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OF HER MAJESTY'S

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF THE

PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

1844.



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 First day of June next:

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly until Thursday, the Third day of August 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 Twenty-fifth day of May, in the sixth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and in the year of our Lord 1843.

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 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 Third day of August next:

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly until Thursday, the Second 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 Twentieth day of July, in the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, and in the year of our Lord 1843.

By His Excellency's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

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, I have thought fit to dissolve the General Assembly of this Province, which now stands prorogued to Thursday, the Second day of November next: I do, for that purpose, publish this Proclamation; and accordingly, by these presents, do dissolve the said General Assembly.

And I do hereby notify the Members of the Legislative Council, as well as the Representatives of this Her Majesty's Province, severally, as they are returned from the Counties and Townships, that they are discharged from the further attendance in the said General Assembly.

And by these presents, I further declare, that I have this day given orders to issue Writs in due form for calling a new General Assembly, which Writs will bear teste on the 30th instant, and be returnable on Thursday, the Eleventh day of January next.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this Twenty-sixth day of October, in the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, and in the year of our Lord 1843.

By His Excellency's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

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 Writs issued for the Election of Members to serve in General Assembly, and which bear teste the Thirtieth day of October last, are made returnable at Halifax on Thursday, the Eleventh day of January next,

And whereas, the attendance of the Members chosen, or to be chosen, for the respective Counties and Townships within the Province, is not required on the said eleventh day of January next.

I have thought fit to prorogue the meeting of the General Assembly until Thursday, the Eighth day of February next, *then to meet for the Despatch of Business*—of which the Members of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, and all persons concerned, are required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax, this Twenty-first day of December, 1843, and in the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

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FIRST SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

ANNO SEPTIMO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

At Halifax, in the Province of Nova-Scotia.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,

Thursday, 8th February, 1844.

Writs having been issued for a new Election of Representatives to meet in General Assembly, on the eleventh day of January, in this present year, and the said General Assembly having been, by Proclamation, prorogued to this day, the Council met—

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the Lord Bishop.

The Honorable Peter McNab,
Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
Robert M. Cutler,

The Honorable Alexander Campbell,
Michael Tobin,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown.

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

H. E. comes to Council Chamber

H. A. attend

Gentlemen

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*H. A. directed to
choose Speaker

I have it in command from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to inform you that His Excellency will declare the causes of his calling this General Assembly as soon as the House of Assembly shall have chosen a Speaker. It is therefore the pleasure of the Lieutenant-Governor, that the Gentlemen of the House of Assembly do repair to the place where they usually sit, and there proceed to the choice of a Speaker, and present the person so chosen for His Excellency's approbation.

The House of Assembly then retired, and, after a short time, having returned, John Heckman, Esquire, Member for the Township of Lunenburg, addressed His Excellency as follows :

May it please Your Excellency,

Speaker presented

The House of Assembly, agreeably to Your Excellency's commands, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and have unanimously elected William Young, Esquire, 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.

Accepted

After which His Excellency was pleased to say,
I accept the Speaker of the House of Assembly.
Then the Speaker of the Assembly said,

May it please Your Excellency,

Speaker claims privi-
leges

Your Excellency's ready approval of the choice with which I have been honored by the House, having constituted me in due form the Speaker of the Assembly, it has now become my duty, in the name of the Representatives of Her Majesty's loyal subjects the people of this Province, respectfully to demand all their accustomed rights and privileges, that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, that they and their servants may be free from arrest during their attendance in Parliament, and that I, as their Speaker, may have access to Your Excellency's person.

Granted

To which His Excellency replied,
I grant the usual privileges.

Then His Excellency was pleased to open the Session by a Speech to both Houses as follows:

Speech

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

Glad as I have always been to avail myself of your assistance in conducting the business of the Country, I am especially so at the present juncture, when there are matters of grave importance to bring under your consideration.

You will rejoice with me to learn that, during the recess, the domestic happiness of our beloved Sovereign has been augmented by the birth of a Princess.

A bountiful Providence has vouchsafed an abundant Harvest to the Agriculturist, and an ample reward to the toils of our hardy Fishermen.

The depression of the times has operated somewhat injuriously on the Revenue, and we must be prepared to meet difficulties, which I trust will prove to be but temporary in their nature, by a strict and judicious economy.

The severity of the winter has demonstrated the prudence of the Legislature in making last year a provision for casualties, and I hope you will find that the fund placed at the disposal of the Executive for the purpose of keeping the Main Post Roads in repair, has been wisely expended.

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

The Accounts and Estimates will be laid before you. I feel confident of your readiness to provide for all that is absolutely necessary for the public service, having due regard to that frugality which the exigencies of the times imperatively demand.

I have the permission of Her Majesty to submit to you a proposition for the surrender of the Casual and Territorial Revenues of the Crown, in exchange for a permanent Civil List; and I trust that you will, on mature deliberation, deem that the terms on which I recommend that this exchange should be effected, are adapted to the present financial position of the Country.

