the growth produce, or manufacture of the United Kingdom, or of the British Possessions in America, or of the British Possessions within the limits of the East India Company's Charter, or the produce of the British Fisheries, beyond the duty (if any) chargeable by such Colonial Law upon similar Foreign Articles, the Imperial duty hereby imposed upon such Foreign Articles, shall be increased by such excess or amount (as the case may be) of the duties so chargeable by such Colonial Law, upon similar British articles ; and that if in any of the British Possessions in America or the Mauritius, any duty be chargeable by any Colonial Law upon Tea imported direct from China, or imported from the United Kingdom or any of the British Possessions, beyond the duty (if any) chargeable by such Colonial Law upon Tea not so imported, the Imperial duty hereby imposed upon Tea not so imported, shall be increased by such excess or amount (as the case may be) of the duties so chargeable by such Colonial Law upon Tea imported direct from China, or imported from the United Kingdom, or from any of the British Possessions.

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XI. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, by any Order or Orders in Council, to be issued from time to time, to direct that any articles described in such Order, being an article chargeable under this Act as an unenumerated article, with a duty of four *per centum ad valorem*, shall be added to the List of Exemptions hereinbefore set forth, and shall be free from such duty; and from and after the time mentioned in such Order for the commencement of such exemptions, not less than six months from the date hereof, such exemptions shall take effect; and such article shall thenceforth, whilst such Order shall continue in force, be free from such duty accordingly; and any such Order may at any time be suspended or revoked by Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, by any other Order in Council.

XII. *And be it enacted*, That the duties imposed by this Act shall be levied, and recovered, and received, under the regulations, and by the means and powers of the Possessions Act, except such of the said regulations as are repealed or altered by this Act.

XIII. *And be it enacted*, That all sums of money granted or payable under this Act, or under the Possessions Act, as duties, penalties, or forfeitures, in the British Possessions in America, or the Mauritius, shall be deemed, and are hereby declared to be sterling money of Great Britain, and shall be collected, recovered, and paid to the amount of the value which such nominal sums bear in Great Britain; and that such monies may be received and taken in sterling money of Great Britain, or in Foreign coins, at such rates as shall be equivalent to sterling money of Great Britain, and which shall have been fixed by any Proclamation issued by Her Majesty; and that all duties under this Act shall be paid and received in every part of the British Possessions in America, and in the Mauritius, according to the Imperial weights and measures now by Law established; and that, in all cases where such duties are imposed, according to any specific quantity, or any specific value, the same shall be deemed to apply, in the same proportion, to any greater or less quantity or value; and that all such duties shall be under the management of the Commissioners of the Customs.

XIV. *And be it enacted*, That the net produce of the duties so received by the means and powers of this Act, shall be paid by the Collector of the Customs into the hands of the Treasurer or Receiver General of the Colony, or other proper Officer authorized to receive the same in the Colony in which the same shall be levied, to be applied to such uses as shall be directed by the local Legislatures of such Colonies respectively; and that the produce of such duties so received as aforesaid in the Colonies which have no local Legislature, shall and may be applied in such manner as shall be directed by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

XV. *And be it enacted*, That Goods the produce or manufacture of the Islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, or Sark, when imported from such Islands into the British Possessions in America or the Mauritius, shall be admitted to entry upon payment of the same duties as are payable upon the like Goods, the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, or of any of the said Possessions, upon production to the principal Officer of Customs at the Port of Importation, of the proofs now required by Law, that such Goods are the production or manufacture of the Islands aforesaid.

XVI. *And whereas*, the hereinbefore recited Provisoes contained in the said Possessions Act, which provide that no greater proportion of the Duties imposed by that Act shall be charged upon any Article which is subject also to duty, under any of the Acts therein referred to, and subject also to duty under any Colonial Law, than the amount, if any, by which the duty charged by the said Possessions Act, shall exceed such other duties, and that the full amount of the duties mentioned in the said Possessions Act, whether on account of such former Acts, or on account of such Colonial Law, or on account of the said Possessions Act, should be levied, and recovered, and received, under the regulations, and by the means and powers of the said Possessions Act, have been understood and acted on in divers different senses in the several British Possessions in America and the Mauritius, and in some of the aforesaid Possessions certain duties have been imposed by the Colonial Legislatures or other authorities, having the power to impose duties, which duties

ties have been expressly directed by the Colonial Acts, or Ordinances imposing the same, to be in addition to, or over and above the duties imposed by the said Possessions Act, and in these and others of the aforesaid Possessions, the duties respectively imposed upon articles by the said Possessions Act, and by the Colonial Acts and Ordinances in such Possessions, have, notwithstanding the aforesaid Proviso, been collected in full without any such abatement as in the said Proviso is contemplated: *And whereas* it is expedient that such collection, in full of the said Imperial and Colonial duties, should be held to be good in Law, notwithstanding the aforesaid Proviso: *And whereas* doubts have been entertained whether the duties imposed upon the importation of Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, into the West Indies by the said Possessions Act, are, under the provisions of that Act, leviable upon the like Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into the Mauritius from the United Kingdom: *And whereas*, notwithstanding such doubts, the aforesaid duties have been levied upon Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, so imported into the Mauritius from the United Kingdom, and it is expedient that the levying of the same should be held good in Law; *Be it therefore enacted*, That from and after the passing of this Act, no personal Action, Suit, or other Proceeding, shall be prosecuted or commenced against any Officer of Her Majesty's Customs, or any officer or other person authorized by the Legislature, or other proper Authorities of any of the aforesaid British Possessions, for or in respect of such Officer or Person having levied duties imposed by the said Possessions Act upon the Importation of any Article in full, without making any deduction therefrom, in respect of duties imposed by any Colonial Law or Ordinance upon the same Article, or for or in respect of such Officer or other person, having levied duties imposed upon the importation of any article by any Colonial Law or Ordinance, in full, without making any abatement or deduction therefrom, in respect of the duty imposed by the Possessions Act upon the same article; and that no personal Action, Suit, or other proceeding shall be prosecuted or commenced against any officer of Her Majesty's Customs, or any other Officer or other Person empowered by the proper Authorities to collect duties in the Mauritius, for or in respect of such Officer or other Person having levied the like duties upon the importation of any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, into the Mauritius from the United Kingdom, as are imposed by the said Possessions Act upon the Importation of Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, into the West Indies; and if any Action or Suit, or other Proceeding whatsoever, shall be prosecuted or commenced against any Officer of Customs, or other Officer or Person as aforesaid, by reason of any thing done as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Defendant in any such Action or Suit, or other Proceeding, as aforesaid, to apply to the Court in which such Action shall be brought, during the sitting of such Court, or to any Judge of such Court during vacation, for stay of proceedings, and such Court and such Judge, respectively, shall stay such proceedings accordingly; and all payments which may have been made in respect of the duties so levied in full, or without abatement or deduction as aforesaid, or in respect of such duties so levied upon the importation of Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, into the Mauritius, as aforesaid, shall be held to have been good, and shall not be recoverable at Law, from any person or persons who may have received the same.

XVII. *And be it enacted*, That in any British Possession in America, in which the Imperial Duties imposed by the said Possessions Act, and the Colonial Duties imposed by the Laws of such Possession, have both been customarily levied in full, without making any deduction from the Imperial Duties in respect of the Colonial Duties, or from the Colonial Duties in respect of the Imperial Duties, it shall be lawful, from and after the passing of this Act, for the Officers of the Customs, and other Officers duly authorized, to continue so to levy in full, such Imperial and Colonial duties respectively, during the continuance of said Possessions Act, any thing in the said Possessions Act contained, in anywise notwithstanding.

XVIII. *And be it enacted*, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this present Session of Parliament.

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Circular.

Downing Street, 20th August, 1842

SIR,—

With reference to my Despatch of the 19th instant, enclosing the 5 & 6 Victoria, cap. 49, amending the Possessions Act, I have to instruct you to procure, whenever it may be in your power, the exclusion from General Revenue Acts, and the enactment by distinct and separate Statutes, of all such Laws as the Colonial Legislature may desire to pass, affecting external Trade.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

STANLEY.

The Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.

No. 9.

*(See Page 377.)**An Act for regulating the Carriage of Passengers in Merchant Vessels.*

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision respecting the Carriage of Passengers by Sea in certain cases, and for that purpose to repeal, except as hereinafter mentioned, an Act passed in the Session of Parliament, held in the Fifth and Sixth Years of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, An Act to repeal an Act of the Ninth Year of His late Majesty, for regulating the Carriage of Passengers in Merchant Vessels, from the United Kingdom to the British possessions on the Continent and Islands of North America; and to make further Provision for regulating the Carriage of Passengers from the United Kingdom; and also an Act, passed in the Session of Parliament, held in the Third and Fourth Years of Her present Majesty, intituled, An Act to extend to the British Colonies in the West Indies, an Act passed in the Fifth and Sixth Year of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, for regulating the Carriage of Passengers in Merchant Vessels; and also so much of an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the First and Second Years of Her present Majesty, intituled, An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Customs, as extends the Provisions of the Act first before mentioned, to Foreign Vessels, under certain circumstances: Be it therefore enacted, by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the said recited Acts, and Portion of an Act, shall be and the same are hereby repealed, save and except so far as the first before mentioned Act repeals an Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled, An Act to regulate the Carriage of Passengers in Merchant Vessels from the United Kingdom to the continent and Islands of North America, which shall remain and continue repealed; Provided nevertheless, that all Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties, to which any Person or Persons may have become liable under the said Acts, or either of them shall, and may be sued for, prosecuted, and recovered, and that any Right of Action which may have accrued to any Person or Persons, by virtue of the said Acts, or either of them, shall and may be enforced hereafter, in such and the same manner, in all respects, as if this present Act had not been made.

II. And be it enacted, That no Ship Carrying Passengers on any Voyage from any Port or Place in the United Kingdom, or in the Islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, or Man, hereinafter designated as the hereinbefore mentioned Islands, to or for any Port or Place out of Europe, and not being within the Mediterranean Sea, shall proceed on her Voyage with or shall carry more persons on board, than in the proportion of Three Persons

Persons to every Five Tons of the registered Burden of such Ship, the Master and Crew being included in and forming part of such prescribed number, and that no such Ship shall, whatever be the Tonnage thereof, proceed on her Voyage with or carry more Passengers on board, than in the following proportion to the space occupied by them and appropriated for their use, and unoccupied by Stores, not being the personal Luggage of Passengers ; (that is to say,) on the Lower Deck or Platform, One Passenger for every ten such clear superficial feet, if such Ship is not to pass within the Tropics during such voyage, but if such Ship is to pass within the Tropics during such Voyage, then one Passenger for every Twelve such clear superficial Feet ; if such Voyage is computed in manner hereinafter mentioned, not to exceed Twelve Weeks ; and one passenger for every Fifteen such clear superficial Feet, if such Voyage is so computed to exceed Twelve Weeks ; and under the Poop or on the Orlop Dock, if any, One Passenger for every Thirty such superficial Feet, in all cases ; and that if any Ship carrying Passengers upon any such Voyage as aforesaid, shall carry any Passengers beyond the Proportions hereinbefore respectively mentioned, or any of them, the Master of such Ship shall, for or in respect of every passenger constituting such Excess, be liable on such conviction as hereinafter is mentioned, to the payment of a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds, to be sued for and recovered as hereinafter is mentioned.

III. And be it enacted, That no Ship shall carry Passengers on any such Voyage as aforesaid, unless she have Lower or Hold Beams, forming part of the permanent Structure of the Vessel, and also a Lower Deck or Platform, of which the under surface shall be not lower than Three Inches above the Bottom of the Lower Beams, and properly and substantially secured to the same, nor unless such Lower Deck or Platform shall be of not less than One and a half Inch in thickness.

IV. And be it enacted, That no Ship shall carry any Passengers upon any such Voyage as aforesaid, unless such Ship shall be of the Height of Six Feet at the least between the Upper Deck, and the Lower Deck or Platform hereinbefore mentioned, nor carry Passengers on the Orlop Deck, if any, unless the Height between such Orlop Deck and the Deck immediately above the same, be Six Feet at the least.

V. And be it enacted, That no Ship carrying Passengers on any such Voyage as aforesaid, shall have more than two Tiers of Berths, and that in no such Ship shall the Interval between the Floor of the Berths and the Deck or Platform beneath them, be less than Six Inches, and further, that the Berths shall be securely constructed, and that their Dimensions shall not be less than after the rate of Six Feet in Length, and Eighteen Inches in Width for each Passenger.

VI. And be it enacted, That on board every Ship carrying Passengers on any such Voyage as aforesaid, there shall be issued to the Passengers daily a supply of Water at the rate of at least three Quarts for each Passenger per Day, and that there shall also be issued at convenient times, not less often than twice a Week, a Supply of Provisions, after the rate of Seven Pounds of Bread, Biscuit, Flour, Oatmeal, or Rice, per Week, provided that One Half at least of the Supply shall consist of Bread or Biscuit, and that Potatoes may be employed to the extent of the remaining half of the Supply, Five Pounds, however, of Potatoes being computed as equal to One Pound of the other Articles above enumerated ; and that such issues as aforesaid, shall be made throughout the whole Voyage, including the time of detention, if any, at any Port or Place before the end of such Voyage ; and further, that no Ship proceeding on any such Voyage as aforesaid, shall be cleared out until there shall be laden, and on board, such Quantity of pure Water, and of good and wholesome Provisions of the requisite kind, as shall be sufficient to allow of the issues aforesaid, during the period assigned to such Voyage, under the Provisions of this Act.

VII. And be it enacted, That in any such Ship, the Water to be laden on board as hereinbefore required, shall be carried in Tanks or sweet Casks, and that none of such Casks shall exceed Three Hundred Gallons in capacity ; and further, that when any Ship shall be destined to call at a Port or Place in the course of her Voyage, for the purpose of filling up her Water, a supply of Water at the rate before mentioned for every week
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of the computed Voyage to such Port or Place of calling, shall be deemed to be a compliance with the Provisions of this Act, subject to the following Conditions: (that is to say,)

FIRST.—That the Government Emigration Agent, at Ports where there is one, and the Collector or Comptroller of Customs at Ports where there is no such Agent, signify his Approval in Writing, and that the same be carried amongst the Papers of the Ship, to be delivered to the Collector of Customs, or Her Majesty's Consul, as the case may be, on reaching her final Destination.

SECONDLY.—That an Engagement to call at such Port or Place be inserted in the Bond, which is hereinafter required to be given to the Crown, by the Owner or Charterer, and Master.

THIRDLY.—That if the computed length of the Voyage to such Port or Place, be not declared in this Act, it shall be competent to the Government Emigration Agent, or the Collector or Comptroller of Customs, as aforesaid, as the Case may be, to fix the same in each case; and,

FOURTHLY.—That the Ship shall have on board, at the time of clearing out, Tanks or Water Casks, sufficient for stowing the Quantity of Water required for the longest portion of the whole Voyage.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the number of Weeks deemed to be necessary for the Voyage of any such Ship, according to her Destination, shall be determined by the following Rule of Computation: (that is to say,)

For a Voyage to North America, except the West Coast thereof, Ten Weeks:

For a Voyage to the West Indies, including under that term the Bahama Islands, and British Guiana, Ten Weeks:

For a Voyage to any part of the Continent of Central or South America, except the West Coast thereof, and except British Guiana, Twelve Weeks:

For a Voyage to the West Coast of Africa, Twelve Weeks:

For a Voyage to the Cape of Good Hope or the Falkland Islands, Fifteen Weeks:

For a Voyage to the Mauritius, Eighteen Weeks:

For a Voyage to Western Australia, Twenty Weeks:

For a Voyage to any other of the Australian Colonies, Twenty-two Weeks:

For a voyage to New Zealand, Twenty-four Weeks:

IX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That for the Purposes, and within the Meaning of this Act, it shall in all cases be computed that Two Children, each being under the Age of Fourteen Years, shall be equal to One Passenger, and that Children under the Age of One Year shall not be included within the computation of the number of Passengers.

X. And be it enacted, That before any such Ship shall be cleared out for the Voyage, the Government Emigration Agent, at Ports where there is such an Officer, or in the absence of such Agent, and in Ports, where there is no such Agents, the Collector or Comptroller of Customs, shall survey or cause to be surveyed by some Competent Person, the Provisions and Water hereinbefore required for the Consumption of the Passengers, and shall ascertain that the same are in a sweet and good condition, and shall also ascertain that over and above the same, there is on board an ample Supply of Water and Stores for the victualling of the Crew of the Ship, and other Persons (if any) on board.

XI. And be it enacted, That such Officers shall see that the other Directions contained in this Act be complied with, so far as the same can be complied with, before the Departure of such Ship from any Port or Place in the United Kingdom, or in the hereinbefore mentioned Islands.

XII. And be it enacted, That if Doubts shall arise whether any Ship about to proceed with Passengers as aforesaid, is seaworthy, so as to be fit for her intended Voyage, and such Doubts shall not be removed to the satisfaction of the Collector and Comptroller of the Customs, at the Port from which such Vessel is to be cleared out, or in case there shall be a Government Emigration Agent at such Port, then to the satisfaction of such Emigration Agent, it shall be lawful for such Collector and Comptroller, or for such Govern-
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ment Emigration Agent, (as the case may be) at any time to cause such Ship to be surveyed by two competent Persons, and if it shall be reported by those Persons that such Ship is not in their opinion seaworthy, with reference to such Voyage, such Ship shall not be cleared out, unless the contents of such Report be disproved to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of the Customs, or of the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners, in those cases in which the Report shall have been made at the instance of a Government Emigration Agent, or until such Ship shall have been rendered seaworthy.

XIII. And be it enacted, That no Ship shall carry any Passengers on any such Voyage as aforesaid, unless such Ship shall be provided with good sound Boats of suitable size, and properly supplied with all requisites for their use, in the following proportion to the registered Tonnage of such Ship as aforesaid; (that is to say,)

Two Boats, if the Tonnage of such Ship be One hundred and fifty Tons and upwards, out under Two hundred and fifty tons:

Three Boats, if the Tonnage of such Ship be Two hundred and Fifty Tons and upwards:

Four Boats, if the Tonnage of such Ship be Five hundred Tons and upwards, and the Number of Passengers exceed Two hundred:

Nor unless one of such Boats be a Long Boat of a Size duly proportioned to the Tonnage of the Ship.

XIV. And be it enacted, That two Copies of this Act shall be kept on board every Ship carrying Passengers on any such voyage as aforesaid, and that for this purpose Two Copies of the same, provided and issued by the Authority of the Commissioners of the Customs, shall be delivered to the Master, on demand, by the Collector or Comptroller of the Customs at the Port and time of Clearance of the Ship; and One of such Copies shall, upon request made at seasonable times to the Master of the Ship, be produced to any Passenger for his perusal.

XV. And be it enacted, That no Ship carrying Passengers on any such Voyage as aforesaid, to any such Port or Place as aforesaid, except any Port or Place in North America, shall, in case the Number of such Passengers shall amount to or exceed One hundred, or in case the estimated length of the Voyage, computed as hereinbefore is mentioned, shall exceed Twelve Weeks, and the Number of such Passengers shall amount to or exceed Fifty, clear out for such Voyage from any Port in the United Kingdom, or in the hereinbefore mentioned Islands, unless there shall be rated upon the Ship's Company, and shall be actually serving on board such Ship, some Person duly authorized by Law to practice in this Kingdom as a Physician, or Surgeon, or Apothecary, and that no such Ship shall actually put to Sea or proceed on such Voyage, unless such Medical Practitioner shall be therein, and shall *bona fide* proceed on such Voyage, taking with him a Medicine Chest, and a proper Supply of Medicines, Instruments, and other things suitable to the intended Voyage; and no Ship carrying Passengers on any Voyage, from any Port or Place in the United Kingdom, or in the hereinbefore mentioned Islands, to or for any Port or Place out of Europe, and not being within the Mediterranean Sea, shall clear out for any such Voyage, unless and until there shall be actually laden and on board such Ship, Medicines, and printed or written Directions for the use of the same, and other things, necessary for the Medical Treatment of the Passengers on board during such intended Voyage, and available for that purpose, nor unless such Medicines and other things, shall be adequate in amount and kind to the probable Exigencies of any such Voyage, and, together with such Medicines and other things, shall also be put on board every such Ship, previously to her clearing out for any such Voyage as aforesaid, a Certificate under the Hands of any One or more such Medical Practitioner, qualified as aforesaid, who shall not have been the seller of the Medicines and other things, or any part of them, to the effect that the same have been inspected by him, and are in his Judgment adequate to meet any such probable Exigencies as aforesaid, and further, that he has no pecuniary Interest in the supply of the same.

XVI. And be it enacted, That in any Ship carrying Passengers upon any such Voyage as aforesaid, no Spirits or Strong Waters shall be sold to any Passenger during the Voyage;

and that if the Master of the Ship shall, directly or indirectly, sell or cause to be sold, any Spirits or Strong Waters, to any Passenger during the Voyage, he shall be liable to a Penalty not exceeding One Hundred Pounds, to be sued for and recovered in manner hereinafter mentioned.

XVII. And be it enacted, That the Master of every Ship carrying Passengers on any such Voyage as aforesaid, shall, before clearing out his said Ship for such Voyage, from any Port or Place in the United Kingdom, or in the hereinbefore mentioned Islands, sign and deliver, in Duplicate, to the Collector, or to such Officer of Her Majesty's Customs at such Port or Place as may clear the Ship, a List, made out according to the Form contained in Schedule (A.) hereto annexed, of all and every the Passenger on board of such Ship, specifying, as accurately as may be, all the Particulars in the said Form required, and such Collector or other Officer shall thereupon countersign and return to the said Master one of such Duplicate Lists; and the said Master shall exhibit such Duplicate List, with the additions, if any, to be made thereto, as hereinafter directed, to the Collector or other Chief Officer of Her Majesty's Customs at any Port or Place in Her Majesty's Possession's, or to Her Majesty's Consul at any Foreign Port at which the said Passengers or any of them shall be landed, and shall deposit the same with such Collector or Chief Officer of Customs, or such Consul, as the case may be, at his final port of discharge.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That in case any such Vessel shall have cleared out as aforesaid, with a number of Passengers less than the number she could lawfully carry, under the Provisions of this Act, or in case any Passenger or Passengers named in the List aforesaid, shall not proceed on the Voyage, and there shall afterwards be taken on board any additional Passenger or Passengers, the Master shall, in every such case, add to the first List so countersigned, and returned to him as aforesaid, and in the same manner as is required in such first List, the names and particulars of such additional Passenger or Passengers; and shall moreover prepare, in the Form aforesaid, a separate List of such additional Passenger or Passengers, and deliver the same, together with the said first List so added to, as aforesaid, both being duly signed by him, to the Collector or other Officer of Customs as aforesaid, at the Port or Place where any such additional Passenger or Passengers may have embarked, and thereupon such Collector or other Officer of Customs shall countersign the additions so made to such first List as aforesaid, and shall return the same to the said Master, and retain the separate additional List, and so on in like manner whenever any additional Passenger or Passengers may be taken on board: Provided always, that in the event of there being no Collector or other Officer of Customs stationed at any Port or Place where such additional Passenger or Passengers may be taken on board, then such separate List, and also the said first List, with the additions so to be made to it as aforesaid, shall, in case the Vessel shall subsequently touch at any Port or Place at which there shall be stationed any Officer of Her Majesty's Customs, be delivered by the said Master to such Officer of Customs, and the same respectively shall be dealt with in all respects by such Officer of Customs, as it would have been dealt with by the Collector or other Officer of Customs as aforesaid, had there been one at the Port or Place where such additional Passenger or Passengers embarked.

XIX. And be it enacted, That if any Owner, Charterer, or Master of a Ship, or any Passage Broker, Agent, or other Person, shall receive any Money from any Person, for or in respect of the Conveyance of any Person as a Passenger on any such voyage as aforesaid to any Port or Place in North America, the Person so receiving such Money shall give a written acknowledgement for the same to the Party from whom the same shall have been received, in the Form contained in the Schedule (B.) hereto annexed, and in default thereof, shall be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Ten Pounds, in respect of each such Passenger, to be sued for and recovered as hereinafter is mentioned, and if he shall be so licensed as hereinafter is mentioned, his Licence shall be forfeited, in case the Justices before whom the Penalty shall be sued for, shall declare the Forfeiture thereof.

XX. And be it enacted, That from and after the commencement of this Act, no Person, not being the Owner or Master of the Ship in which such Passages as are hereinafter mentioned shall be taken, shall carry on the Business of a Passage Broker or Passage Dealer,

Dealer, in respect of Passages from the United Kingdom, or the hereinbefore mentioned Islands, to any Port or Place in North America, or shall sell or let, or agree to sell or let, to any Person, any such Passage, unless he shall have previously taken out a Licence to carry on the Business of a Passage Broker or Passage Dealer, as hereinafter is mentioned, and unless such Licence shall continue in force; and if any Person shall carry on such Business, or sell or let, or agree to sell or let, any such Passage, contrary to this Enactment, every Person so offending shall be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Ten Pounds, in respect of each and every such offence, to be sued for and recovered as hereinafter is mentioned, and shall further be subject to all the same Penalties and Liabilities to which Licensed Passage Brokers and Passage Dealers are subject, under this Act; and that it shall be lawful for any Person desiring to carry on the Business of a Passage Broker or Passage Dealer, in respect of such Passages to North America, as aforesaid, to make application to the Justices assembled in Petty or Quarter Sessions, held for the District or Place in which such Person shall reside, for a Licence to carry on such Business, and such Justices so assembled, are hereby authorized to grant such Licence to the party making application for the same, such Licence to be made out according to the form contained in the Schedule (C.) hereunto annexed, and to continue in force for the period named in such form, unless sooner forfeited, in manner hereinafter mentioned; and where any such Licence shall be granted, such Justices shall cause notice thereof, to be forthwith transmitted by the Post, to the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners, at their office in London; Provided nevertheless, that no such Licence shall be granted, unless the party applying for the same shall show, to the satisfaction of the Justices, that he has given notice to the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners, of his intention to apply for the same, twenty-one clear days at least, before such application, such notice to be transmitted by the Post, to the Office of the said Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners, and to be in the form contained in the said Schedule (D.) hereunto annexed.

XXI. And be it enacted, That if any Licensed Broker or Dealer, as aforesaid, shall receive Money for, or on account of, the passage of any Passenger for any such Voyage, as aforesaid, to any Port or Place in North America, without having a written authority to act as Agent for the party on whose behalf the Contract for such Passage purports to be made, or shall by any fraud or false pretence whatsoever, induce any person to purchase, hire, or engage, a passage in any ship for any such voyage, as aforesaid, every such Broker or Dealer shall be liable, upon conviction, as hereinafter is mentioned, in respect of every such offence, to a penalty not exceeding Ten Pounds, to be sued for and recovered in manner hereinafter mentioned; and it shall be lawful for the Justices before whom the penalty shall be sued for, to declare, if they shall think fit, the Licence of such Broker or Dealer to be forfeited, and the same shall upon such Declaration be forfeited accordingly; Provided always, that in any case in which, under the Provisions of this Act, any Justices shall declare the Licence of any Passage Broker or Passage Dealer to be forfeited, such Justices shall cause notice of such forfeiture, in the form contained in the Schedule (E.) hereunto annexed, to be forthwith transmitted by the Post to the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners, at their office in London.

XXII. And be it enacted, That if any Passenger, or person on his behalf, shall have entered into a Contract for a Passage or Passages for such Passenger, or for him and his Family, in any Ship, for any such Voyage, as aforesaid, from any Port in the United Kingdom, or in the hereinbefore mentioned Islands, to or for any Port or Place out of Europe, and not being in the Mediterranean Sea, and if such Passenger, or such Passenger and his Family, (as the case may be,) shall be at the place of embarkation at the time appointed for that purpose, in and by such Contract, and such Passenger shall apply for such Passage or Passages, and shall, on demand, pay or tender such part of the Passage Money not already paid, as shall be payable under such contract previously to embarkation, and if, owing to the previous departure of the ship in which such Passage or Passages shall have been engaged, or the neglect, refusal, or other default of the Owner, Charterer, or Master thereof, or of the party with whom such Passage or Passages shall have been contracted for, such Passenger shall not obtain such Passage or Passages, or shall not within a reasonable

a reasonable time obtain a Passage or Passages, by some other equally eligible vessel, to the same Port or Place, and in the mean time be paid Subsistence Money, or be provided with lodging and maintenance, as hereinafter mentioned, such Passenger shall be entitled to recover, in manner hereinafter provided, all Monies which he shall have paid for such Passage or Passages, from the party to whom he shall have paid the same, or from the Owner or Charterer of the Ship, for whom such party shall be the Agent, and also such further sum, not exceeding Ten Pounds, in respect of each such Passage as shall, in the opinion of the Justices who shall adjudicate on the complaint, be a reasonable compensation for the loss or inconvenience occasioned to such Passenger, or his Family, by the loss of such Passage or Passages.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That if any Ship shall not actually put to Sea, and proceed upon any such intended Voyage, as aforesaid, on the day for that purpose appointed in and by any Contract made by the Owner, Master, or Charterer of such Ship, or by their Agent, with any Passenger who shall on that Day be on board the same, or ready to proceed on such intended Voyage, then and in every such case, the Master of such Ship shall victual each and every such Passenger in like manner as if the Voyage had commenced, and if the Ship does not put to Sea after the interval of two clear working days from the day appointed for sailing, shall be liable to pay to each and every such Passenger, instead of victualling him, Subsistence Money, after the rate of One Shilling in respect of each day of delay, until the actual clearing out and final departure of such Ship on such Voyage, and the same may be recovered in the manner hereinafter mentioned; provided, however, that such Subsistence Money shall not be payable in lieu of victualling in respect of any unavoidable detention by Wind or Weather, and also, shall not be payable to any Passenger who shall, with his own consent, be suitably lodged and maintained on shore, at the expence of the Parties who are bound to provide him with a Passage.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That the Master of any Ship carrying Passengers under the Provisions of this Act, shall not land or put on shore, or cause to be landed or put on shore, any Passenger, without his previous consent, at any Port or Place other than the Port or Place at which he may have contracted to land or put such Passenger on shore.

XXV. And be it enacted, That, at the close of any such Voyage, as aforesaid, every Person arriving as a Passenger at any Port or Place shall, during the space of forty-eight hours next after such arrival, be entitled to continue on board such Ship, and to be provided for and maintained on board the same, in such and the same manner as during such Voyage, unless in the ulterior prosecution of her Voyage, any such Ship shall quit any such Port or Place within the said period of forty-eight hours.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That the Master of every Ship carrying Passengers on any such Voyage, as aforesaid, shall afford to the Government Agent for Emigration, or to the proper Officer of Customs, at any Port or Place in Her Majesty's Dominions, from which such Ship shall sail, or at which such Ship shall touch, during the Voyage, or at which such Ship shall arrive at the end of such Voyage, and to Her Majesty's Consul at any Port or Place at which such Ship shall arrive, being in a Foreign Country, every facility for the inspection of the Ship, and for communication with the Passengers, and for ascertaining that the Act has been duly observed.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That if in any Ship, carrying Passengers on any such Voyage, as aforesaid, such Lower Deck or Platform of such thickness, as hereinbefore directed, shall not be laid, and continued throughout the whole duration of any such Voyage, in such manner as is hereinbefore required; or if the height between such Lower Deck or Platform, and the Upper Deck, shall be less than six feet; or if there shall be more than two tiers of Berths; or if such Berths shall not be securely constructed, or shall not be of the dimensions hereinbefore required; or if there shall not be throughout the whole duration of any such Voyage, such an interval as is hereinbefore prescribed, between the Deck and the floor of the Berths; or if any such Ship shall clear out, and put to Sea, not having on board Tanks or sweet Casks of such size and number, as aforesaid, and such Water and Provisions, as aforesaid, for the use and consumption of the said Passengers, of the kind, and to the amount, and in the proportion, hereinbefore required; or

if such Water and Provisions shall not be issued in manner hereinbefore required ; or if such Ship shall not be provided with good Boats, according to the rates aforesaid ; or if copies of this Act shall not have been kept on board, and produced on demand, as hereinbefore required ; or if there shall not be on board any such Vessel such Medical Practitioner, as aforesaid, or such Medicines and other things necessary to the Medical Treatment of the Passengers, as is hereinbefore required ; or if any such Ship shall be cleared out before such List of Passengers, as hereinbefore mentioned, shall have been delivered in manner and form aforesaid, to such Officer as aforesaid ; or if the additions to such List, and such additional separate List or Lists, as aforesaid, be not made in the cases aforesaid, and delivered in the cases in which they are hereinbefore required to be delivered ; or if any such List, or the additions to the same, shall be wilfully false ; or if any such List, including the additions, if any to the same, shall not be exhibited to, or deposited with, the proper Officer, at any Port or Place at which it is hereinbefore required to be exhibited or deposited ; or if any Passenger shall, without his previous consent, be put on shore at any Place, other than the Place at which the Master had contracted to land such Passenger ; or if any Passenger shall not be allowed to continue on board such Ship, in manner hereinbefore provided ; or if every such facility for inspection shall not be afforded, as is hereinbefore required, the Master of any such Ship shall, for and in respect of each and every such offence, be liable, on such summary conviction as hereinafter mentioned, to the payment of a Fine not exceeding Fifty Pounds, Sterling, British Money.

XXVIII. Provided nevertheless, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained, shall take away or abridge any right of Suit or Action, which may accrue to any Passenger in any such Ship, or to any other person, in respect of the breach or non-performance of any Contract made or entered into, between or on behalf of any such Passenger, or other person, and the Master, Owner or Owners, of any such Ship.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That all Penalties imposed by this Act, for any offence against the same, may be sued for, and recovered, to the use of Her Majesty, as hereinafter is mentioned : (that is to say,) in the United Kingdom, by any Government Emigration Agent, or any Collector or Comptroller of Her Majesty's Customs, or by any other Officer of Her Majesty's Customs, authorized, in writing, by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs, to sue for Penalties under this Act ; and in any of Her Majesty's Possessions abroad, by any such Government Agent, Collector, or Comptroller, or other Officer so authorized, as aforesaid, and also, by any Officer authorized to sue for Penalties under this Act, by writing, under the Hand and Seal of the Governor, or Officer administering the Government of any such Possession—which respective Authorities the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs, and such Governors or other Officers, are hereby empowered to grant ; and all sums of money made recoverable by this Act, as return of Passage Money, Subsistence Money, or Compensation, may be sued for and recovered, as hereinafter is mentioned, by or to the use of any Passenger entitled thereto, under this Act, or by any of such Officers, as aforesaid, on behalf and to the use of any such Passenger, or on behalf, and to the respective use of any number of such Passengers, and either by one or several complaints ; and all such Penalties and Sums of Money may be sued for, and recovered, before any two or more Justices of the Peace, acting in any part of Her Majesty's Dominions in which the offence shall have been committed, or the cause of complaint shall have arisen, or in which the offender or party complained against shall happen to be ; and upon complaint being made before any one Justice of the Peace, as aforesaid, he shall issue a Summons, requiring the party offending or complained against, to appear on a day, and at an hour and place, to be named in such Summons ; and every such Summons shall be served on the party offending or complained against, or shall be left at his last house, place of residence, or of business, or on board any Ship to which he may belong ; and either upon the appearance, or default to appear by the party offending or complained against, it shall be lawful for any two or more Justices to proceed summarily upon the case, and either with or without any written information ; and upon proof of the offence, or of the Complainant's claim, (as the case may be,) either by confession of the Party offending or complained against, or upon the Oath of one or more credible

Witness or Witnesses (which Oath such Justices are hereby authorized to administer), it shall be lawful for such Justices to convict the Offender or adjudicate the Complaint, and upon such conviction or adjudication, to order the Offender or Party complained against, to pay such Penalty, within the limits hereinbefore expressed, as the Justices may declare to have been incurred, or (as the case may be) to pay to the Party suing for the same the sum of Money sued for, or so much thereof as such Justices shall think the Complainant justly entitled to, and also to pay the costs attending the Information or Complaint, Summons, Conviction, or Adjudication; and if forthwith upon any such Order, the Monies thereby ordered to be paid be not paid, the same may be levied, together with the Costs of the Distress and Sale, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattles of the Party ordered to pay such Monies, the surplus, if any, to be returned to him, upon demand; and any such Justices may issue their Warrant accordingly, and may also order such Party to be detained and kept in safe custody until return can conveniently be made to such Warrant of Distress, unless such Party give sufficient Security, to the satisfaction of such Justices, for his appearance before them on the day appointed for such Return, such day or days not being more than eight days from the time of taking such Security; but if it shall appear to such Justices, by the admission of such Party or otherwise, that no sufficient Distress can be had whereon to levy the Monies so adjudged to be paid, they may, if they think fit, refrain from issuing such Warrant of Distress; and in such case, or if such Warrant shall have been issued, and upon the Return thereof such insufficiency as aforesaid, shall be made to appear to the Justices, or any two or more such Justices, as aforesaid, then such Justices shall, by Warrant, cause the Party ordered to pay such Monies and Costs as aforesaid, to be committed to Gaol, there to remain without Bail for any Term not exceeding Three Months, unless such Monies and Costs ordered to be paid, and such Costs of Distress and Sale as aforesaid, be sooner paid and satisfied.

XXX. And be it enacted, That if any Proceeding before any Justice or Justices under this Act or upon any Action, Suit or other Proceeding whatsoever, against any Person or Persons for any thing done either contrary to, or in pursuance of this Act, a question should arise whether any Person is a Government Emigration Agent, or an Officer of the Customs, *viva voce* evidence may be given of such fact, and shall be deemed legal and sufficient evidence.

XXXI. And be it enacted, That any Passenger suing, as hereinbefore is mentioned, for any Sum of Money made recoverable by this Act, as return of Passage Money, Subsistence Money, or Compensation, shall not be deemed an incompetent Witness in any Proceeding for the recovery thereof, notwithstanding the same, if recovered, shall be applicable to his own use and benefit.

XXXII. And be it enacted, That where any Distress shall be made for any Penalty, Monies or Costs, to be levied by virtue of this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor the Party making the same be deemed a Trespasser, on account of any defect or want of Form in the Information, Summons, Conviction, Warrant of Distress, or other Proceedings relating thereto, nor shall the Party distraining be deemed a Trespasser *ab initio* on account of any irregularity which shall be afterwards committed by the Party so distraining, but the Person aggrieved by such irregularity may recover full satisfaction for the special damage in an Action upon the Case.

XXXIII. And be it enacted, That no Plaintiff shall recover in any action against any Person, for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, if tender of sufficient amends shall have been made before such action brought, or if, after action brought, a sufficient sum of Money shall have been paid into Court, with Costs, by or on behalf of the Defendant.

XXXIV. And be it enacted, That no action or suit shall be commenced against any person, for any thing done in pursuance of or under the authority of this Act, until Twenty-one days notice has been given thereof, in writing, to the party or person against whom such action or suit is intended to be brought, nor after three Calendar Months next, after the act committed for which such action or suit shall be so brought; and every such action shall be brought, laid, and tried, where the cause of action shall have arisen, and not in any other place; and the Defendant in such action or suit may plead the general issue, and

and give this Act, and any special matter in evidence, at any trial which shall be had thereupon; and if the matter or thing shall appear to have been done under or by virtue of this Act, or if it shall appear that such action or suit was brought, before Twenty-one days notice thereof, given as aforesaid, or if any action or suit shall not be commenced within the time hereinbefore limited, or shall be brought or laid in any other place, as aforesaid, then the Jury shall find a Verdict for the Defendant therein; and if a Verdict shall be found for such Defendant, or if the Plaintiff in such action or suit shall become nonsuited, or suffer a discontinuance of such action, or if upon a demurrer in such action, Judgment shall be given for the Defendant thereon, then and in any of the cases aforesaid, such Defendant shall and may recover Treble Costs, and shall have such remedy for recovering the same, as any Defendant may have for his Costs in any other case by Law.

XXXV. And for the more effectually securing the observance of the aforesaid Rules, and the payment of the penalties, be it enacted, That before any Ship carrying Passengers, if the number of such Passengers shall exceed Fifty, shall clear out for any such Voyage as aforesaid, from any Port or Place in the United Kingdom, or in the hereinbefore mentioned Islands, the Owner or Charterer, or, in the event of the absence of such Owner or Charterer, one good and sufficient person on his behalf, to be approved by the Collector or Chief Officer of Customs at such Port, and the Master of said Ship, shall enter into a joint and several Bond to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, in the sum of One Thousand Pounds, the condition of which Bond shall be, that the said ship is seaworthy, and that all and every the Rules and Regulations made and prescribed by this Act, for the Carriage of Passengers, shall be well and truly performed, before and during such intended Voyage, and that all Penalties, Fines and Forfeitures, which the Master of such Ship may be sentenced or adjudged to pay, for or in respect of the breach or non-performance, before or during such Voyage, of any such Rules and Regulations, shall be well and truly paid: Provided always, that such Bonds shall be without Stamps, and that no such Bond shall be put in suit, and that no prosecution, suit, action, information, or complaint, shall be brought under or by virtue of this Act, or upon or by reason of the breach of any of the Provisions thereof, in any of Her Majesty's Possessions abroad, after the expiration of Twelve Calendar Months, next succeeding the commencement of any such Voyage, as aforesaid, nor in the United Kingdom, or any of the Islands before mentioned, after the expiration of Twelve Calendar Months, next after the return of said Ship, or of the said Master, to the United Kingdom, or the hereinbefore mentioned Islands.

XXXVI. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to Ships carrying Passengers on such Voyage, as aforesaid, if the number of such Passengers shall not amount to or exceed Thirty, nor shall any thing in this Act contained extend to any of Her Majesty's Ship's of War, or to any Ship in the service of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom, or to Ships of War or Transports in the Service of the East India Company.

XXXVII. And whereas it is expedient to provide in certain cases, for the regulation of voyages from the Colonies; be it therefore enacted, That this Act shall, except as hereinafter excepted, extend and apply to the Carriage of Passengers by sea, from any of the British West Indies, in which term are included the British West India Islands, the Bahamas, and British Guiana, and from Malta, and from the British Possessions in Africa, and from the Mauritius, to any other place whatsoever.

XXXVIII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor, or Officer administering the Government of any British Colony, not enumerated in the enactment lastly hereinbefore contained, to declare by Proclamation to be issued for that purpose, that this Act, except as hereinafter is excepted, shall be extended, and shall apply to the Carriage of Passengers by sea, from such Colony to such places as may by him be named, for the purpose in such Proclamation, and thereupon this Act shall be thenceforth so extended, and shall so apply accordingly.

XXXIX. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor, or Officer administering the Government of any of the British Colonies, to which this Act, as respects the Carriage

Carriage of Passengers by sea therefrom, has been hereby extended, or shall have been extended by Proclamation, as hereinbefore is mentioned, by any Proclamation or Proclamations to be by him from time to time issued for that purpose, to declare the rule of computation by which the length of the voyage of any ship carrying Passengers from such Colony to any other place, shall be estimated, for the purposes of this Act: Provided nevertheless, that this Act shall not, except as respects the West Indies, and except as hereinafter is mentioned, extend or apply to any such voyage, if the length thereof so computed shall not be Three Weeks or upwards.

XL. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor, or Officer administering the Government of any of the British Colonies to which this Act has, as respects the Carriage of Passengers by Sea therefrom, been hereby extended, or shall have been so extended by Proclamation as hereinbefore is mentioned, by any Proclamation or Proclamations to be by him from time to time issued for that purpose, to substitute for the articles of food and provisions specified in this Act, such other articles of food and provisions as shall be a full equivalent for the same.

XLI. Provided always and be it enacted, That every such Proclamation as aforesaid, or as hereinafter is mentioned, shall be transmitted by the Governor or Officer by whom the same may have been issued to Her Majesty, through one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, for Her Majesty's confirmation or disallowance; and in case the same shall be disallowed by any Order to be made by Her Majesty for that purpose, with the advice of Her Privy Council, then, from and after the promulgation of any such Order in Council, within any such Colony, any such Proclamation shall cease to be of any force or authority, but until so disallowed, the same shall be duly observed and obeyed: Provided also, that on the production at any one of the Colonies aforesaid, of an attested copy of any such Proclamation as aforesaid, or as hereinafter is mentioned, under the Hand of the Governor, or the Officer administering the Government of the Colony wherein the same may have been issued, and under the public Seal of such Colony, such attested copy shall, in the Colony wherein the same shall be so produced, be received as good and sufficient evidence of the issuing and of the contents of any such Proclamation.

XLII. And be it enacted, That all the Powers and Authorities which are hereinbefore vested in the Collector and Comptroller of the Customs, for determining the seaworthiness of any ship carrying Passengers from any Port in the United Kingdom, shall, in respect of any ship carrying Passengers from any Port in any of the Colonies aforesaid, be and the same are hereby vested in the respective Governors, or Officers administering the Government of the said Colonies, respectively.

XLIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That as respects voyages from the Colonies, it shall not be necessary for the Master, Owner, or Charterer of any Ship carrying Passengers on any such voyage, to enter into any such Bond as is hereinbefore required to be entered into by the Master, and Owner, or Charterer of any Ship carrying Passengers on any such voyage as hereinbefore is mentioned.

XLIV. Provided also, and be it enacted, That the provisions of this Act shall not extend or apply to voyages from the Colonies, so far as relates to the following subjects: (namely,)

The keeping copies of the Act on board:

The use of the form of receipt hereinbefore required to be given for Passage Money:

The licensing of Passage Brokers:

The return of Passage Money and compensation, in case the party cannot be forwarded by the appointed ship, or by some other eligible vessel, and victualling, or the payment of Subsistence Money, in case of detention.

XLV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That, except as hereinbefore is excepted, with respect to voyages from the Colonies, the provisions and regulations of this Act shall extend and apply to voyages from the West Indies of less duration, so computed as aforesaid, than Three Weeks, but being of not less duration, so computed as aforesaid, than Three Days, save and except so far as relates to the following subjects; (namely)

The construction or thickness of the Lower Deck or Platform:

The

The Berths :

The Height between Decks :

The Surgeon and Medicine Chest :

The Maintenance of Passengers for Forty-eight Hours after arrival :

Provided also, that as respects such voyages from the West Indies, of less computed duration than Three Weeks, the owner or charterer of a ship may, if he think fit, contract with the Passengers engaging passages therein, that they shall respectively provide themselves with necessary Food, (not including Water) for the voyage ; and in such case the regulations of this Act, respecting the issue of provisions by the Master, shall not be applicable to such Passengers on such voyage.

XLVI. Provided also, and be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor, or Officer administering the Government of any British Colony (other than the West Indies) to which this Act, as respects the carriage of Passengers by sea therefrom, has been hereby extended, or shall hereafter be extended by Proclamation, as hereinbefore is mentioned, by the same, or by any subsequent Proclamation, to be by him issued for that purpose, to declare that the enactment hereinbefore contained, respecting voyages from the West Indies, of shorter duration than Three Weeks, shall extend and apply to voyages from the Colony, in respect of which, such Proclamation shall be issued, such voyage being of less duration, so computed as aforesaid, than Three Weeks, but not of less duration, so computed as aforesaid, than Three Days ; and thereupon such enactment shall extend and apply to such voyage accordingly.

XLVII. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained, extends, or shall be construed to extend, to prevent the enactment by the respective Governors, Councils, and Assemblies, or other local Legislatures, in the British West Indies and South America, and in the Bahama Islands, and in Bermuda, or by Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, of any such Acts of General Assembly, or Ordinances, or Orders in Council, as may be requisite for making and establishing such several Rules and Regulations, as are required by this Act, or any of them, or for carrying the same into full and complete effect : Provided nevertheless, that it shall not be lawful for any such Governor, Council, and Assembly, or for any such local Legislature, or for Her Majesty in Council, by any such Acts of Assembly, Ordinances, or Orders in Council, as aforesaid, to make or establish any Enactment, Provisions, Rule, or Order, which shall be in anywise repugnant or contradictory to this Act, or any part thereof, but that every such Enactment, Regulation, Provision, Rule, or Order, shall be and is hereby declared to be absolutely null and void, and of no effect.

XLVIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing hereinbefore contained, shall be construed to apply to any of the Territories or Places under the Government of the East India Company, or to any of the Governors appointed by the said Company ; nor shall any thing hereinbefore contained, affect or be construed to affect the Powers now vested in the Governor General of India, in Council, to make Laws and Regulations whereby the Provisions of this Act, or such of them as to the said Governor General of India, in Council, shall seem expedient, shall or may be extended to the Territories and Places under the Government of the said Company, or for or in respect of which the said Governor General, in Council, has now by Law a power of Legislation ; but it is hereby enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Governor General of India, in Council, from time to time, by any Act or Acts to be passed for that purpose, to declare that this Act, with such exceptions as are hereinbefore mentioned, shall extend and apply to the Carriage of Passengers upon any voyage, from any Ports or Places within the Territories of the East India Company, to be specified or described in such Act or Acts, to any other Places whatsoever, to be also specified or described in such Act or Acts, and also in like manner to authorize the substitution, as respects such voyages, of other equivalent articles of Food and Provisions, for those hereinbefore enumerated, and to declare the rule of computation by which the length of any such voyage shall be estimated, and to confer the powers hereinbefore conferred upon Government Emigration Agents, and Collectors, and Comptrollers of the Customs, with respect to ascertaining and deciding on the seaworthy-

ness of a Ship, upon such officers of the East India Company, as the said Governor General in Council may think proper; and from and after the passing of such Act or Acts, and whilst the same shall remain in force, this Act shall, with such exceptions as are hereinbefore made as respects voyages from the Colonies, apply to and extend to the carriage of Passengers upon such voyages, as in the said Act or Acts shall be specified; which Acts shall nevertheless be subject to disallowance and repeal, and shall in the same manner be transmitted to England, and be laid before both Houses of Parliament, as in case of any other Laws or Regulations which the said Governor General, in Council, is now by Law empowered to make.

XLIX. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Governor General of India, in Council, from time to time, by any Act or Acts to be passed for that purpose, to declare in what manner, and before what Authorities, and by what form of proceedings, the Penalties imposed, and the sums of money made recoverable by this Act, shall be sued for and recovered within any Places or Territories under the Government of the East India Company, and to what uses such Penalties shall be applied.

L. And be it enacted, That the Provisions, Regulations, Penalties, and Forfeitures, set forth in this Act, shall extend, and be deemed to extend, to Foreign Vessels, carrying Passengers upon any Voyage from any Port or Place in the United Kingdom, or in the hereinbefore mentioned Islands, to or for any Port or Place out of Europe, and not being within the Mediterranean Sea, or upon any other Voyage, to which the provisions of this Act shall, for the time being, extend.

LI. And be it enacted, That wherever the term "Passage" or "Passenger" is used in this Act, it shall be held not to include or extend to the class of Passages or Passengers commonly known and understood by the name of Cabin Passages and Cabin Passengers.

LII. And be it enacted, That in the construction of this Act, unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction, every word importing the Singular Number, or the Masculine Gender only, shall be understood to include, and shall be applied to several persons, matters, or things, as well as one person, matter, or thing, and females as well as males, respectively.

LIII. And be it enacted, That in all proceedings, it shall be sufficient to cite this Act by the title of "The Passengers Act."

LIV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall commence on the First day of October, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-two, and not sooner.

Schedules referred to by the foregoing Act.

Schedule (A.) referred to in the 17th Section of the Passengers Act.

Ship's Name	Master's Name.	Tons per Register.	Aggregate Number of superficial feet in the several compartments set apart for Steerage and Intermediate Passengers.	Total Number of Statute Adults the ship can legally carry.	Where bound.

I hereby certify, That the Provisions actually laden on board this Ship, according to the Section of the Passengers Act, are sufficient for Passengers, computed according to the Act.

Date.

(Signed)

Master.

NOMINAL

NOMINAL LIST OF PASSENGERS.*

Ports of Embarkation.	Name of Passengers.	Adults.			Children under 14 years.			Profession, Occupation, or Calling of Passenger	Port at which Passengers have contracted to be landed.
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.		
		Total Number of Souls equal to Statute Adults							

* We hereby certify the above is a correct List of all the Passengers who embarked at the Port of (Signed)

Master. Officer of Customs.

N. B.—Lines should be ruled in the same Form, for any Additions to the List after the Ship first clears out; and similar Certificates be subjoined to such Additions, according to the Requirements of the Act.

Schedule (B.) referred to in the 19th Section of this Act.

PASSENGERS CONTRACT TICKET.

N. B.—Any one receiving Money from or in respect of any Passenger about leaving the United Kingdom for any place in North America, without using this Form, and correctly filling up the Blanks therein, and signing it with his Name in full, will be liable to a penalty not exceeding £10 for each such Passenger.

Ship for of Tons Register Burthen, to sail from day of 18

Names.	Ages.	Equal to Statute Adults.

I engage that the parties herein named, shall be provided with a Steerage Passage to in the Ship with not less than ten cubic feet for Luggage for each Statute Adult, for the sum of £ including Head Money, if any, at the place of landing, and every other charge; and I hereby acknowledge to have received the sum of £ full in—payment. part Water and Provisions according to the annexed Scale will be supplied by the Ship, as required by Law, and also Fires and suitable Hearths for cooking. Utensils for eating and drinking will be provided by Bedding will be provided by Signature { N. B.—If signed by a Broker or Agent, state on whose behalf. Date [At end of this Contract insert the Victualing Scale, which must in no case be less than required under the provisions of the Passengers Act.]

Deposit £
Balance £
Total £

to be paid at

Schedule

Schedule (C.) referred to in the 20th Section of this Act.

FORM OF PASSENGER BROKER'S LICENSE.

A. B. of _____ in the _____ having shown to the satisfaction of us, the undersigned Justices of the Peace, in _____ Sessions assembled, that he hath duly given Notice to Her Majesty's Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners, of his intention to make application for a License to carry on the business of a Passage Broker or Passage Dealer, in respect to Passages to North America: We, the undersigned Justices, so assembled, as aforesaid, and having had no sufficient cause shown to us why the said A. B. should not receive such License, do hereby License and authorize the said A. B. to carry on the business of a Passenger Broker or Passage Dealer, as aforesaid, until the 31st day of December, in the year following the present year, unless this License shall be sooner determined, by forfeiture for misconduct on the part of the said A. B., as in the Passengers Act is provided.

Given under our respective Hands and Seals, this _____ day of _____ 18 ____ at _____
 (L. S.)
 Justice of the Peace.
 (L. S.)
 Justice of the Peace.

Schedule (D.) referred to in the 20th Section of this Act.

Form of Notice to be given by Passage Broker to Her Majesty's Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners.

Gentlemen—

I, A. B. of _____ in _____ do hereby give you Notice, that it is my intention to apply, after the expiration of twenty-one clear days from the putting of this Notice into the Post, to the Justices to be assembled in the _____ Sessions, to be held for _____ Petty _____ for a License to carry on the business of a Passenger Broker or Passage Dealer, in respect of Passages to North America.

Signature.

Date.

To Her Majesty's Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners.

Schedule (E.) referred to in 21st Section of this Act.

Form of Notice to be given to Her Majesty's Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners, of forfeiture of Passage Broker's License.

Gentlemen—

This is to give you Notice, that the License granted on the _____ day of _____ 18 __, to A. B. of _____ in _____ to act as a Passage Broker or Passage Dealer, was on the day of _____ now last past, duly declared by us, the undersigned Justices of the Peace, in Petty Sessions assembled, to be forfeited.

Signatures.

Date.

To Her Majesty's Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners, London.

No. 10.

(See Page 377.)

Halifax, 1st February, 1843.

SIR—

I have the honor to enclose herewith, statements of the expenses of the several Vessels employed in the service of the Revenue in the year 1842, together with a general account, by which you will perceive a Balance of £515 3s. 11d. over the sum of £1800 granted by the Legislature. This over expenditure has been caused by the employment of the vessels to a later period, as directed by the Lieutenant Governor,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

ED. WALLACE.

John Whidden, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

DR. *The Revenue Service, in Account with Edward Wallace.*

1842. To expenses of Schr. John and Louisa Wallace, per Statement,	£647	0	5½
To expenses of Schr. Victory, per Statement,	731	1	7½
To expenses of Schr. Sisters, per Statement,	826	16	11
To Commission on £2204 19s. at 5 per cent.,	110	4	11

 £2315 3 11

To Balance brought down,

 £515 3 11

CR.

 By Warrant on Treasury,
 By Balance carried down,

 £1800 0 0
 515 3 11

 £2315 3 11

(E. E.)

ED. WALLACE.

Halifax, 31st December, 1842.

Statement of the expenses of the Schooner John and Louisa Wallace, employed in the Service of the Revenue in year 1842.

1. George Coleman's Account,	£3	11	0
2. John Strachan's do. for Boat,	6	0	0
3. Nelson Marvin's do.	18	12	9
4. A. & J. McNab's, do.	111	15	10½
5. W. & J. Rogers', do.	10	7	9
6. Disbursement do.	36	7	1
7. Seamens Wages,	242	0	0
8. Hire of Vessel, per Charter Party,	126	0	0
9. Captain. Stephens' wages, 7½ months, £10 per month, Travelling expences, &c., allowed him,	75	0	0
	6	0	0
10. Insurance on Schooner, as per Charter Party, and renewal thereof,	11	6	0

 £647 0 5½

Statement of the expenses of the Schooner Victory, employed in the Service of the Revenue, in the year 1842.

1. Andrew McGrigor's Account,	£1	7	11½
2. A. & J. McNab's do.	81	15	7
3. W. & J. Rogers' do.	8	9	2
4. William Payne's do.	16	12	9
5. Disbursement do.	98	19	10
6. Seamen's Wages,	225	0	10
7. J. Marshall's Wages, as Seizing Officer, 7½ months,			
at £10 per month,	£75	0	0
Sundry expenses allowed him,	6	0	0
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	81	0	0
8. William Cann's Account for Wages, and Hire of Schooner,			
per Account and Charter Party,	217	0	0
9. William Bentley's Account,	0	16	4
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	£731	1	7½

Statement of the Expenses of the Schooner Sisters, employed in the service of the Revenue, in the year 1842.

1. A. & J. McNab's Account, for Supplies,	£107	0	8
2. W. & J. Rodgers', do. Beef,	24	5	4
3. Disbursement do.	57	14	8
4. Seamen's Wages,	473	16	3
5. Captain Darby's Wages, 8½ months, £4 per month,	34	0	0
6. Hire of Schooner from Commissioners of Sable Island,	80	0	0
7. Hire of Schooner Victoria, to cruise instead of the Sisters, during the absence of the latter, to convey the Judges to Cape Breton, and other Service,	50	0	0
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	£826	16	11

No. 11.

(See Page 379.)

(COPY.)

Fredericton, N. B. January 27th, 1843.

SIR—

I have the honor to enclose to you, by direction of the Lieutenant-Governor, copy of a Letter from Capt. Crawley, R. E., who has been employed in the Survey of a Line for a Canal between the Bay of Fundy and the Gulph of St. Lawrence, and to request, that you will bring the same under the consideration of Lord Falkland, in the hope that His Lordship may think the matter of sufficient importance to induce him to submit it to the Legislature of Nova Scotia, with a view to obtain a contribution towards carrying out the Survey, suggested by Capt. Crawley.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

(Signed)

A. READE.

The Provincial Secretary, &c. &c. &c., Halifax, Nova Scotia.

(COPY.)

(COPY.)

Fredericton, N. B., 19th January, 1843.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

When I was employed in the Survey of the Line for a Canal between the Bay of Fundy and Gulph of St. Lawrence, last Summer, Mr. J. S. Morse, of Amherst, N. S. showed me the Plan of a Line that had been surveyed for a similar purpose, from the mouth of River LePlanche to Tignish River.

There appeared to have been no levels taken of that route. If any funds could be made available, it would be very desirable that a more minute examination should be made of it, with a view to carrying the desired communication by that Line, which lies wholly within the Province of Nova Scotia.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

H. O. CRAWLEY,

Capt. Royal Engineers.

No. 12.

(See Page 379.)

No. 20.

Government House, Halifax, December 21, 1841.

MY LORD—

Lord John Russell having desired in his despatch, numbered 61, dated July 19th, 1841, that I will give my opinion as to how far it might be expedient to give effect to the wishes of the House of Assembly here, (as expressed in the resolutions of that House, transmitted by me on the 3rd of May last, with my despatch No. 72,) in regard to the sale of Crown Lands, I have given the subject my best attention, and beg to offer the following observations for your Lordship's consideration.

The attempt to decide in what mode the disposal of Crown Lands should be regulated, is attended, in as far as relates to Nova Scotia, with difficulties which are not felt, or at any rate not felt in an equal degree, in the other North American Colonies. These difficulties arise from the inferior quality of the disposable land, and from the poverty of the greater number of settlers who come to this country, they being generally of a different class from those who emigrate to New Brunswick or to Canada, and possessing frequently no wealth but their own labor. Emigrants of this description squat, as a matter of course, nor has the government in general the means of preventing their doing so, even on Government lands, as they proceed at once to the wilderness, where it would be difficult to track, and whence it is next to impossible to dislodge them, for if traced and driven from one spot, by means of an expensive and tedious legal process, they would immediately occupy a lot of land a few yards distant, and the same measures would have to be again resorted to, until far more than the value of the land had been expended in its protection, which, after all, would not be secured against the very next intruder, but the settler who wishes to establish himself without paying for the ground he occupies, can do so unembarrassed by any fear of opposition on the part of the Government, enormous grants of wild land having been made to absentees who have no representatives in Nova Scotia, he has only to fix his habitation on one of these tracts, and reside in security, undisturbed either by the Crown or the legal owner of the soil.

The foregoing remarks are more particularly applicable to the Island of Cape Breton, and an illustration of the statement I have made with regard to the poverty of the Emigrants who visit that part of this Colony, and their disposition to settle illegally, is afforded by what has lately taken place there. Having received intelligence from the Member for the County of Cape Breton, that a body of strangers amounting to upwards of a thousand had

had landed, and that it was probable they would, if not located according to law, spread themselves over the Island and take possession of unoccupied Lands without authority, I consulted the Executive Council, and with their concurrence directed notice to be sent to the Deputy Surveyor General resident at Sydney, that the usual regulations with respect to Sales by Auction should be dispensed with, and, as will be seen by a copy of a letter of the Provincial Secretary, which I now enclose, (vide paper No. 1,) instructed that officer to establish the new comers without delay on Crown Lands, charging the usual upset price of 2s. 6d. sterling per acre. Mr. Crawley, in his answer (vide paper No. 2,) states, and his statement is corroborated by the letter of Mr. Dodd, a member of the Executive Council, resident at Sydney, a copy of which I enclose (vide paper No. 3,) that the number of Emigrants who have arrived is about 1500: that they are chiefly natives of the Hebrides, of the poorest class, that they have neither power nor inclination to purchase Lands, and that the greater number of them are already settled on one of those large grants held by absentees to which I have before alluded. But too many of the Emigrants who resort to Cape Breton, are of the class of these poor people, the evils of whose condition Mr. Dodd truly describes, nor am I able to point out any regulations in respect of Crown Lands, which could either beneficially affect them, or promote in their instance the interests of the Province.

The reason of the difference between the circumstances of those who come as settlers to this Colony, and the circumstances of those who go to the other North American Provinces, is not very apparent, but this difference appears to me to spring from several causes, such as the Fisheries that are established all round the coasts of Cape Breton, and on the Western Shore of Nova Scotia, which at once afford a subsistence to those accustomed to similar pursuits in Europe. The inferiority of the disposable Land in this Province, as compared with that to be obtained either in Canada or New Brunswick, and lastly the greater obstacles which are here opposed to the speedy settlement of the Agricultural Emigrant, by the want of General Surveys, and the system of Sales by Auction. The regulations I am about to propose would remove some of these obstacles, although they could, of course, neither improve the character of the soil, nor mitigate the inconvenience arising from the want of sufficient Surveys, which inconvenience is felt here infinitely more than either in Canada or New Brunswick, the Local Legislatures and Land Companies having caused extensive Surveys to be made in each of those Governments. The evils existing here, and arising from a deficiency in this respect cannot be remedied (unless indeed the Imperial Government should interfere) without the action of the House of Assembly, and of this there is but little hope, for although what is stated of the Canadas in Appendix B to Lord Durham's Report on the affairs of British North America, page 30, may, with equal truth, be asserted of the greater part of Nova Scotia, viz: "that with very few exceptions no man can be said to possess a secure title to his land, or even to know whether the spot upon which he is settled belongs to himself, his neighbor, or the Crown;"—the evils which must arise from this cause will be perpetuated on account of the expense to be incurred in their removal, a strong disinclination existing in the House of Assembly here, to grant money for Surveys, which disinclination arises from the fact that little or no Revenue is derived from the Sale of Crown Lands, only £2720 11s. 6d. currency, or £2176 9s. 3d. sterling, having been paid to the Casual Revenue from this source during ten years, as the produce of Sales in Nova Scotia Proper, the expenses of the Surveyor General's Department absorbing the remainder, while nothing whatever has been derived from Cape Breton during the same period; added to this the feeling is very general throughout the community that the settler, however poor, is a benefit to the Province, and that settle in what manner he may, he ought to be encouraged, and not molested; further, it is thought that the Land is in general not of sufficient value to pay, by its additional expenses, for accurate General Surveys, as, Surveyed or not, Nova Scotia would probably be visited only by the same description of settlers as at present, the better soil and climate of Canada and the United States still continuing to attract the more opulent. These conclusions may be just or not, but it is certain that so long as such sentiments influence the public mind, no Grants for Surveys are to be expected from the Local Legislature.

It may be a matter of doubt, whether it is desirable to encourage emigrants who have not the means to buy lands, to come to a country where it is to be obtained legally only by purchase, when such strong temptations to illegal occupation subsist, and in which, unless they do by some means or other establish themselves as cultivators, destitution must inevitably be their portion, fishermen only being exempted from the general calamity. Independent, however, of its being uncertain that any Laws or regulations could prevent their coming in times where a succession of bad seasons and failing crops at home, has left them no alternatives but emigration or starvation, the medium through which the question is viewed by the Provincial Politician, would render it most difficult to carry through the Legislature any provisions having such a tendency. The feeling is almost universal, that vast portions of the best land in the Province, which would be most likely to tempt the Emigrant in easy circumstances to fix himself permanently, and the improvement of which would conduce to the general advantage, are held by individuals who contribute in no way to the prosperity of the Colony, with which in many instances they are totally unconnected, except in so far as their legal rights interfere with the public interests, while the squatter brings with him, if he brings nothing else, at least the ability to support the privations incidental to the settlement of a new country, and that although he may probably lead a life of poverty and hardship himself, the children of such an individual will form a valuable addition to the population, and therefore if not absolutely fostered and protected, he should at all events not be severely dealt with. The Nova-Scotian is thus naturally inclined to look with indulgence on the unlawful appropriation of land unprofitably kept out of cultivation, and the public sympathy is enlisted in favour of the offender: what the ultimate consequences will be to the squatter himself, or to the public, does not seem ever to be thought of: the endless Law suits, and the numerous acts of oppression which must take place, when the owner of the land long unlawfully occupied, but cleared and improved by the occupier, shall claim his own, and take advantage of the years of toil bestowed upon it; the odium which must attend the enforcement of the Law, and ultimately rest on the Government, being all lost sight of by the native of the Colony in his desire to see his country advance with rapidity.

Having found my inability to cope with the difficulties arising from the want of sufficient general Surveys, or from the sudden influx of emigrants of the description of those who have lately come to Cape Breton, (and it will be presently seen that few with greater means come to Nova Scotia Proper,) I have applied myself to remedy such obstacles as I could hope to remove by new regulations, in the case of Emigrants arriving with the intention of becoming settlers by purchase, or of natives wishing to become proprietors.—Returns which I now enclose, (see paper marked No. 4,) show that these latter form a very great majority of the purchasers of Crown Land in Nova Scotia Proper, during the years 1839, 1840, and 1841—224 persons having become purchasers of Crown Lands to the extent of 26,165 acres, during those three years, while of this the number of emigrants or strangers among the buyers is but 18, or only about eight per cent., the number of acres sold to Nova Scotians being 24,569, and to strangers 1596, or in the proportion of more than 15 to 1. Returns of a like nature relative to Cape Breton, (see papers marked 5) shew a dissimilarity in this respect, the number of purchasers of Crown Lands in the Island, during the years 1838, 1839 and 1840, (it having been found impossible to get an accurate return for the present year in time to forward it by the next Packet) having been 164, of whom 116 were strangers, and only 49 natives, while the total number of acres sold is 16,188, the quantity bought by strangers is 11,831 acres, and by natives 4357, but it will be seen by Mr. Crawley's letter, attached to these returns, that the majority of those reckoned as strangers, have been from 12 to 18 years in the country, and many had arrived while children with their parents, and may therefore be considered as Nova Scotians, the immediate descendants of settlers, a class to which I have already referred as constituting a most valuable portion of the population of a new Country. The purchasers alluded to by Mr. Crawley, were, it appears, though illegally occupiers of Crown Lands, which they have now bought, and are therefore contradistinguished from the 3000 stated to have arrived within the last three years, of whom not a single individual has

purchased land, and I learn from the very best authority that they never can buy the land on which they are located, unless at an exorbitant price, as they have fixed themselves not on Crown Land, but on tracts already granted to others, who, in the price they may hereafter demand, will add to the original cost of the land, the value which the Squatter will have himself given to it by his labor. Mr. Crawley has received information that 3000 more pauper Emigrants may be expected in Cape Breton next summer, and if, as will doubtless be the case, there being no means of preventing their so doing, they settle on land already granted to absentees, there will be in that Island a population of 6000 so settled, whom the enforcement of the rights of the original grantees, or of their representatives, would consign to the most abject misery, after (perhaps) many years of toilsome industry, and who would in consequence be rendered discontented subjects.

Taking the facts set forth in the above returns, in conjunction with what I have before said as to the quality of the land, and adverting to the amount actually received from the Department of the Surveyor General, it seems impossible to regard the question as one of any material importance as connected with the revenue, and I have therefore looked at it with a view to determine by what mode of disposing of Crown Lands, the greatest benefit may be derived to the Province in other respects. There can be little doubt that the more immediate the settlement of these Lands, the greater will be the advantages resulting from them, provided always that the settlement is conducted on principles sound in themselves, and adapted to the local peculiarities of the Colony. I have endeavoured by every means in my power to arrive at a just conclusion as to what those principles should be, and I am of opinion that, considering the comparative sterility of the soil, and the impediments offered by the climate to agricultural pursuits, and having regard to the better climate of a great part of Canada and the United States, that in the regulations to be established here, three things should be especially kept in view, and, these attained, that the emigrant should receive every possible encouragement, being allowed to obtain the land of Nova Scotia at the lowest price which the expenses attendant on the local surveys necessary to his own security will admit of. The first thing to be aimed at, is the maintenance of the relative proportionate value which the soil bears to that of the neighbouring Provinces and States. This value is, I have every reason to believe, so low, that the mere expenses of the local surveys nearly equal it, and therefore I need dilate no further on this point. The next point to be looked to, is the prevention of large purchases of land by speculators; and the third to which attention should be directed, after having removed every vexatious impediment to the acquisition of land by the settler, is the discouragement of a desire on his part to become possessed of more than he can occupy and cultivate profitably to himself.

I think these objects may all be compassed, and I am prepared to recommend, for reasons which I shall presently state :

First.—That Sales of Crown Lands, by Auction, should be discontinued, as is already the case in Canada.

Secondly.—That one fixed and uniform price of 1s. 9d. sterling, should be adopted as a general rule in respect of all Agricultural Lots, the Crown reserving the right, to be, however, cautiously exercised, of selling by Auction, or by Private Sale, at an enhanced price, Quarries, Mill Seats, or such portions of Land as circumstances have endowed with an adventitious value—care being taken, that when the superior value of a Lot is discovered by an individual, but for whose enterprise or exertions it would have remained unknown, that he should, in such case, have the full benefit of his discovery.

Thirdly.—That the price should, in all instances, be paid at once, the title to the Land being perfected, and delivered at the time of Sale. I conceive that Sales by Auction should be discontinued here, for the reasons given by Mr. Baldwin Sullivan, in his evidence, published at page 108, Appendix B. to Lord Durham's Report on the affairs of British North America, viz : " That the Sale by Auction is, in as far as relates to the raising the value of the Land, at reality a cumbrous dead letter, from which the public derives no advantage, while the settlers are seriously delayed in their locations, the minimum price being in this country, in fact, the maximum—competition rarely, if ever, taking place—the bidders at these Sales considering it a duty they owe to each other, not to bid up these Lands where there is so much choice."

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That these reasons apply to Nova Scotia, experience has fully proved. It has been found, likewise, that the difficulty in obtaining Land at once, encountered by the settlers, causes them often to expend their means before they have an opportunity of purchasing, when, being destitute, they squat, the facilities for doing which, that are afforded by the vast grants of unoccupied Land, I have already described. I think 1s. 9d. sterling, per acre, is a fair price. High enough, because experience has proved it to be sufficiently so, to prevent extensive Tracts being bought up by speculators, or to deter the Emigrant from seeking to acquire Land in greater quantities than his means will allow him to cultivate with profit, (if, however, it were hereafter found to be necessary, regulations that would insure this latter effect, might easily be framed,) while I believe it to be the full value of the Land, in proportion to the price paid for the better soil of Canada and the United States—the value of Land in which Countries, more especially the latter, must always have an influence on the price here: not too high, because it has not prevented the purchase of Land by the most valuable class of Agricultural Settlers, born Nova Scotians, and because a less amount than that produced by the sale of Land, at this rate, would scarcely defray the expenses of the Surveyor General's Department—Surveys of isolated Lots being rendered expensive, by the distance it is sometimes necessary to travel, in order to make them.

Whether or not the purchase money should be payable at the time of sale, is a question which cannot be determined here, on the same grounds that appear to have led to its decision in Canada; the Land in this Province being never “purchased for the mere sake of the Timber, and then abandoned,” a practice to which Mr. Buller alludes, page 34, Appendix B. to Lord Durham's Report, as having prevailed to a considerable extent in other Colonies, there being no Timber in Nova Scotia of sufficient value to induce such a custom, neither is there any danger of converting, by the indulgence of instalments, a number of people into “indigent and useless Farmers, who, without such indulgence, would become useful Laborers,” (page 25, Appendix B.) as this Country would not absorb Laborers, the Laboring Emigrant (except in the case of Fishermen) being, as I have before stated, unable to procure money by his labor, which is only productive to him in case he obtains Land. The advantages or disadvantages likely to result from the system of prompt payment, must therefore be weighed apart from these considerations; and I have had no difficulty in arriving at the conclusion, that prompt payment should always be insisted on, were it only because it has been found next to impossible to obtain payment by instalments, in the great majority of instances, not only here, but in Canada; and that while a class of National Debtors is thus created, and the Emigrant is induced to acquire Land in too great quantities, the uncertainty of ultimately enjoying the reward of the labor he has expended upon it, has a disheartening effect, and renders him less strenuous in his exertions.

By what I have said, it will be evident that while I agree with the House of Assembly, as to the propriety of abolishing Sales by Auction, of Crown Lands, except in very peculiar cases, I would advise that the price of Crown Lands in Nova Scotia should be reduced from 2s. 6d. to 1s. 9d. sterling, per acre, (being the price at which Land was, until lately, sold here,) and that I do not concur in opinion with the House, that it would be a great public advantage, were the Lieutenant-Governor and Executive Council authorized, as heretofore, to permit the sale of Crown Lands under certain circumstances, at the minimum price of 1s. per acre, because the cases are very few in which it would be right to grant such an indulgence, and, when they do occur, may easily be referred by the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State; and because I am apprehensive that such a practice, once introduced, augmenting by degrees, would tend to lower the price of Land, generally, to 1s. per acre, and thus produce many of the evils to be dreaded from too low a price, while a sufficient sum would not be afforded, by the price paid for the Lots, to defray the expenses of such Surveys as are absolutely necessary, even for the partial security of the purchaser.

I have, &c.

(Signed) FALKLAND.

Extract

The Lord Stanley, &c. &c. &c.

Extract of a Despatch from the Right Honorable Lord Stanley, to His Excellency Viscount Falkland, dated 15th March, 1842.

“I have received your Lordship’s Despatch, No. 20, of the 21st December last, with its enclosures, reporting the result of your enquiry into the present mode of disposing of the waste Lands of the Crown in Nova Scotia, and pointing out the modifications which you are prepared to recommend, with a view to meet the wishes expressed by the House of Assembly on the subject.

“Having referred your Despatch to the Commissioners for Colonial Lands and Emigration, I have received from them a Report, of which a copy is inclosed.

“In recommending to your attentive consideration the important observations and suggestions contained in that report, I beg to state, that I am disposed generally to concur in the views expressed by the Commissioners.”

*Colonial Land and Emigration Office,
9, Park Street, Westminster, Feb. 1842.*

SIR—

In obedience to the instructions contained in your letter of the 31st ultimo, we have perused and considered the Despatch from the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, therewith transmitted to us, relative to the settlement of the Waste Lands of that Province.

From this full and able Despatch, much valuable information may be derived on the subject to which it relates. It appears that the amount of Crown Land which has been sold during the last few years, has not been considerable, and that it has been purchased chiefly by the resident inhabitants; that the immigration which annually takes place into the Colony, consists almost exclusively of persons in a completely destitute condition, that the means do not exist of affording employment to these persons, nor indeed does it appear that they seek it, for the facilities for unauthorized occupation of Land are so great, or rather the means of preventing it so inadequate, that they immediately spread themselves over the waste portions of the Colony, which belong for the most part to Absentee Proprietors, or in some instances congregate on particular spots, but in either case are exposed to the risk of want and misery. It further appears that the boundaries of all Land, whether belonging to the Crown, or to individuals, have been so imperfectly ascertained, that the account which was given by Lord Durham’s Commissioner of the state of Canada in this respect, may be considered applicable to Nova Scotia, viz. that “with a very few exceptions no man can be said to possess a secure title to his land, or even to know whether the spot upon which he is settled belongs to himself, his neighbour, or the Crown.”

Upon a review of these circumstances, it has appeared desirable to Lord Falkland as the first step to improvement, to render the acquisition of the Crown Lands as free from difficulties and impediments as the means at his disposal, and the nature of the case, will admit. For this purpose, he proposes, that subject to the reservation of such portions as the Governor might think proper to reserve, all Crown Land should be sold at a fixed price, that this price should for the present be 1s. 9d. per acre, that the payment should be prompt, but that the proper title to the land should be immediately granted.

With reference to the chief feature of this plan, we may remark that it will be in entire accordance with the wish of the House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia, that the Public Lands of the Colony should be sold at a fixed price: and this consideration, joined to the arguments by which the plan is supported in Lord Falkland’s Despatch, renders it desirable, we think, that it should now be adopted. It may be right to mention, that an Act, to be in force for three years, regulating the disposal of the Public Lands in Nova Scotia, passed the Local Legislature in the autumn of 1840, and that in that Act it is provided that the Waste Land shall be put up to Auction in lots as applied for, and at an upset price to be fixed by the Governor in Council. We presume that before Lord Falkland’s plan can be carried into operation, this Act must be amended.

With regard to the actual price which it is proposed to put upon all Public Land, although it certainly appears to be very low, when it is considered that a fixed price is a
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maximum as well as a minimum, and should therefore always be higher than an upset price, we are not insensible to the deference that is due to the local knowledge of the Governor, and to the reasons connected with the inferior soil and climate of Nova Scotia, as compared with the neighbouring settlements, which have led to its being fixed at that sum. There are, however, some considerations connected with the subject, to which we should wish to be sure that the Governor had fully directed his attention.

By the evidence of the Surveyor General, given before Lord Durham's Commissioner of Enquiry, it appears that the price at which Lands belonging to private individuals were sold, was generally from 3s. to 3s. 6d. per acre. It also appears, from the evidence of the same gentleman, and from official returns, that from the year 1827 to the present time, a large amount of Crown Land has been sold at a price varying from 2s. to 3s. per acre. The effect therefore, of offering all the remaining Crown Lands for sale at a fixed price of 1s. 9d. per acre, might, we fear, perhaps be to lower the value of Landed Property in the Colony, and be considered as unjust by those who have so recently been required to pay a higher price for the Lands which they obtained from the Crown.