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

For nearly four years my best energies have been devoted to the advancement of the interests and happiness of this Province, and being satisfied that a Government composed of individuals of one political party only would be ill suited to its actual condition, I have ever distinctly avowed my reluctance to form such a Council, and my earnest desire and intention to administer the affairs of the Colony with the advice of a Board at which all interests should be represented. This desire and intention I still retain. By the aid of a Council thus constituted the just claims of all classes may be urged on the attention of the Representative of the Sovereign: Whereas a Party Government would expose the Lieutenant Governor, who must unavoidably be often ignorant of local relations, to the great danger of being made an instrument of oppression to some portions of the community for the aggrandizement of others, however much his own inclination might lead him, as his interest always *must*, to promote the general welfare without preference or distinction.

Well assured of the love that the people of Nova-Scotia bear to the person of our Gracious Queen, and of their attachment to the connexion which binds them to the Mother Country, I am convinced that, so long as I adhere to the principles from which I have never departed, of firmly resisting any invasion of the Royal Prerogative, while I use the powers which that Prerogative confers, justly and impartially for the benefit of all Her Majesty's subjects, I shall deserve and secure their approbation and affection, and that both will be made manifest by the cordial and efficient support I shall receive from you as the Representatives of their opinions.

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

H. A. withdraw
H. E. retires

A Bill, entitled, An Act to improve the Administration of Criminal Justice, was read a first time.

Bill pro forma read

The President reported His Excellency's Speech, and the same being read by the Clerk, Mr. Morton moved that the following Address be presented to His Excellency, in answer to his Speech:

Speech reported
Address moved

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

Address

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

Viscount Falkland,

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

The Address of the Legislative Council.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The Legislative Council humbly thank Your Excellency for the Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session of the General Assembly.

We shall be happy to aid Your Excellency in conducting the public business, and to every measure which Your Excellency shall submit to us, we shall give our best attention:

Any

Any event which increases the happiness of our beloved Sovereign, cannot but be pleasing to Her loyal subjects; and the recent addition to the Royal Family affords us sincere gratification.

For a plentiful Harvest and an abundant Fishery, we are grateful to the bountiful Giver of all good.

Although our Revenue be for the present somewhat deficient, yet we trust the cause is of a temporary nature, and we shall endeavour by carefully and judiciously husbanding our resources to render them adequate to the public service.

Your Excellency's approbation of the prudence of the Legislature in making provision for casualties, gives us pleasure, and we doubt not that the fund placed at your disposal has been wisely expended.

To vindicate the Royal Prerogative, and to extend equal justice to all without reference to party, are the paramount duties of the Queen's Representative.

For Your Excellency therefore to rely upon the advice of those who represent the feelings and interests of a portion only of the Queen's subjects, would be a dereliction from those duties, and lead to injustice and oppression.

Cordially concurring in Your Excellency's sentiments on this momentous subject, and regarding the past as an auspicious presage of the future, we venture to assure you that by a continuance in the course hitherto pursued by Your Excellency, you will secure for yourself the affectionate regard of every loyal subject, and confirm the devoted attachment to our Gracious Queen, and our happy connexion with the Mother Country which now animates the Inhabitants of this favoured portion of the Empire.

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

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

Ordered, That Mr. Morton, Mr. McNab, and Mr. Tobin, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency, to know what time His Excellency will be pleased to receive this House with their Address.

Ordered, That Mr. Bell, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Morton, Mr. Tobin, and Mr. Brown, be appointed a Committee to consider of the Orders and Customs of this House, and Privileges of Parliament.

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

Friday, 9th February, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Right Reverend and Honorable the Lord Bishop.

The Honorable Peter McNab,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
Robert M. Cutler,
Alexander Campbell,

The Honorable Michael Tobin,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown.

PRAYERS.

Mr. McNab sat President in the absence of the President.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and ascertain when His Excellency would be pleased to receive this House with their Address, reported that the Committee had performed that duty, and that His Excellency had been pleased to state, that he would receive this House to-day, at two of the clock, P. M.

The

Agreed to

To be presented by whole House

Com. to wait on H. E. to know when he will receive Address

Com. of Privileges

Adjourn

Report of Com. to wait on H. E.

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

House wait on H. E. with Address

MR. PRESIDENT AND HONORABLE GENTLEMEN,

H. E.'s reply

I thank you very sincerely for the Address which you have presented to me.

I am much gratified at the expression of your approbation of my past course, but I am more than gratified at the unequivocal declaration you have made, at this particular juncture, with regard to a matter of such momentous importance to the Country, as the question of Party Government. On this subject I entertain so decided an opinion, that I feel it would be pusillanimous in me, did I hesitate to express my conviction, or to bring the evils likely to accrue from the establishment of such an administration here, in the actual condition of the Colony, prominently before the Legislature and the Province at large.

I rely confidently on your aid in conducting the public business, and in rendering perfect such measures as it may be my duty to submit to your consideration.

FALKLAND.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Monday, at 2 o'clock.

Adjourn

Monday, 12th February, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable Peter McNab,
Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
Robert M. Cutler,

The Honorable Alexander Campbell,
Michael Tobin,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown.

PRAYERS.

Mr. McNab sat President in the absence of the President.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Mr. McNab read a letter addressed to the President, by Mr. Rudolf, stating that illness and a domestic affliction, prevented his attendance in his place for the present.

Mr. Rudolf's excuse

Mr. Stewart informed the House, that he was requested by Mr. McFarlane to state, that he was prevented by his private business from leaving home until the 14th instant.

Mr. McFarlane's excuse

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

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

Ordered, That Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Taylor, Mr. McNab, Mr. McLellan, and Mr. G. Smith, be a Committee of this House for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts, jointly, with a Committee of the Legislative Council.

On motion, *resolved,* that Mr. Tobin, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Cutler, be a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to examine the Public Accounts, and that the Clerk do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Com. of Public Accounts of Council

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

Adjourn

Tuesday, 13th February, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable Peter McNab,
Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
Robert M. Cutler,

The Honorable Alexander Campbell,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown.

PRAYERS.

Mr. McNab sat President in the absence of the President.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Adjourn

There being no business before the House, on motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Thursday, at 2 o'clock.

Thursday, 15th February, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
Robert M. Cutler,

The Honorable Alexander Campbell,
Michael Tobin,
John Morton,
Stayley Brown.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Tuesday were read.

Adjourn

There being no business before the House, on motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Monday, at 2 o'clock.

Monday, 19th February, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
Robert M. Cutler,
Alexander Campbell,
Michael Tobin,

The Honorable John Morton,
Stayley Brown,
Mather B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Thursday were read.

Mr. McDougall's ex-
cuse

The President read a Letter addressed to him by Mr. McDougall, stating that illness prevented his attendance in his place.

Ordered, That Mr. McDougall have leave of absence, on account of indisposition.

Mather

Mather Byles Almon, Esquire, was introduced, and presented his Mandamus—the same was read—whereupon the usual State Oaths were administered to him by Mr. Stewart, one of the Commissioners, and he, having subscribed the same, after giving and receiving salutations to and from the Members present, his seat was assigned him next to Mr. Clarke. Mr. Almon takes oaths

Mr. Stewart, by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's command, informed the House, that during the recess, Mr. Johnston, (the Attorney General,) and Mr. Smith and Mr. Wilkins, had requested leave to resign their seats in this House, and that Her Majesty had been pleased to accept their resignations. Message from H. E. communicating resignation of Members

Mr. Stewart presented the Petition of William Weeks, praying aid to run a Packet between the Bay of Verte and Prince Edward's Island—which was ordered to lie on the Table. Pet. of Wm. Weeks

Edward Kenny, Esquire, was introduced, and having presented his Mandamus, the same was read—whereupon Mr. Kenny took the oath appointed to be taken by the Act of the tenth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, by persons professing the Roman Catholic Religion; and, after giving and receiving salutations to and from the Members present, his seat was assigned him next to Mr. Almon. Mr. Kenny takes oaths

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 3 o'clock. Adjourn

Tuesday, 20th February, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
Robert M. Cutler,
Alexander Campbell,
Michael Tobin,
Daniel McFarlane,

The Honorable John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
Mather B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Lawson sat President in the absence of the President.

Mr. Stewart, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House, Message from H. E. with Despatches and Orders in Council

1. A copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 24th April, 1843, and marked "Circular," announcing the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex.
2. A copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 26th April, 1843, and marked "Circular," announcing the birth of a Princess.
3. A copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 28th June, 1843, and marked "Circular," relative to the imposition by the Colonial Legislatures of discriminating Import Duties, for the protection of British or Colonial produce.
4. Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 18th July, 1843, No. 125—with an Order in Council approving sixty-five Acts, and remarks on three other Acts, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly.
5. Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 24th August, 1843, No. 131, representing the necessity of amending the Colonial Revenue Act imposing differential Duties beyond those which the Imperial Parliament has enacted.
6. Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 24th August, 1843, No. 130, commenting on the Act of the Legislature, and Regulations of the Governor and Council, relative to the disposal of Crown Lands.

7. Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 1st September, 1843, and marked "Circular," enclosing an Order of Her Majesty, in Council, dated the 23d August, 1843, exempting from Duty specimens illustrative of Natural History, on their importation into Her Majesty's Colonial Possessions.

8. Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 2d October, 1843, and marked "Circular," requiring to be supplied with all such information as may facilitate the consideration by Her Majesty's Government, of the Tariffs of those Colonies in which modifications of the Import Duties, imposed by the Imperial Act of 1842, have been already made or are taking place.

9. Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 4th November, 1843, containing remarks on the Act of last Session "for the support and regulation of Light-Houses."

10. Copy of an Order of Her Majesty, in Council, dated 15th July, 1843, confirming the Qualification Act.

11. Copy of an Order of Her Majesty, in Council, dated 15th July, 1843, confirming sixty-five Acts, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly.

12. Copy of an Order of Her Majesty, in Council, dated 23d August, 1843, confirming four Acts, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly.