In the next place, we are not sure whether it is intended that the fixed price now proposed should cover the expense of the Grant and the cost of the Survey. The Surveyor General has stated that those expenses are about £12 for a Grant of 100 acres, and from £22 to £25 for one of 200 acres. We think that it would advance the object which Lord Falkland has in view of promoting the sale of Crown Lands, if all charges connected with the Survey and Grant of the Land, were to be included in the price per acre at which the Land was offered to the public. The purchaser would then at once know the whole extent of the charges which he would have to meet. The cost of Survey for this Colony is estimated, we observe, at from 3d. to 5d. per acre, and it might be sufficient, perhaps, that the former sum should be added to the proposed price of the Land, thus raising the fixed price to 2s. per acre. We have no doubt that to these considerations on matters of detail, should Lord Stanley think they ought to be forwarded to the Colony, the Lieutenant-Governor will give the proper weight, and it is far from our wish to urge them as objections to the general character of the measures which he has recommended. But although it may be hoped by thus facilitating the sale of the Crown Lands, to render the Colony attractive to a less poor description of Emigrants than at present resort to it, and to improve its general condition by the introduction of capital, there are evils existing of which the nature and magnitude are forcibly delineated in Lord Falkland's Despatch, and to which it is urgently requisite that a direct remedy should, if possible be applied. We shall proceed therefore, to submit any views that have occurred to ourselves for this purpose.

1. We would allude first to the state, described to be one of utter destitution, in which Emigrants find themselves upon their first arrival in the Colony. 1500 persons, chiefly from the Hebrides, arrived last year in Cape Breton alone, all of them of the poorest class, who had parted with every thing they possessed, in order to find the means of paying their passage. Mr. Dodd, a Member of Council residing in Cape Breton, informs the Lieutenant Governor, that on their arrival these Emigrants were thrown on the bounty of others, for the expense of transporting their families and baggage to the interior of the Country. A remedy for this evil, though we admit in such an extreme case possibly an inadequate one, may be effected by requiring the Master of every vessel bringing Emigrants, to pay a certain sum per head, on all the Emigrants before they are allowed to land. Up to the year 1841, there appears to have been a local enactment authorising the levy of this duty, and we think it most desirable that it should be renewed. As Lord Stanley is aware, the payment is made by the Emigrant himself before he leaves the Country, the amount of the duty or head money being included in the money he pays for his passage, to which, however, it makes but a very slight addition. The expediency of requiring this payment on account of all Emigrants on their arrival, was strongly urged by the late Governor General of Canada, and for that Colony the tax has been lately renewed, by one of the first Acts of the Legislature of the United Province.

2. We would next advert to the system, which is perhaps more prevalent in Nova-

Scotia than in any other of the North American Colonies, of the unauthorized occupation of land. Whatever may be thought of its present operation, the evil which is likely to result from it in future can hardly be exaggerated. As appears from Lord Falkland's statements, all the Emigrants who arrive during the year become squatters, as a matter of course. Even if they selected Crown Lands for this purpose, the Government would never undertake to track them through the wilderness, nor bear the expense of ejecting them by any formal process; but in point of fact, nearly all the good land in the Province having been alienated from the Crown, it is upon the grants belonging to absentee proprietors, who have no representatives in Nova Scotia, that these emigrants settle themselves. Of 1500 persons who arrived last year at Cape Breton, the greater number are reported to have at once taken possession of private land in this manner. It appears from the Report of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, that few of these Emigrants ever made enquiry about Crown Land at his office, and those who did, confessed that their intention was not to purchase, but to ascertain where vacant land was to be obtained, in order that they might immediately settle on it without purchase or permission. Lord Falkland states that from recent information, there is reason to expect the arrival during this summer of 3000 more pauper emigrants, who will immediately become unauthorized occupiers of land, and that there would then be in that Island alone, 6000 newly arrived persons so settled, whom at some future period "the enforcement of the rights of the original grantees would consign to the most abject misery, after, perhaps, many years of toilsome industry, and who would in consequence be rendered discontented subjects."

In the evidence taken under Lord Durham's Commission of Enquiry, it appears that the Secretary of the Province estimated that the whole number of persons in Cape Breton, who were seated on land to which they had no title, or merely a license to occupy them, amounted to not less than 20,000, or one-half of the population of the Island.—Throughout the whole of the Province indeed, the same feature is remarkable. Vast tracts of the best land which alone is available for settlement, are the property of individuals, who, as Lord Falkland observes, "contribute in no way to the prosperity of the Colony, with which in many instances they are totally unconnected, except in so far as their legal rights interfere with the public interests. If the proprietors should eventually allow persons who have squatted on portions of these lands to purchase them, it may be expected that in the price which they demand, they will add to the original cost of the land, the value given to it by the labor of the individuals, or it is possible they may avail themselves of the improvements effected, by representing them to the local Government as a compliance with the original conditions of their grants, and then eject the persons by whom those improvements had been made." Lord Falkland most justly calls attention "to the endless Lawsuits, to the unnecessary acts of oppression, which must take place, when the owner of the land long unlawfully occupied, but cleared and improved by the occupier, shall claim his own, and take advantage of the years of toil bestowed upon it, and to the odium which must attend the enforcement of the Law, and ultimately rest upon the Government." It is impossible to dwell upon all the evils which have resulted, and which will still further and to a greater extent result, from this mode of settling the waste lands of a Colony, without arriving at the conviction that they are of such magnitude and importance, as urgently to require the application of any remedy which it may be in the power of the Government or the Legislature to afford.

The Surveyor General of the Province stated in his evidence, to which we have before referred, before Lord Durham's Commissioner, that of lands more immediately known to himself, there were upwards of one million acres liable to escheat, from neglect and non-fulfilment of the terms of the grants. The first remedy, therefore, to which it would be natural to have recourse, would be the recovery by the Crown of the Lands thus liable to forfeiture. There does exist a Law of Escheat in the Colony, and from the evidence of the Surveyor General before Lord Durham's Commissioner, it appears that by means of it more than two million acres have been recovered, though chiefly at a very distant date; much of it so far back as 1783, and the greater part of the remainder between 1816 and 1820. The form of proceeding under the law is expensive, and the Government do

not appear to have the means or to be disposed to put the law in force, nor are individuals apparently willing to undertake the task, even though the land should be offered to them on easy terms, if they succeed in obtaining its forfeiture from the original proprietors.— We are unable, therefore, to suggest that any further steps should be taken in this direction, but we doubt not that the question will receive due consideration from the Governor, in what manner it may be possible, and to what extent advisable, to enforce the rights of the public under the present law, or under any modification of it.

With reference, in the next place, to the hardship which it is feared might be inflicted upon occupants of the soil, by the assertion, at a late period, of the proprietary rights of absent Grantees, we are not aware whether there is in force in Nova Scotia the Statute of Limitations, or some analogous Law, which would protect parties after a long possession, but if not, some Legislative Enactment may very possibly be deemed desirable. It would appear to be so in all new Countries, where the public welfare is so deeply involved in the proper settlement of the Waste Lands, and where the appropriation of large Tracts by non-resident and non-improving proprietors, places an insurmountable obstacle to the progress of cultivation, and the general prosperity of the Country. We, therefore, would beg to draw attention to the question, whether the undisturbed and unquestioned occupation, during a definite number of years, of Land which was waste at the time of occupation, should not be declared by Law to confer a valid title on the occupant. Again, whenever the proprietor should exercise his rights in the ejectment of an unauthorized occupant of the Land, after he had been for some moderate period in undisturbed possession of the same, the Law ought, perhaps, to secure to such occupant payment from the proprietor, of the value of any improvement which he may have effected on the Land. In those cases, on the other hand, in which the intrusion has taken place upon the Crown Lands, the intruder should, we think, always have the preference shewn to them of purchasing, before any other parties, the Land they have occupied, and to any extent to which they have bona fide occupied and improved it, at the fixed price of ordinary Waste Land of their District. By the Law at present in force, we observe that such parties are merely allowed to purchase the Land when they have proved a certain amount of expenditure upon it, and then only to the extent of 200 acres.

Lord Falkland observes, that sympathy for the squatters is, in Nova Scotia, the prevailing feeling throughout the community; and it appears, therefore, probable, that the Legislature would be disposed to sanction any measures, such as we have above suggested, which were calculated to afford them due protection, and encourage them to continue their labors in effecting improvement on the Land they occupy.

3. Thirdly, we cannot but think, looking to the very peculiar circumstances of this Colony as regards the settlement of its land, and to the very great social evils which threaten to result from them, that it would be right to submit to the Legislature, the expediency of imposing a tax, however small, upon all the appropriated Land in the Colony, whether waste or cultivated. To make distinction between those two classes of Land, would be difficult and invidious in practice, and unnecessary, if the amount of the tax were so small as to be scarcely felt by the bona fide cultivator of the Land. The unanimity in favour of such a measure, on the part of all the witnesses connected with the Province, who were examined by Lord Durham's Commissioner, was most remarkable. The Surveyor General, with reference to the extent to which large Grants had obstructed the settlement of the Country, said, "that a general tax on all Wild Lands, would seem to be the only remedy" for the evil complained of. Mr. Titus Smith, a resident of the Province for above 50 years, considered that the large blocks in the hands of proprietors, and not under any improvement, were a decided check to the advancement of the Country, but "that a tax would cause those Lands to be settled and disposed of." Mr. Brown, a settler and Engineer, intimately acquainted with the state of the Colony, considered, that for the great drawback to improvement, caused by the large Grants to absentees, a tax on Land "would be the best remedy." Mr. McKenzie, a cultivator of Land for nearly 20 years, and a Surveyor, considered that a remedy for the evils which he described, as having resulted from the vast amount of private Land kept in a wild state, would be
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“to require parties holding Wild Lands, to pay a tax towards general improvement.”—Mr. Fairbanks, a native of Nova Scotia, thought a tax on Wild Land to be “absolutely called for.” Mr. Hartsborne, also a native of the Province, considered that a tax on Wild Lands “would, no doubt, have a most beneficial effect.” And Mr. Cunard, a gentleman of whom we need not say how intimately he is acquainted with the Province, and interested in its welfare, expressed his opinion in favour of a tax; and when asked, as a large proprietor, to state what the amount of the tax should be, he replied, “I do not feel myself competent to say what the tax should be, but I should think large proprietors should be compelled to contribute towards the general improvement of the Country.”

The sum named by these different witnesses, as that which it would be proper thus to levy annually from land, varied from 2s. to 15s. per 100 acres, but they all agreed that the tax should only be imposed upon unimproved lands. We think, as we have before said, that it would be better to impose a very low amount and require all lands to pay it. A payment for instance of 2s. per 100 acres, which is less than a farthing per acre, could scarcely be felt by persons who are raising a crop from the ground, while it would still be sufficient, being repeated each year, to induce absentee proprietors either to commence clearing their lands, or to abandon a portion of them in redemption of the rest from the tax. It may be remarked as diminishing any hardship which might be supposed to attach to the imposition of such a tax, that a large proportion of the lands of the Colony are subject, by the terms of the grants under which they are held, to the payment of Quit Rents, and though the House of Assembly has agreed to pay to the Government an annual sum in lieu of these rents, yet it appears to be understood that it has reserved to itself the right of imposing upon all granted lands, the charges to which they from the first were liable, whether in the form of Quit Rents, or in any other form which may be thought most expedient.

All monies derived from this tax should, we think, be applied, first, to completing the surveys of Land, and next to local improvements of a public nature. All the witnesses under Lord Durham’s enquiry, spoke of the great evils which had resulted, and which were likely to result, from the total want of accurate surveys in the Colony. Lord Falkland also considers that the inconvenience from this cause is felt infinitely more in Nova Scotia than in Canada or New Brunswick. He enumerates it among the chief sources of discouragement to settlers with Capital to resort to the Colony, and he apparently contemplates the possibility of assistance from the Imperial Government in the matter, seeing that decided indisposition prevails from a variety of causes, in the House of Assembly, to make any effectual provision against the evil. It is probable, however, that if a new fund were raised by the proposed Land tax, the same objection would no longer be felt, in making appropriation to the purposes of a general survey.

4. If it should prove that the Legislature of Nova Scotia are unwilling to impose the tax in question, we would then suggest whether it might not be expedient that land should be made liable to assessments for local purposes. One of the greatest obstacles to the improvement of the Colony is the want of roads. At present, each person is required to contribute towards their construction three days statute labour, or money in lieu of it. This system the Surveyor General, in common with other witnesses, condemns. It produces no satisfactory results, while from the principle upon which it rests, the absentee proprietors, who in so many ways inflict injury upon the Colony, and effectually bar its progress, are relieved from all payments on account of it, in the same way as they escape from every other form of contribution to the exigencies of the community to which they belong. It is competent to the Governor under the Land Act at present in force, to appoint Local Land Boards in each County of the Province, and to these, in concert with the Commissioners, who we find by the evidence of the Surveyor General, are appointed annually by the Governor to attend to roads, might be intrusted the regulation of these assessments, and the application of the money derived from them. They should be payable we think in land, in the same manner as was proposed for the tax.

In conclusion, we have the honor to state, first, that we have no objection to offer to the measures proposed by Lord Falkland, respecting the mode of disposing of Crown Lands in

in Nova Scotia, but would merely request attention to some points of detail that we have noticed in the part of our report which relates to that subject, and secondly, that in bringing before Lord Stanley, in the remainder of this Report, some additional measures, which a review of the evils so clearly described in the Governor's Despatch suggested to our minds, our object has been, should His Lordship deem them deserving of further enquiry, to obtain an opportunity of their being considered and reported upon by Lord Falkland.

We have, &c.

(Signed)

J. FREDK. ELLIOT,
EDWARD E. VILLIERS.

No. 13.

(See Page 382.)

The Committee to whom were referred the Tenders of the several persons for the Printing to the Legislature, in the present and following Sessions—and the Contract taken by Richard Nugent to perform the same, as well as to enquire into and report the number of Copies of the Laws furnished annually, and how they are distributed, and whether any necessity exists for increasing the number of Copies printed and distributed—

Report that they have carefully examined the several Tenders, and find that the Tender of John Howe, Esquire, was at the same rate as he had formerly performed the work.

That the Tender of William Cunnabell, on the whole work, would be £37 10s. above that of Mr. Howe.

That the Tender of Messrs. Gossip & Coade, for printing the Journals of the Assembly, was £85 10s. less than was paid Mr. Howe, and their Tender for printing the Laws £7 10s. higher than has been heretofore paid that gentleman.

That the Tender of Richard Nugent for printing the Journals was £88 15s less than the amount paid Mr. Howe, and £3 5s. less than the Tender of Messrs. Gossip & Coade; and if Mr. Nugent prints the Laws also, the Contract has been made so as to ensure a saving of £131 15s. on the whole work of Printing the Journals and Laws. The Advertising is to be done by him, at the rate of 2s. 6d. per square instead of 5s., as paid Mr. Howe, or as tendered for by Messrs. Gossip & Coade.

The extra printing, such as the publication of proposed Laws, or special matters ordered to be printed by the Assembly, has not been specifically contracted for, because the value of such work depends greatly on the number of copies required, and the kind of the work to be done.

The Committee would beg to state, that if the whole work of printing for the Government and the Legislature was performed at the same establishment, the saving would be considerable, and appears to have been originally contemplated by the Assembly. Up to the time of the appointment of the *Law Clerk* and *Clerk of Parliament*, the printing of the Laws was under the direction of the Provincial Secretary. Since the appointment of that Officer he has been specially directed by the Legislative Council to perform the duty, and has accordingly do so. It will of course be for the Assembly to acquiesce in his appointment by that Body, without their concurrence or not, as well as to the performance of the duty assigned him, in which this branch of the Legislature is directly concerned.

The Committee as directed, have also enquired into the number of Copies of the Laws printed and distributed annually, by applying to the present Acting Deputy Postmaster General, who referred them to Mr. William Howe, who has been for some time past, and still is employed in the office of the late King's Printer—who returned for answer a note, of which the following is a copy :

Halifax, January 31, 1843.

SIR—In reply to your note relative to the number of the Laws and Journals of last Session, printed at the Gazette Office, and the manner of their distribution, I beg leave to state,

state, that Mr. Watson, to whom your note was addressed, having referred the matter to me, I immediately made enquiry at the Printing Office, and I found that 600 copies of the Laws were struck off, and distributed to those entitled to receive them, but that this number proved insufficient, in consequence of the great increase in the number of Magistrates. With respect to the Journals, there were about 225 printed and distributed. I do not know that there was any insufficiency in the number of Journals, nor any complaint as to the manner of their distribution.

With regard to the other and more particular enquiries embraced in your Note, I am not enabled to give any information.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM HOWE.

Herbert Huntington, Esq. &c. &c. &c.

The Committee find that the number of Laws and Journals required to be sent under the orders of the Assembly, to the various Colonial Legislatures and Public Officers, so far as they can ascertain them, to be about Eight Hundred, and it is probable that some may have been omitted, as these orders are dispersed through the Journals, and have been made at different periods and added to as circumstances seemed to require.

They would therefore recommend that a new Order be made, and suggest the following Public Bodies, and Public Officers, as those to whom Laws and Journals should be furnished—

To each of the Colonial Legislatures of British North America, 1 copy of the Laws and Journals.

To the Lieutenant-Governor, 10 copies of the Laws and Journals.

To every Member of the Executive and Legislative Councils, 1 copy of the Laws and Journals.

To every Member of the Assembly, 1 copy of the Laws and Journals.

To the Provincial Secretary and Treasurer, 1 copy each, of the Laws and Journals.

To every Judge of the Supreme Court, 1 copy of the Laws.

To the Master of the Rolls and Judge of Vice Admiralty, 1 copy of the Laws.

To each Registrar of those Courts, 1 copy of the Laws.

To every Sheriff, 1 copy of the Laws.

To every Collector of Customs and Excise, 1 copy of the Laws.

To every Justice of the Peace, 1 copy of the Laws.

To every Prothonotary or Clerk of the Peace, 1 copy of the Laws.

To every Town Clerk, 1 copy of the Laws and Journals.

To every Mayor, Recorder, or Clerk of a City, 1 copy of the Laws.

And the Committee would recommend further, that the proper Officer be required to lay before the House, within the first ten days of the Session, a list of the persons to whom the several Laws and Journals have been furnished, with the date of their transmission.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, Halifax, 4th February, 1843.

H. HUNTINGTON, *Chairman.*

THOS. DICKSON.

WILLIAM ANNAND.

The Committee would suggest further, the propriety of printing all the Tenders, and the Contract entered into with Mr. Nugent, in the Appendix.

H. HUNTINGTON.

THOS. DICKSON.

W. ANNAND.

Halifax, June 7, 1842.

SIR—

I will perform the Printing and Advertising of the House of Assembly upon the same Terms as heretofore, viz: Five Pounds per Sheet of Eight Quarto Pages, and Five Shillings per square for advertising, and shall be prepared to give any security which may be required, for the performance of the Contract.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. HOWE.

J. F. Gray, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

Halifax, June 8, 1842.

Tender for Printing 240 Journals or Laws.

For every Sheet of 4 pages,	£1 13 6
80 Sheets additional do.	11 0
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For 320 in all,	£2 4 6
Binding 240 Journals in Blue Covers,	£3 15 0
For 560 Copies, sheet of 4 pages,	2 15 6
Binding 560 Journals or Laws, in Blue Covers,	8 15 0
One Copy Laws extra—fine paper—if Laws contracted for,	10 0
Tender For Advertising in The Times, Halifax—Per Square, Five Shillings.	
Per Column, Twenty-five Shillings.	

GOSSIP & COADE.

We offer as Securities for the faithful performance of the Contract, until the end of the present Assembly, S. W. Deblois, Esq., and Henry Pryor, Esq.

GOSSIP & COADE.

Halifax, June 15, 1843.

SIR—

On looking at specimens of Duplicate Laws in Provincial Secretary's Office, find we were under mistake as to the nature of that part of the Printing to be contracted for.—Our Tender for Duplicate Copies of the Laws, distinct from the Book of Laws, will be One Shilling and Nine Pence each Sheet, (1s. 9d.) according to Specimen—if the Printing of the Laws generally is contracted for.

We are, Sir,
Your Obdt. Servants,
GOSSIP & COADE.

James F. Gray, Esq., Assistant Clerk, &c. &c.

ESTIMATE FOR PRINTING.

Journals—Per Sheet of 8 pages, 240 to 260 Copies,	£4 0 0
“ 60 to 80 Copies extra, for daily use, per page,	7 6
Laws—Sheet of 8 Pages, 500 Copies,	7 0 0
1 Copy of each Act, on fine foolscap paper, with endorsement, per page,	7 6
Advertising in the Morning Herald, per Square,	3 0

Sufficient Securities will be given for the due performance of the Contract.

WILLIAM CUNNABELL.

Halifax, June 8th, 1842.

Halifax,

Halifax, June 6, 1842.

JAMES F. GRAY, ESQ.—

Sir.—In pursuance of a Notice published in the Royal Gazette, under date of the 14th ult., requesting Tenders “for such work as the House may require, for the two next Sessions of the Assembly” I beg, respectfully, to submit the annexed as my Tender for such work.

I am, &c. &c.

RICHARD NUGENT.

I engage to furnish the Journals of the House, with Appendix and Index, and the Laws in Pamphlet form, with Laws on fine paper, for transmission to England, and to advertise in the Novascotian Newspaper, per square, at the following rates—all the printing to be equal to any hitherto performed for the House, and on paper of as good a quality as in Journals or Laws now printed.

Journals.—240 Copies, (exclusive of 60 or 80 or 100 Copies daily, for the use of the House) at £3 10s. per sheet of 8 pages—pages to be same size as those of Journals for 1841.

Appendix and Index to Journals—same number of Copies, at £3 15s. per sheet of 8 pages—pages to be the same size as Journals—and to be printed in the same manner as at present.

Laws—including Index.—560 Copies in Pamphlet form, pages same size as now printed, at per sheet of 8 pages, £3 12s. 6d.

Laws—on fine paper, for transmission to England, two copies of each at 10s. per copy, one copy of each at 15s.

Advertising in the Nova Scotian, at per square, 2s. 6d.

Rule and Figure Work, One-fourth extra, on the above price.

No estimate can be made by me for any other work that may be required by the House, as every thing depends on the number of Copies required, and the nature of the work to be performed, and as no specification is made, I am unable to judge what it may be.

The foregoing Tender contemplates the performance of *all the work* usually done for the House, by the Contractor—and that no division of it will be made, in consequence of difference of prices for different work, by different Contractors.

RICHARD NUGENT.

Halifax, June 6, 1842.

We, the undersigned, engage to become sureties for the above named Richard Nugent, for the faithful performance of the Printing required by the House of Assembly, should his Tender be accepted.

SAML. CARTEN,
JOS. JENNINGS.

June 13, 1842.

DEAR SIR,—

I did misunderstand, respecting the Laws for England. With your permission, I amend my Tender for this work, thus:

“For Printing Laws on fine Paper, for England, 2 copies of each Law, with endorsement, 2s. each Law or Act.” I make no note of duplicate Copies.

Yours, &c. &c.

R. NUGENT.

J. F. Gray, Esq.

Articles of agreement, made the Sixth day of October, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-two, between Richard Nugent, of Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia, Printer, of the one part, and John Whidden and James F. Gray, of the same place, Clerk and Clerk Assistant of the House on Assembly of said Province, on the other part. Whereas, under and by virtue of a resolution of the said House of Assembly, passed on the Tenth Day of March now last past, Tenders for the Public Printing required for the Assembly, to be done for the next Two Sessions, have been received by the said John Whidden and James F. Gray, and the Tender of the said Richard Nugent has been accepted as the lowest and best. Now it is hereby mutually agreed and covenanted, by and between the parties thereto, as follows—that is to say:

First—That the said Richard Nugent shall Print and furnish for the Assembly Two Hundred and Forty Copies of the Journals of the House of Assembly, and of the Appendix and Index thereto, and also Sixty, or Eighty, or One Hundred Copies of each sheet of the Journals, as such sheets shall be printed, for the use of the Assembly, in addition to the said Two Hundred and Forty Copies of said Journals; and also shall and will furnish and Print the Laws passed in each Session, (if required so to do,) furnishing Five Hundred and Sixty Copies of said Laws; and shall and will also (if required so to do) Print and furnish Two Copies of each Act, passed in each Session, on fine paper, with the printed indorsements on the back of each Act, to be transmitted to England, as has heretofore been usual; and shall and will also Print and Publish in the Nova Scotian Newspaper, whereof the said Richard Nugent is Proprietor, all matter which he may be required to advertize, by or for the General Assembly, or House of Assembly.

Second—That this Contract shall continue for the next two ensuing Sessions of the General Assembly, and extend to such Printing as the said Richard Nugent may be required to do, as hereinbefore mentioned, and that all the materials shall be found and provided by the said Richard Nugent, and shall be of as good quality, at least, as the materials now used for the same description of work, and that the Printing shall be done in a workman-like manner, and the whole work shall be of the same form, size, and character, and in every respect equal to the like description of work heretofore done by the King's or Queen's Printer, during the last or any previous Session of the General Assembly, and that all the said work which requires to be stitched or bound, shall be properly prepared and delivered to the Binder, ready for Stitching or Binding, as has heretofore been usual and accustomed.

Thirdly—That for such Work and Printing, so to be done, or such portion thereof as he may be required to do, the said Richard Nugent shall, out of the Public Treasury, upon the same being granted by the Legislature, be paid and receive as follows—for the Journals, including all the Copies hereinbefore mentioned, for every sheet of eight pages, Three Pounds Ten Shillings; for the Appendix and Index to the Journals, for every sheet of eight pages, Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings; and for every sheet of Rule and Figure Work in such Appendix, to be hereinafter defined, one-fourth more; and for the Laws, for every sheet of eight pages, Three Pounds Twelve Shillings and Six pence; and for every Two Copies of each Act, to be printed on fine paper, with indorsements, for transmission to England, Two Shillings; and for every square of Advertising, as aforesaid, Two Shillings and Six pence.

Fourthly—That nothing shall be deemed Rule and Figure Work, within the Contract, but work requiring Rules and Figures, and being of the description of work, which is in the Abstract of School Returns, printed in the Appendix, number Twenty Seven, to the Journals of the House of Assembly, of the last Session. In witness whereof, the parties have hereto set their Hands and Seals; the Day and Year first above written.

RICHARD NUGENT, (L. S.)
JOHN WHIDDEN, (L. S.)
JAMES F. GRAY. (L. S.)

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered, }
In the presence of }
EDWIN J. MONK. }

No. 14.

(See Page 383.)

SIR—

Having been commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to examine two proposed alterations on the Main Road between the Hebert and Meander Rivers, in Newport, I humbly beg leave to lay before you, for the information of His Excellency, the following result of my investigations.

The surface of the country over which this road passes, consists of two high parallel ridges, which are crossed at right angles, as shown on the accompanying map, No. 1.—The first extends from the River Hebert, at Cochran's Mills, to the Meeting House. The summit at A is ninety-five feet above the northern base of the hill at C, which is on the level of the highest tides. The second is higher than the first, by five feet, and slopes off gradually to the Meander, which is about twenty feet above high water mark. The summit of this ridge is at B. The whole is more fully shown by the section, which is lettered to correspond to the plan. In crossing these ridges there is a steep hill at E, and another at B, and to avoid these hills, alterations have been proposed, as shown by the dotted lines from C to A, and from F to G. See plan No. 2.

The first of these alterations is designed to avoid the hill at F. It will require a side cut in a very steep bank at H, and a road thence, upon tolerably even ground, to A at the summit of the hill. The line C E A, plan No. 2, shows the plan of the present road, and C E on the Section, shows the elevations. Also the red dotted line C H A on the plan, and the like line on the section, exhibit the proposed alteration. In this case the question to be resolved is, whether it is best to proceed with the alteration, or to cut down the hill at E. The solution depends upon the distance, elevations, expense, and general convenience of the respective routes.

With respect to the distances they are nearly equal, being seven rods in favour of the dotted line, the whole distance being about half a mile. The elevations are shown upon the sections. That of the new line will be one in fourteen. At the lower part of the hill, the slope will be, when the Road is finished, eighty rods in length, with a level of thirty yards at the short turn at H. On the remainder of the line to A, the rise is moderate. The present road may be improved to the same angular elevation, by excavating the top of the hill E, and embanking at the bottom. The length of continued rise will not exceed fifty six rods. There is also another rise of near twenty rods in length, near A, which is a small matter steeper than the above grade, but for an outlay of thirty pounds, it can be brought to one foot in twenty.

The expense of finishing the Road upon the dotted line, will be :

For 1000 yards of embankment at C,	£40
Making 36 rods in the Bank, up to H,	54
Making 108 rods up to A, including excavations,	81
	—
	£175
Damages for Land £20. Fencing £40.	60
	—
	£235

The expense of cutting down the hill on the present Road to the same grade—one in fourteen—will be :

For 2500 yards of excavation	£100
Cutting 16 rods into a steep side bank, near the bottom of the hill,	30
Damage to Land for going two rods of the road on the Western side, say	10
	—
	£140

To which add, for reducing the rise at A, which may be postponed till some convenient future time,

30
—
£175

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With respect to general convenience, the advantage is decidedly in favour of the present line. Buildings and farms are arranged to suit it, and as the Road from Rawdon comes in at I, it would be necessary either to keep up the present Road, or carry the Rawdon Road through to K, a distance of forty-four rods, and at an expense, including damages, of Forty or Fifty Pounds.

It is very possible, however, that this Rawdon Road may, at some future time, be superseded by the new Road to Shubenacadie, which will be about half a mile to the Southward, but the time for making that part of the Shubenacadie Road is probably very remote. Another convenience in improving the present line of Road is, that it can be done, a part at a time, whereas the new line would have to be completed before the public could have the benefit of it.

There appears to be a decided advantage in retaining the present line, both as regards elevations, expense, and general convenience, to be counterbalanced by a disadvantage in distance, of only seven rods. I can, therefore, have no hesitation in recommending the old line to be improved, in preference to making a new one.

The other alteration proposed, is shown by the dotted line from E to G. The design is to avoid the steep hill at B. As in the former case, the full black line over the Section, represents the surface of the present Road, and the red dotted line that of the proposed Road. The distance by the proposed line is fifteen rods less than by the present Road, and the greatest elevation will be one in sixteen. The present line can, by making a cut of nine feet in depth at B, and by about 2000 yards of excavation between B and G, be brought to the same grade.

The expense of making a Road upon the proposed line, will be as follows :	
For making 132 rods, from E to G, in woods, including sundry excavations,	£138
Making 140 rods, from F to L, including 400 yards of excavation,	95
Damages for Land £42. Fencing £65,	107
	£340

For reducing the hills on the present Road, the expense will be :	
For 2000 yards of excavation on the northern side of the summit at B,	£100
2400 do. on Southern side of do.	90
Damages to land, suppose	5
	£195

With regard to general convenience, the proposed line saves fifteen rods in distance, and so far would be beneficial. On the other hand, the present road would have to be kept open for the benefit of four families which are upon it, between B and F.

The proposed line crosses the summit of the hill at L in the lowest part, which is seven feet lower than the point B, and is the most proper situation for a Road across the Ridge; but at the present, heavy damages, and a large expenditure in making, would have to be incurred in effecting an alteration, a little over one-half of which, will bring the present road to the same grades. There is a difference in favour of the present line, of £145 in outlay, besides the keeping up of the present road, which would have to be done were the new line adopted. As a set off against this, the new line saves fifteen rods of distance. It would be a measure of rather doubtful utility, to expend so large a sum for so small a saving of distance on the most frequented roads in the Province. The road in question is but of secondary importance, and it would be still less proper to go to so great an expense, in effecting so small a saving of distance upon it. Another circumstance in favour of retaining the present line is, that by an outlay of about 80 pounds, the steep hill at B, and which is the principal barrier, can be tolerably well reduced, and the remainder of the improvements can be postponed till a convenient opportunity.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant,

GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

John Whidden, Esq., Acting Provincial Secretary, &c. &c. &c., Halifax.
Halifax, 2nd June, 1842.

SIR—

SIR—

Having been commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to Report upon the expediency of putting a Draw into the new Bridge which is in course of erection over the River St. Croix, in the County of Hant's, I humbly beg leave to submit for the information of His Excellency, the following Report :

I have made enquiries among the parties interested, the occupiers of Plaster Quarries, Masters of Vessels, and Intelligent Labourers, and by these means have obtained the following information :—The Quarries of Plaster on the Windsor side of the St. Croix lie along the River from A on the accompanying map, the place proposed for the Bridge, to C ; besides extensive Quarries that lie from half a mile to a mile in rear of D. These Quarries seem to lie only on the outskirts of a great bed of Plaster extending over a surface of four or five square miles. From B to E, the continuity of the bed is observable on the surface of the ground. There are also some Quarries on the Northern side of the River between D and B, and others between B and F, on the River Hebert. The local names by which these places are known, are A, Winters' Quarry ; B, East Mash Quarries ; D, Cunningham's Creek ; E, Cunningham's Quarries ; and from B to F, on the River Hebert, Red Banks and Muddy Marsh. The lighter description of square-rigged vessels frequent Cunningham's Creek at D, and smaller craft ascend further up the River. At B the usual size of the latter does not much exceed one hundred tons, and at A, and from B to F, they range from forty to ninety tons. As far up the River as B the vessels are worked with their sails, but above that point, the Rivers being narrow and crooked, they are commonly towed. Also, in these parts of the Rivers, the mud accumulates in the latter part of the summer, so that at neap tides vessels are sometimes detained aground for several days.

Besides the Quarries already described there, there is a large quantity of Plaster at G, belonging to Mr. Stirling ; and it is principally his interest that is supposed to be interfered with by the Bridge at A. In 1836, Messrs. James and Samuel Cochran opened a Quarry at that place, and shipped about 300 tons of Plaster ; in 1837, they continued, and shipped about 340 tons more, in their own vessel, but finding it less profitable than they wished, they quitted it and opened a Quarry at B. Since that time there has been a small pile of fifty or sixty tons got out, but it has not been shipped.

Masters of Vessels are reluctant to go up these small Rivers ; the difference between the prices at B and A is three pence per ton, or about nine per cent, though the distance of A above B is only half a mile. The difference of price between A and G would exceed another three pence per ton were there no Bridge ; but with a Draw Bridge to pass through, the difference is estimated at nine pence. The reason given by the Shipmasters for this increase is, that the Bridge can only be passed at high water, which would cause a detention of two tides in each voyage, and that there would besides be some risk in anchoring near the Bridge in a strong tide while waiting for the proper time of passing. This detention and risk is estimated at sixpence per ton, and the allowance for distance above A at three pence, making together nine pence. The selling price at A varies from two shillings and six pence to two shillings and nine pence per ton ; the price at present is two shillings and six pence. I have followed the estimate of Mr. Cochran, who has practised shipping Plaster at G, and who has been accustomed to pass Draw Bridges. Three other Masters of Vessels, whom I have enquired of, say they would not risk their vessels through the Bridge for any probable advantage they would receive by it. They also say, that there would be danger of getting aground upon the banks of the River in the falling tide, and oversetting at low water, or filling with the ensuing tide ; but Mr. Cochran says, the banks are too steep for this to take place—that a vessel caught upon them would slide to the bottom and keep upright. I think it probable, that were a trade opened, others would come to his opinion. It seems therefore, that under the most favourable supposition the Plaster at G would remain permanently at one shilling a ton lower in price than at B. As an offset against this the Quarries at B require one half of the whole labour bestowed, to keep them clear of earth and rubbish, while the Quarries at G would, for a considerable time at least, require but little *clearing* ; and it is thought by many of the Quarrymen at B that they will, before long, have to seek for Quarries elsewhere. It is the opinion of several

several of them that they could earn as much wages by selling at one shilling and six pence per ton at G, as at two shillings and six pence at A. There is, however, much uncertainty in this, a very prevalent opinion is, that the Plaster is hard and unsaleable, except at I, half a mile further up the River, but Mr. Cochran, who has tried it, says, that though the greater part is hard there can be large quantities of soft saleable Plaster obtained. It is in contemplation by the owners of the land to make a cut for the River through a narrow neck of marsh at H, which will facilitate the navigation, and the foregoing estimates are predicated upon the supposition of this being done.

All the opinions that I have been able to obtain on this subject go to show, that though a Bridge at A will be an obstruction to a future trade at G, a Draw will give but little relief—all the persons consulted think that were a Draw in the Bridge it would rot down before a vessel would pass through it. The reason given is, that the Quarries up the River Hebert between B and F are likely to last for at least fifteen or twenty years, and it will be more accessible than the Plaster at G, with a Draw Bridge in the way to it. It does not appear that the Plaster at G can be brought into profitable competition with that lower down the River, by direct shipment, except there should be a rise of price. This does not seem likely to happen. For the last eight years the price at B has been falling—it was first three shillings and six pence to three shillings and three pence per ton, and has gradually lowered to two shillings and nine pence, which is the price at present, with but little prospect of a rise. The price at A has been pretty uniformly three pence lower than that at B. Six pence per ton is paid to the owner of the soil as rent, the remainder gives barely a living to the workmen—profits are quite out of the question.

The probable modes in which the Plaster at G will be most profitably got to market, will be either by lightering down the River, or by a cheap rail road from G to A, or which would be better, to K; where it would sell for as high a price as at B. In support of the first of these views, it appears that the selling price at D is permanently one shilling a ton above the price at B. If to this be added nine pence, which is the estimated difference of labour of Quarrying between B and G, it gives one shilling and nine pence that might be applied to lighterage; and when it is considered that Plaster is carried to Eastport for about double that sum, it seems probable that the present average prices would afford payment for that mode of conveyance.

With respect to the other scheme, a rail road from G to A, the distance is 660 yards; ground is a level marsh, except 200 yards under the foot of a bluff of hard Plaster at L, which is washed by the river; but when the cut is made across the marsh at H, the bed of the River at L will, in three or four years, be filled up; and as the cut can be made for about thirty pounds, and will effect an improvement in the Marsh of upwards of one hundred pounds, it will amply repay the expense, independently of any advantage from the Plaster. A rail road lined with light iron bars can be laid upon the level marsh for about two hundred and fifty pounds to A, or three hundred and twenty pounds to K. The haulage upon such a road, exclusive of loading and unloading waggons, and which is a charge that would be incurred were it shipped at G, would be about two pence per ton to A, and three pence to K, and the interest and repair of the rail road would, upon five thousand tons, which may be assumed as the amount hauled in a year, be from one penny half penny to two pence per ton more. This is less than the reduction of price required to induce vessels to go up to G, even were there no Bridge in the way. This plan of getting out Plaster has not been much thought upon, but the system has been commenced in Windsor and will, doubtless, spread. Few or no places are more favourable than this, it will in a short time be an entire level marsh, requiring only the rails to be laid upon the surface of the ground.

It does not seem probable that Mr. Stirling's Plaster will be in much demand while present circumstances continue. The facts of it having been tried in 1836 and '37 by Messrs. Chrochrans, and abandoned ever since, and that a quantity has lain unsold for three years, prove this. Mr. Cochran says he left it because he found Quarrying at B more profitable; and Mr. Stirling himself seems to look upon the sale as only a prospective matter. He says, he expects it to become valuable by and by, and does not wish to have

it shut out from market. That he does not expect to ship any very soon, may be inferred from the circumstance that though living in the vicinity and fully acquainted with the movements respecting the Bridge last summer, he made no objection at that time. It is, however, probable that the Plaster in question will come into the market after the lapse of several years. The present Quarries are wearing away, and new ones, further from the River and requiring more haulage, will have to be opened. Lightering from G or I will then, unless counteracted by unforeseen circumstances, come into competition with teaming from the rocks near Windsor for the supply of the large vessels, and a rail road from G to A or K be the most advantageous way of supplying the small ones. Were there no Bridge to be passed, a small quantity might possibly be shipped at G somewhat sooner than it otherwise would, but the Road to K will be the most profitable way of getting out a large quantity. It does not appear that the trade would be benefitted by a Draw in the Bridge.

As regards taking new vessels down the River, a Draw does not seem necessary. The depth from high water mark to the bottom of the River is twenty-two feet, and the Bridge can be raised six feet in the middle, making twenty-eight feet in the clear. This will afford a passage for a ship of three hundred tons—which is full as large a size as can be brought down the River. Vessels are taken under Bridges before stepping their masts in all parts of the country, so that doing so here will not be accounted a hardship.

A Draw Bridge, with a pier in the ordinary way, will add to the whole expense of the Bridge—for the pier about £80, and for the superstructure about £50, making together £130. If His Excellency should think proper to build the Bridge without a Draw at present, and put one in hereafter, it may be altered to that construction when required, without incurring any more expense than would be necessary at present.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

John Whidden, Esq., Acting Provincial Secretary, &c. &c. &c., Halifax.

Halifax, 2d June, 1842.

Windsor Road, January 10th, 1843.

SIR—

The Commissioners of the Bridge erected over the River St. Croix, at the East Marsh, between Windsor and Newport, beg leave to Report, and lay before His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the annexed papers and account of the over expenditure of money, which they have been under the necessity of expending, to complete the Bridge.

The Commissioners regret the sum being so large, which has been occasioned by the following causes, and of which they were not aware when the estimate was made. The Timber required for the top, called the bridging part, was much higher than was expected, the construction of the Bridge, which is different from any other erected in the Province, (the space being 100 feet) required more expensive Timber than is generally made use of, securing the foundation—ballast, for the abutments—iron, necessarily required for the security of the whole, together with some other casualties, have caused the sum to be augmented beyond what the Commissioners anticipated.

The Commissioners have the satisfaction to state that the Bridge is well constructed, mechanically put together, the work substantial, is allowed by good judges to be a superior Bridge, and with about Forty Pounds more expense, can be secured from the weather, which would prevent the Timber from decaying, and cause it to last many years.

The Commissioners in making this report of the Bridge, beg leave further to state, that the utility of it renders it necessary that the Road in connexion with it, from East to West, particularly

particularly that part from Newport to Windsor, should be opened upon the line laid out; this line intersects the projected alteration of the Great Western Road, about two and a half miles from Windsor, which leaves two and a half to the Bridge, the distance being only five miles. The alteration contemplated has been examined by competent persons, and it is allowed, will be, if carried into effect, a great improvement, as it would shorten the distance, and avoid all the hills between the Three Mile Plains and the Town of Windsor. The expense will be considerable in the first instance, but when carried into operation, will greatly improve the communication. The whole line of the Great Eastern Road from Windsor to the Shubenacadie Bridge at Parker's, will, no doubt, within a few years, be opened, though it cannot be immediately accomplished; the first, and most necessary part, is from Newport to Windsor; the present Road through the County of Hants can be travelled until means are available to finish this most desirable improvement.

This Report is respectfully submitted to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to be laid before the Legislature at the approaching Session, for its deliberation.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servants,

DANIEL WIER, }
JOHN CHAMBERS, } Commissioners.

John Whidden, Esq., Deputy Secretary.

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CIRCULAR.

Downing Street, 26th September, 1842.

MY LORD—

Referring to Lord Glenelg's Circular Instructions of the 11th of November, 1836, explanatory of the measures which His Lordship directed to be taken, for vesting the Ordnance Property in Nova Scotia in the Principal Officers of the Ordnance, I have to instruct you to report to me, whether any and what steps were taken for carrying that Circular Instruction into effect. In the event of no enactment having been passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, with a view to the object in question, you will consider it your duty, to propose a Law for the consideration of the Legislature, framed in conformity with the draft herewith inclosed. But if a law should actually have been passed, in accordance with the Circular Instruction of 1836, you will move the Legislature to consider of the propriety of amending such Law, in conformity with the enclosed draft.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

STANLEY,

Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

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*(See Page 392.)**Halifax, January 31st, 1843.*

SIR—

We beg to state, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that the Light Houses throughout the Province are in an efficient state, and supplied with Oil and all other necessaries; that Improved Lamps have been introduced into the Light Houses during the past year, which has added much to their usefulness.

The two Light Houses ordered to be built at Canso and Louisburg, we beg to report, are completed, and in full operation; a Buoy, on a dangerous Rock at the entrance of Louisburg Harbour, being considered necessary, we have placed one there, by which the navigation of the Harbour is rendered much more safe, and adds to the importance of the Light.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servants,

S. CUNARD,	} Commrs.	
THOS. MAYNARD,		} Light
J. P. MILLER,		} Houses.

John Whidden, Esq., Acting Secretary, &c. &c.

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No. 17.

(See Page 393.)

The Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, appointed to examine the Public Accounts, report as follows :

TREASURER OF THE PROVINCE.

His Accounts to the 31st December last, have been received. Balance in hands to that date £2589 6 6

COLLECTORS OF IMPOST AND EXCISE.

HALIFAX.

His Accounts received to 31st December last. Balance Bonds in hand, 21943 13 1

LIVERPOOL.

His Accounts received. Balance Bonds in hand, per statement furnished, 646 7 6½

LUNENBURG.

His Accounts received. Balance Bonds in hand, per statement furnished, 1441 1 1

SHELBURNE.

His Accounts received. Balance Bonds in hand, 177 6 2

BARRINGTON.

His Accounts received—amount paid in full

ARGYLE.

His Accounts received—amount paid in full.

YARMOUTH.

His Accounts received. Balance Bonds in hand, per statement furnished, 553 14 0

WEYMOUTH.

His Account received, but no statement of Bonds. Balance due 44 6 3

DIGBY.

His Account received, but no statement of Bonds. Balance due 308 15 11

BRIAR ISLAND.

His Account received. Amount paid in full.

ANNAPOLIS.

His Account received. Amount paid in full.

CORNWALLIS.

His Account received, but no statement of Bonds. Balance due, 94 4 6

WINDSOR.

His Account received. Bonds in hand, per statement, £291 6 7
 Whole Balance per account, 373 8 2

NOTE—He has exhibited a Statement of Expenses incurred in the purchase of a Revenue Vessel, sailing her, &c., amounting to £472 8s. 3d., which he appears to think should be an offset towards the above balance, but the Committee do not conceive him to have been warranted in so large an expenditure, as the amount granted for that purpose was £60 per annum, which has been paid for the last three years, but does not appear to be credited.

COLCHESTER.

His Account received. Balance due 1 3 11

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AMHERST.		
His Account received. No statement of Bonds—Balance		£35 9 6
PUGWASH AND WALLACE.		
His Account received. Balance,		2 9 3
PICTOU.		
His Account received. Bonds in hand per statement,	£584 6 8	
Whole Balance, per account,		2324 9 7
TATAMAGOUCHE.		
His Account received. Balance Bonds in hand,		143 8 11½
ANTIGONISH.		
His Account received. Balance,		3 1 10
GUYSBOROUGH.		
His Account received—no statement of Bonds. Balance, per his Account corrected		37 3 7
ARICHAT.		
His Account received—no statement of Bonds. Balance		546 3 2
PORT HOOD.		
His Account received. Balance		1 19 1
SYDNEY, C. B.		
His Account received—no statement of Bonds. Balance		373 19 3
CHESTER.		
Nothing collected.		

LIGHT DUTY COLLECTORS.

HALIFAX.		
Collected, per his Account	£1371 17 8	
Error in casting	2 5 7	
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Paid		£1374 3 3
		1371 17 8 due 2 5 7
LUNENBURG.		
Collected £58 10 6—Paid		58 10 6
LIVERPOOL.		
Collected £157 10 0—Paid		157 10 0
SHELBURNE.		
Collected 1841 & 42 £101 17 5—Paid		101 17 5
BARRINGTON.		
Collected 1842 £46 13 0—Paid		46 13 0
No Account or remittance for 1841.		
ARGYLE.		
Collected 1841 £17 17 2		
“ 1842 44 14 6—£62 11 8—Paid		62 11 8
YARMOUTH.		
Collected 1841 & 42 £437 7 2—Paid		439 3 7
Error against himself in casting 36s. 5d., overpaid that amount.		

WEYMOUTH.

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WEYMOUTH.					
Collected 1841 & 42	£34 15 9—Paid		£34	15	9
BRIER ISLAND.					
Collected 1841 & 42	£43 1 1—Paid		28	1	1 due 15 0 0
DIGBY.					
Collected 1841 & 42	£108 5 6—Paid		108	5	6
ANNAPOLIS.					
Collected	£11 5 8—Paid		11	5	8
CORNWALLIS.					
Collected	£6 0 3—Paid		6	0	3
WINDSOR.					
Balance 1840	£122 19 4				
Collected 1841 & 42	230 2 9—£353 1 1—Paid		300	0	0 due 53 1 1
COLCHESTER.					
No Account, and no remittance.					
AMHERST.					
Collected	£17 19 4—Paid		17	19	4
PUGWASH & WALLACE.					
Balance 1841	£12 3 6				
Collected 1482	34 6 8—£46 10 2—Paid		46	10	2
TATTAMAGOUCHE.					
Collected 1840, per Account	£23 5 3—Paid		23	5	3
No Account or remittance for 1841 & 42.					
PICTOU.					
Balance 1841	£ 72 14 7				
Collected 1842	323 6 3—£396 0 10—Paid		396	0	10
ANTIGONISH.					
Collected 1841	£7 8 0—Paid		7	8	0
No Account, 1842, nor remittance.					
GUYSBOROUGH.					
Balance 1841	£11 2 0—Paid		11	2	0
No Account 1842.					
ARICHAT.					
Collected	£42 6 4—Paid		42	6	4
He charges £7 for two Boatmen employed, the Committee think improperly.					
PORT HOOD.					
No Account, nor remittance.					
SYDNEY, C. B.					
Collected	£534 12 0—Paid £485 5 9—Due, since paid		49	6	3
GUT CANSO.					
Collected	£190 8 4—Paid		168	3	6 due 22 4 10
LITTLE CANSO.					
Balance 1841	£20 1 1				
Collected 1842	46 7 4—£66 8 5—Paid		66	8	5

THE COMMISSIONERS OF LIGHT HOUSES.

Their Accounts to 31st December last, received, amount to		£5075	11	1
They received from the Treasury of the Province,	4820	15	6	
“ from New Brunswick, $\frac{1}{2}$ expenses Seal Island for 1841,	£152	5	2	
“ from ditto, for Brier Island, 1841,	100	0	0	
“ Premium for draft for the two last sums,	2	10	5	
				5075 11 1
The whole expense of supporting the Lights, exclusive of Buildings, the past year has been	4803	9	11	
Receipts of Light Duty, from ordinary sources,	3954	2	7	
Contribution of Canada, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, for 1842,	1091	17	0	
				5045 19 7
Making Balance of Receipts over Expences,	£242	9	8d.	

The Committee notice a charge of £76, in the Commissioners Account, for the hire of a vessel to visit Light Houses, &c. &c., which they think might be obviated by employing either the Sable Island vessel, or one of the Revenue Schooners, for that purpose.

There is due from Canada, towards support of St. Paul's, and Scatterie Lights.

Balance as reported last year	£793	5	1	
Annual contribution, 1842, per agreement,	500	0	0	
Proportion of Surplus Expense, per do.	87	14	6	
				1380 19 7

New Brunswick, for ditto.

Balance, as reported last year,	396	12	6	
Annual contribution, 1842, per agreement,	250	0	0	
Proportion Surplus Expense, per do.	43	17	3	
Half Expense Seal Island, 1842,	75	2	0	
Proportion of Brier Island,	100	0	0	
				865 11 9

Prince Edward's Island, for ditto.

Balance, as reported last year,	77	11	11	
Annual contribution, per agreement, 1842,	30	0	0	
Proportion Surplus Expense,	5	5	3	
				112 17 2

£2359 8 6

There is due from Collectors of Light Duty, per their accts. 141 18 6

2501 7 0

The Committee recommend that the House make an early application to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to order Correspondence to be had immediately with the Governments of Canada, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, calling upon them for payment of their respective balances, as above.

CUSTOM HOUSE.

There has been paid in from this Department to 31st December, 1842,	33,133	3	7	
Premium on Dollars,	1,381	7	6	
				34,534 11 1

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ANNAPOLIS LOAN OFFICE.

Balance as reported last year, still due.

The Committee conceive that this balance ought to be paid up without further delay, and recommend the House to pursue the most direct course of calling in the same.

SABLE ISLAND.

The Commissioners Accounts to 31st December last, have been received. Balance in Treasurer's hands, £2258 0 11

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

By the Commissioners Account, submitted, it appears there has been expended the past year,

On Government House,	£1217	5	10½	
On Province House,	230	5	4	
Commissions,	72	7	6½	
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FUNDED DEBT.

Balance of amounts funded in 1834, 35, and 36, at 5 pr. ct.	22,526	0	0	
“ Funder in 1836, at 4 per cent.	10,000	0	0	
“ Funder in Savings Bank, at 5 per cent.	20,000	0	0	
“ Ditto. in ditto. at 4½ per cent.	4,500	0	0	
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PROVINCE NOTES.

Amount in circulation, 31st December, 1842, 59,968 10 0

LOAN TO POOR SETTLERS.

Balance due, as reported last year,	2190	5	2
Net Proceeds of Grain sold in 1837, yet unpaid,	26	5	3

There has been paid in to the Treasurer £88 18 10½, in part of proceeds of the Book entitled “ Marshall's Justice ”—which sum will appear in his account the next year. A further balance is still due on this acct.

PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

To this sum undrawn on account of Roads and Bridges, and other Services, per Abstract,	£4851	1	10	Dr.
To Loan Certificates due sundry persons, including the amount funded in Savings' Bank,	57026	0	0	
To Province Notes in Circulation,	59968	10	0	
To Due to Commissioners of Public Buildings,	1519	18	9	
To Annual Vote to Sable Island,	400	0	0	
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	£123765	10	7	

CONTRA.

By Balance in the hands of the Treasurer,	£2589	6	6	Cr.
Ditto ditto on account of Sable Island,	2258	0	11	
Ditto ditto Passengers Act Fund,	106	15	5	
Due by Collectors of Light Duty,	141	18	6	

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Securities in the hands of the Collector of Excise,			
Halifax,	£219	13	1
Deduct probable Drawbacks,	9	13	1
			£21000 0 0
Securities in the hands of Out Port Collectors,	7603	15	9
Deduct probable Drawbacks,	303	15	9
			7300 0 0
Due from New Brunswick in aid of Lights,	865	11	9
“ from Canada for ditto, including balance of last year,	1380	19	7
“ from Prince Edward’s Island, including balance of previous years,	112	17	2
			2359 8 6
Balance due on Loan to Poor Settlers,			2190 5 2
“ due for Seed Grain, sold 1839,			26 5 3
“ Loan to Dalhouse College,			5000 0 0
“ Loan to Annapolis County,			35 5 2
			46007 5 5
Balance,			77758 5 2

In reporting more particularly upon the Excise and Impost Department, the Committee have to remark, first, in reference to the Office at Halifax, that the expenses of collecting very far exceeds what was probably contemplated by the Law. There having been deducted from the amounts received there, for the salary of the late Collector, who it appears died in August last, £700, which, with the Commissions of the present Collector, £350, and the charge made by Mr. Edward Binney, £302 14 4, makes the whole expense for the past year to be £1352 14 4. As to the propriety of the latter charge, the Committee abstain from making any remarks, as the subject is already before the House. They, however, feel it to be incumbent upon them to recommend, that the Law should be so amended as to prevent the recurrence of a similar expense. The Out Port Collectors have all forwarded their Accounts, with greater punctuality than usual, and many of them have made more timely and proper remittances. The Committee, notwithstanding, notice with regret, that in some places, as at Pictou and Windsor, (and others of less amount,) large balances stand over from year to year, for a comparatively small part of which, Bonds are exhibited; and they think these Collectors should be called upon to pay up their respective balances, without delay. They also, in many cases, viz. from Weymouth, Digby, Cornwallis, Amherst, Guysborough, Arichat, and Sydney, C. B. find that no statement of Bonds has been furnished, whereby the Committee are prevented from ascertaining, whether the balances reported by them (some of which are large) are actually for Bonds in hands, or are due from the Collectors personally. The Committee feel it to be their duty to recommend, that the requisition of a return of Bonds, with their dates, parties names, &c., annually, from each officer, with a full remittance of all monies received be insisted on and enforced, as the condition of holding office; this they consider as well due to the parties themselves, as to their respective sureties, and will, as they conceive, alike tend to their advantage, as the interests of the Revenue, and to the satisfaction of the Legislature.

The Collectors of Light Duty have more generally than usual forwarded their Accounts, and remitted their balances; yet some have failed to send either their Accounts or remittances for 1841 or 1842, others for 1842, as will appear by the remarks under the heads of their several offices. The Committee can conceive of no excuse that can be offered by these officers for withholding either their Accounts, or the monies collected by them, as especially, at the Out Ports generally, the navigation closes at or before the end of the year, and the remittances should be made in time to appear in the Treasurer’s annual Account.

The Committee recommend, that the balance in hands of the Sable Island Commissioners, as appears by their Accounts, and the balance of monies received from the Passengers Act, should be transferred to the Treasury; and the balance in hand from these

sources,

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sources, from year to year, should appear at the credit of the Province, in the Treasurer's annual Account.

The Committee perceive that £210 has been paid annually, for the last three years, for the support of small Revenue Boats at the Out Ports; and as they are induced to think the advantage of these is not commensurate with the expense, they recommend that the grants for this object should be discontinued.

The Committee, in closing their Report, have to ask, that the House will take early means to bring the same to the notice of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and respectfully request that he will direct the proper officer to call the attention of parties interested in the several recommendations, wherein His Excellency's interference may be required.

Committee Room, 7th February, 1843.

MICHAEL TOBIN, Jr.	} Committee of Legislative Council.	THOS. A. S. DEWOLF,	} Committee of the House of Assembly.
JOHN MORTON,		WM. STAIRS,	
HUGH BELL,		JAMES McNAB,	
		W. B. TAYLOR,	
	JOHN J. MARSHALL,		

Abstract of Monies appropriated for Roads and Bridges, and other Services, during the Session 1842, and which are yet undrawn. 31st December, 1842.

HALIFAX COUNTY.

No. 41. Christopher Dillman, £10 0 0

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

No. 85.	Philip Cotter,	£5 0 0	
130.	Jesse Lewis,	22 0 0	
134.	Henry Smith,	33 6 8	
138.	John Cooper,	7 10 0	
159.	Jonathan Lowther,	6 0 0	
165.	William Sharp,	20 0 0	
169.	James Costen,	12 0 0	
171.	Shipley,	5 0 0	
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KING'S COUNTY.

No. 218.	Earl Burgess,	£10 0 0	
272.	Elijah Forsyth,	10 0 0	
		<hr/>	20 0 0

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

No. 351. Stephen Kempton, 5 0 0

HANT'S COUNTY.

No. 366.	Harvie and Lawrence,	£26 13 4	
368.	John Smith,	7 10 0	
430.	Card and Sandford,	40 0 0	
438.	John McKenzie,	4 10 0	
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PICTOU COUNTY.

No. 543.	John McKay,	£5 0 0	
581.	Neil Gunn,	7 10 0	
		<hr/>	12 10 0

ANNAPOLIS

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ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.		
No. 648.	Abner Chute,	£7 10 0
COLCHESTER COUNTY.		
No. 730.	William Fletcher	£4 0 0
738.	S. McCully,	5 0 0
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		9 0 0
YARMOUTH COUNTY.		
No. 795.	John Hatfield,	20 0 0
DIGBY COUNTY.		
No. 874.	Israel Outhouse	40 0 0
SHELBURNE COUNTY.		
No. 999.	William Chevers,	5 0 0
SYDNEY, NOVA-SCOTIA.		
No. 1061.	Mathew McNair,	£12 0 0
1081.	Allan Cameron,	10 0 0
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		22 0 0
SYDNEY, CAPE-BRETON.		
No. 1191.	John Ferguson,	£15 0 0
1204.	William Crier,	15 0 0
1224.	James Drummond,	20 0 0
1230.	John Fraser,	20 0 0
1208.	John Forest,	5 0 0
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		75 0 0
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		£415 10 0

Of £26,000 granted by the Act of 1840, for the Main Post Roads, there has been expended £21,144 1 9, leaving to be expended in 1843	1855 18 3
Of £6,000 granted in the Session of 1841, for the Main Post Roads, there has been expended £5,958 6 5, leaving, of the original sum, to be expended	41 13 7
Of £6,000 granted for Bridewell, there has been expended £5,000, leaving to be expended in 1843	1000 0 0
For Grant to George Eastwood, per vote, 1842	300 0 0
For Breakwater at Clare	60 0 0
Of £2,000 granted in 1838, as Bounty for the encouragement of the Whale Fishery, there has been drawn out £842, leaving, subject to be called for	1158 0 0
For opening a passage between Little Arichat Harbour and Lenox Passage, per vote, 1842	20 0 0
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	£4851 1 10

Committee Room, 7th February, 1843.

MICHAEL TOBIN, Jr.	}	Committee of Legislative Council.	THOS. A. S. DEWOLF,	}	Committee of the House of Assembly.
JOHN MORTON,			WM. STAIRS,		
HUGH BELL,			JAMES McNAB,		
			W. B. TAYLOR, JOHN J. MARSHALL,		

No. 18.

(See Page 394.)

PORT OF HALIFAX, N. S.

An Abstract Account of the amount of Duties received, and on what Articles, at this Port, for the Quarter ended 5th April, 1842.

Goods.	Weight or Guage.	Value of Goods paying Advallorem Duty.	Rate of Duty.	Duties under Acts.		Total.
				Prior to 18. Geo. 3. c. 12.	Sub. to 18. Geo. 3. c. 12.	
Brandy, Gin, & Cordials.	7720 gallons,		2s. 4d. Seg. $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon		£867 19 10	£867 19 10
Rum,.....	2095 "		1s. 9d. " "		183 4 0	183 4 0
Sugar,.....	2372 cwt 2 q. 17 lb		5s. 1pl. & 2s. Cl. $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt		830 8 7	830 8 7
Molasses for Duty,.....	74191 gallons,		1d. $\frac{1}{2}$ gal. & 3s. $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt	£309 2 7	761 14 4	1070 16 11
Do. Fisheries,.....	23884 "		1d. $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon,	99 10 4		99 10 4
Wine,.....	5607 "	£1302 5 4		63 1 7	86 6 1	149 7 8
Coffee,.....	175 cwt 1 q. 24 lb		5s. $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.		43 16 9	43 16 9
Beef and Pork,.....	10 " 2 " 24 "		12s. "		6 8 7	6 8 7
Hams,.....	5 " 2 "		12s. "		3 6 0	3 6 0
Pimento,.....	4364 lb		1d. $\frac{1}{2}$ lb		9 1 10	9 1 10
Cocoa,.....	37 cwt.		5s. $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.		9 5 0	9 5 0
Clocks & Watches, Linen Wire, Musical Instruments, Books & Paper, Leather Manufactures, &c. &c.		106 13 7	30 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent.		32 0 1	32 0 1
Glass, Soap, Refined Sugar, Manufactured Tobacco, and Cotton Manufactures, &c. &c.		602 1 8	20 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent.		180 12 6	180 12 6
All Goods not otherwise charged with Duty,		1514 3 4	15 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent.		227 2 6	227 2 6
Raisins, Figs, Pickles, Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, &c. &c. &c.		899 6 8	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ cent.		67 9 0	67 9 0
Halifax Proper,.....				£471 14 6	£3308 15 1	£3780 9 7
OUT PORTS.						
Liverpool, ...				35 18 10	42 4 2	78 3 0
Lunenburg, ...				0 9 0	42 0 2	42 9 2
Yarmouth, ...				29 17 5	63 10 4	93 7 9
Digby, ...					3 10 8	3 10 8
Annapolis, ...					22 1 0	22 1 0
Parrsboro', ...				1 9 2	4 19 9	6 8 11
Pictou, ...				10 0 4	69 9 2	79 9 6
Cape Breton, ...					11 12 10	11 12 10
Shelburne, Barrington, Argyle, New Edinboro', Cornwallis, Windsor, Cumberland, Guysboro', Wallace, }	No Duties received in this quarter.					
Total,.....				£549 9 3	£3568 3 2	£4117 12 5

Flour entered for the use of the Fisheries, 3990 Barrels.

THOS. N. JEFFERY, Collector.

Custom House.

PORT OF HALIFAX, N S.

An Abstract Account of the amount of Duties received, and on what Articles, at this Port, for the Quarter ended 5th July, 1842.

Goods.	Weight or Gauge.	Value of Goods paying Advallorem Duty.	Rate of Duty.	Duties under Acts.		Total.
				Prior to 18, Geo. 3, c. 12.	Sub. to 18, Geo. 3, c. 12.	
Brandy, Gin, & Cordials,	14815 gallons,		1s. Ipl. & 1s. 4d. Cl.		£1664 3 0	£1664 3 0
Rum,.....	1516 "		6d. " 1s 3d. "		132 19 3	132 19 3
Sugar,.....	4907 cwt. 3 q. 22 lb		5s. " 2s. "		1717 15 8	1717 15 8
Molasses for Duty,.....	73232 gallons,		1d. ½ gal. & 3s. ½ cwt	£305 2 8	756 11 11	1061 14 7
Do. Fisheries,.....	33967 "		1d. ½ gallon,	139 8 11		139 8 11
Wine,.....	20605 "	£4525 5 11		42 0 11	306 4 7	348 5 6
Coffee,.....	768 cwt. 1 q. 26 lb		5s. ½ cwt.		192 4 6	192 4 6
Beef and Pork,.....	34 " 3 " 22 "		12s. "		20 19 5	20 19 5
Hams,.....	40 " 3 " 10 "		12s. "		24 10 1	24 10 1
Pimento,.....	1816 lb		½d. ½ lb	3 15 8		3 15 8
Cocoa,.....	29 cwt.		5s. ½ cwt.		7 5 0	7 5 0
Clocks & Watches, Linen, Wire, Musical Instruments, Books & Paper, Leather Manufactures, &c.		490 13 10	30 ½ cent.		147 4 2	147 4 2
Glass, Soap, Refined Sugar, Manufactured Tobacco, and Cotton Manufactures, &c. &c.		1843 19 7	20 ½ cent.		368 15 11	368 15 11
All Goods not otherwise charged with Duty,		3699 18 4			554 19 9	554 19 9
Raisins, Figs, Pickles, Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, &c. &c.		565 2 2			42 7 6	42 7 6
Halifax Proper,.....				£490 8 2	£5936 0 11	£6426 9 1
OUT PORTS.						
Liverpool,				49 8 1	114 5 6	163 13 7
Lutenburg,				2 19 8	24 2 2	27 1 10
Shelburne,				28 15 8	42 15 1	71 10 9
Yarmouth,				17 2 7	203 1 2	220 3 9
New Edinboro',					35 2 0	35 2 0
Digby,				7 7 11	70 2 1	77 10 0
Cornwallis,					1 12 0	1 12 0
Windsor,				3 6 7	162 16 7	166 3 2
Parrsboro',				0 2 1	20 0 10	20 2 11
Pictou,				0 14 2	82 19 10	83 14 0
Cumberland,				1 1 7	33 15 2	34 16 9
Wallace,				0 19 4	6 15 7	7 14 11
Cape Breton,				4 5 5	195 2 7	199 8 0
Barrington, Argyle, Annapolis, and Guysboro', } No Duties received in this Quarter.						
Total,.....				£606 11 3	£6928 11 6	£7535 2 9

Flour entered for the use of the Fisheries, 10738½ Barrels.

THOMAS N. JEFFERY, Collector.

Custom House.

PORT OF HALIFAX, N. S.

An Abstract Account of the amount of Duties received, and on what Articles, for the Quarter ended 10th October, 1842.

Goods.	Weight or Gauge.	Value of Goods paying Advan- lorem Duty.	Rate of Duty.	Duties received under		Total.
				Old Acts.	New Acts.	
Brandy and Gin,.....	10825½ gallons,		1s. 1pl. & 1s. 4d. Cl		£1209 3 0	£1209 3 0
Rum,.....	2252 "		6d. " 1s. 3d. "		196 14 5	196 14 5
Sugar,.....	3527 cwt. 2 q. 21 lb		5s. " 2s. 0d. "		1234 13 10	1234 13 10
Molasses for Duty,.....	79546 gallons,			£331 8 10	834 0 5	1165 9 3
Do. for Fisheries,.....	40704 "			169 15 0		169 15 0
Wine,.....	8630½ "	£1320 2 2		37 10 8	95 0 3	132 10 11
Coffee,.....	457 cwt. 2 q. 5 lb				114 7 9	114 7 9
Beef and Pork,.....	11 " 1 " 12 "				6 16 4	6 16 4
Hams,.....	35 " 3 " 21 "				21 11 4	21 11 4
Pimento,.....	1062 lb		½d. ½ lb	2 4 3		2 4 3
Cocoa,.....	31 cwt.		5s. ½ cwt.		7 15 0	7 15 0
Clocks & Watches, Li- nen, Wire, Musical Instruments, Books, Paper, &c. &c.		317 3 7	30 ½ cent.		95 3 1	95 3 1
Glass, Soap, Refined Sugar, Manufactured Tobacco, and Cotton Manufactures, &c. &c.		1681 19 7	20 ½ cent.		336 7 11	336 7 11
All Goods not other- wise charged with Dut,		9385 17 2	15 ½ cent.		1407 17 7	1407 17 7
Raisins, Pickles, Pitch, Tar, Turpentine, &c. &c.		754 17 9	7½ ½ cent.		56 12 4	56 12 4
Halifax Proper,.....				£540 18 9	£5616 3 3	£6157 2 0
OUT PORTS.						
Liverpool,				24 5 11	42 5 7	66 11 6
Lunenburg,					24 2 1	24 2 1
Shelburne,					38 7 11	38 7 11
Barrington,				0 19 11	11 18 10	12 18 9
Yarmouth,				56 14 0	69 16 10	126 10 10
Digby,				4 13 8	57 0 1	61 13 9
Cornwallis,					0 5 5	0 5 5
Windsor,				1 9 2	150 15 3	152 4 5
Farrsboro',					15 8 1	15 8 1
Pictou,				1 11 2	254 10 7	256 1 9
Cumberland,				0 19 8	38 19 2	39 18 10
Wallace,				0 11 8	11 0 2	11 11 10
Cape Breton,				31 6 4	220 19 7	252 5 11
Argyle, New Edinboro', and Guysboro',—No Duties received.						
				£663 10 3	£6551 12 10	£7215 3 1

5965 Barrels Wheat Flour entered for the Fisheries.

THOS. N. JEFFERY, Collector.

Custom House.

PORT OF HALIFAX, N. S.

An Abstract Account of the amount of Duties received, and on what Articles, at this Port, for the Quarter ended 5th January, 1843.

Goods.	Weight or Gauge.	Value of Goods paying Advan- lorem Duty.	Rate of Duty.	Duties under Acts.		Total.	
				Prior to 18, Geo. 3. c. 12.	Sub. to 18, Geo. 3. c. 12.		
Brandy, Gin, & Cordials,	12280 gallons,		1s. 1pl. 1s. 4d. Cl.		£1380 10 2	£1380 10 2	
Rum,.....	179 "		6d. " 1s. 3d. "		15 6 10	15 6 10	
Sugar,.....	6592 cwt. 0 q 9 lb		5s. " 2s. "		2307 4 7	2307 4 7	
Molasses for Duty,.....	58019 gallons,		1d. $\frac{1}{2}$ gal. & 3s. $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt	£241 14 11	612 12 5	854 7 4	
Do. for Fisheries,.....	26263 "		1d. $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon,	109 8 7		109 8 7	
Wine,.....	11681 "	£1690 18 9		31 11 7	101 3 6	132 15 1	
Coffee,.....	385 cwt. 0 q. 9 lb		5s. $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.		96 5 5	96 5 5	
Beef and Pork,.....	9 " 3 " 10 "		12s. "		5 18 1	5 18 1	
Hams,.....		Nil					
Pimento,.....	1322 lb		1d. $\frac{1}{2}$ lb	2 15 1		2 15 1	
Cocoa,.....		Nil					
Clocks & Watches, Li- nen, Wire, Musical Instruments, Books & Paper, Leather Ma- nufactures, &c. &c.		221 18 7	30 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent.		66 11 7	66 11 7	
Glass, Soap, Refined Sugar, Manufactured Tobacco, and Cotton Manufactures,		1128 1 8	20 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent.		225 12 4	225 12 4	
All Goods not other- wise charged with Duty,		2231 12 6			334 14 10	334 14 10	
Raisins, Figs, Pickles, Pitch, Tar, Turpen- tine, &c.		1018 5 6			76 7 5	76 7 5	
Halifax Proper,.....				£385 10 2	£5222 7 2	£5607 17 4	
OUT PORTS.							
Pictou,					0 2 10	85 7 8	85 10 6
Liverpool,						68 11 3	68 11 3
Lunenburg,					0 18 1	102 0 8	102 18 9
Barrington,					2 8 4	15 1 0	17 9 4
Digby,					2 13 2	51 1 5	53 14 7
Cumberland,					0 12 3	21 13 2	22 5 5
Annapolis,						4 4 0	4 4 0
Parrsboro',					4 16 9	22 6 10	27 3 7
Windsor,						17 0 6	17 0 6
Cape Breton,					7 4 1	110 16 1	118 0 2
Cornwallis, New Edin- boro', Shelburne, and Guysboro'.	} No Duties received this Quarter.						
Yarmouth, Wallace, Argyle—Accounts not received.							
Total,.....				£404 5 8	£5720 9 9	£6124 15 5	

Flour entered for the use of the Fisheries, 8365 Barrels.

THOS. N. JEFFERY, Collector.

Custom House.

No. 19.

(See Page 395.)

COPY.

No. 56.

Government House, Halifax, March 26, 1842.

MY LORD—

I have the honor to transmit herewith, the Copy of a Report (see paper No. 1.) of a Committee of the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, on Post Office Affairs, together with copies of two sets of Resolutions, (see papers No. 2 and 3,) having relation to the same subject, the first set of resolutions being consequent on the above Report, and the second set resulting from an application, made by the Deputy Post Master General here, for a grant of £593 9s 6d currency, or £484 15s 7d sterling, in addition to the sum of £1431 currency, or £1144 sterling, already expended, over and above the receipts from the internal postage, in keeping up the Post Office communications, and maintaining the contract entered into by the Treasury with Mr. Cunard, for the establishment of Mail Coaches, for the conveyance of the Post Office Letter Bags between Halifax and Pictou. Previous to the confirmation of the above contract by the Home Government, I was directed by your Lordship's predecessor, in a Despatch, No. 16, dated 17th November, 1840, to ascertain what assistance might be expected from the funds of Nova Scotia, towards defraying the expense the measure would entail; the whole sum required to carry the plan into effect, being stated at £1550 sterling, per annum. I accordingly communicated with the Assembly on the subject, and that House passed a resolution authorizing the application of £550 sterling, per annum, for eight years, to that particular service, it being supposed that the remaining £1000 sterling, per annum, would have been furnished by Canada (for the benefit of which Province, chiefly, the new mode of forwarding the Mails was adopted) and New Brunswick, in such proportions as might be deemed just and fair towards each Colony, and that the existing arrangement with regard to the Post Office here, would not be varied, but that, as stated in a Treasury Minute, dated 3d September, 1839, and communicated by Lord John Russell to Sir Colin Campbell, in a Despatch No. 5, and dated 24th September, 1839, "so long as the Revenue derived from the internal postage was sufficient to meet the expenditure for the internal communication, no demand for this object should be made on the Provincial funds, unless the Legislature should deem it advisable that the lines of communication should be increased, in which case my Lords would rely upon Provision being made by the House of Assembly for defraying any expense of such additional communication, that might not be covered by increased postage." Since 1839, whenever additional lines have been opened, the House of Assembly has, it is believed, made the necessary provision, (or if not, is ready at any time to supply the deficiency, should it be required,) but the Post Office accounts shew, that the revenue derived from the internal postage, is now sufficient to meet the expenditure for the internal communications, and therefore the Committee contends that, in conformity to the Treasury Minute already alluded to, no demand ought to be made on the Provincial Funds by the Deputy Post Master General here, except for the above mentioned grant of £550, for promoting the transmission of the Mails between this Town and Pictou, and the House acting on the opinion of the Committee, has refused to grant the £593 9s 6d currency, demanded. The above opinion appears to be sufficiently well founded, if the General Post Office at Halifax, referred to in the inclosed Report, is to be regarded altogether in the light of an Imperial Establishment. I am not aware of the view taken of the subject by the Post Office Authorities in London, but I conceive they will not at any rate, deem it advisable to demand from Nova Scotia more than a portion of the sum required to keep up the Post Office here, as Canada derives so essential a benefit from that Institution. In whatever manner the Post Master General in England may determine this point, whether it be decided that Nova Scotia ought to pay a portion or the whole, the amount to be borne by the Colony, must be added to the annual grant of £550 sterling,

above mentioned, and the aggregate will be the whole and only sum to be provided by the Local Legislature; whereas, if the Post Office here be judged to be an Imperial Establishment, then, as before said, the above £550 sterling, in addition to the proceeds of the internal postage, will be all that will be required from the Province, should Canada and New Brunswick contribute the £1000 wanting, as it is hoped they will do. It will be seen by the Report of the Committee, that the Legislature of Nova Scotia by no means wishes that this £1000 should be paid by the Mother Country, but solicits your Lordship's intervention with the Governors and Legislatures of the other British North American Provinces, to give force to the communication I have been requested to make to them on this subject. The House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, also hopes that but a small share of any of the expense incurred in keeping up the Halifax Post Office, will have to be defrayed by the Province, the correspondence of Great Britain with Canada and New Brunswick, and the United States, having so much increased since the establishment of the Canada line of Steam Packets, that it has been found absolutely necessary to more than double the number of Clerks, &c., from which addition to the strength of the Post Office, Nova Scotia derives no benefit, as it is only required in consequence of the augmented correspondence between England and the above mentioned countries, the Revenue derived from which correspondence, is appropriated by the Imperial Post Office. I send for your Lordship's information (see paper No. 4) the Copy of a letter I have addressed to Sir William Colebrooke, in compliance with the wishes of the House of Assembly.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

The Lord Stanley, &c. &c. &c.

COPY.

Government House, Halifax, 30th March, 1842.

SIR—

I have the honor to inclose, for the information of your Excellency, a copy of a Report, (See paper marked No. 1,) of a Committee of the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, on the Post Office Affairs of the Colony; and I also transmit (see paper No. 2,) a copy of some Resolutions passed by the House of Assembly, having relation to this subject. To the sixth of these Resolutions, especially, I beg to direct your Excellency's attention.

By the Report now sent, it will be seen that £1550 sterling, the whole sum requisite for the maintainance of the Contract entered into by the Home Government with Mr. Cunard, "for the establishment of Mail Coaches, for the conveyance of the Post Office Letter Bags between Halifax and Pictou," has hitherto been furnished by this Province, although, in my Despatch No. 68, date 27th April, 1841, (see paper No. 4,) addressed to Lord John Russell, in reply to his Despatch No. 16, date 17th November, 1840, I (see paper No. 3) distinctly intimated that £550 sterling only, had been voted by the Legislature here, for that purpose.

The perusal of these papers will, I think, make it apparent to your Excellency,—*First*, That the Contract was originally entered into, chiefly with a view of expediting the correspondence between Great Britain and Canada, and that Nova Scotia derives little direct advantage from it, the internal postage of the Province being provided for by other sources.

Secondly, That New Brunswick participates, though in a much smaller degree, in the benefits derived under the Contract by Canada, inasmuch as the New Brunswick Mails are conveyed from Halifax on the Pictou route, by the Mail Coaches, as far as Truro, more than half the distance.

Thirdly, That the Imperial Government never intended that Nova Scotia should have more than a fair proportion of the expense incurred to establish a line of Mail Coaches between Halifax and Pictou.

I therefore

I therefore earnestly hope, that your Excellency will endeavour to induce the Legislature of New Brunswick to contribute annually, during the next seven years, a specific sum not less than £250 sterling, in aid of the designs of Her Majesty's Government.

I am about to address His Excellency the Governor General on this subject, and I anticipate that the Canadian Parliament will cheerfully grant the remaining £750.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

His Excellency Sir William Colebrooke, &c. &c. &c.

Government House, Halifax, April 1st, 1842.

SIR—

I have the honor to transmit herewith, the copy of a second set of Resolutions, which have been passed by the House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia, in relation to Post Office affairs. Your Excellency will perceive by the first of these Resolutions, that the Assembly decline to vote a sum of £593 9 6, which the expense incurred in carrying into effect the Contract entered into with Mr. Cunard "for the establishment of Mail Coaches for the conveyance of the Post Office Letter Bags, between Halifax and Pictou," rendered it necessary to ask for. This refusal has originated in the Report of the Committee on Post Office affairs, (a Copy of which I sent by the last Mail) and I deem it right to make you acquainted with the circumstance, in the hope that the decision of the Legislature of New Brunswick, with regard to the annual contribution requested in aid of maintaining the above arrangement, may be influenced by the danger, which appears to exist of a necessity arising for abandoning a Contract, from which that Province certainly derives considerable advantage.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's

Obed. humble Servant,

Signed,

FALKLAND.