13. Copy of an Order of Her Majesty, in Council, dated 23d August, 1843, confirming two Acts, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly.

14. Copy of an Order of Her Majesty, in Council, dated 23d August, 1843, confirming five Acts, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly.

15. Copy of an Order of Her Majesty, in Council, dated 23d August, 1843, confirming the Crown Lands Act.

16. Copy of an order of Her Majesty in Council, dated 2d October, 1843, confirming the Mirè Grant Act.

The said Despatches and Orders in Council were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

(*Vide Appendix No. 1 to No. 16.*)

Adjourn

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 3 o'clock.

Wednesday, 21st February, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
Robert M. Cutler,
Alexander Campbell,
Michael Tobin,
Daniel McFarlane,

The Honorable John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
M. B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Pet. of Ed. Manning
and al.

Mr. Morton presented the Petition of Edward Manning, and others, in favor of Denominational Colleges and Common Schools, and praying aid to Acadia College, which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Call of the House

Ordered, That the Members of this House be specially summoned to attend in their places on Friday next, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Adjourn

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

Thursday,

Thursday, 22nd February, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
Robert M. Cutler,
Alexander Campbell,
Michael Tobin,

The Honorable Daniel McFarlane,
John Morton,
Stayley Brown,
M. B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

There being no business before the House, on motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

Friday, 23d February, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
Robert M. Cutler,
Alexander Campbell,
Michael Tobin,

The Honorable Daniel McFarlane,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
Mather B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Stewart moved that the House do resolve itself, at a future day, into a Committee of the whole House on the General State of the Province—which, being seconded, and the question being put, Motion for Com. on Gen. State of Prov.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Monday, at 2 o'clock. Adjourn

Monday, 26th February, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable Norman F. Uniacke
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
Robert M. Cutler,
Alexander Campbell,
Michael Tobin,

The Honorable Daniel McFarlane,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
M. B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Mr. Bond's excuse.

Mr. Almon informed the House, that he had received a letter from Mr. Bond, stating that indisposition prevented his attendance in his place in this House.

Adjourn

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

Tuesday, 27th February, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
Robert M. Cutler,
Alexander Campbell,
Michael Tobin,

The Honorable Daniel McFarlane,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
M. B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Petition of A. Gesner.

Mr. Morton presented the Petition of A. Gesner, praying aid to open certain Mines of Coals—which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Pet. T. Page, and al.

Mr. McFarlane presented the Petition of Thomas Page and others, praying aid to Acadia College—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Pet. L. Denton, and al.

Mr. Merton presented the Petition of L. Denton, and others, praying aid to Acadia College—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Stewart, by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's command, laid before the House—

Estimate.

The Estimate for the year 1844.

(Vide Appendix No. 17.)

Treasurer's Accounts

Also the Provincial Treasurer's Accounts for the year 1843.

(Vide Appendix No. 18.)

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

Pro. Treas. Accounts referred to Com. on Public Accounts

Ordered, That the Provincial Treasurer's Accounts be referred to the Committee of Public Accounts.

Adjourn

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

Wednesday,

Wednesday, 28th February, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
Robert M. Cutler,
Alexander Campbell,
Michael Tobin,

The Honorable Daniel McFarlane,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
M. B. Almon.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Stewart presented the Petition of William Moore, and others, praying aid to Acadia and Pictou Colleges—the same was read, and ordered to lie on the Table. Petition of W. Moore and al

Mr. Bell presented the Petition of the Committee of the Wesleyan School in Halifax, praying aid—the same was read, and ordered to lie on the Table. Pet. Wesleyan School

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock. Adjourn

Thursday, 29th February, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the Lord Bishop.

The Honorable Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
Robert M. Cutler,
Alexander Campbell,
Michael Tobin,

The Honorable Daniel McFarlane,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
M. B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Almon, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House—

A copy of a Despatch, dated 15th May, 1843, from Sir A. V. Huntley, Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward's Island, to Lord Falkland, enclosing a Memorial from Charles Helmsley, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company owning the Steamer St. George. Message from H. E. with Despatches

(*Vide Appendix No. 19.*)

Also, a copy of a Despatch, dated 3d February, 1844, from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, containing observations on certain clauses of the Act relating to Passengers arriving in this Province.

(*Vide Appendix No. 20.*)

Also,

Also, a copy of a Letter from the Deputy Postmaster General to the Provincial Secretary, on the subject of provision for any deficiency that may arise in the Post Office Revenue.

(*Vide Appendix No. 21.*)

Also, a copy of a Letter from Captain Owen to Lord Falkland, dated 28th July, 1843, on the subject of the most appropriate position for a Light-House in the Basin of Mines.

(*Vide Appendix No. 22.*)

Also, a copy of a Letter from Vice Admiral Sir Charles Adam to Viscount Falkland, dated 23d October, 1843, with enclosures on the subject of the improvement of Navigation, by the erection of Light-Houses.

(*Vide Appendix No. 23.*)

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

Leave to Clerk to attend before Com. of H. A.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, *ordered*, that Mr. Halliburton, the Clerk of this House, have leave to attend before a Committee of the House of Assembly, to try the Election for the Township of Pictou, to give evidence.

Do Gentleman Usher of Black Rod

On motion of Mr. Stewart, *ordered*, that Mr. Sawyer, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, have leave to attend before the Committees of the House of Assembly to try the Elections for the County and Township of Pictou, to give evidence.

Adjourn

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

Friday, 1st March, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T—

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Robert M. Cutler,
Michael Tobin,
Alexander Campbell,

The Honorable Daniel McFarlane,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Adjourn

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Monday, at 2 o'clock.

Monday,

Monday, 4th March, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
Alexander Campbell,
Michael Tobin,
Daniel McFarlane,

The Honorable John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
M. B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Mr. Bell presented the Petition of John Fraser, and others, praying that a proviso may be added to the Bill to divide the Parish of St. Margaret's Bay, to prevent any person who is not a member of the Church of England, from being compelled to pay to the Church—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table. Petition of J. Fraser and al

Mr. Morton presented the Petition of William Chipman, and others, praying aid to Acadia College, and in favour of Education—which was ordered to lie on the Table. Petition of W. Chipman and al

Ordered, That the Members of this House be specially summoned to attend in their places, in this House, to-morrow. Members to be summoned

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock. Adjourn

Tuesday, 5th March, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the Lord Bishop.

The Honorable Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
Robert M. Cutler,
Alexander Campbell,
Michael Tobin,

The Honorable Daniel McFarlane,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
M. B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Stewart, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the Petition of the Chairman of the Committee of owners of the Steamer St. George, of Prince Edward's Island, relative to the running of that Steamer to Cape-Breton, to meet the Steamer between Halifax and Newfoundland—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table. Message from H. E. with Pet. of Com. of Steamer St. George

Mr. Morton presented the Petition of Ezra F. Chute, and others; also the Petition of Paul Chesley, and others; also the Petition of James Folker, and others; also the Petition of Joshua B. Cogswell, and others, in favour of Acadia College and Education generally—which were ordered to lie on the Table. Pet. of E. F. Chute & al. P. Chesley & al. J. Folker & al. J. B. Cogswell & al.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock. Adjourn

Wednesday, 6th March, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
Robert M. Cutler,
Alexander Campbell,
Michael Tobin,
Daniel McFarlane,

The Honorable John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
M. B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Pet. of W. G. Parker
and al.

Mr. Almon presented the Petition of William G. Parker, and others, praying aid to Acadia College and Education generally—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Adjourn

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

Thursday, 7th March, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
Robert M. Cutler,
Alexander Campbell,
Michael Tobin,
Daniel McFarlane,

The Honorable John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
M. B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Pet. of C. Randall &
al.

Mr. Lawson presented the Petition of Charles Randall, and others, praying aid to Acadia College, and Education generally—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Fisheries Chedabucto
Bay

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries at Chedabucto Bay.

Poors' Rates Egerton

A Bill, entitled, 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.

Poors' Rates Pictou

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act respecting the collection of Poors' Rates of Pictou, as amended.

Pugwash Harbour

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Pugwash.

Egerton Poor

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for setting off a part of the Township of Egerton as a separate District, for the support of the Poor.

Assize of Bread Dartmouth

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to extend to the Town of Dartmouth the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.

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.	Bank of Nova-Scotia
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act relating to Marriage Licenses.	Marriage Licenses
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to regulate the survey of Timber and Lumber.	Timber and Lumber
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island, in this Province.	Sable Island
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts to provide for the accommodation and billeting of Her Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another.	Billeting Troops
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.	County Rates
A Bill, entitled, 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.	Cord Wood Halifax
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries in the County of Richmond.	Fisheries Richmond
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act additional concerning Nuisances.	Nuisances
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.	Pilotage Halifax
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.	Bread
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for establishing a Harbour Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape-Breton.	Harbour Master Bridgeport
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Weighing of Beef, and the Acts in amendment thereof.	Beef
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts now in force to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Sydney, in the Island of Cape-Breton.	Pilotage Sydney
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province.	Settlement of Poor
A Bill, entitled, An Act to revive and make perpetual an Act for enabling persons indicted for Felony to make their defence by Counsel.	Defence by Counsel in Felony Bills
To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.	
The said Bills were read a first time.	Read 1st time
Ordered, That the said Bills be read a second time at a future day.	
Ordered, That the twenty-one continuing Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.	21 continuing Bills referred to Sel. Com.
Ordered, That Mr. Morton, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Campbell, be a Committee for that purpose.	Committee
On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.	Adjourn

Friday, 8th March, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable William Lawson, Alexander Stewart, Robert M. Cutler, Alexander Campbell, Daniel McFarlane,	The Honorable John Morton, Hugh Bell, Stayley Brown, Edward Kenny.
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PRAYERS.

Mr. Lawson sat President in the absence of the President.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to revive and make perpetual an Act for enabling persons indicted for Felony to make their defence by Counsel, Defence by Counsel in Felony Bill

Was read a second time.