His Excellency Sir William Colebrooke.

COPY.

No. 84.

Government House, Halifax, July 1st, 1842.

MY LORD—

I have the honor to transmit herewith, the copy of a Letter addressed by me to Sir Charles Bagot, (see paper No. 1) in relation to the Post Office affairs of Nova Scotia, requesting that he would recommend to the Canadian Legislature to grant a sum of £750 sterling, annually, for the next seven years, towards maintaining the Contract entered into with Mr. Cunard "for the establishment of Mail Coaches for the conveyance of the Post Office Letter Bags, between Halifax and Pictou," together with His Excellency's reply, (see paper No. 2.)

Your Lordship will perceive that the Governor General declines making any application to the Parliament of Canada for pecuniary aid to defray the expense incurred by the above Contract, and I cannot but subscribe to the reasons on which His Excellency grounds his refusal.

Without however attempting to decide whether the opinion expressed by the Commissioners of Post Office enquiry, employed under Lord Sydenham, and quoted in Sir Charles Bagot's letter, viz. :—

"That

“That so much of the additional expense on this route as should be caused by the conveyance of the English Mails for Canada between the termini of the Atlantic and St. Lawrence navigation, ought to be defrayed out of the revenue arising from the Packet Postage,” because “the land Journey from Halifax to Pictou is merely the connecting link between the Atlantic and the St. Lawrence, and therefore was intended to be covered by the Packet Postage in the same way as the voyage between Pictou and Quebec”—be well founded or not, it cannot I think be fairly expected that the Province of Nova Scotia should defray from its revenues the whole cost of that land journey, but this it has hitherto done, notwithstanding that in my Despatch, No. 68, date 27th April, 1841, addressed to your Lordship’s predecessor, I distinctly stated that the Assembly of Nova Scotia, in passing a Resolution authorising the application of £550 sterling, to that particular service, expected that the remaining £1000 sterling, would be furnished from the funds of the Canadian Post Office, or by the General Post Office, or by the General Post Office in London. The appeal to Canada having proved unavailing, I now solicit your Lordship’s interference with the Post Master General to induce his Lordship to direct that the difference between the actual cost of the transmission of the Mails between this Port and Pictou, and the £550 sterling granted by the Provincial Parliament, shall in future be charged against the Packet Postage received by the Deputy Post Master General here, and thus relieve this Colony from a burthen it is really unable to bear.

In communicating with the Post Master General on this subject, it would be well that his Lordship should be informed that Sir Charles Bagot is under a misapprehension in supposing that the Contract entered into with Mr. Cunard was concluded in compliance with the wishes of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, and I am totally at a loss to conceive whence that impression was derived, unless indeed it originated in the liberal grant which the House of Assembly made on the overture of Lord John Russell, contained in a Despatch No. 16, dated 17th November, 1840, on reference to which it will be perceived that the proposal emanated from the Imperial Government, and further by a reference to my Despatches No. 16, date December 23, 1840, and No. 68, date 27th April, 1841, and Lord John Russell’s Despatch No. 65, date 21st July, 1841, that the Contract was not concluded until after my communication stating the amount of the sum that the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia was willing to contribute in aid of the above project, had been received, which circumstance alone would appear to exonerate this Province from any kind of obligation to pay more than the sum specified by me.

On the receipt of Sir Charles Bagot’s letter, I conferred with the Deputy Post Master General here, and having ascertained from him that he would probably shortly require an advance from the Provincial Treasury, I requested that he would attend at an Executive Council on the morrow, and give any information I might require, in order to enable me to decide on the course I should pursue, were the sum he should demand, when added to what had been already advanced, to amount to more than I was authorised to disburse by the Resolution of the House of Assembly.

On asking the Deputy Post Master General whether, if I refused further aid from the Provincial Treasury, any of the lines of Post Communication in the Province would be discontinued, together with several other questions, Mr. Howe very properly declined answering till he could refer to his account books, and his instructions, but expressed his willingness to answer all queries put in writing, as he had however on a former occasion intimated that it would be his duty to discontinue some of the internal lines of Post Communication, unless the assistance he demanded were granted, I requested the opinion of the Crown Officers whether, in the absence of any specific instructions to that effect from the Post Office Authorities in England, he would be warranted in so discontinuing the said lines, by any Act of the Imperial Parliament.

On the receipt of the above opinion, a copy of which I inclose (see paper No. 3) I sent it to Mr. Howe, together with a set of queries, all of which are answered by the paper No. 4, on reference to which it will be seen that the whole cost of the maintenance of the Pictou Road is,

£2065 13 9½ Halifax Currency,
Or, £1652 11 0½ Sterling,

towards

towards which the Assembly voted,

£687 10 0 Currency,
Or, £550 0 0 Sterling,

leaving a balance of

£1378 3 9½ Currency,
Or, £1102 11 0½ Sterling,

to be defrayed from other sources, the greater part of which is sought to be charged against the Province.

But it is not on this item alone of Post Office expenses that the Province of Nova Scotia is expected to pay more than it really ought to do.

The cost of the Post Office Establishment in Halifax, which was formerly as the inclosed statement proves

£201 6 2½ Currency, quarterly,
Or, £805 4 10 Currency, per annum,

equal to £644 3 10½ sterling, now amounts to

£423 3 8½ Currency, quarterly,
Or, £1692 14 10 Currency, per annum,

equal to £1354 3 10½ sterling—having been more than doubled during the last year, and the difference between these two sums of

£805 4 10
and £1692 14 10 Currency,

viz. £887 10 0 Currency,
or, £710 7 0 Sterling:

though entirely arising from the augmentation in the establishment, *consequent* on the employment of the line of Steam Boats, and the Contract for the Pictou line of Road, is also charged against the Province of Nova Scotia, making when added to the balance of

£1102 11 0½ Sterling, a sum of
£1812 11 0½ Sterling,
Or, £2265 13 9½ Currency,

over and above what the Province ever consented to pay, the amount of which I earnestly hope that the Right Honourable the Post Master General, will, in future, cause to be defrayed from the proceeds of the Packet Postage received here and at Quebec, or should it be deemed right that Nova Scotia should pay a modicum of the expenses of the Post Office at Halifax, that the sum imposed may not exceed what would be required to maintain such a Post Office Establishment as would suffice for Provincial purposes.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

The Lord Stanley, &c. &c. &c.

Government House, Halifax, 6th April, 1842.

SIR—

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for your Excellency's information, the Copy (see paper No. 1.) of a Report of a Committee of the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, on Post Office affairs. I also inclose (see papers 2 and 3) Copies of two sets of Resolutions, passed by the Assembly, and having relation to the same subject. Your Excellency will perceive by the last of the first set of Resolutions, that I am requested to communicate with you on this matter, and by the first of the second set, that the House of Assembly here have declined to vote a sum of £593 9 6 currency, or £484 15 7 sterling, asked for by the Deputy Post Master General at Halifax, in aid of the Post Office, on the ground that much more than the £550 sterling, granted for the purpose of maintaining the contract entered into with Mr. Cunard, "for the establishment of Mail Coaches, for the conveyance of the Post Office Letter Bags, between Halifax and Pictou," (the only sum for which the Committee

conceive the Legislature of this Province bound to provide, so long as the Revenue derived from the internal postage, shall be sufficient to meet the expenditure for the internal communication) has been already disbursed, and that if this further demand of the Deputy Post Master General were complied with, Nova Scotia would have furnished £1550 sterling, being the whole sum required to carry the above plan into effect, instead of the sum of £550 sterling, voted by the Provincial Parliament, for that especial purpose.

On perusing my Letter to Sir William Colebrooke and Lord Stanley, on this question, (see papers 4 & 5) together with the copies of a Despatch from Lord John Russel, and my answer thereto, (see papers 6 & 7,) your Excellency will, I hope, be led to conclude that this Colony derives but little direct advantage from the establishment of the line of Coaches between Halifax and Pictou; whereas, Canada and New-Brunswick benefit very considerably by the arrangement, the necessity of which, arose out of the enormously heavy Mails forwarded to Canada, and the number of passengers proceeding thither, immediately after the arrival of every Steamer, during six months of the year.

I therefore trust, that on consideration of all the facts of the case, your Excellency will think that the opinion entertained by the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, that the Provinces of Canada and New-Brunswick ought to contribute towards defraying the expense entailed by a measure, in the benefits resulting from which they so largely participate, in a degree proportionate to the facilities they enjoy under its operation, is founded in Justice, and that you may be induced to recommend to the Canadian Legislature, to grant £750 sterling, annually, for the next seven years, to be applied to that purpose.

I have, &c.,

Signed,

FALKLAND.

His Excellency, Sir Charles Bagot.

Government House, Kingston, 9th May, 1842.

MY LORD—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's Despatch of the 6th ult., enclosing various documents relative to a Contract entered into with Mr. Cunard, for the conveyance of the Mail three times a week, between Halifax and Pictou, and suggesting that application should be made to the Legislature of this Province, for an annual contribution of £750 towards that service.

On referring to the Correspondence of my predecessor, I find that before the Contract in question, was made with Mr. Cunard, Lord John Russell brought the subject under Lord Sydenham's notice, and that it was by him referred to the Post Office Commission, then sitting at Montreal. The Report of that Commission, with the subsequent correspondence between Lord Sydenham and the Colonial Office, I herewith enclose for your Excellency's information.

Your Excellency will observe that the Commissioners strongly dissuaded the acceptance of Mr. Cunard's offer, on the ground,

1st. That the increase of Mails between Halifax and Pictou was not required.

2ndly. That if required, it could be effected on a more economical plan—and

3rdly. That even taken on Mr. Cunard's plan, the remuneration demanded was excessive. The Commissioners further expressed an opinion, that so much of the additional expense on this route, as was caused by the conveyance of the English Mail for Canada, between the terminus of the Atlantic and St. Lawrence navigation, ought to be defrayed out of the Revenue arising from the Packet postage.

In the reasoning of the Commissioners it seems scarcely possible not to concur, but it appears that in compliance with what were understood to be the wishes of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, Her Majesty's Government decided to conclude the Contract with Mr. Cunard. You will observe, however, that they were fully apprized by Lord Sydenham, that no part of the expense of this Contract ought, in his opinion, to be defrayed out of the Canadian Revenue.

I have no hesitation in saying, that a proposal to the House of Assembly of this Province,

vince, to contribute towards this service, would be altogether hopeless ; nor does it seem to me that there is any ground on which it could be based. The Mails between Halifax and Pictou are of importance to Canada only twice a month during the summer, when they convey the English Letters—the remaining 10 or 11 Monthly Mails, between those places, during the summer, and all the Mails, between the 1st November and 1st May, are of no more service to Canada, than the Mails of any other route in Nova Scotia.—Assuming, therefore, that application was about to be made to the Canadian Legislature, all that could with plausibility be asked, would be a proportionate contribution towards the two monthly Mails during the summer, the entire expense of which was calculated, as you will observe, by Mr. Stayner, at £500 currency. But there can be little doubt, that on such an application, the Assembly would adopt the same view as Lord Sydenham and the Post Office Commissioners, namely, that the Land Journey from Halifax to Pictou, being merely the connecting link between the Atlantic and St. Lawrence, was intended to be covered by the Packet Postage, in the same way as the voyage between Pictou and Quebec.

But even supposing this difficulty to be overcome, there would remain one which is quite conclusive against a grant from this Province, viz., that a very considerable surplus Revenue is annually collected in Canada, on the postage of letters, and remitted to the British Treasury, a revenue to which the Legislature have repeatedly asserted their constitutional right, and which Her Majesty's Government had consented, in 1834, to surrender, could a General Post Office Law, for the whole of British North America have been carried through. So long as such a surplus Revenue exists, there is no hope that the Legislature would consent to grant any sum out of Provincial Funds, for Post Office purposes, and under these circumstances, it will not be in my power to act on your Excellency's proposition, that I should propose to the Assembly of this Province an annual grant of £750 towards the communications between Halifax and Pictou.

I shall transmit a copy of this Despatch for the information of Lord Stanley.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

CHARLES BAGOT.

His Excellency the Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

Halifax, 6th June, 1842.

MY LORD—

We have considered the questions relating to the Post Communications in this Province, to which your Excellency directed our attention, and have read the Acts of Parliament and the communications made by Her Majesty's Government and the Legislature of the Province on the subject, and have now the honor to Report to your Excellency thereon.

Although Her Majesty's Post Master General in London has, by Act of Parliament, authority to require security for indemnifying the revenue, either in whole or in part, and for such time as he may think necessary, from loss arising from an excess of expense over the amount of Postage received in extending the accommodations of the Post to any place, yet there is no Legislative enactment in our opinion, which makes it imperative on the Post Master General, when he shall see occasion to exercise this authority, to demand the amount of over expenditure on those Provincial Routes that realize less Postage than the expense they occasion, while other Routes produce a surplus.

We therefore think it not inconsistent with the state of the law that the receipts and expenditures of the internal Post Communications of the Province should be considered in the aggregate, if Her Majesty's Officers Governing this Department saw fit to do so, thereby allowing the productive Routes to make good the over-expenditure in the unproductive. It follows that, in our opinion, the apprehension that an Act of Parliament would be required for such an arrangement is not well founded.

The Treasury Minute of 3d September, 1839, with the Despatch of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, appear distinctly to warrant this view, as the
Legislature

Legislature of the Province are thereby informed that no vote will be required for maintaining the then lines of Post Office Communications so long as the Postage Receipts should continue (as then appeared to be the case) adequate to meet the expenditure, this declaration being predicated, not on a view of the accounts of each Route, which indeed could not have been the case, as some of them are understood to have been unproductive, but obviously in the aggregate of the whole.

We are also of opinion that there is nothing in the Acts of Parliament on this subject to make it obligatory that the expenses of the Post Office Establishment at Halifax should be paid out of the Internal Postage, alone reserving the Postages arising from Correspondence between the Colony and Great Britain, or elsewhere, to be paid into the Military Chest free from any share in the burden. The 1st Victoria c. 33, directs (s. 4) that the Post Master General shall keep a Chief Letter Office in each of the North American Colonies, and (sect. 14) that the expenses of management, &c. shall be paid in like manner as the same have heretofore been paid, referring as we presume to regulations of previous Acts. The 5 Geo. 3, sect. 25, established the rate of Postage between London and the North American Dominions, and also the rate of Postage to and from any Chief Post Office established or to be established in those Dominions, and any other part of the said Dominions, but no distinction that we can discover is made between the appropriation of the proceeds from the two sources.

The primary object for which the charge of Postage was made, was, no doubt, to defray the expenses incident to the Service; the language of the Statute of Anne, is, that the Post Master General shall receive for the conveyance of letters, and for the providing horses for present riding in post, &c. certain rates of Postage, and nothing in the Acts of Parliament, which have come under our notice, exhibits the intention that the Postages should, as regards the expenses of the establishments, be dealt with differently in consequence of any difference in the source from whence drawn.

The 4 Will. 4, c. 7, does indeed contemplate a distinction in relation to the Inland Postage collected in the North American Colonies, and offers to their Legislatures the power of fixing the rate of Postage regulating the management of the Post Office, and appropriating the surplus proceeds within the Province, "after deducting the expenses of collection and of the establishment, and the management of the Post Office, within and throughout the said respective Colonies, under the direction of the Post Master General."

The Deputy Post Master General at Halifax was referred to this Act as obligatory on this point. But as a law, this Act has no force or operation until certain Provincial Acts therein maintained, shall have passed and be assented to by Her Majesty. This having not yet been the case, the Act is entirely inoperative, and being passed in view to an arrangement in nature of a bargain with the Colonies, by which it was conceived a boon would be conferred on them, the Act before being rendered operative cannot we think be considered as declarative of the state of the existing law in relation to the obligation, which the one side could have assumed under the Act, for a certain equivalent to be conferred on the other side on the completion of the arrangement.

On this point the language of the Treasury Minute of the 3d Sept. 1839, appears to have a direct bearing.

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, are there stated to be, "of opinion that so long as the Revenue derived from the internal Postage is sufficient to meet the expenditure for the internal communications, no demand for this object should be made upon the Provincial funds." Their Lordships here place in charge against the Provincial internal Postage, but the expense for the internal communications.

It is obvious that these form a very inconsiderable item of expenses, as well as a very inconsiderable object in maintaining the Post Office in Halifax, where the Correspondence, public and private, with Great Britain, of all these Colonies, and of a considerable part of the North Continent, centers in passing; and that were the expense of its support to be deducted from the Internal Postage, the Provincial Funds might be required to assist in the payment of the expenses of the Internal Communications, although the Internal Postage in itself had been adequate for the whole of these expenses, contrary to the express opinions of My Lords.

Therefore,

Therefore, if the Deputy Post Master General at Halifax has not received instructions contrary to the tenor of the Treasury Minute of 3d Sept., since that paper was published, we think he would be quite unwarranted in holding the Province chargeable with the excess of expenditure on any particular routes, while the other routes realize a surplus.

And we also think, that if he has received no specific instructions on the subject, he is under no necessary obligation to treat the Internal Provincial Postage as the peculiar and specific fund from which to defray the expense of the Post Office Establishment at Halifax.—The idea which the Deputy Post Master General here seems to entertain, in his personal communications with your Excellency and the Council, that an Act of Parliament would be, under any circumstances, necessary, before the Packet Postage at Halifax could be made to contribute toward this charge, being, in our opinion, without warrant; and we think the Treasury Minute already referred to, gives sufficient indication that this charge is not intended to be placed against the Internal Postage, (at least without some modifications) to authorise the Deputy Post Master General at Halifax, in not acting conclusively in an opposite opinion, until he shall have been specially instructed by the head of the Department on the point.

On that part of your Excellency's reference to us, which relates to the Deputy Post Master General's requisition for money from the Provincial Treasury, towards sustaining the route between Halifax and Pictou, under the Contract with Mr. Cunard, beyond the sum of £550 sterling, voted by the Assembly for that service, accompanied by an intimation, that should he not receive such assistance, he would feel himself obliged to break up some of the existing Provincial Routes, and apply the funds saved thereby to the keeping up of the Pictou Route, we have also the honor to report our opinion.

From the Despatch of His Excellency the Governor General, lately received by your Excellency on this subject, it appears that the Authorities in Canada object to bear any part of the burden of this route, for two reasons :

1st, and principally—because, as far as the Canada Mails are concerned, it is but a part of the Communication between London and Quebec, and therefore, the subject of a General, and not Provincial charge; and 2dly—because the Contract of Mr. Cunard embraces more than the transmission of the English and Canadian Mails, and therefore, so far, is inutile as to Canada.

The first of these objections applies equally to exonerate Nova Scotia from one part of the burden; and the second objection is answered by the Grant of £550 sterling, which provides for the obligation imposed on this Province, so far (it may be presumed) as it was supposed to extend.

The vote of credit of £550 sterling, of the Nova Scotia Legislature, was passed after there had been submitted to it the Despatch of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, transmitting the copy of a Letter from the Post Master General respectively, dated 31st October, and 17th November, 1840, by which it appears, that Lord Lichfield did not depend upon the renewal, by the Colonial Legislature, of their previous grants for the Post Office Service as a matter of course, and Lord John Russel desired to learn what assistance might be expected from the funds of Nova Scotia, towards defraying the expense which the tender of Mr. Cunard would entail, (Journals, 1841, Appendix No. 10,) and the contract with Mr. Cunard was not concluded till after the vote of the Assembly had determined the amount of the Provincial contribution. It would therefore seem evident, that the Legislature here did not contemplate bearing more than a part of the charge, and that Her Majesty's Government acted on the same principal, if indeed it may not be supposed to have recognized the sum of £550 sterling, (voted by this Province) to be its fair share of the burthen on the part of Nova Scotia.

Besides all these considerations, it is not clear that the Provincial Postage (at least aided by the vote of the £550 sterling) is inadequate to meet the whole expense of the Provincial Post Communication, including that of the Pictou Route. It is true the Deputy Post Master General here has a very different belief; he, however, not only frames his statements on the principle of charging all the expenses of the establishment against the Internal Postage, leaving a sum to be paid into the Military Chest from the Packet Post-

age, whereas Lord Lichfield's statement of anticipated deficiencies is formed, as would seem, on a view of the whole Post Office Revenue of Nova Scotia, but besides this it is impossible not to suspect that some misapprehension may exist on the part of the Deputy Post Master General of Nova Scotia, when the statement of the House of Assembly made in different Sessions are looked at—together with the almost recognition made in the Treasury Minute before so often referred to, that the Provincial Postage was adequate to meet the expenditures.

Under the whole circumstances, therefore, we think the Deputy Post Master General at Halifax, until he can receive specific instructions on the subject, would be ill advised to suspend any of the Mail Routes, unless he has distinct instructions to that effect, so long as he has any Postage funds in his hands to keep up the Pictou Route.

It does not appear that he has such instructions, the only communication he referred to from his principals, as bearing this character, did not in our opinion warrant the assumption that it was the intention of the Post Master General that he should adopt so strong a measure as suspending some of the Mail Routes, under circumstances like the present, without further communication on the subject.

And we think that until the sentiments of Her Majesty's Government can be ascertained, your Excellency will be warranted in sanctioning by your authority the Deputy Post Master General in keeping up the Pictou Route out of the Postage Funds generally in his hands, without suspending any of the other Routes.

We have the honor, &c. &c.

(Signed)

J. W. JOHNSTON.
JAMES B. UNIACKE.

The Right Honble. Viscount Falkland, Lt.-Govr., &c. &c. &c.

COPY.

Statement of amounts of certain receipts and disbursements, of the Post Office Department in Nova Scotia, for the year ending 5th April, 1842, made by the Deputy Post Master General at Halifax, pursuant to a requisition of the Lieutenant Governor.

	Currency.
Amount of internal Postage received, including the allowances received by the Deputies out of Halifax, for their services,	£7,642 3 0½
Amount of Packet Postage received,	1,725 17 5
Amount received from miscellaneous sources, and not included in the above,	429 11 1½
Amount paid into the Military Chest, including premium on dollars,	1,421 3 7
Gross amount of sums disbursed, for keeping up the Post Communication throughout the Province, (exclusive of the expenses of the Establishment at Halifax,) the expenses of the route from Halifax to Pictou, and of the allowances to the several Deputies throughout the Province,	6,598 10 8
Amount of the expense of the Post Office Establishment at Halifax, for Salaries, Office Rent, and other contingencies. For the quarter ending,	
5th July, 1841,	£201 6 2½
5th October, “	201 6 2½
5th January, 1842,	423 3 8½
5th April, “	423 3 8½
	1,248 19 10
Expenses of the Pictou route, viz. :	
Amount paid Mr. Cunard, under his Contract,	£1,956 17 5
Other expenses, including allowances to Deputies,	108 16 4½
Amount of allowances to the several Deputies throughout the Province, exclusive of the Halifax Establishment.	2,065 13 9½
	427 4 11
	Amount

Amount received from the Provincial Treasury during the year,	£1,606	0	0
Amount required from the Provincial Treasury, beyond that received in the year,		304	13 10
Amount disbursed from the Packet postage, towards defraying the general expenses of the Post Office Department in Nova Scotia, in consequence of not having received sufficient funds from the Provincial Treasury, as no part of Packet postage being applicable to any particular service,		304	13 10
Amount of the annual expense for conveying the ordinary Mails from Halifax to Pictou, previous to the employment of the Steamer Unicorn, between Pictou and Quebec,		285	0 0
Amount of conveying the Mails between Halifax and Pictou, when the Unicorn Steamer commenced conveying the Mails to Canada, previous to Mr. Cunard's Contract. Ordinary conveyance,	£285		
Amount paid for conveying the Canada English Mails to Pictou, previous to Mr. Cunard's contract, but after new arrangement, between 12th July, 1840, and 12th November, 1840,	£550	835	0 0

(Signed)

J. HOWE,

D. P. M. General.

COPY.

General Post Office, Halifax, 1st November, 1842.

SIR—

I beg to transmit herewith, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, copy of a communication, with its enclosures, which I received by the Packet which arrived last night from England, authorising me to apply forthwith, the whole of the Postage, whether Packet or Internal, collected in Nova Scotia, to the payment of the Post Office expenditure, and further, desiring me in the event of *there then being any deficiency*, which the House of Assembly shall refuse to make good, to report instantly the Posts or other expenditure, which I would propose to discontinue, in order to reduce the expenses of the Colony to the Revenue.

As I am directed to make an instant report on this subject, I have to request you will do me the favor to lay these papers before His Excellency at the earliest opportunity, and to acquaint me what reply it is His Excellency's opinion, I should make to this communication.

The excess of expenditure over the Net Postage Revenue, Packet and Provincial, for the year ended 5th April last, was £1195 8s 4½d, which, however, was more than met by the Grants of the House. For the last quarter, for which the accounts have not as yet been made up, that ended the 5th July, the excess of expenditure was £326 1s 1d.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

JOHN HOWE.

John Whidden, Esq., Acting Provincial Secretary, &c. &c. &c.

COPY.

General Post Office, 14th October, 1842.

SIR—

I beg to enclose copy of a Letter and Minute from the Treasury, dated 26th ultimo, and in accordance therewith, to convey to you the authority of the Post Master General, to forthwith apply the whole of the postage, whether Packet or Internal, collected in Nova Scotia,

Scotia, to the payment of the Post Office expenditure, so far as it will go; while in the event of there being any deficiency, which the House of Assembly shall refuse to make good, you will instantly report the Posts or other expenditure which you propose to discontinue, in order to reduce the expenses of the Colony to the Revenue.

At the same time, His Lordship directs me to point out to you, that if from any dilatoriness or inattention on your part, an instant Report is not made, you will be held responsible for any excess of expenditure over and above the Revenue of the Colony, as no funds to meet it will be remitted from this Country.

I request you will acquaint Mr. Page with the subject of this communication.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) W. L. MABERLY.

J. Howe, Esquire, Halifax, N. S.

COPY.

Treasury, 26th September, 1842.

MY LORD—

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, having had under their consideration your Lordship's Report, dated the 5th ultimo, on the subject of the payment of the expenses of the internal Post communication of Nova Scotia, I have it in command from their Lordships, to transmit copy of their Minute thereon, for your Lordship's information and guidance.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) C. E. TREVELYAN.

The Right Honorable the Post Master General.

COPY.

23rd September, 1842.

My Lords see no objection to the instructions which the Post Master General proposes to give to the Deputy Post Master at Halifax.

My Lords, however, think it right to express their opinion, that in all cases in which the actual expense of internal Post communication, in any Colony, exceeds the amount of the Revenue derived from internal Postage, there is just ground for calling upon the Colony to pay the excess of payment, or to abandon such portion of the internal convenience, as may be sufficient to reduce the expenditure within the amount of the receipts.

The Packet Postage ought, undoubtedly, to bear the charge of so much of the establishment at the Port of arrival in the Colony, as is not required for internal distribution of letters; and it may be also fairly chargeable with the expense of any internal communication kept up for the purpose of forwarding letters to another Colony, with which, but for such internal communication, it would be necessary to maintain the intercourse by Packet.

But beyond this, so long as the Colonies bear no portion of the expenses of the Packets, My Lords cannot consider that they have any claim of right to the application of the sums which may be received (whether in the Colony or in the Country) for Packet Postage, to the maintainance of their internal Post Communication.

COPY.

General Post Office, Halifax, 16th November, 1842.

SIR—

I herewith transmit Copies of Communications received by the Acadia yesterday afternoon,

noon, from the Secretary to my Lord the Post Master General, directing the immediate discontinuance of certain routes of communication in the Province, which I beg you will submit to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) J. HOWE,
D. P. M. General.

John Whidden, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

COPY.

General Post Office, 2nd November, 1842.

SIR—

I herewith transmit for your information, a copy of a letter I have this day addressed to Mr. Page, on the subject of the Revenue and expenditure of the Post Office Department in Nova Scotia, by which you will perceive, that the Post Master General has authorised the discontinuance of certain services in Nova Scotia, effecting a saving in the expenditure of £817 10s. I enclose a list of these services, and I request you will take immediate steps for their discontinuance, under Mr. Page's directions.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
(Signed) W. L. MABERLY.
Secretary.

John Howe, Esq., Halifax, N. S.

COPY.

General Post Office, November 2nd, 1842.

SIR—

The Post Master General has had before him your Reports of the 1st and 2nd ultimo, on the subject of the Revenue and expenditure of the Post Office Department in Nova Scotia, showing the deficiency in that branch of the public service, and his Lordship desires me to inform you, that as the Lords of the Treasury have consented that the Packet Postage, though belonging to the Mother Country, may for the present be applied to the maintainance of the Post Office Department in that Province, he is of opinion, that the Revenue and expenditure, should be considered as a *whole*, and he does not therefore concur with you, that any appointment should be made of the charges in the Halifax Office, on account of the transit letters to Canada.

His Lordship, therefore, having decided to reduce the annual expenditure within the Revenue of the Province, authorises the discontinuance of the rides mentioned in your Report, a list of which I enclose herewith, and also the weekly Mails between Pictou and Antigonish, and Guysboro' and Antigonish, thus effecting a saving of £817 10s. a year, which, with the reduction already made in the Halifax establishment, will make a total immediate saving of £1067 10s. per annum.

I have forwarded a copy of this letter to Mr. Howe, with a list of the services to be discontinued, desiring him to take immediate steps for this purpose, under your direction.

To the foregoing reductions in the expenditure, may be added a further reduction of £180, which Mr. Hyde, the sub-contractor under Mr. Cunard, is willing to make in the amount paid for the conveyance of the Provincial Mails between Halifax and Pictou, (included to in your report of the 17th August) under certain alterations in the dispatch of those Mails. On this point, however, you will receive a separate letter by this Mail, and His Lordship trusts you will be enabled to effect a still further reduction than that now offered by Mr. Hyde.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) W. L. MABERLY.

Wm. Page, Esq., Halifax, N. S.

List of Rides to be abolished in Nova Scotia, reported in Mr. Page's letter of the 1st October, 1842.

Digby to Brier Island,	£42
Parrsboro' to Advocate Harbor,	20
Antigonish to Cape George,	24
Antigonish to St. Mary's,	40
Guysboro' to Country Harbour,	20
Guysboro' to Canso,	30
Margaree to Chetecamp,	10
St. Peter's to L'Ardoise,	10
Whycocomach to Forks, Margaree,	15
Mabou to Argyle,	31
Bedique to Margaree,	40
Sydney to Bedique,	60
Sydney to Maniadieu,	26
Sydney to Bridgeport,	20
Sydney to Narrows,	26
Catalone to Louisbourgh,	6
Louisbourgh to Garberouse,	25
Liverpool to Brookfield,	25
Bridgetown to Granville,	30
Wolfville to Cornwallis,	25
Londonderry to Economy,	20
Newport to Walton,	20
Gay's River to Musquedoboit,	40
Truro to Pugwash,	75
ALSO	
One Mail per week, from Pictou to Antigonish,	110
One Mail per week, from Antigonish to Guysboro', say	27 10
	£817 10

COPY.

Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax, 17th November, 1842.

SIR—

I am commanded by the Lieutenant Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, with Copies of Communications from the General Post, yesterday, relative to the discontinuance of certain Routes of Post Communication in this Province. I am also directed to state to you, that His Excellency has taken the subject into consideration, and as the instructions you have received from the Post Master General, appear to have been founded on the arrangement lately made, for applying to the use of the Province, the Packet Postage, His Excellency is of opinion, that until the meeting of the Provincial Legislature, it would not be expedient to subject the Province to the inconvenience which would be the consequence of suspending any of the Routes now subsisting.

I have it therefore in command from His Excellency, to inform you that His Excellency will be prepared to meet any deficiency in the expenditure of your department, until the next Sessions of the Legislature, and to request that you will not in the mean time, discontinue any of the subsisting Routes of Post communication within the Province.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

JOHN WHIDDEN.

John Howe, Esquire, Deputy Post Master General, &c. &c. &c.

COPY.

COPY.

General Post Office, Halifax, 17th November, 1842.

SIR—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day's date, and in reply, I beg you will communicate to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that I consider my instructions from my Lord the Post Master General, so distinct and conclusive, that I shall not be doing my duty in withholding acting upon them, unless His Excellency shall be pleased to take upon himself the payment of the actual costs of each of the services ordered to be discontinued. Under such an undertaking, I would not hesitate to suspend any proceedings, until I would report to His Lordship, but without it, I am apprehensive of incurring his displeasure, by a neglect of orders so distinctly conveyed.

I beg, I may receive, if possible, a further communication from you, to enable me to report to the Post Master General by to-morrows Packet.

I am, &c.,

(Signed)

JOHN HOWE,

D. P. M. General.

John Whidden, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

COPY.

Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax, 17th November, 1842.

SIR—

I have it in command from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated this day, and to inform you in answer thereto, that His Excellency having decided to advance, until the Meeting of the Legislature, such sum as will meet any deficiency in the expenditure of your Department, as communicated to you in my letter of this morning, it was intended that such advance, should be sufficient to keep up all the Routes of Post communication, now subsisting throughout the Province, and His Excellency now directs me distinctly to state, that until the meeting of the Legislature, and their further action upon the subject, His Excellency takes upon himself the payment of the actual cost of each of the services referred to by you, as ordered to be discontinued.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

JOHN WHIDDEN.

John Howe, Esquire, Deputy Post Master General.

COPY.

Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax, 12th April, 1842.

SIR—

By command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor I have the honor to transmit herewith, a copy of a Resolution of the House of Assembly, passed on 18th March last, relative to the introducing into this Province, one uniform rate of Internal Postage, not exceeding four pence sterling per half ounce—and I am directed by His Excellency, to request

request you to report for his information, as to the practicability of such a measure, and its probable effect upon the Revenue of the Post Office Department under your charge, in this Province.

I have, &c. &c.

(Signed)

JOHN WHIDDEN.

John Howe, Esquire, Deputy Post Master General, Halifax.

COPY.

General Post Office, Halifax, 13th April, 1842.

SIR—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, accompanied by a Resolution of the House of Assembly, passed on the 18th March last, relative to the introducing into this Province one uniform rate of Internal Postage, not exceeding four pence sterling per half ounce, and conveying to me the desire of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that I would report for his information as to the practicability of such a measure, and its probable effect upon the Revenue of the Post Office Department under my charge, in this Province.

I beg you will state to his Excellency that, with all due deference to the opinion of the House of Assembly, as expressed in the Resolution, I consider the introduction of the measure proposed as quite impracticable, as the Revenue derived from it would not, I am quite convinced, be sufficient to support any one of the great lines of communication through the Province, and that I am well satisfied that the increase in the correspondence would, if at all, be but trifling. To shew the practical operation of the system proposed by the Assembly, I will just remark that a double letter forwarded from Halifax to Annapolis, is at present liable to a postage rate of 1s. 6d. or 1s. 4d. sterling—so that a letter weighing half an ounce, which is generally the weight of a double letter sent from hence to Annapolis, would be transmitted at three-fourths less than the tax at present imposed, and this would be found to be a fair average result of the loss of Post Office Revenue which would be sustained.

I have further to remark that my Deputies are allowed a commission of 20 per cent. of the net Revenue received at their respective offices, that there are five of them whose Commission does not exceed ten pounds per annum; eight who receive under £20; two under £30; two under £40; and three under £70. Their incomes, His Excellency will therefore observe, will be seriously affected by the proposed change, and I cannot but think they would resign their offices, and that I should find much difficulty in obtaining suitable persons willing to supply their places—they are expected to attend daily in their offices, and are even at present but poorly remunerated for their services.

The accompanying statement exhibits the amount of unpaid and paid letters sent from this office between the 6th and 13th inst.; if from the amount three-fourths are deducted, the effect of the measure will at once be seen.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. HOWE, *D. P. M. Genl.*

John Whidden, Esquire, &c. &c. &c.

COPY.

Amount of Paid and Unpaid Postage sent from the General Post Office, during the week ending on the 13th April, 1842.

	Present rate of Postage.		Amount of Paid Postage.			Amount of unpaid Postage.		
	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Newport, - - - - -	0	4½	0	0	4½	0	1	5½
Windsor, - - - - -	0	4½	0	3	9	0	9	8½
Kentville, - - - - -	0	7	0	2	5	0	17	2
Bridgetown, - - - - -	0	9	0	0	0	0	4	1½
Annapolis, - - - - -	0	9	0	4	10	0	10	1
Digby, - - - - -	0	9	0	6	7½	0	2	3
Yarmouth, - - - - -	1	1½	0	3	4½	1	5	5
Shelburne, - - - - -	1	1½	0	0	0	0	8	3½
Liverpool, - - - - -	0	9	0	2	3	0	16	1½
Lunenburg, - - - - -	0	7	0	0	0	0	12	7
Parrsborough, - - - - -	0	7	0	0	7	0	3	2
Truro, - - - - -	0	5	0	2	1	1	11	2½
Pictou, - - - - -	0	7	0	6	5	5	15	0½
Prince Edward Island,	0	8	1	4	0	7	0	3
Antigonish, - - - - -	0	9	0	7	6	3	9	8½
Guysborough, - - - - -	0	10	0	9	2	1	10	10½
Port Hood, - - - - -	0	10	0	2	6	0	15	8
Arichat, - - - - -	1	0	0	2	0	1	19	3½
Sydney, - - - - -	1	3	1	5	2	6	6	8
Amherst, - - - - -	0	9	0	4	6	2	5	10½
Dorchester, - - - - -	0	11	0	2	9	0	14	0
Total, - - - - -			£5	10	3½	£36	18	11½

COPY.

No. 82.

Downing Street, 13th November, 1842.

MY LORD—

With reference to my Despatch, No. 45, of the 16th June last, I have to instruct your Lordship to acquaint the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, that the subject of their Address to the Queen, of the 18th of March, praying that Newspapers and Printed Pamphlets may be allowed to pass through the Provincial Post Offices, free of charge, has been fully considered by Her Majesty's Government, and the result is, that they have not felt themselves at liberty to advise Her Majesty to assent to the proposal for the free transmission by the Post, within the Colonies, of Colonial Newspapers and Pamphlets. With respect, indeed to the latter, Her Majesty's Minister could not even entertain the question of such a privilege, as publications of that description, when sent by Post in this Country, are liable to full letter rates of postage. They would also observe, that even under the existing charges to which Colonial Newspapers and Pamphlets, forwarded by Post, are subject, great difficulty and expense are already experienced in their conveyance, in consequence of their bulk and weight, and the limited means of transport in the British North American Provinces. The question of reducing the rate of Postage on Newspapers, is, however, still under consideration.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

The Right Honble. Viscount Falkland.

No. 67.

Downing Street, 27th August, 1842.

MY LORD—

I enclose herewith, for your information and guidance, the copy of Instructions about to be issued by the Post Master General, to his Deputies in British North America, for the future regulation of the patronage of the Colonial Post Office Department.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

The Right Honble. Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

COPY.

General Post Office, 17th August, 1842.

SIR—

I am directed by the Post Master General to state, that after a careful perusal of the Reports of the Commissioners of Enquiry, into the Post Offices of British North America, His Lordship has come to the conclusion, that the period has now arrived at which it will be expedient to place in the hands of the Officers Administering the Government of Her Majesty's Provinces in that quarter, under certain limitations, the Patronage hitherto exercised by yourself, as Deputy Post Master General, under His Lordship's authority, in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward's Island, and that having communicated with the Lords of the Treasury on the subject, their Lordships have concurred in the arrangement. It is accordingly to be understood for the future, that all first appointments, excepting the situations of Deputy Post Master General, Accountant, and Surveyors, and Surveyors Clerks, should it be found necessary to appoint them, the privilege of nominating to which will still be retained by the Post Master General, will be vested in the Governor or Lieutenant-Governor of the Province; but that the promotions will still be made by you, subject, however, to the confirmation of the Post Master General, to whom each case must be reported, as it occurs. With reference to the term "first appointments," it must be understood, that under this head are classed the appointments of Clerks, upon their first entrance into the service. All Post Masters and Way Office Keepers, as well as those of all Conductors, Guards, Messengers, Porters, Letter Carriers, Stampers, and Office Keepers; those of the Deputy Post Master General, Accountant, and Surveyors, and their Clerks, if appointed hereafter, to which I have above alluded, being the only exceptions. Couriers, too, who are paid by fixed salaries, where the service is not put up to Public Competition, (as Mail Contracts and Riding Work Contracts are in this Country,) are to be regarded in the same light. The Regulations to be observed, with respect to promotions, are founded upon the same principle as those in use in this Country, which are as follows:

Each Department must be considered as a separate Establishment, whether it be the Office of the Deputy Post Master General, that of the Accountant, or the Chief or other Post Office in the Province. A Clerk, therefore, in your own Office, should not be removed into the Accountant's Office, if a vacancy occur there, but the vacancy in the Office of the Accountant, should remain at the disposal of the Governor, the appointment to be filled up being that of the Junior, the other Officers being promoted by you, if properly qualified for the situation. If those next in succession are not properly qualified, the Deputy Post Master General for the time being, will be required to give into the Governor, or Lieutenant-Governor, the names of two or three other parties in other Departments, who are properly qualified, when the vacancy will of necessity take place in that Office, from which the individual qualified has been promoted.

It must be also clearly understood, that the Deputy Post Master General will not hereafter be entitled to promote a Post Master from an inferior to a superior Post Mastership.

When a vacancy occurs, therefore, in a Post Mastership at any particular place, the Governor, or Lieutenant-Governor, as the case may be, will appoint a new Post Master at

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at that place where the particular vacancy has arisen ; and should a person already acting as a Post Master, whether in the same or another Province, be appointed to the vacant Office, the vacancy occasioned by such a proceeding will be filled up by the Governor or Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, in which the vacancy occasioned by the recent appointment may exist.

As Clerks form a distinct class, if a vacancy arises amongst them, application must be made to the Governor for another Clerk, as a successor, as the vacancy must not be filled up by the Deputy Post Master General from the Stampers or Letter Carriers.

Stampers and Letter Carriers will be considered as forming a separate class. The Deputy Post Master General, therefore, may promote Letter Carriers to the situation of Stampers, in such cases—the vacancy to be filled up by the Provincial Authorities will be the situations of Letter Carriers.

To protect the Department as far as possible against the appointment of incompetent persons, a certificate must be given by the Head of the Office, at the expiration of three months, that the individual nominated is qualified to fill the situation ; the term, however, may be extended to six months, at the pleasure of the then Deputy Post Master General.

A Bond must also be required upon the appointment of every person, whatever may be the situation—the amount of which, however, will be fixed by the Post Master General in England, who will consult the Governor of the Province as to the sum which may be most consistent with the customs and feelings of the Country.

To enable you to carry out these Regulations, I herewith enclose copies of the Forms used in this Department.

Form No. 1, to be filled up by the various Post Masters throughout Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the situations of the Clerks, Conductors, Messengers, Stampers, Letter Carriers, Couriers, Guards, &c. connected with their Office, and which so far as the Province of Nova Scotia is concerned, must be transmitted by them to you, immediately the situation falls vacant.

Form No. 2, being a Report of the vacancies of Clerks, Letter Carriers, Runners, &c. as well in your own Department, as throughout Nova Scotia, which must be filled up by you weekly, and forwarded to the Governor.

Form No. 3, being a Report of the vacancies of all Post Masterships and Receiver-ships throughout Nova Scotia, to be dealt with in the same manner as the preceding form.

As the Patronage of New Brunswick and of Prince Edward Island will be exercised by the Governor or Lieutenant-Governor of those Provinces, you will transmit a copy of these Instructions and Forms of Return, to the Post Master of St. John's, who is understood to have the chief arrangement of the Department in New Brunswick, under your authority ; and also, to the Post Master of Charlotte Town, in Prince Edward's Island, ordering them to send in these Returns, direct to the Governor or Lieutenant-Governor of these Provinces ; and you will desire the Post Masters of these Provinces to report to the Post Masters of St. John's and Charlotte Town, respectively, from time to time, as they arise, any vacancies occurring in their own Colonies, in order that no delay may take place, owing to the distance at which they are situated from Halifax.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

W. L. MABERLY.

J. Howe, Esq.

General Post Office, Halifax, 21st January, 1843.

SIR—

Referring to Mr. Howe's letter of the 14th November, I have now the honor to transmit for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, an abstract of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Post Office Department, for the quarter ended 5th October last, shewing a deficiency after appropriating the whole of the Packet and Internal Postage of £291 9s. 8½d. sterling, which sum has consequently been advanced by the Deputy Post Master General out of other funds in his hands.

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The account which has already been submitted to His Excellency for the July Quarter, presented a deficiency of £326 1s. 1d. sterling, and I apprehend the result of the Quarter just concluded (but for which the accounts cannot be completed for several weeks) will not materially vary from the last quarter. A reduction has, however, taken place since the 17th September, in the expenses of the Halifax Establishment, by the discontinuance of two Clerks, provisionally appointed, and I would therefore assume the deficiency from October to January to amount to £250 sterling only, making in all £867 10s. 9½d. sterling, for the three quarters, reduced however to £785 15s. 9½d. by the amount £102 3s. 9d. currency, equal to £81 15s. sterling, received from the Provincial Treasury on the 9th, under His Excellency's Warrant.

I have not adverted to the April Quarter of last year, as a similar account to the present has been drawn out for that quarter, and the deficiency appears to have been either *wholly* or in a great measure met by a grant of £395 16s. 8d. currency, from the Provincial Treasury, on account of the expenditure during those three months.

The deficiency of £785 15s. 9½d. sterling, as above shewn, which (allowing for the assumed amount for the last quarter) remains to be repaid to this Department. I would respectfully request His Excellency to bring under the notice of the Legislature on their meeting, and I trust to be enabled to report to the Post Master General, that it has been met by a vote for the requisite amount.

It may not be inexpedient that I should here allude to the probable deficiency in the Revenue, for the ensuing year, with the hope that provision may at the same time be made for that contingency. Taking the amounts for the three quarters of this year as a basis, and allowing that the Packet Postage is to be continued to be applied to the general expenses of the Department, the deficiency for the year 1843, may be assumed to be as nearly as possible £1000 sterling.

Two measures which have been brought into operation since the 5th instant, will tend to reduce this amount, the one being a remission of £180 sterling, which the Contractor for the Mail Service between Halifax and Pictou, has consented to make, on condition of being allowed to start with the Mails from each end, at hours most suitable for Passengers, and the other, a saving of £90 currency a year, which has been effected in the Route between Pictou and Antigonish, by putting up the service to Public competition, and I may add, that in both cases, particularly in the latter, I feel satisfied an acceleration of the Mail will be obtained, independent of the pecuniary saving. But on the other hand, I have little doubt that the Post Office Revenue for the present year will be diminished, in consequence of a general revision, which has just taken place under the Post Master General's directions, of the Rates of Postage charged throughout this and the adjoining Province, in conjunction with the abolition of an illegal practice which has hitherto prevailed, of adding a fresh rate of Postage at each Office through which the Letter may pass, in its transmission through the Post. Whilst, however, a loss to the Revenue may accrue from these measures, much benefit has been afforded to the Public by their operation, and the great reduction made in the rate of Postage hitherto charged on Letters between Towns at a considerable distance from each other, and which Letters had consequently generally to pass through several offices, will, it may be hoped, lead ere long to an increase of Correspondence, commensurate with the reduction of rates.

I have, &c. &c.,

(Signed)

H. M. WATSON,

Acting D. P. M. General.

John Whidden, Esq., Acting Provincial Secretary.

An Account of the Gross and Net Produce of the Post Office Revenue of Nova Scotia, in the year ended the 5th April, 1842.

PACKET POSTAGE.		Sterling.
To amount of unpaid Letters received from England,		£1136 9 3
To amount of paid Letters sent to England, from the General Post Office at Halifax only,		291 1 9½
To amount of unpaid Letters received, per West India Steamers, from the West Indies and United States,		4 17 10½
To amount of paid Letters at the General Post Office at Halifax, sent per West India Steamers, to West Indies and United States,		5 15 10
INLAND POSTAGE.		
To amount of unpaid Letters inwards, and paid Letters outwards, charged on the Deputy Post Masters in Nova Scotia,		3097 1 8½
To amount of unpaid Letters inwards, and paid Letters outwards, at the General Post Office in Halifax,		3272 1 10
To amount of Way and Ship Letters, at the General Post Office, Halifax,		367 2 8
		£8174 10 11½
Deduct Postage of Returned, Refused, Missent, and forward Letters, from the Genl. Post Office, Halifax, and Offices in the interior of Nova Scotia,		3055 14 11½
		£5118 16 0

NOTE.—In the year ended the 5th April, 1842, the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Eight Pounds, Six Shillings and Eight Pence, sterling, was received from the Provincial Treasury, in aid of the expenses of the Department.

An Account of the Charges of Management of the Post Office Revenue in Nova Scotia, in the year ended 5th April, 1842.

SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES.		Sterling.	Sterling.
The Deputy Post Master General,	£400 0 0		
Clerks at Halifax,	555 0 0		
Postmasters in Nova Scotia,	448 4 5½		
Letter Carriers in Nova Scotia,			
Allowances for Special Services and Travelling Charges,		£1403 4 5½	
CONVEYANCE OF MAILS, TRANSIT POSTAGE, AND PAYMENT OF SHIP LETTERS.			
Sums paid for Riding Work and Couriers, Foot Messengers, &c.	£4214 1 2½		
Conveyance of Mails by Stage Coaches,	395 16 8		
Conveyance of Mails by Steam Boats,			
Local Tolls,			
Ship Letter Payments,	60 11 5½	4670 9 4	
Rents, Taxes, &c.,		37 0 9½	
Tradesmen's Bills, Building and Repairs,			
Law Charges,			
Stationary, Printing, and Postage,		77 4 2	
Allowances for Offices Abolished, and compensation to officers for loss of fees,			
Other Payments,		39 10 0	
Loss by Exchange,		86 15 7½	
Miscellaneous Expenses,		£6314 4 4½	

J. HOWE, D. P. M. G.

GENERAL POST OFFICE, HALIFAX, NOVA-SCOTIA, QUARTER ENDING 5TH APRIL, 1842.*John Howe, Deputy Post Master General, in account with the General Post Office, London.*

DR.	Army Sterling.
	§ 4s. 2d.
To amount of unpaid Letters from England for Nova Scotia,	£291 17 6
To amount of unpaid Letters from West Indies and United States,	4 17 10½
To amount of paid Letters for England from Nova Scotia,	86 4 7½
To amount of paid Letters for England from West Indies and United States,	5 15 10
To amount of British American Postage of Towns, with which Halifax keeps accounts,	1073 15 2½
To amount of British American Postage of Towns in Nova Scotia and accountable to Halifax,	798 19 0½
To amount of Way and Ship Letters in Nova Scotia,	93 2 6
To Surcharges,	17 4 7½
To cash received from Provincial Treasury, in aid of the Post Communication, £475,	395 16 8
To Balance,	312 16 5½
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	£3080 10 4

CR.	Army Sterling.
	§ 4s. 2d.
By Cash paid into the Military Chest,	£500 0 0
“ Salary to Deputy Post Master General, Assistants and Deputies, in Nova Scotia,	A 449 6 4½
“ Riding Work and Couriers in Nova Scotia,	C 1 1187 15 9½
“ Pence paid for Ship Letters in Nova Scotia,	C 2 16 18 10
“ Allowance for Office Rent,	F 9 5 2½
“ Incidentals in Nova Scotia,	H 24 12 11
“ Returned, Re-directed, &c. Letters in Nova Scotia,	D 874 11 2½
“ Premium on Dollars,	18 0 0
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	£3080 10 4
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By Balance,	£312 16 5½

J. HOWE, D. P. M. G.

An Account of the Gross and Net Produce of the Post Office Revenue of Nova Scotia, for the Quarter ended 5th July, 1842.

PACKET POSTAGE.	Sterling.
To amount of unpaid Letters received from England	£333 6 0
To amount of paid Letters sent to England, from the General Post Office at Halifax only,	63 1 10
To amount of paid Letters sent to England, from Offices in the interior of Nova Scotia,	15 0 4
To amount of unpaid Letters received per West India Steamers, from the West Indies and United States,	12 17 1½
To amount of paid Letters, at the General Post Office, Halifax, sent per West India Steamers to West Indies and United States,	12 0 3½
INLAND POSTAGE.	
To amount of unpaid Letters inwards, and paid Letters outwards, charged on the Deputy Post Masters in Nova Scotia,	824 2 7
	To

To amount of unpaid Letters inwards, and paid Letters outwards, at the General Post Office, Halifax,	£747 16 0½
To amount of Way and Ship Letters at the General Post Office, Halifax,	154 13 10½
To surcharges on Letters from Quebec to Halifax,	6 17 1
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	£2169 15 2
Deduct Postage of Returned, Refused, Missent, and Forward Letters, from General Post Office, Halifax, and Offices in the interior of Nova Scotia,	880 17 1½
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	£1288 18 0½

An Account of the Charges of Management of the Post Office Revenue in Nova Scotia, for the Quarter ended 5th July, 1842.

SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES.	Sterling.	Sterling.
The Deputy Post Master General,	£100 0 0	
Clerks at Halifax,	227 10 0	
Post Masters in Nova Scotia,	119 15 3½	
Letter Carriers in Nova Scotia,		
Allowances for Special Services and Travelling Charges,	<hr/>	£447 5 3½
CONVEYANCE OF MAILS, TRANSIT POSTAGE, AND PAYMENT OF SHIP LETTERS		
Sums paid for Riding Work and Couriers, Foot Messengers, &c.,	£1042 14 10	
Conveyance of Mails by Stage Coaches,	83 6 8	
Conveyance of Mails by Steam Boats,		
Local Tolls,		
Ship Letter Payments,	14 10 10½	
	<hr/>	1140 12 4½
Rents, Taxes, &c.,	9 5 2½	
Tradesmen's Bills, Buildings and Repairs,		
Law Charges,	3 2 6	
Stationary, Printing, and Postage,	8 6 3	
Allowances for Offices abolished, and compensation to Officers for Loss of Fees,		
Other Payments,		
Loss by Exchange,		
Miscellaneous Expenses,	6 7 6	
	<hr/>	27 1 5½
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		£1614 19 1½

J. HOWE, D. P. M. G.

GENERAL POST OFFICE, HALIFAX, NOVA-SCOTIA, QUARTER ENDING 5TH JULY, 1842.

John Howe, Deputy Post Master General, in account with the General Post Office, London.

DR.	Army Sterling.
	§ 4s. 2d.
To amount of unpaid Letters from England for Nova Scotia,	£333 6 0
To amount of unpaid Letters from West Indies and United States,	12 17 1½
To amount of paid Letters for England from Nova Scotia,	63 1 10
To amount of paid Letters for West Indies and United States,	12 0 3½
	To

To amount of British American Postage of Towns in Nova Scotia, and accountable in Halifax,	£839	2	11
To amount of British American Postage of Towns with which Halifax keeps account,	747	16	0½
To amount of Way and Ship Letters in Nova Scotia,	154	13	10½
To Surcharges,	6	17	1
To difference on Postage of Military Departments and the current rates,	7	16	0½
To Balance	329	12	10½
	£2507	4	1

CR.				Army Sterling.
				\$ 4s. 2d.
By Salary to Deputy Post Master General, Assistants, and Deputies, in Nova Scotia,	A	£447	5	3½
“ Riding Work and Couriers in Nova Scotia,	C 1	1126	18	2
“ Pence paid for Ship Letters in Nova Scotia,	C 2	14	10	10½
“ Allowance for Office Rent,	F	9	5	2½
“ Incidentals in Nova Scotia,	H	13	17	1
“ Returned, Re-directed, &c. Letters in Nova Scotia,	D	880	17	1½
“ Law Charges,		3	2	6
“ This amount twice charged on paid Letters sent to England on 3d January, 1842, being also included in 5th April account,		11	7	10
		£2507	4	1
				By Balance, £329 12 10½
				J. HOWE, D. P. M. G.

An Account of the Gross and Net Produce of the Post Office Revenue of Nova Scotia, for the Quarter ended the 5th October, 1842.

PACKET POSTAGE.				Sterling.
To amount of unpaid Letters received from England,		£344	0	4
To amount of paid Letters sent to England, from the General Post Office at Halifax only,		86	4	7½
To amount of paid Letters sent to England, from Offices in the interior of Nova Scotia,		17	17	3½
To amount of unpaid Letters, received per West India Steamers, from the West Indies and United States,		6	12	3½
To amount of paid Letters, at the General Post Office, Halifax, sent per West India Steamers, to West Indies and United States,		1	11½	
INLAND POSTAGE.				
To amount of unpaid Letters inwards, and paid Letters outwards, charged on the Deputy Post Masters in Nova Scotia,		851	8	0½
To amount of unpaid Letters inwards, and paid Letters outwards, at the General Post Office, Halifax,		833	5	11
To amount of Way and Ship Letters, at the General Post Office, Halifax,		157	5	10
To Surcharges on Letters from Quebec to Halifax,		2	4	1½
		£2299	0	5
Deduct Postage of Returned, Refused, Missent, and forward Letters, from General Post Office, Halifax, and Offices in the interior of Nova Scotia,		932	14	5
		£1366	6	0

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An Account of the Charges of Management of the Post Office Revenue in Nova Scotia, for the Quarter ended 5th October, 1842.

SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES.	Sterling.	Sterling.
The Deputy Post Master General,	£100 0 0	
Clerks at Halifax,	215 5 5	
Post Masters in Nova Scotia,	121 2 1	
Letter Carriers in Ditto.		
		£436 7 6
Allowances for Special Services and Travelling Charges,		
Allowances to Surveyor for Travelling Expenses,		71 8 0
CONVEYANCE OF MAILS, TRANSIT POSTAGE, AND PAYMENT OF SHIP LETTERS.		
Sums paid for Riding Work and Couriers, Foot Messengers, &c.,	£944 7 4½	
Conveyance of Mails by Stage Coaches,	156 11 1½	
ditto. ditto. Steam Boats,		
Local Tolls,		
Ship Letter Payments,	16 15 8	
		1117 14 2
Rents, Taxes, &c.,		9 5 2½
Tradesmens' Bills, Building and Repairs,		
Law Charges,		
Stationary, Printing, and Postage,		11 7 11
Allowances for Offices abolished, and compensation to Officers for loss of Fees,		
Other Payments,		
Loss by Exchange,		
Miscellaneous Expenses,		11 12 11
		£1657 15 8½
Deduct amount of Revenue,		1366 6 0
		£291 9 8½
[E. E.]	JAS. LESSEL, Accountant G. P. O.	
	H. M. WATSON, Acting D. P. M. G.	

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Aggregate List of Articles purchased for the use of the Halifax Asylum for the Poor, during the year 1842.

Arrow Root, 78 lbs.	per voucher,	£4 16 0
Barley, 39 cwt. 3 qtrs. 21 lbs., and 3 cwt. 4 lbs. Rice,	"	£37 14 10
Beer, 4982 gallons,	"	46 13 9
Beef, 15719 lbs.	"	184 13 11
Butter, 840 lbs.	"	33 13 0½
		302 15 6½
Candles, 99½ lbs.	"	3 19 9
Coals, 57 chaldrons,	"	71 7 0
Contingencies expended by the Matron, whose Account is audited Monthly by the Acting Commissioner,	100 10 0	
31		Clothing,

Clothing, Blankets, Sheets, Bedticking, &c. per voucher,	210	3	5		
Chocolate, 896 lbs.	"	26	2	8	
Coffee, 103 lbs.	"	3	4	5	
					415 7 3
Flour—fine, 196 bbls. ; rye, 100 bbls.	"				470 7 7
Oatmeal, 112 cwt. 3 qtrs. 16 lbs.	"	75	8	6	
Molasses, 760 gallons,	"	57	4	10	
Milk, 185 gallons,	"	2	6	3	
Oil for Lamps, 330 gallons,	"	35	12	6	
Pork, 5 bbls. and 535 lbs. fresh,	"	21	2	1	
Potatoes, 599 bushels,	"	49	10	1	
					241 4 3
Peas, 23 bbls.	"	19	6	3	
Sugar, 11 cwt. 13 lbs.	"	19	17	3	
Salt, 5 hhds.	"	3	2	6	
Tea, 663 lbs.	"	103	14	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Wine, 80 gallons,	"	18	11	0	
Wood, 73 $\frac{1}{2}$ cords,	"	60	13	8	
					225 4 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Wool, 215 lbs.	"	10	4	4	
Fish, 28 quintals,	"	16	0	0	
Biscuit Bread, 12 bags,	"	16	10	0	
Glazing and Painting,	"	6	18	2	
Ironmongery, Nails, &c.	"	28	1	2	
Lumber for Coffins, Repairs, &c., 7775 feet,	"	22	1	0	
Leather for Shoes,	"	46	19	7	
					146 14 3
Miscellaneous expenses, articles required for the establish- ment, not of ordinary consumption, purchased by the Commissioners, which do not come under other heads,					77 12 6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Repairs to Buildings, per voucher,	125	2	5		
Removal of Paupers,	"	1	10	0	
Stationary and Printing,	"	6	16	10	
Straw, 130 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.	"	28	10	9	
Soft Soap, 231 cwt. 3 qtrs. 17 lb., and 276 lbs. hard,	"	73	17	0	
					235 17 0
Salaries, including Medicines and Medical attendance,					280 16 8
Truckages,	"	18	10	8	
Tin Ware, and repairs of ditto,	"	32	4	2	
Old Junk, 111 cwt. 2 qtrs. 8 lb.	"	41	5	6	
					92 0 4
COWS AND HORSE.					
Paid for two Cows and Calves, £16 ; Horse, &c. £37,	53	0	0		
" Hay, Oats, Bran, Shoeing, &c.	"	87	14	6	
					140 14 6
LOTS ON THE COMMON.					
Paid for Ploughing, Seeding, &c.	"	8	10	0	
" putting up new Fence, Lumber, Cedar Posts, &c. }	108	9	9		
" Carpenter's Bill, Nails, Truckage, &c. }					
					116 19 9
WATERLOO FARM.					
Paid for Ploughing, Harrowing, Seed Oats, &c.	15	15	6		
" 600 loads Manure,	22	10	0		
					38 5 6

WATERLOO HOSPITAL.

Paid one year's rent, £7 10; Calder & Bain's, Carpenter's acct.		£10	10	8
Paid for Palm Leaf to make Hats,	£26	5	0	
" Staves and Hoops, to make Fish Barrels,	4	0	0	
			30	5
Balance in hands,			97	5
				2½
			£2926	16
				9

W. LAWSON, JR.

Chairman of Board of Commissioners, 1842.

Included in the Expenditure for the past year, as per General Abstract, are :

Repairs to the Buildings,		£125	2	5
Cows and Horse, and feeding ditto.		140	14	6
Old Junk,		41	5	6
Lots on the Common,	£116	19	9	
less 34 Posts on hand,	3	9	0	
			113	11
Waterloo Farm,			38	5
Waterloo Hospital,			10	10
Palm Leaf, for Hats.			26	5
Staves and Hoops, for Fish Barrels,			4	0
Removal of Paupers,			1	10
				0
			£501	5
				4

From which Received,

10,648 quarts Milk, for the use of the Establishment for 12 months, at 3d.,	£133	2	0
Cash for one Cow, two Calves, and Cow Hide,	9	4	4
600 Bushels Potatoes, from the Lot, } at 1s. 6d.	49	10	0
60 do. Turnips, do. }			
3 Tons Straw from Waterloo Farm, at 80s.	12	0	0
200 Bushels Oats, from ditto. at 2s.	20	0	0
Pasture for the Cows and Horse, for the Season,	12	0	0
From Treasury, Legislative Grant for the Waterloo Hospital,	22	9	8
Sales of Fish Barrels,	5	5	9
Labour of the Horse for 12 months,	44	17	11
	£308	9	8
4 Cows and 1 Horse, &c., value	72	0	0
	£380	9	8

Cash in the Bank, 31st Dec. 1842,	£97	5	2
Balance in the County Treasurer's hands,	500	0	0
	£597	5	2

Halifax, 31st December, 1842.

Account of Paupers admitted into the Asylum during the past year, distinguishing Halifax from the Transient.

Halifax Men,	46	
Transient “	277	
	—	323
Halifax Women,	61	
Transient “	172	
	—	233
Halifax Children,	73	
Transient “	43	
	—	116
		—
		672 Total.

Deaths in the Asylum during the past year.

Men,	23
Women,	13
Children,	18
	—
	54 Total.

Number of Paupers in the Asylum, on the 31st December, 1842.

Men 129, of which 16 are Lunatics,
 Women 118, of which 8 are Lunatics,
 Children 64, of which 2 are Lunatics.

Casual Receipts during the past year, per General Abstract.

Maintainance of Sundry persons in the Asylum,	£43	13	6
Sales of Oakum, during the past year	43	0	0
Penalties for Bastard Children,	24	18	9
Sales of Fish Barrels,	8	0	4
“ of one Cow and Calf,	7	15	0
			—
	£127	7	7

Halifax, 31st December, 1842.

Account of the Funds received for the use of the Halifax Asylum for the Poor, during the year 1842, and from whence received.

1842.	Commissioners.	Treasury Transient Poor.	Treasury 10 per cent.	Town and County Treasurer.	Casual.	Total.
January,	Thomas S. Tobin, Esquire,	£150 0 0	Balance in the Bank 31st December, 1841, £200 0 0	£150 0 0	£6 6 3	£84 8 2
February,	Charles Twining, "	150 0 0	150 0 0	50 0 0	15 3 9	356 6 3
March,	J. W. Nutting, "	150 0 0	150 0 0	100 0 0	22 7 6	165 3 9
April,	G. N. Russell, "	150 0 0	150 0 0	50 0 0	7 5 0	372 7 6
May,	The Hon. Hugh Bell, "	150 0 0	150 0 0	40 0 0	3 0 0	107 5 0
June,	Thos. Williamson, "	150 0 0	150 0 0	100 0 0	1 12 6	53 0 0
July,	Edward Allison, "	150 0 0	150 0 0	150 0 0	9 8 3	341 12 6
August,	Wm. M. Allan, "	150 0 0	150 0 0	300 0 0	14 17 8	109 8 3
September,	M. B. Almon, "	150 0 0	150 0 0	100 0 0	3 10 2	164 17 8
October,	Henry Pryor, "	150 0 0	150 0 0	100 0 0	24 1 6	453 10 2
November,	Wm. Lawson, Jr. "	150 0 0	127 10 0	100 0 0	0 15 0	174 1 6
December,	G. N. Russell, "	150 0 0	127 10 0	100 0 0	19 0 0	100 15 0
Received from the Treasury, Legislative Grant on account of Waterloo Hospital,				1140 0 0	£127 7 7	£2926 16 9
Received from the Treasury, Legislative Grant for the Asylum School,						22 9 8
Received from Geo. N. Russell, Esquire, overpaid by the Commissioners in November,						25 0 0
						0 1 4
						£97 5 2½

Balance in hands brought down,

(Errors excepted.)

Halifax, N. S., December 31, 1842.

WM. M. ALLAN, }
 THOMAS S. TOBIN, } Committee for examining Accounts.
 ROBERT PHELAN, Clerk to Commissioners.

No. 21.

(See Page 397.)

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Reporting the Debates of the Legislature, beg leave to Report—

That having made the necessary inquiries, they have ascertained that an arrangement will be effected by Mr. John S. Thomson and Mr. J. H. Crosskill, for Reporting and Publishing the Debates of both branches of the Legislature with promptitude and accuracy, in a much more efficient mode than has hitherto been effected, and at an expense little exceeding that incurred at the previous Session. The plan proposed will give to each of the Reporters the supervision of the Debates in either branch of the Legislature, leaving them to make arrangements for aiding each other during important Debates; which duty the Committee understand the Reporters are willing to assume, and to employ such assistance as may occasionally be required. The Committee being of opinion that an equal amount of remuneration should be awarded to each. This amount the Reporters are willing to leave to the sense of justice of the House, upon a review of the manner in which the duty shall have been discharged—which they have signified shall be done in a manner more promptly and effectually than in former Sessions. All of which is respectfully submitted for such action thereon, as the House may deem meet.

RICHD. J. FORRESTALL, *Chairman.*

GAIUS LEWIS.

R. McG. DICKEY.

No. 22.

(See Page 405.)

COPY.

No. 26.

Downing Street, 21st February, 1842.

MY LORD—

I have received your Lordship's Despatch, No. 35, of the 3d instant, enclosing Addresses to the Queen, on the occasion of the Birth of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, from the Legislative Council, and from the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia.

Having laid before the Queen the Address from the Legislative Council, and I have received Her Majesty's commands to instruct your Lordship to inform that House, that Her Majesty accepts with lively satisfaction their assurances of the interest they take in an event, which, as Her Majesty trusts, may, by the blessing of Divine Providence, be conducive to the general welfare of every part of the widely extended Dominions of the British Crown, and to the stability of those institutions which, at some future day, it may devolve on the heir apparent of that Crown to cherish and protect.

I am further commanded by Her Majesty to instruct your Lordship to assure the House of Assembly, that Her Majesty has received with the liveliest satisfaction their loyal and affectionate Address of Congratulation upon the Birth of the Prince of Wales. That Her Majesty cordially thanks the House of Assembly for the expression which this occasion has called forth of their attachment to Her person, and to the Constitution of these Realms, and that it will be Her Majesty's constant endeavour, so to train up the Prince, Her son, that under the blessing of Divine Providence, His future life may realize the hopes and anticipations which have been formed by the House of Assembly, on behalf of Her Majesty's loyal subjects in Nova Scotia.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

No. 23.

(See Page 405.)

COPY.

No. 36.

Downing Street, 4th April, 1842.

MY LORD—

I have received your Lordship's Despatch, No. 52, of the 12th of March, enclosing an Address to the Queen, from the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, signifying their objections to the alterations proposed by Her Majesty's Government, to the Customs Possessions Act.

I have to instruct your Lordship to apprise the House of Assembly, that I have had the honor to lay their Address before the Queen; and that, in obedience to Her Majesty's commands, the Address has been referred to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, for their consideration.

Your Lordship will be pleased to add, that when the Report of the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade shall have been made, I will communicate further with you on the subject.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

No. 24.

(See Page 406.)

COPY.

MILITARY.

Downing Street, 30th September, 1842.

MY LORD—

I transmit herewith to your Lordship, a copy of a communication which has been received from the War Office, together with a Memorial from the Officers of the three Regiments in Garrison, at Halifax, representing the hardship to which they are subjected, in having to pay a considerable duty on Wines imported from Great Britain, and I have to desire, that your Lordship will exert your authority and influence, in every legitimate and becoming manner, with the view, as suggested by the Secretary at War, of inducing the Legislature of Nova Scotia, to grant an allowance to each of these Regiments, to meet the duties in question.

I have, &c.,

STANLEY.

The Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

To the Right Honorable the Secretary at War.

The Memorial of the Officers of the 30th, 64th, and 76th Regiments, at present composing the Garrison of Halifax, Nova Scotia :

HUMBLY SHEWETH—

That a duty, Imperial and Colonial, averaging 15 per cent ad valorem, is imposed upon Wines imported into this Colony from Great Britain, thereby, with the expenses of importation, making the price of the said Wines, generally to exceed the English market.

That in Canada, also in New Brunswick, an allowance is granted by the Provincial Assemblies, to each Regiment, to meet these duties. This allowance, formerly granted by the Assembly of this Province, has been discontinued for some years, and although frequently

quently recommended by the Lieutenant Governor for the time being, to be restored, has not been done so.

That the high price of Wines, from the above causes, in this Province, preclude Regimental Officers, and more particularly the Junior ranks, from enjoying the comfort and advantage which the Mess allowance of £25 per Company, granted to Regiments in the West Indies, Bermuda, St. Helena, and West Coast of Africa, is intended for, viz : "by placing it in the power of every individual, to drink a moderate quantity of Wine daily, at or after dinner, on reasonable terms, and such as his rate of pay may fairly justify.

In addition to the foregoing, Halifax, from its locality, has become the great inlet into the Continent of America, and is constantly visited by public and private characters of distinction. It is Head Quarters of the Military Command, as likewise, for a great part of the year, of the Vice Admiral Commanding in Chief, and a large Fleet, all of which circumstances increase very materially the expenses of Regimental Messes, by necessarily calling for Public invitations thereto, not so frequently the case at the stations before enumerated, which courtesies are offered by Officers of the Navy at a less expense, as they enjoy the privilege at all times when afloat, of drinking their Wines duty free.

Under the firm reliance that this application may appear to you fair and reasonable, and that you may thereby see the necessity of affording it your support and recommendation, memorialists pray that you will be pleased to submit to Her Majesty that she will graciously afford relief by extending to Regiments stationed in this part of Her Majesty's Dominions the boon commonly termed Mess Allowance of £25 per Company per annum. Which is most respectfully submitted.

Halifax, Nova Scotia, 16th June, 1842.

(Signed)

R. A. ANDREWS, Capt. 30th Regt.
President of Mess Committee, 30th Regt.
BARRY FOX, Bt. Major, 64th Regt.
President of Mess Committee, 64th Regt.
R. C. LLOYD, Capt. 76th Regt.
President of Mess Committee, 76th Regt.

The foregoing Memorial, correct in every particular, is strongly recommended for the favourable consideration of the Secretary at War.

(Signed)

J. POYNTZ, Bt. Major, Commanding 30th Regt.
G. A. BROWN, Major, Officer Commanding 64th Regt.
JOSEPH CLARKE, Lt. Col., Officer Comdg. 76th Regt.

Halifax, Nova Scotia, 16th June, 1842.

War Office, 15th September, 1842.

SIR—

I am directed by the Secretary at War, to forward to you for the consideration of Lord Stanley, the accompanying representation from the Officers belonging to the three Regiments at present composing the Garrison of Halifax, Nova Scotia, which has been transmitted and strongly recommended by the Major General Commanding in that Colony, describing the hardships under which they labour in having to pay a duty of 15 per cent., Imperial and Colonial, upon Wines imported from Great Britain.

The Mess Allowance granted to Regiments on the Home Service, and only extended to the West Indies and Western Coast of Africa, on the special grounds of climate and the excessive dearness of Provisions in those Colonies, could not be properly granted to the Troops in Nova Scotia, without opening a just claim for extending it to the Provinces of North America, and ultimately probably to most other stations, but Sir Henry Hardinge thinks that as the Colonial Legislatures of Canada and New Brunswick grant an allowance to each Regiment to meet the duties levied in those Colonies, the Legislature of Nova Scotia might be induced, on a proper representation and recommendation from the Home Government,

Government, to make a similar provision for the Troops in that Colony, particularly as it appears that such a provision was formerly made by Nova Scotia. The same facts have been repeatedly urged on the consideration of this Office by the predecessors of Major General Dickson in the command, and they seem to derive increased force from Halifax having become the principal Port of communication between North America and the other parts of the Globe. Under these circumstances Sir Henry Hardinge trusts that Lord Stanley will concur with him in thinking that the remedy proposed might be properly suggested to the Colonial Legislature of Nova Scotia, and that His Lordship will lend his cordial assistance towards the success of the application.

(Signed) I have, &c.

L. SULLIVAN.

No. 25.

(See Page 406.)

COPY.

No. 47.

Downing Street, 27th June, 1842.

MY LORD—

I transmit herewith the copy of a letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, with its enclosures, relative to the expenses incurred by Her Majesty's Consuls at Havana, and at Portland, in the United States, for the relief of distressed seamen, belonging to vessels owned in the Ports of Halifax, Nova Scotia, and of St. John's, New Brunswick.

Her Majesty's Government are of opinion, that the cost of succouring destitute Colonial seamen, should not be defrayed from the funds of this Kingdom, but should be charged on the Revenue of the Colony to which their vessels may respectively belong. I have therefore to instruct your Lordship, if there be no means of enforcing repayment by the owners, to apply to the Provincial Legislature for a grant to cover the amount which has been expended in the relief of the men belonging to the "London Packet," the "Stephen Binney," and the "Globe," of Halifax. I have at the same time to call your Lordship's particular attention to the observations contained in Mr. Trevelyan's letter, relative to the irregularity committed by you, in drawing on Her Majesty's Consul at Havanna, for repayment of the sum which you advanced for the passage of the Crew of the "London Packet," from that City to Halifax.

(Signed) I have, &c.,

STANLEY.

The Right Honorable Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

COPY.

Treasury Chambers, 16th June, 1842.

SIR—

A letter having been addressed to me by the Secretary of the Admiralty, on the 23rd April last, relative to the expenses incurred by Her Majesty's Consul at Havanna, on account of the Crew of the "London Packet," of Halifax, I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to transmit to you a Copy thereof of its enclosures, of the Minute thereon, and of a reply from Viscount Canning, to the communication directed by that Minute to be addressed to him.

I am further to transmit to you, a copy of a subsequent letter from the Secretary to the Admiralty, relative to the expenses incurred by Her Majesty's Consul at Portland, in the United States, in relieving the crew of the "Globe," of Halifax, and of the "Queen," of

St. John, New Brunswick, as well as of a specification of the charges referred to in this last mentioned letter, which has been obtained from the Lords of the Admiralty, and I am to request that you will submit these documents to Lord Stanley, and move His Lordship to apply to the Governments of Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, to repay the expenses incurred on account of the Crews of vessels appertaining to those Colonies, as suggested in Viscount Canning's letter of the 24th ultimo.

I am at the same time desired to request you will point out to Lord Stanley, that their Lordship's can discover nothing, which would warrant the proceeding of Lord Falkland, in drawing the Bill upon the Consul at Havanna, dated 30th April, 1841, which is referred to in the enclosures of Sir John Barrow's letter, of the 23rd April, 1842, and had Her Majesty's Consul at Havanna declined to accept that Bill, their Lordship's conceive that Lord Falkland would have been held personally liable for the charges usually attending the non-payment and return of a Bill.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

C. E. TREVELYAN.

Admiralty, 23rd April, 1842.

SIR—

I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, to send you the enclosed Accounts of Her Majesty's Consul at Havanna, by which it appears that he has paid £60 17s 3d, for the crew of the "London Packet," of Halifax, and his own expenses in proceeding to Matanzas, where there is no resident Consul, to release from prison the mate of the "Stephen Binney," of Halifax, who had been improperly left there, and my Lords considering that the Naval Department is not liable to the charge, it being on account of a Colonial vessel, I am to request that you will move the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to authorise payment thereof to the Paymaster General for Naval services, who has been requested to receive it.

I am, &c.,

(Signed)

JOHN BARROW.

No. 1.

§303 1½=£59 7s 7d.

Statement explanatory of the payments for the Travelling Expenses of British Subjects, forming the 4th article of the Account Current.

The "London Packet," Captain Harvey, having been shipwrecked on the opposite side of this island, I received the crew on their arrival at the Havanna, on board Her Majesty's Ship Romney. The expense of the journey of the crew across the Island, was originally paid by Capt. Harvey, and was not refunded by me at the time, neither was the passage of the Crew from hence to Halifax, on board the Blue Nose, of Halifax, paid by me at the time. But Lord Falkland, the Governor of Nova-Scotia, having paid this last item, and drawn on me for the amount, I thought myself bound to honor His Lordships draft for the £44, which forms the voucher No. 27.

In like manner, Capt. Harvey on his return to this Island, applied to me to refund the \$60 he had paid for the travelling expenses of the crew of the "London Packet," from Batabano to Havanna, and I should be glad to know whether it is my duty to do so.

The item No. 2, \$13 4, is for refreshments for the crew of the London Packet, on their arrival at Havanna, for the portorage of their effects from the Rail Road by which they arrived, to the wharf, and for boat hire from the wharf to the Romney.

The succeeding items, are for payments arising out of the imprisonment at Matanzas, of James Armstrong, the mate of the "Stephen Binney," of Halifax, Widdeford, Master, then at Matanzas, where there is no resident British Consul.

Having

Having received a letter from the Consignor, Mr. Barham, an American Merchant at Matanzas, announcing that Mr. Armstrong was to be left behind in prison, at my disposal, I thought it my duty to proceed there in person, to enquire into the circumstances, and having ascertained that there was no good reason for Armstrong's imprisonment, I procured his liberation. But Widdeford having persisted in refusing to receive his mate on board the "Stephen Binney," I brought him back with me to the Havanna, and placed him on board the Romney, until an opportunity for his removal should present itself.

The item No. 3, is for my own travelling expenses in going to Matanzas, and in bringing Armstrong back, for the particulars of which, including various petty outlays, it was not possible to obtain vouchers. But for the item No. 4, the passage money of James Armstrong from hence to Halifax, a receipt will be found in the voucher No. 28. It appears to me, however, that the greater part of the items, included in the present statement, may possibly be recoverable from the owners of the vessel in question, the expense, in the one case, having been occasioned, by the shipwreck of the "London Packet," which was probably insured, and in the other by the misconduct of Capt. Widdeford, who has in consequence, I am informed, been removed from the command.

Payments referred to in the foregoing statement :

Lord Falkland's draft on me for £44 sterling, paid on 23d August, 1841, at the exchange of 14 per cent. premium,		No. 1.		
		£46	5	1
		Commn.	1	3
				2
Voucher 27.	\$222	5½	£47	8
				3
Refreshment for the crew of the London Packet,	13	4	2.	
Consuls travelling expenses in going to Matanzas, releasing Jas. Armstrong from prison, and returning, including the removal of Armstrong, with his effects, from Matanzas,	51	0	3.	
			£13	2
			0	6
			£13	9
Passage money of Jas. Armstrong, from Havanna to Halifax.	16	0	0	
Voucher 28.				
	\$303	1½		

Havanna, 30th September, 1841.

DAVID TURNBULL, C. S.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 13th May, 1842.

Transcript copy of this letter with the inclosed statement to Viscount Canning, requesting he will move the Earl of Aberdeen to apprise my Lords whether the travelling expenses, to Matanzas and back, appear to his Lordship to constitute such a charge as should be properly defrayed from the Parliamentary Grant for Consular contingencies, and to favor my Lords with his opinion as to the directions it will be proper to give in regard to recovery from the Colonial Funds of Nova Scotia, or otherwise, of the amount of the other disbursements specified in the statement.

COPY.

Foreign Office, May 24, 1842.

SIR—

In reply to your letter of the 18th instant, I am directed by the Earl of Aberdeen to state to you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, that, in his Lordship's opinion, the charges incurred by Her Majesty's Consul at Havana for

for the crew of the 'London Packet' of Halifax, and for his own expenses in proceeding to Matanzas, should not be paid from the Parliamentary Grant for Consular Contingencies.

The relief granted by British Consuls to British Seamen is given under printed instructions from the Admiralty, which instructions, in the opinion of Lord Aberdeen, are sufficiently clear and imperative to require Consuls to relieve British Seamen, whether natives of the United Kingdom or of British Colonies, and if, as now appears to be the case, the Admiralty desires that British Consuls shall not charge to the Admiralty the amount of relief granted to British Seamen belonging to Her Majesty's Colonies, instructions should be sent to Her Majesty's Consuls not to relieve such Seamen; but until the Admiralty request that such instructions may be given to Consuls, it is clear that Consuls should be allowed to charge such relief to the Lords of the Admiralty.

Lord Aberdeen is, however, of opinion that the amount should be received from the Colony.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

CANNING.

COPY.

Admiralty, 6th May, 1842.

SIR—

It appearing by the accounts of the Consul at Portland, United States, for the quarter ending 31st December last, that the sum of £85 7 1 has been paid for the subsistence of the crews of the 'Globe' of Halifax, and the 'Queen' of St. John, N. B., viz.:

Globe,	£33	8	2
Queen,	51	18	11

£85 7 1

I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to request you will move the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to cause the amount to be paid to the Paymaster General, as was done in the case of the 'London Packet' of Halifax, these being Colonial vessels, and my Lords not considering this Department liable to the charge.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

JOHN BARROW.

23d May, 1842.

Abstract of Charges in the account of Mr. Joseph Sherwood, Consul at Portland, United States, for the subsistence of the Crews of the 'Globe' and 'Queen' of Halifax, Nova Scotia, in the quarter ending 31st December, 1841.

GLOBE.		Dols.	Cts.
Voucher No. 1—Subsistence,		9	00
2		22	50
4		54	00
5—Travelling,		28	75
6		40	00
10—Clothing,		1	25
11—Postage,		1	60

157 10

Commn. 3 92

\$161 02 = £33 8 2

QUEEN.

QUEEN.		Dols.	Cts.
Voucher No. 3—	Subsistence,	82	40
{	7—	80	00
	8—	60	00
	9—	20	00
	11—Postage,	2	06
		\$244	46
	Commn.	6	12
		\$250	58 = £51 8 11
Total—£85 7 1.			
Vouchers enclosed.			

COPY.

No. 96.

Government House, Halifax, August 2, 1842.

MY LORD—

I have had the honor to receive your Despatch, No. 47, date June 27th, 1842, inclosing a copy of a Letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, relative to the expenses incurred by Her Majesty's Consuls at the Havanna, and at Portland, in the United States, for the relief of distressed Seamen belonging to vessels owned in the Port of Halifax, and desiring that I will apply to the Local Legislature for a Grant to cover the amount. Your Lordship's directions in this respect, shall be complied with, immediately on the meeting of the Provincial Parliament.

With reference to the observations contained in Mr. Trevelyan's Letter, relating to a Bill for £44 sterling, dated 30th April, 1841, drawn by me on the Consul at the Havanna, the concluding paragraph of the Letter addressed to me by that Gentlemen, (a copy of which I transmit,) in which he *volunteers to honor my draft for that sum*, will, I hope, be in your Lordship's opinion a sufficient justification of my proceeding.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

The Lord Stanley, &c. &c. &c.

COPY.

Her Majesty's Consulate Havanna, 3d April, 1841.

MY LORD—

H. W. Harvey, Capt. Eugenius Zuill, Mate, John Darrell, 2d Mate, George Hillman, Wm. Ritchie, John Mead, John Simpson.
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I have the honor to consign to your Lordship's care and protection the seven shipwrecked Seamen named in the margin, the Master, Mate, and part of the Crew of the English Brig 'London Packet,' belonging to Halifax, and bound from thence to New Orleans, when lost a few days ago on the Southern shores of this Island.

My best exertions with His Excellency the Captain General have not yet been successful in obtaining the release of the two coloured Seamen named in the margin, who, in pursuance of the very cruel Regulations of this Port, have been thrown into Prison, and are now detained there.

One white man, William Hall, prefers remaining on board Her Majesty's Ship Romney, where his companions in misfortune, of his own complexion, have been during their stay in this place.

Captain Hill, of the Blue Nose, bound for Halifax, has kindly undertaken to receive the seven men first named, as Passengers, at the public charge; and I have reason to believe that his demand of £44 sterling, for the whole, is fair and reasonable,

Should your Excellency be of opinion that this charge ought not to be paid in Halifax, I can only say that I shall be ready to honor your Excellency's draft on me for the amount.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

D. TURNBULL.

His Excellency the Lord Falkland,
Governor General of Nova Scotia, &c. &c. &c.

No. 26.

(See Page 406.)

COPY.

No. 56.

Downing Street, 12th July, 1842.

MY LORD—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Dispatch, No. 58, of the 28th April, enclosing the copy of an Act passed in the last Session of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, making provision for the instruction and settlement of the Indians in that Province.

Her Majesty has commanded me to instruct your Lordship, to signify to the Legislature, Her gracious approval of their efforts to ameliorate the condition of this interesting portion of Her subjects; and Her Majesty hopes that the Law which has been passed on the subject, will produce real and essential benefits to the Indians in Nova Scotia.

I should wish to receive regularly from your Lordship a copy of the Report, which I observe the Act requires the Commissioner to make at the close of every year, of his proceedings on this subject.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

No. 27.

(See Page 406.)

COPY.

CIRCULAR.

Downing Street, 23rd November, 1842.

MY LORD—

I have the honor to transmit to you, for publication in the Colony under your Government, an Order made on the 2d instant, by Her Majesty in Council, authorizing "Portuguese Ships to import into any of the British Possessions abroad, from the Portuguese Dominions, goods the produce of the Portuguese Dominions, and to export Goods from such Possessions, to be carried to any Foreign Country whatever."

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

STANLEY.

The Right Honorable Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

At the Court at Windsor, 2nd November, 1842.

PRESENT.

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY, IN COUNCIL,

&c.

&c.

&c.

WHEREAS, by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament, held in the 3rd and 4th years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Trade of the British Possessions abroad," after reciting that by the Law of Navigation, Foreign ships are permitted to import into any of the British Possessions abroad, from the Countries to which they belong, Goods the produce of those Countries, and to export Goods from such possessions, to be carried to any Foreign country whatever, and that it is expedient that such permission should be subject to certain conditions, it is enacted that the privileges thereby granted to Foreign Ships, shall be limited to the ships of those Countries, which having Colonial Possessions, shall grant the like privileges of trading with those possessions to British Ships, or which not having Colonial Possessions, shall place the Commerce and Navigation of this Country, and of its Possessions abroad, upon the footing of the most favoured nation, unless His Majesty, by His Order in Council, shall in any case deem it expedient to grant the whole or any of such privileges to the ships of any Foreign Country, although the conditions aforesaid, shall not in all respects be fulfilled by such Foreign Country. And it is thereby provided, that no Foreign Country shall be deemed to have fulfilled the before mentioned conditions, or to be entitled to the privileges aforesaid, unless and until His Majesty shall, by some Order or Orders to be by him made, by the advice of His Privy Council, have declared that such Foreign Country hath so fulfilled the said conditions, and is entitled to the said privileges.

And whereas it hath been made to appear, to the satisfaction of Her Majesty in Council, that the Government of Portugal hath fulfilled the conditions hereinbefore mentioned.

Now, therefore, in pursuance and exercise of the powers in Her Majesty in Council, by the said recited Act of Parliament in that behalf vested, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, doth declare, and it is hereby declared accordingly, that the Government of Portugal hath fulfilled the conditions hereinbefore mentioned, and that Portuguese ships may import into any of the British Possessions abroad, from the Portuguese Dominions, Goods the produce of the Portuguese Dominions, and may export Goods from such Possessions, to be carried to any Foreign Country whatever: Provided always, that nothing herein contained, shall be construed to prevent Portuguese ships from trading with any of the British Possessions in Europe, to such extent, and in such manner as they lawfully may under the Law of Navigation now in force.

And the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and the Right Honorable Lord Stanley, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, are to give the necessary directions herein, accordingly as to them may respectively appertain.

(Signed)

C. GREVILLE.

No. 28.

(See Page 406.)

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Lord Viscount Falkland, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, &c.

Report of the Commissioners for erecting a Provincial Bridewell, for the year 1842.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, the Commissioners appointed by an Act of the Legislature to superintend the erection of a Penitentiary or Bridewell at Halifax, Report for the information of your
Excellency

Excellency and the Legislature, that so soon as the season permitted they resumed the work intrusted to them, and have, during the past summer, urged it forward as diligently as a due regard to economy rendered practicable, and had the satisfaction of seeing the exterior of the building completely finished previous to the commencement of Winter.

To accomplish so desirable an object your Commissioners have ventured to exceed the amount placed at their disposal, feeling that it was necessary to do so, to secure the advanced state of the work from exposure to the storms of winter, and they trust such expenditure will meet with approbation.

Your Commissioners now respectfully submit a statement of accounts shewing an expenditure of £7976 1 7 being an excess above the sum voted of £1976 1 7. Your Commissioners also herewith exhibit a plan and estimate, shewing that a further sum of £1800 will completely finish the Keeper's Apartments, Ward for Females, Infirmary, Guard Room, Chapel, and the basement floor of Cells, which will give accommodation to thirty Male Convicts, and an equal number of Females, this will probably be sufficient for the present wants of the Province, and the remaining Cells can hereafter be completed at a much less comparative expense, as the preparation of the Granite for this purpose may be made by the Prisoners.

Previous to the Prisoners being placed in the new Bridewell, an enclosure will be required for their safe keeping. Your Excellency's Commissioners therefore submit an estimate for an enclosing Wall, in conformity with the original design, the Court Yard thus formed will afford ample convenience for Workshops and every other requisite connected with the out-door management of this establishment, but should the Legislature not approve of so large an expenditure as will be thus required, a temporary enclosure of Wood may answer the present purpose, and the cost of the Wall necessary to be erected hereafter may be materially reduced by applying the labor of the Prisoners thereto.

In conclusion your Commissioners ask the Legislature to appoint Committees to inspect the work, and such further instructions given to your Commissioners shall command their strict attention.

We have the honor to be,

Your Lordship's

Very obedient servants,

EDWARD ALLISON,
MICHAEL TOBIN, JUNR.
JAMES B. UNIACKE,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
WILLIAM GRIGOR.

Halifax, 8th February, 1843.

Expenditure to 31st January, 1843,		£7976	1	7
By Cash received at Treasury,	£5000	0	0	
“ Grant for 1843, to be received,	1000	0	0	
		6000	0	0
		£1976	1	7
Estimate for finishing one tier of Cells, and completing Building, as recommended in Report,		1800	0	0
“ for a temporary enclosure of Wood and Workshops,		125	0	0
		£3901	1	7
Additional, if the enclosure is of Stone in conformity with design,	1700	0	0	
Less,	125	0	0	
		1575	0	0
		£5476	1	7

An

4 Carpenters, 36 days in putting on Roofs, &c., 6s.	£14	4	0
2000 good Brick, for Cook House, Chimney, and Oven,	5	0	0
Add for Contingencies,	88	9	4
	£1700 0 0		

An enclosure of same size, 10 feet high, Posts, Rails, and covered with Boards, with temporary Work Shops, may be put up for about £125.

No. 29.

(See Page 406.)

Sydney, Cape Breton, January, 1843.

SIR—

I have the honor to report, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the measures adopted by me for applying the Legislative grant of £60, to its intended purpose of protecting the Revenue, by maintaining in effective service, the boat purchased by the Province for that use.

I have caused the Boat to be actively employed, during the season, in checking illicit trade throughout the extensive circuit of the Bras d'Or Lake, and in performing the same duty at the several Harbors on the Southern and Eastern Sea Coast, from Gabarus to Inganiche, collecting also the Light Money from the American fishing vessels found at anchor.

Since it has become generally known, that a fast sailing boat is in regular employ to keep up a water guard, I have reason to believe that a complete stoppage, or nearly so, has been placed on the fraudulent importations from Newfoundland, and on the illicit trade to this part of the Island, carried on by Foreign Vessels from the French Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon; which are now under the necessity of resorting to the Free Port of Sydney, and there landing their cargoes, and paying the Foreign duties, under the supervision of the Revenue officers.

These precautionary measures have been put in practice, with the assistance afforded by the boat, during the years 1841 and 1842, in which years an increase has taken place, in the import duties, of £370, over those of 1839 and 1840.

The accounts and vouchers for the expenditure of the sum granted for this service, have been transmitted to the Treasurer, to be laid before the Legislature when called for.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient humble Servant,

C. E. LEONARD, *Collector.*

To John Whidden, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

No. 30.

(See Page 406.)

Having been commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to Survey and Report upon an alteration contemplated on the Main Eastern Road in Truro, I humbly beg leave to submit for the consideration of His Excellency the following Report :

The main feature of the Country upon which this road is situated is that of a ridge between the Basins of Salmon River on the South and North River on the North. The crust of this dividing range is nearly designated by the dotted line A B C (see plan No. 1). It begins near the level of the Sea at Truro and gradually ascends, till at B it is upwards of three hundred and fifty feet above the Sea—thence turning Northwardly it continues

continues gradually rising till its distinctive character is lost in the general range of High lands that run in a South-west and North-east direction, through the Northern section of the Province.

The top of the ridge is very smooth, and without any deep indentations across it—on the sides there are several ravines, shallow at the top and deepening with steep banks as they descend towards the Rivers on either side. The old Road was carried along the Southern slope of the ridge and across these ravines, which made it very hilly. The alternative that offered for amendment was, either to get a line nearer Salmon River, or to gain the crest of the ridge at B and follow it to Truro—each of these plans had its advocates: In 1839 the subject was fully investigated and the result was, that the latter place was adopted, and a Road was made from Archibald's Inn at Salmon River to Nelson's, a distance of upwards of 7 miles, as shown on the plan.

The question at issue at present is, whether in continuing the line to Truro it should diverge into the valley of Salmon River, and meet the old road near Christie's, as shown by the dotted line D E, or continue onwards and meet the old Road at Mr. Blanchard's in Truro, as shown by the dotted line G H.

If the former of these lines be adopted, there will be required one and a half miles of new Road at an expense of about £220, besides a Bridge at F. If the Bridge be built so as to ensure permanency it will cost near £600—if it be built of Wood there must be allowed (when comparing the expense with that of a Road) a reserved fund for renewals, which, added to the cost of a Wooden Bridge, would exceed the above sum. The whole expense may be stated at near £800.

If the latter place be adopted, there will be three miles and a half of Road to make, but it has already been cleared of the timber and a good Winter Road made by the Inhabitants. The expense of completing it will be about £500—after which it will require about £150 or £200 for gravelling, making together from £650 to £700.

With respect to the levels, it will appear by the sections on plan No. 2, that they are not objectionable on either line. The common point of departure at Nelson's, is two hundred and twenty-five feet above Truro Bridge, and the descent towards Truro in no case exceeds one foot rise to twenty-three horizontal. There are a few places at this maximus grade on both lines—but their descents being in the direction of the heavy traffic, can scarcely be called a disadvantage. The *ascents* in going Westwardly are so very trifling as not to require any distinct notice.

With respect to distance, by the Southern or River route, the distance from Nelson's to Reading's Corner in Truro is five miles two quarters and thirty-five rods, and between the same points by the Northern route, four miles and three quarters—making a difference in favour of the North route of three quarters of a mile and thirty-five rods.

With respect to damages for going through the lands of individuals, there would be on the Southern route, a damage to be allowed to Mr. Alexander Christie, for going through about a quarter of a mile of Arable fields, and to Mr. Andrew Christie, for about half a mile of cleared pasture lands. On the Northern route, there would be a damage to be allowed to Mr. Mark P. Martin, for going through about a quarter of a mile of cleared land, and several sums to other persons, which have been ascertained to be Twenty-two Pounds. It is impossible to estimate, with any precision, the full amount of damages on either line, but it is probable that in this respect they are nearly equal, and that in either case it would not exceed from Fifty to Sixty Pounds.

The general result is, that as regards levels, the two lines are quite equal to each other; as regards expense, the Northern line, by being clear of the Upper Salmon River Bridge, is the cheapest, and that as regards distance, it is shortest by nearly seven-eighths of a mile. These circumstances point out strongly the propriety of adopting the Northern line. Indeed this question may be considered as having been virtually settled in 1839, by adopting the line on the top of the ridge, from Archibald's, at Salmon River, to Nelson's. Whatever might have been the original merits of the case, that route having been adopted, and carried on nearly two-thirds of the distance to Truro, there seems to be no good reason, why, "as no formidable obstructions exist upon it," it should not be continued directly onward.

Before

Before concluding, it may not be improper to notice an argument that has been used by the advocates of the southern route—viz: Gravel is more easily obtained upon it than upon the Northern, and that being through a better settled country, it will be kept in better order in the Winter. To this it may be answered, that although Gravel is more equally distributed along that line, there can be a sufficiency obtained on the Northern line, without hauling it more than a mile and a half at any part. And with respect to settlement, it runs through a range of pretty good upland, which, as the population advances, will be brought into cultivation. At present it is used by the people of Truro for bringing heavy articles from Pictou, and it is worthy of remark, that during the late heavy snows, it was the best beaten road in Truro.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant,

GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

John Whidden, Esq., Acting Provincial Secretary, &c. &c.

Halifax, February 8th, 1843.

No. 31.

(See Page 406.)

Halifax, February 9th, 1843.

SIR—

As Commissioners for the issuing and cancelling of Province Notes, we beg leave to make the following Report for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

The amount of Notes in circulation on the first day of January, 1842, was £59942 10 0

Since which we have cancelled—

Of Old Notes,	£440	0	0	
Of Lithographic Notes of £1,	2790	0	0	
Of Steel Plate Notes of £1,	4746	0	0	
Of Old 5s. and 10s. Notes,	7	0	0	
Of New 10s. “	17	0	0	
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	£8000	0	0	
Cancelled or allowed last Session by a Committee of the House of Assembly, Notes destroyed by fire,	25	0	0	
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	8025	0	0	
Issued of £1 Notes in the last year,	8000	0	0	
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In circulation on the 31st December last,				£59917 10 0

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servants,

JAMES FOREMAN, }
L. HARTSHORNE, } Commrs.

John Whidden, Esq., Acting Provincial Secretary.

No. 32.

(See Page 407.)

In presenting to the Legislature the Second Report of the Proceedings of the Central Board of Agriculture at Halifax, during the past year, together with the Treasurer's Account, and a brief Abstract of the Correspondence with the several Local Societies, the Board have been actuated by a desire to place before the country a clear and correct view of its transactions thus far, in order that a just opinion may be formed of the manner in which they have discharged the duties intrusted to them, the practical working of the system they have adopted, and the extent to which the aid of the Legislature, so liberally bestowed on that branch of industry, has hitherto operated in exciting a spirit of enterprize and zeal among the Agricultural classes.

Although the Board have great satisfaction in congratulating the country on the results of the late bountiful Harvest, the increased production of Bread Corn, the introduction of superior Stock and improved Implements, and the progress of a more Systematic Cultivation, the Board are free to admit that they have not as yet realized that full measure of success to which their own sanguine anticipations still point, yet they indulge the hope that upon an impartial examination of the details they now submit, they will not only afford the clearest evidence of the propriety of continuing in the steady pursuit of the objects they are striving to attain, and establish a claim to indulgence for many errors into which their own inexperience may have led them, but also to the generous support of all whose breasts are animated with a desire to secure for our common country, the rich blessings of happiness and independence.

The Board are not unmindful of the exceedingly low rates obtained for Agricultural Produce during the past year, nor that this fact has been by some superficial reasoners adduced as an argument against increased production : but the Board cannot for a moment admit the force of this objection. They believe that prices will improve as soon as the causes which led to their depression are removed. The chief of these being the stagnation of Commerce which prevailed during the last year, when the wood trade and ship building had almost ceased. Late accounts encourage the hope that activity will soon take place in these pursuits, and that we shall share in the benefits resulting from the late successes of the Mother Country, by an improved demand for our exports.

While the Board are desirous of keeping steadily in view the great importance of the subject with which their labours are so closely connected, they also wish to avoid any course that would excite too hastily the public mind, or lead it without deliberation into schemes of extensive improvement. Agriculture is not to be successfully pursued without capital, or a tolerable stock of practical experience ; with these, in connection with a steady and persevering industry, the Board entertain the entire conviction that no pursuit within our Provincial limits is more certain of an ample reward ; while it is eminently free from the cares and vicissitudes of many other avocations.

Frequent allusion having been made to the utility of introducing an Agricultural School, and Pattern Farm, where both practical and theoretical knowledge might be obtained coincident with other branches of Education. The Board have no hesitation in expressing their favorable disposition towards such a system should it be introduced into some of the Educational Establishments in the more fertile districts of the country.

While the exertion and zeal of many of the Societies with whom the Board have the pleasure of corresponding, merit their warmest approval, it is a matter of regret that some have not exhibited that activity which might reasonably have been expected from the liberal encouragement of the Legislature, or the disposition on the part of the Board to place within their reach all the information at their disposal. The subscription of Ten Pounds entitles a Society to a share in the general Grant, and while many have largely exceeded it, others have but raised the amount, and some have omitted doing so altogether. It is to be hoped that the Board will not again have occasion for remark on this point, and that another year will exhibit a different feeling. The object of the Legislature is, no doubt, to awaken the zeal and give an impetus to the cause, but the Board must ever consider

sider the amount of the local subscription the surest test of the desire for Agricultural Improvement.

One or two active and persevering Members in each Society will give a tone to their whole proceedings, and infuse a spirit of life and vigour through the whole body, and as such are found in every district, the Board recommend to each Society to press them into the service forthwith.

It is gratifying to learn from the Reports of the Pictou and Brookfield Societies, that our native artizans are commencing the manufacture of Implements of Husbandry within their limits. This is one of the results of the introduction of Models through the instrumentality of the Central Board, and an object they have kept continually in view. It is in vain to complain of the want of money in the Rural Districts while we are importing from strangers such articles as our own mechanics can produce, and letting them remain idle from want of patronage. The Board will have much pleasure in encouraging their industry, and continuing to procure the best models at the expense of their own funds.

The Board had hoped, 'ere this, to have had it in their power to have noticed the establishment in this city of a respectable Agricultural Warehouse, where new Publications, Seeds, Implements, Stock, and general information in that department might be readily obtained. We are often disappointed in importing Seeds, Seed Grain, &c. when we might procure within our own selves that which is better suited to the climate, and more to be relied on. The Commercial difficulties already alluded to may have delayed the introduction, but the Board still entertain the opinion that a well conducted establishment of that nature would not only be convenient to the Public, but also conducive to private advantage.

As some disappointment has seemed to prevail with respect to the horse "*Montreal*," and as they are desirous that all their proceedings should have the fullest publicity, they offer the following explanation to justify the course they have pursued in relation to that animal.

It may be recollected that he was offered at Public Sale shortly after his arrival, when no purchaser appearing to give a price the Board were inclined to accept, they entered into an arrangement with the Member from King's County on behalf of the Local Society, who agreed to take charge of him, and pay his expenses, on condition of receiving the amount of his earnings. At the close of the season he was returned to the Board and again offered at Public Sale, when the Hon. William Young became the purchaser for the sum of thirty-one pounds, designing him for the use of his own County. In thus acting, the Board conceive they made the most judicious arrangement for the Public Interest, and anticipate an approval of their proceedings. They employed the best Agent they could get, and took every pains to procure a suitable animal: nor can they hold themselves liable to censure, even should he not have realised the general expectation.

The Board would have dwelt less minutely on this point were they not conscious of a disposition to depreciate his value by some, not over zealous in promoting the objects in which they are engaged, but who, perchance, might have more highly appreciated him as private property.

In relation to the "*Morgan*" Horse, the sum placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, was by him transferred to the Central Board to carry out that object, and on that occasion they availed themselves of the services of Mr. Palmer, who tendered them, and was about to visit the United States on his private business. The Board were led to this decision from the circumstance of the same gentleman having been instrumental in obtaining the grant of the Assembly for that purpose, and hoping that their choice would secure its approval. Different opinions have been formed as to the qualities of this Horse, and he may not equal the expectation of all, but it may be recollected that Horse flesh sometimes deceives those who profess to be the profoundest judges. The Board have, however, the satisfaction to state that such is the estimation in which he is held by his former owner, that, in a letter recently received from him, he states that, on his being returned—he thinks there would be no difficulty in obtaining the price he cost. The Board transmitted an Order during the Spring for thirty Sheep of the Black Faced or Cheviot breed. They arrived in the month of August, with the exception of five which unfortunately

unfortunately died on their passage, two others died subsequently; the remainder were disposed of at Public Sale, and, although the loss on the shipment was considerable, there are sufficient left in the country to make a fair trial of their qualities. A Highland Bull and Heifer were also ordered for the Windsor Society, the former of which unfortunately died on his arrival.

With reference to the Alpacca Sheep, as some information seemed to be desired during the last Session, the Board made enquiries from their Correspondent in the United States respecting them, when they learned that they had not been introduced into that country, and they believe only in a very few instances into Great Britain. The Board in consequence conclude that it would be more advisable to promote the introduction of the Dishley and South Down

The Board sent an order to their Agents in Scotland, early in the season, for a Clydesdale Horse, but as one could not be had at their limits, being £80 to £85, sterling, nor a convenient opportunity for sending one, they concluded not to renew the order. They have received from the same Agent a Turnip Drill, and a Mill for crushing grain, which will be offered for sale during the Session.

As one of the most important duties which the Board feel themselves called on to perform, and in which they are desirous of acquitting themselves to the best of their ability, was the Collection and Diffusion of Agricultural information, including the most approved modes of culture, Mechanical inventions to forward its operations, descriptions of the most valued Stock, Seeds, Food, &c.. The Board have endeavoured, with a full conviction of its importance, to circulate, through the medium of the Press, whatever has come under their Review, and promised to be useful.

This part of their duty is, however, by no means light, if faithfully performed, as it is the only mode of distributing such information, and they must claim the assistance of the Agricultural gentlemen throughout the Province, in supporting the organs of communication they have selected for that purpose, otherwise they cannot be sustained.

It may reasonably be expected that a Board, so constituted, should not hesitate to offer any suggestions that appear likely to benefit the general interest, although their opinions may occasionally be controverted. Among the many that might be offered in a young country like this, they will venture on one or two only, desirous that their remarks may not extend to an inconvenient length.

It is a matter of notoriety, that in all our Counties large tracts of the most valuable lands, once under cultivation, are now lying waste and useless. Were these lands raised to their true value, and a demand created for them, they would, in many cases, relieve the embarrassments of those who have committed the common error of procuring too much land, to the prejudice of that portion immediately under tillage. It is believed that the value of landed estate might be materially increased, were some plan adopted for furnishing to the emigrant, on his arrival, such information as would enable him to know the country, and direct his steps to a settlement. A vast stream of emigration is annually flowing to the more remote possessions of the empire, and sweeping towards lands, not more highly favored than our own, the accumulations of wealth, skill, and industry.—Nova Scotia presents attractions that may favorably compare with any country. Connected with Europe by a short passage of ten days—blest with a healthy climate, and a productive soil—where action and opinion are subject only to the restraint of the mildest and most wholesome laws. In such a country, if lands are cheap and labour scarce, and Mechanical skill difficult to command—the remedy is in our hands, if we are disposed to use it. To effect this object, Committees of Correspondence might be formed in every County, communicating with a Central Committee, who should prepare and arrange the information received, so as to present it in an useful form to the Emigrant on his arrival. Were this done, we should hear less complaint of low prices, since we should be enabled to introduce consumers as well as producers. As labour is scarce also in the season of tillage, it becomes more necessary that we should take more pains to introduce labour saving machines; this appears to be the true secret which enables our neighbours in the United States, to get ahead of us, though they are subject to heavy taxes, and cannot
boast

boast of a better soil or climate. - We pay to them a large amount in money, which might be saved to the country, besides the advantage of supplying an additional number of consumers. The Board are directing their attention to a proposal for appropriating a part of their Funds to the encouragement of Cattle Fairs, and exhibitions of Agricultural Manufactures and Produce throughout the Province.

To effect this object, it is proposed to devote part of their Funds to be distributed in Premiums at three Fairs, in different Counties, in each year, commencing in 1844. The Local Societies to make all the necessary arrangements for the exhibitions, and the Board to appoint or send their own Committee to award the Prizes without reference to those of the Local Committee. When articles are offered for exhibition, deserving of encouragement, but not entitled to a prize, the Committee to be authorised to grant a certificate of approval or recommendation.

It is thought that this additional mode of encouragement may lead to increased efforts for the advancement of the Agricultural Interest, and awaken a more active and cheerful spirit in its pursuit. The Board will be gratified to learn the opinions of intelligent and practical Farmers on this point.

The Central Board are unwilling to close this Report without tendering their sincere thanks to all those who have assisted and lightened their labours in furnishing information, or promoting the cause, through the medium of their own active and persevering example, and conclude with the expression of their full conviction that the efforts made for its advancement will be eventually crowned with success; and their determination so to pursue their own labors as to merit the approbation of the Country.

Halifax, 14th February, 1843.

JAMES McNAB,
WILLIAM YOUNG,
SAMUEL CHIPMAN,
M. RICHARDSON,
THOMAS WILLIAMSON,
EDWARD ALLISON,
JAMES B. HOLDSWORTH.
EDWARD PRYOR, JR.
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
RICHD. J. FORRESTALL.

Abstract of the Reports of the Local Societies in Correspondence with the Central Board of Agriculture at Halifax, with the amount of their Subscriptions, and the sums appropriated by the Board to each Society.

HALIFAX.—Subscription £25; Grant £20; Amount drawn £20.—This Society had both a Ploughing and Drilling Match during the season, the work in many instances so well performed by very young Ploughmen, as to prove the utility and emulation excited by those trials of skill. They have paid £20 15s. in prizes for Ploughing and Green Crops. The general yield has exceeded the usual average. The soil, originally slaty and barren, when fertilized by the manure of the City, yields about thirty bushels of Wheat to the acre.

DARTMOUTH.—Subscription £16 15s.; Grant £25; Amount drawn £25.—At their March Meeting, agreed upon a list of Premiums for Stock, Agricultural Produce, and a Ploughing Match: expressed their satisfaction at an Address delivered by their President. The Ploughing Match held in October, excited much competition. In November their Fair and Cattle Show took place, and was numerously attended; various specimens of Stock and Produce were offered for competition, and they awarded in Premiums about £33.

The Crops throughout the District were considered a fair average. They have procured and distributed 40 copies of Jackson's Work. A spirit of zeal and activity is rapidly extending itself.

WINDSOR.

WINDSOR.—Subscription £23; Grant £37 10s.; Amount drawn £37 10s.—Hay scarcely an average crop; Wheat and Potatoes far above the average. Look for an increased cultivation of Wheat, in consequence of the erection of a superior Grist Mill by Messrs. Dewolf, who manufacture Flour of the finest quality. Their system of Agriculture is improving. They have paid £44 for a Highland Bull and Heifer, and £9 5s. in Premiums at their Cattle Show and Ploughing Match.

EAST HANTS.—Subscription £10 10s.; Grant £37 10s., in addition to £12 10s., being remainder of £75 from last year.—Their crops very good, and cultivation improving—too much apathy still prevailing: have purchased 28 copies of Jackson's Work, and 25 copies of the Colonial Farmer: gave orders for Stock from England, but were disappointed, owing to the *insufficiency* of their funds.

HORTON.—Subscription £20; Grant £22 10s.; Amount drawn £22 10s.—Have taken much pains to induce increased attention to Agriculture: have procured 12 copies of Jackson's Work, Evans', the Mechanic & Farmer, and 25 copies of the Colonial Farmer. Their Ploughing Match well attended—the work superior to that performed on any former occasion: have paid £13 10s. in Premiums. The Calves by their English Bulls superior to the common breed. Crops generally good: Potatoes far above an average, some exceeding 500 bushels per acre. A large crop of Ruta Baga, raised by Mr. Taylor, who has imported a Bone Mill, and drilled the bone dust with the seed. Improvements progressing: Fences neater—Gardening, and planting of Ornamental Trees extending—Lands underdrained—and greater attention paid to the Manure and Compost Heap. Recommend the Board to consider the expediency of establishing an Agricultural School and Model Farm—such Institutions having had an extraordinary influence where they have been introduced, and think they might be commenced on a small scale. They suggest the propriety of Incorporating Agricultural Societies, as they have narrowly escaped a lawsuit in protecting their property.

CORNWALLIS.—Subscription £20; Grant £37 10s.; Amount drawn £37 10.—Crops more than usually abundant, owing not only to a favorable season, but to more skilful management, stimulated thereto by Agricultural Societies: are confirmed in their belief, through success, that few Countries are better for raising Wheat: Potatoes uncommonly good in quality, and very abundant: Farmers beginning to plant less, and manure more richly. Fruit abundant: Orchards lately grafted, beginning to bear: expect soon to supply the demand for Apples, of the finest quality. The Bull "Young Favorite," esteemed the finest animal in the County, if not in the Province—he was purchased from the Central Board—his Calves much superior to the Common stock. The breed of Pigs from the Berkshire Boar weigh from 150 to 240 lbs. from 7 to 9 months old—they think Pork can be made cheaper, by one half-penny per pound from them, than the common stock. have offered Premiums on the stock of "Young Favorite," to be paid in 1844. The horse Montreal not generally patronised, being more suitable for the carriage or saddle, than heavy draught—estimate his receipts at about £35: propose to have a Cattle Show in October next: hope that the Board in dividing the money, will bear in mind that the Land in their County is capable of being made the best in the Province: that they have among them many respectable Farmers, and persons of general knowledge: and that they have in the last two years expended nearly £100 in the importation of improved stock, besides a considerable sum in Premiums.

CORNWALLIS, WESTERN BRANCH.—Subscription £11 6s. 3d.—Have usually expended their funds in improved Stock and Implements, Premiums, Periodicals, &c. They resolved at their last Annual Meeting that each member should make one experiment with lime.

They have expended £6 10s. for a pair of Berkshire Pigs, £2 10s. for the Colonial Farmer, £10 for Lime, and £4 5s. for wintering the Society's Stock.

AYLESFORD.—Grant £15; Amount drawn £15.—Their crops above an average: they generally cultivate too much Land for their Manure: some are beginning to avoid this error. Their Cheviot Ram soon died, but they have 17 superior Lambs from him, and regret his loss. The South Down Ram has been disordered, but has recovered. Have procured from New Brunswick a fine Bull from an Ayrshire Cow, crossed with a Durham Bull. Have expended the sum of £27 12s. 6d., but do not state that any subscription has been received.

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL.—Subscription £11 5s. ; Grant £25 ; Amount drawn £25.—Owing to the late formation of this Society, they have made but little progress : they have expended about £13 in the importation of a Bull from St. John's, and the care of him.

DIGBY.—Grant £50 ; Amount drawn £25.—This Society appears to be extinct : they have no funds, and have raised no subscription.

CLARE.—Subscription £15 ; Grant £25 ; Amount drawn £25.—Commenced too late to be able to report much progress : the people are zealous, and hope to succeed. They have expended for Farming Implements, Clover and Timothy Seed, the sum of £32.

BROOKFIELD.—Subscription £10 ; Grant £37 10s. ; Amount drawn £37 10s.—The chief employment is clearing new Woodland : a few attempting to improve the soil. The Phinney Pigs highly approved—bring higher prices than the common stock. The Sheep obtained from King's County did not equal their expectations. They have introduced a Bull from Annapolis, and offered bounties for raising Wheat next year ; also, for Turnips, part raised with burned clay, and for Oats, Clover Seed, Homespun Cloth, Threshing Machines, Hay Rakes and Forks, and mounted Scythe Snaiths : have purchased Implements as models for their own manufacture, and think they can make and sell them as low as the Americans : estimate their exports at about £4,500 per annum : have expended for a Bull, Seeds, Implements, and Colonial Farmer, above £40.

CHESTER.—Subscription £10 ; Grant £37 10s. ; Amount drawn £37 10s.—Crops above an average : cultivation of Wheat rapidly increasing, superceding the sowing of Barley formerly used for Bread : no decided improvement manifested in the mode of cultivation, but a spirit of enquiry awakened. An improvement has taken place in the breed of Sheep from the Southdown, Cheviot, and Dishley, purchased from the Central Board : cannot ascertain their exports, suppose that of Potatoes to exceed 20,000 bushels annually : have paid about £56 for Stock, Premiums and Agricultural Papers. Sherbrook Village much improved lately ; the former settlers giving way to the natives.

MAHONE BAY.—Subscription £18 ; Grant £37 10s. ; Amount drawn £37 10s.—As their funds were low this year, concluded not to offer Premiums till next. Their Bull proved so unruly that they killed him, and exported his Beef. Most of the Farmers wedded to old customs, but a number beginning to improve their Stock as well as the soil. Crops generally good, some very superior. The common Sheep very inferior, but they preferred some had in Windsor to those purchased from the Board. Improvement expected from both. The stock of Swine generally bad, but one kind weighs $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 cwt. at 20 months. The American Sow has had two litters, but notwithstanding every attention she destroyed them all. Sows crossed with the American Boar have improved the breed. The Suffolk Boar proved useless, neither his size or appearance being approved of. Three lambs from the Ewes were sold to Members. Some Clover and Timothy seed and Winter Wheat has been ordered.

A Fair was held on the 26th October, it was well attended by Farmers from the neighbourhood, as well as from Windsor and Annapolis. From 150 to 200 head of Cattle and 70 to 80 Horses were shown : owing to the general depression little business was done, but it was estimated that about £180 change hands. They have paid for Stock and Seeds £33 16s.

COLCHESTER OR TRURO.—Subscription £11 ; Grant £50 ; Amount drawn £50.—Have had an exhibition of Stock and Produce, and a Ploughing Match, and offered Premiums payable four years hence, for encouraging the Rotation System. Lands have this season produced from 350 to 480 bushels of Potatoes, and will probably convince them that large are not most profitable : have expended £30 in premiums : Cattle at Show not good. Farmers seem not disposed to improve any Stock except Sheep for wool on account of the low prices of Beef and Pork. Very fine samples of Grain and Homespun Cloth exhibited at the Show.

STERLING.—Subscription £10 ; Grant £25.—The Local funds, with the exception of £2 for incidental charges, have been appropriated to Premiums, on Stock £4 ; crossed do. £3 15s. ; best Ploughman £3 ; Berkshire Pig from P. E. Island, £1 5s. Improvements are rapidly advancing : the population industrious and persevering Scotchmen.

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The Black Cattle supposed to be best suited to the state of the Country: Males of good breeds have been procured. Their Horses are small and hardy, and do a great deal of the farm work. Have an excellent breed of Sheep, yielding about 4 lbs. washed wool per fleece. Cannot state the quantity of produce exported: above 8 tons of Butter have been shipped to Halifax, and considerable quantities to other places.

NEW GLASGOW.—Subscription £10 5s.; Grant £25; Amount drawn £25.—Number of members increasing: Seed Grain has been procured: had bought Cattle in Scotland, and arranged for others at Shubenacadie: disappointed in both by the deaths of their Agents. Held a Cattle Show and Ploughing Match, and distributed nearly £12 in prizes, which have induced the raising of Turnips: the use of Lime little understood though Limestone abounds: have offered prizes for using it; have resolved to import Sheep and Swine of the best breeds, and 50 bushels of the best White Seed Oats: being alarmed at the scarcity of fodder have sold their Durham Bull which cost £15, for £3. Lament the low price of produce, and think if the Assembly does not protect them from Canadian and American competition they must quit the Country.

PICTOU.—Subscription £15; Grant £25; Amount drawn £25.—Have imported from Boston various implements costing over £16. Also through the Central Board, 1 barrel Clover Seed and Vetches, the latter useless, being the common wild pea: they have had from Prince Edward Island 50 bushels Tea Wheat, 20 bushels Bald do., and 18 bushels of Potatoe Oats, 61 bushels of Black Oats, and 10 bushels of a new kind of Wheat; they dispose of these to members at costs and charges. Have had an exhibition of Stock and Produce, at which they gave Premiums amounting to £30, besides £3 for Ploughing, and £2 for an Essay on the White Daisy. They now manufacture Thrashing Mills, Strawcutters, Prouty's Plough, and Iron Ploughs on the Scotch Model: have 60 Members who attend the Meetings, and proceed with much spirit.

RIVER JOHN.—Subscription £10 1s. 6d.; Grant £25; Amount drawn £25.—The efforts of the Society have already proved beneficial. The calves by their Durham Bull show a decided superiority over the common Stock, and as the Premiums have excited the owners to raise them, the advantages promise to be permanent. Their Sheep have been improved by the importation of four young Rams; they prefer the Southdown to the Leicester, the former having finer wool and proving more hardy. Their premiums have increased the produce this year: Potatoes are abundant and good; Wheat and Oats of an average quantity—the latter light; common Turnips failed—Swedish succeeded: Hay scarcely two thirds of an usual crop. The Farmers have felt much embarrassment owing to the failure of the demand from Ship builders and Lumberers, their usual customers: heavy losses were sustained on their exportations to Newfoundland—about 15 tons of Butter have been exported to that quarter, Prince Edward Island, Halifax, and St. Pierre: have no idea of being discouraged by their disappointments, but resolve to increase their exertions. Have double the usual quantity of land prepared for sowing in the Spring: have commenced an Agricultural Library, and expended their funds in Premiums for Stock, Books, Produce, Homespun Cloth, and Farming Implements.

AMHERST.—Grant £20.—Have expended for a Short Horned Bull, said to be nine years old, £12 12s., and for the Mechanic and Farmer 17s. 6d.; give credit for balance of £16 1s. 6d. from last year, and £6 5s. 1d. for sales of Clover Seed. Have collected no subscriptions; cannot account for them till April next. Have caused the Secretary to enquire the price of a Norman Horse imported into the United States last year, from France: think no part of the Province possesses greater natural advantages, or has had less done to improve them. Grain and Potatoes have yielded well: Hay a good crop in the Marshes, though light in the uplands.

PARRSBORO'.—Subscription £16; Grant £20; Amount drawn £20.—Hay very light except on land limed a year or two back, where it yielded well: are erecting more Lime Kilns in consequence. Wheat injured by rust, excepting what was sown previous to 20th April. The produce of their Lumber and Ship building labour, which used to procure them bread, having failed, they have applied most of their funds as bounties to promote the raising Wheat and making Oatmeal; have offered premiums for composts and burned clay.

WALLACE

WALLACE.—Grant £55 ; Amount drawn £35.—Have received from the Central Board £70 for two years ; have expended for Clover Seed, Stock, Agricultural Papers, &c. £91 14s. 3½d. (do not appear to have raised any subscription this year). They have purchased from Prince Edward Island, 2 Boars, 21 Lambs, and 3 Bulls of good breeds : have had 3 Ploughing Matches. Their cultivation improving ; have 64 Members ; cannot now ascertain last year's crop—that of 1841 was 24,261 bushels Potatoes, 2,778 bushels Wheat, 4297 bushels Oats, 461 bushels Barley, 280 bushels Buckwheat, and 197 bushels Peas : their Clover Seed was fresh and good.

RIVER PHILIP.—Subscription, £11.—This Society has expended about £20 in Stock and Premiums ; usually plough grass land in the Fall, sowing next Spring with Grain ; then Potatoes, followed with Grain and Grass Seed : raise Wheat, Rye and Oats, and large quantities of Buckwheat, as it is not an exhausting crop. They have improved the Sheep both in the quantity and quality of their Wool by the introduction of better breeds. Have obtained this Fall a Durham Bull, and a pair of Berkshire Pigs : chiefly dispose of their surplus produce to Lumberers, though a considerable quantity is sent to Halifax. Their Farming exhibits a marked improvement : the Ploughing Match was zealously contested. Large quantities of Lime have been applied with great effect, particularly to Wheat. A much larger quantity of Grain than usual has been raised this year, owing to the exertions of this Society. Understanding that the Amherst Society are not likely to raise their Ten Pounds, request that the sum intended for that Society may be transferred to them.

Note.—This Society has received nothing from the Board, there being 4 Societies in the County. The sum of £35 was assigned to Wallace with a request that £15 might be allowed to the River Philip Society, and that in case of this not being done the Central Board would attend to their claims next year.

PORT HOOD.—Subscription £12 10s. ; Grant £37 10s. ; Amount drawn £37 10s.—Have imported from Prince Edward's Island, 50 Sheep, 10 Pigs, 4 Bulls, and a Cow and Calf, at a cost of £108 6s. 9d. and sold them for £84 14s. From the Central Board various Implements at a cost of £13 9s. 4½d. which sold for £9 2s.—also Seeds costing £11 8s. 3d. which are expected to nett £ . . . From Boston, Farming Implements at a cost of £12 6s. 10d. which sold for £9 9s. 7d., and Implements from the same place not yet sold which cost £34.

BROAD COVE.—Subscription £12 10s. ; Grant £37 10s. ; Amount drawn £37 10s.—Owing to disappointment, occasioned by the ice, did not receive their supply of Seed from Prince Edward's Island in time for Spring sowing. They have this Fall imported 72 bushels Seed Oats, 20 bushels Bald Wheat, 6 bushels Barley, and 2 bushels Timothy Seed. Also a 3 year old Short Horned Durham Bull, and 2 English Pigs. The Stock has been sold to Members, and the Seed Grain is intended to be divided among them. They propose erecting six Lime Kilns in the Spring for burning that article for Manure ; and to subscribe for the Colonial Farmer from their own funds.

SYDNEY.—Subscription £23 11s. ; Grant £75 ; Amount drawn £75.—Hay and Oats scarcely half a crop, Wheat about two thirds, Potatoes an average ; the Aftergrass so destroyed by the grasshoppers, as to limit the quantity of Butter, and prevent the improvement of grass fed Cattle : obliged to sacrifice one third of their Stock at trifling prices, owing to the Newfoundland and Halifax Markets being glutted : the Farms generally ill-managed : a few only setting better examples : are of opinion that it would be more advisable to encourage the production of Bread Corn, for which the Province is annually drained of its specie, than to extend the raising of Cattle, while Beef and Pork fail to obtain remunerating prices. This Society have expended for Implements, Seeds, Sheep, and Prizes at their Cattle Show and Ploughing Match, the sum of £74 3s. The estimated value of the exports from this County, during the two past years, is about £30,000 in each year ; and though the amount is less this year, the number of Cattle exported has been greater.

RICHMOND.—Subscription £20 ; Grant £75 ; Amount drawn £75.—Proofs of the utility of this Society are exhibited in the increased number of their Members, particularly from the interior. Though the County still imports a considerable amount of Provisions, the

the Agriculture is progressing. Ten years since it was a very rare thing to see a Hog or tub of Butter raised here; owing to the improvement of the Roads Sled loads may frequently be seen in the Streets of Arichat: comfortable Houses and commodious Barns are being raised on the sites of the original Log Huts, and draining has been recently introduced: were partially disappointed in their endeavour to procure Seeds and Implements in the Spring, but obtained a supply in the Fall, which will be distributed during the Winter. Though the time has yet been too limited to produce much visible effect, the interest in their proceedings is increasing, and the Managers have, on all occasions, experienced the cordial co-operation of the Members of the Society. They have already imported Seeds, Stock, Implements, and Books, amounting to nearly £100.

SABLE RIVER.—Subscription £10; Grant £37 10s.; Amount drawn £37 10.—This Society have expended for Grass Seeds, Agricultural Papers, and the care of their Ayrshire Bull, the sum of £42 7s. 6d.

COUNTY OF CAPE-BRETON.—Subscription, £6 10s.; Grant £75; Amount drawn £75.—The Committee have given their Treasurer a guarantee to pay £13 10s. when called for; cultivation increasing, new members joining the Society, stimulated thereto by the competition created by the Prizes, and the introduction of better Implements and Stock.

Lime is coming into use by the Farmers, who burn it themselves. The Cattle Show was numerously and respectably attended—the Prizes paid in cash. In January an exhibition of Agricultural Produce is to be held, when the Prizes will consist of Implements of Husbandry. A Threshing Machine has been ordered from Albany, and Grass Seeds, to the amount of £20. They have paid in Premiums £32 5s., and their exports are 600 tubs of Butter, 15 carcasses of Beef, 1187 head of Cattle, 8 Horses, 615 Sheep, 1050 bushels Oats, 1500 bushels Potatoes, and 39 Pigs. Imports 600 bushels Oats.

MUSQUEDOBOIT.—Subscription £10; Grant £30; Amount drawn £30.—Their crops consist of Wheat, Potatoes, Oats, Hay, and Buckwheat; the first yields 18 bushels, rarely 25 to 30 per acre; Oats 30 to 40; Potatoes vary from 200 to 300 bushels. The usual rotation is, first, Oats; second, Potatoes, with manure; third, Wheat, with grass; lastly, Hay, 3 to 5 years, or more.

Farmers generally work too much ground, and manure what they do work too sparingly. A few have lately introduced the following rotation, which promises to be an improvement: pasture Arable Land two or three years, then Potatoes, with manure, next Wheat, top dressed with compost, Hay follows two or three years, and again pasture. It is considered unadvisable to increase the size of their Cattle, till the pastures are improved.—English Sheep have been procured from Tatmagouche and Shubenacadie—the appearance of their Lambs is promising: have expended for Seed Stock, Farming Implements, Seeds and Publications, the sum of £30 10s. 10d.

YARMOUTH.—Subscription £22 10s.; Grant £75; Amount drawn £75.—This Society have paid for 26 American Pigs, one Ayrshire Bull, 16 Dishley Sheep, besides the cost of importation, and five copies of the Colonial Farmer, amounting in all to the sum of £132 6s. 7½d. Their sales of Stock amount to £70 12s. 6d.

BRIDGETOWN, ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.—Grant £50; Amount drawn £50.—This Society exhibits little proof of animation by their conduct. A general lukewarmness seems to prevail, and they have not raised a sufficient sum to entitle them to their Grant.

GUYSBOROUGH SOCIETY.—Subscription £20; Grant £75; Amount drawn £75.—This Society have expended in two years for Stock, and the expenses of taking care of them, the sum of £144 5s. 10d.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of George Mitchell, for over-expenditure in building the new Bridge over the East River of Pictou, at New Glasgow, have duly examined the charges of his over-expenditure, as well as all the proofs that could

could be obtained, and after examining into the accounts and proofs adduced before your Committee, we are satisfied that the charges are reasonable, and that the work has been faithfully performed; and that the said George Mitchell is fully entitled to the full sum of Two Hundred and Thirty Pounds Seven Shillings and Four Pence Half Penny. Your Committee therefore beg leave to Report, that the said sum as above mentioned be provided for by the Members of the County and Town of Pictou, out of such sums of monies as may be granted to the County of Pictou for the services of Roads and Bridges, the present Session. All which is most respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, 15th February, 1843.

R. M. G. DICKEY,
STEPHEN FULTON,
WILLIAM ANNAND.

No. 34.

(See Page 413.)

General Post Office, Halifax, 16th February, 1843.

SIR—

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, copies of Communications addressed to the late Deputy Post Master General, by the Secretary of the General Post Office, London, dated the 15th and 30th September, 1842.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

H. M. WATSON,

Acting D. P. M. G.

John Whidden, Esq., Acting Provincial Secretary, &c. &c. &c.

COPY.

General Post Office, 15th September, 1842.

SIR—

I am directed by the Post Master General, to desire you will incur no fresh expense over and above that *at present existing, for any service whatever*, without the previous sanction of His Lordship, except in cases of great emergency, in which case you must of course act upon your responsibility. Even in this latter case, any course you may take, will be subjected to the most rigorous investigation, in order to ascertain whether the emergency stated to exist has been such as to justify the expense; when, should the Post Master General be of opinion you have not made out your case, not only must you bear the consequences of His Lordship's displeasure, but must yourself be accountable for the expense unnecessarily incurred.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

W. L. MABERLY.

John Howe, Esq., &c. &c. &c. Halifax.

COPY.

General Post Office, 30th September, 1842.

SIR—

I am directed by the Post Master General, to desire that you must not hereafter *set up any new Rides, or establish any fresh Posts, without having previously obtained His Lordship's authority*; and you will in future, therefore, whenever such accommodation may be rendered necessary, report the case fully to me, at the same time transmitting the Letter
or

or Memorial in which application for the establishment is made. I enclose a Form of Return which must be filled up by you, and accompany your Report on every occasion.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

W. L. MABERLY.

John Howe, Esq., &c. &c. &c. Halifax.

No. 35.

(See Page 415.)

The Committee to whom was referred the several Petitions from the Overseers of the Poor, for the different Townships, praying to be reimbursed certain sums of money expended by them in relieving Transient Paupers, and other matters submitted to them, beg leave to Report, and to recommend to the House to grant the following sums, to wit :

To the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Clare,	£5 16 6
To the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of New Glasgow,	40 7 9
To the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Truro,	3 10 0
To the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Amherst,	21 15 3
To the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Horton,	10 9 6
To the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Digby,	7 9 0
To the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Wilmot, County of Guysborough,	17 7 9
To the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Pictou,	41 10 10½
The Petitioners vouchers, No. 3, James Haliday ; No. 7, George Cummins, and No 8, Edward Divan, not allowed, as your Committee are of opinion they ought to be sent to Halifax.	
To Doctor Inglis Van Buskirk, for vaccinating 80 Indians and Negroes,	6 12 6
To Doctor Edward L. Brown, Horton,	1 10 0
To John Thompson, for boarding four Shipwrecked Seamen, 2 weeks each, at 12s. 6d.,	5 0 0
To the Board of Health at Barrington, to pay the expense of a case of Small Pox at Port La-tour,	10 0 5
The Petition of the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Rawdon, no examina- tion or vouchers.	

The Petition of the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Windsor, and the Petition of George Grant, Overseer of the Poor at Scott's Hill, County of Pictou, the Committee cannot entertain, as the relief afforded were not to Transient Paupers, but to persons belonging to the County of Halifax.

The account of Dr. Hoffman, submitted to the House by His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, amounting to £23 1s. 8d. for visiting H. M. Ship Volage, as Health Officer, in a case of having Yellow Fever on board ; the Committee are of opinion that his necessary services ought to be paid for, but as to the amount, or the necessity of the number of visits, the Committee are unable to judge, and would therefore leave it to the House to decide on the amount to be granted. The Committee have had under consideration Dr. Hoffman's Letter to the Lieut.-Governor, of the 28th July, 1842. The Committee beg leave to decline giving an opinion on the subject, and would refer it to the House, as the suggestions therein contained, require an amendment of the Quarantine Law.

The Committee have also had under consideration a letter to His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor, from C. E. Leonard, and others, Sydney, Cape Breton, on the expediency of erecting a Building at Sydney, for the accommodation of Emigrants and shipwrecked Mariners. The Committee are of opinion that the recommendations contained therein are humane, and might occasionally be very convenient, but they do not feel justified in recommending a grant of money for that purpose for the present. All which is respectfully submitted.

R. CLEMENTS, Chairman,
SAMUEL CHIPMAN,
R. M. G. DICKEY.

No. 36. (See Page 419.)
*Return of the Names of Parties to all Suits commenced in Chancery, relative to the Settlement of Estates of Deceased Persons, &c.
 as directed by His Excellency.*

	Remarks.	Plff's. Costs	Defts. Costs.
1838			
Jan'y. 20	Mary McElhenny, v. Thomas McLellan,	Not Taxed.	Not Taxed.
May 17	Henry Bolman & ux., v. Mary Bolman & al.	£110 16 6	Not Taxed.
Aug. 28	Francis R. Parker, v. Mary McHefsey & al.	£77 11 7	£48 14 2
Nov. 24	John Prowse & al., v. John Harvie,	Not Taxed.	Not Taxed.
Dec. 27	James Bond & al., v. George Bingay & al.	£21 0 10	Not Taxed.
1839			
January 7	Robert Story, v. Charles H. Wallace & al.	Not Taxed.	Not Taxed.
" 29	Isabella Denoon & al., v. Henry Hatton & al.	Not Taxed.	Not Taxed.
August 6	Thomas C. Kinnear & ux., v. Thomas Williamson & al.	£108 19 3	£94 16 8
" "	Peter Bonnett & ux., v. Charles P. Bailey,	Not Taxed.	Not Taxed.
Nov. 19	Thomas Williamson & al., v. Robert M. Brown,	Not Taxed.	Not Taxed.
1840			
Feb'y. 20	John Higgins & al., v. Elizabeth Higgins & al.	Not Taxed.	Not Taxed.
March 20	Alexander Primrose, v. John Johnson & al.	£33 19 6	£35 14 2
June 30	Paul Mondelli, v. John Heckman,	Not on File.	Not on File.
July 11	Bernarda Paul, v. John Heckman,	Not Taxed.	Not Taxed.
August 29	John Annand & al., v. Richard McHefsey & al.	Do.	Do.
1841			
June 5	Nicholas Bernarda & al., v. John Heckman,	Do.	Do.
August 13	Thomas Chute & ux., v. John Lent & al.	Do.	Do.
" 27	Thomas Wallace & al., v. Samuel Story, Jr.	Do.	Do.
" 30	Hannah Ricketson & al., v. Michael Bohakor & al.	Do.	Do.
Sept. 8	Mary McMinn & al., v. Charles Kean & al.	Do.	Do.
October 7	Elizabeth Higgins & al., v. John Higgins & al.	Do.	Do.
1842			
July 8	Maria Skerry & al., v. John Skerry,	Do.	Do.
" 11	William Perkins, v. Down J. Ditmars & al.	Do.	Do.

N. W. WHITE, Regr. Chy.

Office of Registrar in Chancery, 20th February, 1843.

No. 37.

(See Page 420.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of George McKenzie, and Doctor McMillan and others, Members of the Board of Health at Pictou, beg leave to make the following Report :

The Petitioner, Captain George McKenzie, prays to be reimbursed the sum of Sixteen Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Six-pence, paid by him to Doctor George Johnston, of Pictou, under the following circumstances :

The Petitioner, in the Month of October, A. D. 1841, was Commander of the Barque Cleostratus, and arrived at Pictou in that month, from Greenock, with twenty-two adult Passengers on board. That on the passage out the Small Pox made its appearance, and five of the Passengers were landed at Pictou, afflicted with that disease, and placed in charge of the Board of Health. That Captain McKenzie was subsequently called upon by Dr. Johnston for the amount of his Bill, which he paid, as appears by Dr. Johnston's receipt annexed to his Petition. That the said Passengers, so afflicted with Small Pox, were emigrants from Scotland, and persons in very poor circumstances, and unable to pay the expenses attending their cure. That Captain McKenzie applied to this Honorable House, at its last Session, to be paid the amount so paid by him, but the Committee to whom his Petition was referred, declined allowing this claim, as it was not accompanied with any certificate from the Board of Health that the same was legally authorized.—Having now produced the requisite certificates, your Committee are of opinion his claim should be allowed.

Your Committee are also of opinion that the Board of Health at Pictou, should be allowed the sum of Twelve Pounds Seventeen Shillings, to enable them to pay the following claims upon them, that is to say :

Lawrence Roach's Account,	-	-	-	-	-	£6	0	0
Ellen Carrol,	-	-	-	-	-	0	12	0
Ellen Brown	-	-	-	-	-	0	5	0
Rhoderick McDonald,	-	-	-	-	-	6	0	0

being for attendance upon the sick at Pictou, and incidental expenses incurred by Mr. McDonald, as Secretary to the Board.

These claims were disallowed by the Committee of last Session, in consequence of not being accompanied by the necessary proof, which has been now afforded.—All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, 22d February, 1843.

JOHN CREIGHTON, Chairman.

No. 38.

(See Page 421.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James B. Hadley, Collector of Light Duty in the Gut of Canso, beg leave to make the following Report :

That your Committee have investigated the Account of the said James B. Hadley, for actual disbursements made by him in the year 1842, in the discharge of his duty as Light Collector at the Gut of Canso, and find the same correct—and by which it appears he has actually disbursed the sum of £90, including men's wages, and board.

That it appears to your Committee that the said James B. Hadley has collected and paid into the Treasury £190 8s. 4d., which sum your Committee find is not one half as large an amount as the sum that was collected in the year 1841; and your Committee are of opinion that the deficiency of last year's collection may be traced to two causes: partly on account of the vigilance of those persons employed in the Revenue Cutter Service, in preventing the American Fishermen making the Gut of Canso a place of re-

sort for carrying on illicit Traffic, and procuring Bait for the Fishery; and partly to the restrictions which were lately imposed on the collection of Light Duty in the Gut of Canso, by the Law Officers of the Crown, they having given it as their opinion that no Light Duty can be collected from Vessels passing through the Gut of Canso, except such as anchor or stop therein. This restriction, not materially altering the labor of the Collector, yet very materially reducing the amount of collection. Your Committee, (from the information brought before them,) feel confident that to the above causes, and not to any negligence or want of proper exertion of the said James B. Hadley, the Collector, are to be attributed the deficiency in the amount collected last year. It therefore appears to your Committee that there is now due to the said James B. Hadley the sum of £90, actual disbursements, and his commission on £190 8s. 4d., amounting to £14 8s. 6d., making together the sum of £104 5s. 6d., which sum of money your Committee think he is justly entitled to, and ought to receive.

Committee Room, February 22, 1843.

J. J. MARSHALL, Chairman.

No. 39.

(See Page 421.)

SIR—

Having been commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to Report upon the expenditure last year, on the Great Road from Halifax to Annapolis, and upon its present state and future requirements.

I beg leave, respectfully to lay before you, for the information of His Excellency, the following Report.

The sums expended upon it last Season, were as follows :

By Mr. Hamilton, for repairs from Halifax, to the Southern Line of the County of Hants,	£120	0	0
Mr. Dawson, for repairs from the County Line of Hants, to Windsor,	120	0	0
Mr. Dawson, for an embankment, at St. Croix Bridge,	50	0	0
Mr. Wier, for gravelling the Sandy Road, at Sackville,	100	0	0
Mr. Armstrong, for repairs between Windsor and Half Way River, on the Old Road,	30	0	0
Mr. Wier, for improvement on the New Mount Denson Road,	40	0	0
Mr. Sharp, for Bridge near Sharp's,	6	0	0
Mr. Crane, for the Parker Bridge, in Aylesford,	25	0	0
Mr. Bruce, for Oakes Bridge, in Ditto,	15	0	0
Mr. Phinney, for a Causeway in Ditto,	15	0	0
Mr. Tupper, for Bruce's Bridge,	20	0	0
Mr. Spurr, for repairs at Round Hill, in Annapolis,	17	10	0
Mr. Barteau, for Bridge at the Saw Mill Creek, in Annapolis,	50	0	0
Total,	£608	10	0

These sums, except One Hundred Pounds laid out upon the Sandy Road, at Sackville, and Fifty Pounds on an embankment at the St. Croix Bridge, were intended merely to keep the Road in travelling order. So small an outlay, in repairs, did not admit of making permanent improvements, but I have no doubt the money has been well and judiciously expended.

Estimate

Estimate of Improvements for the present year.

For current repairs from Halifax to Windsor,	£300	0	0
Do. do. from Windsor to Horton, on the Old Road, by Daniel Bishops,	30	0	0
Permanent improvements on the Road between Halifax and Windsor, as per Schedule annexed,	580	0	0
Completing the New Road between Windsor and Horton, by Mount Denson,	2220	0	0
Current repairs and improvements, from Aylesford Bridge to Annapolis, including the covering of the Bridge at Bridgetown,	430	0	0
Total,	£3560	0	0

Were the above improvements executed the ensuing year, it would be very beneficial, but if necessary, a part of them may be postponed. Two Thousand Pounds would make the Mount Denson Road passable, cover the Bridgetown Bridge, and keep the Road generally in as good condition as it is in at present; or, if the Mount Denson Road were postponed, Seven Hundred Pounds would keep the Road in passable repair, and cover the Bridge.

The estimate for the Mount Denson Road appears high, but I beg leave to remark, that a large sum will be required for draining and raising the Road, previous to gravelling; if this be not done, the Road will always be unsound, and after a hard surface is formed, the drainage can only be improved at a great increase of expense. The metalling of the section, from the new Meeting House, down to Porter's Smith shop, also appears high, but the reason is, that a great part of it is on a long and somewhat steep Hill, ascending in the direction of the heavy traffic, and it is desirable that that part be made very hard and smooth, as a compensation for the elevation.

Another matter that I beg to bring to the notice of His Excellency, is the Lower Avon Bridge, and its approaches; at the Southern end of this Bridge, there is a piece of Road about two hundred yards in length, in very bad condition, it has been excavated in the foot of a steep bank, and is so close under it, that it is difficult keeping it clear from slides of clay from above. The most perfect remedy, would be to remove the Road outwards, so as to give room for the Bank to come to its angle of repose, and still leave sufficient breadth for the Road; this would cost a considerable sum, but until something of this sort is done, there will be a constant expense incurred in moving of the clay. The Road is not considered by the Bridge Company, as an appurtenance of the Bridge, and is said to be without the limits of the Streets of Windsor, and is neglected for want of having the ownership properly defined; another circumstance connected with this Bridge is, that the Southern span appears to be very severely strained by its own weight, it is impossible to predict whether it will continue to stand, or under some accidental circumstance, give way, but it seems to be at least imprudent to leave it in its present state; the cheapest way of strengthening it would be by an additional truss on each side, which would cost between Sixty and Seventy Pounds. This Bridge is the property of a private Company, I merely beg leave to bring it to the notice of His Excellency, as a dangerous part of this Line of Road.

I humbly beg leave to suggest, for the consideration of His Excellency, the expediency of a small reserved fund being provided, for the purchase of Materials at all times for the surface of the Roads, a great part of the Western, and the whole of the Eastern Road, with one or two trifling exceptions, are in their final situations, and the future improvements will consist in metalling the surface; if means were always at command for the purchase of field stones at a low price, it would be the cheapest way of providing good durable materials, while at the same time it would operate as a bounty upon clearing the land, and tend to increase population, and the Statute Labor upon the Road; also, if the Statute Labour could be commuted for the materials it would possibly be more efficient in

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the improvement of the Road, and less onerous to the inhabitants, if such a system were adopted upon the Great Roads it would soon be extended to the Cross Roads, and immense quantities of Stones, that are now thrown away as rubbish, would be used in making hard and durable surfaces upon the Roads.

In connexion with the subject of materials, I beg leave to point out the importance of purchasing beds of Gravel for future materials, wherever they can be obtained at a moderate cost; hitherto, but little Gravel has been required, but in future it will be a principal object of attention, and owners of so necessary an article may sometimes be inclined to make the most of it, difficulties of this kind have already taken place on the Eastern Road, and are not likely to diminish.

Another matter connected with the Great Roads, which I humbly beg to bring to the notice of His Excellency, is their state after heavy falls of snow. In some places they are well cleared, while in others they become almost impassable; some system that would combine the means of the inhabitants more promptly and regularly than is done at present, is much wanted. Possibly the appointment of Officers to attend to that especial duty, instead of the Overseers of Highways, would remedy the evil.

Schedule of Improvements required on the Great Road from Halifax to Annapolis, in 1843.

ROAD FROM HALIFAX TO WINDSOR.

Rock excavation on Hawes' Hill, to complete the drainage,	£50	0	0
Making 132 rods of new Road near Pence's old House, with stone surface, to avoid a Hill, and save thirty-one rods of distance,	150	0	0
Widening two dangerous embankments on Ardoise Hill, and planting them with Willows, to prevent sliding of the earth,	100	0	0
Making 400 cubic yards of embankment near the Saw Mill at Lakeland, and fifty rods of new Road at the old 30 mile house,	80	0	0
Reducing a Hill between Westcot's and Ardoise Brook, in Windsor,	150	0	0
To complete the embankment of the St. Croix Bridge,	50	0	0
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	£580	0	0

NEW MOUNT DENSON ROAD.

From Mr. Shaw's, at Falmouth, to the Eastern end of the large Bog at Beaver Meadow Brook, two miles and three quarters—for draining and raising the Road,	£175	0	0
It is uncertain as yet where Gravel is to be obtained, but there is reason for believing it may be found within half a mile of the Road, in which case it will cost about seven shillings and six pence per rod,	330	0	0
From Beaver Meadow Brook to the Halfway River, three quarters of a mile, very soft ground—for stone pavement, covered with gravel,	220	0	0
From the Halfway River to the Southern Line of King's County, one mile and a half—for draining and gravelling,	210	0	0
From the South Line of King's County to Brown's, at the new Meeting House, three miles and three quarters—for draining, raising, and gravelling,	450	0	0
From the new Meeting House to Porter's Blacksmith Shop, about one mile and a half—completing the Road formation, and draining	£150	0	0
Gravelling and metalling,	360	0	0
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	510	0	0
From Porter's Shop to the Gasperaux Bridge, about half a mile; for Bridge and Causeway on the Marsh, and gravelling the whole,	150	0	0
For protecting the Causeway at Gasperaux Bridge with a board fence, it being dangerous to Passengers at high tides,	30	0	0
For a new covering on the Bridge,	65	0	0
For sheathing the Northern Pier with hard wood Timber, and securing the Southern abutment,	80	0	0
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	2220	0	0

FROM

FROM AYLESFORD TO ANNAPOLIS.

From Aylesford Bridge to Lawrencetown, thirteen miles—for draining and gravelling some soft places,	£100	0	0
From Lawrencetown to Bridgetown, seven miles—draining and gravelling soft places,	100	0	0
Covering the Bridge at Bridgetown,	130	0	0
From Bridgetown to Delancy's, six and a half miles—draining and gravelling,	100	0	0
	<u>£430</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

I beg leave to state further, that in addition to the sums which are required for the current repairs and improvements of the Great Roads, there have been from time to time, over-expenditures made upon them, amounting to One Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty-four Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Three-pence Half-penny. Should His Excellency consider it expedient to reduce the expenses on these Roads to the least possible amount, consistent with their being kept in a passable state through the ensuing year, the lowest sums required for that purpose, will be as follows :

For the Western Road,	£700	0	0
For the Eastern ditto, including the over-expenditure of last season, amounting to £276 9s.	1200	0	0
Over-expenditure in 1841,	1554	13	3½
	<u>£3454</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>3½</u>
Total,			

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

February 18th, A. D. 1843.

To John Whidden, Esq., Secretary, &c. &c., Halifax, N. S.

SIR—

I beg leave further to lay before you the following Schedule of improvements, which were pointed out in the Report of last year, in Schedule B and C, but which may, without much detriment to the Public Service, be at present postponed.

Draining Bog at Mount Uniacke,	£10	0	0
From Mount Uniacke to the top of the hill, Northwardly of the same,			
Drainage,	£10	0	0
Raising 30 rods with stone,	20	0	0
	<u>30</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
From the top of the hill, Northwardly of Mount Uniacke, to the great Bog,			
Drainage,	£50	0	0
Raising 40 rods with stone,	30	0	0
	<u>80</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
For raising the Road on the large Bog,	60	0	0
For draining from Beaver Brook to Clarke's, and raising 16 rods with stone,	100	0	0
From Lakeland to John Sweet's—reducing hills, draining, and widening eighty rods,	60	0	0
Between John Sweet's and Benoni Sweet's—draining, and embankment of Gravelly Brook,	60	0	0
Between Benoni Sweet's and Westcot's,	100	0	0
Gravelling on Ardoise Hill,	140	0	0
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Raising 80 rods one mile Westward of St. Croix, with stone or gravel	£50	0	0
Raising a low piece of Road, and cutting down a Hill at Salmon Hole, near Fultz's Inn,	80	0	0
Raising and making a stone surface on a Hill nearly opposite Sackville Church,	60	0	0
Raising the Road between Halfway House and the Southern Line of Hants,	75	0	0
Widening the Road from Clarke's to Lakeland, and improving the drainage,	80	0	0
Reducing the Hill Westward of Ardoise Brook,	20	0	0
Bridge and Embankment at Hutchinson's Brook,	40	0	0
Excavations at Andrew Spence's,	15	0	0
Improvements from ditto to Dill's,	80	0	0
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	£1140	0	0
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I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

February 18th, A. D., 1843.

To John Whidden, Esq., Secretary, &c. &c., Halifax, N. S.

No. 40.

(See Page 422.)

SIR—

Having been commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to Report upon the expenditure last year, on the Great Road from Halifax to Pictou, and upon its present state and future requirements.

I beg leave respectfully to lay before you for the information of His Excellency, the following Report.

The sums expended upon it last season were as follows :

By Mr. Tapper, for repairs of the Road, from Dartmouth to Taylor's, 12 miles,	£60	0	0
Mr. Ramsay, for repairs from Taylor's to the new Shubenacadie Road, 16 miles	150	0	0
Mr. Pollock, for the New Shubenacadie Road, 18 miles,	1500	0	0
Mr. Archibald, for repairs from Polly's to Truro, 12 miles,	70	0	0
Mr. Archibald, for building the Truro Bridge,	800	0	0
Mr. Archibald, for gravelling the New Road from Truro to Salmon River, 12 miles,	150	0	0
Mr. Ramsay, for repairs from Salmon River to the Salt Springs, 14 miles,	100	0	0
Mr. Crerar, for repairs from the Salt Springs to Pictou, 12 miles,	600	0	0
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	£3430	0	0
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These sums, I have good reason for believing have all been well and faithfully expended.

On the Dartmouth Road, the sum appropriated was barely sufficient for current repairs.

On the section from Taylors to the New Shubenacadie Road; there was besides the

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current repairs, a small sum applied to the improvement of the surface, by raising nearly half a mile with stone.

On the Shubenacadie section, the expense has been very heavy, it runs principally through a soft loamy soil, inclining to clay, in some parts gravel is at an inconvenient distance, and where this was the case, the softest parts of the Road, have been covered with a regularly laid pavement of field stones, eight inches in thickness, and coated over with three inches of gravel. Where the gravel was more easy to be obtained, it has been used alone, and laid from six to nine inches in thickness, according as the substratum possessed a greater or less degree of hardness. The distance done of stone pavement covered with gravel, is about one mile and six furlongs,

Broken stone six inches in thickness, without gravel,	1 m. 6f.
Gravelling,	1 1
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Total,	m. 8 0

On this section, it was intended to keep the expenditure strictly within the amount of the commission, but the money became exhausted, leaving about one mile of very soft ground undone; this piece of Road, unless it were covered with hard materials, it would have become so miry in the Autumn, as to put a stop to the Travelling. The Commissioner was therefore induced to cover it with a coating of broken Stone, six inches in thickness, at an expense of Ninety-two Pounds Seventeen Shillings, which sum is still due him.

From Polly's to Truro, the Road has been nearly kept in passable condition.

The Truro Bridge has been built on a plan calculated for durability. The abutments are of Masonry, and contain about nine hundred perches. The superstructure is of Wood, but calculated for protection from the weather, and the flooring is supported entirely by Iron. The expense has been considerably more than was anticipated. This may in some measure be attributed to inexperience in estimating for such works, but in a much greater degree to accidental circumstances, and to alterations in the plan. The clearing for the foundations proved very difficult, and cost Sixty Pounds more than the estimate. The Quarry where stone was expected, failed, and stone had to be procured from more distant Quarries, at an additional cost of One Shilling and Six Pence per ton. The width of the Bridge has been increased three feet, to meet the wants of an increased population, and the abutments have been carried four feet wider than the Bridge, and rounded at the corners, as a security against floating ice, making an enlargement of fifty per cent. upon the abutments, besides a considerable expense in widening the approaches. There has also been built two large Breakwaters above the Bridge, to protect it from ice, and besides the River has been straightened, and a Dam built to direct the floods fairly through the Bridge. The expense of these alterations and improvements is considerable, making an over-expenditure still due the Commissioner of £183 12s., but the benefit to be derived from the safety and durability of the structure will be correspondent to it. Every thing in the Commissioner's power has been done, consistent with the durability and safety of the Bridge, to get it done as cheaply as possible.

From Truro to Salmon River, a considerable improvement has been made in the grades of a section of half a mile; also nearly three miles has been gravelled about six inches in thickness. There has been a great deal of work done on this section as compared with the expense.

From Salmon River to the Salt Springs, the Road has been kept in repair, and about a mile and a quarter of it considerably improved by gravelling.

From the Salt Springs to Pictou, the Road has been kept in good travelling condition, but the greater part of the Grant has been expended within four miles of Pictou; that part of the Road is on soft ground, and has been for a long time past almost impassable in wet seasons, it has been well drained and gravelled, and is now a very good Road.

The improvements required upon the surface of the Road, as stated in last year's Report, with the exception of a part of the Shubenacadie section, and the Road near Pictou, remain undone. Those improvements are desirable, but the Road can be kept tolerably passable for the current year, with the following sums:

For

For current repairs on 100 miles, at £6,		£600	0	0
For Gravelling on the Shubenacadie section,		400	0	0
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		£1000	0	0
To which may be added—				
For over-expenditure of last year on Truro Bridge,	£183	12	0	
For ditto on the Shubenacadie section,	92	17	0	276 9 0
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		£1276	9	0
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When the subject of the improvements of the surface is taken up, it should be done for the first fifty or sixty miles from Halifax, as much as possible with stone; while the Road was hilly the loads carried upon it were light, and an earthen surface answered tolerably well, but lately they are so increased both in weight and number, that nothing but stone will stand for any length of time, in many places a stone surface will not be more expensive than gravel, and will be much more solid and durable; a small piece for trial was made in this manner eight years ago which has suffered hardly any wear, while the Road on each side of it, though often repaired, is fairly worn out: these remarks may be equally applied to the Western Road.

The alterations in the alignment that was projected a few years ago, are now all completed, except a section of about three miles and a half at Truro; this section has been partially opened by the inhabitants, and, were it completed, would be very useful, it seems the more desirable to complete it, as it is the last of the alterations which have been proposed on the Road, and would reduce the distance to Pictou nearly seven-eighths of a mile. The expense of this section will be about £700.

I beg leave further to lay before you the following Schedule of improvements, which were pointed out last year, but which may without much detriment to the public service, be at present postponed:

From the entrance of the Guysborough Road to Fletcher's Road, requires widening and raising in the middle, with two small alterations,	£200	0	0
From Frazer's to Schultz', a mile and a half, requires some rock excavation, for draining, raising, and gravelling,	100	0	0
From Schultz' to Hall's, three and a half miles of this Road is quite worn out, being in many places eighteen inches below the original surface. Gravel may be had of excellent quality, but expensive. Draining, raising, and gravelling, with a considerable quantity of rock excavation,	600	0	0
From Hall's to the new Shubenacadie Road, in addition to what was done last season,	100	0	0
Draining and gravelling between Polly's and Brookfield, 5 miles, at £30,	150	0	0
Draining and gravelling from Brookfield to Truro, 7 miles, at £30,	210	0	0
Gravelling on the new Road from Truro to Salmon River,	100	0	0
From Salmon River to Stewart's, Mt. Tom, draining and raising the surface,	300	0	0
For the new section from Truro to Nelson's, on the Road towards Salmon River,	700	0	0
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Total,	£2460	0	0
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I am,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

February 18th, A. D. 1843.