Ordered, Read 2d time

Ord. to Committee	<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
Poor House Accts.	Mr. Bell laid before the House the Accounts of the Poor House at Halifax, for the year 1843—which were ordered to lie on the Table.
Com. on continuing Bills report	Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee, to whom the twenty-one continuing Bills, received from the House of Assembly yesterday, were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and found them correct.
	Whereupon the following Bills, viz :
Fisheries Chedabucto Bay	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries at Chedabucto Bay.
Poors' Rates Egerton	A Bill, entitled, 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.
Poors' Rates Pictou	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act respecting the collection of Poors' Rates of Pictou, as amended.
Pugwash Harbour	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Pugwash.
Egerton Poor	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for setting off a part of the Township of Egerton as a separate District for the support of the Poor.
Assize of Bread Dartmouth	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to extend to the Town of Dartmouth the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.
Bank of Nova Scotia	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to amend the Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the President, Directors, and Company of the Bank of Nova-Scotia.
Marriage Licenses Timber and Lumber	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act relating to Marriage Licenses.
Sable Island	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to regulate the survey of Timber and Lumber.
Sable Island	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island, in this Province.
Billeting Troops	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts to provide for the accommodation and billeting of Her Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another.
County Rates	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to direct and ascertain the mode of assessing County and District Rates, and for other purposes, and the Acts in amendment thereof.
Cord Wood Halifax	A Bill, entitled, 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.
Fisheries Richmond	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries in the County of Richmond.
Nuisances	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act additional concerning Nuisances.
Pilotage Halifax	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.
Bread	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.
Harbour Master Bridgeport	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for establishing a Harbour Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape-Breton.
Beef	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Weighing of Beef, and the Acts in amendment thereof.
Pilotage Sydney	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts now in force to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Sydney, in the Island of Cape-Breton.
Settlement of Poor	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province.
Read 2d time And ord. to Com	Were read a second time.
Adjourn	<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House, at a future day.
	On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Monday, at 2 o'clock.

Monday,

Monday, 11th March, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable Alexander Stewart,
Robert M. Cutler,
Alexander Campbell,
Michael Tobin,
Daniel McFarlane,

The Honorable John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
M. B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through the following Bills:

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| A Bill, entitled, An Act to revive and make perpetual an Act for enabling persons indicted for Felony to make their defence by Counsel. | Report
Defence by Counsel
in Felony |
| A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries at Chedabucto Bay. | Fisheries Chedabucto
Bay |
| A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to extend to the Township of Egerton the Act respecting the collection of Poores' Rates of Pictou, and to amend the said Act. | Poores' Rates Egerton |
| A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act respecting the collection of Poores' Rates of Pictou, as amended. | Poores' Rates Pictou |
| A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Pugwash. | Pugwash Harbour |
| A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for setting off a part of the Township of Egerton as a separate District, for the support of the Poor. | Egerton Poor |
| A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to extend to the Town of Dartmouth the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread. | Assize of Bread Dart-
mouth |
| 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. | Bank of Nova-Scotia |
| A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act relating to Marriage Licenses. | Marriage Licenses |
| A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to regulate the survey of Timber and Lumber. | Timber and Lumber |
| A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island, in this Province. | Sable Island |
| A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts to provide for the accommodation and billeting of Her Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another. | Billeting Troops |
| 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. | County Rates |
| A Bill, entitled, 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. | Cord Wood Halifax |
| A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries in the County of Richmond. | Fisheries Richmond |
| A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act additional concerning Nuisances. | Nuisances |
| 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. | Pilotage Halifax |
| A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread. | Bread |
| A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for establishing a Harbour Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape-Breton. | Harbour Master
Bridgeport |

Beef	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Weighing of Beef, and the Acts in amendment thereof.
Pilotage Sydney	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts now in force to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Sydney, in the Island of Cape-Breton.
Settlement of Poor	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province.
Without amendt.	And had agreed to the same without any amendment. <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.
Message from H. E. with accounts of Casual Revenue, arrears on do., and Returns of Coal Mines, and Sales of Crown Lands	Mr. Almon, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House— An Account of Her Majesty's Casual Revenue, for the half year ending 30th June, 1843. An Account of Her Majesty's Casual Revenue, for the half year ending 31st December, 1843. A Statement of the Salaries and allowances on the Casual Revenue remaining unpaid 1st January, 1844. Also a Return of Coal raised and sold at the Sydney Mines during 1843. Also a Return of Coal raised and sold at the Little Bras d'Or Mines, during 1843. Also a Return of Coal raised and sold at the Albion Mines, during 1843. Also an Abstract of Account of the Commissioners of Crown Lands for Nova-Scotia Proper, for 1843. <i>(Vide Appendix No. 24.)</i> The said Accounts and Papers were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.
Pet. of J. R. Raymond and al.	Mr. Brown presented a Petition from Joseph R. Raymond, and others, of Clare, praying that the southern part of the Township of Clare may be annexed to the County of Yarmouth.
Pet. of A. Baker & al.	Also a Petition of Amos Baker and others, praying aid to Acadia College, and Education generally. Which were ordered to lie on the Table.
Adjourn	On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

Tuesday, 12th March, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable Alexander Stewart,
Robert M. Cutler,
Alexander Campbell,
Michael Tobin,
Daniel McFarlane,

The Honorable John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
M. B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

The following Bills, viz :

Defence by Counsel in Felony	A Bill, entitled, An Act to revive and make perpetual an Act for enabling persons indicted for Felony to make their defence by Counsel.
Fisheries Chedabucto Bay	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries at Chedabucto Bay.
Poors' Rates Egerton	A Bill, entitled, 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.