To John Whidden, Esq., Secretary, &c. &c. Halifax, N. S.

No. 41.

(See Page 422.)

The Committee to whom were referred the Petition of James Whitney for the Grant of the Legislature, made at its last Session, to encourage the running of a Steam Boat along the Western Shore of the Province, touching at intermediate Ports, between Halifax and Yarmouth—Report as follows:

That in the Session of 1839, a Grant was made of £300 to the first person who would run a Steam Boat along the Coast from Yarmouth to Halifax, that this Grant remained undrawn until last year, no person appearing willing to undertake the enterprise: when, in the Session of 1841, the Legislature increased the Grant to £500 annually, for three years, requiring the Boat to be run nine months of the year, between Halifax and Yarmouth touching at intermediate Ports. That about the first of June last, Mr. James Whitney, of St. John, having met with considerable encouragement, by way of subscriptions, at Yarmouth, Liverpool, Lunenburg, and Halifax, placed the Steam Boat Saxe Gotha on the line, and ran her pretty regularly weekly, touching at the above ports until the middle of November. That the expenses of running the Boat during the above period, according to Mr. Whitney's statement, was £1755 0s. 9d. independent of wear, tear, &c.

That he received for Passage Money, Towing, Freight, &c.	£1428	19	3	
Subscriptions at Yarmouth,		62	10	0
Lunenburg and Liverpool,		107	0	0
Halifax,		100	0	0

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Mr. Whitney estimates his actual loss in the undertaking, including wear and tear of the Steam Boat, depreciation of property, and interest of capital employed, at £657 0s. 9d. if the full Grant of the Legislature shall be paid him.

The Committee conceive the encouragement held out by the Legislature was to insure a rapid and easy communication between Halifax and the Ports on the Western Shore, as well as to try the experiment whether a Steam Boat could run on that line with a prospect of success now, or at some not very distant period. And as Mr. Whitney is the only person who has been willing to engage in the enterprise, the Committee respectfully recommend that he receive the Grant, with a deduction of £19 10s., which has been paid him by Messrs. Bolton & Leishman, owing to a misunderstanding. Mr. Whitney undertook to run the Steamer in case he could be insured £250 of subscriptions. And Messrs. Bolton & Leishman having been called upon for a sum exceeding what was subscribed in Halifax, upwards of £30—and Mr. Whitney having received in subscription £269 10s., the Committee recommend that the £19 10s. be repaid them out of the Grant.

The Committee would beg to suggest that nine months, the time required as the condition of the Grant, is longer than it is possible to run a Steam Boat on that line with any hope of success, and would suggest that for the coming years the term be lessened to eight months.

The Inhabitants along the Coast would be much better accommodated if the Steamer could leave each Port at a stated time during the day. Say to leave Yarmouth about 4 o'clock, afternoon—Liverpool early next morning—she would then be in Lunenburg some time the same day, and in Halifax towards evening.

On her return, to leave Halifax in the morning.

By a letter received from Mr. Whitney he contemplates running a Steam Boat on this line the coming Summer, and is now repairing the Boilers and Engines at considerable expense, with a view to increase the speed of the Boat, and in the hope of giving more satisfaction to the public.

Halifax Committee Room, 23d February, 1843.

HT. HUNTINGTON, Chairman.
SAMUEL P. FAIRBANKS,
RICHARD J. FORRESTALL.

No. 42.

(See Page 422.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Fuller, Sheriff of the County of Richmond, asking compensation for his services in attending a Committee of this Honorable House, as summoned so to do by the Chairman of said Committee, in the winter season, upon which he was obliged to travel by land a distance exceeding two hundred and thirty miles, beg leave to report, that the Committee are of opinion that Petitioner having attended to give evidence, by order of this Honorable House, ought to be paid his reasonable expenses, and beg leave to recommend that the sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted to Petitioner for that purpose.

The Committee have also had under their consideration a Letter addressed by Petitioner to the Secretary of the Province, and laid upon the Table of the House by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, accompanied by an Account of expenses incurred in a Prosecution of the Queen against Donald McDonald, for murder. The Committee cannot recommend the payment of those expenses from the Provincial Treasury, and are of opinion that they ought to be borne by the County where the Prosecution took place.

February 21st, 1842.

BENJAMIN SMITH,
JOHN CREIGHTON,
M. BECKWITH.

No. 43.

(See Page 423.)

The Committee appointed to consider of all matters connected with Agriculture, Report as follows,

The Accounts of the Board of Agriculture have been submitted, with the Vouchers, and appear to be correct.

The Report of that Board has also been under consideration, which, while it affords much useful and satisfactory information, contains many important suggestions for future improvement, worthy the best attention of the House, and of any encouragement that can be given to them, especially those relating to an Agricultural Professor, to Model Farms, and to public Fairs, or Exhibitions of Stock, &c., in different sections of the Country. All which the Committee think, when circumstances admit of their being established and brought into operation, will greatly tend to foster and promote that deep interest in Agricultural improvement now so happily awakened throughout the Province. The Committee feel it a duty to state their conviction, that the Board of Agriculture have used their best endeavours to carry out the beneficent object of the Legislature, in the very liberal grant made for encouragement to Agriculture, and though they have not been so successful in all respects as they might have anticipated, in the importations of Stock, Horses, &c., yet the Committee conceive this is more properly attributable to accident, and to the absence of that experience so essential in new and important undertakings, than to any want of zeal or good management on the part of the Board, or those under its controul. The Committee have no doubt but that the future proceedings will evince the benefit of the experience already attained.

The Committee have duly considered the several Petitions from different parts of the Province, for Protective Duties on Agricultural and other productions; and while they feel this to be a subject of vast importance, involving the interests of a very numerous portion of the inhabitants of this Province, they admit that it more properly belongs to the House to determine in what way, and to what extent that protection shall be given—at
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the same time they think it incumbent on them to remark, relative thereto, that there probably has never been a time in the history of Nova-Scotia, when the very depressed and low state of the markets, the great scarcity of money—and the consequently embarrassed state, especially of the Agricultural portion of the population—called more loudly upon the Assembly, for wise, deliberate, and wholesome legislation, in reference to this branch of Provincial industry; and more particularly as the new Imperial Act about to come into operation, so materially changes the relations between the United States of America and the British Colonies, and gives to the former such increased advantages in the Colonial markets, as would, if not met by judicious legislation on our part, prove highly prejudicial to the general interests of the British North American Colonies, and more especially to Nova Scotia.

The Committee, anxious to discover some means whereby the present overstocked markets for the Agricultural Products of the Province may be relieved, and prices improved, are induced to think that one of the most effectual methods for accomplishing this object, would be to offer liberal encouragement to a first attempt by way of experiment, to curing and putting up certain quantities (to be stipulated) of salted Beef and Pork, Hams and Bacon, Cheese, Butter, Lard, &c. &c., in the best possible order, fit for the British or any Foreign market; which if successful, would add much to the value of our exports—would increase the actual wealth of the Province, and open up enlarged sources for Mercantile enterprise, and at the same time afford strong inducement to the Farmer to extend his exertions to increase the quantity and improve the quality of the productions of his industry. The Committee therefore recommend this subject to the favourable consideration of the House.

The Committee have duly noticed the several Petitions for aid to Grist Mills, and though they believe, generally, and more especially in reference to some of these applications, it would be highly desirable to afford some assistance if it could be done consistently, yet they perceive the principle once admitted, of making Grants for this object, would open a door to endless applications, they cannot therefore recommend the prayer of these Petitions.

The only Petitions for Oat Mills, being two from remote, (and as represented) poor districts, where no previous Grants have been made for that purpose, viz: at Whycocomagh, and Country Harbour. The Committee, under these circumstances, (which only would induce them,) respectfully recommend a Grant of £10 to each.

Assembly Room, 23d February, 1843.

THOMAS A. S. DEWOLF,
JAMES TURNBULL,
JOHN RYDER.
JOHN CROW,
GAIUS LEWIS,
BENJAMIN SMITH.

No. 44.

(See Page 423.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Act to alter and amend the Act for Incorporating the Town of Halifax; also, an Act for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the City of Halifax, by providing for a sufficient Watch at Night; also, the Petition of the Roman Catholics of Halifax, praying that a piece of ground may be allotted to them as a Cemetery; also, the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Halifax, praying that another and a different piece of ground than the one now appointed for that purpose, may be set apart as a City Cemetery; also, the Petition of James R. Lovett and others, praying that they may be separated from the said City; also, the Petition of Arthur Godfrey, praying for an amendment to the aforesaid Act for Incorporating the Town—beg leave to Report as follows:

That

That they have given every consideration in their power to the Act submitted to them, for amending the Act for Incorporating the Town of Halifax, and have agreed to the same with sundry additions and amendments, which they submit to the consideration of this Honorable House. They have also agreed to recommend an Act calculated to meet the wishes of the Roman Catholics of Halifax, and the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of Halifax, in respect to the two Cemeteries which they are respectively desirous of establishing, which Bill they also submit to the consideration of this Honorable House.

They have also considered the Act for the better preservation of the Property of the Inhabitants of the City by providing for a sufficient Watch at Night, and have incorporated the provisions of that Act in the Act for amending the Act for Incorporating the Town.

They have also considered the Petition submitted to them by Arthur Godfrey, but the hardship he complains of having been anticipated, and provided for in the Act last mentioned, it is unnecessary further to notice his application.

Your Committee have also had under their consideration the Petition of James R. Lovett and others, and do not deem it advisable, under all circumstances, to comply with the prayer of the said Petition, as it might lead to great inconvenience and numerous other applications of a similar nature.—All which is respectfully submitted.

House of Assembly, 24th February, 1843.

JOHN CREIGHTON, Chairman.
SAMUEL P. FAIRBANKS.
W. C. DELANEY.
BENJ. SMITH.
JAMES McNAB.

No. 45.

(See Page 423.)

Account of Receipts and Payments of Her Majesty's Casual Revenue, in Nova Scotia, for year ending 31st December, 1842.

DR. 1842.	Sterling.	Currency.
Decr. 31.—Paid Deputy Post Master General postage on Commission of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, sent per Mail from Kingston, Canada,	£25 2 8	£31 8 4
Paid His Excellency Viscount Falkland, Lieutenant-Governor, $\frac{3}{4}$ of that portion of his Salary chargeable on this fund, for the year 1842,	1125 0 0	1406 5 0
Paid $\frac{3}{4}$ of allowance of ditto, for contingencies, same period,	150 0 0	187 10 0
Paid Hon. Capt. Grey's pay and allowances, as Aide-de-Camp to the Lieutenant-Governor, to 4th March, in this year,	52 14 6	65 18 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Paid $\frac{3}{4}$ of Salary of Private Secretary to His Excellency, from 4th March to 31st December, 1842, at the rate of £250 sterling, per annum,	154 17 6	193 11 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Paid Chief Justice $\frac{3}{4}$ his Salary for the year, Secretary and Dy. Secretary, $\frac{3}{4}$ ditto.	750 0 0	937 10 0
Judges Wilkins, Hill, Bliss, $\frac{3}{4}$ allowances for ditto,	382 10 0	478 2 6
Master of the Rolls ditto ditto,	127 10 0	159 7 6
Attorney General, $\frac{3}{4}$ Salary, ditto,	450 0 0	562 10 0
		Decr.

	Sterling.	Currency.
Decr. 31.—Paid Solicitor General, $\frac{3}{4}$ his Salary for the year,	£75 0 0	£93 15 0
Clerk of the Crown, ditto ditto,	75 0 0	93 15 0
Surveyor General of Nova Scotia, ditto,	112 10 0	140 12 6
Ditto Cape Breton, ditto,	75 0 0	93 15 0
Ditto $\frac{3}{4}$ Office Rent, ditto,	12 0 0	15 0 0
Superintendent of Mines, Sydney, C. B.		
$\frac{3}{4}$ Salary for ditto,	75 0 0	93 15 0
Harbor Master, Sydney, C. B., $\frac{3}{4}$ Salary for ditto,	75 0 0	93 15 0
Miss Cox, her Pension, with premium of Exchange,	101 10 0	126 17 6
Mr. James, 1st Clerk Secretary's Office, Salary for the year,	250 0 0	312 10 0
Mr. Keating, Clerk, ditto, ditto,	160 0 0	200 0 0
Mr. Pyke, Clerk, ditto, ditto,	100 0 0	125 0 0
Master of the Rolls and Judge of Vice Admiralty, to defray expenses of Fuel, and Crier of those Courts, $\frac{3}{4}$ ths,	22 10 0	28 2 6
Stationary, Printing, Fuel, Messenger, and other Contingent expenses,	93 6 0	116 12 6
George R. Young, Esquire, Deputy Receiver General of H. M. Droits of Admiralty, by direction of Lord Stanley—amount received from Registrar of Vice Admiralty, Halifax,	114 10 1	143 2 $\frac{7}{4}$
	£5309 0 9	6636 5 $11\frac{1}{4}$
Balance,	1 9 8	1 17 1
	£5310 10 5	6638 3 $0\frac{1}{4}$

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	Sterling.	Currency.
1842.		
Jany. 1.—Balance in hand,	£35 0 7	£43 15 $8\frac{3}{4}$
Dec. 31.—Received from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, being amount paid him by the Rev. Dr. Fraser, Catholic Bishop, who received the same from some person unknown, as due to Government,	28 16 0	36 0 0
Received from Commissioner of Crown Lands, in Cape Breton, on account of Sales of Crown Lands,	95 5 0	119 1 3
Received from Commissioner of Crown Lands in Nova Scotia Proper, being net proceeds of Sale of Crown Timber seized,	6 17 8	8 12 1
Received from the Registrar of the Court of Vice Admiralty at Halifax, being Droits of Admiralty paid into this Revenue, under a decree of the Judge,	114 10 1	143 2 $7\frac{1}{4}$
Received from the General Mining Association, Rent of H. M. Mines in Nova Scotia Proper, and Cape Breton, for the year ending 31st December, 1842,	2666 13 4	3333 6 8

Dec. 31.—Received from the General Mining Association, duty on 19,333 Chaldrons Coals, Newcastle Measure, raised and sold over 20,000 Chaldrons in 1842, at 2s. currency, per Chaldron, £1546 12 10	£1933 6 0½
Received premium on the two last preceding sums, payable by the Lease in Dollars, but actually paid in Paper Money, at 2½d. the Dollar,	175 11 1 219 8 10
Received from General Mining Association, Rent of Mines under the late Duke of York's Lease, for year ending 24th June, 1842,	1 0 0 1 5 0
Received Fees taken at Secretary's Office, for 1842,	599 3 3 748 19 0¾
Received from Commissioner of Crown Lands in Nova Scotia Proper, on account of Sales of Crown Lands in 1841,	20 3 10 25 4 9½
Received from Commissioner of Crown Lands in Cape Breton, as balance of monies received in 1842, on account of Sales of Crown Lands,	20 16 9 26 0 11½
	£5310 10 5 6638 3 0¼

JOHN WHIDDEN,

Deputy Treasurer of the Casual Revenue.

Halifax, 2d January, 1843.

No. 46.

(See Page 424.)

COPY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 11th day of August, 1842.

PRESENT

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY, IN COUNCIL,

&c. &c. &c.

WHEREAS, there was this day read at the Board, a Representation from the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, dated the tenth August, instant, and in the words following, viz. :

“The Lords of the Judicial Committee having taken into consideration the Scale on which the Costs of Appeals, and other matters, referred by your Majesty to this Committee, are usually taxed by the Masters of the Court of Queen's Bench, or other persons, to whom their Lordship's have, from time to time, referred the same, their Lordships agree humbly to represent to your Majesty, that it is expedient that the Scale of Costs, hitherto allowed in the said proceedings before this Committee, should be reduced—and their Lordships recommend that provisionally, and until further consideration, such Costs in all Appeals, or matters not being Appeals, from the Courts of Ecclesiastical or Admiralty Jurisdiction, should be taxed and allowed by all such Taxing Officers, as shall hereafter be directed to ascertain and report the same to the Board, according to the Schedule hereunto annexed ; and that this rate of charges should be observed by Solicitors conducting business before the Committee.”

Her Majesty having taken these Representations into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve thereof, and of what is therein recommended, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the same be duly and punctually observed

observed, complied with, and carried into execution. Whereof all persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed)

C. GREVILLE.

The Schedule of Fees above referred to :

Retaining Fee,	£0	13	4
Perusing official copy of proceedings (this fee to be raised at the discretion of the Clerk of Appeals),	2	2	0
Attendance at the Council Office or elsewhere, on ordinary business, such as to enter an Appeal or an Appearance, to make a Search, to lodge a Petition or Affidavit, or to retain Council,	0	10	0
Instructions for Petition of Appeal,	0	10	0
Drawing Petition or Case, per folio,	0	2	0
Drawing Appendix, per folio,	0	1	0
Copying, per folio,	0	0	6
Attendance on Order of Reference,		nil.	
Drawing small Petitions for orders,	0	10	0
Instructions for Case,	1	0	0
Attending Consultation,	1	0	0
Correcting Proof Sheets, per printed sheets,	0	10	6
Correcting Foreign or Indian Proof Sheets, per printed sheets,	1	1	0
Attending, on setting down for hearing,		nil.	
Attending Clerk of Council, per order,		nil.	
Attending at Council Chamber on Petition,	1	6	8
Attending Council Chamber all day on a Petition not called on,	2	6	8
Attending a Hearing,	3	6	8
Attending a Judgment,	1	6	8
Sessions fee (for the legal year) equal to four term fees,	3	3	0

No. 47.

(See Page 424.)

COPY.

No. 100.

Downing Street, 3rd February, 1843.

MY LORD—

I have had under consideration the Acts mentioned in the accompanying Schedule, which were passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia in the months of March 1841, and March 1842.

Many of these Acts have expired, and some indeed have been renewed, but the same objection applies to most of them, that they, either in express terms or by implication, extend to the punishment of offences committed more than one league from the shore of the Province.

As I have fully entered into the nature of this objection, in my Circular Despatch of the 16th December, it is unnecessary that I should do so again. There are, however, one or two other enactments, to which I desire to call your attention.

The Smuggling Act, No. 2269, contains the following clause: "And be it further enacted, that every Collector in his respective District, shall once in every three months, or oftener if he shall think proper, and at any time between sun rising and sun setting, and with or without the other Officers of the Revenue, enter into any Houses, Shop, Store-houses or Cellar, possessed by any person trading or dealing in any goods subject to or charged with Colonial Impost Duties, and take an account of all such Goods composing the

the stock, or in the possession of such Trader or Dealer; and if such Trader or Dealer shall refuse to open the door of such House, Shop, Storehouse or Cellar, or prevent the Collector, or his Officers, from entering into the same for the purpose, or obstruct and prevent the taking of any such account of Stock, every such person shall forfeit the sum of One Hundred Pounds."

This clause, which must render almost every Trader and Shop keeper throughout the Colony liable to domiciliary visitations, and to the examination of his Stock, has, I presume, been considered necessary as a check against smuggling, though probably it has never been practically called into operation. On this view of the case, I have advised Her Majesty to leave this Act to its operation, but I should nevertheless wish to be informed of the motive for so stringent a clause.

The Impost Duty Act, No. 2270, continues with slight modifications, the Colonial Impost Duties, which for several successive years have been acquiesced in by the Home Government, and which being imposed with special reference to the scale of Imperial Duties, under the Possessions Act, previous to its recent amendment, will of necessity require to be remodelled by the Nova Scotia Legislature, before the 5th July next, when the new scale of Duties, established by the Colonial Customs Act of last Session, takes effect, and when the Act now under consideration will expire.

I deem it right, however, to notice a new differential Duty, proposed by the Act under consideration, on Salted Pork, as between that which comes from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and that which comes from the other British possessions in America.

This differential Duty is objectionable, upon the ground of its having been imposed by a Colonial Legislature, in favour of one Colony at the expense of another.

As, however, my Despatch No. 64, of the 19th August last, transmitting a copy of the British Possessions Act of Parliament, will have fully explained the views of Her Majesty's Government upon this subject, I have no doubt that the Legislature of Nova Scotia, will during their present Session, avoid the imposition of these differential Duties, and therefore I have advised Her Majesty to leave the present Act to its operation.

The Act, No 2273, amends the Act No. 1571, for regulating the importation of Goods. The original Act (No. 1571) besides being objectionable on account of its 7th and 9th clauses, which extends its operation to three leagues from the shore, enacts as follows:

"That if any Goods which are charged with Colonial Duties, according to the number, measure, weight or tale thereof, (except upon certain Goods hereinafter mentioned) shall receive damage during the voyage, an abatement of such Duties shall be allowed in proportion to the damage so received."

The 31st clause directs how the abatement is to be determined, and

The 32d clause enacts, that no abatement of Duties shall be made on account of any damage received by any sorts of Goods, charged with Duty according to the weight, measure, gauge or tale thereof, respectively.

It is doubtful whether there is an omission of a negative in this latter clause, or whether it was intended to enumerate at the end of it, certain particular sorts of Goods, charged with the Duty, by weight or measure, from which the privilege of abatement should be withheld; which is the case in the corresponding clause of the Imperial Act.

Not doubting, however, that this ambiguity will be rectified by the Provincial Legislature upon the renewal of this Act, Her Majesty in Council has been pleased to leave this Act to its operation.

The Sydney Pilotage Act, No. 2281, enacts in the 3rd clause, that on every vessel entering the Port of Sydney, in the Island of Cape Breton, spoken by a Licensed Pilot, outside of Low Point and Cranberry Head, when his services are not accepted, the Licensed Pilot who has first hailed her, shall be entitled to one third of the Pilotage fixed in the Table, if the vessel be owned in the Province, and one half on other vessels. This clause, which gives a preference as respects Pilotage dues, under certain circumstances, to vessels owned in the Province, appears to be at variance with the spirit and letter of the 14th clause of the Possessions Act, which enacts that there shall be levied and paid at the several

several British possessions abroad, upon all vessels built in any such possessions, or owned by any person or persons there resident, other than Coasting or Droguering vessels, employed in Coasting or Droguering, all such and the like Duties of Tonnage and *Shipping dues*, as are or shall be payable in any such possessions, upon the like British vessels built in other parts of Her Majesty's Dominions, or owned by persons non-resident in such possessions.

The like objection also exists to a proviso in this same clause, which exempts from Pilotage vessels owned within the Province, and employed in the Fisheries.

These differential charges moreover, which are made in favour of a particular class of British vessels, are open to a further objection in reference to vessels of those Countries which have Reciprocity Treaties with this Country, extending to the Colonies.

Under these circumstances, although the Act will be allowed to expire, you will not fail to call the attention of the Legislature to these discrepancies, when the renewal of the Act is again under consideration.

I enclose an order, passed by Her Majesty in Council, on the 1st instant, leaving these Acts to their operation.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

At the Court at Windsor, the 1st of February, 1843.

PRESENT—

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY, IN COUNCIL,

&c. &c. &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 March, 1842, pass seven Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 2268. An Act to continue and amend an Act concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks.

No. 2269. An Act to continue the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling.

No. 2270. An Act to continue and amend the 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.

No. 2271. An Act to continue the Act for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties.

No. 2272. An Act to continue and amend an Act for the Warehousing of Goods.

No. 2273. An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods.

No. 2281. An Act to continue and amend the Act to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Sydney, in the Island of Cape Breton, and to repeal certain Acts relative thereto.

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 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)

WM. L. BATHURST.

Schedule of Acts referred to in the accompanying Despatch.

- No. 2182. An Act for the regulation of the Fisheries in the County of Richmond.
 No. 2236. 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. 2241. An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries at Chedabucto Bay.
 No. 2259. An Act to continue the Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen by Coasting vessels.
 No. 2268. An Act to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks.
 No. 2269. An Act to continue the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling.
 No. 2270. An Act to continue and amend the Acts 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.
 No. 2271. An Act to continue the Act for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties.
 No. 2272. An Act to continue the Act for the Warehousing of Goods.
 No. 2273. An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods.

No. 48.

(See Page 424.)

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 11th March, 1842.

PRESENT—

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

&c. &c. &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 March, 1841, pass six Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 2162. An Act for improving the Administration of Justice in Criminal Cases, in this Province.

No. 2163. An Act to amend the Law relating to the burning or destroying Buildings and Ships.

No. 2164. An Act for amending the Law relative to Offences against the Person.

No. 2165. An Act to amend the Laws relating to Robbery, Burglary, and Larceny.

No. 2166. An Act to abolish the punishment of Pillory, cutting the ears of Offenders, and Whipping, and to substitute Imprisonment in lieu thereof.

No. 2167. An Act to prevent a failure of justice by reason of variances between Records and Writings, produced in evidence in support thereof.

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 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.

COPY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 27th April, 1842.

PRESENT—

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY, IN COUNCIL,

&c. &c. &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 months of March and April 1841, pass three Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows :

No. 2179. An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, an Act, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Petite Plaister and Mills Company, and the Acts passed in amendment thereof.

No. 2194. An Act to authorize the appointment of a new Board of Governors of the Dalhousie College, at Halifax.

No. 2215. An Act to continue the Act for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings.

And whereas, the said Acts have been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable 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 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)

WM. L. BATHURST.

COPY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 27th April, 1842.

PRESENT—

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY, IN COUNCIL,

&c. &c. &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 March, 1841, pass an Act, which has been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 2172. An Act to Incorporate the General Mining Association.

And whereas, the said Act has been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's most Honourable 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 shall 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 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)

WM. L. BATHURST.

At

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 3d June, 1842.

PRESENT—

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY, IN COUNCIL,

&c. &c. &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 March, 1841, pass an Act, which has been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 2197. An Act for Incorporating the Trustees of the St. Mary's College, at Halifax.

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 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)

WM. L. BATHURST.

At the Court of Buckingham Palace, the 11th August, 1842.

PRESENT—

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

&c. &c. &c.

WHEREAS, the Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the month of March, 1842, pass eighty-two acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 2267. An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-two, and for other purposes.

No. 2275. An Act to continue and amend the Act for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and the Act to alter the same.

No. 2276. An Act to alter the sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace for the several Counties therein mentioned.

No. 2277. An Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.

No. 2278. An Act for establishing a Public Cemetery in the Town of Yarmouth, and for other purposes.

No. 2279. An Act to Incorporate the Aylesford Pier Company.

No. 2280. An Act to continue the Act for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and for Sales by Auction, in Halifax, and the Act to alter the same.

No. 2282. An Act to provide for the instruction and permanent settlement of the Indians.

No. 2283. An Act for more effectually preventing Embezzlement by persons employed in the Public Service of Her Majesty.

No. 2284. An Act to prevent delay in the administration of Justices, in cases of Misdemeanor.

No. 2285. An Act additional to the Act for amending the Law relative to Offences against the Person.

No. 2289. An Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Meeting House at Argyle, to raise money from the Pews of the said Meeting House for the repairing and ornamenting thereof.

No.

- No. 2290. An Act to amend the Acts for the encouragement of Schools.
- No. 2291. An Act for establishing a Public Burial Ground at Dartmouth.
- No. 2292. An Act respecting Teachers of Schools.
- No. 2293. An Act to extend to the Meeting House, at Folly Village, the provisions of an Act relating to the Meeting House at Mass Town, and to amend the said Act.
- No. 2294. An Act to extend to the Town of Sydney the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places.
- No. 2295. An Act to provide a Lock-up House and Town House at Chester.
- No. 2296. An Act in addition to, and amendment of, the Act relating to Highways, Roads, and Bridges.
- No. 2297. An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Upper Musquedoboit to inclose and ornament the Public Burial Ground there.
- No. 2298. An Act to authorize the Congregation of the Presbyterian Meeting House, at Chebogue, to raise money from the Pews of the said Meeting House for the repairing and upholding thereof.
- No. 2299. An Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace.
- No. 2300. An Act to amend the Acts respecting the collection of Poores Rates of Picou and Egerton.
- No. 2301. An Act to continue and amend the Act to prevent Disorderly Driving, and to regulate the Driving of Carriages on the Streets of Halifax, or other Towns, or on the Public Roads of this Province, and for repealing a certain Act therein mentioned.
- No. 2302. An Act to establish a Sessions House and Lock-up House at Bridgetown, and to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned.
- No. 2303. An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Township of Lunenburg to inclose the Public Ground there.
- No. 2304. An Act to prevent the taking of Oysters from Tracadie, in the County of Sydney.
- No. 2305. An Act to revive and continue the Acts for the support and regulation of Light Houses.
- No. 2306. An Act relative to Public Exhibitions.
- No. 2307. An Act to make perpetual the Act to restrain the issuing Writs of Attachment, in certain cases.
- No. 2308. An Act to make perpetual the Act to make the stealing of Dogs, Beasts, and Birds, Larceny.
- No. 2309. 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. 2310. An Act to make perpetual the Act in amendment of an Act made and passed in the first and second years of His late Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to extend the Laws and Ordinances of the Province of Nova Scotia to the Island of Cape Breton.
- No. 2311. An Act to continue the Act to regulate certain Landings in the County of King's County.
- No. 2312. An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Weighing of Beef, and the Acts in amendment thereof.
- No. 2313. An Act to continue the Act concerning malicious injuries to Property.
- No. 2314. An Act to continue an Act to prevent injuries to the Fisheries, within the County of Lunenburg, by Mill Dams, or any other obstructions.
- No. 2315. An Act to continue the Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen, by Coasting Vessels.
- No. 2316. An Act to continue the Act relative to Marriage Licenses.
- No. 2317. An Act to continue the several Acts now in force, for the Inspection of Flour and Meal.
- No. 2318. An Act to continue an Act to enable the Nova Scotia and Halifax Marine Insurance Companies to compensate their Directors and Auditors.
- No. 2319. An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries, at Chedabucto Bay.

- No. 2320. An Act to continue the Act for regulating the Militia.
- No. 2321. An Act to continue the Act relating to Passengers from Great Britain and Ireland, and the Acts in amendment thereof.
- No. 2322. An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Act for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating of Townships, and the Act to alter and amend the same.
- No. 2323. An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers.
- No. 2324. An Act to continue the Act to provide against the occurrences of Diseases from the bite of Animals.
- No. 2325. An Act to continue the Act further to amend the Act relating to Trespasses.
- No. 2326. An Act to continue the Acts now in force relating to Trespasses.
- No. 2327. An Act to continue the Act to authorize the congregation of the Presbyterian Meeting House at Cornwallis, to raise money from the Pews of the said Meeting House, for the repairing and ornamenting thereof, and the Act to amend the same.
- No. 2328. An Act to continue the Act to authorize the congregation of the Meeting House at Onslow, to raise money from the Pews of the said Meeting House, for the repairing and ornamenting the same.
- No. 2329. An Act to continue the Act for making regulations to prevent Dogs going at large in certain cases.
- No. 2330. An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries in the County of Richmond.
- No. 2331. 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. 2332. An Act to continue the Act to authorize the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Queens County, to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the said County.
- No. 2333. An Act to continue the Act for regulating the exportation of Red or Smoked Herrings.
- No. 2334. An Act to continue the Act for regulating the Fishery in the River Shubenacadie.
- No. 2335. An Act to continue the Act to encourage the killing of Bears, Loup Cerviers, and Wild Cats.
- No. 2326. An Act to continue the Act to amend an Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax.
- No. 2337. An Act to continue the Acts in force, relative to the Inspection of Pickled Fish.
- No. 2338. An Act to continue the Act to enable the inhabitants of the Town of Lunenburg to procure a Fire Engine, with other utensils and materials necessary for extinguishing Fires.
- No. 2339. An Act to continue the Act to authorise the sale of Coals by weight.
- No. 2340. 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.
- No. 2341. An Act to continue an Act relative to the Assessment of Dyke Rates for the New or Wickwire Dyke, in Horton.
- No. 2342. An Act to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island, in this Province.
- No. 2343. An Act to continue the Acts for appointing supervisors to take charge of Public Grounds, and for other purposes.
- No. 2344. An Act to continue the Act for establishing a Harbour Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape Breton.
- No. 2345. An Act to continue the Act respecting the Collection of Poors Rates at Pictou.
- No. 2346. 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. 2347. An Act to continue the Act, entitled, An Act to provide for the accommodation

dation and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another, and also the Acts in amendment thereof.

No. 2348. An Act to continue the Act to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, and the Acts in amendment thereof.

No. 2349. An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province.

No. 2350.—An Act to continue the Act to preserve and regulate the navigation of the Harbour of Pugwash.

No. 2351. An Act to continue the Act in addition to and in amendment of the Act to prevent Nuisances, by Hedges, Wears, and other Incumbrances, obstructing the passage of Fish in the Rivers of this Province.

No. 2352. An Act to continue the Act more effectually to provide against the introduction of Infectious or Contagious Diseases, and the spreading thereof in this Province, and the Act in amendment thereof.

No. 2353. An Act to continue the Act to enable the Proprietors of Lands in the rear Blocks or Divisions of Land in the Township of Guysborough, to open Roads through the same.

No. 2354. An Act to continue the Act additional, concerning Nuisances.

No. 2355. An Act to continue the Act to prevent the spreading of Contagious Diseases, and for the performance of Quarantine, and the Act in amendment thereof.

No. 2356. An Act to continue the Act to suspend the operation of the Acts to prevent Forestalling, Regrating and Monopolizing of Cordwood, in the Town of Halifax.

No. 2357. An Act to continue the Act to repeal the Act to regulate the Public Landing at Windsor, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof.

No. 2358. An Act to continue the Act in further amendment of and additional to the Act relating to Trespasses.

No. 2359. An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Survey of Timber and Lumber, and to repeal certain Acts now in force.

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 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.

At the Court of Windsor, the 27th August, 1842.

PRESENT—

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

&c. &c. &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 March, 1842, pass two Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows :

No. 2274. An Act for regulating the Currency of the Province.

No. 2288. An Act relating to the Courts of Probate, and to the settlement and distribution of the Estates of deceased persons.

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 receive Her Majesty's special confirmation.

mation. Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to declare Her special confirmation of the said Acts—and the same are 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 whom it may concern, are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed)

C. GREVILLE.

At the Court at Windsor, the 24th September, 1842.

PRESENT—

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

&c. &c. &c.

WHEREAS, the Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did pass two Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz.:

No. 2286. An Act amending the Law relating to Forgery.

No. 2287. An Act amending the Law against Offences relating to Coin.

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 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.

No. 49.

(See Page 424.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Aaron D. Harrington, of Antigonish, in the County of Sydney, have no reason to doubt the contents of his Petition, and that he expended the sum of Twenty-six Pounds Nine Shillings and Nine Pence Half-Penny, upon the Roads in that County in the year 1836, over and above the sum included in his Commission, as Commissioner for that purpose, and that the County has derived the benefit of this over-expenditure, and therefore he is entitled to be reimbursed in that amount either out of the sum to be appropriated for the Road and Bridge Service of that County, or by a special grant of this House. All which is submitted.

Committee Room, 23d February, 1843.

EDMUND M. DODD,
BENJ. SMITH,
JOHN HECKMAN.

No. 50.

(See Page 425.)

The Committee on Education have agreed to the following Report.

In discharging the duty assigned to them, your Committee have in the first instance proceeded to the consideration of the various private Petitions submitted to them, and have disposed of the same in the following order:

1. The Petition of James Campbell, late of the Arichat Academy, praying that a Law might be passed to render School Masters more secure in their situations, your Committee have rejected, upon the ground that the Law is already sufficient for the purpose.

2. The Petition of the Trustees of the Sydney Academy, Cape Breton, praying a Grant of £100 towards completing the building, and also a Law to enable them to mortgage the building for £200, to enable them to complete it, your Committee have also rejected, so far as the same relates to any further Grant of money from this House. If it shall be deemed advisable to raise money on it by way of Mortgage, the Trustees of the Institution have it in their power to introduce a Law for that purpose.

3. The Petition of the Reverend James Knowlan, praying to be employed as a Lecturer on Education, and Visitor of Common Schools throughout the Province, your Committee have also rejected, for although the object sought to be attained might be beneficial to the cause of Education, the state of the Provincial funds will not admit of its being carried into effect.

4. Your Committee have also rejected the Petition of J. Stewart and others, praying aid to enable them to procure an assistant Teacher, to the Normal School at New Glasgow.

5. And have also rejected the Petition of Duncan McDonald and others, Trustees of School No. 17, Upper Settlement, East River, Pictou, praying for £20 to Mr. Findlay Campbell, in aid of his School.

6. And have also rejected the Petition of John Cameron, praying to be paid the sum of £21, balance of Grammar and Common School allowance for his School at New Glasgow. There appears to be some hardship in this case, but as the respectable Board of Commissioners for that District, do not appear to have violated the Law in any respect, your Committee cannot sanction the principle of overturning their decision, unless it shall first be made appear that they have either violated the Law, or committed some flagrant act of injustice.

7. Your Committee have also rejected the Petition of Charles M. Forbes, of the Annapolis Academy, praying that the grant of £75 to that Institution, may be raised to £100. The County of Annapolis already receives £100 in aid of the two Academies in that County, and your Committee cannot recommend a further increase of that allowance.

8. They have also rejected the Petition of Peter J. Brouard and others, praying for a grant of £50 to build a School House at Ship Harbour, as they cannot sanction any further grant of monies to build School Houses, unless under very special circumstances.

9. They have also rejected the Petition of the Ladies of Pictou, praying aid to the Infant School established there. It is painful to them to reject this application, nor would they have done so were they not apprehensive it would lead to many other applications of a similar nature which the funds of the Province will not enable it to sustain.

10. They have also rejected the Petition of Alexander McLeod et als., of Broad Cove, Inverness, praying for a grant of fifteen pounds to enable them to complete a School House, for the same reasons they rejected the application from Ship Harbour for a similar purpose.

11. And have also rejected the petition of Donald McIsaac and others, praying for a grant of money to the Teacher of the School at Broad Cove, Inverness, to enable him to purchase Globes, &c.

12. Your Committee have agreed to recommend the Petition of Archdeacon Willis and others, for the usual aid to the African School established in Halifax, to the favourable consideration of this Honourable House.

13. Also, the Petition of the Rev. F. Uniacke for the usual aid to the Two Schools in his Parish.

14. Also, the Petition of the Ladies of Halifax for the usual aid to the Infant School.

16. Also, the Petition of the Committee of the Wesleyan School at Halifax, for the usual aid to that institution.

17. Your Committee have had under their consideration the Petition of Doctor Edward Carritt and others, for aid to the Mechanics Institute at Guysborough. This Institution appears to be in its infancy, three lectures were delivered in the early part of the season,

but it was proposed to continue them weekly, and your Committee think that a small sum given in aid of their laudible efforts to improve the minds of the rising generation in that part of the Province would not be misapplied.

18. Your Committee have also considered the Petition of Matthew Jeffery and others, praying that a Board of School Commissioners may be established at Argyle, in the County of Yarmouth; also, the Petition of L'Abbe Segoine and others, praying that a similar Board may be established at Clare, in the County of Digby—and recommend that an Act be introduced by the Members representing those Counties to effect the object prayed for.

19. Your Committee have also considered the Petition of Chas. F. Harrington and others, and the Petition of John Gillis and others, praying that the Arichat Academy may be placed on a permanent basis, and the unappropriated fund be applied in procuring a suitable building and other necessary apparatus. Also, the Petition of the Rev. J. B. Miranda and others, praying that the said Academy may be converted into a Grammar School, and the undrawn funds applied to the erection of a Building. Your Committee cannot sanction either of these proposals, as it would be contrary to the spirit and meaning of the Act for regulating Academies.

SACKVILLE ACADEMY.

Ten Petitions have been before your Committee, praying aid to this Institution, signed by 767 persons, residing in various parts of this Province.

From the information your Committee have been enabled to obtain, it appears that this Institution is erected at Sackville, in the Province of New Brunswick, for the purpose of giving the advantages of Education to the Wesleyan population of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The principal expense of erecting the Edifice, has been borne by Charles Allison, Esquire, of Sackville, a native of Nova Scotia, who has given for that purpose the generous donation of Four Thousand Pounds.

The Building is one hundred and fifty feet long, and sixty feet in depth, and is capable of accommodating within its walls four Teachers, and one hundred and sixty pupils. The Land and Buildings have cost about Five Thousand Six Hundred Pounds, and is duly settled upon Trustees, chosen in equal numbers from both Provinces, and the Committee of Management composed of persons so resident. A subscription of about Seventeen Hundred Pounds has been entered into in both Provinces, towards the Academy, to be paid by instalments, a large proportion of which will not be realized for one or two years. It is proposed to employ three Teachers, besides a Governor, whose united salaries will be about Eight Hundred Pounds per annum. The debt on the Institution is at present Sixteen Hundred Pounds—to meet which, together with the salaries of Teachers, Furniture, &c., they have obtained a Grant of £500 for one year, from the New Brunswick Legislature, and the sum of One Hundred Pounds a year, for five years, from Charles Allison, Esquire.

The Academy is intended chiefly for the benefit of the Wesleyans in both Provinces, and tho' under Wesleyan control, is open to all Denominations of Christians, and is likely to prove an efficient Institution. That it has recently been opened with two Teachers, and twenty-seven Students, with encouraging prospects of success. The above facts your Committee submit for the consideration of your Honorable House, without expressing any opinion as to the expediency of granting the aid prayed for by the various Petitioners.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

Thirty-three Petitions have been under the consideration of your Committee, signed by 2914 persons, residing in almost every part of this Province, all having one object in view—a further Grant of Money to enable them to erect additional Buildings.

The Academy connected with this Institution appears to be in a flourishing condition, and contains 69 pupils, of the following Religious Persuasions, viz: 47 Baptists, 9 Methodists, 6 Episcopalians, 5 Presbyterians, 1 Catholic, and 1 Congregationalist. The Students attending the Classes at the College are 30 in number, attending a Course of Lectures, and one attending a partial Course. Four of the Students receive their Education free

free of expense, not having the means to defray it themselves. The Institution on the 15th of February last, owed a debt of £1563 10s. 0½d. The subscriptions paid towards the Institution the past year, up to 31st December, amount to the sum of £275 13s. 7d., and the Tuition Monies received to the sum of £266 6s. 3d.

Your Committee decline expressing any opinion as to the propriety of affording any additional aid to this Institution.

PICTOU PRESBYTERIAN ACADEMY.

23 Petitions have been laid before your Committee, praying that a Grant of £444 may be given to this Institution. These Petitions come from various parts of the Province, and purport to be signed by four thousand four hundred and sixty-six persons.

Your Committee deem it necessary to inform your Hon. House that this Institution is to be strictly a Presbyterian Institution, and intended to be under the management of twelve Trustees, chosen equally from the party in connection with the Church of Scotland, and those belonging to the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia. That the two parties have each subscribed towards the support of the proposed Institution, the sum of One Hundred Pounds annually. It is intended to merge the present Academy in the one now proposed to be put in operation, and the party in connection with the Church of Scotland insist that the Land, Buildings, Philosophical Apparatus, and every thing else appertaining and belonging to the present Institution, shall be surrendered by the present Trustees to the twelve Trustees before mentioned, before they will lend their aid; and it is quite evident to your Committee, that unless that is done, no unanimity can exist among them. A majority of the Trustees resident in Pictou, it appears, are willing to accede to this proposition, and the Trustees resident in Halifax, appear to care little on the subject; but a strong party in the County of Colchester, who have contributed largely to the old Institution in its infancy, are decidedly opposed to it.

Your Committee, without expressing any opinion on the merits of this question, or pledging themselves to any particular course, have prepared a Bill meeting the views of the party in connection with the Church of Scotland, which they beg leave to submit to the consideration of this Honourable House.

Your Committee have been very desirous of submitting to your Honourable House, an account of the present state of the Colleges in Halifax and at Windsor, but have been unable to obtain any returns from those Institutions, as the present state of the Law does not make it compulsory upon them to make their return to the Central Board of Education.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

There appears to be 755 Schools now in operation, exclusive of the County of Inverness, from which County no returns have been made by the Commissioners for the last two years; but supposing that County to have 34 Schools, it will make a total of 789 Schools, and 25,807 Scholars—which compared with the returns of the year 1841, shews an increase of One Hundred and Forty-one Schools, and 4897 Scholars. The Common School Teachers in 1842, received from public aid £5749 12s. 3d., and the people have contributed £17,484 14s. 6½d. There are in all, including the Combined Schools, Academies, Schools in the City of Halifax, and Schools attached to Colleges, a total of 854 Schools, attended by 29,382 Scholars. Towards the support of which the people pay £20,993 3s. 10½d., and the Province £9030 8s. 6d.

In conclusion, this Committee beg leave earnestly, but respectfully, to call the attention of this Honourable House to the deplorable situation of the people on the Eastern Shore of this Province, between Canso and Halifax. Your Committee have had before them a gentleman who has recently been employed in visiting this part of the Coast, and who appears to be well qualified to judge of the situation of these poor people. It appears from his statement, that the population of Jedore, (distant about 25 miles from Halifax) is about 300 souls, that there has never been a regular School established, and but recently a small one has been commenced at the head of the Harbour, where a few children are learning their alphabets; that there are at least two hundred men, women and children, who

who can neither read or write. That from Jedore to Sheet Harbour, including Little Harbour, Owl's Head, Saunders's Harbour, Ship Harbour, Tangier, Pope's Harbour, and Winchelsea Harbour, there is but one School, and that several hundred persons within this distance, are wholly deprived of the means of Education. From Sheet Harbour to St. Mary's, there are two Schools, one of which has but recently been established. From St. Mary's to Canso, there are at least two thousand souls in a state of complete ignorance.

Your Committee, therefore, earnestly appeal to your Honourable House, in behalf of these poor people, and from your well known liberality in the cause of justice and humanity, they feel satisfied they will not appeal in vain.

Committee Room, House of Assembly, 24th February. 1843.

JOHN CREIGHTON, Chairman.
SAMUEL P. FAIRBANKS,
W. F. DESBARRES,
RICHARD J. FORRESTALL,
THOMAS DICKSON.

No. 51.

(See Page 429.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Rules and orders for regulating the Practice of the Probate Courts throughout the Province, submitted by the Judges of the Supreme Court, and the Master of the Rolls—beg leave to Report, and recommend the adoption by the House of the Rules and Orders—

Numbers one, three, four, five, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, and twenty-four, and that the remainder should be rejected.

SAMUEL P. FAIRBANKS, Chairman.
W. F. DESBARRES.
H. BLACKADAR.

No. 52.

(See Page 437.)

Return of Fees received by James W. Nutting, Prothonotary for the Province of Nova Scotia, in the years 1840, 1841, and 1842, respectively.

1840—Halifax,	£380	0	0
Annapolis, one third fees,	16	0	0
Colchester,	18	0	0
Cumberland,	12	0	0
Digby, £6 due from Estate of late Deputy.			
Guysborough,	12	0	0
Hants,	12	0	0
King's,	25	0	0
Lunenburg,	16	0	0
Pictou, £27, not received.			
Queen's,	6	0	0
Sydney,	19	0	0
Shelburne, no returns or payments.			
Yarmouth,	4	0	0
*Cape Breton, no returns or payments.			
*Richmond, " "			
*Inverness, " "			
			1841

1841—Halifax,	£450	0	0
Annapolis,	16	0	0
Colchester, £14, not received.			
Cumberland,	15	0	0
Digby.			
Guysborough,	16	0	0
Hants,	26	0	0
King's,	30	0	0
Lunenburg,	25	0	0
Pictou, £58, not received.			
Queen's, no returns or payments.			
Sydney,	29	0	0
Shelburne, no returns or payments.			
Yarmouth,	4	0	0
*Cape Breton, no returns or payments.			
*Richmond, " "			
*Inverness, " "			
1842—Halifax,	£450	0	0
Annapolis, no returns or payments.			
Colchester, £25, not received.			
Cumberland,	12	0	0
Digby,	18	0	0
Guysborough, no returns or payments.			
Hants,	23	0	0
King's,	35	0	0
Lunenburg,	39	0	0
Pictou, no returns or payments.			
Queen's, " "			
Sydney, " "			
Shelburne, " "			
Yarmouth, " "			
*Cape Breton " "			
*Richmond, " "			
*Inverness, " "			

* Charles E. Leonard, Esquire, having, previous to the annexation of Cape Breton in 1820, been the Prothonotary of all the Courts in the Island, and although he and the Prothonotaries for the Counties of Richmond and Inverness, are now Deputies of the Prothonotary at Halifax, whose Patent, dated in 1834, includes the whole Province. Yet no returns or payments have ever been required from Mr. Leonard, to whom the other Deputies in the Island make their returns of Prothonotary's fees.

The annual Office expences and for Clerks, at Halifax, are about £140 per annum.

Prothonotary's Office, Halifax, 27th February, 1843.

J. W. NUTTING, Prothonotary.

No. 53.

(See Page 437.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James S. Thomson, Major, Commanding the Chester Militia Artillery, praying for a Grant of money to enable him to repair or rebuild the Store House, containing the arms, ammunition, and artillery, attached to the 4th Battalion of Lunenburg Militia, which Petition was recommended to the consideration of this Honourable House by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, beg leave to make the following Report.

The Building in question is a place of deposit for the artillery, ammunition, and accoutrements, intended for the defence of the Province, and are in charge of Major Thomson, who is required to make an annual return of their state and condition to the Officer commanding the Royal Artillery at Halifax. There is no fund at the disposal of either the Lieutenant-Governor, or the Officer commanding the Royal Artillery, from which the expense of repairing or rebuilding the said Store House can be defrayed, and as it has been erected for a public purpose, and the materials contained in it are liable to be transported to any part of the Province for its defence whenever required, your Committee conceive the expense of repair ought to be borne by the Province; they therefore recommend that the sum of £20 be granted for the purpose of repairing or rebuilding the said Store House, as may be deemed most advisable. All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, March 1, 1843.

W. F. DESBARRES, Chairman.
EDMUND M. DODD,
THOMAS DICKSON.

No. 54.

(See Page 440.)

List of Pupils who have attended the Collegiate School at Windsor, since January, 1838.

NAMES.	Period of attendance in years.	NAMES.	Period of attendance in years.
D. Stewart,	3	E. DuVernet,	1½
E. Stewart,	3½	J. Milledge,	1
E. Owen,	3	W. Seaman,	3
C. Creighton,	2½	R. Seaman,	2
J. Mayne,	3	J. Ferguson,	1
J. Stirling,	1½	F. Gordon,	½
C. Aitkin,	3	A. Chandler,	3
R. Blair,	2	J. Fielding,	3
L. Kavanagh,	2½	Jos. Dickson,	3
C. Clark,	2	W. Zuill,	2
W. Cunard,	3½	— Archibald,	1½
W. Cutler,	2	E. Jones,	1
J. Jeffery,	1½	R. Brine,	1
C. Fairbanks,	1½	R. Roach,	
C. Uniacke,	1½	J. McNab,	2½
C. Stewart,	2½	T. Hancock,	1½
G. Deblois,	3	G. Outhit,	3
J. Harvie,	1	— Ruggles,	2
J. Garland,	3	S. Black,	3
R. Jones,	2	J. Black,	1¼
C. White,	1½	S. Hamilton,	3
P. Filleul,	2	R. Marshall,	1
J. Smith,	2½	Thos. Dixon,	3
H. Smith,	2	H. Trenholm,	2
J. Rudolf,	2	W. Cocken,	1
C. Chandler,	2	M. Jarvis,	1
T. Campbell,	2	S. Deblois,	2
P. Robinson,	2	A. Bayly,	2
J. Robinson,	2½	Henry Starr,	1¼
W. DuVernet,	1½	Herbert Starr,	1

Names

NAMES.	Period of attendance in years.	NAMES.	Period of attendance in years.
Albert Starr,	1½	J. Dill,	1½
John Starr,	1½	A. Dill,	1½
B. Scott,	1½	J. Godfrey,	1½
E. Dewolf,	1½	W. King,	5
T. Dewolf,	1½	Jas. Wright,	1
T. Pope,	1½	M. Goudge,	4½
T. Knapp,	2½	H. Scott,	2½
R. Bullock,	2	L. Wilkins,	3½
T. Blackman,	2	B. Curren,	4
T. Crane,	1½	Jas. King,	½
A. Harvie,	1	W. Torrey,	4
A. Emerson,	2	P. Torrey,	4
A. Wright,	1	R. Taylor,	4
R. Bayley,	2	M. Richie,	1
R. Dacres,	1	J. Croscombe,	½
J. Flood,	2	G. Croscombe,	1½
G. Simms,	2½	R. Haliburton,	2½
J. Embree,	1	A. Haliburton,	2½
W. Neal,	1½	Jephtha Elderkin,	½
R. Neal,	1	David Elderkin,	1
J. Richardson,	1½	Joseph Elderkin,	1
F. Carrington,	1½	— Hays,	1½
E. White,	1½	J. Leonard,	1
P. Coster,	1½	S. McNutt,	½
A. Coster,	1½	J. Greeno,	¼
H. Farish,	1½	W. Chandley,	¼
N. Bingay,	1	C. Webb,	¼
G. Bingay,	1	W. Evans,	¼
C. Peniston,	1½	J. Bowman,	1¼
W. Smith,	1½	Chas. Bowman,	1¼
C. Knapp,	1½	R. Strong,	1¼
A. West,	½	G. Coburn,	1
H. Pope,	1	D. Geldert,	¾
J. Northup,	¼	— Caldwell,	¾
E. Murphy,	¾	J. Wiley,	¾
J. Metzler,	5	A. Metzler,	¾

Every Pupil pays a Tuition Fee of £4 Currency a year.

The course of study is prescribed by the Governors of the College, and comprises the usual subjects of an English education, and instruction in Latin and Greek.

W. B. KING,

Master of Collegiate School, Windsor.

February 22, 1843.

Return of Students at King's College, Windsor, since January, 1838.

1838.

	Michaelmas.	Hilary.	Easter.	Trinity.	
Under Graduates.	James Cogswell,	13 terms—exd.		Admitted A.B.	
	George W. Ritchie,	9	10	12	
	Edward E. B. Nichols,	7	8	10	
	Edward P. Deblois,	6	Leaves Coll.		
	Charles S. Jeffery,	6	7	8	
	Philip C. Hill,	5	6	7	
	James Odell,	5	6	7	
	John Cunningham,	5	6	7	
	Charles Merritt,	5	6	7	
	George A. Viets,	4	5	6	
	James Stewart,	2	3	4	
	James H. Thorne,	7 incorp'd.	8—ab.	Ab.	10 s.—8 k.
	Dunbar D. Stewart,				Matric'd.
Graduates.	A. Barclay, Esq. A. B.	Adm'td. D.C.L.			
	William M. Godfrey,				
	Stephen Boggs, A. B.			Admitted A.B. Rec'd. Cert.	

1839.

	Michaelmas.	Hilary.	Easter.	Trinity.
Rev. Chas. O. Wiggins, A.B.				Admitted A.M.
William M. Godfrey, A.B.				Term kept
William Howe, A.B.				Rec'd. Cert.
George W. Ritchie,	13 terms—exd.			
Edward E. B. Nichols,	11 "	12	13 ex'd.	14
Charles S. Jeffery,	10	11	12	13
Philip C. Hill,	9	10	11	12
James Odell,	9	10	11	12
John Cunningham,	9	10		
Charles Merritt,	9	10	11	12
George A. Viets,	8	9	10	11
James Stewart,	6	7	8	9
James H. Thorne,	11 s. 9 k.	Ab.	13 s.—10 k.	14 s.—11 k.
Dunbar D. Stewart,	2	3	4	5
J. Harvey,	Mat'd.	2	3	4
C. S. Stewart,	Mat'd.			
Charles Simonds,	Mat'd.	2	3	4
William Black,	Mat'd.	2	3	4
Richard McLearn,		Mat'd.	2	3
John H. Mayne,				Mat'd.
Robert F. Brine,				Mat'd.

1840.

	Michaelmas.	Hilary.	Easter.	Trinity.
Rev. George S. Jarvis, B.D.		Admitted D.D.		
Edward E. B. Nichols,			Admitted A.B.	
Charles S. Jeffery,	14—ex'd.			Admitted A.B.
Philip C. Hill,	13—ex'd.			Admitted A.B.
James Odell,	13—ex'd.			Admitted A.B.
Charles Merritt,			15 s.—12 k.	
George A. Viets,	Ob.Dig.Nv.28.			
James Stewart,	10	11	12	13
J. H. Thorne,	15 s.—12 k.	16 s.—13 k.	Ex'd.	Admitted A.B.
Dunbar D. Stewart,	6 s.	7	8	9
James Harvey,	5	6	7	8
Charles Simonds,	5	6	7	8
W. Black,	5	6	7	8
Richard McLearn,	4	5	6	7
John H. Mayne,	2	3	4	5
Robert F. Brine,	2	3	4	5
Lewis M. W. Hill,	1	2	3	4
Richard Simonds,	Mat'd.	2	3	4
Philip J. Filleul,	Mat'd.	2	3	4
Monson Jarvis,	Mat'd.	2	3	4
John Eras Owen,		Mat'd.	Ab.	
Samuel D. Brown,			Mat'd.	
Thomas J. Pope,				Mat'd.

1841.

	Michaelmas.	Hilary.	Easter.	Trinity.
Hon. A. W. Cochran, A.B.	Adm'td. D.C.L.			
Rev. A. V. G. Wiggins, A.M.				Ad. BCL. & DCL.
Thomas Maynard, A.B.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.
Arthur Millidge, A.B.	Res.	Res.	Res.	Res.
James Stewart,	14—ex'd.	15	16	Admitted A.B.
Dunbar D. Stewart,	10	11	12	13
James Harvey,	9	10	11	12
Charles Simonds,	9	10	11	12
William Black,	9	10	11	12
Richard McLearn,	8	9	10	11
John H. Mayne,	6	7	8	9
Robert F. Brine,	6	7	8	9
Lewis M. W. Hill,	5	6	7	8
Richard Simonds,	5	6	7	8
Philip J. Filleul,	5	6	7	8
Monson Jarvis,	5	6	7	8
John E. Owen,	Res.			
Samuel D. Brown,	3	4	5	6
Thomas J. Pope,	2	3	4	5
Alfred Wright,				Mat'd.
David J. Wetmore,				Mat'd.
E. E. B. Nichols, A.B.				Rec'd. Cert.
William Howe, A.B.				Resides

1842.

	Michaelmas.	Hilary.	Easter.	Trinity.
Rev. L. C. Jenkins,			Ad. D.C.L.	
Edward E. B. Nichols, A.B.			Res.	Res.
Dunbar D. Stewart,	Rec'd. Cert.			
James Harvey,	13 t. st'dg. ex.			
Charles Simonds,	13—ex'd.			
William Black,	13—ex'd.			Admitted A.B.
Richard McLearn,	12	13—ex'd.		
J. H. Mayne,	10			
Robert F. Brine,	10	11	12	13
Lewis M. W. Hill,	9	10	11	12
Richard Simonds,	9	10	11	12
Philip J. Filleul,	9	10	11	12
John E. Owen,				Resides.
Monson Jarvis,	Leaves Coll.			
Samuel D. Brown,	7	8	9	10
Thomas J. Pope,	6	7	8	9
Alfred Wright,	2	3	4	5
David J. Wetmore,	2	3	4	5
Charles L. Inglis,	1	2	3	4
Jacob J. S. Mountain,	1	2	3	4
Alfred H. Weeks,		Mat'd.		
Charles J. Simonds,		Mat'd.	2	3
William T. Morris,			Mat'd.	2
Bolton J. Vankonghnet,				
Henry Pope,				
Henry Greggs Farish,				

Each Student, for the three first years only, pays each £4 to his Private Tutor, and £1 to each Professor.

The course of Study comprises : the Greek and Latin Classics ; the Original Scriptures. Old and New Testament ; a course of Divinity ; a course of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy ; Logic, Rhetoric, Ethics, and Composition ; the Modern Languages.

No. 55.

(See Page 443.)

The Committee on Navigation Securities, Report as follows.

LIGHT HOUSES.

Sand Point Light House.—The Committee have considered the Petition of D. McPherson, praying aid to erect a Light House at the South Entrance of the Strait of Canso, and while they admit the utility of such structure, cannot recommend a Grant at present, a Light having been so lately built at the South Entrance of the same water.

Isle Haute Light.—The Committee have considered the documents submitted by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to the House on this subject, by which it appears that a Light House on the West side of said Island, about 50 feet above high water mark, will best serve the navigation of the Bay of Fundy, the erection of which was deemed important by the Committee in 1840 and 1841, and recommended to be provided for. Should the House still deem it requisite the Committee recommend the above site, which meets with the approbation of Sir Charles Adam, Captain Robb, and Lieut. Montresor.

White

White Island Light House.—The necessity of a Light House between Sambro and Canso, has always been felt, and the application of Steam to Atlantic Navigation, renders its erection almost imperative. Captain Boxer, in his Report in 1838, considers such a Light of great importance, the West being extremely dangerous, and the distance 150 miles. This is corroborated by Captain Robb, of Her Majesty's Ship Satellite, and in 1841 was favorably recommended to the House; the Committee are therefore of opinion that it should be built in the course of the ensuing Summer, on White Island, unless the Commissioners on investigation shall discover some more eligible site.

Canso Light.—The Petition of Benj. Henry has also been considered by the Committee, who regret that he should be a loser by the contract entered into with the Commissioners of Light Houses, against whom, or through whom alone his claims should be presented.

Light House at Grand Passage.—The Committee having recommended the building of a Light House to the Eastward, cannot comply with the prayer of the Petition of Elisha Payson and others, at present, although impressed with the importance of a Light in that situation.

BREAKWATERS.

The Committee, in consequence of the diminution of the Revenue, have reluctantly come to the conclusion of rejecting all Petitions on the subject of Breakwaters, for this year.

PACKET.

The Committee have also rejected for the same cause, the Petition of Wm. Weeks, for support of Packet between Bay of Verte and P. E. Island, some being of opinion that the Passage money ought to defray the expense, without public contribution.

SEAL ISLANDS.

The Committee recommend the usual Grant of £20 to Edward Crowell, for the usual services.

ABOITEAUS.

The Committee have considered the Petition of Charles Boudrot, and recommend the allowance of £40, to compensate him for damage created by the construction of an Aboiteau, the Committee have been influenced in their decision by the circumstance that 14 years ago the same sum was applied for this purpose, but refused by the applicant as inadequate to compensate for the injury.

The Committee have satisfaction in bearing testimony to the efficient management of the Light Houses on our Coasts, and are of opinion that a few additional Buildings will afford the utmost security to our Navigation.

Halifax, 21st February, 1843.

JAMES B. UNIACKE, Chairman.
R. CLEMENTS,
SAMUEL B. CHIPMAN,
RICHARD J. FORRESTALL.

No. 56.

(See Page 444.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Dugald B. McNab, praying compensation for his attendance as a Witness on the trial of Lawrence Kavanagh, beg leave to Report—

That they are satisfied of the truth of the statements set forth in said Petition.

That this House having made compensation to other Witnesses who attended said trial, your Committee are of opinion that Mr. McNab has a similar claim for remuneration—the Committee therefore respectfully recommend that £10 be granted and paid to him.

House of Assembly, 3d March, 1843.

SAMUEL P. FAIRBANKS, Chairman.
R. McG. DICKEY,
BENJ. SMITH.

No. 57.

(See Page 444.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Despatch of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 3d February, 1843, with reference to the Provisions of certain Acts of the General Assembly concerning Fishery Regulations, Pilotage, Revenue, &c., beg leave to Report as follows—

That they have attentively examined the several Acts referred to, but cannot discover that either in express terms, or by implication, any of them can be made to extend to the punishment of offences more than one league from the shore of the Province—they cannot learn that such has been the practical effect of them in any one instance—nor can they conceive those Acts, which relate exclusively to the setting of Nets on the Shore, and other Fishery Regulations connected therewith, can be subject to the interpretation given them in said Despatch, inasmuch as the Fishery must be carried on either in the Harbours or Bays, or within the distance of one league from the mainland. Your Committee therefore do not recommend any amendment of the Acts to which the above objection is made.

Your Committee have considered the objected clause in the Act 2269, relating to Smuggling, but as the same appears to have been taken from former Acts long in operation within this Province, and has been attended with no practical injury, they are not disposed to recommend any alteration of it.

The Impost Duty Act 2270, having undergone the consideration of the House, your Committee deem it unnecessary to remark upon the objection which has been made to it.

Your Committee are of opinion that the Act 2273, regulating the Importation of Goods, should be amended by leaving out the 32d clause, or amending the 30th clause, as may be found necessary.

The preference given to the Provincial Vessel over those of Foreign Nations and other Colonies, in the payment of Pilotage Dues, by the enactments of the Sydney Pilotage Act No. 2281, your Committee are informed is a provision contained in similar Acts of other Colonies, and your Committee refer to the consideration of the House the necessity or propriety of modifying the Bill, if it be deemed at variance with justice or the Treaties of Foreign Nations.

SAMUEL P. FAIRBANKS, Chairman.
W. F. DESBARRES,
H. BLACKADAR.

No. 58.

(See Page 444.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Commissioner for Indian Affairs, and also the Accounts and documents connected with that office—beg leave to make the following Report:

Your Committee have examined the accounts submitted to them, and find them correct, and accompanied with proper vouchers, except for the expenditure of very small sums in relieving sick and disabled Indians, and for which it would have been difficult, if not impossible to obtain receipts.

The amount thus expended appears to be £28 4s. 11d. There has also been expended in purchasing Seeds, Implements of Husbandry, and Cattle, the sum of £42 8s. 7d. In the education of the Indians the sum of £65 1s. 9d. In making Plans and Surveys £9 4s. 6d. In Clothing, £46 19s. 2d. Incidental and Travelling expenses, £59 11s. 3d., making in all £251 10s. 2d., leaving a balance in the hands of the Commissioner of £48 9s. 10d. It also appears that the Commissioner has authorised the expenditure of £82, in making various improvements on the Indian Reserves, but which have not been paid for, but when effected and paid, will leave a balance in his favour of £33 10s. 2d., over and above the Provincial Grant, which they recommend should be provided for by this Honorable House.

Your

Your Committee have perused the Minute Book of the Commissioner, containing his proceedings up to the present period, and a statement of the means he has adopted for the amelioration of the Indian Tribes, throughout the Province, as far as his attention has been called to them.

Your Committee feel great pleasure in expressing their approbation of the zeal, industry and perseverance manifested by him in the discharge of this arduous duty, and also their entire approbation of the mode he has adopted for their relief, which they consider the best that could be devised with the limited means at his command.

The plan adopted by him has had for its object the surveying and marking off the Indian Reserves throughout the Province, in such a manner as is calculated to secure them from further encroachment, and also procuring additional lands for their use in the neighbourhood of Rivers, and allotting off the whole in small Lots, for the mutual accommodation of such Indians as are disposed to locate them; in building Houses for their accommodation, purchasing Seeds and Agricultural Implements, and such other means as are calculated to wean them from their wandering habits, and attach them to the soil allotted for their accommodation. Attempts have also been made to afford them the means of education by sending them to Schools in the immediate neighbourhood of their residence, which appears to have been attended with beneficial effects. Two children have been sent to St. Mary's Seminary, in Halifax, where they have made as much progress as could have been expected—but the expense of their education there is so great, that your Committee cannot recommend their further continuance in that institution.

In conclusion, your Committee beg leave to recommend the continuance of the Provincial Grant, trusting it may be the means, under the judicious management of the present Commissioner, of affording additional relief to this hitherto neglected but deserving class of our population.

Committee Room, House of Assembly, 2nd March, 1843.

JOHN J. MARSHALL, Chairman.

No. 59.

(See Page 444.)

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the Petition of George E. Jean, praying for compensation from this Honorable House, for taking an account of the Indians in the County of Richmond, by order of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor; also, the Petition of the Reverend Hugh O'Reilly and others, praying that a sum of money may be granted for the purchase of a tract of Land for the use of the Indians in the County of Pictou: also, the Petition of Andrew Meuse and other Indians, praying for a grant of money for repairing the Road from the Forks of Bear River through their settlement—beg leave to make the following Report:

It appears to your Committee that Mr. Jean performed the duty assigned to him in a satisfactory manner, which must have been attended with a good deal of labour and inconvenience, and they recommend that he should be paid the sum of £15 for his services—and they recommend the Petitions from Hugh O'Reilly and others, and Andrew Meuse and others, to the favourable consideration of this Honourable House, leaving them to grant such sums as they may deem advisable to accomplish the objects prayed for.

J. J. MARSHALL, Chairman.

2nd March, 1843.

No. 60.

(See Page 444.)

Halifax, 3d March, 1843.

SIR—

By direction of the Central Board of Education, I beg leave to transmit to you for the information of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and the Honorable Legislature of the Province, the Second Annual Report of the Central Board of Education, in which and the annexed tabular abstracts the general state and progress of Schools throughout Nova Scotia, during the past year 1842, is exhibited as correctly as the information obtained by the Board could enable them to do it. Accompanying this Report, is also a series of Instructions for the government of Teachers, which have been prepared by the Board, agreeably to the law under which they were appointed. The Returns, Abstracts and Accounts, from each of the several Boards of Commissioners of Schools and Trustees of Academies, which have been received, are also transmitted herewith, tied up in parcels. The dilatory way in which these have come in to my hands, notwithstanding every exertion by advertising, and correspondence, to obtain them in time, and the imperfect and obscure method in which some of them have been prepared, has caused the General Report to be of necessity delayed until now, and this has been much regretted on our part as we desired to be able to report fully at the opening of the Legislative Session. I trust, however, that this will be obviated hereafter.

The Central Board of Education, however, have cause for gratification in the increase of Schools and Pupils, the latter in a ratio of 23 per cent. during the first year that they can be said to have fairly entered upon their duties, viz. from under 21,000 Scholars in the Common Schools, reported in 1841, to upwards of 25,000 reported in 1842, and this result following so immediately on the amended School Act of 1841 taking effect, fully justifies the sanguine expectations they expressed in the first Report of the good effects of the liberality of the provisions of that Law upon the Education of the People.

I have the honor to remain,

Most respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

BEAMISH MURDOCH.

To John Whidden, Esq., Dy. Provincial Secretary, &c. &c.

Second Annual Report of the Central Board of Education.

The Central Board of Education beg permission to report to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and the Honourable the General Assembly, as follows:

In comparing the Returns of Schools throughout the Province generally, for the year 1842, with those for the years previous, it is gratifying to observe a great advance is making in their extent, as well as in the character of Education. In many Counties the number of pupils taught has rapidly increased, in others the increase has been moderate, and in a few instances only, does a diminution appear in their numbers: while the general increase on the whole of the Common Schools, being from 20,910 pupils in 1841, to 25,807 in 1842, shows an advance in one year of above 23 per cent. [The Counties of Kings, Inverness, and Yarmouth, have been stated as in 1841. It is probable an increase to considerable extent has taken place in these Counties, but owing to the entire absence of returns from Inverness, and the deficient returns of the other two, the number of Scholars for the present year cannot be stated.]

The Combined Grammar and Common Schools have also increased in number, and it is hoped in usefulness, during the same period; and of the Academies authorized under the Act of 1841, the greater part are in successful operation; while at the same time the Colleges and higher Seminaries supported by specific Grants, as well as the Public Schools in the Capital receiving similar support, are conducted with ability and advantage.

In some instances, where Counties have been divided by Act of the Legislature into two

two districts, having each a separate Board of Commissioners, there has arisen some delay and inconvenience in consequence of the proportion of the School Grant to each district not having been previously ascertained and stated in the Act. It is therefore respectfully suggested that in case of any similar division being hereafter made, the exact sum that each district should receive, as well from the Annual appropriation of £6000 for Common Schools, as from the appropriation for Combined Grammar and Common Schools, should be adjusted before the passing of the Law authorising the division.

The delays that constantly occur in the transmission of the returns, induce the Central Board to recommend that the half yearly warrants for paying the several sums granted by the School Acts, be withheld until the Provincial Secretary is certified that the returns for the preceding half year have been made to the Clerk of the Central Board of Education, agreeably to Law. During the present and past year, the delays that have occurred in many instances, have prevented this Board from framing any general Report until an advanced period of the Session of the Legislature. A practice has existed and appears to prevail to some extent, of Schools being undertaken for very short periods of 3 or 4 months. These may, under particular circumstances, prove advantageous; but in most cases they seem to be hastily engaged in, by persons very slightly qualified; to be very thinly supplied with pupils, and frequently abandoned as hastily as they began. Very little permanent benefit can be conferred in this way. It would be obviously a better system, if in places where permanent Schools cannot be sustained, two or three well qualified Teachers were to be encouraged by reasonable aid from the School Grant, to establish on a steady plan circulating Schools, dividing the Teacher's attendance by an arrangement previously settled on, among three or four of the Settlements in the same County, where education is most needed, and such itinerating Schools may be necessary: giving to each such portion of time as may be practicable and most convenient.

The Central Board have, as prescribed by the Act of 1841, prepared a series of instructions to Teachers, of which they annex a copy. The County of Halifax having been divided into two districts, the sum of £386 17s. 9d. allotted by the School Act, was subdivided, giving to the Western District, which includes Dartmouth and that neighbourhood, as well as all the County west of Halifax harbor, the sum of £236 17s. 9d., from which 17 Common Schools and two Combined Grammar Schools receive aid. These are situate among a very poor though industrious population. The remaining sum of £150 was assigned to the Eastern district, embracing the settlements of Musquodoboit, and the Eastern shore of the County extending to St. Mary's. The great destitution of the Eastern shore of Nova Scotia in that direction, as to education, has been brought very forcibly to the notice of the Central Board by the Rev. Mr. Sprott, Chairman of the Commissioners of Schools for the Eastern District, and it appears that even the little aid that can be afforded them, is deducted from the above named £150, which is not more than enough to meet the real wants of the Musquodoboit Settlements. Mr. Sprott has constantly visited those Harbors and Settlements, and describes them as desirous of obtaining Schools for their children, but unable to do so without legislative assistance. The annexed statement, furnished by the Rev. Mr. McDonald, who made a tour through the Shore settlement in the past season, amply corroborates these views; and indeed their situation has often been referred to as one peculiar to that portion of the Province. The Central Board would earnestly recommend the condition of the Eastern Shore to the consideration of His Excellency and the Legislature, as they believe a specific Grant to be applied in assisting the establishment of Schools in suitable positions, would be of the greatest service to a large and industrious population.

In their first Report, the Central Board made a suggestion respecting the importation of suitable School Books. They still believe that either a general supply to be provided in this way, or by means of a sum placed in the hands of the Commissioners of each County, who could dispose of them to Teachers at first cost, would prove of very general utility. There are some books that the Central Board think they may safely recommend for general use in the Schools. "Lennie's English Grammar;" "Murray's Elementary works of Reading and Spelling," "Epitome of the History of Nova Scotia," by a Nova-
Scotian;

Scotian; and "Crosskill's outline of Nova Scotia History." A suitable School Geography of Nova Scotia is very much wanted, and would be a fair subject for the public bounty, in the shape of a premium or subscription in aid of its publication.

It may, however, be remarked that no suitable list of School Books could be prepared unless by the joint labours of some Meeting or Association of Teachers of Education, and Experience, who alone would be competent to furnish the detail. It is further suggested that it would be of use to establish a regulation that hereafter no Teacher should be appointed to an Academy, unless by the unanimous vote of the Trustees, and where they cannot agree that the question be referred to his Excellency to decide, and that in case it be deemed necessary to remove a Teacher from one of the Academies, that the circumstances be reported to his Excellency, in order that such removal may receive his previous sanction.

A statement of expenses incurred by the Board during 1842 is annexed.

Halifax, 1st March, 1843.

J. W. JOHNSTON,
JOSEPH HOWE,
MICHAEL TOBIN, JUNR.
BEAMISH MURDOCH,
C. COGSWELL.

Account of Monies received by Central Board of Education.

1832			
April 25—	Received by Mr. Murdoch at Treasury, one quarter's allowance		
	Salary as Clerk of Board, &c.		£37 10 0
July 26—	Do	Do	37 10 0
October 21,	Do	Do	37 10 0
1843			
January 22,	Do	Do	37 10 0
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			£150 0 0

Extra expenses incurred by the Board, to be provided for.

Mr. R. Nugent's Bill, for printing Report of last year, &c.	£27 17 6
Post Office, from 25th January, 1842, to 6th February, 1843,	29 14 10
Advertizing, Gossip & Coade,	0 15 0
J. H. Crosskill, do.	1 9 9
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	£59 17 1

The Postages have been unusually heavy in consequence of many heavy packages of Returns of Schools sent by Mail from distant Counties. This will be remedied hereafter, and means used, by which the Postage Account will be kept clear of unreasonable charge falling on it. The correspondence essentially necessary to this department, with 20 boards of School Commissioners, and a dozen boards of Trustees of Academies, and the postage on their Returns, however condensed, and the letters to and from Teachers, &c. will always make this item of Postage considerable, and the more so if the Schools increase, and the vigilance of the Central Board over their welfare be exerted. The Printing Bills are also in a great measure unavoidable.

The sum of £150, being all the Board have under their disposal by law, was allowed by them to Mr. Murdoch, as compensation for his time and labour, and the ordinary contingencies of Stationary, Clerks, &c. &c. So that the extra charges incurred remain as a debt upon the Board.

J. W. JOHNSTON, Chairman.

To

To the Central Board of Education for Nova Scotia,

GENTLEMEN—

Having been engaged the past Season in visiting the various Harbours on the Eastern Shore, from Halifax to Canso, for the two-fold purpose of diffusing amongst the inhabitants the blessings of Temperance, and to make inquiry relative to the state of Education amongst them. They having strongly solicited me to represent their destitution of the means of Education to the proper sources, in compliance with their urgent request I herewith lay before you a statement of facts.

From Dartmouth to Jedore, including the South East Passage, Cow Bay, Cole Harbor, Lawrence Town, Three Fathom Harbour, Chezetcook, Petpiswick, and Musquodoboit Harbour—all inhabited, and some rather densely, yet are in a very destitute situation.

At Jedore the population exceeds three hundred souls; it has been inhabited about forty years, yet there has never been a regular School till very recently, when a small one has been commenced at the head of the Harbour, where a few children are learning the alphabet, and others are being taught to spell in words of one and two syllables. But few of the inhabitants can avail themselves of this benefit. At this place there are at least two hundred persons who can neither read nor write.

From Jedore to Sheet Harbour, including Little Harbour, Owl's Head, Saunders Harbour, Ship Harbour, Tangiers, Pope's Harbour, and Winchelsea Harbour, there is but one School, consequently several hundred persons are quite without the means of Education.

From Sheet Harbour to St. Mary's, including the Bay of Islands, Mary Joseph, Liscomb's Harbour, and Jegoggin Harbour, there are two Schools, one of which I assisted in forming while amongst them, it has been but a few months in operation and is doing well, being attended by some men, women and children.

From St. Mary's to Canso, including Indian Harbour, Holland's, Fisherman's, Country Harbour, Isaac's, New Harbour, Torbay, Molasses Harbour and White Head, there are at least two thousand souls in a state of complete ignorance for the want of education, so much so that in one place which is inhabited by several hundred persons, I am credibly informed there is but one family who can read a written communication.

An invaluable blessing would be conferred on these hitherto neglected people, could some plan be put in operation by which their condition might be improved, which at the present is scarcely to be surpassed in point of ignorance in an acknowledged Heathen land.

Trusting the subject will receive that attention from you (as the friends and patrons of Education) which the needy condition of these poor people require.

I remain,

Gentlemen,

your obedient servant,

GEO. J. McDONALD.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF COMMON SCHOOLS, FOR THE YEAR 1842.

COUNTY OR DISTRICT.	SCHOOLS.	SCHOLARS.		INCOME.			
		Paid.	Free.	Total.	From People.	From Treasury.	Total.
Halifax, Western, exclusive of City,	17	800	103	903	£389 18 4½	£209 12 9	£599 11 1½
Halifax, Eastern,	15		494	494	513 19 0	140 2 5	654 1 5
Colchester,	53	1500	165	1665	1419 14 0	329 10 4	1749 4 4
Picou,	78	3782	195	3977	2146 0 0	542 5 0	2688 5 0
Sydney,	36	911	100	1011	849 12 6	301 5 3	1150 17 9
Guysborough,	22	699	111	810	446 8 8	231 0 0	677 8 8
St. Mary's,	13	337	54	391	233 10 0	90 11 11	324 1 11
Hants,	45	1545	132	1677	998 6 3	330 10 6	1328 16 9
King's,	61	1478	292	1770	1075 7 7	369 12 11	1445 0 6
Annapolis,	55	1079	109	1188	1830 5 0	357 6 0	2187 11 0
Digby,	49		109	1188	921 6 9	305 11 5	1226 18 2
Yarmouth,	62	416	30	446	1276 0 0	282 9 6	1558 9 6
District of Shelburne,	18	508	65	573	320 8 2	129 3 0	449 11 2
District of Barrington,	24	658	33	691	358 3 0	153 9 2	511 12 2
Queen's,	30	1384	180	1564	510 0 0	230 5 0	740 5 0
Lunenburg,	53	1698	98	1796	1139 8 0	401 17 8	1541 5 8
Cumberland,	55	1615	156	1771	1589 6 6	348 5 0	1937 11 6
Cape Breton,	47	539	73	612	1019 3 0	315 16 8	1334 19 8
Richmond,	22				447 17 9	294 0 0	741 17 9
Inverness,						386 17 9	
	755	18949	1896	21339	£17484 14 6½	£5749 12 3	£22847 9 0½
	34			1150			
				1342			
				1966			
	789			25797			

Total—

Inverness, }
King's, } in 1841,
Yarmouth, }

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF COMBINED GRAMMAR AND COMMON SCHOOLS, FOR THE YEAR 1842.

COUNTY OR DISTRICT.	NO. OF SCHOOLS.	SCHOLARS.			INCOME.			Total.
		Paid.	Free.	Total.	From People.	From Treasury.	Total.	
Halifax, Western, exclusive of City,	2	138	11	149	£141	£94	0	£235
Halifax, Eastern,	3			140	142	58	2	200
Colchester,	3	179	12	191	208	135	11	343
Pictou,	2	161	5	166	197	61	0	258
Sydney,	2	83	6	89	139	76	6	216
Guysborough,	1	36	14	50	70	38	15	108
St. Mary's,								
Hants,	3	138	17	155	223	140	0	363
King's,	3				194	120	15	314
Annapolis,	3	132	15	147	327	105	0	432
Digby,	2	55	6	61	148	82	0	230
Yarmouth,	3				142	102	10	244
District of Shelburne,	2	66	9	75	110	72	10	182
District of Barrington,	1	40	5	45	65	48	10	113
Queen's,	3	132		132	191	120	0	311
Lunenburg,	1	38	13	51	63	90	0	153
Cumberland,	3	135	20	155	160	138	5	298
Cape Breton,	3	188	15	203	222	137	11	359
Richmond,								
Inverness,	2	82	3	85	138	137	15	275
	42	1603	151	1894	£2883	£1620	16	£4365

COMBINED

COMBINED SCHOOLS, FOR THE YEAR 1842.

COUNTY OR DISTRICT.	NAME OF TEACHER.	SCHOLARS.			From People.	Common School Allowance.	Combined School Allowance.	Total.
		Paid.	Free.	Total.				
Halifax, Western, exclusive of City,	J. Davison, Sackville,	77	8	85	£70 0 0	£14 10 0	£30 0 0	£114 10 0
Halifax, Eastern,	J. W. Munroe, Dartmouth,	61	3	64	71 0 0	14 10 0	35 0 0	120 10 0
“	J. Souter, Musquodoboit,	40		40	66 0 0	5 0 0	8 6 8	79 6 8
“	J. Watson, do.	58		58	66 0 0	7 16 0	14 11 8	88 7 8
Colchester,	T. Robinson,	48		48	60 0 0	7 16 0	14 11 8	82 7 8
“	{ J. Currie, at Tatmagouche Village, Margaret Talbot, Asst. }	79	7	86	48 17 6	11 3 8	35 0 0	95 1 2
“	J. McLeod, District No. 49,	36	2	38	84 0 0	9 13 8	35 0 0	128 13 8
Pictou,	T. O'Brien, Londonderry,	64	3	67	75 6 4	9 13 8	35 0 0	120 0 0
“	J. Cameron, New Glasgow,	64	5	69	77 0 0	9 0 0	30 0 0	116 0 0
Sydney,	{ B. Bell, * the £17 10s. stated as reserved in Returns & Acs. }	97		97	120 0 0	4 10 0	*17 10 0	142 0 0
“	{ No. 34, }	42	2	44	72 14 7	8 15 3	32 1 8	113 11 6
Guysborough, St. Mary's,	{ No. 35, }	41	4	45	67 0 0	10 9 1	25 0 0	102 9 1
Hants,	Samuel R. Russell,	36	14	50	70 0 0	13 15 0	25 0 0	108 15 0
“	{ None, }							
“	{ J. Bayne, 1st 1/2 year, 2d 1/2 year }	35	2	37	78 0 0	15 0 0	35 0 0	128 0 0
“	{ E. Ross, at Douglas, No. 5, }	44	5	49	75 0 0	15 0 0	25 0 0	115 0 0
“	{ W. Sanders, at Walton, in Kempt, }	59	10	69	70 0 0	15 0 0	35 0 0	120 0 0
King's,	{ G. F. McDonald, No. 1, Middle Newport, }							
“	{ T. Hardie, District No. 35, }							
“	{ J. Leard—Assistant, James Leard, James H. Jacques, }							
Annapolis,	{ No. of Scholars not returned. }							
“	{ J. Hill, Lawrencetown, }	40	10	50	100 0 0			135 0 0
“	{ W. Shipply, Bridgetown, }	42	5	47	111 0 0			146 0 0
“	{ A. Henderson, Annapolis, }	50		50	116 0 0			151 0 0
Digby,	{ J. Hood, Weymouth, }	26	5	31	73 0 0	11 0 0	35 0 0	119 0 0
“	{ E. Fitch, Westport, }	29	1	30	75 0 0	11 0 0	25 0 0	111 0 0

COMBINED

COMBINED SCHOOLS, FOR THE YEAR 1842. (Continued.)

COUNTY OR DISTRICT.	NAME OF TEACHER.	SCHOLARS.			From People.	Common School Allowance.	Combined School Allowance.	Total.
		Paid.	Free.	Total.				
Yarmouth,	Henry Hood, Yarmouth,	38	2	40	£58 0 0	£8 2 0	35 0 0	£101 2 0
“	Hugh Melver, Sen., do.,	28	7	35	44 0 0	5 10 0	25 0 0	74 10 0
District of Shelburne,	Hugh Melver, Jr., Argyle,	40		40	40 0 0	3 18 6	25 0 0	69 18 6
“	J. L. Farrar,	40		40	60 0 0	20 0 0	25 0 0	105 0 0
District of Barington,	Thomas Abbott, half year,	41	5	46	50 0 0	10 0 0	17 0 0	77 10 0
“	W. J. Melville,	49		49	65 0 0	13 10 6	35 0 0	113 10 6
“	Patrick Gough, Herring Cove,	42		42	70 0 0	23 6 8	29 3 4	122 10 0
“	W. H. Whitman, Mill Village,	38	13	51	66 14 6	10 0 0	12 10 0	89 4 6
Lunenburg,	{ Thos. Bryden, Pleasant River, }				55 0 0	20 0 0	25 0 0	100 0 0
“	{ Academy receives aid as a combined Grammar & Common School, Rev. Jas. B. Cochran Classical Teacher, }							
Cumberland,	T. W. Woodman, District No. 31,	35	6	41	63 18 0	20 0 0	{ 35 0 0 }	153 18 0
“	J. C. Philips, River Philip,	56	9	65	70 0 0	12 15 0	35 0 0	117 15 0
“	J. Matherson, District No. 3,	44	5	49	50 0 0	7 15 0	35 0 0	92 15 0
Cape Breton,	{ T. A. Hyde, 1st 1/2 year, 2d 1/2 year, J. Newton, Dis. No. 11, }	35		35	40 0 0	12 15 0	35 0 0	87 15 0
“	{ Rev. N. McCleod, District No. 51, }	57	10	67	70 0 0	10 17 1	35 0 0	115 17 1
“	{ A. Munroe, District No. 60, }	96	5	101	72 0 0	10 17 1	35 0 0	117 17 1
Richmond,	{ None, }				80 0 0	10 17 1	35 0 0	125 17 1
Inverness,	W. Ayre, Broad Cove,	31		31	61 6 6	20 0 0	25 0 0	106 6 6
“	A. J. McPherson, Ship Harbor,	51	3	54	77 8 9			

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ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF COMMON SCHOOLS AND COMBINED SCHOOLS, FOR THE YEAR 1842.

COUNTY OR DISTRICT.	NO. OF SCHOOLS.	SCHOLARS.		INCOME.			Total.
		Paid.	Free.	Total.	From People.	From Treasury.	
Halifax, Western, exclusive of City,	19	938	114	1052	£530 18 4½	£303 12 9	£834 11 1½
Halifax, Eastern,	18			634	655 19 0	198 4 5	854 3 5
Colchester,	56	1679	177	1856	1627 17 10	465 1 4	2092 19 2
Pictou,	80	3943	200	4143	2343 0 0	603 5 0	2946 5 0
Sydney,	38	994	106	1100	989 7 1	377 11 3	1366 18 4
Guysborough,	23	735	125	860	516 8 8	269 15 0	786 3 8
St. Mary's,	13	337	54	391	233 10 0	90 11 11	324 1 11
Hants,	48	1683	149	1832	1221 6 3	470 10 6	1691 16 9
King's,	64	1610	307	1917	1269 9 11	490 7 11	1759 17 10
Annapolis,	58	1134	115	1249	2157 5 0	462 6 0	2619 11 0
Digby,	51				1069 6 9	387 11 5	1456 18 2
Yarmouth,	65				1418 0 0	385 0 0	1803 0 0
District of Shelburne,	20	482	39	521	430 8 2	201 13 0	632 1 2
District of Barrington,	25	548	70	618	423 3 0	201 19 8	625 2 8
Queen's,	33	790	33	823	701 14 6	350 5 0	1051 19 6
Lunenburg,	54	1422	193	1615	1203 6 0	491 17 8	1695 3 8
Cumberland,	58	1833	118	1951	1749 6 6	486 10 0	2235 16 6
Cape Breton,	50	1803	171	1974	1241 3 0	453 7 11	1694 10 11
Richmond,	22	539	73	612	447 17 9	294 0 0	741 17 9
Inverness,							
	795	20470	2044	23148	£20229 7 9½	£6983 10 9	£27212 18 6½
	34			1150			
				1342			
				1966			
	829			27606			

Total—

Inverness, }
King's, } in 1841,
Yarmouth, }

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ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF ACADEMIES, FOR THE YEAR 1842.

COUNTY OR DISTRICT.	TEACHERS.	BRANCHES TAUGHT.			NO. OF SCHOLARS.			INCOME.		
		Classics.	Mathematics.	Other Branches.	Paid.	Free.	Total.	From Treas'y.	From People.	Total.
Turo,	* Mr. Caleb Shreve,	8	9	10	52	13	18	£100 0 0	£30 13 2	£130 13 2
Guysborough,	John G. Allan,	13	1	56	46	7	65	100 0 0		
Shelburne,	Charles W. Leaver,	18	6	39	42		53	100 0 0		
Antigonish,	Mr. Forbes,		6	18			42	75 0 0	144 0 0	219 0 0
Annapolis,	{ Andrew Henderson, } { & Eliza Henderson, }		6	43		4	49	60 0 0	92 0 0	152 0 0
Albion,	{ Rufus King, & Mrs. King, } { & Mr. W. B. Lawson, }	25	2	33	55	5	60	135 0 0	185 0 0	320 0 0
Yarmouth,	{ Rev. Jas. C. Cochran } { & Mr. W. B. Lawson, }	13	1	37	38	13	51	190 0 0	63 18 0	253 18 0
Lunenburg,	No Return.									
Digby,	{ James Breading, & } { W. A. Calneck, }						44	100 0 0	109 9 8	209 9 8
Liverpool,	O. S. Weeks,	9		12		21				
Sydney, C. B.,	{ Mr. G. B. Watson, & } { Mr. Jas. McDonald, }	6		36			42	100 0 0		
Port Hood,	This Academy suspended.									
Amherst,		92	25	284	278	63	424	960 0 0	£625 0 10	£1285 0 10
Arichat,										

* A difference about the Master's efficiency prevents a satisfactory Return being made.

GENERAL RESULT.

SCHOOLS.	No. of Schools.	No. of Scholars.	Paid by People			Paid by Province.			Total.		
Common Schools,	755	21339	17484	14	6½	5749	12	3	23234	6	9½
Combined Schools,	42	1894	2883	8	6	1620	16	3	4504	4	9
Academies,	10	424	625	0	10	960	0	0	1585	0	10
Schools in City,	7	1037				700	0	0			
Colleges and School attached, Inverness in 1841,	6	230									
King's do	34	1150									
Yarmouth do		1342									
		1966									
State of Education in Nova Scotia in 1842.	854	29382 Scholars, all assisted by public aid, independent of Schools entirely supported by private means.									

Instructions to Teachers.

1. The *Moral Department of the Teacher* of a School, is a subject that claims our first attention.

Independent of the motives to exemplary behaviour which a Teacher has in the general expectation of his employers, that his conduct will be governed by the strictest propriety in all respects, he will best consult his own respectability and comfort by a close attention to his deportment, so as to meet fully the ideas of those who depend on his setting a pattern of a correct moral demeanor to their children.

The children who frequent a School, are attentive observers of the Master or Mistress, and the smallest impropriety of language or appearance is noticed and repeated by them; while parents and neighbours feel an interest in the Teacher's conduct and character. Placed thus by the very nature of his avocation, under such a rigorous and incessant inspection, a Teacher must be kept in a constant state of uneasiness, if there remain any habitual error or indiscretion in his words or actions. He therefore, cannot more effectually study his own interest, than in cultivating a strict self government, and in obtaining by self command, a reputation for good principles and habits, which, when well established, will secure him the entire confidence of parents, and the respect and affection of pupils.

As no moral principles can be relied on, which are not founded on religious belief, it is peculiarly incumbent on the Teachers of youth to evince on all occasions, the greatest reverence for the name of the Almighty, and for the Christian Sabbath. Any negligence or dereliction of these duties, tends to lessen the Teacher at once in the estimation of his pupils, and to weaken his authority over them.

Desirous of elevating the character and social standing of Teachers in Nova Scotia, as a class of men, we believe the most effective means to this end will be obtained, if the importance of a pure, sober and virtuous life to the success of a Teacher, be adopted by them as a governing motive. All whose esteem is of value, will thus be won to respect, and cherish the Teacher, as one whose qualities and usefulness render him of the most essential utility to the public.

2. *Holidays, Vacations, and Hours of Attendance.*—The Act of 1841 has placed in the hands of the Trustees of each School, the power of regulating the hours of attendance of the Scholars, and the allowance and duration of holidays and vacations.

We would suggest to Trustees, the propriety of limiting the hours of School within reasonable bounds. Too long a confinement, so far from tending to hasten the improvement of the children, or their advancement in knowledge, is calculated to injure their general health,

but more especially it is apt to render them dull and incapable of learning. Those occupations which are followed in the open air, and which give exercise to the limbs, may be continued much longer without injury to mind and body; but a confined, sedentary occupation, if endured for too many hours in the day, is seriously hurtful both to the Master and his pupils. We think that School hours should never exceed six hours in summer, and seven in the winter; and that it is very desirable to divide the attendance by an intermission of about an hour. In summer particularly, we would recommend an intermission of an hour or more.

A few stated Holidays are a gratification to children, we would recommend the Trustees not to make the single holiday's too frequent, as they have a tendency to break in upon the order of a School.

Vacations of three weeks in Summer, and a fortnight in December, would appear to us to be a convenient arrangement.

On all these points, we would urge on the Trustees the prudence of making a settled previous arrangement, with the advice and concurrence of the Teacher; whose experience and judgment will be always of essential service in framing any School regulations; and we would recommend that the arrangement of hours, holidays and vacations, (when made) should be fairly written out and signed by the Trustees and Teacher, and a copy hung up in the School at all times; and this arrangement once made should be considered obligatory, and not be in any way infringed, unless in case of inevitable necessity.

3. *Books.*—In the first lessons, by which the letters of the Alphabet, the method of Spelling, and the reading of words of one or two syllables are taught to children, the most efficient, and at the same time the most economical course, would be to use the large print lessons pasted on boards, such as were first introduced into Halifax by Mr. Bromley.

The use of cards on which easy lessons are printed in a large clear type, is also an evident improvement.

The plan long used in Oriental Countries, of teaching the elements of reading and writing in conjunction, by causing children to copy the form of each letter, at the very time they are acquiring a knowledge of its name and sound, appears conformable with reason, and has been introduced into many Schools with success.

When pupils are somewhat advanced, books become indispensable. In the selection of these it is certain that the Teachers are usually the best judges, and we would respectfully recommend to parents in general, that they should adhere implicitly to the wishes of the Teachers in this particular. It is exceedingly desirable that uniformity should prevail in all the Schools, with respect to the books from which the children derive instruction: but it is essentially necessary, that the books used by the pupils in any one School should be alike, in the several classes: and this can only be attained by giving to the Teacher a proper controul.

The usual course of learning in the Common Schools, embraces Spelling, Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. A few books, therefore, are sufficient in any ordinary School, that is, perhaps, a Spelling Book, a Reading Book, and one Arithmetic, being all that any one pupil may probably require in his course, to which, if he proceed farther, a Grammar may be required. The cost may of these may be thus estimated:

	Halifax Retail Prices.
Murray's Spelling Book,	1s. 3d.
Do. English Reader,	2 6
Gray's Arithmetic,	1 6
Lennie's English Grammar,	2 0*
	————— 7s. 3d.
Or, Mavor's Spelling Book,	1s. 9d.
Murray's Reader, (larger)	4 6
Gray or Walkingame,	3 0
Murray's Grammar,	5 6
Goldsmith's Geograpy,	4 6
	————— 19s. 3d.

In fact the books required would not cost above 10s. currency, per pupil, and it would ensure much comfort to the Teacher, and benefit to the Scholars, if the people of each School District would annually raise a sum among themselves, and place it in the hands of the Trustees of the School for the purchase of proper School Books. Inferior editions of School Books not only are objectionable on account of bad paper and printing, whereby they are easily torn and destroyed, but the imperfection of the impression is an obstacle to reading; and the errors of the press and other inaccuracies that creep into them, become serious evils, especially in books of Arithmetic and Grammar.

4. *Suitable Age.*—The experience of mankind from the earliest periods of society has demonstrated that the time of life best suited for receiving instruction is from 7 years of age to 14 or 15. Under 7 children are usually less capable of acquiring the rudiments of learning, and of undergoing the necessary confinement and stillness, is inconsistent with their restless vivacity, and little suited to promote their physical well being. Again after they have attained the age of puberty, they are not only found to be duller in receiving instruction (if they have been previously neglected), but their time is usually of too great value to themselves and their parents, to admit of their being then kept continuously at the tasks of a School.

The few who become devoted to literary or professional pursuits, may very advantageously persevere in adding to their knowledge by assiduous and protracted studies, even to the latest periods of life, and there is no doubt that wherever the peculiar aptitude of the individual for the acquisition of knowledge is met by circumstances favoring its pursuit, the desire for information will grow and acquire increased energy with the lapse of every year of youth and early manhood. But as the great bulk of the human race must necessarily be engaged in employments of a more active character; this continued study is necessarily left to the small band of indefatigable students, by whom the bounds of science are gradually extended, and her territories improved and rendered of practical value to the human family. We may then lay it down as a practical axiom, subject only to occasional exceptions, that from 6 years old to 16, the period of instruction in the first elements of common education is to be assigned. At an earlier stage of life, that is in infancy, the mind of the child is acquiring imperceptibly the use of its powers while in play; at a later period the active duties and occupations of life interfere, and the growth of other passions and desires lessen the thirst for knowledge, and are powerful barriers to its acquisition.

We would therefore urge on parents the imperative duty of enabling their children to acquire useful and valuable information; of making almost any sacrifice in order that their little ones may, at the right time of life, be placed at the portals of the temple of knowledge. No money or property left to them can compensate or atone for a neglect of this duty. It is then, while their minds are capable of acquiring information, that they may have an opening for the cultivation of the faculties both of the head and the heart: and at this time it is also, that religious and moral ideas should be carefully implanted: for the progress of the intellects will only aggravate the unhappiness of those whose moral sense is suffered to lie dormant, and whose affections are misdirected.

In connection with the proper age of sending youth to a School, we may notice the necessity of a steady continuance at School, a boy educated by fits and snatches, sent a few months to School, and then kept home as long a time, and again put to School, is under peculiar disadvantages. Some there are, who by close and earnest attention, with great anxiety to make progress, have mastered the elements of instruction in very short periods. These, however, may be regarded, in a great measure, as self taught individuals, and no rule can be drawn from such instances that will apply correctly to young persons generally. With regard to the generality of youth, it requires years of constant application to enable them to become well grounded in the principles of an English Education.

Many a boy is said to have learned to spell, read, write and cypher: few are really well grounded in these four branches of learning: and the difference is immense in every way between the smatterer in any of these and the well instructed youth. To spell incorrectly, to read unintelligibly, to write illegibly, and to work a sum in figures inaccurately, are things

things so common, and easily met with, that they must convince every one of the great importance of a thorough knowledge in all these matters. Many are there, who acquire ornamental knowledge, and elegant accomplishments, and yet are very imperfect in these four elementary yet most essential objects; and the consequence is that they have constantly reason to regret the superficial nature of the Education they have obtained, and often are placed in a disadvantageous contrast, in the real occurrences of daily business, and social intercourse, with those of less shewy but more useful and correct training.

5. *Holy Scriptures.*—The Central Board have had under their consideration the propriety of recommending the reading of the Bible by Protestant children in Schools. It being, however, understood to be the general practice in Schools throughout the Province, for the children of Protestants to read the Bible as part of their School exercises, it was not deemed necessary that the Central Board should issue any express recommendation on this subject at present, conceiving the existing order of things in this instance to be generally satisfactory.

6. *Male and Female Schools.*—It is to be desired that Male and Female Scholars should always be instructed in separate schools, especially from 12 years upwards. Necessity may sometimes excuse a different arrangement, but nothing short of absolute necessity should be admitted as a reason.

7. *Physical Cleanliness.*—This should be strictly insisted on by Teachers. By shewing themselves a perfect pattern of neatness and cleanliness in every detail, they will do much to introduce and enforce these virtues by the force of example.

We would recommend that in every school house there be constantly kept for use by Master and Pupils, a washstand bowl, soap, brushes, and towels, and also that the Trustees of every School shall carefully provide for the erection and repair of a suitable necessary house, attached to the school.

8. *Ventilation.*—The free circulation of air in Schoolhouses, is a subject much more worthy of attention, than would be supposed by those who have not considered the effect produced by a number of children breathing the same air, over and over again. Langour, debility, and disease are thus originated or diffused, while a little care in securing egress constantly for the air which has been spent and used, would effectually remedy the inconvenience.

9. *Register.*—It is recommended that in each School a book be kept, wherein the names and dates of appointments of the Trustees and Teachers of the School be inserted, copies of contracts between the Trustees and Teacher, entries of each pupil's entry and leaving, with name of parent or guardian, age of child, &c. Also statements of monies paid or granted by the public, or individuals, in aid of the School, and how the same has been paid or applied. Entries in a Journal or Register of this description, if made at the time of each occurrence, would give very little trouble to a Teacher, and he would afterwards find great convenience from it in making up returns, &c.

10. *Terms of Contract with Teachers.*—The arrangement between the Teacher of a Common School, and the Parents and Trustees, is, we believe, usually entered into for a year only, and not unfrequently for a shorter period.

In the case of a young and inexperienced instructor, who may be considered as taken upon trial, this plan of proceeding may be accounted judicious, and equally so where the Teacher is personally a stranger to the community in which he comes to exercise his profession. It is most prudent in such instances that the parties concerned should have an opportunity of becoming mutually well acquainted, before any engagement of a permanent character is formed. Where, however, the Teacher employed is known and acceptable, there does not seem to be any sufficient reasonable motive for having these annual re-engagements. It would be far better that the agreement should be entered into for a fixed term of several years, with liberty on either side to terminate the connection, upon giving notice to that effect, say six months notice. The time allowed for notice would give the Teacher power to look round him for a new situation, and the Trustees to seek another Teacher, and if either party repented of the desire of change, there would be the greater facility in restoring the original bargain.

Every change of a Teacher in a School is attended with inconveniences. Independent of the difference which often exists between the method of instruction pursued by one Teacher, from that followed by another; time is wasted between the departure of the old Teacher and the introduction of the new one; during which the pupils are set loose from the attendance and discipline of the School; and again, little advance can be made in study till the new Teacher has become fully acquainted with the character of his pupils and their previous attainments. There is a further evil, that if the removal of a Teacher has originated in any dissatisfaction felt by the children with his conduct, the moral controul over them is lost in a great degree, and they feel that in a School over which the Teacher's hold is so slight, and from which he is so easily removed, they are the masters. Parents being by nature very liable to be partial, when inspecting the faults of their own children, are on that account sometimes apt unduly to take offence at a Schoolmaster, either because he exerts some necessary coercion over a refractory or heedless child; or because he has not been able to bring a child forward in the road of learning, where the ability of the pupil is possibly less, than the wishes and belief of the parent hold it to be. It is consequently a point of duty in fathers and mothers to guard against the unseen operation of such feelings, and to bear always in mind that the Teacher has laborious and sometimes vexatious duties to perform, and is justly entitled to be supported and aided by parents in his tasks, instead of being thwarted in his useful exertions.

11. *Boarding of Teacher.*—The custom of boarding a Teacher by turns, among the families whose children attend his School, probably cannot yet be wholly abandoned in the poorest Settlements. It is nevertheless exceedingly desirable to limit it to instances of unavoidable necessity, as it must always be peculiarly disagreeable to the Teacher to be so circumstanced, and tends to disgust him with his calling, and consequently to impair his usefulness.

No. 61.

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General Post Office, Halifax, 4th March, 1843.

SIR—

Having in obedience to His Excellency's directions, attended before the Committee of the House, I explained that I feared some time must yet elapse before I could furnish the Accounts of the Department for the whole of last year, and the Chairman having been pleased to decide that an Account of the Receipts and Expenditure for Three Quarters would be equally satisfactory, I have the honor now to transmit a statement for the Three Quarters, ended the 5th October last, which I beg you will be pleased to lay before the House.

If taken in connection with my Letter to you by the 21st January, and which I understand is before the Committee, I trust it will afford full information as to the Financial State of the Department.

I also transmit some Returns of the number of Letters passing through the Post Offices of Nova Scotia, during three separate weeks, which I was requested by the Chairman of the Committee to furnish.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
Humble servant,

H. M. WATSON, Actg. D. P. M. G.

An Amount of Receipts and Disbursements of the Post Office Department, in the Province of Nova Scotia, for the Three Quarters of a Year, ending the 5th October, 1842.

RECEIPTS.	Currency.	Sterling, \$ 4s. 2d.
PACKET POSTAGE.		
To amount of unpaid Letters received from England,		£969 3 10
To amount of paid Letters sent to England, from the General Post Office at Halifax only,		235 11 1
To amount of unpaid Letters received, per West India Steamers, from the West Indies and United States,		24 7 3½
To amount of paid Letters at the General Post Office, Halifax, sent per West India Steamers to West Indies and United States,		17 18 1
INLAND POSTAGE :		
To Net amount of Revenue collected at the several Post Towns in Nova Scotia, viz. :		
Amherst,	£119 16 7	
Annapolis,	71 4 7½	
Arichat,	90 1 7	
Antigonish,	140 9 6½	
Bridgetown,	54 11 6	
Digby,	52 7 3½	
Gay's River,	19 2 1½	
Guysboro',	62 15 3	
Kentville,	71 3 9	
Liverpool,	96 13 0	
Lunenburg,	44 8 11	
New Glasgow,	78 0 6½	
Newport,	26 15 6½	
Parrsboro',	24 0 4	
Pictou,	308 6 5½	
Port Hood,	37 8 10½	
Shelburne,	49 7 2½	
Sydney,	278 2 8	
Truro,	88 6 0½	
Wallace,	62 11 10½	
Windsor,	112 12 3½	
Wolfville,	51 12 7½	
Yarmouth,	252 11 1	
	2192 9 8½	
Less ½	365 8 3	
	1827 1 5½	
To Net amount of Revenue collected on unpaid Letters Inwards, and paid Letters Outwards, at the General Post Office, Halifax,		1049 4 2½
To amount of Way and Ship Letters, at the Genl. Post Office, Halifax,		405 2 2½
To Surcharges on Examination of previous Accounts at Quebec,		26 5 10
To difference gained on Public Department Accounts, caused by variations in the mode of computing Currency into Sterling,		12 16 8½
		£4567 10 8½

DISBURSEMENTS.

DISBURSEMENTS.	Currency,	Sterling, \$ 4s. 2d.
SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES,		
The Deputy Post Master General,		£300 0 0
Clerks, Messengers, &c. at Halifax,		670 5 5
Deputy Post Masters in Nova Scotia, viz. :		
Amherst,	£23 19 3½	
Annapolis,	14 14 8½	
Arichat,	18 1 5½	
Antigonish,	26 4 1½	
Bridgetown,	11 7 7½	
Digby,	11 8 11	
Gay's River,	3 14 6½	
Guysboro',	12 8 3½	
Kentville,	14 4 8½	
Liverpool,	19 9 2½	
Lunenburg,	8 15 6½	
New Glasgow,	16 1 0½	
Newport,	5 4 3½	
Parrsboro',	4 16 0½	
Pictou,	60 9 10½	
Port Hood,	7 5 9	
Shelburne,	10 1 3	
Sydney,	53 11 6	
Truro,	17 10 2	
Wallace,	12 8 2½	
Windsor,	22 10 4½	
Wolfville,	10 6 9½	
Yarmouth,	50 10 9	
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	435 4 5½	
Less ½	72 10 8½	
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		362 13 9
		71 8 0
Allowance to Surveyor General, for Travelling Expenses,		
CONVEYANCE OF MAILS.		
Windsor to Shelburne,	£300 0 0	
Yarmouth to Shelburne,	135 0 0	
Yarmouth to Digby,	172 10 0	
Annapolis to Digby,	45 0 0	
Antigonish to Pictou,	165 0 0	
Plaister Cove to Sydney,	112 10 0	
Halifax to Pictou,	1466 0 9	
Antigonish to Plaister Cove,	48 15 0	
Antigonish to Cape George,	18 0 0	
Antigonish to Saint Mary's	30 0 0	
Antigonish to Guysbouro',	51 5 0	
Guysboro' to Country Harbour,	15 0 0	
Guysboro' to Canso,	22 10 0	
Guysboro' to Milford or St. Andrew's Point, or M'Nab's Cove,	22 10 0	
Margaree to Cheticamp,	7 10 0	
Saint Peter's to L'Ardoise,	7 10 0	
Plaister Cove to Margaree,	45 0 0	
Mabou to Argyle and Lake Ainslie,	23 5 0	
Whycocomash to Forks Margaree,	11 5 0	
Bedeque to Margaree,	30 0 0	

DISBURSEMENTS.	Currency,	Sterling. \$ 4s. 2d.
Catalone to Louisburg,	4 10 0	
Sydney to Bridgeport,	15 0 0	
Sydney to Bedeque,	45 0 0	
Sydney to Mainadieu,	19 10 0	
Sydney to Narrows,	19 10 0	
Arichat to Grandance,	30 0 0	
River Inhabitant to St. George's Channel,	13 15 0	
Louisburg to Garborouse,	13 10 0	
Digby to Brier Island,	31 10 0	
Parrsboro' to Advocate Harbour,	15 0 0	
Liverpool to Brookfield,	18 15 0	
Bridgetown to Granville,	22 10 0	
Londonderry to Economy and Five Islands,	16 17 6	
Kentville to Cornwallis,	18 15 0	
Trefry's to Walton,	21 0 0	
Trefry's to Maitland,	37 10 0	
Gay's River to Musquodoboit,	30 0 0	
Truro to Pugwash,	56 5 0	
Pictou to Wallace,	48 15 0	
Pictou to Earltown,	15 0 0	
West River to New Glasgow,	12 0 0	
Springville to Hopewell and New Glasgow,	12 0 0	
Wallace to River Philip,	37 10 0	
Parrsboro' to Amherst,	49 14 3½	
Halifax to Annapolis,	300 0 0	
Truro to Amherst,	307 17 4	
Expresses,	153 0 0	
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	£4093 4 10½	
	Less ½ 682 4 1½	
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		3411 0 9
Ship Letter Payments,		48 5 4½
Dead Letters, returned to England,		402 3 11½
This amount twice charged on paid Letters sent to England,		11 7 10
RENT, TAXES, &C.		
Office Rent at Halifax,		27 15 7½
Law Charges,		3 2 6
Stationary and Printing,		43 14 7
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES,		
Paid Premium on Dollars,		18 0 0
Advertising,	7 17 0	
Making Bags,	18 8 0	
Courier's Bugle,	0 12 6	
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	£26 17 6	
	Less ½ 4 9 7	
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		22 7 11
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		£5392 5 8½
		4567 10 8½
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		£824 15 0
Deduct amount of Revenue,		
Deficiency on the Three Quarters,		
E. E. JAS. LESSEL, Accountant.		
H. M. WATSON, A. D. P. M. G.		
Return		

Return of the total number of Letters received for delivery at the undermentioned Offices, in the Week commencing 8th August, and ending 14th August, 1842, both days inclusive.

POST OFFICES.	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	No. of Free.	No. of Letters of all other classes.	Total in Week.
Amherst, - - -				40			24	8	56	64
Annapolis, - - -	71	3	15	4	2	4		7	92	99
Antigonish, - - -		6	2	50	8	16	17	18	81	99
Arichat, - - -			3	1	40			11	33	44
Bridgetown, - - -	11	14	9			4		6	32	38
Digby, - - -	29	26	6	5		7		19	54	73
Gay's River, - - -				6					6	6
Guysboro', - - -	13				34		6	7	46	53
Kentville, - - -	7	46	1	6	4	36	17	29	88	117
Liverpool, - - -					57	6		10	53	63
Lunenburg, - - -				31		5		6	30	36
New Glasgow, - - -			2	30				4	28	32
Newport, - - -		28						4	24	28
Parrsboro', - - -	11		20	23	1	1		7	49	56
Port Hood, - - -			8		16			14	10	24
Pictou, - - -	5	18	9	44	30	32	37	39	136	175
Shelburne, - - -				10		7		5	12	17
Sydney, C. B. - - -			47	12	12			11	60	71
Truro, - - -	2		7	35			31	12	63	75
Wallace, - - -			20	36				4	52	56
Windsor, - - -		27	15	14		17		10	63	73
Wolfville, - - -	29	15	4	10	3	15		17	59	76
Yarmouth, - - -	2	83	25	2	22	7	1	4	138	142
Halifax, - - -	388	12	129	124	276	34		153	810	963

Return of the total number of Letters received for delivery at the undermentioned Offices, in the Week commencing 12th September, and ending 18th September, 1842, both days inclusive.

POST OFFICES.	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	No. of Free.	No. of Letters of all other classes.	Total in Week.
Amherst, - - -				30			29	4	55	59
Annapolis, - - -	55		27		5	21		14	94	108
Antigonish, - - -	4	9		32	27	13	19	9	95	104
Arichat, - - -		1		19	30			14	36	50
Bridgetown, - - -	14	31	9			4		6	52	58
Digby, - - -	25	28	6	4	2	4		18	51	69
Gay's River, - - -	7							1	6	7
Guysboro', - - -	22				34			18	38	56
Kentville, - - -		19				14		11	22	33
Liverpool, - - -				8	31			7	32	39
Lunenburg, - - -				18		9		6	21	27
New Glasgow, - - -			8	36		9	26	5	74	79
Newport, - - -		29						3	26	29
Parrsboro', - - -	2	1	17	35	7			1	61	62
Port Hood, - - -	6		15					4	17	21
Pictou, - - -		7	10	54	33	29	121	31	223	254
Shelburne, - - -				14		11		3	22	25
Sydney, C. B., - - -		70				48		16	102	118
Truro, - - -	2		3	26			43	2	72	74
Wallace, - - -	3	2	25	26	4		2	2	60	62
Windsor, - - -	6	15	27		9	14	8	12	67	79
Wolfville, - - -	6	22	16	2	2	28		8	68	76
Yarmouth, - - -		47	46	1		4	21	5	114	119
Halifax, - - -	411	25	87	98	2193	298		118	2994	3112

Return of the Total number of Letters received for delivery at the undermentioned Post Offices, in the Week commencing the 10th October, and ending 16th October, 1842, both days inclusive.

POST OFFICES.	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	No. of Free.	No. of Letters of all other classes.	Total in Week.
Amherst, - - -				39			22	10	51	61
Annapolis, - - -	61	5	22		3	2		9	84	93
Antigonish, - - -		10		28	13		25	19	57	76
Arichat, - - -			2	9	23			13	21	34
Bridgetown, - - -	7	17	12			7		13	30	43
Digby, - - -	23	25	5	5	3			14	47	61
Gay's River, - - -			7					1	6	7
Guysboro', - - -	23				32		4	15	44	59
Kentville, - - -		25				21		7	39	46
Liverpool, - - -			16		27			6	37	43
Lunenburg, - - -				13	4	8		8	17	25
New Glasgow, - - -			30	15				4	41	45
Newport, - - -		16						2	14	16
Parrsboro', - - -			13	37	25	13		7	81	88
Port Hood, - - -			11	3	23			14	23	37
Pictou, - - -		5	21	39	25	23	69	21	161	182
Shelburne, - - -				6		8		4	10	14
Sydney, C. B. - - -	2	20	36	22	3	3		26	60	86
Truro, - - -	2			34			22	12	46	58
Wallace, - - -	2	6	20	16		3		1	46	47
Windsor, - - -	10	17	16		16	22		10	71	81
Wolfville, - - -	8	17	18	6	16	11	11	14	73	87
Yarmouth, - - -		48	50	4	6	7		13	102	115
Halifax, - - -	392	83	185	69	359	60	1082	135	2095	2230

H. M. WATSON, Acting D. P. M. G.

General Post Office, Halifax, 28th February, 1843.

No. 62.

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The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Book called Marshall's Justice, having examined the Accounts relating thereto, and find there is in the hands of Charles Wallace,

6 Copies, half bound, 12s. 6d.

5 do. whole bound, 15s.

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£118 17 7½

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Isaac G. Enslow, Shelburne,

John Tooker, Yarmouth,

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From Mr. Samuel Cowling, Annapolis,

W. H. Chipman, Kings,

E. F. Harding, Hants,

Silas Morse, Cumberland.

John Johnston, Colchester,

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C. R. Ward, Sydney, C. B.—Paid.	
George Jean, Richmond,	12 16 6

£313 12 4

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This accounts for all the books printed, except eighty which Messrs. McKinlay thinks was given to persons connected with the Assembly, and some of the Editors of Papers.

Committee Room, March 7th, 1843.

G. W. McLELLAN, Chairman,
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Lunenburg—Chas. B. Owen, 12 copies, 12s. 6d.	£7 10 0		
8 do. 15s.	6 0 0		
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Cash to C. Wallace,	0 11 10		
Do. Do.	2 8 9		
Commission,	0 7 4½		
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Queen's—James Knaut, 12 copies, 12s. 6d.	£7 10 0		
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Cash paid C. Wallace,	12 16 6		
Commission,	0 13 6		
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Shelburne—Isaac G. Enslow, 9 copies, 12s. 6d.	5 12 6		
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Yarmouth—John Tooker. 22 copies, 12s. 6d.	13 15 0		
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Less Commission,	0 19 9		
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Digby—Henry Stewart, 12 copies, 12s. 6d.	7 10 0		
8 do. 15s.	6 0 0		
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Cash to C. Wallace,	13 1 3		
Commission,	0 13 6		
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Commission,	0 16 7½	15 15 10½
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Commission,	0 19 9	18 15 3
Pictou—James Skinner, 17 copies, 12s. 6d. 8 do. 15s.	10 12 6 6 0 0	
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Commission,	0 16 7½	15 15 10½
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Sydney—Robert N. Henry, 12 copies, 12s. 6d.	£7 10 0	Due.
8 do. 15s.	6 0 0	
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Commission,	13 10 0	
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Guysborough—W. H. O. Heffernan, 12 copies, 12s. 6d.	7 10 0	
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Cash to C. Wallace,	£10 0 0	
Commission,	0 13 6	
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Inverness—J. L. Tremain, 12 copies, 12s. 6d.	7 10 0	
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Cash to C. Wallace,	10 0 0	
Commission,	0 13 6	
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	10 13 6	
	<hr/>	2 16 6
Sydney, C. B.—C. R. Ward, 13 copies, 12s. 6d.	8 2 6	
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	17 2 6	
Cash to C. Wallace	16 5 4	
Commission,	0 17 7½	
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	17 2 5½	
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No. 63.

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Halifax, 29th April, 1842.

MY LORD—

We beg leave respectfully to address Your Excellency, on the subject of the conveyance of the Judges to their Circuits in the Island of Cape Breton.

The present state of the Roads therein, continues to preclude all travelling except on horseback, while the distance to be performed exceeds two hundred and fifty miles, with scarcely a House in which the most wretched accommodation can be obtained, or even a shelter for the night. In fact, the journey is one of much suffering and exposure, to which from many causes, we are quite unequal.

The Legislature last year provided some remedy for this, having enacted, "That whereas, in consequence of the insular situation of the Counties of Cape Breton, Richmond, and Inverness, it might be difficult for the Judges upon that Circuit to procure conveyances thither, it should be lawful for the Governor, upon the application of the Judges appointed to that Circuit, to procure for them such necessary and comfortable conveyances as he should think fit and proper." And Your Excellency was pleased to send one of the Vessels employed in protecting the Fisheries, on this service, at the last Spring and Autumn Circuits. On the first of these occasions, it was represented to Your Excellency, as you may recollect, that the providing of a vessel—the mere means of conveyance—was no fulfilment of the Act, or at least of its intent and spirit. That this Vessel,

without any of those things which are classed among comforts of the most ordinary kind—without the very necessaries of life—could never be considered a comfortable conveyance for any one, much less in reference to the Judges of the Country. Your Excellency, however, then thought that the Vessel alone was all that could be provided under this Act, and the Judges on whom that Circuit fell, had only to submit, and make such inadequate arrangements they best could to lessen the miseries and privations to which they were thus subjected.

A fuller acquaintance with these privations, derived from actual experience, and a sense of what is due to themselves and their office, now compel the Judges to bring the subject more particularly and earnestly under your Excellency's review. Surely, my Lord, if not to the station we fill, some respect is to be had to our increasing years—to our habits of life, which unfit us for hardships, and require rather additional comforts than a total deprivation of them, during a voyage unpleasant at the best. Our duties have of late been much increased, as your Excellency well knows, without any remuneration, by the abolition of the Inferior Court, and the transfer of all its business, with much from the Court of Sessions, to our own, and a second Circuit in each year to Cape Breton, has, in consequence, been added to our labors. Is it then just or reasonable that this provision for our conveyance thither, made by the same Statute, should receive the very narrowest interpretation of which the words are capable. May we not rather ask, without reference to this circumstance, if that which is comfortless in the extreme can be said to be a "comfortable conveyance," or "fit and proper" for our accommodation when on the Public Service of the Country.

We will not suggest my Lord how different would be the attention to the Judges of England, if they were required to hold a Circuit in the Islands of Guernsey or Jersey, but we may turn to another Colony, the Island of Newfoundland, with whose Judges we stand more on an equality, and contrast, with some feelings of mortification on our part to be sure, the consideration which is there paid to the Bench, in fitting up a Vessel for their comfort and convenience, to carry the Judges to their Circuits round the Coast.

Our request, my Lord, is not an extravagant one, we require no luxuries nor superfluities, but only the indispensable necessaries of life, and those common decent comforts absolutely requisite for any gentleman on such a voyage, and which may be furnished, we believe, at no greater sum than has been actually granted by the Legislature, annually, for this purpose, until the late Act passed, by which this permanent provision was intended to be established. We hope, therefore, that your Excellency will pardon us in appealing again to your judgment on this matter, confident that on further consideration, your Excellency, whose favorable disposition we do not doubt, may yet feel yourself authorised to make this necessary and moderate provision for our comfort. But should your Excellency differ with us in opinion, and still think this beyond your power, we then respectfully request that your Excellency would have the goodness to transmit our present communication to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with such observations thereon as your Excellency may think proper. If this necessary accommodation cannot be provided for the Judges under the Provincial Act to which we have referred, we trust that his Lordship may point out some means by which such provision may, in future, be obtained.

We have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Excellency's most obedient

Humble servants,

BRENTON HALLIBURTON,
LEWIS M. WILKINS,
WILL. HILL,
W. B. BLISS,
THOMAS C. HALIBURTON.

The Right Honorable the Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

No. 64.

(See Page 451.)

The Committee to whom was referred the accounts and expenditures on the two great Roads, East and West—beg leave to Report,

That in the year 1841, the following sums were expended over and above the Six Thousand Pounds placed at the disposal of His Excellency, which sums are specified and enumerated in the Schedule hereunto annexed.

The Committee cannot but remark, that however pressing may have been the emergencies which called for the outlay of some of these accounts, more strict attention should have been paid to the terms of the Act of 1841, which expressly provided that no greater sum should be expended in that year, than Six Thousand Pounds.

In the Session of 1842, Four Thousand Pounds was placed at the disposal of His Excellency, for the improvement of the Great Roads, "and for contingencies," by which the Committee conceive the House meant the payment of the over-expenditures of the previous year should be first deducted, and although two sums, that for repairing the Moose River Bridge, and that for the Magazine Wall, were made chargeable upon the Grant by distinct Resolutions of this Honourable House. The whole sum of £1284 6s. 7d. has, notwithstanding, been paid by the Treasurer, and is charged in his accounts already reported.

In 1842 two sums appear to have been over-expended, viz :

Samuel Archibald on Salmon River Bridge, 383 12s., and £92 on the Shubenacadie section of the Eastern Road, by James Pollock, making in all £475 12s. Both these sums (except £200 expended on the Bridge) were spent without any authority from the Executive, although necessary to make the same available for Travelling. The Committee therefore refer this subject to the consideration of the House, either to provide for it or not as they shall think proper.

There has also been expended on the Great Road from Halifax to Chester, by the authority of one of the members of the Government, the sum of £150, to open up a section of that Road in the County of Lunenburg, which has made the same available to the Public, and which stands, your Committee conceive, upon a similar footing with the other over-expenditures.

Your Committee cannot close this Report without expressing their decided opinion, that no Commissioner should be allowed to over-expend monies without first reporting the circumstances which require an advance, and obtaining the sanction of the Executive; and that this sanction should not be given unless under very urgent and unavoidable circumstances; and that this House should endeavour to confine the expenditure on the two Great Roads to the sums voted, as when monies are drawn without their sanction, the scale of distribution is disturbed, and a few Counties obtain an undue advantage to the injury of the interests of those lying at the extremities of the Province.

Committee Room, 6th March 1843.

THOMAS DICKSON,
JOHN CREIGHTON,
BENJAMIN SMITH,
SAMUEL B. CHIPMAN,
SAML. P. FAIRBANKS.

Schedule referred to in the annexed Report.

Daniel Wier, Mount Denson Road,	£6 17 6
P. Dawson, St. Croix Bridge,	18 7 7½
J. Armstrong, Falmouth Road,	9 10 0
Hon. T. A. S. Dewolf, Bridge at Kentville,	12 14 6
John Tapper, Dartmouth,	16 19 2½

S.

S. Archibald, Salmon River Bridge,	£14 17 6
Do. Road to Gay's River	25 5 7
G. F. Ditmars, Moose River,	34 17 1
Jas. Pollock, Great Eastern Road,	122 6 11
Crearer and Munro, do.	629 12 8
George Wightman, do.	212 18 0
Magazine Wall, Halifax,	180 0 0
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	£1284 6 7

No. 65.

(See Page 451.)

The Committee of Trade and Manufactures beg leave to Report :

Ist. That the usual Drawback of Three Shillings sterling, per barrel, on Foreign Flour, not admitted to entry for the use of the Fisheries, be allowed to the following persons, whose claims appear to be properly vouched :

Amos Seamen, - - - - -	92 barrels
Owen Evans, - - - - -	26 "
Exmouth Davidson, - - - - -	18 "
Stephen Jenks, - - - - -	13 "
Dow D. Roop, - - - - -	10 "
James Merriam and others, - - - - -	3 "
John Pettis, - - - - -	1 "
Charles Hatfield, - - - - -	2 "
Richard W. Card, - - - - -	23 "
Samuel Patterson, - - - - -	11 "
Patrick Blake, - - - - -	5 "
Robert Salter, - - - - -	2 "
Michael Blake, - - - - -	40 "
George and S. McLellan, - - - - -	12 "
Richard Card, - - - - -	10 "
David Reid, - - - - -	25 "
James O'Brien, - - - - -	160 "
John Skaling, - - - - -	22 "
George Holmes, - - - - -	18 "
Gould M. Davidson, - - - - -	15 "
John Davison, - - - - -	13 "
James D. Harris, - - - - -	103 "
Thomas E. Barnaby, - - - - -	21 "
John Liswell, - - - - -	65 "
Kendal Holmes, - - - - -	8 "
Edward McLatchy, - - - - -	69 "
William Metzler, - - - - -	32 "
Elkanah Young, - - - - -	27 "
David Smith, - - - - -	20 "
Reid and Seaman, - - - - -	45 "
Ezra Churchill, - - - - -	21 "
James Currie, - - - - -	9 "
Charles Martin, - - - - -	15 "
Hugh McMonagh, - - - - -	67 "
John L. Brown, - - - - -	10 "
Benjamin Dewolf, - - - - -	10 "
Charles Janes and others, - - - - -	123 "

Joshua Francis,	- - - - -	21	“
James Lamerton,	- - - - -	55	“
John Duncan,	- - - - -	15	“
James Fletcher,	- - - - -	8	“
Hibbert Mitchener,	- - - - -	3	“
John Chamberlain,	- - - - -	6	“

1274 barrels

at 3s. 7d. per barrel, £228 5s. 2d.

2d. That the prayer of the Petitions of Hiram Hyde, for Drawback of the Duties on Coaches and Horses imported.

Of Benjamin Dewolf, for Drawback of Duty on Mill Stones.

Of George and Andrew LeCain, for Drawback of Duty on Goods consumed by fire.

Of Thomas Cooke, for return of Head Money paid on Passengers landed in the Province.

Of Messrs. Charman & Co., for a return of Duties paid on Refined Sugar.

Of James Anderson, for encouragement to a Steam Grist Mill at Sydney.

Of T. C. Tobias, and Elkanah Morton, for compensation for services.

Of Edward Aulton, for return of Duties on Colonial Butter.

Of Angus B. McDonald, for return of Duties on articles wrought into vessels lost at sea.

Of William H. Thorp, Edward L. Brown, and John Jennings, for repayment of the amount of Province Notes, consumed by fire.

Be not granted.

3d. That 7s. 6d. sterling per cwt. be granted to George McKenzie and others, on Confectionary exported to Great Britain and Ireland; also,

To Obadiah Wilson £11 7s. 9d. sterling, paid on articles consumed on a Whaling voyage.

To Edward Lawson & Co. £7 7s. 11d., Drawback of Duties paid by them.

To Stephen Binney & Co. £50 4s. 6d. sterling, Duties overpaid on a quantity of Rum.

To James Wilkie £6 19s. 3d. currency, Duties overpaid on a quantity of Tea.

To Daniel Owen £4, for services performed in making a seizure.

To James Carline £35, as compensation for the detention of his vessel illegally seized, and to James Dodd, as ship keeper of said vessel, £34 7s. 6d.

To Simon Gallant, the amount that he would have been entitled to receive under the Act for encouraging the Seal Fishery, had his vessel been duly registered.

To Stephen Trenholm £3 15s., and to Richard Bryden £4 7s. 3d., being the amounts paid by them on the importation of Machinery for Carding. The Committee decline to recommend a similar application from George Eastwood, in consideration of the Bounty of £300 granted last Session, and which they think should now be paid.

To John Stiles £6 4s. 11d. amount of Duties paid on a Printing Press. The Committee recommend the discontinuance of these grants in future.

4th. On considering the several Petitions, praying for an alteration of the Law which regulates the Weighing of Flour, the Committee were of opinion, that, on the expiration of that Law, in 1844, the necessary powers should be conferred on the City Authorities to make regulations for this service, provided the expense does not exceed 1d. per barrel.

5th. Though the Committee cannot recommend the prayer of Thomas James' Petition, for past services, they are of opinion that if that gentleman held a regular Commission as Collector, he might be useful in preventing illicit Trade.

6th. The Committee recommend that Herbert Huntington's Bond for duties paid on Stock imported by the Yarmouth Agricultural Society, be cancelled.

7th. The Committee have had under their consideration a Memorial from the Officers of the three Regiments in Garrison, addressed to the Secretary at War, together with a communication from the War Office, and a Despatch from the Colonial Secretary, on the subject of the Duties paid on Wines consumed by the Regimental Messes in this Province. The Committee recommend that a Drawback, equal to the amount of the Wines actually consumed, be granted.

8th. The Committee recommend the payment of £44 sterling, being the amount drawn for upon this Government, by the British Consul at Havanah, and £33 8s. 2d. claimed by the Consul at Portland, to cover charges incurred for the relief of shipwrecked Seamen, belonging to this Province. As Seamen from all parts of the world, wrecked upon our Coasts, are hospitably entertained by the Inhabitants, and liberally relieved by the Legislature, the Committee think that the payment of these sums ought not to be drawn into precedent.

JOSEPH HOWE, Chairman.
SAML. P. FAIRBANKS,
W. B. TAYLOR,
WM. STAIRS,
HT. HUNTINGTON,
THOS. A. S. DEWOLF.

No. 66.

(See Page 455.)

The Committee appointed to revise the Law for Billeting Her Majesty's Troops in the Province of Nova Scotia, Report, that by the 48 of George 3, Cap. 2. Troops or Militia on a March in the Province, may be billeted, and the sum of One Shilling for each meal, and Three Pence for every lodging, is allowed, provided that in any one year no more than £500 shall be drawn from the Treasury. By the 51, Geo. 3. cap. 5, the Lieutenant Governor, &c. is authorized to draw upon the Treasury for all lodging money for Troops on the march, provided no greater sum than £150 be drawn in any one year. By the 53, Geo. 3., the sum of One Shilling and Three Pence is allowed for each meal. These Acts all refer to Troops in detachment on the march, but a construction has been placed on them, by which Soldiers in pursuit of deserters, obtain their billet at the expense of the Province. The Committee therefore recommend that the Law should be amended in that respect, and that the Lieutenant Governor should not be authorized to draw a greater sum than £500 in any one year, for that service.

Committee Room of Assembly, 7th March, A. D. 1843.

R. McG. DICKEY, Chairman.

No. 67.

(See Page 455.)

The Committee to whom was referred the following documents, as laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, viz.:

First. Mr. Wightman's Report on two proposed alterations of the Road between the Herbert and Meander Rivers, in Newport, with plan annexed.

Secondly. Mr. Wightman's Report on the expediency of a Draw on the Bridge erected across the St. Croix River, with plan annexed.

Thirdly. The Petition of Messrs. Wier and Chambers, Commissioners for building the said Bridge; all praying protection against a Suit at Law, brought against them by James Sterling, for obstructing the navigation of the River.

Fourthly and Fifthly. Messrs. Wier and Chambers Report, as to the Bridge so erected, and an account of over-expenditure of the sum of £206 12s. in the performance thereof; beg leave to Report on these respective subjects as follows: On the first and second matters so referred, they find that the alteration suggested between Herbert and Meander Rivers, has partially been complied with, and money has been laid out on such public service; and your Committee feel, on examination, that it was deemed unnecessary to build

build the said Bridge with a Draw, and that it is now completed without this additional expense; that it is built of sufficient height to admit new Vessels of large tonnage being brought down after being launched. The suit instituted against Messrs. Wier and Chambers, the Commissioners, and for protection against which the action of this House is sought, having been arranged between the parties, your Committee deem it unnecessary to make any report on this point. Your Committee, however, feel it their duty to go more into detail upon the last subjects thus referred to them. It appears from the evidence given to your Committee by Mr. Wier, one of the Commissioners, that the Bridge in question is nearly 200 feet in length, by 20 feet high, having a span of nearly one hundred feet; and that the work is well and sufficiently performed and executed. That in 1841 a Grant of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds was passed, towards the building of this Bridge, and in 1842, an additional sum of £375 for the same purpose, making towards the completion of this work the sum of £525.

That by the Report of Mr. Wightman, made in 1841, it appeared to him that this work ought to be performed for the sum of £490, including a Commission of £44. That the account of over-expenditure on this Bridge as now laid before the House, amounts to £206 12s. which added to the said Grants, makes the total amount of £731 12s. the present alledged cost of the erection of this Bridge, and the approaches to it. That although the Committee are ready to admit that in carrying out the work, and finishing the job, many things may arise as necessary to be altered and improved for a more perfect completion, which may not have occurred to the Engineer who in the first instance made the estimate, as in this case (where the Bridge was necessarily raised an additional three or four feet, and consequently increased the wood and iron work), yet they conceive that a regard to economy may very much lessen the great difference that exists between the respective sums. In looking at the items composing the sum of £206 12s. over-expended, your Committee cannot but view the following items as charged at too high a rate, thus, the Carpenters are charged at the rate of 7s. 6d. to 6s. 6d. per day, whilst almost all the labourers are allowed the sum of 4s. 6d. per diem, a sum exceeding by 6d., more than the Law sanctions. Your Committee also observe that the Commissioners have charged for their superintendance, the usual item of Five Shillings per day, as the Law allows, and 5 per cent. commission on the total amount of the over-expenditure, making together the sum of £16 5s. They also observe a charge in the said account of £24 7s. 6d. being for an Engineer superintending the same work for 39 days, at 12s. 6d. a day. That, although your Committee deem these charges high, yet they express no opinion of the real value of the work performed by the individuals respectively, and with these suggestions, they recommend that the claim thus applied for, should be submitted to the consideration of the Members of the County and Township in which the work has been performed, to be provided for so far as fair and equitable. All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, 7th March, 1843.

H. BLACKADAR, Chairman.
SAML. P. FAIRBANKS,
CHARLES BUDD.

No. 68.

(See Page 455.)

The Committee to whom was referred a Bill to empower the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, in Cornwallis, to manage and transact their Secular Affairs, beg leave to report the Bill with the following amendments, that is to say: To leave out all that part of the Bill that refers to the enclosing the Cemetery; also, a proviso respecting the ground floor in said Meeting House, where pews are not at present erected.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, 7th March, 1843.

R. McG. DICKEY,
JOSEPH HOWE,

No. 69.

(See Page 456.)

The Hon. Mr. Howe presented to the House several Petitions, praying aid for Roads in the County of Halifax.

A Petition of William Bunday and others, of Preston.

Basil Crowd and others, of Preston.

Andrew Shiels and others, of Cole Harbor, Lawrencetown, &c.

James Geizer, of Dutch Village.

Charles Hamilton and others, of Sackville and Hammond's Plains.

William Baker and others, of Cole Harbor, Cow Bay, &c.

Jeffery Power and others, of Herring Cove, Portuguese Cove, and Ketch Harbor.

William Ledwidge and others, of the New Guysboro' Road.

Joseph Green and others, of Lawrencetown.

Mr. Dickson presented to the House several Petitions, praying aid for Roads in the County of Colchester.

A Petition of Robert Fulmore and others, of Little York.

Samuel C. Cochran and others, of the Back Settlements, Economy.

Gilbert Mathison and others, of Kempt Town.

Joseph McKenzie and others, of Earl Town.

Robert Douglas and others, of Earl Town.

John Kelly and others, of Upper Stewiacke.

William Rutherford and others, of Upper and Middle Stewiacke.

Samuel Creelman the 3d., and others, of Upper Stewiacke.

William Byers, Junior, and others, of New Annan.

William Dunning and others, of Economy.

Mr. Archibald presented to the House several Petitions, praying aid for Roads in the Township of Truro.

A Petition of James McLynch and others, of Truro.

Samuel Craig and others, of Truro.

Charles Tucker and others, of Truro.

James Mitchell, Junior, and others, of Truro.

Mr. Crow presented to the House the Petition of Samuel Archibald and others, of the North River, Onslow, praying aid for rebuilding a Bridge over that River.

Mr. Blackadar presented to the House several Petitions, for aid to Roads in the County of Pictou.

A Petition of David McKenzie and others, of the West River.

John Maxwell and others, of the West River.

John McKenzie and others, of the Upper and Middle Division, West River.

William Baillie and others, of the West River.

Angus McDonald and others, of Egerton and Maxweltown.

Donald Chisholm, Senior, and others, of Merigomishe.

Donald McGrigor and others, of Bailey's Brook and the Gulf Mountain.

Hugh H. Ross and others, of the County of Pictou.

Mr. Holmes presented to the House two Petitions, praying aid for Roads in the County of Pictou.

A Petition of K. McLean and others, Freeholders, residing at and near River John.

William McDonal and others, of Wilkins' Grant, New Larig, &c.

Mr.

Mr. Turnbull presented to the House the Petition of Alexander McLeod and others, of Broad Cove Intervale, Cape Breton, in the County of Inverness, praying aid for a Road in that Settlement.

The Hon. Mr. Dodd presented to the House several Petitions, praying aid for Roads in the County of Cape Breton.

A Petition of Allan McPhee and others, of Juneecady, and its vicinity, Bras d'Or Lake.
Alexander Moore and others, of Cape Breton.
John Grant and others, North side Big Narrows.
John Lewis and others, of Cape Breton.
Kenneth McLeod and others, of Middle River.

The Hon. The Solicitor General presented to the House several Petitions, praying aid for Roads in the County of Cape Breton.

A Petition of Michael McPherson and others, of Big Pond, Middle Cape, &c.
Maurice Kavanagh and others, of Red Island, and its vicinity.
John Grant and others, of Washabak.

Mr. Smith presented to the House several Petitions, praying aid for Roads in the County of Hants.

A Petition of Joseph Clements and others, of Douglas.
James Grant and others, of the Gore Settlement.
John Thompson the 2d., and others, of Kennetcook Road.
John Cochran and others, of Douglas.
Alexander Thompson and others, of Douglas.

Mr. McKay presented to the House two Petitions, for aid to Roads in the County of Hants.

A Petition of Edward Murphy and others, of Newport and Rawdon.
Peter McPhee and others, of Hants County.

Mr. Dimock presented to the House the Petition of John Allison and others, of Newport, praying aid for a Road in that Township.

Mr. S. Chipman presented to the House several Petitions, praying aid for Roads in the County of King's.

A Petition of Robert Barteaux and others, of Aylesford and Sherbrooke.
Edward J. Ross and others, of Sherbrooke.
Alfred Skinner and others, of the North Mountain, Cornwallis, and Aylesford.
Edward Toole and others, of Sherbrooke.

The Hon. Mr. Dewolf presented to the House the Petition of William McKittrich and others, of Hardwood Hill, &c., praying aid for a Road leading through that Settlement to Sherbrooke.

Mr. Beckwith presented to the House the Petition of John Buckley and others, praying aid for a Road leading to Canady Creek, (Black Rock,) in the Township of Cornwallis.

Mr. S. B. Chipman presented to the House several Petitions, praying aid for Roads in the County of Annapolis.

A Petition of Harris Gates and others, of Wilmot.
James Aull and others, of Dalhousie Settlement.
James Long and others, of Dalhousie Settlement.
William Holland and others, of Wilmot.
John Hall and others, of Wilmot.
G. B. Reed and others, of Wilmot.

Mr. Thorne presented to the House several Petitions, praying aid for Roads in the Township of Granville.

A Petition of Robert Young and others, of Granville.
Elijah Durland and others, of Upper Granville Mountain.
John Bath and others, of Granville.

- Mr. Gates presented to the House several Petitions, praying aid for Roads in the Township of Annapolis.
- A Petition of John McPherson and others, of Maitland and Hillsborough.
John Lawrence and others, of Clements.
Nelson Harris and others, of Dalhousie Road.
- Mr. Comeau presented to the House the Petition of Ansel Crosby and others, of Yarmouth, praying aid for a Road leading from Yarmouth to Weymouth.
- Mr. Rider presented to the House several Petitions, praying aid for Roads in the Township of Argyle.
- A Petition of John McKinnon and others, of Argyle.
Josiah S. Kendrich and others, of Argyle.
David Crowell and others, of Argyle.
- Mr. Zwicker presented to the House the Petition of Conrad Publicover and others, of Blandford, in the County of Lunenburg, praying aid for a Road leading from that Settlement to Chester.
- Mr. Heckman presented to the House several Petitions, for aid to Roads in the Township of Chester.
- A Petition of George Joudrie and others, of Lunenburg.
William Turner, Senior, and others, of the New Oxford Settlement.
Frederick Zinck and others, of Kingsburg and Rose Bay.

No. 70.

(See Page 459.)

Government House, Prince Edward Island, Feby. 20th, 1843.

MY LORD—

I beg leave to present to your Lordship's notice the enclosed Memorial, addressed by Steam Navigation Company of this Island to the Houses of Legislature in the Province of Nova Scotia.

In placing this document in your Lordship's hands, I feel satisfied that it will meet with every attention which it merits; and I cannot help entertaining a hope that, under the known liberality of your Lordship's Government, it will be favorably received.

I have the honor to be, my Lord,

Your Lordship's,
Most obedient

Humble servant,

H. V. HUNTLEY, Lt. Govr.

His Excellency the Right Honorable Lord Falkland, &c. &c. &c., Halifax.

No. 71.

(See Page 459.)

SIR—

Having been commissioned by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to lay out "the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds, granted in the last Session of the General Assembly, for the purpose of aiding in completing the section of the Shore Road from Liverpool to Shelburne," I beg leave to submit the following Report for his Excellency's information:

I beg leave to state that I was unable to learn, either from the words of the grant, or the explanation of the County Members, that the Assembly had the improvement or alteration of any particular section of the Road in view when the money was voted; and there being no other sum appropriated for the repair of any part of the Road, (except Seventy Pounds

Pounds in the County of Shelburne,) I found it necessary to adopt the suggestion of the Members for Queen's and Shelburne, and improve, as far as I could, the worst places on the old Road, with such slight alterations as the means I had would allow. I endeavoured as far as possible to expend the money on such places, as will fall into a general alignment, when the Road may be more regularly laid out. In which endeavour I succeeded to a considerable extent: there being several such places in the worst state of any of the Road. But there were other places on which I was obliged to make repairs, where, I have no doubt, the Road will hereafter be abandoned.

With reference to the state of the Road generally, I beg leave to state that the section between Liverpool and Broad River (about eight miles) passes over high land, intersected by two small streams which cross the Road at right angles and make deep valleys, the Western banks of which are steep, and form what are called the Beech Hills. These were examined by Mr. Faulkner two or three years ago, with a view to their improvement, and it appears from his report, that the expense of making the alterations surveyed by him would be large; and though the hills would be less steep than at present, there would be nearly the same height of ground to ascend and descend. The other parts of the Road are also much more hilly than they ought to be. I have, therefore, no doubt but the best means of obtaining a level Road on this section, would be to leave the present Road altogether, and adopt the line recommended by Mr. Wightman in the year 1833. I accompanied him while exploring that line, and know that a Road can be obtained with very good levels: and though the distance would be considerably greater on this than on the present Road, it would accommodate a large settlement round the shore, which, I believe, is at present without any Road.

Between Broad River and Port Matoon (about two miles) the Road also crosses high ground, which might be passed lower, and I think at more easy grades, towards the shore.

As the Road between Liverpool and Port Matoon is better made than that more to the West, I think the improvement of the former ought to be deferred until the latter is completed.

Through the village of Port Matoon the Road is level, and has, this summer, been made pretty smooth.

From that place to Port Le Bear (about nine miles) it is the roughest of any part of the whole section, and a great part of it will require to be altered. I think this section ought to be well explored, the best line pointed out, and the Road made with the first available means, commencing at Port Matoon, and making it in sections, as the money can be afforded.

West of Port Le Bear is a very long, steep, and rocky hill. It seems to be the most difficult to improve of any place on the line, and will require a careful examination, and a heavy expense. The remainder of the Road to Sable River (about five miles) is not considered hilly, but its location might be improved.

West of Sable River there is a very bad hill, which is proposed by some to be improved by cutting and filling the hollow at the bottom. By this means the Road may be improved, but never can be made good. I have, however, no doubt but a Road with moderate grades can be obtained by altering the line. After passing this hill the country is, for about six miles, generally level, yet the location of the present Road might be improved in some places. This brings us to the fall of land towards Jordon River (about a mile in length) on which the Road is in some places much too steep. It has been once altered since first made, but will require to be laid out with much more care before it can be made a good Road.

Between Jordon River and Shelburne (distance seven miles) a good deal of the Road is tolerably smooth, and a considerable portion of it is pretty level. But there are two bad hills to improve where Mr. Faulkner proposed alterations. I slightly examined that round Swinesburgh's hill, and would recommend it to be executed as soon as funds can be spared, on that end of the road. The alteration at Masters' hill I have not examined.

I am, Sir, your most obedient, humble servant,

THOMAS RAMSEY.

John Whidden, Esquire, Acting Provincial Secretary, &c.
Halifax, October 15th, 1842.

No. 72.

(See Page 463.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Turnbull, respecting the charge of Seven Pounds in his account as Light Duty Collector, for expense of Boatmen, &c. &c., having duly considered the statements and explanations of Mr. Turnbull, are fully of opinion that he ought to be allowed that sum—and report accordingly.

Assembly Room, 9th March, 1843.

THOS. A. S. DEWOLF, Chairman.

No. 73.

(See Page 463.)

The Commissioner of Crown Lands in Account with Her Majesty's Government, for the year 1842.

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1842.

Dec. 31.—To Balance in hand on 31st December, 1841,	£51 17 5½
Cash received from purchasers of Crown Lands upon sales made in the year 1842,	328 0 8
Cash received, being instalments due by purchasers of Crown Lands upon sales made in preceding years,	236 5 9
	£613 3 10½

Nova Scotia Currency,

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1842.

Dec. 31.—By amount of the Commissioner of Crown Land's Salary for the year 1842, being £500 sterling,	£625 0 0
Cash paid Joshua Chandler, for his expenses in the cause, the Queen against Reid,	£15 8 0
Fees paid George Langille and others, in the cause, the Queen against Peter Langille and others,	11 5 0
Cash paid the Deputy Provincial Secretary,	25 4 5½
	51 17 5½
By Balance in hand on 31st December, 1841,	121 18 4½
Cash paid Deputy Surveyors, per accounts,	1 16 3
Paid Deputy Surveyors, being 10 per cent. on Sales of Crown Lands,	100 0 0
Paid Clerk and Draughtsman,	9 2 0
Paid Office attendance,	11 6 0
John Howe, Esq. for Advertising,	13 8 0½
MacKinlay for Stationary,	10 18 7
Paid Postage,	268 9 3

Nova Scotia Currency,

By balance due the Commissioner of Crown Lands on 31st Dec. 1842,	£945 6 8½
	329 2 10
	£616 3 10½

Department of Crown Lands, 31st December, 1842.

WILLIAM MACKAY,
Acting Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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An Account of the Sales of Crown Land, (and of the amount paid thereon,) during the year 1842.

Purchasers.	Residence.	Situation of Land.	No. of Lots.	No. of Acres.	Price.	Gross Sales.	Amount paid.
John McDougall,	Hants,	Nine Mile River,	1	250	1s. 3d.	£15 12 6	£15 12 6
John Fitz,	Sydney,	Little Tracadie,	1	79	2s. 3d.	8 17 9	7 19 5
Michael Ryan,	Halifax,	Blind Bay,	1	20		6 10 0	6 10 0
Charles Gray,		Sambro,	1	5		6 10 0	6 10 0
Charlotte Newton,	Guysboro',	Guysboro',	1	3		6 10 0	6 10 0
Rev. W. Bennet,	Hants,	St. Croix River,	1	water lot,		15 0 0	15 0 0
John H. Kaulback,	Lunenburg,	Sherbrooke,	1	100	2s. 3d.	11 5 0	11 5 0
Samuel Story,	Halifax,	Near Fresh Water River,	1	water lot,		10 0 0	10 0 0
John Broom,	Lunenburg,	Sherbrooke,	1	100	3s. 1½d.	15 12 6	9 0 0
John Domminy,		Chester,	1	100	2s. 6d.	12 10 0	12 10 0
John W. Niel,	Halifax,	Ship Harbour,	1	50	3s. 1½d.	7 16 3	7 16 3
William Boutillier,		Hosier's River,	1	100		15 12 6	15 12 6
Cyrus Boutillier,		Nine Mile River,	1	50		7 16 3	7 16 3
Alexander Murray,	Pictou,	Hardwood Hill,	1	100	3s. 2d.	15 16 8	15 16 8
57 Cevia LeBlanc,	Digby,	Clare,	1	138	3s. 1½d.	21 11 3	21 6 3
James Barron,	Halifax,	New Guysboro' Road,	2	47		6 10 0	6 10 0
William Evans,		W. of Bedford Bason,	1	50		7 18 4	7 18 4
George Young,	Lunenburg,	New Germany,	1	200	2s. 3d.	22 5 0	11 0 0
John Pear,	Halifax,	Nine Mile River,	1	100	3s. 1½d.	15 12 6	15 12 6
Thomas Corbet,		Gay's River,	1	200		31 5 0	12 10 0
Andrew McGrigor,	Shelburne,	Dartmouth,	1	water lot,		10 0 0	10 0 0
Bryan Hayden,		Small Island,				8 0 0	8 0 0
Isaac Floyd,		Bull Island,				51 0 0	51 0 0
Michael Fancy,		New Dublin,	1	100	3s. 1½d.	15 12 6	15 12 6
Joshua Kaulback,		Chelsea,	1	132		20 12 6	20 12 6
			24	1924		£354 11 6	£328 0 8

Department of Crown Lands, 31st December, 1842.

An Account of the Instalments Paid (upon Sales of Crown Land in preceding years,) during the year 1842.

Purchasers.	Residence.	Situation of Land.	No. of Lots.	No. of Acres.	Price.	Gross Sales.	Amount paid.
James Felkin,	Lunenburg,	Chelsea,	1	100	3s. 1½d.	£15 12 6	£15 12 6
John H. Kaulback,		New Dublin,	1	124		13 19 0	13 19 0
John Waterman,		Pleasant River,	1	100		15 12 6	15 12 6
Charles Smith,		New Dublin,	1	100		15 12 6	15 12 6
James Milberry,		New Germany,	1	100		6 5 0	6 5 0
John Scott,	Halifax,	Prospect,	1	50	2s. 4½d.	6 10 0	6 10 0
William Paterson,			1	50		6 10 0	6 10 0
George Mitchell,	Lunenburg,	Sherbrooke,	1	100	2s. 3d.	11 5 0	11 5 0
James Munro,	Colchester,	New Annan,	2	300	2s. 3½d.	33 15 0	11 5 0
Walter Dowlin,	Yarmouth,	Eel Lake,	1	179	1s. 3d.	11 3 9	11 3 9
Isaiah Harding,		Argyle,	1	188	2s. 6d.	23 10 0	23 10 0
Dennis Morton,		Kemptville,	1	130	2s. 3d.	14 12 6	14 12 6
Joseph Robbins,		Murder Island,	1	25		6 10 0	6 10 0
John Robinson,	Sydney,	Cole Harbour,	1	7		6 10 0	6 10 0
James Redman,	Halifax,	Upper Prospect,	1	12		6 10 0	6 10 0
John Fraser,		Nine Mile River,	1	50		7 16 3	7 16 3
Alexander McKenzie,	Pictou,	River John,	1	50	3s. 1½d.	7 16 3	7 16 3
Angus McLeod,	Halifax,	Musquedoboit,	1	66	2s. 3d.	7 8 6	4 18 6
William Johnston,	Lunenburg,	Chelsea,	1	100		11 5 0	8 8 9
James Wolf,	Halifax,	Ship Harbour,	1	150	3s.	22 10 0	7 10 0
John H. Fader,		Prospect,	1	74	2s. 3d.	8 6 6	6 14 0
Alexander McDonald,		Neudiquady,	2	106		11 18 6	3 5 6
Wm. H. Rudolf,		Prospect,	1	100		11 5 0	8 8 9
							£236 5 9

Department of Crown Lands, 31st December, 1842.

WILLIAM MACKAY, Acting Commissioner Crown Lands.

No. 74.

(See Page 464.)

The Committee on the Deep Sea and Shore Fisheries, have agreed to Report as follows :

That they have considered the Petition of Maurice Kavanagh and others, praying aid to erect a Wharf at St. Peter's Bay, and another on the Shore of the Bras d'Or Lake, at the Haul over ; and the Committee do not recommend any Grant at present for such purpose, the Petition being unaccompanied by any subscription list, which the rules of the House require, and the sites on which such wharves must of necessity be built, having been claimed as private property by George Handley, and Charles D. Archibald, Esquires, whose Petition is before the Committee, and they therefore recommend that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to cause the title to said property to be enquired into, and the necessary information submitted to the House at its next Session.

The Committee have also considered the Petition of the Fishermen of L'Ardoise, St. Peter's Bay, and St. Peter's Island, praying protection by the establishment of two Boats and suitable crews to enforce the Law, and decline recommending compliance with the prayer of the Petition, conceiving that the Magistrates can now pass resolutions for the regulation of that Fishery, and by example can enforce obedience thereto ; and the Committee are apprehensive that two Boats and crews would not be effective, but would rather provoke breaches of the Peace among those resorting thither, frequently in the Spring, amounting to upwards of a thousand at a time.

The Committee have also rejected the Petition of the Fishermen of Upper and Lower Prospect, Dover, and Blind Bay, deeming it injudicious, by Legislative enactment, to impose regulations which may give to some owners an advantage in the Fishery over the poorer classes, who depend on the Net Fishery ; they consider, however, that the latter should abstain from setting Nets by day, from 15th August to 15th November in each year, which will give satisfaction to Petitioners, and render the passage of a Law unnecessary.

The Committee have examined the accounts of the expense of the Revenue Cutters for the last year, and find them correct.

The John and Louisa Wallace has cost,	£647	0	5½
The Victory,	731	1	7½
The Sisters,	816	16	11
Commission, &c.	110	4	11
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	£2305	3	11
Voted for the support of these Vessels,	£1800	0	0
Balance to be provided,	505	3	11
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	£2305	3	11

The Committee observe that £80 was paid to the Commissioners of Sable Island, for the hire of the Schooner Sisters, and also £50 for the hire of the Schooner Victory, to supply the place of the Sisters, while engaged in conveying the Judges to Cape Breton, these charges they recommend to be discontinued in future, and the whole expense of said Schooner Sisters charged against the Grant from Government for the support of Sable Island, in which service she is chiefly employed. The Committee also recommend that rigid economy should be exercised in disbursing said vessels, for which some charges appear high ; and as the finances of the Country are limited, they also recommend that one Cutter be dispensed with for the ensuing season, and thus, if the expense of the Schooner Sisters be borne on the Isle of Sable establishment, £750 will meet the exigencies of this service for the present year.