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A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act respecting the collection of Poores' Rates of Pictou, as amended.	Poores' Rates Pictou
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Pugwash.	Pugwash Harbour
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for setting off a part of the Township of Egerton as a separate District for the support of the Poor.	Egerton Poor
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to extend to the Town of Dartmouth the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.	Assize of Bread Dartmouth
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.	Bank of Nova-Scotia
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act relating to Marriage Licenses.	Marriage Licenses
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to regulate the survey of Timber and Lumber.	Timber and Lumber
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island, in this Province.	Sable Island
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the several Acts to provide for the accommodation and billeting of Her Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another.	Billeting Troops
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.	County Rates
A Bill, entitled, 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.	Cord Wood Halifax
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries in the County of Richmond.	Fisheries Richmond
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act additional concerning Nuisances.	Nuisances
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.	Pilotage Halifax
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.	Bread
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for establishing a Harbcur Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape-Breton.	Harbour Master Bridgeport,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Weighing of Beef, and the Acts in amendment thereof.	Beef
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts now in force to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Sydney, in the Island of Cape-Breton.	Pilotage Sydney
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province.	Settlement of Poor
Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass ?	Read 3d time
It was resolved in the affirmative.	Agreed to
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.	And sent to H. A.
On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.	Adjourn

Wednesday, 13th March, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable Norman F. Uniacke,
Alexander Stewart,
Robert M. Cutler,
Alexander Campbell,
Michael Tobin,
Daniel McFarlane,

The Honorable John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
M. B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

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

Penitentiary

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the Government and Regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary.

Defamatory Words
and Libel
Ordnance Officers
exemption, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to exempt certain Officers and persons employed in Her Majesty's Ordnance Department, Dock Yard, Victualling, and Naval Hospital Establishments at Halifax, from working on Highways, and discharging other civil duties.

Fire Engine Liver-
pool Bills

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Liverpool, in Queen's County, to provide monies for procuring a Fire Engine for said Town.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time

The said Bills was read a first time.

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

Penitentiary Bill ref.
to Select Com.

Ordered, That a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Government and Regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

Committee

Ordered, That Mr. Bell, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Cutler, Mr. McFarlane, and Mr. Kenny, be a Committee for that purpose.

Defamatory Words
and Libel Bill ref. to
Select Com.

Ordered, That a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel, be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

Committee

Ordered, That Mr. Morton, Mr. Bell, Mr. Brown, Mr. Uniacke, and Mr. Stewart, be a Committee for that purpose.

Message from H. E.
with Despatches rel.
to abatement of the
Royalty on Coals

Mr. Stewart, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House—

A Copy of a Despatch from Lord Falkland to Lord Stanley, dated January 1st, 1843, transmitting a copy of a Memorial from Mr. Cunard, praying for an abatement of the Royalty payable on Coal by the General Mining Association.

A Copy of Mr. Cunard's Memorial.

A Copy of the Correspondence and Despatches relating to the abatement sought by the General Mining Association, being Lord Stanley's Despatch, dated 18th February, 1843, and correspondence attached—Lord Stanley's Despatch, dated 31st January, 1844, and Lord Falkland's Despatch, dated 2d March, 1844.

(*Vide Appendix No. 25.*)

And relative to the
Casual Revenue and
Civil List

An extract from a Despatch from Lord Falkland to Lord Stanley, dated 2d December 1842, on the subject of the Civil List and Casual Revenue.

A Copy of a Tabular Statement sent therewith.

A Copy of Lord Stanley's reply, dated 26th January, 1843.

An extract of a Despatch from Lord Falkland to Lord Stanley, dated 9th May, 1843.
 A Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 4th September, 1843.
 (*Vide Appendix No. 26.*)

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

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock. Adjourn

Thursday, 14th March, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the Lord Bishop.

The Honorable Norman F. Uniacke,
 Alexander Stewart,
 Robert M. Cutler,
 Alexander Campbell,
 Michael Tobin,
 Daniel McFarlane,

The Honorable John Morton,
 Hugh Bell,
 Stayley Brown,
 Mather B. Almon,
 Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to exempt certain Officers and persons employed in Her Majesty's Ordnance Department, Dock Yard, Victualling, and Naval Hospital Establishments at Halifax, from working on Highways, and discharging other civil duties; also, Ordnance Officers exemption, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Liverpool, in Queen's County, to provide monies for procuring a Fire Engine for said Town. Fire Engine Liverpool Bills

Were read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House, at a future day. Read 2d time
And ord. to Com.