The Committee consider it their duty to furnish the Assembly with statistical information on this important branch of Provincial industry, and from returns laid before them, it

is apparent that the Eastern Fishery from the entrance of the Strait of Canso, including the Island of Cape Breton, the Inhabitants of Nova Scotia engaged as operative Fishermen equals 5000 men, having upwards of 120 Shallops, and 1700 Boats, and computing that an equal number are employed in the Western and other Fisheries of the Province, an aggregate of 10,000 Fishermen, 240 or 250 Shallops, and 3,400 Boats, may be assumed as a fair statement of the Fishing interest of Nova Scotia; and taking an average of the catch of pickled Fish for three years, selected so as to prove the utility of employing small vessels to repel encroachments on our Fishing Grounds, the Committee are gratified in being authorized to report that the experiment has been successful. In 1839 the exports of Mackerel from the Port of Halifax was 19,127 barrels; in 1841, 35,917½ barrels, and in 1842, 54,158½ barrels, showing an increase over 1839 of 35,031½ barrels. And if under the construction of the Treaty or Convention of 1818, sustained for so many years by the Assembly, and now receiving the highest legal confirmation, American Fishing Vessels shall be restrained from passing through the Gut of Canso, more important results will be insured, as the number of voyages made by Foreigners, and the consequent prejudicial rivalry against which our Fishermen are coerced to contend, will be greatly diminished. Between 700 and 800 sail of American vessels belonging to the Republic of the United States, pass through that Strait annually, and usually return with average freights amounting to nearly half a million of quintals, taken in British waters; they hitherto have made this Strait a resting place, where they procure wood and water at one third of the price in their own markets, which induces them to leave home scantily supplied, and encourages our people to engage in an unprofitable employment, to the neglect in some measure of Agricultural pursuits, and the fostering of illicit trade; this state of things retards investment of capital in our Fisheries, and accounts for an extent of Coast exceeding 400 miles, only furnishing 5,000 Fishermen, prosecuting their calling in Boats, whereby the Province sustaining heavy annual loss, from the limited means of this hardy and industrious class of society. During the past season the Fishermen of the Republic have not intruded to any great extent on the Fishing Grounds of Cape Breton; previous to the adoption of restrictive regulations, upwards of 160 sail annually infested those waters, and bore away upwards of 30,000 barrels of Pickled Fish. The gain to the Province by their exclusion must be great, when the Port of Halifax alone shows such an enormous increase in 1842, over the year 1839, a year immediately anterior to the employment of Revenue Cutters, and the Committee have reason to think that the Fishery would have been more productive, if the tempestuous weather of last autumn, had not occasioned such severe loss in nets. The Committee are of opinion that if the code of regulations so beneficial to the inhabitants of this Province were extended to New Brunswick, the Magdalen and Prince Edward Island's, and the Gulf of St. Lawrence, that the most salutary protection would be afforded to the population, and it is matter of surprise that the Governments of Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick should remain supine on this subject, when Nova Scotia consumes so much of their surplus produce. The Committee think that great benefit would result by encouraging the culture of hemp and manufacture of Nets; in the Eastern Fishery upwards of 10,000 Nets are employed, equal to £65,000 in value; this capital is owned by a poor class of subjects who cannot engage in the Deep Sea Fishery, and such domestic manufacture would employ females, youths, and aged Fishermen no longer possessing vigour to follow a dangerous and precarious avocation, increase the quantity of Nets, and consequently lighten the loss periodically felt. Finally, the Committee recommend strenuous protection to the Fishing interest of the Province, which is the general interest, fostering Agriculture, and its success or depression felt as sensibly in the fertile plains of the interior, as on the sterile sea board of our Country; moreover it furnishes a strong prop to our Revenue, the Committee having shewn that from this source a valuable export is afforded to Halifax, and other Ports of the Province. The Committee think that the present is a favourable crisis for the Legislature to extend its guardianship and sympathy to a class of people whose tenour of life is slender, and who draw with labour their sustenance from the mighty deep, their habits were once perhaps the cause of poverty, but a great moral change has regenerated and elevated

elevated their characters, they are now conspicuous as a bold, hardy, useful and industrious class, worthy and grateful for kindness and support.

Committee Room, Assembly, 6th March, A. D. 1843.

JAMES B. UNIACKE, Chairman.
PETER SPEARWATER,
CHARLES BUDD,
HENRY MARTELL.

No. 75.

(See Page 465.)

The Committee to whom was referred the account of expenses incurred by the Commissioners of the Poor at Halifax, during the last year, at Waterloo Hospital, occupied as a Fever Hospital, beg leave to Report as follows—

That the Waterloo Hospital was provided by the directions of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the reception of some Emigrants who arrived at Halifax in 1841, in a sickly state, the nature of their disease rendering it imprudent to admit them into the Poor Asylum, that provision was made by this Assembly for the expenses incurred during that year.

That the present claim of the Commissioners amounts to £65 11s. 4d. incurred the past year, in providing within the same Hospital, Medicines, Attendance, and Necessaries, for a number of diseased persons who were thrown upon the care of the Commissioners and entitled to relief, and your Committee are informed that it was deemed necessary, from the nature of their disorders, to keep them also separate from the inmates of the Asylum, that they were composed both of Natives and Transient Persons.

Your Committee in stating the foregoing particulars submit to the House whether it would be advisable to provide for the expense incurred by a separate Grant, independent of that usually made for the support of Transient Poor in the Town of Halifax—but your Committee are of opinion that the said Hospital ought not to be continued a further cost to the Province. All which is respectfully submitted.

House of Assembly, 10th March, 1843.

SAMUEL P. FAIRBANKS, Chairman.
SAMUEL CHIPMAN,
R. McG. DICKEY.

No. 76.

(See Page 467.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petitions and other Documents relative to the Post Office Department, beg leave specially to Report,

That there will be required to pay the deficiency of expense of that establishment, up to the 5th January last, £982 4s. 9d. currency. The accounts, as rendered up to the 5th October last, show a deficiency of £535 15s. 9d. sterling, to which add, probable deficiency for last quarter, £250 sterling, making the above sum in currency.

The Committee would have hesitated to recommend the payment of so large a sum in addition to the heavy charges already defrayed out of the Revenues. Had not His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor undertaken that any deficiency accruing in that Department should be made up until the meeting of the Legislature—to prevent several of our Post Communications being entirely stopped, under directions received from the General Post Office in London.

11th March, 1843.

JAMES R. DEWOLF,
HT. HUNTINGTON,
WILLIAM ANNAND,
WM. STAIRS,

S. P. FAIRBANKS,
JOHN HOLMES,
THOS. DICKSON.

No. 77.

(See Page 469.)

The Committee to whom the Petition of William Chipman and others, praying relief for William Sandford, a Deaf and Dumb youth, of Pleasant Valley, Cornwallis, report that his case merits the favourable consideration of the Assembly. It appears by the Petition, that two years at the American Asylum at Hartford, will cost Sixty Pounds, and it is desirable that he should remain two years longer, which will incur a further expense of Sixty Pounds, which the Committee recommend to be granted, payable £30 each year. The Committee have also had before them an application from John Campbell, of St. Pauls Island, stating that three of his children, under divine will, are deaf, and incapable of speech, the eldest is thirteen, two are boys; the father has been in correspondence with the Directors of the Deaf and Dumb Institution of Glasgow, hoping that his unfortunate children might be admitted and educated gratis; the reply of Mr. Tennant has been submitted to the Committee, by which it appears that they will be received into that establishment at £12 each per annum, to be paid in advance, without clothing, the latest age at which applicants can enter is fourteen, and unless enabled to send these children at once, the eldest will lose the blessings of education entirely, as Mr. Campbell's circumstances do not admit of so large an expenditure, the Committee recommend that a sum of money should be granted to him for the purpose above mentioned. The Committee are of opinion that public benefit will result from the education of the Deaf and Dumb, with a view of obtaining Teachers. The number of Deaf mutes varies materially in different Countries. In the United States there is one to every 2000 inhabitants; in some of the Countries of Europe there is one for every 1500 or 1700, in others one for every 1000; taking the lowest average, according to our population the number may be estimated over 150, the greater number of these unfortunate persons are among the poorer classes, and hence it is supposed that want of necessary supplies and attentions during infancy may be the cause. A large number are born Deaf, but from the Reports of the American Asylum, more than half of the pupils of that institution have lost their hearing by accidents or diseases, chiefly fevers and diseases of children. If the Revenue was charged with the expense of a small establishment to ameliorate the condition of this class, it would be money benevolently expended, for when we reflect that the tremendous parts of the deaf mutes's misfortune, is the interruption of communication with his fellow man on all subjects except the primary wants and impulses, which arises from the imperfect character of his sign language in an uneducated state, that his ideas are limited to the objects and events he witnesses, and that he is shut out from all the knowledge derived from history and tradition, his state seems desolate and hopeless. In the language of an eminent writer, past ages, distant countries, a future world, a God, are all beyond his reach. In the combination and application of the ideas which he acquires, he is still in the state of nations in the infancy of society, and cannot be aided or directed by others in his efforts to reason. There is not a single instance in which a person born deaf has conceived of a first cause from a view of the works of nature without education, they describe themselves as looking at these objects like brutes, in short they are enveloped in intellectual and moral darkness, in the midst of the clearest light. The American Asylum of Hartford, at which Sandford is placed, was founded in 1815, and is conspicuous for having given birth to instructors, and to a system of education for the Deaf Mute, whose results have excited surprise in Europe from their superiority. An interesting account of these institutions from the pen of Mr. Dickens, is worthy of perusal by those who take an interest in the subject.

Assembly Committee Room, 11th March, 1843.

JAMES B. UNIACKE.

No. 78.

*(See Page 471.)**Government House, Newfoundland, 27th February, 1843.*

MY LORD—

I have the honor to transmit to your Excellency the copy of a Despatch (and of its enclosures), which I have addressed to the Governor General of North America, and to request that your Excellency will bring the subject thereof under the favourable consideration of the Legislature of Nova Scotia.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Excellency's most obedient,
Humble servant,

(Signed) J. HARVEY.

His Excellency the Viscount Falkland, G. C. H., &c. &c. &c., Halifax.

Government House, Newfoundland, 27th February, 1843.

SIR—

In transmitting to your Excellency an Extract of an Address, which has been presented to me by the General Assembly of this Island, relative to a provision for the maintainance of a Light House, proposed to be established on the S. W. Coast of Newfoundland, and in soliciting your Excellency's support of the measure with the Legislature of Canada, I would beg to invite your attention to the fact, (fully established by a comparison of the losses by shipwreck during any given period) that though it is intended that the locality of the Light should be fixed upon the territory of this Colony, yet the advantages expected to be derived from it, must necessarily be enjoyed principally by the Trade of the Colonies, situated to the Westward of Newfoundland, and more especially by that homeward bound from the Bay of Chaleur and Gulf of St. Lawrence. Canada may therefore be justly said to have a far more direct interest in the establishment of this proposed *National Beacon*, not only than this Island, but than any of the other Colonies of British North America. On these grounds, I venture to invite and to anticipate your Excellency's support of the proposition, which it is the object of this communication to bring under your notice.

The calculation which has been made of the probable expense of maintaining the proposed Light, one of such great importance, and situated in so remote and isolated a location, based upon those of similar existing establishments in this Island, would lead to the conclusion, that it cannot be safely assumed at less than £600 per annum; of the relative proportions which ought fairly to be contributed by the several Colonies concerned, their respective Legislatures will be the best judges, but I trust I may be pardoned for suggesting, that if three-fourths of the whole expense be contributed by Canada and the Lower Provinces, including Prince Edward's Island, Newfoundland will willingly charge herself with the remainder.

The communication addressed to me by the Chamber of Commerce of this City, (of which I enclose a copy) will enable your Excellency to judge of the advantages which Cape Pine possesses over Cape Race, as the site of the proposed Light.

I have the honor to be, &c.

(Signed.)

J. HARVEY.

His Excellency the Governor General of Canada.

To His Excellency Major General Sir John Harvey, K. C. B. and K. C. H., Governor and Commander in Chief.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

The House of Assembly beg leave to acquaint your Excellency, that from a copy of a Despatch, sent down to the House by your Excellency, dated "Treasury Chambers,

11th

11th May, 1841," they learn that the Elder Brethren of the Trinity House having signified their opinion that the measure of Lighting the South Eastern part of Newfoundland would be effectually accomplished by the erection of a Light House on Cape Pine, on the South Easternmost extremity of that land, and of one also upon Saint Pierre : and likewise, that all vessels bound to or from Ports or Places situate between Saint John's, Newfoundland, and Cape Cod in the United States, including the River St. Lawrence, would be benefitted by the establishment of Light Houses in the above mentioned situations, and further, that "my Lords adverting to the measures adopted in regard to the construction of Light Houses, under very analagous circumstances, on the Coast of Nova Scotia, are prepared to recommend to Parliament such Grant as may be requisite for defraying the expense of constructing a Light House on Cape Pine, subject to the condition that provision shall be made by the Legislature of Newfoundland, either separately or with aid from the other North American Provinces interested in the establishment of the Light House, for the future maintenance of the Light," and said Despatch after alluding to a Report to be made by the Commanding Royal Engineer on this Station, as to the most eligible arrangements for constructing the Light House, continues, "My Lords would further suggest to Lord John Russell that it will be advisable to call for a similar report from the Governor of Newfoundland, or from any local authorities under whose directions the construction or management of other Light Houses on the Coast of the Island has been placed." The House of Assembly feeling the great importance, not alone to the Trade of this Island, but to that of Great Britain and Ireland, the neighbouring Colonies and the United States, of the erection of a Light House on Cape Pine, and in order to enable the Secretary of State for the Colonies to carry out the very liberal suggestion of the Lords of the Treasury, now pledge themselves that in the event of such Light House being erected they will pass an Act providing a sufficient sum of money to meet the maintenance of said Light.

The House of Assembly request that your Excellency will be pleased to put yourself into communication with the Government authorities of such of the neighbouring Provinces, and the United States, whose vessels may be benefitted by such Light, in order to induce their supplying their just proportion towards the annual maintainance of such Light.

Passed the General Assembly, Saturday, February 25th, 1843.

(Signed)

JAMES CROWDY, Speaker.

To His Excellency Major General Sir John Harvey, K. C. B. and K. C. H., Governor, &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

The Chamber of Commerce having been encouraged by your Excellency to express an opinion on the most advantageous point to place a Light House on the Southern Shores of this Island, have, after mature deliberation, come to the conclusion that Cape Pine is by far the more eligible situation, possessing these advantages over Cape Race. In the first place, Cape Pine is the more Southern point of the two—it is very much the higher land, and can therefore be seen over Cape Race, while a Light House on Cape Race, would be completely masked by Cape Pine to vessels coming from the Westward. Secondly, Cape Pine is surrounded by Rocks and Shoals, and therefore more perilous than Cape Race, which is a bold shore, free from such dangers ; and thirdly, the rapid current constantly setting past Cape Pine into St. Mary's Bay, deceives vessels by carrying them Northward of their reckoning, and causing many to be lost in the vicinity of St. Shots, which is but a few miles to the N. W. of Cape Pine.

If the Chamber were to give an opinion founded on the interests of Newfoundland alone, they might perhaps be induced to consider the claims of Cape Race, equal, if not superior to those of Cape Pine, but considering them with a view to the Commerce of Great Britain, and her N. A. Colonies generally, they can have no hesitation in deciding in favour of Cape Pine ; and the experience of past years has shown that ten vessels has
been

been lost in the neighbourhood of Cape Pine, to one nearer Cape Race, thus proving the necessity of guarding British Shipping against those dangers which more particularly threaten them when approaching Cape Pine. A Bell at the Light House, to be used in foggy weather, or if not attended with too great an expense, the occasional firing of a Gun would be of great service.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

WM. THOMAS,
President Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber of Commerce, 28th October, 1841.

No. 79.

(See Page 471.)

SIR—

Having been commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to survey and report upon an alteration which had been proposed upon the Post Road between Huston's at the River Philip, in the County of Cumberland, and Pugwash, I beg leave respectfully to lay before you, for the information of His Excellency, the following Report :

The part of the Road in question on which alterations are proposed, lies between A and B on the accompanying plan ; and is considerably hilly. The object of the survey is to avoid the hills, by, on, or near the ground designated on the plan by the red dotted line. This line could not, on account of the great depth of snow be accurately surveyed ; but I believe the levels will be very nearly as represented by the red dotted line upon the section. The alterations may be taken up in sections, and in that case I beg leave humbly to suggest that the section from Cogswell's to Carter's be first made ; that the section from A to Cogswell's be made next ; and lastly, that from Carter's to Thomas Fillmores. These sections are numbered one, two, and three, on the plan.

Section No. 1, is three quarters of a mile in length—about the same as the length of the present road. It runs entirely through unenclosed pasture ground, covered with small bushes, except a small piece of arable ground at each end. The damages will be for the purchase of six acres of land, and probably fencing, equivalent to one fence the whole length of the section.

Section No. 2, is one hundred and forty-four rods in length, and runs entirely through arable land, and in some places in the sides of banks. The damages and expense of making cannot be very correctly estimated ; but it will be considerable ; and it is doubtful whether upon the whole, it may not be found preferable to cut down the hill at C, so far as to bring it to the elevation of one foot in twenty-three, and make slight alterations between that point and A, as shown by the black dotted line upon the plan, and the uppermost dotted line upon the section. If this plan be adopted, it will possess the advantage of requiring little or no outlay for damages, and may be done in small sections. There would be about sixty rods of road to make in two sections, about twenty rods of which will be in the side of a pretty steep bank. The cutting of the hill at C, to bring it to the elevation of one foot in twenty-three, will amount to about twelve hundred cubic yards of excavation ; but this may be done at different times as may be found expedient.

Section No. 3, is so situated as to leave no doubt respecting the propriety of the alteration. It may be postponed till a convenient time. The length of new Road will be one hundred and twenty-four rods—about five rods longer than the present Road. About sixty rods of this will be through arable fields ; the remainder through pasture land.

Estimate of Expense.

For Section 1.

Making three quarters of a mile of Road,
Damages and Fencing, suppose

£50	0	0	
25	0	0	
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			For

For Section 2.

Making sixty rods of Road, at 10s.	£30	0	0
1200 yards of excavation, at 9d.,	45	0	0
	—————		£75 0 0

If the lower line be preferred, the making of the Road, and damages, will amount to about the same sum.

For Section 3.

Making 124 rods of Road, including the filling up of a ravine at D,	£40	0	0
Damages and Fencing suppose	20	0	0
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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

John Whidden, Esq., Acting Provincial Secretary, &c. &c., Halifax.
Halifax, March 10, 1843.

No. 80.

(See Page 471.)

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Laws and Regulations respecting Statute Labour, have agreed to make the following Report—

The Committee have fully considered the existing Laws, and are unanimously of opinion that some important alterations are necessary in order to render the tax for the service of Roads and Bridges in this Country more equable; and therefore, more acceptable to the people.

The Committee being divided in opinion as to the best means of remedying existing grievances, have agreed to report a bill, entitled "An Act relative to the performance of Statute Labour upon Roads," upon the principle of taxation or apportionment by days work payable in labour, with a clause for commutation of the tax payable in money, and other clauses, by which a tax for the service of Roads and Bridges may be levied upon lands owned by non-resident proprietors; and also, another Bill in amendment of the Act entitled "An Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges," which continues the principle of the Acts now in force. These Bills are recommended to the serious consideration of the House by the Committee, who is of opinion that a system of taxation, payable in money, for this service would not be found suitable to the present condition of this Province. The Committee in reporting these two Bills, wish to bring the subject fully to the notice of the House, and suggest the necessity of altering and improving the Laws now in force, which are found to levy a very unequal and disproportionate tax. All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, 11th March, 1843.

W. A. HENRY, Chairman.
SAMUEL CHIPMAN,
BENJ. SMITH,
JOHN J. MARSHALL,
WILLIAM JOHNSON.

No. 81.

(See Page 484.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Tobin and others, of Prospect, praying that the Public Lands in that vicinity may be reserved for the use of the Inhabitants of that settlement, beg leave to Report:—

That as the House have no direct control over the Crown Estate of the Province, and as the disposal thereof is vested in the Executive Government, your Committee beg leave to suggest to your Honourable House, that the Petition be most respectfully submitted with the recommendation of the House, to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, of the favorable consideration of the prayer of the Petitioners, if such relief can be granted without militating against the general interests of the Province.

Committee Room, 14th March, 1843.

WILLIAM ANNAND, Chairman.
WM. STAIRS,
SAMUEL CHIPMAN.

No. 82.

(See Page 485.)

PORT OF HALIFAX, NOVA-SCOTIA.

An account of the quantity of Cocoa imported and exported, and the Duty received thereon, from the 5th January, 1834, to the 5th January, 1843.

	Bbls.	Bags.	Hhds.	Cwt.
Imports from British West Indies, - - - - -	158½	774		7½
Great Britain, - - - - -	40	80		
Foreign States, - - - - -		1084	12	0
B. N. A. Colonies, - - - - -	1	34		
	<u>199½</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7½</u>

Quantity which has paid Duty, 1073 cwt. 2 qrs. 26 lbs., at 5s. Stg., £268 8 8
Quantity exported, 59 bags.

Custom House, Halifax, 16th March, 1842.

THOS. N. JEFFERY, Collector.

No. 83.

(See Page 486.)

The Committee to whom were referred several Petitions on the subject of Temperance, having considered the same, beg leave to report as follows: The Petition of the Cornwallis Temperance Society, and one from the Cornwallis Union Temperance Society, praying for a summary Law to prevent the sale of Spirituous Liquors in the Roads and Fields, on Muster and other Public Days,—your Committee find that the prayer of these Petitions are provided for in a Bill now before the House.

Your Committee have also had under consideration the Petition of Charlotte Jane McPherson, and one hundred and sixty-five other Ladies, of the Northern District of the County of Queen's, praying that a Law may be passed to prevent the importation and sale of Spirituous Liquors. The examination of this highly respectable Petition, is by far the

the most pleasing part of the duty which your Committee have had to perform; nor can they esteem it otherwise than highly auspicious for the great cause, that the Ladies are beginning to make such an expression of their opinions of this reform, and so to commend it with their *words*, as they have almost always by their *example*, that the most favorable results may be speedily realized, and they themselves reap a reward for their benevolent zeal, in the sight of Temperate husbands, brothers, and friends. And your Committee beg leave to Report, that there can be little doubt of the justice of any coercive regulation to restrain the traffic in ardent Spirits. As the Legislative power under the British System has no limits but the public good, and as our Parliament have always exercised the fullest powers of Legislation, limited only by the immutable rules of Justice, under whose broad shield, freedom, honour, and virtue, may always find shelter. The only reserved right of the people in the British Constitution, is that of re-electing their Representatives at stated periods. Your Committee therefore consider, that a British people, having a Colonial Legislature, when a Law is proposed for adoption, should enquire, first, into the justice of the Act—next, in regard to its expediency—and lastly, whether it militated with any regulation or principle enjoined by the Imperial Parliament.—Yet they cannot think it expedient, in the present state of public opinion, to go to any decided prohibitory Laws on this head. Men can never be driven contrary to their inclinations, without great difficulty. If the minds of persons are convinced or persuaded of the utility and justice of a regulation, the general feeling is in its favor. If then passed into a Law, it will no longer be looked upon as compulsory, but will be obeyed with readiness. However, your Committee cannot refrain from giving it as their decided opinion, that it is the duty of all classes of society, but more especially of Ministers, Magistrates, and all persons in authority, to aid to the utmost of their power, in putting down the evils of Intemperance. And viewing this Honorable House as the guardians of the public good, and the public morals, and the grand inquest of the Province to suppress all evils, they earnestly recommend that the cause of Temperance should receive the unqualified sanction of this Honorable House.—All which is respectfully submitted.

(Committee Room, March 16th, 1843.

GAIUS LEWIS,
THOS. A. S. DEWOLF,
G. W. McLELLAN,
STEPHEN FULTON,
HENRY GATES.

No. 84.

(See Page 486.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Andrew Lovett and sundry other persons; of Thomas Killam and sundry other persons; praying for the passage of a Law to confirm the title of the Public to a piece of Land used as a Parade Ground at Yarmouth; and also the Petition of the Church Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church, resisting the prayer of said Petitions, beg leave to Report:

That the land in question appears to have been reserved, in the original grant of the Townships, "for public use, to be disposed of as the Governor or Commander in Chief may hereafter direct." For 43 years the public held undisputed possession of the land, and this Committee regret that any attempt was made, at a subsequent period, to confine, to special purposes, property solemnly dedicated to the public in the grant under which the Township was first settled, and used and enjoyed by the whole community down to 1810. In that year a grant passed to the Rector and Church Wardens of the Parish of Yarmouth, who appear to have asserted a title under it, which the body of the People seem not to have recognised, and now resolutely, in the Petitions submitted to this Committee, dispute.

The Committee are satisfied that no special grant would have passed, had all the facts, and the feelings of the Inhabitants, been known to the Executive, and they recommend the House to take such steps, as in its wisdom may seem most desirable, to confirm the title which Her Majesty's subjects, without distinction of creed, claim in their Parade Ground.

JOSEPH HOWE, Chairman.
G. W. McLELLAN.

No. 85.

(See Page 492.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Barristers at Law, residing and practising within the County of Annapolis, addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and praying that he would recommend to the Legislature the providing for a competent Reporter of the decisions of the Supreme Court at Halifax—beg leave to Report as follows:

That in the opinion of your Committee, it would be of great public advantage if the decisions of the Supreme Court could be preserved and rendered accessible to the public, as well as the Profession. That important causes, deeply affecting the rights and properties of the people of Nova Scotia are constantly arising, and it has been long matter of complaint, that judgments solemnly delivered, and which ought to serve as guides on future occasions, and be referred to as the settled Law of the land, lose their beneficial influence for want of that publicity which would be occasioned by recording them in print. That the propriety and usefulness of printing the decisions both of the Laws and Equity Courts, are sanctioned from very early periods by the practice of other Countries, and therefore need no further recommendation from your Committee, presuming that this Honourable House would be disposed to follow their example, if the cost did not exceed such grant of money as could be made, consistent with other claims upon the Provincial funds. The Committee in order to ascertain the sense of the House upon this important subject, beg leave to report a Bill, and will be prepared upon its discussion to suggest the probable expense it would entail upon the Province.

17th March, 1843.

SAMUEL P. FAIRBANKS, Chairman.
H. BLACKADAR.

No. 86.

(See Page 493.)

The Committee on Education to whom was referred the Petition of William Palmer Moffat, of Amherst, and also the Petition of the Commissioners of Schools for the District of Saint Mary's, in the County of Guysborough, beg leave to make the following Report:

The Petitioner, William Palmer Moffat, appears to have taught the combined Common and Grammar School at Amherst, from the month of November, 1835, to the month of August, 1841, and from November, 1835, to 31st October, 1840, he received the largest allowance assigned to combined Common and Grammar Schools.

That in July, 1841, Mr. Moffat it appears gave in his School Return for the half year ending 31st May, 1841, and subsequently submitted his return from 31st May, 1841, to 12th August in the same year, but the Commissioners refused him his allowance from 31st October, 1840, to 12th August, 1841, except the sum of £5 6s. 3d. being the allowance allotted to him for a Common School for the half year ending 31st May, 1841. If the Petitioner had been allowed the larger allowance for Common and Grammar Schools from 31st October, 1840, to 12th August, 1841, he would have been entitled to the sum of

£33 12s. 9d. over and above the sum he has received. The objection to awarding the Petitioner this sum appears to have been founded upon a supposition that he had not in the School the number of Scholars required by Law, and that he had not in fact been in the receipt, from the Parents of the Scholars, of the sum required by Law. The first objection has been met by the affidavit of the Petitioner, swearing positively that he had 43 Scholars in the establishment for the half year ending June, 1841, twenty-six of whom were taught the higher branches, and this affidavit is fortified by the Trustee of the said School, in a certificate annexed to the Petition. The affidavit of Petitioner also states that the fees up to last mentioned period, at forty shillings each Scholar, exclusive of poor Scholars, would amount to between £60 and £80, exclusive of the Provincial Allowance.

Your Committee have examined all the witnesses within their reach who were likely to throw any light upon the subject, and it appears Petitioner's allowance was rejected by the Commissioners upon the grounds before stated by a majority of one vote.

Assuming the objections made to granting the larger allowance to be well founded, your Committee cannot understand why Petitioner should have been reduced to the Common School allowance, and although they feel unwilling to interfere with the decision of the Board, they cannot help thinking Petitioner's claim to the second allowance was well founded.

They therefore recommend that he should be allowed the sum of Twenty-six Pounds Eleven Shillings and Seven Pence, in full for his services, and recommend that his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor should be authorised to retain that amount from the School Monies allotted to the County of Cumberland for the present year, and that a Resolution of this House should pass to that effect.

Your Committee have also considered the Petition of the Board of Commissioners for the District of St. Mary's, and are unable to afford the relief proposed, but recommend that if their claim should be deemed just and equitable, that the Members for the County of Guysborough should introduce a Law to remedy the evil complained of.

Committee Room, 18th March, 1843.

JOHN CREIGHTON, Chairman.
S. P. FAIRBANKS,
THOS. DICKSON,
RICHARD J. FORRESTALL.

No. 87.

(See Page 493.)

The Committee to whom were referred the Petition of Stephen Binney and Edward Binney, praying that a joint Committee of the Legislative Council and Assembly be appointed to examine the accounts of Edward Binney, as Acting Collector of Excise for Halifax, after the disease of his father, and that the said Edward Binney be allowed 3½ per cent. on all monies received by him and paid into the Treasury over and above Twenty Thousand Pounds,

Beg to Report—That the House not having appointed a joint Committee, they need not remark on that part of their Petition, but confine themselves to the claims of the Petitioners.

In the year 1834 an Act was passed, entitled, An Act to limit the income of the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax.

By which it was enacted in substance, that out of the monies collected and paid into the Treasury, the Collector of Impost and Excise shall be allowed £3 10 on every Hundred Pounds—provided that if the amount of Commissions shall exceed in the whole the sum of £700 for any one year, the surplus shall be accounted for, and paid by the Collector into the Treasury of the Province. That the Hon. H. N. Binney, the late Collector, died about the 21st of August last. His son the Petitioner, Edward Binney, was called on by the Attorney General and Deputy Provincial Secretary, and directed or requested to conduct the business of the office as heretofore, (until the arrival of the Lieutenant

tenant-Governor, who was at that time on a Tour) and until the office should be filled up, and directing that all monies then in the hands of Petitioner, should be immediately paid into the Treasury.

That on the 7th September, the Hon. Joseph Howe came to the office, and on his producing a Commission from His Excellency, the Petitioner delivered him over the greater part of the Books and papers of the Department, and intimated at the same time that he thought some Board ought to be empowered to audit his accounts. That the Hon. Attorney General, Hon. J. McNab, and the Treasurer of the Province, were accordingly appointed.

That Petitioner appeared before the Board several times, and delivered over by their direction to the Hon. Joseph Howe, as he states, the Books and papers of the office.

That about a week after Mr. Howe's appointment, Petitioner E. Binney, paid into the Treasury, a sum, including what his father had previously paid, amounting to £20,000, charging and retaining $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. commission, amounting to £700, the annual allowance for Collector as his father's salary.

It appears from the Cash Book referred to in the Petition, and which Mr. E. Binney calls "a private Book not belonging to the Department," and not required to be kept by Law," but exhibited before the Committee, that he actually collected during the fortnight he was in the office, £3083 0s. 1d.

That H. N. Binney paid into the Treasury, as Collector, and there was paid in by his son, Acting Collector, on his account, in all, £20,000 0 0
That he subsequently paid into the Treasury £8649 2s. deducting $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. commission, equal to £302 14s. 4d. and leaving, 8,316 7 8

It follows that upwards of Five Thousand Pounds must have been on hand, collected in the life time of the late Collector.

The Committee think that if $\frac{3}{4}$ of the sum of £700, the annual allowance, was divided between the former Collector and Edward Binney, it is all they ought to receive; and if disposed to settle in this way and pay over the remainder, that this amount be allowed them as compensation for having performed the duty up to the 7th of September, being eight months and seven days.

If they decline agreeing to this arrangement, that then the Crown Officers be directed to give their opinion as to the amount they are legally entitled to under the Law; and if in their opinion any sum has been retained they are not entitled to, that the same be prosecuted for without delay.

The yearly allowance should be	£700 0 0
Commission retained by Edward Binney,	302 14 4
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	£1002 14 4
Deduct say $\frac{3}{4}$ of £700,	525 0 0
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Leaving a balance that ought to be paid into the Treasury of	£477 14 4

Committee Room, 20th March, 1843.

HT. HUNTINGTON.
WM. STAIRS.

No. 88.

(See Page 496.)

General Statement of the Affairs of the Bank of Nova Scotia, 31st January, 1837.

Capital Stock paid in, - - - - -	£62500	0	0
Notes in circulation, - - - - -	48818	10	0
Deposits, - - - - -	36423	8	2
Dividends due to Stockholders 31st July last, remaining unpaid, -	90	0	0
Dividend of 4 per cent. on £62500, for the half year ending 31st Jany., 1837,	2500	0	0
Surplus in favor of the Bank, - - - - -	2247	5	1
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	£152579	3	3
Debts due to the Bank, - - - - -	£114952	7	1
Gold and Silver on hand, - - - - -	16759	14	6
Notes of, and balances due by, other Banks, - - - - -	1380	14	5
Provincial Treasury Notes, - - - - -	1241	0	0
Securities, and in the hands of Agents in the United States, -	17604	11	6
Real Estate, - - - - -	640	15	9
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	£152579	3	3
Notes in the hands of Solicitor, considered bad, - - - - -	£446	7	5

JAMES FORMAN, Cashier.

WILLIAM LAWSON, President,
ALEXR. WALLACE,
WILLIAM MURDOCH,
LEWIS BLISS,
W. H. SNELLING,
JAS. LEISHMAN,
M. B. ALMON,
JOHN BAZALGETTE,
JAMES B. UNIACKE.

General Statement of the Affairs of the Bank of Nova Scotia, 31st January, 1840.

LIABILITIES.			
Capital Stock paid in, - - - - -	£100000	0	0
Notes in circulation, - - - - -	84148	0	0
Deposits, - - - - -	91853	5	5
Due to Agents abroad, - - - - -	11125	16	3
Drafts on the Bank drawn by Bank Agents, in transitu, - - - - -	2868	18	1
Unclaimed Dividends, - - - - -	99	12	6
Dividend of 4½ per cent. on £100,000 declared by the Board of Directors, payable 6th March next, - - - - -	4500	0	0
Do. of 6½ per cent. on £100,000, or £3 5s. per share, being dividend of surplus profits, payable same day, - - - - -	6500	0	0
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	£301095	12	3
RESOURCES.			
Debts due to the Bank, - - - - -	£259039	5	2
Due to the Bank by Agents abroad, and Securities in the United States, -	6754	2	2
Remittances from Bank Agents, in transitu, - - - - -	1256	19	4
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Real Estate,	-	-	-	-	-	-	£3855	16	9
Bank Furniture,	-	-	-	-	-	-	134	10	3
Notes of, and Balances due by, other Banks,	-	-	-	-	-	-	7187	15	8
Gold and Silver on hand,	-	-	-	-	-	-	21378	2	11
Provincial Treasury Notes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1489	0	0
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							£301095	12	3

J. FORMAN, Cashier.

M. B. ALMON, President,
 JAMES B. UNIACKE,
 ALEX. MURISON,
 ALEX. KEITH,
 JOHN BAZALGETTE,
 JAS. LEISHMAN,
 ALEX. WALLACE,
 JAMES TREMAIN,
 LEWIS BLISS.

General Statement of the Affairs of the Bank of Nova Scotia, 30th January, 1841.

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in,	-	-	-	-	-	-	£125000	0	0
Notes in Circulation,	-	-	-	-	-	-	88939	15	0
Deposits,	-	-	-	-	-	-	70712	7	11
Due to Agents abroad,	-	-	-	-	-	-	21398	17	1
Drafts on the Bank, in transitu,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2482	6	3
Unclaimed Dividends,	-	-	-	-	-	-	580	6	9
Dividend of 4 per cent. on £125,000 declared by the Board of Directors payable 6th March,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5000	0	0
Dividend of 1 per cent. on £125,000 or 10s. per share, being dividend of surplus profits, payable same day,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1250	0	0
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							£315364	3	0

RESOURCES.

Debts due to the Bank,	-	-	-	-	-	-	£263642	4	11
Due to the Bank by Agents abroad and Securities,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5527	16	4
Remittances from Bank Agents, in transitu,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3170	1	6
Real Estate,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3880	14	9
Bank Furniture,	-	-	-	-	-	-	290	10	3
Notes of, and Balances due by, other Banks,	-	-	-	-	-	-	10575	16	1
Gold and Silver on hand,	-	-	-	-	-	-	20774	7	5
Provincial Treasury Notes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	2507	0	0
Bills of Exchange on hand,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4995	11	9
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							£315364	3	0

J. FORMAN, Cashier.

M. B. ALMON, President,
 JOHN H ANDERSON,
 JOHN BAZALGETTE,
 ALEX. KEITH,
 ALEX. MURISON,
 J. J. SAWYER,
 JOSEPH STARR,
 JAMES TREMAIN,
 JAMES B. UNIACKE,
 ALEX. WALLACE.

General Statement of the Affairs of the Bank of Nova Scotia, 31st January, 1842.

LIABILITIES.			
Capital Stock, - - - - -	-	-	£140000 0 0
Notes in Circulation, - - - - -	-	-	72892 0 0
Deposits, - - - - -	-	-	59782 15 4
Due to Agents abroad, - - - - -	-	-	1914 17 10
Drafts on the Bank in transitu, - - - - -	-	-	902 7 0
Unclaimed Dividends, - - - - -	-	-	877 17 9
Dividend of 3½ per cent. on £140,000, payable 5th March next, - - - - -	-	-	4900 0 0
Rest, - - - - -	-	-	977 11 10
			£282247 9 9

RESOURCES.			
Debts due to the Bank, - - - - -	-	-	£223364 2 1
Due by Agents abroad, - - - - -	-	-	11612 10 6
Bills of Exchange on hand and premiums, - - - - -	-	-	4489 10 6
Bank Furniture and Bank plates, - - - - -	-	-	150 0 0
Real Estate, - - - - -	-	-	3880 14 9
Remittances in transitu, - - - - -	-	-	892 14 9
Gold and Silver in the Vaults, - - - - -	-	-	28537 9 4
Provincial Treasury Notes, - - - - -	-	-	2439 0 0
Notes of, and Balances due by, other Banks, - - - - -	-	-	6881 7 10
			£282247 9 9

Amount of overdue Notes bad and doubtful, - - - - -	-	-	£476 7 7
Probable loss on the above, - - - - -	-	-	150 0 0

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 ANDREW M. UNIACKE,
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 ALEX. WALLACE,
 JOSEPH STARR,
 ALEX. MURISON,
 ALEX. KEITH.
 J. J. SAWYER,
 JOHN H. ANDERSON,
 LEWIS BLISS.

General Statement of the Affairs of the Bank of Nova Scotia, 31st January, 1843.

LIABILITIES.			
Capital Stock, - - - - -	-	-	£140000 0 0
Notes in circulation, - - - - -	-	-	45858 10 0
Deposits, - - - - -	-	-	64341 18 7
Due to Agents abroad, - - - - -	-	-	6673 12 10
Agency drafts on the Bank, in transitu, - - - - -	-	-	553 17 0
Due to other Banks, - - - - -	-	-	922 5 5
Unclaimed Dividends, - - - - -	-	-	1378 6 9
Dividend of 3½ per cent. on £140,000, payable 6th March, - - - - -	-	-	4900 0 0
Rest, - - - - -	-	-	2568 18 3
			£267197 8 10

RESOURCES

RESOURCES.

Debts due to the Bank,	-	-	-	-	-	£227726	0	6
Securities in the hands of, and Balances due by, Agents abroad,	-	-	-	-	-	7316	10	0
Agency remittances in transitu,	-	-	-	-	-	1525	13	9
Real Estate,	-	-	-	-	-	3878	19	9
Bank Furniture and Bank Plates,	-	-	-	-	-	161	0	0
Bills of Exchange on hand,	-	-	-	-	-	5866	17	9
Gold and Silver in the Vaults,	-	-	-	-	-	17038	17	5
Provincial Treasury Notes,	-	-	-	-	-	1438	0	0
Notes of other Banks,	-	-	-	-	-	2245	9	8
						£267197	8	10
Amount of overdue Notes bad and doubtful,	-	-	-	-	-	£391	7	7
Probable loss on the above,	-	-	-	-	-	260	18	4

J. FORMAN, Cashier.

M. B. ALMON, President,
 JAMES TREMAIN,
 ROBERT M. BROWN,
 JAMES DONALDSON,
 A. KEITH,
 ALEX. MURISON,
 JOSEPH STARR,
 J. J. SAWYER,
 LEWIS BLISS,
 ALEX. WALLACE,
 A. M. UNIACKE,
 J. H. ANDERSON,

No. 89.

(See Page 497.)

The Committee of Trade and Manufactures have had under their consideration certain documents forwarded by the Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island, and submitted by His Excellency Lord Viscount Falkland to the House, asking for aid to the steam boat St. George. The Committee recommend a liberal grant to the Proprietors of the said boat, provided they make a trip weekly from Pictou to Arichat, with the Mails, calling at Ship Harbour, in the Strait of Canso, going and returning, in addition to the usual trips between Pictou and Prince Edward Island.

JOSEPH HOWE, Chairman.

21st March, 1843.

No. 90.

(See Page 498.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Bill for the relief of Charles Clark, an Insolvent Debtor, beg leave to make the following Report :

It appears to your Committee that the Petitioner is a person of a very indifferent character, and that he is confined in Jail for several demands, for which he has become liable in a manner that reflects very little credit upon his integrity, and that he has once been brought before the Supreme Court in order to afford him an opportunity of complying

with

with the requisites of the Acts for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, but was remanded by the said Court in consequence of an indisposition to make a fair assignment of his effects.

Your Committee cannot, under the above circumstances, recommend any Law passing for his relief, but suggest that he be again brought before the Judges of the Supreme Court at Kentville, when he will, no doubt, be discharged, if he makes a just assignment.

Committee Room, 22d March, 1813.

JOHN CREIGHTON, Chairman,
R. McG. DICKEY.

No. 91.

(See Page 499.)

The Committee to whom was referred the several Road Scales, for the purpose of ascertaining what provision is made therein for the Post Roads through the different Counties—beg leave to Report as follows :

That in their enquires they have distinguished between the application of monies made for the Main Post Roads, and for the several Branches which run to the different Settlements, and that the result is as follows :

Names of Counties.	Main Post Roads.	Branch Post Roads.	Total.
Yarmouth,	£215 0 0		£215 0 0
Shelburne,	283 0 0		283 0 0
Hants,	321 0 0	115 10 0	436 10 0
Kings',	197 0 0	100 0 0	297 0 0
Queens',	125 0 0	100 0 0	225 0 0
Cumberland,	204 0 0	72 0 0	276 0 0
Pictou,	220 0 0		220 0 0
Digby,	147 0 0	87 0 0	234 0 0
Annapolis,	131 0 0	60 0 0	191 0 0
Lunenburg,	82 0 0		82 0 0

The monies for the seven other Counties are placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

That the foregoing appropriations are with some trifling exceptions, generally in addition to over-expenditures of last year, upon the main leading Post Roads, which in some instances control the application of larger sums.

Your Committee would notice that there is no provision made by the Members of Pictou for the Main Post Road between Colchester and Pictou, the reason assigned, is the good condition of that Road.

SAMUEL P. FAIRBANKS, Chairman.
SAMUEL B. CHIPMAN.
STEPHEN FULTON.

No. 92.

(See Page 499.)

The Committee appointed to make enquiry as to the quantity of Cocoa, British and Foreign, imported into and exported from the Port of Halifax, the amount of duty thereon received, and to ascertain the sums paid out of the Provincial Treasury as a Drawback on Foreign Cocoa, or as an allowance to the Manufacturers of Chocolate, during the last nine years, do Report as follows :

That

That your Committee find, from a Return made by the Principal Officer of Her Majesty's Customs for the Port of Halifax, that there has been imported into the said Port, during the last nine years, say from 5th January, 1834, to 5th January, 1843, one hundred and ninety-nine and a half barrels, nineteen hundred and seventy-two bags, twelve hogsheads, and seven and a half hundred weight Cocoa, British and Foreign, the nett weight is not stated in the return alluded to, but is computed, by your Committee, as equal to 2264 hundred weight, of which quantity 59 hundred weight were exported, leaving for consumption 2205 cwt., nearly one half of which, say 1073 cwt. 2 qtrs. 26 lbs. being Foreign, and subject, under Acts of the Imperial Parliament, to a duty of 5s. sterling per cwt., which duty was paid, amounting in all to £268 8s. 8d. sterling, equal to £335 10s. 10d. currency.

And your Committee do further report that, under a Provincial Act passed in 1835 and renewed in 1836, granting a Drawback of 4s. 6d. sterling per cwt. on Foreign Cocoa taken out of bond, to be manufactured into Chocolate, within the Province, there was under or by virtue of said Acts taken from out of Warehouse, during the years 1835, and 1836, as shown by Excise Permits before your Committee, 40 barrels and 383 bags Cocoa, of Foreign production, weighing 446 cwt., on which a Drawback was paid to John Ferguson, amounting to £124 18s. 8d., and your Committee have to state that the spirit of the Acts, under which this Drawback was paid, and the intentions of the House were fairly carried out; but at the same time would remark that the Home Government subsequently disapproved of the allowance of said Drawback, which disapproval is alluded to in the Report of the Committee on Trade, made to the House in 1839.

In 1837 the Legislature passed an Act, which Act was renewed in 1838, granting an allowance of 3s. 6d. on every 100 lb. of Chocolate manufactured within the Province, under those Acts the Commissioners of the Revenue have allowed the payment of £296 16s. 3d. to John Ferguson, being 3s. 6d. per 100 lbs. on 170,245 lbs. of Chocolate, the payment of which £296 16s. 3d. was sanctioned, by the Commissioners of the Revenue, under certificates made and submitted by John Ferguson, and attested to by him, he alleging, in the various certificates exhibited, that the said quantity of Chocolate had been manufactured by him, at his Chocolate Manufactory, in Granville Street, under his personal superintendence. Your Committee would remind your Honorable House that the Acts of 1837 and 1838 has also been objected to by the Colonial Secretary, to which circumstance reference is made in the Report of the Committee on Trade in 1839.

Your Committee, on reference to the Report of the Committee on Trade, made in the Session of 1839, find a very full Report relative to the article of Cocoa, of which the following is an extract: "The Cocoa of the British West Indies is a superior article, 50 per cent. more valuable than Foreign, and too expensive for common use. The Chocolate that enters into competition with Mr. Ferguson's, is altogether Foreign, little or none being imported from the United Kingdom, or manufactured by any one besides himself in these Provinces: these facts are stated by him to the Committee, and the respectability of his character forbids them from entertaining any doubt of their accuracy. If he is obliged to pay the duty of 5s. sterling, on Cocoa, besides the Imperial Duties on Lard and Flour, which are largely used in his manufacture, and cannot be protected either by a drawback or bounty, he is exposed to a most unequal competition with the American Manufacturer, who gets all the raw materials he uses free of duty; and the consequence will be the surrender of the Newfoundland, West India, New Brunswick, and Canada Markets, to the Foreign supplier, and the destruction of our own Manufacture and export: we will then equally lose the duty on Foreign Cocoa, which will cease to be imported, except to a limited extent, for use, and will not even have the satisfaction of carrying out the views of the Home Government, whose object it was, by the Imperial Duties, to secure a preference to their own, not to the Foreign Manufacturer. Were the facts submitted in this light to the noble Secretary for the Colonies, the Committee cannot but hope that he would relax the rule he has laid down in his Dispatch, and permit us to save a Manufacture worthy of our protection, from utter ruin. In the meanwhile the Committee recommend a Grant to be incorporated in the Appropriation Act, of 3s. for every 100 lb. of Chocolate manufactured in this Province, and exported therefrom, during the ensuing year.

They do not recommend a Grant for Chocolate manufactured and consumed in our own Province, as the Provincial Duty of 10 per cent. operates as a protection; and the principle prohibiting bounties, seems to them to militate against such a Grant."

In accordance with the recommendation contained in the Report of the Committee on Trade, there was passed, in the Session of 1839, a Vote of Credit, or a Resolution of the House, which was renewed in 1840, 1841, and 1842, worded in the following manner: "*Resolved*, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be authorized and requested to allow, and pay to the Manufacturers of Chocolate, until next Session of the Legislature, such sum as shall be equal to Three Shillings for every hundred pounds thereof, that shall be manufactured in this Province, and proved to the satisfaction of His Excellency, to have been exported therefrom, and this House, at its next Session, will provide for the same." Under this Resolution, or Vote of Credit, there has been paid to John Ferguson the sum of £388 2s. 6d., being an allowance on 258,750 lb. Chocolate manufactured by him, and exported by himself and others from the Port of Halifax. As regards the documents on which the Commissioners of the Revenue have allowed the drawback, the Committee are of opinion, that, to a large extent, the vouchers were not so clear and defined as they should have been, and were not such as the protection of the Revenue required. In support of the opinion just expressed, the Committee have to state, that on the first application made by John Ferguson for an allowance, at the rate of 3s. per 100 lb. on the quantity exported, up to date of application, the Commissioners of the Revenue then objected to the allowance of such drawback, under order of the Board, dated 17th September, 1839, as follows:

"It is ordered that previous to the within claim being allowed, that Mr. Ferguson must produce a certificate of the landing of the several quantities of Chocolate at the respective places to which it was shipped, or make oath to that effect."

(Signed)

E. DUCKET, Junr., Clerk.

This order, had it been acted on, would, in the opinion of your Committee, have been a wholesome check—it was not adhered to by the Commissioners of the Revenue, but materially departed from, and it appears that of 4990 packages on which a Drawback, on exportation, has been allowed, there were Shipping Officers certificates for 2132 packages, and that of the remaining 2858 packages, the only proof of their having been exported are a number of certificates, submitted quarterly, made and attested to by John Ferguson, alleging that a given number of packages had been exported, during the quarter, by himself and others, to the West Indies, Newfoundland, and elsewhere.

Your Committee would state, for the information of the House, that there has been paid from out of the Provincial Treasury to John Ferguson, a drawback on 446 cwt. Foreign Cocoa, agreeable to Acts of 1835 and 1836, £124 18s. 8d.; also as an allowance on 170,245 lb. Chocolate manufactured by him, agreeable to Acts of 1837 and 1838, £296 16s. 3d., and an allowance on 258,750 lb. Chocolate manufactured by John Ferguson and exported by himself and others, under and in accordance to Resolution of 1839, making in all £809 17s. 5d. currency, and that during the last nine years, there has been received by the Officers of Her Majesty's Customs, duty on Foreign Cocoa, amounting in all to £335 10s. 10d. currency, shewing an excess of payments, over and above receipts, of £474 6s. 7d.

Committee Room, 21st March, 1843.

WM. STAIRS,
BENJ. SMITH,
JOHN J. MARSHALL.

No. 93.

(See Page 500.)

The Committee to whom was referred the division of the sum of £860, granted during the present Session, for Roads and Bridges, in the County of Colchester, beg leave to Report:

That it appears that the following over-expenditures have been made during the past and preceding years, to be deducted from the sum granted for the County of Colchester,

Salmon River Bridge,	£183	12	0	
Chigonois Bridge,	25	10	6	
Deburt Bridge,	30	2	8	
Section of Road between Truro and Pictou,	100	0	0	
Shubenacadie Road,	92	0	0	
				£431 5 2

After deducting the above sum to pay over-expenditures, your Committee recommend that the remaining sum of £428 14s. 10d. be applied as follows,

Township of Stirling,	£130	0	0	
Settlements of Stewiacke and Shubenacadie,	123	14	10	
Economy, £35; Five Islands, £25,	60	0	0	
Township of Londonderry, £55; upon the Wallace } Road, £10,	65	0	0	
Township of Onslow,	30	0	0	
“ Truro,	20	0	0	
				428 14 10
				£860 0 0

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Assembly Room, 22d March, 1843.

WM. ANNAND,
JAMES McNAB,
JOSEPH HOWE,
WM. STAIRS.

No. 94.

(See Page 500.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Account of J. Howe & Son, for Printing, &c. for the Province, from the 1st January 1842, to 13th February 1843, in all amounting to Seven Hundred and Fifty-two Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Six Pence—having examined the separate charges, find them correct. Seven Hundred Pounds of this amount being included in the Treasurer's Account of the past year, there remains a balance of Fifty-two Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Sixpence to be provided for, which the Committee recommend should be paid, and Report accordingly.

Assembly Room. 22d March, 1843.

THOS. A. S. DEWOLF.
SAMUEL CHIPMAN,
WILLIAM ANNAND.

No. 95.

(See Page 500.)

List of Collectors of the Provincial Duties of Impost, &c., recently appointed, with the names of their Sureties, and the date of their Bonds.

Names of Collectors.	For what District.	Names of Sureties.	Dates of Bonds.
John William Smith,	Parrsborough,	John Fowler & Geo. Smith,	17th Octr., 1842.
Alex. D. Morrison,	Colchester,	{ Robt. Morrison & David Murray,	16th Novr., 1842.
James Campbell,	Tatamagouche,	{ John Bonnyman & John Lockerby,	19th Decr., 1842.
Joshua Chandler,	Cumberland,	W. W. Bent & R. B. Dickey,	{ Names given in, but the Bond has not yet been returned.
Asa Torrey,	Hants,	{ Nath. H. Calkin & Thos. Curren,	
David Whidden,	King's,	{ Elisha Dewolf, Esq. & Mr. John H. Allison,	19th Decr., 1842.
Henry Goldsmith,	Annapolis,	Has resigned, and the Bonds for new Collectors, appointed in that County, are not returned.	
Elkana Morton,	Digby,	{ James B. Holdsworth & Thomas Small, Esq.	19th Decr., 1842.
Henry D. Ruggles,	Weymouth,	{ J. W. Ruggles & W. R. Ruggles,	" "
Elisha Payson,	Brier Island,	T. Potter & H. E. Payson,	" "
Henry Greggs Farish,	Yarmouth,	{ Hon'bles. Stayley Brown & James Bond,	" "
J. Crews,	Barrington,	T. Coffin & G. Kenney,	" "
Cornelius White,	Shelburne,	T. Crowell & J. Snow,	" "
Joshua Newton,	Queen's,	{ S. P. Fairbanks, Esq. & Hon. E. Collins,	" "
Charles B. Owen,	Lunenburg,	{ James D. Harris & J. W. Ruggles, Esqrs.	" "
Duncan McColl,	Guysborough,	Francis Cook & Wm. Walsh,	" "
Charles E. Leonard,	Cape Breton,	{ Hon. E. M. Dodd & Peter Hall Clarke,	" "
J. L. Tremain,	Inverness,	{ Hon. E. M. Dodd & Wm. McKeen, Esq.	" "
James McNab,	Pugwash,	{ Hon. D. McFarlane & Samuel Mitchell,	30th Jany., 1843.
Thomas Dickson,	Pictou,	{ Daniel Dickson, William J. Anderson, Matthew Archibald, & William Brownrig,	2d Jany., 1843.
James Turnbull,	Richmond,	{ William C. Delaney & Pat. C. Brennan, Esqs.	" "
Allan McDonell,	Antigonishe,	{ H. McDonald & Duncan Grant,	8th Decr., 1841.

MEM.—The penalty in each Bond is £1000, for which the Principal and Sureties are jointly and severally bound.

No. 96.

(See Page 501.)

The Committee to whom the Letter of the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, on the subject of the destitute state of certain coloured families at Hammond's Plains, in the Township of Halifax, and recommended by His Excellency to the consideration of this Honourable House, was referred, having taken the subject into consideration, and having ascertained that the persons composing the said families have all gained a settlement in the said Township, and have become legally chargeable on the Inhabitants thereof, do Report, although your Committee deeply sympathise with the sufferers, yet being well aware of the destitute state of the Inhabitants in many other parts of the Province, they cannot recommend to this Honourable House to make any grant of money, out of the general Revenue of the Province, towards the relief of the said sufferers.

Committee Room, House of Assembly, 23d March, 1843.

R. McG. DICKEY,
JAMES TURNBULL.

No. 97.

(See Page 501.) •

The Committee appointed to Report on the Petition of Thomas Dickson, Esquire, praying the indulgence of time for the payment of certain Monies due by him, to the Province, as Collector of Impost and Excise for the Port of Pictou, do Report as follows :

That in accordance with a Resolution of the House, passed in 1842, the Executive called on Mr. Dickson for the payment of amount due by him, and that it was not in Mr. Dickson's power to comply with the demand, in consequence of which he was under the necessity of giving the Attorney General a Warrant of Attorney—when a Judgement was entered up against him for the amount of £3000, being £1200 over and above the sum actually due, on Real Estate, consisting of various Lands, Mills and Houses, the smallest value of which is estimated at £4000. The Real Estate so secured, to meet the amount due by Mr. Dickson, cannot, under the equity of Redemption, be sold till February, 1845, long previous to which period Mr. Dickson entertains confident hope and expectation of realizing, from other sources than the properties under judgement, an amount fully equal to the payment of the sum due by him to the Province, and by which, if time is allowed him, he will have it in his power to retain his Real Estate for the future benefit of his family; and should the immediate payment of the amount actually due, £1740 2s. 11d., be enforced, ruinous consequences will result to Mr. Dickson, and the Province cannot, in the sequel, be benefitted thereby. Under the circumstances, as stated, the Committee would recommend that the House leave to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor the option of such discretionary action in the premises, as will be likely to relieve the Province from ultimate loss, without being oppressive to Mr. Dickson.

Committee Room, 22d March, 1843.

WM. STAIRS,
R. CLEMENTS,
S. B. CHIPMAN,
BENJ. SMITH,
JOHN RYDER.

No. 98.

(See Page 502.)

The Committee on Navigation Securities, Report that they have considered the communication and documents laid before the Assembly by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, consisting of a letter from His Excellency Sir John Harvey, the Governor of Newfoundland, and an address of the House of Assembly of that Island, by which it appears that the elder Brethren of the Trinity House are of opinion that the erection of a Light House, on Cape Pine, on the South-eastern extremity of that land, and of one on St. Pierre, are highly important. And the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury are prepared to recommend Parliament to grant money to defray the expense of constructing a Light House on Cape Pine, provided the Legislature of Newfoundland, with or without the aid of the other North American Provinces, will maintain the same; and the Assembly pledge themselves to pass an Act for that purpose, when such Light shall be erected; and the object of the Government of Newfoundland is to ensure contribution from the funds of Nova Scotia, towards the annual expense of such establishment.

The Committee have maturely considered this proposition, and although fully convinced that the contemplated structure will confer great benefits on commerce, and lessen the danger attending navigation, they cannot at present recommend the House to grant money towards its maintainance; the almost insular form of this Province, and its position, has of necessity imposed on its inhabitants, the burthen of heavy charges for the erection of Light Houses and Beacons, a list of which is herewith reported, and many of these establishments of National more than Provincial character, are maintained exclusively by the funds of this Province, independently of liberal contributions to those on Scattered, St. Paul's, and others of general utility. The Committee regret that the exhausted state of the Light House fund, furnishes another reason for withholding that support which the Legislature has so liberally bestowed on that important service.

JAMES B. UNIACKE, Chairman.

LIST OF LIGHT HOUSES.

Digby, Brier Island, Yarmouth, Seal Island, Shelburne, Cross Island, Liverpool, Canso, Pictou, Low Point, Meagher's Beach, Sambro, Louisburg, Cape Jack, St. Paul's, Scattarie.—16.

No. 99.

(See Page 503.)

The Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of the Post Office, and all matters relating thereto, Report as follows:

That in the present depressed state of the General Revenue, and at this time when the whole of the heavy sum of £1550 sterling, the amount of the Contract for carrying the English Mails to Pictou, is likely to be thrown on the Revenue of this Province. However desirous they may feel to extend the benefits of a more frequent communication between those living in the remotest parts of the Province and the capital, the Committee cannot recommend any new lines or increased pay to any of the Couriers or Postmasters in the country.

It will be in the recollection of the House, that in the last Session of the Legislature the House passed Resolutions declaring it as their opinion, that of the £1550 sterling required for carrying the English Mails through this Province, Canada and New Brunswick, for whose accommodation that increased expense was principally incurred, ought to provide £1000. During the recess the Lieutenant-Governor has opened a correspondence with the Governors of those Colonies, and it appears the authorities of those Colonies refuse to bear any part of that expense, giving as a reason that there is now remitted to the Home Government

ment all the Packet Postage of their respective Colonies—and implying, that for that consideration, the English Mails ought to be sent to and from their frontiers without further charge to them. The British Government appears inclined, and will, as the Committee fear, without a strong remonstrance from this House, adopt the same opinion.

In a Despatch, laid on the Table of the House in this Session, of the 14th October, 1842, from the General Post Office, London, and referred to your Committee, it is stated in substance that the Post Office Authorities may apply the Revenues of the Post Office generally, whether received from Postages or otherwise, including even specific grants for sending Mails to particular Towns, to such uses as shall be deemed most for the general service by the Postmaster General. The effect of which will be to compel us to defray the whole expense of the carriage of the Mails to and from the other British Provinces through Nova Scotia.

By the same Despatch, the Packet Postage is directed for the present to be applied to the general service of the Department in this Province. How far this may go to relieve the existing difficulties your Committee are unable to state. Up to the present time, however, not more, if so much, has been received as will defray the expense of the establishment at Halifax.

The Committee would earnestly call the attention of the House to the charge of 2s. 6d. a year imposed on the carriage of Newspapers by Mail, claimed and appropriated by the late Deputy Postmaster General as a perquisite, and would mention that the Imperial Authorities have declined granting that part of the Address that related to the carriage of printed Pamphlets, but have the subject of Newspapers still under consideration. As there appears but little hope that the British Government will consent to relieve Newspapers from that tax, and as it still continues to be exacted, the Committee recommend that the Home Government be addressed on the subject, setting forth strongly the necessity of its being paid into the General Revenue of the Post Office—and that hereafter it shall not be permitted to go as a perquisite to any individual—who, at the same time, may be in the receipt of sufficient salary.

The decease of the late Officer has taken away all claims on the score of vested rights. And if this can be accomplished before any new appointment, or before the new Officer can be said to have any such claims, it will be a point gained of very great importance, especially as the amount is increasing, and must increase every year, and there is every reason to believe that the receipts now are upwards of £500 annually.

The Committee are still of the opinion of the Assembly at its last Session, that an equal Rate of Postage might be adopted in this Province, and have turned their attention to the subject, but have not sufficient information to state with certainty what might be the result of such a measure. They have received from the Acting Postmaster General an account of the number of Letters received for delivery at the several Post Offices in the Province, for three several weeks, kept at times when the Steam Packets from England were not in port, commencing respectively on 14th August, 18th September, and 16th October :

1st week,	-	-	-	-	-	2480
2nd do.	-	-	-	-	-	4720
3rd do.	-	-	-	-	-	3534

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Average, 3578

At a reduced rate of Postage, we might fairly anticipate an increase to 4000 or 5000 weekly, say 4000 at 6d. equal to £100 per week, or £5200 annually.

One of the great benefits of an equal rate of Postage, besides the advantage it confers on those who reside in remote and distant parts of the Country, is, that it reduces the Office work to a considerable extent, and charging letters by weight is found to lighten the Mails materially. The Committee are of opinion, that should an equal rate be imposed, it ought not to exceed 4d. for single rates, so that letters sent short distances, may not be charged higher than under the present graduated scale, and to take away as much

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as possible the inducement to send by vessels and passengers; and even at that rate, they are convinced it would very soon produce an equal, if not a larger amount.

The Committee have given some consideration to the practicability of establishing a Provincial Post Office, unconnected with the Imperial Department, and however desirable, they fear it cannot be accomplished, excepting at a cost greater than this Province can well afford. If the Imperial offices were still to be kept up, the only letters payable in our offices, would be those going from one part of the Province to another.

The Committee are, however, of opinion that the whole management of the Post Office might safely be entrusted to, and ought to be under the authority of, the Colony.

If it shall be found impracticable to make such an arrangement, the whole of the contracts for the carriage of Mails ought to be rigidly enquired into, and wherever a saving can be effected, it ought to be done without delay. The Committee understand it to be the intention of the Officer of the Department to inquire into this subject shortly, with a view to lessening the expense, without diminishing the accommodation.

The accounts of the Post Office for three quarters of the year 1842, were laid before the Committee; from these the Committee have made up the estimate attached to the Report, by which it appears we shall be required to grant for the current year £1374 15s. 1d. currency, if we are compelled to pay the whole of the expense of carrying the Canada and New Brunswick Mails, as well as the entire costs of the Halifax establishment.

The Committee recommend that Edward Leonard, the Signal man at Digby, be paid the usual sum of £5 for his last years service, but cannot recommend it for the present year.

The Committee are preparing certain Resolutions in conformity with this Report, which they trust will be adopted by the House.

They have also a further Report to introduce on some of the Petitions.
All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, 23d March, 1843.

JAMES R. DEWOLF,
HT. HUNTINGTON,
SAML. P. FAIRBANKS,
JOHN HOLMES,
THOS. DICKSON,
SAMUEL CHIPMAN,
WM. STAIRS,
WM. ANNAND,

Probable annual expense attending the Post Office Department, estimated from an Account made up for three quarters of a year, ending the 5th October, 1842.

One year's Salary D. P. Master General,	Stg. £400	0	0
“ “ of Clerks, Halifax Office,	893	13	10
“ “ of Deputy Post Masters in the Country,	483	11	4
Allowance to Surveyor, Travelling Expenses,	95	4	0
Conveyance of Mails throughout the Province,	4548	1	9
Paid for Ship Letters,	64	7	0
Dead Letters returned to England,	536	5	3
Miscellaneous Expenses, Rent, Taxes, Stationary, Advertising, making Bags,	168	14	7
	Sterling,	£7189	17 0
	Exchange $\frac{1}{4}$	1797	9 3
		£8987	6 3

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Packet Postage, unpaid Letters from England,	£969	3	10
Packet Postage, paid Letters to England, from Halifax Office only,	235	11	1
Postage on Letters from West Indies and United States,	24	7	3½
Postage on Letters to West Indies and United States,	17	18	1
Postage received at the several Post Offices in Nova Scotia,	1827	1	5½
By collected on unpaid Letters inwards, and paid Letters outwards,	1049	4	2½
By Way and Ship Letters,	405	2	2½
By Surcharges on examination of previous Accounts at Quebec,	26	5	10
By difference gained on Public Departments Accounts, caused by variations in the mode of computing Currency into Sterling,	12	16	8½
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Sterling,	£4567	10	8½
Exchange, ¼	1141	17	8
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Amount of receipts for three quarters of a year,	£5709	8	4½
Add one third,	1903	2	9½
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Estimated amount of Receipts, one year,		7612	11 2
Amount of Expenses over and above the Receipts, for one year, Currency, £1374		15	1

No. 100.

(See Page 503.)

The Committee to whom was referred the subject matter connected with the expenditure of the sum of Six Thousand Pounds, granted by the Legislature to build a Public Penitentiary in Halifax, near the North West Arm—beg leave to Report:

That they have examined the building, and believe it to be, as far as proceeded in, substantially built, and well adapted to the purpose for which it was designed. It is one hundred and forty-eight feet in length, forty feet wide, and three stories high, and built of hewn Granite. The outside is completed. The North end, which is intended for the Keepers rooms, convicted females, &c., is nearly finished, but yet requires an expenditure of some amount to complete what has been there commenced. The building, or at least that part of it intended for criminals, is not yet laid off into cells, but there is a large quantity of Granite dressed and ready to be applied to that purpose. It is intended to have two rows of cells running longitudinally in each of the three stories—each story to contain thirty cells. The Committee recommend that the work be proceeded in by the Commissioners, and the thirty cells on the lower story finished, so as to be fit for the reception of convicts; and also that the Keepers rooms, &c., in the North end of the building be completed. The Committee also recommend that a suitable enclosing wall, made of wooden materials, be built by the Commissioners, outside the site where a stone wall may be ultimately built by the work of the convicts who may be confined.

The Committee have also examined Edward Allison, Esquire, one of the Acting Commissioners of the Penitentiary, who laid before your Committee the several accounts of expenditure, which your Committee have examined and believe to be correct. It has been shewn to your Committee, that the Commissioners on assuming the trust reposed in them, entered into a Contract with one George Jones, for procuring the Granite and putting

putting up the building. The Contractor after expending a large sum of money, and having done a large amount of labour upon the building, found that he had taken the contract at much too low a rate, and was unable to complete it. The Commissioners who had taken security by bond for the performance of the Contract, finding on examination, that the Contractor had done more than a sufficient quantity of work for the amount paid him, and the party himself having become Bankrupt, considered it best to take the building off his hands, and proceed with the work. The whole amount expended, as shown by the Commissioners, including the amount paid the Contractor, and for materials, &c. is £7004 8s. 11d., and for Land, Quarries, &c. £291 3s., in all, the sum of £7295 11s. 11d. The Commissioners have drawn from the Treasury £5000, and from materials sold the Gas Company received £34 2s. 9d., making £5034 2s. 9d. which deducted from £7295 11s. 11d., leaves a balance due the Commissioners of £2261 9s. 2d. Towards meeting this balance, there remains £1000 undrawn of the previous grant, which being received by the Commissioners, will leave the sum of £1261 9s. 2d. due them up to this time. From the statement of the Commissioners it appears that £2000 will be required to make the improvements hereinbefore recommended, and from the great advantages which an institution of this nature is calculated to confer upon society generally, your Committee are induced to recommend a grant of £3261 9s. 2d. which will pay the Commissioners the amount due them, and enable them to make the additions in the building, now recommended.

SAMUEL CHIPMAN, Chairman.
THOS. DICKSON,
W. A. HENRY.

APPENDIX, No. 101.

No. 101.

(See Page 503.)

KING'S COUNTY.

Resolved, That the sum of Eight Hundred and Sixty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in King's County, be appropriated as follows, viz :

HORTON.

From Halfway River, on the present Post Road, to Stone Bridge,	£10	0	0
William Brown's, on the old Mount Denson Road, to Falmouth Line,	7	10	0
For the Cross Road, near H. McMonagles, to the Bluff Shore Road,	5	0	0
The Cross Road, near William Brown's, to the Bluff Shore Road,	7	10	0
From John Lawrence's, Eastwardly, to George Trenholm's, and thence Northerly, to Allison's Farm,	10	0	0
For the New Road, across Grand Prairie Dike, to Long Island,	10	0	0
From the old Post Road, near Farrel's, Westerly, on the Nictau Road, past David Vaughan's,	5	0	0
The Post Road, Westerly, to N. Davison's,	5	0	0
John Reed's to James Vaughan's,	5	0	0
David Coaldwell's to N. Davison's,	5	0	0
Ebenezer Coaldwell's, Eastwardly, to the Road leading to Wm. Duncan's, and thence on that Road,	10	0	0
Nictau Road, Northerly, by Abner Kinnie's, to the top of the mountain,	10	0	0
The Mountain Road, near Sherman Coaldwell's, Westerly, by Wm. Benjamin's, to Pitts', and to include an expenditure on Bridge near Stiver's,	10	0	0
Ebenezer Miner's, Westerly and Northerly, to P. Reddin's, and for the New Road running Westerly, by lands of S. Benjamin,	10	0	0
Thomas Davison's, Southerly, past the Mill,	4	0	0
Scovill's Bridge, by Eli Griffin's, to Dorman's Mill,	7	10	0
The Mountain Road, Southerly, by Henry Nowlin's, to Black River,	7	10	0
The School House near Redden's, by Wm. McDonald's, to Dorman's Mill,	5	0	0
White Rock to New Canaan,	5	0	0
The Back Canaan Road, by B. Goold's, to John McLearn's,	8	0	0
Frank Caldwell's, by James Caldwell's, to North River,	7	10	0
John Jones', Southerly, on the Sherbrook Road,	25	0	0
The Post Road to New Canaan,	5	0	0
Ben. Morse's to Sand Point, £5, and thence to Scovill's Bridge, £3,	8	0	0
Nathaniel Randall's, Westerly, to Post Road,	5	0	0
For the Road, and to secure the embankment between Little Island and Boot Island,	7	10	0
From Lower Horton Bridge, on the Road to Kentville, and to pay £7 17s. over-expended on the Forsyth Hill,	25	0	0
The Falmouth Township Line, Westerly, on the new Mount Denson Road,	25	0	0
Wm. Brown's, on the new Mount Denson Road, to John Goold's, and to repair the Bridge, and to pay over-expenditure on the Bridge, £9 6s.,	31	13	4
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	£286	13	4

CORNWALLIS.

From Kentville, on the Post Road, to William Pineo's,	£10	0	0
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From William Pineo's, on the Post Road, to Aylesford Line,	£10	0	0
To build the Bridge over Cornwallis River, near Kentville, on the present site, or below, as the Grand Jury and Sessions may determine,	30	0	0
For the New Road from Cornwallis Bridge, past Silver's, to Wm. Ruscoe's,	20	0	0
From the Bill Town Road, by Ruscoe's, to Benjamin Silver's,	12	0	0
To complete the alteration from A. Parker's to the Road by Bowls',	12	0	0
From the Annapolis Road, passing G. Bowls', the Methodist Meeting House, and Hugh Newcomb's, to Black Rock, and for the alteration up the Mountain,	16	0	0
Alfred Skinner's, by George Beckwith's, to the Givan Wharf,	20	0	0
For the Turner Point Road,	10	0	0
New Road from Elisha Harris's, up the wood hollow, to the Baptist Meeting House on the Mountain,	22	0	0
From Samuel C. Woodworth's to Hall's Harbor,	6	0	0
For the Road passing S. Dunham's to Hall's Harbor,	7	0	0
From Canada Creek Wharf to C. Eaton's,	5	0	0
Joseph Newcomb's to Rand's Mill, on the Mountain,	6	0	0
Elisha Ell's on the Scott's Bay Road, to Rand's Mill, and to complete the alteration near Stewart's,	12	0	0
To complete the alteration near David Ell's, to the Road by J. D. Harris' Farm,	6	0	0
From the Gibson Road to H. K. Eaton's, and to complete the alteration, James Griffin's place, Northerly, by Richard Mahar's, to Canada Creek Wharf,	5	0	0
The Post Road by John Taylor's, to the Condon Road, and the Condon Road,	15	0	0
Daniel Huntley's to Mill Creek,	8	0	0
Mill Creek, by J. Lyon's, to White Water,	7	0	0
White Water to Scot's Bay Road, and for the Breakwater Road,	5	0	0
Peter Woodworth's to Split Hollow,	5	0	0
Edward Lockwood's, by Bester North's, to Joseph Newcomb's, and to raise the hollow by Matthew Lyon's,	5	0	0
6	0	0	
For the Road passing Enoch Condon's,	6	0	0
The Road passing Jacob Webster's,	5	0	0
The Road passing McPhail's,	5	0	0
The Road passing I. Shaw's, to Baptist Meeting House,	6	0	0
From Bentley's, up the Mountain, by Robert Foot's,	5	0	0
C. Ilsley's, on the Road Westerly to Black Rock Road, and Barnaby Mill Road,	6	0	0
Simon Newcomb's to Black Hole, to open up the North end to the Bay,	5	0	0
The Ross Road, by Bruster's and Hugh Rogers', to the Bay,	5	0	0
For the Road by Rogers', Northerly, to the Bay, at Newcomb's Mill,	5	0	0
To open a new Road by Sarsfield's to the Bay, at Dudley's & Rogers',	5	0	0
For the Road passing C. Foot's and the Davison Hill, and the Road passing W. Osborne's,	5	0	0
The Road leading Westerly from the Huntington Point Road to the Barnaby Mill Road,	5	0	0
The Huntington Point Road, and to open a new Road to Hall's Harbor,	8	0	0
From the Aylesford Line, by Abner Woodworth's and the Baptist Meeting House, to Thorn Brook, and the Road by Andrew Woodworth's,	8	0	0
For the Embankment at Town Plat,	5	0	0
From Benjamin Burgess', up the Mountain, to Luke Finesy's,	5	0	0
Turner Point Road, by S. Bardsley's, to the Givan Road, and the Road by Gideon Bardsley's,	5	0	0
The Givan Wharf, by the shore, to Turner Point,	5	0	0

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For the Road up the Palton Mountain, and the Road by Gideon Bligh's, to the Burges Road, passing L. Finesy's,	£5	0	0
To open a Road from the Road past James Eaton's to the Canning River,	3	4	5
From Cockran's, Northerly, by Wm. West's, to the Bay, and the Road Westerly to Canada Creek Road,	5	0	0
For the Road from A. Porter's, by Murphy's, and the Pearl Road,	5	0	0
From Aylesford line, past O. Cogswell's, crossing the Turner Point Road, to Givan Road,	5	0	0
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	£382	4	5

AYLESFORD.

From Cornwallis Town Line, on the Post Road, to the Bishops Plain, at Clermont,	12	0	0
Clermont, on the Post Road, to Wilmot Line,	8	0	0
The Post Road, Southerly, by Wilson's Mills, to the Ward Road, and to pay George Munroe an over-expenditure on the Wilson Bridge the past year, of £5	13	0	0
The Neily Road, Easterly, to the Fail's River,	8	0	0
The Neily Road, Westerly, by Messenger's, to the Wilmot Line,	5	0	0
The Post Road, by A. Spinney's, to the turn of the Road near Christopher Randall's,	10	0	0
The turn of the Road, West of C. Randall's, Easterly, by Jonathan Morse's, to the Jackson Road, and to open up the road as laid out,	8	0	0
The Post Road, on the Glebe Road, to the Ward Road,	8	0	0
The Post Road, by Nichols's Mill, to the Jackson Road,	8	0	0
The Spinney Road, Westerly, on the Ward Road, to the Wilmot Line,	6	0	0
The Nicols Road, on the Jackson Road, to the Neily Road,	7	0	0
The Parker Road, by Hodges', to the Nicols Road,	6	0	0
The Post Road, by Samuel Parker's, to Sherbrooke,	10	0	0
The Canaan Road, by Barteaux, to Sherbrooke,	7	0	0
The Cornwallis Town Line, on the Canaan Road, to Wilmot,	8	0	0
The Post Road, on the Bishop's Road, to the Bay,	8	0	0
The Bishop Road, by Thomas Tupper's, to Wilmot Line,	5	0	0
The Post Road, on the Clermont Road, to the Bay, and the Road by Thomas Welton's,	10	0	0
The Post Road, on the Mordan Road, to the Bay,	9	0	0
The Top of the Mountain, on the Ormsby Road, to the Bay,	6	0	0
The Post Road, on the Ormsby Road, to the Top of the Mountain, and to Cornwallis,	9	0	0
The Ormsby Road, by West's, and A. Woodworth's, to Cornwallis,	8	0	0
For the Road in Sherbrooke, within King's County, and the Road from thence to Aylesford,	12	2	3
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	£191	2	3

COUNTY OF HANTS.

Resolved, That the sum of Eleven Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Hants, be applied as follows :

From Halifax County Line to Avon Bridge, Windsor,	£200	0	0
Avon Bridge to Horton Line, on New Mount Denson Road,	100	0	0
To pay Daniel Wier and John Chambers, expended on St. Croix Bridge,	175	0	0
To pay Richard Smith, expended in securing Five Mile River Bridge,	53	8	0
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To pay Richard Smith, expended between Maitland and Nelson's, 1841,	£4	9	0
To pay Charles Shaw, expended in building a Bridge at Porter's,	14	0	0
From Isaac Dewolf's to Falmouth Bridge,	7	10	0
Trenholm's to Metzler's,	6	0	0
St. Croix to Josiah Davison's,	6	0	0
For Old Ardoise Road,	3	0	0
For Dawson's Road,	5	0	0
To rebuild Blowers Bridge,	10	0	0
To repair Falmouth Bridge,	15	0	0
From Winckworth Road to St. Croix Bridge,	10	0	0
Falmouth Bridge to Horton Line,	6	0	0
For Half-way River Bridge and Road to Horton Line,	7	10	0
From Oliver Davison's to New Post Road,	5	0	0
For New Road from Benjamin Backhouse's to Horton Line £26 13s 4d., granted in 1842, and remaining undrawn, to be paid when certified that £40 has been expended by inhabitants.			
To repair Bridge at Falmouth Forks, £7 10s., granted in 1842, and re- maining undrawn.			
To pay John Smith, Esq. and Nathan Taylor, expended on Falmouth Bridge,	2	0	0
For alteration through Shubael Parker's land, Newport,	10	0	0
From Parker's Mill to John Dimock's,	15	0	0
Joseph Mosher's to Walker's,	5	0	0
Scotch Village past Oliver Dimock's,	5	0	0
Maccan's to Muddy Marsh,	7	10	0
To repair Bridge at Felix Cochran's,	5	0	0
From Christian Woolaver's to St. Croix Bridge,	10	0	0
For Ryan's Road at Cockmagun,	5	0	0
To alter the Road between Levi Dimock's and Woods', to be drawn when certified that an equal sum has been expended by inhabitants,	7	0	0
For new Road from Shiverree to Cockmagun, £40, granted in 1842, to be drawn when certified that an equal sum has been expended by the in- habitants.			
From Walton's to O'Brien's Farm,	8	0	0
Walton's to Cockmagun,	15	0	0
For Road from Thomas Manning's, Falmouth, to Horton Line,	10	10	0
From Nine Mile River Road to Grand Lake, £4 10s., granted in 1842, and remaining undrawn from the Treasury,			
From Shubenacadie Road to James Duggan's,	8	0	0
For Bridge near Todd's, Falmouth,	4	0	0
To aid the inhabitants to erect a Bridge at Ross's Brook, Douglas,	5	3	0
For Road from King's Bridge to Nelson's Bridge,	21	0	0
To alter a hill near Redden's, on Chester Road, to be drawn when certified that an equal sum has been expended by the inhabitants.	20	0	0
From Falmouth Line to Gildert's,	5	0	0
From Halifax County Line to James Fahie's,	12	10	0
James Fahie's to Isaac Whittear's,	12	10	0
Isaac Whittear's to Taggart's,	7	10	0
Windsor Road to Barron's Bridge,	10	0	0
Murphy's to Isaac Whittear's, and alteration at Withrow's Mill,	15	0	0
Barron's Bridge to Glen's Brook,	7	10	0
Walker's to Rawdon Church,	3	0	0
For Ridge Road, by Bond's,	5	0	0
From Douglas Road to Withrow's Mill,	7	10	0
Jacob Withrow's to Sims',	5	0	0
Isaac Whittear's to Kenetcook Bridge,	10	0	0
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From Gore Road to James Sandford's,	£6	0	0
Gore Road to Carver's Farm,	5	0	0
For alteration to avoid hills at Jas. McPhee's,	15	0	0
From James Scott's to James McPhee's Farm,	5	0	0
McPhee's Bridge to Shubenacadie River, and repair Bridge,	15	0	0
McPhee's Bridge to Indian Road,	7	10	0
Nine Mile River Road to Wardrobe's,	7	10	0
To open a Road from Mr. King's Farm to Five Mile River,	5	0	0
From Indian Road, to Caldwell's,	5	0	0
Taggart's to John McPhee's Indian Road,	7	10	0
John McPhee's to Wallace's Mill,	7	10	0
For Ainsley Road,	5	0	0
To avoid a Hill near Robert McDonald's,	5	0	0
From James Mosher's to Noel Road,	10	0	0
Glen's Brook to Kenetcook Road,	5	0	0
Kenetcook Bridge to Noel,	8	0	0
Noel to Tenecape.	6	0	0
For alteration at Henegar's,	10	0	0
alteration near Bernard Dughan's,	15	0	0
From Maitland to Nelson's,	15	0	0
Burton's to Indian Road,	6	0	0
Windsor Road to Hibbert's,	5	0	0
Hibbert's to Thompson's Road,	5	0	0
Tenecape to Petite,	10	0	0
Petite Bridge to Rainy Cove,	7	10	0
For Bridge and Causeway at Barrs' Creek, to be drawn when certified that an equal sum has been expended by the Inhabitants,	10	0	0
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COUNTY OF LUNENBURG.

Resolved, That the sum of Eight Hundred and Sixty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Lunenburg, be applied as follows :

To pay George Duncan, over-expenditure from Halifax to Chester,	£83	3	1
Ambrose Chesley, do building Bridge at New Germany,	34	2	1
Michael Schnyder, do completing Bridge at Branch Brook,	4	15	4
Geo. Slaughenwhite, do on Road through 300 acre Lots,	10	0	0
Matthew Ernst, do on Road from Lunenburg to La Have,	4	7	7
Jacob Langille, do for Bridge and Road to New Germany,	40	10	0
John Publicover, do for Road round New Dublin Shore,	5	9	4
William Drew, do on Road from Petit Riviere to County line,	0	16	4
James Webber, do on Windsor Road,	8	8	0
Peter Corkum, do from Chester to Windsor,	150	0	0
John Crandle, do on Sherbrooke Road,	1	13	0
Frederick Lantz, do on Road through Sherbrooke,	16	17	6
Wm. S. Morris, account for Surveys,	4	0	0
Wm. Ross, his account for laying out Roads,	1	10	0
Frederick and Peter Corkum, their account for do.	1	15	0

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On Road from Rouches Brook through Garden Lots,	5	0	0
Lunenburg to Leonard Young's,	10	0	0
Lunenburg to La Have Ferry,	15	0	0
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On Road from Sandy Hollow to Kedy's Bridge, Mahone Bay,	£10	0	0
Leonard Young's to Block House,	10	0	0
Block House to Zwicker's Mill, £10—Zwicker's Mill to Robar's Mill, £5,	15	0	0
Robar's Mill to Jacob Frank's,	10	0	0
Jacob Frank's to New Germany,	7	10	0
Leonard Young's to Jno. Langille's,	10	0	0
Jno. Langille's to Hirtle's Mills, and to repair La Have Bridge,	12	10	0
Hirtle's Mills to George Hirtle's,	10	0	0
George Hirtle's to New Germany,	10	0	0
New Germany to Grinton Settlement,	10	0	0
North West Street to James Pinco's, 300 acre Lot and outwards	15	0	0
Maitland Street to Slaughenwhite's Lake,	5	0	0
Clear Land to Sherbrooke Settlement,	15	0	0
On Road from Melchoir Zwicker's to Mahone Bay,	5	0	0
Block House to Mahone Bay,	7	10	0
Meeting House, North West range, to Casper Kaulback's, and outwards,	10	0	0
John Rahmy's to Maitland Settlement,	5	0	0
John Trethewey's to Morton's Grant,	5	0	0
Michael Beardsley's to Wet Stone Lake,	5	0	0
Mullock's to Nicholas Kraus's, and outwards,	10	0	0
John Silver's to La Have River,	7	10	0
Silver's Road to Peter Eichel's,	5	0	0
Henritzy's Cove to Post Road,	5	0	0
South to Rose Bay Cross Road,	5	0	0
Ackers Mills to Cross Road, Rose Bay,	10	0	0
La Have Road to James Dauphine's,	5	0	0
Frederick Mader's to Philip Aulembach's, and outwards,	10	0	0
Valentine Vineo's, 300 acre Lot, to Frederick Maders,	5	0	0
New Germany Road to John Jodrey's,	5	0	0
Barry's Mill to Everhard Silver's,	5	0	0
Maitland Street to George Jodrey's, 300 acre Lot,	5	0	0
William Nicols's to Michael Busby's,	5	0	0
Martins River to Kedy's Mill,	7	10	0
Peter Mackie's to Henry Lohnes', New Oxford Lots,	5	0	0
Chessley's Road to, and through, Granville Settlement,	5	0	0
Peter Nifort's, Rose Bay, to Kingsburg,	5	0	0
From Pernet's to Petit Riviere,	10	0	0
Petit Riviere to Queen's County line,	10	0	0
Fancy's Mills to Conquerall, and outwards,	10	0	0
Fancy's Mills to La Have River,	10	0	0
Fancy's Mills, on New Road, to Petit Riviere,	7	10	0
Fancy's Mills to New Haly,	7	10	0
La Have Bridge to Lapland,	7	10	0
Camperdown to New Haly,	5	0	0
La Have Bridge to Jno. Fancy's, Pleasant River Road,	10	0	0
John Fancy's to Pleasant River,	10	0	0
La Have Bridge to Western Branch, and to build a Bridge,	30	0	0
Pleasant River Road to Chelsea,	7	10	0
George Himmelman's to Ohio,	7	10	0
Camperdown Road to John Eichel's, and outwards,	5	0	0
From Petit Riviere Bridge to Sperry's,	5	0	0
La Have Bridge, New Dublin Shore, to Jno. Pernet's,	8	10	0
Halifax Road to Smelt Brook, West side Margaret's Bay,	5	0	0
Halifax Road to Blandford,	7	10	0
Chester to Hant's County line,	7	10	0
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From Basin, through Sherbrooke, to County line of Annapolis, and from Church to King's County line,	£9 2 9
	£860 0 0

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.

Resolved, That the sum of Eight Hundred and Fifty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges for the County of Cumberland, be applied as follows, viz :

Fillmore's Mill to James Dewar's,	£7 0 0
Widow Forshner's to River Philip Bridge, including expenditure in 1842, on Bridge near Eaton's, £6 18s.	20 0 0
Wm. E. Angevine's to Wallace Harbour,	7 0 0
North Shore Road, by McKenzie's,	8 0 0
Gilbert Purdy's, Westchester, to Bebee's,	8 0 0
Colonel King's to River Philip Road, by White's Ship-yard,	10 0 0
Tuttle's to the Gulf Shore,	5 0 0
Bland's to Rindres',	5 0 0
Dewar's Bridge to Wallace Harbour,	9 0 0
Widow Webb's to Isaac Rushton's,	5 0 0
Fillmore's Mill to James Ryan's,	6 0 0
Palmer's to Teed's Meadow,	4 0 0
Jasper Fulton's to Stevens' Mill,	4 0 0
Fountain's to Castlereagh,	4 0 0
Henry Teed's to Mattatall's Lake,	5 0 0
Robert Harrison's clear through New Town,	4 0 0
Wallace Bridge, at Rindress's, to repair,	40 0 0
Widow Reed's, by Crawford's, to Gray's Road,	5 0 0
Kenneth McKenzie's to Wallace Harbour,	4 0 0
H. N. Oxley's to Fox Harbour, to include Bridge,	12 0 0
A. McDonald's to D. Campbell's, by Morrison's,	4 0 0
Pugwash to Gulf Shore settlement,	5 0 0
River Philip Bridge, by Irvine's,	5 0 0
Bridge near Wm. E. Angevine's,	10 0 0
John Foshner's Mill, by Widow Foshner's, to Pugwash,	5 0 0
David Purdy's to Folly Lake,	10 0 0
McIntosh's Road to Wm. Smith's, North Shore,	7 0 0
Bridge near Benjamin Stevens', and to pay over expenditure, £16 19s.	20 0 0
Collingwood Oxley's to James Maxfield's,	7 0 0
James Maxfield's to Teed's Hill,	7 0 0
Londonderry Line to River Philip, by Westchester,	10 0 0
Joseph Keer's by Wm. Hurd's to 6 mile road, near Wm. E. Angevine's	20 0 0
Bridge at Wm. E. Angevine's to Charles Oxley, and to pay £7 16s. ex- pended in 1842,	10 0 0
Post road near Donald McInnis' to Road past George Wells's, cross the Aboiteau,	15 0 0
Wallace River to New Annan, by Swallow's,	4 0 0
Stephen Tuttle's to Hurd's Mill, by Doyle's,	4 0 0
To repair the Aboiteau near Peter Teed's,	8 0 0
To repair the Aboiteau near Griffin Purdy's,	7 10 0
Robert Harrison's to Wallace Harbour, by Graham's.	4 0 0
Cypian Stevens' to Gray's Road,	4 0 0
David Montross's to G. Heather's, by Mitchell's,	4 0 0
Post Road to the Salt Springs, Spring Hill,	5 0 0
Goose River to Leicester, by Benjamin Smith's,	4 0 0
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Leicester to River Philip, at Tate's,	£4	0	0
Amos Trueman's to Goose River, and to pay expenses of survey, 25s.	18	0	0
Leicester Road, from Spencer's Bridge to Post Road,	5	0	0
Brownel's Ferry, by Cooper's to Goose River, to build a Bridge,	15	0	0
Leicester to Thomas Dickson's Mill,	4	0	0
Black River Road,	4	0	0
Forks to the mouth of G. Smith's road, 100s., thence to the Salt Springs, 100s.	10	0	0
Spring Hill Road, by G. Smith's, to River Philip Road,	4	0	0
John Stewart's through the Fork's settlement,	6	0	0
Maccan towards Five Islands,	4	0	0
George Smith's road to Oxley's,	4	0	0
Joseph Hannah's to Caleb Lewis's Farm,	4	0	0
Little River Road to Spencer's Bridge,	4	0	0
Minudie to South Joggin, Lower Cove,	6	0	0
Main Road, near W. Ripley's, to River Herbert Bridge,	7	0	0
River Herbert Bridge to Captain Glennie's,	4	0	0
John Woods', down Maccan, by Wm. Sharp's, to Seamen's,	5	0	0
Calvin Bent's to Shipley's, on the Old Line,	10	0	0
Goose River Road to Tidnish, by J. W. Oxley's,	9	0	0
Ragged Reef to River Herbert,	5	0	0
Aboiteau towards Fort Lawrence, on the Marsh,	20	0	0
Dickinson's, up the River, past Shipley's,	5	0	0
Little River Road, past John Chapman's, to the Shore,	4	0	0
Maccan Bridge, by Woods',	19	0	0
George Butler's to New Canaan Road,	4	0	0
John Brown's Mill, by Etter's, to the Forks,	8	0	0
Little River Road, by George Thompson's,	6	0	0
Toby Mills to Tindall's,	7	0	0
James Chapel's, Tidnish, to Brownel's Ferry,	10	0	0
Robert Pugsley's to the Boars Back, towards Parrsboro,	4	0	0
River Philip to John Stewarts,	20	0	0
John Stewart's to Charles Roach's,	20	0	0
James A. Vickrey's to John Carter's, on new line surveyed by Mr. Wightman,	10	0	0
To repair the Nappan Bridge,	40	0	0
George Gould's, across the French Marsh, towards Ripley's,	5	0	0
To alter the hill near George Atkinson's,	8	0	0
Wm. Fullerton's to River Herbert,	6	10	0
Jeffers Lake to Caleb Lewis' Farm,	6	0	0
Caleb Lewis's to Ruscoe's	11	0	0
By Newcomb's to D. Lockart's	4	0	0
Swan Creek to Harrington River,	17	0	0
Henry Jeffers' to Black Rock,	5	0	0
Cumberland Road to Ramshead River,	6	0	0
Ramshead River to Ratchford's River,	6	0	0
Advocate to Three Sisters,	7	0	0
Grants to Apple River,	4	0	0
Half-way River Meeting House to Harrison's,	5	0	0
Harrison's to Sand River,	6	0	0
Diligent River, by York's,	5	0	0
Henry Jeffers' to Tate's Mill,	7	0	0
Wood's Mountains to Keer's,	5	0	0
From Swan Creek, by Gibson's,	6	0	0
Through the Allen Settlement,	4	0	0
Newcomb's to Swan Creek,	5	0	0
Ratchford's River to Wm. Morris's, and to pay 16s. 6d. over expenditure,	12	0	0

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William Morris's to Spicer's,	£20	0	0
Bridge over Partridge Island River, near Methodist Chapel,	4	0	0
To Repair Bridge at Half-way River, and to pay over expenditure of £8 9s 6d, on Bridge at Mills Village,	15	0	0
Bridge over Partridge Island River, at Newcomb's,	10	0	0
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	£850	0	0

COUNTY OF YARMOUTH.

Resolved, That the sum of Eight Hundred and Fifty Pounds, granted for the service of the Roads and Bridges in the County of Yarmouth, for the year 1843, be applied as follows :

From Beaver River to Starr's corner,	£10	0	0
To Build or repair the Bridge at Philips' Brook,	20	0	0
From Starr's to Vickery's,	10	0	0
Vickery's to Ballam's,	10	0	0
Ballam's to Tusket Village, and to repair Tusket Bridge,	15	0	0
Lents Corner to the Dyke at Abram's River,	15	0	0
To repair the Dyke at Abram's River, and the road from thence to J. J. Porter's, and to pay £15 to John B. Porter, over-expended last year, by a mistake in the Commission,	30	0	0
To repair the Road from J. J. Porter's, over the narrows, to George Frost's, and to pay £14 13s. 9d. to Abram Lent and Matthew Jeffery, over-expended by them on the Argyle Bridge last year, and to complete said Bridge,	35	0	0
From J. J. Porter's, round the head of Abubtic, to the Meeting House, George Frost's to Walter Larkin's, and to alter the Road at the head of Pubnico,	12	0	0
To repair the Bridge at William Spinney's Brook, and Road adjoining,	18	0	0
From Walter Larkin's to Still Water,	10	0	0
Head of Little River to Plymouth,	30	0	0
Plymouth to the Tusket Road,	10	0	0
The Main Road to Pas de Pra, and to repair the Pas de Pra,	10	0	0
Peter Améro's to the Indian Sluice,	10	0	0
Eel Lake to the Forks,	15	0	0
John Burke's to the head of Eel Lake,	10	0	0
To repair the Bridge at Roberts's Island,	10	0	0
Road on the East side of Eel Lake,	10	0	0
From Ricker's Brook to the Main Road,	10	0	0
The Main Road to Randall's,	8	0	0
On John William's Road,	8	0	0
From Tusket Village to James Hatfield's, including repairs of Gavil's Bridge,	20	0	0
John Spinney's to D'Eon's,	10	0	0
Philip D'Entremont's to Benjamin Goodwin's,	10	0	0
Joseph Amero's to Abbot's Harbor,	10	0	0
Barrington Line to Walter Larkin's,	10	0	0
Simon D'Entremont's to Barrington Road,	10	0	0
Abram Van Ernburgh's to Nathan Goodwin's,	10	0	0
Elijah Pinkney's to Fresh Brook,	10	0	0
Argyle Narrow's to McKinnon's Point,	8	0	0
Joseph White's to the Main Road,	10	0	0
Halstead's to Kempville,	25	0	0
Edward Tinkham's to Pearl's Meadow,	10	0	0
James Richie's to Samuel Bain's,	20	0	0

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From Salmon River to Jacob Tedford's,	£10	0	0
Oliver Pitman's to Pitman's Road, and to pay Comfort Healy £1 5s. over-expended last year,	10	0	0
The New Road, near Healey's, to the Parade,	10	0	0
Beaver River to Crosby's Mill, and to Lake George Road,	15	0	0
Whitehouse, up the East side of Lake George, to Salmon River,	15	0	0
Richard Cornings to Lake George Road,	15	0	0
James Wyman's, up Salmon River, to Mood's,	10	0	0
Pleasant Valley, down the East side of Salmon River, to S. Crosby's,	10	0	0
Samuel Crosby's to the Road to Hilton's,	10	0	0
To repair the Road round the East, South and West sides of Cedar Lake,	20	0	0
From Henry Sanders' to Manassah Cook's, and to pay Richard Patten £2, over-expended last year,	10	0	0
Benjamin Terfry's to Purdy's,	10	0	0
Pleasant Valley to Reynard's,	10	0	0
Reynard's, down the West of Tusket River, to the Main Road, and to build the Bridge by Edward White's,	20	0	0
Hilton's to Pleasant Valley,	30	0	0
Pleasant Valley to Carlton, and to build Carlton Bridge,	40	0	0
Crawley's, up Tusket River, to Yarmouth line,	30	0	0
Nathaniel Churchill's to Kempville Road,	10	0	0
Ohio Road to Ansel Crosby's, and thence to the Sea shore,	15	0	0
Phineas Allen's to Yarmouth line, and thence to Eldridge's,	16	0	0
Phineas Allen's to John Crosby's,	10	0	0
Leonard Perry's to Scott's Island,	5	0	0
Thurston's to Foot's Cove,	10	0	0
Cranberry Head Road to Z. Foot's,	10	0	0
Widow Sallow's, over the Dyke and up Shore, to Z. Foot's,	10	0	0
	£850	0	0

COUNTY OF ANNAPOLIS.

Resolved, That the sum of Eight Hundred and Fifty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges for the County of Annapolis, for 1843, be applied as follows :

On Cross Road from Samuel Purdy's to the Waldick Line,	£10	10	0
The Waldick Line to the Old Road near William Harris's,	10	10	0
Road from Robert Jefferson's to the Black Settlement,	7	10	0
To repair the Bridge near Thomas Berry's, Waldick Line,	5	0	0
On the Road from Isaac Ditmar's to the Hessian Line,	6	10	0
Shore Road from Moose River to Millenors Corner,	10	10	0
Road from Millenors Corner to the Generals Bridge,	12	10	0
Moose River to Samuel Bell's,	5	0	0
To repair the Bridge on the Post Road, near Jacob Starratt's,	5	10	0
On the Black settlement Road East from the Jefferson Road, to Millenors Corner,	4	10	0
On the Road from Ward Wright's to Elijah Berry's,	4	10	0
To Lawrence Hall, over expenditure on Ferry Slip, Annapolis side of the River,	4	7	6
To repair Allan Creek Bridge,	15	0	0
On the new Liverpool Road from James Owens' to Charles Glodes,	20	0	0
Road from Lake LaRose to Perott road,	10	0	0
Perott Road to the Ten Mile River,	5	0	0
Morse Cross Road, from the Main Post Road south,	15	10	0
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To repair Paradise Bridge,	£7	10	0
On the Road from the Beals Road to John Banks',	7	10	0
Henry Wightman's to Samuel Chipman's,	15	0	0
To Nathaniel Parker, over expenditure on the Parker Bridge, and to finish the same,	12	15	0
On the road from Charles Glode's to Queen's County Line,	10	0	0
Nictaux Falls south, on the new line to Jos. Foster's,	25	0	0
Isaac Longley's to the Durland Settlement,	10	0	0
The Liverpool Cross to the top of Beals' Mountain,	5	0	0
John Ledbetter's, past Robins', to the Nictaux Road,	5	0	5
Amount left at the disposal of the Lieut. Governor, the present year,	34	17	1
To repair the Bridge Post Road near Henry Vroom's,	12	10	0
To repair the Bridge Post Road near John Palmer's,	10	0	0
Post Road from Seth Leonard's to George Craft's,	7	10	0
To repair the Bridge over Bloody Creek,	10	0	0
To George Bruce, over expenditure on the Oak's Bridge,	8	12	6
To Jacob Durland, over expenditure on the Lawrencetown Bridge,	30	6	0
On the New Road from the Post Road to the Back Settlement, near Chas. Elliott's,	16	1	6
Road from the Liverpool Cross to Queen's County Line, by Danl. Durland's,	25	0	0
Liverpool Cross to the Lunenburg Cross,	10	0	0
Lunenburg Cross to the County Line leading to New Germany,	15	0	0
Kings' County Line west to Dalhousie,	7	10	0
Liverpool Cross to John B. Donnaley's,	7	10	0
John B. Donnaley's to the Morse Road,	7	10	0
Morse Road to the Township Road,	7	10	0
Township Road to James Whitman's,	7	10	0
Dalhousie Road south through the Township,	5	0	0
Dalhousie Road north on the Morse Road,	7	10	0
To repair the Paradise Cross Road,	6	0	0
On the Road from Handley Mountain Road West to Sheep-shear Brook,	7	10	0
Dunham's to Gates' Breakwater, Shore Road,	7	10	0
Gates' Breakwater to the Post Road,	7	10	0
Gates' Road east by the Springs,	7	10	0
On the Victoria Cross Road near the Wilmot Springs,	12	10	0
Road from John George's by Levi Phinney's,	10	0	0
Ritchie Road, near Gates' Breakwater,	7	10	0
New Road leading to Gates' Breakwater, by Crawford's,	5	0	0
To repair the Bridge near Jacob Chute's £1 10s., in addition to £7 10s., granted last year, and not drawn,	1	10	0
On the Road from James Whitman's, on the Canaan Road, east to the County Line,	7	10	0
Road from the Stronach Road, east to the County Line, near Manly Gauger's,	7	10	0
Road from the Croyley Road, to the Baptist Meeting House on Gates' Mountain,	7	10	0
On the Road from the Township Line to the Dixon Swamp,	5	0	0
Dixon Swamp to Dalhousie,	10	0	0
Vidito Farm, East, to the Allan Settlement,	5	0	0
Canaan Road, North, to the Sander's Road,	5	0	0
Post Road, by Elijah Phinney's Mill,	5	0	0
James Charlton's, East, by William Rustico's,	5	0	0
Back Settlement Road to Marshall's Cove,	5	0	0

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On the Road from Peter Starratt's to the Grave's Settlement,	£5 0 0
The Marshall Road, West, to Granville Line,	5 0 0
Messenger Cross Road, from Eli Messenger's to Shore Road,	5 0 0
East and West Road from Benjamin Ramsey's, West, to the James' Cross Road,	7 10 0
To Theodore Hill, over-expenditure on Hill's Bridge,	13 0 0
Finish the Bridge over Wright's Brook,	15 0 0
On the James' Cross Road, from the Lake to Shore Road,	10 0 0
James' Cross Road, from the limits of Bridgetown to the Lake,	10 0 0
Chute's Cross Road, from Main Road to Bay Shore,	10 0 0
First Road over the Mountain, from the Chute's Cross Road, West,	7 10 0
Phinney Cross Road, from Main Road to Bay Shore,	10 0 0
Shore Road, West, from John Phinney's,	5 0 0
Young Cross Road, from Main Road to Bay Shore,	10 0 0
Shore Road, from Young's Cross Road, West, by Abm. Young's,	7 10 0
First Road from the Young Cross Road, East, by E. Bent's,	5 0 0
McCormick Cross Road, from the Main Road to the top of the Mountain,	15 0 0
Road West from the Parker's Cross Road, from Milner's to Henry Halliday's,	7 10 0
Parker Cross Road, from the Main Road to the foot of the Mountain,	10 0 0
East Road from the Parker's Cross Road, from Aaron Oliver's to Thomas Hudson's,	5 0 0
To repair the Ferry Slip in Granville,	10 0 0
On the Mills Cross Road, from the Main Road to the top of the Mountain,	10 0 0
McKinzey Cross Road, from the Main Road to the top of the Mountain,	10 0 0
Shore Road, from Isaac Healy's, West, to the Robble Bridge,	5 0 0
Shore Road, from the Robble Bridge, West, to the Widow Anderson's,	7 10 0
Shore Road, West, from the Widow Anderson's,	5 0 0
Road from James Johnson's to the Duke of York's Battery,	7 0 0
To the Commissioners of Streets, Bridgetown, over-expenditure on James' Bridge,	10 0 0
To repair two Bridges at Quinling's Mills, Main Road,	7 10 0
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	£850 0 0

COUNTY OF DIGBY.

Resolved, That the sum of Eight Hundred and Fifty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Digby, in the year 1843, be applied as follows, viz :

To repair the Road from the Ferry to the Bridge, West side Bear River,	£15 0 0
Cross Road between Jer. Smith's and Sules' Farms,	10 0 0
Road from William Berry's farm to Hillsburgh Line,	10 0 0
Lake Hill Road, between the Forks of Bear River and the Indian Settlement,	10 0 0
Morgan Road, to be expended Southward of Morgan's Mills,	10 0 0
Main Road, from Hollingshead's Bridge to Randall's Bridge, and to pay Wm. Aymar, £5 5s. over-expended on Randall's Bridge last year,	15 18 8
To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to pay Gerrard Welsh for services rendered by him in assisting Mr. Wightman in surveying the scite for a Bridge at the Grand Joggin,	2 5 0
To repair the road from Blin's Farm to Marshall Town,	10 0 0
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To repair the North Range Road, from R. Haines' West Line, to the West end of the Long Crossway,	£10	0	0
Thomas Road, from Van Buskirk's farm, Westward,	10	0	0
Cross Road from the North Range to Zeigler's Settlement,	15	0	0
North Range Road Eastward of Samuel Wilson's farm,	10	0	0
South Range Road, from No. 26, Westwardly,	15	0	0
Cross Road from the Main Road to the North Range on Young's Line,	10	0	0
Cross Road from the Main Road to the North Range on Tebo's line,	10	0	0
Cross Road, from the North Range to Doucett's Settlement,	10	0	0
Road from John McConnell's farm to Melonson's Road, North side Sissiboo River,	10	0	0
New Road, from the South Range Road to the North-east branch of Sissiboo River,	10	0	0
To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to pay an over-expenditure made on Sissiboo Bridge last year, by order of His Excellency,	31	16	4
To repair Sissiboo Bridge,	60	0	0
The Road from the Township line Road to the Bend of Sissiboo River,	10	0	0
From Tusket Road to the South-east angle of the Township of Weymouth,	10	0	0
From the Main Road, at Wm. Payson's, to the Township line Road,	15	0	0
Cross Road from St. Mary's Church to the North Range, Shelburne Road and the North Range Road, East of the same,	20	0	0
New Road from Crowley's farm to Daly's, on the Mountain,	40	0	0
Road from Balcomb's Mills, Eastward,	10	0	0
New Road between Trout and Sandy Cove, the East end,	28	10	0
New Road between Trout and Sandy Coves, on the West end,	28	10	0
Little River Bridge,	15	0	0
Main Road through Long Island,	15	0	0
Road from Briar Island Village to the Light House,	20	0	0
Old Road from the Fishing Beach to the Light House, Digby Gut,	10	0	0
New Road from Ross' farm to Gullivers Hole,	10	0	0
Road between the Racket Bridge and Wright's,	25	0	0
Road leading to Queen's Battery,	15	0	0
Bridge at McConnell's Mills, and the Road on the West side of the same,	20	0	0
Cross Road from St. Mary's Road to the Neck Road, between Lots No. 1 and 2,	10	0	0
Road from the Yarmouth Line to Corning's Brook, in Clare,	10	0	0
Road from Gabriel Davou to Yarmouth Road, by Mulchahy's, in Clare,	20	0	0
Road from Terrance Shehan's to Bartlett's River,	10	0	0
On Jesse Oakes' line,	10	0	0
Francis Therrio's line,	10	0	0
Maximin Comeau's line,	10	0	0
Back of Joseph M. Comeau,	10	0	0
On Joseph Comeau's line, £5 of which to be expended from said line to the old Mill,	15	0	0

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To repair the Road from Patrick Thibodeau's to the Yarmouth Road,	£25	0	0
Groscoque Bridge to Yarmouth Road,	25	0	0
Eusebe Godet to Remi Davou,	10	0	0
On the Township Line by Charles Godet's,	15	0	0
From the Yarmouth Road to the Duck Pond Settlement,	10	0	0
Montegan Bridge, on the Main Road,	10	0	0
Road between the first and second locations from Eusebe Godet's to Joseph LeBlanc's farm,	10	0	0
On the East side of Patrick Nowland's farm,	10	0	0
On Joseph S. Sonia's line,	15	0	0
Bridge on Tusket River, on the Yarmouth Road,	12	0	0
Road from John B. Melonson's farm to Maturine M'Colla's,	16	0	0
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	£850	0	0

COUNTY OF QUEEN'S.

Resolved, That the sum of Eight Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Queen's, be applied as follows, viz :

To repay Messrs. John & James Barss, on account of monies advanced under Provincial Act,	£35	0	0
Repay James Morton, over-expenditure on Road from Milton to Mid- dlefield,	120	0	0
Road from Milton to Middlefield,	75	0	0
Do Middlefield to Brookfield,	15	0	0
Brookfield to Annapolis County Line,	10	0	0
Brookfield, through Caledonia,	15	0	0
Main Road at Pleasant River to McKay's, on Pleasant Point Road,	5	0	0
Pleasant River Bridge to Mudley's,	4	0	0
Caledonia, through Duncannon,	10	0	0
Middlefield to Wellington,	40	0	0
Cowie's to Milton,	15	0	0
Lunenburg County Line to Mill's Village,	15	0	0
Mill's Village to Herring Cove,	35	0	0
Mill's Village to Portmedway,	15	0	0
Herring Cove to Portmedway,	25	0	0
Solomon's to Blueberry,	20	0	0
African Chapel to Kolp's,	15	0	0
Liverpool to Western Head, by the shore,	15	0	0
Hunt's Point to Broad River Bridge, by the shore,	15	0	0
Liverpool to Hunt's Point, through White Point,	20	0	0
Main Post Road to Sandy Bay,	10	0	0
Liverpool to Port Mutton,	25	0	0
Port Mutton to Port Jolie,	25	0	0
Port Jolie to Bounds of County,	25	0	0
Sandy Bay Road, near Post Road, to Wm. McDonald's,	15	0	0
Wm. McDonald's to Stewart's,	10	0	0
Port Mutton to Little Port Jolie,	15	0	0
Mill's Village to Briggans'	7	0	0
Mill's Village to Conquerall,	18	0	0
Portmedway to Blueberry,	10	0	0
Bristol to Milton,	10	0	0
Mill's Village, up West side River,	10	0	0
Post Road to Wm. Fraser's, East side Port Jolie,	7	0	0
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Brookfield to Alexander Cameron's, West Branch Brookfield Road,	£5	0	0
To repay Philip Fancy, over-expenditure in altering Road at Pleasant River,	7	0	0
From Kemp Road, through Northfield,	10	0	0
Annapolis Road to Pleasant River, by Carder's,	7	0	0
Milton to Brown's Mill,	10	0	0
Caledonia to Harmony, on the Minard Road,	7	0	0
To repay John Barss, over-expenditure in 1841,	17	0	0
Caledonia Road to Devonshire,	5	0	0
Whiteburn Road,	5	0	0
Caledonia, passing James Annis',	5	0	0
Annapolis Road to Beach's, through Rosette,	6	0	0
Sandy Cove to Nicherson's, Great Hill,	5	0	0
Beach Hill to Hunt's Point,	5	0	0
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	£800	0	0

COUNTY OF COLCHESTER.

Resolved, That the sum of Eight Hundred and Sixty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Colchester, be applied as follows, viz :

From Upper Stewiacke to Pictou, on the new line,	£30	0	0
For the Bridge and Embankments at the ends thereof, at E. U. Tupper's,	7	10	0
Road across the Intervale, on or near the Township			
Line of Upper Stewiacke,	21	0	0
Road and Bridges at and near Otter Brook and Meadow Brook,			
in Upper Stewiacke,	5	0	0
Road leading from the Deyarmond Settlement to the Main Road,	5	0	0
From Putnam's Bridge to Abner Polley's,	20	0	0
Timothy Putnam's to Brookfield,	10	0	0
St. Andrew's to Musquedoboit, called the Sibley Road,	5	0	0
Corbet's, Gay's River, and the new Halifax Road, near			
Parker's,	7	10	0
Abner Polley's to the new Halifax Road, near Tupper's,	10	0	0
John Dunlap's to Putnam's Bridge,	2	14	10
Back Road running Westwardly from William Young's to the Five			
Islands,	6	0	0
Road from William Young's to the Main Road,	5	0	0
Henry McLaughlin's to Samuel Hill's,	5	0	0
Over Gerrish's Mountain,	9	0	0
To repair the Bridge at the Rock Brook, in Economy,	5	0	0
For the Main Road and Bridge at and near Economy River,	5	0	0
West Macan Road, Five Islands,	10	0	0
Road from Morrison's, towards and through New Boston, Five Islands,	3	15	0
J. Fulmor's, Esq., to the Little York Settlement, and			
thence along the other Road to the Main Road,	3	15	0
The Post Road to the East River Landing, at Five Islands,	2	10	0
The West Macan Road to the Boyd Settlement, Five			
Islands,	5	0	0
The Township Line of Onslow to Tatamagouche,	15	0	0
From Pictou County Line to Tatamagouche, and to pay an over-expendi-			
ture on Black Rock Bridge,	20	0	0
To pay over-expenditures on the Bridge at Henderson's Creek, and on			
French River Bridge,	30	0	0
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For the Road from Nelson's, towards McKay's Mill, in Earl Town,	£10	0	0
McKay's Mill towards Onslow, in Earl Town,	5	0	0
Leading from Main Road at Downey's, past Murray's Mill, to Workman's,	5	0	0
From Widow Ross' towards Pictou, by the West Branch R. John,	5	0	0
Widow Ross' towards River John Harbour,	5	0	0
Matheson's, Earl Town, to Nelson's,	5	0	0
Byer's Mill to Higgins',	2	10	0
Oliver's Bridge to Bonnyman's, on the Main Road to New Annan,	5	0	0
Bell's to Byers' Mill,	2	10	0
Swan's to the Lake Road,	2	10	0
Kennedy's to Cocks', on the Onslow Road,	5	0	0
Bell's to McLeod's, New Annan,	2	10	0
French River to Matatall's Lake,	5	0	0
Chambers' to Jacob M'Burnie's,	2	10	0
Langille's, Point Breula, to the Barrasois,	2	10	0
River John Road to Point Breula,	2	10	0
William Waugh's to Nelson's,	2	10	0
Salmon River to McKay's Mill, Earl Town,	5	0	0
To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to pay for an over-expenditure on the Truro Bridge, by Samuel Archibald, Esq in 1842,	183	12	0
To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to pay for repairs done on the Bridges over the Folly and Debert Rivers, by J. Wier, in 1842,	20	2	8
To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to pay for repairs done on the Chiginois River Bridge, by James D. Baird, in 1842,	25	10	6
For the Road from Green's Creek to Pleasant Valley,	3	0	0
Pleasant Valley to Brookfield,	3	0	0
Black Rock to Green's Creek,	6	0	0
Charles Moore's to Upper Brookfield,	3	0	0
Bridge over Moose Creek,	5	0	0
To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be applied towards paying Samuel Archibald, Esq., in part the expense incurred by him in open- ing up the section of the New Line of the Great Eastern Road be- tween Robert Barry's, in Truro, and Thomas Dickson's, in the year 1842—the same to be paid when it is certified, to the satisfaction of His Excellency, that the Inhabitants subscribed, and faithfully expend- ed the like sum in the same year, 1842,	100	0	0
For the Road from the Line of Londonderry to the County Line of Cum- berland, towards Wallace,	10	0	0
To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to pay an over-expenditure, by James Pollock, on the Great Road, East, in 1842,	92	0	0
To finish the Bridge and Road, at and near Charman's, on the Chiginois River,	10	0	0
For the Road from Onslow Meeting House, past Crow's Mills, to Chiginois,	8	0	0
To repair the Bridge over the North River, on the Main Post Road,	8	0	0
For the Road from Robertson's to Onslow Town Line, on the Road to Tatamagouche,	4	0	0
Roads and Bridges in the Township of Londonderry, to be appro- priated and applied in such way as His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor shall be pleased to direct,	55	0	0
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	£860	0	0

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COUNTY OF SHELBURNE.

Resolved, That the sum of Eight Hundred and Fifty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges for the County of Shelburne, be applied as follows :

POST ROAD.

From Queen's County Line to Sable River,	£25	0	0
Sable River to Jordan River,	20	0	0
Jordan River to Shelburne,	25	0	0
Shelburne to W. Shepherd's, and repay over-expenditure of £3 6s. 3d. in 1842,	25	13	2
W. Shepherd's to Beaver Dam,	17	0	0
Beaver Dam to Clyde River, and build a Bridge over East Branch,	60	0	0
Clyde River to Swain's Road,	20	0	0
Swain's Road to James Doane's, Barrington,	30	0	0
Barrington Bridge, including said Bridge, to Allen Smith's, Oak Park,	35	0	0
Allen Smith's to Yarmouth County Line,	15	0	0
To repay James Muir, over-expenditure on Shelburne Bridge, in 1842,	10	6	10
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	£283	0	0

CROSS ROADS, TOWNSHIP OF SHELBURNE.

From Benjamin Perry's to Indian Brook,	£15	0	0
Benjamin Perry's to Widow Littlewood's,	12	0	0
Round Bay Bridge to Abiel Hager's,	10	0	0
Carleton Village to Post Road,	12	0	0
Post Road to Alexander Hamilton's,	8	0	0
Post Road to David Jenkins' Road,	9	0	0
David Jenkins' Road to Upper Clyde,	13	0	0
Post Road to Bowers' Bridge,	8	0	0
Bowers' Bridge to foot of Lake on Long Island,	22	0	0
Long Island to Philip Bowers',	6	10	0
Bowers' Bridge to Wm. Ryers',	5	0	0
Shelburne to Jordan Ferry, by Morven,	10	0	0
Joseph Holden's to David McKay's,	10	0	0
Sandy Point to John Cushron's,	10	0	0
John Cushron's to John McKenzie's,	10	0	0
Gunning Cove to Beaver Dam,	7	0	0
Port Lebear to Sable River, and repay over-expenditure last year £1 18s. 6d.	9	0	0
To repair the Bridge over Lloyd's Creek,	5	0	0
From Sable River to Ragged Island Bay,	20	0	0
Jacob Harding's to Little Harbour Chappel,	9	0	0
Little Harbour to Jonathan Craig's,	13	0	0
Little Harbour to Richard Wall's,	7	0	0
Ragged Island Bay to Green Harbour,	7	0	0
John McKenzie's to Freeman Crowell's,	6	0	0
Lock's Island Beach to Thomas Crowell's,	6	0	0
Hugh Houston's to Lloyd's Creek,	5	0	0
Main Road to John Dall's,	4	0	0
Green Harbour to Jordan Bridge,	25	0	0
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	£566	10	0

TOWNSHIP OF BARRINGTON.

From James M'Comeskie's to Argyle Township Line,	£15	0	0
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From John Lyons' to James M'Comesky's,	£5	0	0
Levi Nickerson's to Levi Crowell's,	10	0	0
Gideon Crowell's to Atwood's Brook,	15	0	0
Main Road to John Atwood's,	5	0	0
Josiah Snow's to Baker's Brook,	20	0	0
Jacob Purdie's to Freeman Crowell's,	10	0	0
North West Creek to McDougal Bridge,	17	10	0
To repair Ciam Creek Bridge,	15	0	0
From Clam Creek to Shelburne Road,	20	0	0
Alexander Lyle's to Shelburne Road,	7	10	0
Wood's Harbour to Fresh Brook,	25	0	0
Alexander Watson's to Isaac Banks',	10	0	0
Shelburne Road to Little River,	12	0	0
John McKillip's to Elam Thomas',	10	0	0
Hibbert's Brook to John Coffin's,	15	0	0
William Atwood's to David Smith's,	7	0	0
Gideon Crowell's to Joshua Nickerson's,	5	0	0
Heman Crowell's to Main Road,	9	10	0

CAPE SABLE ISLAND.

Stony Island to Asa McGray's,	10	0	0
Asa McGray's to Duncan Cunningham's,	20	0	0
Nehemiah Crowell's to West Head,	10	0	0
William Cunningham's to Thomas Ross',	10	0	0

£850 0 0

COUNTY OF PICTOU.

Resolved, That the sum of Eight Hundred and Sixty Pounds, appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Pictou, be applied as follows, that is to say :

To pay John McKay, towards paying for the Bridge at 10 Mile House,	£150	0	0
West River,			
do. Repairing Bridge at Salt Spring, West River,	1	12	6
Bryan McDiarmid, for repairing the Road at Mount Thom,	5	0	0
Alex. Graham, for repairing the Bridge at the 8 Mile Brook,	10	0	0
Thomas McKay, for repairing the Road from Harthorn's to the			
County Line,	5	0	0
Robert Short, for repairing the Bridge, Upper Settlement, West River,	8	0	0
Roderick McKenzie, over expenditure on the Bridge at Kenneth			
Fraser's,	4	17	6
John Ferguson, for repairing the Bridge from Thomas Fraser's,	4	0	0
John McKay and Roderick McLean, for repairing Road at Green Hill,	30	0	0
John Sutherland, for building New Bridge at Mount Dalhousie,	8	0	0
John Stromberg, for balance due on Bridge at Williamson's Creek,	10	0	0
John Chisholm, for repairing the Bridge on the Cape John Road,	5	0	0
Allan Cameron, for planking Bridge at Seven Mile House,	18	17	6
John McKay, Esq., towards balance, New Glasgow Bridge,	192	0	0
John Forbes, for building Bridges at Middle River,	52	8	0
Thomas Horne, for repairing Coal Brook Bridge and Road,	27	18	6
William Fraser, for building Bridge at Smelt Brook,	16	0	6
Donald McDonald, for repairing the Bridge at the Marsh,	4	0	0
Archibald Fraser, for repairing the Bridge at Robertson's Mill,	5	14	0
James Fraser, (Culloden,) for repairing Bridge,	5	0	0

To

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To pay Hugh Fraser, for repairing Barney River Bridge,	£10	7	9
Angus McDonald, repairing French River Bridge covering,	1	5	0
Donald McGrigor, for repairing Road to Big Island, Merigomishe,	10	0	0
Neil McLauren, for repairing Bridge on Wickworth Grant, and to pay Donald Douglas 16s 6d, for repairing Road at Barney River,	6	16	6
William Hattie, for repairing Bridge at Barney River,	9	16	0
The Road and Bridges from McGee's to Back Settlement, Knoydart,	10	0	0
To repair the Road from McKinnon's at the Gusset, to Glendhue,	5	0	0
John McDonald's to Archibald Gunn's, 6 M. Brook,	5	0	0
Munro's to Richards', 6 Mile Brook,	5	0	0
A. McKenzie's, Barney River, to Alex. Sutherland's,	5	0	0
John McDonald's to Forbes' Lake, Barney River,	5	0	0
Bridge and Road at Roger's Hill, near the Church,	6	0	0
Bridge at Roger's Hill, near Hugh McIntosh's,	6	0	0
Road at Rogers Hill, from the Church to Hatch's,	5	0	0
from John Munro's Mill Brook, to Alex. Ferguson's,	5	0	0
Post Road at Murray's to the County Line,	10	0	0
From Copeland's to Murray's,	8	0	0
Road at Carriboo, from McLeod's to the Cross Road,	5	0	0
Bridge at the Tidnish River, Merigomishe,	10	0	0
Rogers Hill, from Munro's to McConnell's,	5	0	0
Road from McRae's Mill to Alex. Fraser's, West River,	5	0	0
At the West River, from R. McKenzie's to Alex. McKay's,	5	0	0
Mount Dalhousie, from Rae's to Peter Arthur's,	6	0	0
Between the 4 and 6 Mile Brooks,	6	0	0
At Carriboo, from Murdo McKenzie's to Cape John Road,	5	0	0
From Donald McKay's towards New Larig,	10	0	0
At Carriboo, from Daniel Leslies towards Sandy Cove,	5	0	0
From McCara's to the Black Brook,	5	0	0
Three Mile House to Mrs. Underwood's,	8	0	0
Underwood's to the turn, and to pay John McCabe 31s.	6	0	0
Mount Thom to McRae's Mill,	5	0	0
At Merigomish, from Smith's thro' McGie and Tracy's lands,	5	0	0
Barney River, in the Valley, leading West to French River,	5	0	0
In the Valley, at the West Branch, from McKenzie's to McLeod's,	5	0	0
At the end French River Bridge towards Blue Mountain,	5	0	0
Gusset Road to Glendhue,	5	0	0
Road and Bridge at Vany's Brook to Dan. McLean's,	5	0	0
From Duncan McLean's to Barney River Mill,	5	0	0
To repairing the Gusset Bridge,	6	0	0
Road to the Big Island, Merigomishe,	6	0	0
At Barney's River, from Hatton's Bridge,	5	0	0
To repair the Road at Higgins' Brook, Merigomishe,	5	0	0
Carriboo, from Grant's to Dickson's Mill,	5	0	0
Barney's River, from Murray's to McKenzie's,	10	0	0
Post Road, through Merigomishe to New Glasgow,	10	0	0
Road from Angus McKinuon's to County Line, (Mountain)	5	0	0
At Barney's River, through D. Harrison's lands,	5	0	0
Back of Murray's, East side Barney's River to Bailie's Brook,	5	6	3
	£860	0	0

No. 102.

*(See Page 506.)***Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America.**

Signed at Washington, August 9, 1842.

Ratifications exchanged at London, October 13, 1842.

A Treaty to settle and define the Boundaries between the Possessions of Her Britannick Majesty in North America, and the Territories of the United States:—for the final suppression of the African Slave Trade:—and for the giving up of Criminals, fugitives from justice, in certain cases.

WHEREAS certain portions of the Line of Boundary between the British Dominions in North America and the United States of America, described in the Second Article of the Treaty of Peace of 1783, have not yet been ascertained and determined, notwithstanding the repeated attempts which have been heretofore made for that purpose; and whereas it is now thought to be for the interest of both Parties, that, avoiding further discussion of their respective rights, arising in this respect under the said Treaty, they should agree on a Conventional Line in said portions of the said Boundary, such as may be convenient to both Parties, with such equivalents and compensations as are deemed just and reasonable: And whereas, by the Treaty concluded at Ghent, on the 24th day of December, 1814, between His Britannick Majesty and the United States, an Article was agreed to and inserted, of the following tenor, viz.: “Art. X. Whereas the “Traffick in Slaves is irreconcilable with the principles of humanity and justice; and whereas both His Majesty and the United States are desirous of continuing their efforts to promote its entire abolition: it is hereby agreed, that both the Contracting Parties shall use their best endeavours to accomplish so desirable an object:”—and whereas, notwithstanding the laws which have at various times been passed by the two Governments, and the efforts made to suppress it, that criminal traffick is still prosecuted and carried on; and whereas Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the United States of America, are determined that, so far as may be in their power, it shall be effectually abolished:—And whereas it is found expedient for the better administration of justice, and the prevention of crime within the territories and jurisdiction of the two Parties, respectively, that persons committing the crimes hereinafter enumerated, and being fugitives from justice, should, under certain circumstances, be reciprocally delivered up:—Her Britannick Majesty, and the United States of America, having resolved to treat on these several subjects, have for that purpose appointed their respective Plenipotentiaries to negotiate and conclude a Treaty, that is to say: Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland has, on Her part, appointed the Right Honorable Alexander Lord Asburton, a Peer of the said United Kingdom, a Member of Her Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council, and Her Majesty’s Minister Plenipotentiary on a Special Mission to the United States; and the President of the United States has, on his part, furnished with Full Powers, Daniel Webster, Secretary of State of the United States; who after a reciprocal communication of their respective Full Powers, have agreed to and signed the following Articles:—

ARTICLE I.—It is hereby agreed and declared, that the Line of Boundary shall be as follows:—Beginning at the monument at the source of the River St. Croix, as designated and agreed to by the Commissioners under the Fifth Article of the Treaty of 1794, between the Governments of Great Britain and the United States; thence north, following the exploring line run and marked by the Surveyors of the two Governments, in the years 1817 and 1818, under the Fifth Article of the Treaty of Ghent, to its intersection with the River St. John, and the middle of the channel thereof; thence up the middle of the main channel of the said River St. John to the mouth of the River St. Frances; thence up the middle to the channel of the said River St. Frances, and of the lakes through which it flows, to the outlet of the Lake Pohenagamook; thence south westerly, in a straight line, to a point

point on the north west branch of the River St. John, which point shall be ten miles distant from the main branch of the St. John, in a straight line and in the nearest direction; but if the said point shall be found to be less than seven miles from the nearest point of the summit or crest of the highlands that divide those Rivers which empty themselves into the River St. Lawrence, from those which fall into the River St. John, then the said point shall be made to recede down the said north west branch of the River St. John, to a point seven miles in a straight line from the said summit or crest; thence in a straight line, in a course about south, eight degrees west, to the point where the parallel of latitude of 46 25 north, intersects the south west branch of the St. John; thence southerly by the said branch, to the source thereof in the highlands at the Metjarmette Portage; thence down along the said highlands which divide the waters which empty themselves into the River St. Lawrence, from those which fall into the Atlantic Ocean, to the head of Hall's Stream; thence down the middle of said stream, till the line thus run intersects the old Line of Boundary surveyed and marked by Valentine and Collins, previously to the year 1774, as the 45th degree of north latitude, and which has been known and understood to be the line of actual division between the States of New York and Vermont on one side, and the British Province of Canada on the other; and from said point of intersection west along the said dividing line, as heretofore known and understood, to the Iroquois, or St. Lawrence River.

ARTICLE II.—It is moreover agreed, that from the place where the joint Commissioners terminated their labours under the Sixth Article of the Treaty of Ghent, to wit, at a point in the Neebish Channel, near Muddy Lake, the Line shall run into and along the ship channel between St. Joseph's and St. Tammany Islands, to the division of the channel at or near the head of St. Joseph's Island; thence turning Eastwardly and Northwardly around the lower end of St. George's or Sugar Island, and following the middle of the channel which divides St. George's from St. Joseph's Island; thence up the East Neebish Channel nearest to St. George's Island, through the middle of Lake George; thence West of Jonas' Island into St. Mary's River, to a point in the middle of that river about one mile above St. George's or Sugar Island, so as to appropriate and assign the said Island to the United States; thence adopting the line traced on the maps by the Commissioners, through the River St. Mary and Lake Superior, to a point North of Ile Royale in said lake, one hundred yards to the North and East of Ile Chapeau, which last mentioned island lies near the Northeastern point of Ile Royale, where the line marked by the Commissioners terminates; and from the last-mentioned point Southwesterly through the middle of the sound between Ile Royale and the Northwestern main land, to the mouth of Pigeon River, and up to the said river to and through the North and South Fowl Lakes, to the lakes of the height of land between Lake Superior and the Lake of the Woods; thence along the water-communication to Lake Saisaginaga and through that lake; thence to and through Cypress Lake, Lac du Bois Blanc, Lac la Croix, Little Vermillion Lake, and Lake Namecan, and through the several smaller lakes, straits, or streams connecting the lakes here mentioned, to that point in Lac la Pluie, or Rainy Lake, at the Chaudiere Falls, from which the Commissioners traced the line to the most Northwestern point of the Lake of the Woods; thence along the said line to the said most Northwestern point, being in latitude 49 23 55 North, and in longitude 95 14 38 West, from the observatory at Greenwich; thence, according to existing Treaties, due South to its intersection with the 49th parallel of North latitude, and along that parallel to the Rocky Mountains. It being understood that all the water communications, and all the usual portages along the line from Lake Superior to the Lake of the Woods, and also Grand Portage from the shore of Lake Superior to the Pigeon River, as now actually used, shall be free and open to the use of the subjects and citizens of both countries.

ARTICLE III.—In order to promote the interests and encourage the industry of all the inhabitants of the countries watered by the River St. John and its tributaries, whether living within the Province of New Brunswick, or the State of Maine, it is agreed, that where by the provisions of the present Treaty, the River St. John is declared to be the Line of Boundary, the navigation of the said River shall be free and open to both Parties, and shall in no way be obstructed by either; that all the produce of the forest, in logs, lumber

lumber, timber, boards, staves, or shingles, or of agriculture, not being manufactured, grown on any of those parts of the State of Maine watered by the River St. John or by its tributaries, of which fact reasonable evidence shall, if required, be produced, shall have free access into and through the said river and its tributaries, having their source within the State of Maine, to and from the sea-port at the mouth of the said River St. John, and to and round the falls of the said river, either by boats, rafts, or other conveyance; that when within the Province of New Brunswick, the said produce shall be dealt with as if it were the produce of the said Province; that in like manner the inhabitants of the territory of the upper St. John, determined by this Treaty to belong to Her Britannick Majesty, shall have free access to and through the river for their produce, in those parts where the said river runs wholly through the State of Maine: Provided always, that this agreement shall give no right to either Party to interfere with any regulations not inconsistent with the terms of this Treaty, which the Governments, respectively, of New Brunswick or of Maine, may make respecting the navigation of the said river, where both banks thereof shall belong to the same Party.

ARTICLE IV.—All grants of land heretofore made by either Party within the limits of the territory which, by this Treaty, falls within the dominions of the other Party, shall be held valid, ratified, and confirmed to the persons in possession under such grants, to the same extent as if such territory had by this Treaty fallen within the dominions of the Party by whom such grants were made; and all equitable possessory of claims, arising from a possession, and improvement of any lot or parcel of land, by the person actually in possession, or by those under whom such persons claims, for more than six years before the date of this Treaty, shall in like manner be deemed valid, and be confirmed and quieted by a release to the person entitled thereto, of the title to such lot or parcel of land so described, as best to include the improvements made thereon; and in all other respects the two Contracting Parties agree to deal upon the most liberal principles of equity with the settlers actually dwelling upon the territory falling to them respectively, which has heretofore been in dispute between them.

ARTICLE V.—Whereas, in the course of the controversy respecting the disputed territory on the Northeastern Boundary, some monies have been received by the authorities of Her Britannick Majesty's Province of New Brunswick, with the intention of preventing depositions on the forests of the said territory, which monies were to be carried to a fund called the "Disputed Territory Fund," the proceeds whereof it was agreed should be hereafter paid over to the parties interested, in the proportions to be determined by a final settlement of Boundaries; it is hereby agreed that a correct account of all receipts and payments on the said fund shall be delivered to the Government of the United States within six months after the ratification of this Treaty; and the proportion of the amount due thereon to the States of Maine and Massachusetts, and any bonds or securities appertaining thereto, shall be paid and delivered over to the Government of the United States; and the Government of the United States agrees to receive for the use of, and pay over to the States of Maine and Massachusetts their respective portions of said fund; and further, to pay and satisfy said States, respectively, for all claims for expenses incurred by them in protecting the said heretofore disputed territory, and making a survey thereof in 1838: the Government of the United States agreeing with the States of Maine and Massachusetts to pay them the further sum of three hundred thousand dollars, in equal moities, on account of their assent to the Line of Boundary described in this Treaty, and in consideration of the conditions and equivalents received therefor from the Government of Her Britannick Majesty.

ARTICLE VI.—It is furthermore understood and agreed, that for the purpose of running and tracing those parts of the line between the source of the St. Croix and St. Lawrence Rivers, which will require to be run and ascertained, and for marking the residue of said line by proper monuments on the land, two Commissioners shall be appointed, one by Her Britannick Majesty, and the other by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof; and the said Commissioners shall meet at Bangor, in the State of Maine, on the 1st day of May next, or as soon thereafter as may be, and shall proceed to mark the line above described, from the source of the
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St. Croix to the River St. John, and shall trace on proper maps the dividing line along said River, and along the River St. Francis to the outlet of the Lake Pohenagamook; and from the outlet of the said Lake they shall ascertain, fix, and mark, by proper and durable monuments on the land, the line described in the first Article of this Treaty; and the said Commissioners shall make to each of their respective Governments a joint Report or Declaration, under their hands and seals, designating such Line of Boundary, and shall accompany such Report or Declaration with maps, certified by them to be true maps of the new Boundary.

ARTICLE VII.—It is further agreed, that the channels in the River St. Lawrence, on both sides of the Long Sault Islands, and of Barnhart Island, the channels in the River Detroit, on both sides of the Island Bois Blanc, and between that Island and both the Canadian and American shores, and all the several channels and passages between the various Islands lying near the junction of the River St. Clair, with the Lake of that name, shall be equally free and open to the ships, vessels, and boats, of both Parties.

ARTICLE VIII.—The Parties mutually stipulate, that each shall prepare, equip, and maintain, in service on the Coast of Africa, a sufficient and adequate squadron, or naval force of vessels, of suitable numbers and descriptions, to carry in all not less than eighty guns, to enforce, separately and respectively, the laws, rights, and obligations of each of the two Countries for the suppression of the Slave Trade; the said squadrons to be independent of each other, but the two Governments stipulating nevertheless to give such orders to the officers commanding their respective forces, as shall enable them most effectually to act in concert and co-operation, upon mutual consultation, as exigencies may arise, for the attainment of the true object of this Article; copies of all such orders to be communicated by each Government to the other respectively.

ARTICLE IX.—Whereas, notwithstanding all efforts which may be made on the Coast of Africa for suppressing the Slave Trade, the facilities for carrying on that traffick, and avoiding the vigilance of cruizers, by the fraudulent use of flags, and other means, are so great, and the temptations for pursuing it, while a market can be found for slaves, so strong, as that the desired result may be long delayed, unless all markets be shut against the purchase of African Negroes; the Parties to this Treaty agree, that they will unite in all becoming representations and remonstrances, with any and all Powers within whose Dominions such markets are allowed to exist; and that they will urge upon all such Powers the propriety and duty of closing such markets effectually, at once and forever.

ARTICLE X.—It is agreed that Her Britannick Majesty and the United States shall, upon mutual requisitions by them or their ministers, officers, or authorities, respectively made, deliver up to justice all persons who, being charged with the crime of murder, or assault with intent to commit murder, or piracy, or arson, or robbery, or forgery, or the utterance of forged paper, committed within the jurisdiction of either, shall seek an asylum, or shall be found within the territories of the other:—provided that this shall only be done on such evidence of criminality, as, according to the laws of the place where the fugitive or person so charged shall be found, would justify his apprehension and commitment for trial, if the crime or offence had there been committed: and the respective Judges and other Magistrates of the two Governments shall have power, jurisdiction and authority, upon complaint made under oath, to issue a warrant for the apprehension of the fugitive or person so charged, that he may be brought before such Judges or other Magistrates, respectively, to the end that the evidence of criminality may be heard and considered; and if, on such hearing, the evidence be deemed sufficient to sustain the charge, it shall be the duty of the examining Judge or Magistrate to certify the same to the proper executive authority, that a warrant may issue for the surrender of such fugitive. The expense of such apprehension and delivery shall be borne and defrayed by the Party who makes the requisition and receives the fugitive.

ARTICLE XI.—The Eighth Article of this Treaty shall be in force for five years from the date of the exchange of the Ratifications, and afterwards, until one or the other Party shall signify a wish to terminate it. The Tenth Article shall continue in force until one or the other of the Parties shall signify its wish to terminate it, and no longer.

ARTICLE XII.—The present Treaty shall be duly ratified, and the mutual exchange of Ratifications shall take place in London, within six months from the date hereof, or earlier if possible.

In faith whereof we, the respective Plenipotentiaries, have signed this Treaty, and have hereunto affixed our seals.

Done in duplicate at Washington, the ninth day of August, Anno Domini One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-two.

ASHBURTON.

DANL. WEBSTER.

(L. S.)

(L. S.)

No. 103.

(See Page 506.)

The Committee on the Post Office concerns, beg to Report further—

That on the Petition of Matthew Mattock, praying remuneration for money stolen, (as he says,) the Committee decline recommending any sum.

That on the Petition of James Seaman, praying remuneration for carrying the Mail between Amherst and Minudie, from the 6th January 1842, to the 6th July following, the Committee recommend that he be paid £7 10s. for that service, the same having been recommended by a former Committee.

That on the Petition of Lemuel Morehouse, the Committee recommend that he be paid £10 to enable him to pay his Ferriage over the Petit and Grand Passages, for the year 1842, and that it be recommended to the Acting Deputy Post Master General to increase his allowance to £52, annually, to commence from the 1st January last, that sum to include Ferriages.

That on the Petition of the Inhabitants of Yarmouth, praying two Mails a week from Digby to Yarmouth, the Committee recommend that the prayer of their Petition be granted, provided it can be done without any increased expense to the Province.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES R. DEWOLF,
WM. STAIRS,
SAML. P. FAIRBANKS,
THOS. DICKSON,
SAMUEL CHIPMAN,
WM. ANNAND,

No. 104.

(See Page 511.)

SHELBURNE, SS.

Account of Fines in the Supreme Court at Shelburne, in May Term, 1841.

Names of Persons Fined.	Amount of fine.	Fines collected	Fines not collected, and Remarks.
Michael Wrayton, - - -	£6 5 0	£6 5 0	N. B.—All these Fines are Queen's Fines, for Assault, Battery, and have been remitted by the Sheriff to Halifax, except the fine of Enslow and Swineburgh, £26 1s.
Saudel Lewes, - - -	6 5 0	6 5 0	
Eldad Crowell, - - -	6 5 0	6 5 0	
Brazilla Hopkins, - - -	6 5 0	6 5 0	
Joseph Kenney, - - -	6 5 0	6 5 0	
Lewis Smith, - - -	6 5 0	6 5 0	
Nehemiah Kinna, Junr. - - -	6 5 0	6 5 0	
Leonard Knowles, - - -	6 5 0	6 5 0	
John McKay, - - -	5 0 0	5 0 0	
Isaac A. Enslow, - - -	25 0 0	0 0 0	
George Swineburgh, - - -	0 1 0	0 1 0	
	£55 1 0	£55 1 0	£25 0 0
	80 1 0		

N. B.—The fine of 1s. is in my hands.

I certify the above to be a true statement of all Fines in the Supreme Court at Shelburne, to this present date, as witness my hand, at Shelburne, this 27th day of November, 1842.

(Signed) ISAAC G. ENSLOW, Dpy. Clerk of the Crown.

To J. W. Nutting, Esq., C. C. Halifax.

A true copy of the original return.

J. W. NUTTING, C. C.

Amount of Fines paid into the Provincial Treasury for the last six years, from the County of Shelburne.

1842—May 5th, - - - - - £52 5 0

CHARLES W. WALLACE, Treasurer.

Treasurer's Office, Halifax, 25th March, 1843.

An account of Fines, Forfeitures, Penalties, or other Debts or Dues of the Crown, levied by the Sheriff of the County of Shelburne, together with the names of the Persons on whom the same were levied.

Date of Levy.	Persons on whom Levied, &c.	Amount.
1841		
May Term, -	{ Fine levied on Michael Wrayton and others, per sentence of Supreme Court,	£50 0 0
May Term, -		
April, 1842,	Paid to Provincial Treasurer,	£55 0 0
	Sheriff's Office, Shelburne, 27th December, 1842.	

There personally appeared before me, the Subscriber, Cornelius White, Sheriff of the County of Shelburne, and made oath to the truth of the above stated account.

Attested before me the 27th day December, 1842.

(Signed)

THOMAS CROWELL, J. P.

A true copy of the original return.

J. W. NUTTING, C. C.

No. 105.

(See Page 513.)

Extract of a Despatch from the Right Honorable Lord Stanley to Viscount Falkland, dated 9th February, 1843.

“ I have the honor to transmit to your Lordship, for your information, copies of a correspondence which has passed between this office and Mr. H. Bliss, relative to the presentation at the Privy Council Office, of the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Cape-Breton, complaining of the annexation of that Island to the Province of Nova Scotia, and praying for a separate Government and Legislature.”

COPY.

Downing Street, 25th January, 1843.

SIR—

I am directed by Lord Stanley to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 16th instant, in which you request to be informed whether the original of the Petition therein inclosed, from certain Inhabitants of the Island of Cape-Breton, praying for a separation from Nova Scotia, should be sent to this office, or left at the Privy Council, or what other course should be taken for procuring a hearing and decision of the proposed appeal to the Queen in Council; and I am to acquaint you in answer, that Lord Stanley must decline to offer any advice for the guidance of your conduct in this matter.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

G. W. HOPE.

H. Bliss, Esquire, &c. &c. &c.

COPY.

King's Bench Walk, Temple, 3d February, 1843.

MY LORD—

With reference to my Letter to your Lordship, of the 16th ult., and the answer thereto, dated the 25th of that month, respecting the Petition from Cape-Breton to Her Majesty in Council, against the annexation of that Island to the Province of Nova Scotia, in which answer I am informed that your Lordship must decline to offer any advice for the guidance of my conduct in this matter.

I most respectfully beg leave to express my hope, that my Letter was understood as asking for your Lordship's directions and commands through what Department the Petition should be presented, from no other motive than a desire to proceed in such a manner as might show the greatest respect to your Lordship's station and character, and the greatest deference to your convenience. Your Lordship will have seen, by the copy of the Petition which was enclosed in my former letter, that the Petitioners complain of an Act of the Royal Prerogative, as contrary to the plighted faith of the Crown, and even unconstitutional and illegal. By that Act the Government and Legislature of Cape Breton, solemnly

solemnly constituted by the Crown, above five and thirty years before, were, without any charge against or hearing of the inhabitants, revoked and destroyed, and their powers transferred to a neighbouring Province, to the entire subversion of the Political rights of the Island, and not without effect upon the rights of person and property in the subjects there planted. The Petitioners do not suppose that any such consequences were ever contemplated by the Ministers of the Crown who advised the measure, nor is any thing adverse to be imputed against them, except perhaps the improvident and inconsiderate nature of the proceeding, the resistance to which also has always from the first been conducted without turbulence or clamour, by petitions and protestations; and the present endeavour to bring the question to a trial and decision, will, it is hoped, be viewed by Her Majesty's Government, as the most quiet and respectful way in which that object could be obtained: the issue being regarded as in reality rather between the Island of Cape Breton and the Province of Nova Scotia, than as between the Crown and its subjects.

I have now the honor most humbly to acquaint your Lordship that the Petition was yesterday delivered at the Privy Council Office, by Mr. Hardingham, the Solicitor employed, to be presented in the proper course. I had been informed, on enquiry at that office, that such a course was not unusual, and I trust I have not erred in considering it under all the circumstances, as the most advisable.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

HENRY BLISS.

The Right Honorable Lord Stanley, &c. &c. &c.

No. 106.

(See Page 513.)

Abstracts of the Returns made by the several Justices of the Peace throughout the Province, of the number of Suits and Prosecutions, Civil and Criminal, had before them respectively, in the year 1842, (not including those in the Mayor's Court, City of Halifax.)

Counties.	Names of Justices.	Civil.	Criminal.
Halifax,	Edward H. Lowe,	45	6
	John Tempest,	33	18
	E. Allison,		
	J. Kent,	7	
	H. A. Gladwin,	48	2
	John Leslie,	11	
	W. J. Lydiard,	3	
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	W. B. T. Piers,	13	6
	Alexander Ferguson,	4	
	Joseph Green,	13	
	John Steele,	18	2
	G. N. Russell,	8	
	A. Archibald,	13	
	T. Holland,	9	
George Garrison,	9		
William Logan,	9		
Hants,	A. Torrey,	4	1
	Wm. Sanders,	11	
	John Cochran,	12	
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	Joseph Sentell,	214	11
	Wm. H. Shey,		
	Edward Murphy,	23	
	Samuel Palmer,		
	Wm. O'Brien,	7	
	Samuel Dennison,	11	
	Daniel Wier,	27	
	Benjamin Densmore,	10	
	Ichd. Dimock,	4	
	Alex. McPhee,	18	
	Wm. Munford,	16	
	Benj. Smith,		
	Benj. Dewolf,	1	
	Francis Parker,	10	
	John Allison,	6	
	A. M. N. Cochran,	14	
	Joseph J. Blackburn,	19	
	Richard Smith,		
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J. T. Hutchinson,		243	1
Richard Starr,		10	
Chas. H. Brown,		16	
Sherman Denison,		17	
Alex. Patterson,		62	
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George Lockwood,		10	
Wm. A. Chipman,		36	5
Thomas Lovett,		42	4
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James N. Crane,		11	
Henry Magee,		53	2
William Miller,		21	
Harris Harrington,		39	
Nathaniel Davison,		23	
Simon Fitch,		21	
Jonathan Crane,		30	1
John Lyon,		80	
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Mayhew Beckwith,		27	
James Harris,		8	3
Samuel Sharp,		41	
John Patterson,			
C. R. Rand,			
James D. Harris,			
S. Chipman,			
Annapolis, - - -	William Randall,	40	1
	D. C. Landers,	20	1
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	Edward Eaton,	81		
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	Wm. Nicholl,	4		
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	John Robinson,	11		
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	John Ryder,		1	
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	Amos Baker,	9	1	
	Thomas Killam,	2	1	
	Reuben Clements,			
	John McKinnon,	3		
	Stayley Brown,	20		
	John Landers,	43		
	Matthew Jeffery,	4	1	
	Henry Griggs Farish,	26	9	
	Simon D'Entremont,	1		
	Shelburne, - - -	Robert Currie,	1	
		W. B. Sargeant,	4	1
Thomas Johnston,		25		
Win. Sargent,		3		
James Geddes,		7		
G. H. Dunstadt,		56		
Thomas Done,				
Andrew Barclay,		3	3	
M. D. McKenna,		2	1	
John Lyle,				
Josiah Coffin,	12			

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	Freeman Tupper,	4	
	J. F. Morse,	24	
	Whitman Freeman,	10	
	John Campbell,	70	3
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	James N. Knaut,		
	James Barss,	46	3
	W. B. Taylor,		
	Ephraim Mack,	6	
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	John Darrow,		
	John Heckman,		
	James S. Wells,	73	7
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	Wm. Graves,	38	1
	Michael Rudolf,	4	
	William Rudolf,	2	
	Joseph Miller,	177	10
	Wm. S. Morris,	253	4
Guysborough, - - -	Joseph Park,	8	
	George Mitchell,		
	William Alexander,	18	1
	Edward J. Ross,	2	
	Joseph G. Hadley,	5	
	Charles Brodie,	25	2
	Francis Cook,	23	
	John O'Connor,	33	
	William Bent,	34	
	Abner Atwater,	40	
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	Hugh McDonald,	5	
	Thomas Glencross,	8	
	W. O. Heffernan,	24	
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	Wm. Dobson,	7	1
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	Hugh McDonald,	1	
	James Ross,	10	
	James Randall,	8	
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	Augustus A. Ogden,	29	1
	Angus Gillies,	38	
	Robert A. Henry,	244	3
	Joseph Simonds,	17	
Wm. C. Hierlihy,	6		
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	James Skinner,	154	20
	James Crerar,	18	

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	George McLeod,	89	
	John McKay,	33	
	Peter Ross,	81	
	Wm. Fraser,	13	
	Peter Crerar,	4	
	George Smith,		
	John Olding,	6	
	David Crichton,	171	
	James Primrose,		5
	James Carmichael,	23	
	Abraham Patterson,		
	George Campbell,	2	
	Robert Murray,	48	
	Kenneth McLean,	17	
	James Purves,		
	Edward Smith,		
	James D. B. Fraser,	62	4
Hugh Fraser,	29		
Colchester,	A. L. Archibald,	1	
	Alexander Kent,	1	
	Samuel Creelman,	5	
	David P. Crow,	5	
	Samuel Archibald,	48	
	Isaac McCurdy,	1	
	Thomas J. Brown,	57	2
	John King,	6	1
	John Dickson,		
	Robert Murray,		
	Wm. Byers,	2	
	Francis P. Parker,	10	
	Eliakim Tupper,	7	
	William Cutten,	54	1
	Donald Ross,	10	
	James M. Spencer,	10	
	Joseph Dickson,		
	James Yuill,	1	
	Duncan Black,	6	
	John Wier,	21	
Wm. Rutherford,	14		
E. J. Blanchard,	171		
Cumberland,	J. S. Fullerton,	30	
	Donald Stewart,	6	
	Joshua Huestis,	48	
	James B. Davison,	9	
	Ebenezer Kerr,	36	
	A. J. Blackburn,	8	
	John Johnston,	3	
	R. M. G. Dickey,	24	4
	Amos Black,	32	2
	Jos. Oxley,	9	2
	W. W. Waugh,	5	

Cumberland,

Counties.	Names of Justices.	Civil.	Criminal.
Cumberland, - -	Wm. W. Bent,	81	
	Gilbert Laurence,	3	
	George Bugman,	54	
	John Morse,		10
	John Bent,	23	
	Stephen Fulton,		
	Mich. Gordon,	32	1
	James McNab,	28	
	Henry G. Pineo,	33	1
	James Page,	23	1
	James Ratchford,	7	
	Jacob G. Purdy,	11	
	T. Swallow,		
Richmond, - -	John Janvrin,	51	17
	P. D. Carteret,	7	1
	John Smith,		2
	John Jean,	22	
	Wm. Crichton,		
Inverness, - - -	Peter John Brounard,	22	
	John McLellan,	28	
	Thomas Elridge,	20	
	J. D. Tremain,	14	
	Angus McLellan,	35	
	Irad Hart,	2	2
	Matthew Hawley,	23	
	James G. McKeen,	2	
	John Lewis Tremain,	62	
	William Armstrong,	12	
Cape-Breton, - -	Charles McAlpine,	8	
	John McKinnon,	137	8
	J. D. Clarke,	20	
	Wm. Ouseley,		
	P. H. Clarke,	25	6
	James Fraser,	39	2
	Charles E. Leonard,		
	George G. Hill,	1	1

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The Committee to whom was referred the subject of a letter from George Wightman, tendering to the House a Manuscript upon Road Making and Surveying—beg leave to Report:

That the Committee have devoted as much of their time as could be spared from other public duties, to the examination of the work, and although from the late period in the Session in which the subject has been brought to their notice, they have not been enabled to give it so full an investigation as they would have wished, in order more fully to decide upon its merits, yet the Committee are satisfied that it contains much valuable information, and teaches plain, easy, and practical methods of Surveying, laying out, levelling and constructing Roads and Bridges, by those means best adapted to the situation and capabilities of the Country; and if published, would prove a valuable assistant in the study of Surveying and Road making. The Author having offered the work to the House without any

any remuneration to himself, and the Committee having ascertained that 1000 copies, containing about 250 octavo pages, can be printed in a pamphlet form for £150, and that no advance of money will be required until the work will be published and ready for sale, beg leave to recommend to the House to make such provision as may be necessary for causing the said work to be published.

March 29, 1843.

BENJ. SMITH.
GAIUS LEWIS.

No. 108.

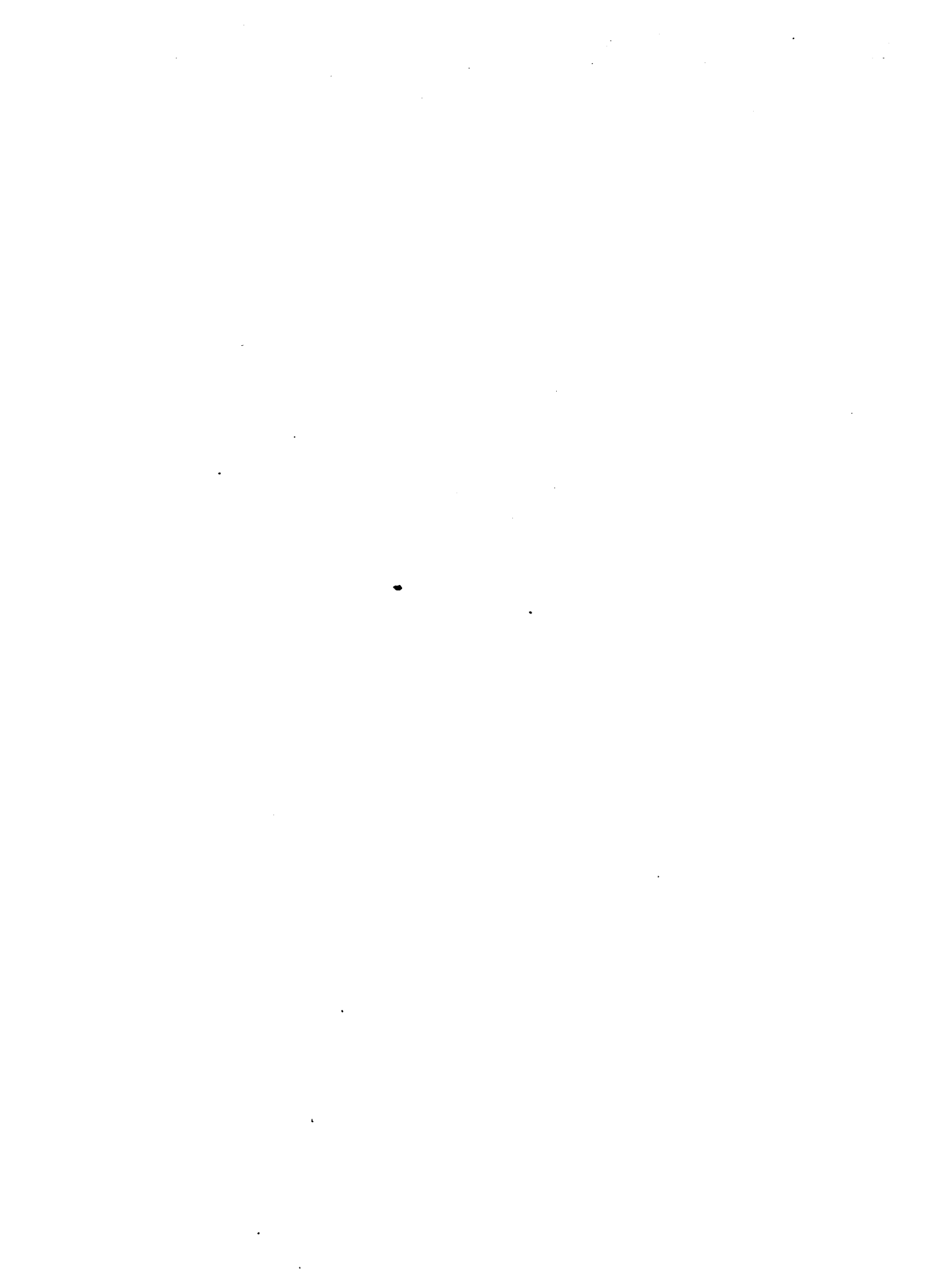
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The Committee to whom was referred the subject of revising and reprinting the Laws of the Province, beg leave to Report as follows:

That in their opinion, there is a necessity for a new Edition of the Provincial Laws, that there exists a very general complaint of there being no copies of the last Edition to be purchased.

In consequence of the late period at which the attention of the Legislature has been called to this subject, your Committee are unable to satisfy themselves with respect to the expense of revising or Printing, but as there exists a pressing demand for the work, your Committee are of opinion that it would be advisable to obtain the services of the Clerks of the House, and to authorise them to review the Statutes, and to prepare such as are in operation, together with a suitable Index, for publication—and further to obtain information with respect to the probable expense of printing, so that the same may be reported to this House at the next Session.

SAMUEL P. FAIRBANKS, Chairman.
THOS. DICKSON,
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