Mr. Tobin, the Chairman of the Committee of this House, appointed to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to examine the Public Accounts, made his report—which he read in his place. Report of Com. on Public Accounts

Ordered, That the said Report do lie on the Table.

(*Vide Appendix No. 27.*)

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock. Adjourn

 Friday, 15th March, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

 The Honorable Norman F. Uniacke,
 Alexander Stewart,
 Robert M. Cutler,
 Alexander Campbell,
 Michael Tobin,
 Daniel McFarlane,

 The Honorable John Morton,
 Hugh Bell,
 Stayley Brown,
 Mather B. Almon,
 Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

 Leave of absence to
 Mr. McFarlane

 On motion of Mr. Morton, *resolved*, that Mr. McFarlane have leave of absence to return home, on account of the illness of one of the members of his family.

Committee on Bills

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

 Report
 Ordnance Officers
 exemption and

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through

 Fire Engine Liver-
 pool Bills without am.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to exempt certain Officers and persons employed in Her Majesty's Ordnance Department, Dock Yard, Victualling, and Naval Hospital Establishments at Halifax, from working on Highways, and discharging other civil duties; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Liverpool, in Queen's County, to provide monies for procuring a Fire Engine for said Town.

And had agreed to the same without any amendment.

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

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

 Presbyterian Church
 Cornwallis and

A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act, entitled, An Act to vest certain Lands belonging to the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Cornwallis in Trustees, and to enable them to dispose of the same, and to purchase others in their stead.

 Baptist Church
 Canard Bills

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Church at Canard, in Cornwallis, to appoint Trustees to take charge of the said Church and Cemetery adjoining the same, and to enclose and ornament the same.

Read 1st time

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

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

 Baptist Church Ca-
 nard Bill ref. to Sel.
 Committee

Ordered, That a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Church at Canard, in Cornwallis, to appoint Trustees to take charge of the said Church and Cemetery adjoining the same, and to enclose and ornament the same, be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

Committee

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

Adjourn

 On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Monday, at 2 o'clock.

Monday,

Monday, 18th March, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
Robert M. Cutler,
Alexander Campbell,
Michael Tobin,

The Honorable Daniel McFarlane,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
Mather B Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to exempt certain Officers and persons employed in Her Majesty's Ordnance Department, Dock Yard, Victualling, and Naval Hospital Establishments at Halifax, from working on Highways, and discharging other civil duties; also,

Ordnance Officers exemption and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Liverpool, in Queen's County, to provide monies for procuring a Fire Engine for said Town.

Fire Engine Liverpool Bills

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

Read 3d time

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to

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

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

And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act, entitled, An Act to vest certain Lands belonging to the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Cornwallis in Trustees, and to enable them to dispose of the same, and to purchase others in their stead, was read a second time.

Presbyterian Church Cornwallis Bill read 2d time

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

And ord. to Com.

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

Com. on contingent expenses

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

Committee

Mr. Bell presented the Petition of the Rev. Archdeacon Willis, praying aid to the African School—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Pet. of African School

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel, was referred, reported that the Committee had had the said Bill under consideration, and proposed several amendments thereto, and recommended that the Bill should be referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Com. on Defamatory Words and Libel Bill report

Whereupon the said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2d time

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

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

Standing Order suspended

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time the House was resumed and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had had the said Bill under consideration, and had made several amendments thereto.

Bill committed

Reported with am.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:

Amdts. read

First

FIRST CLAUSE.

9th and 14th lines.—Before the word “apology” insert the word “adequate.”

SECOND CLAUSE.

11th line.—After the word “full” insert the words “and adequate.”

18th line.—After the word “action” insert the words “and that the said defendant disclosed the name of the author of such libel, and delivered the original manuscript thereof, or shall attach to the said plea an affidavit, duly sworn to, that he does not know the author of such libel, and also that he has not the said original manuscript in his possession.”

21st and 22d lines.—Leave out the words “by way of amends for the injury sustained by.”

22d line.—Before the word “the” insert the word “for.”

27th line.—After the word “costs” insert the words “and that to such plea to such action it shall be competent to the plaintiff to reply generally denying the whole of such plea.”

Between the second and third clauses insert the following clause :

“*And whereas*, in an action for libel it is now lawful for the defendant, having duly put the facts upon the record, to give in evidence the truth of the matter contained in the publication charged as libellous, by way of answer to such action : *It is hereby provided and enacted*, That such evidence shall not be a justification, unless on the trial it shall be further made satisfactorily to appear, and be so found by the Jury, that the matter charged as libellous was published with good motives and for justifiable ends.”

THIRD CLAUSE.

17th line.—Leave out the words “House of Correction” and insert “Penitentiary.”

18th line.—Leave out the word “one” and insert the word “three.”

FOURTH CLAUSE.

6th line.—After the word “Gaol” insert the words “or Penitentiary.”

7th line.—After the word “award” leave out the remainder of the clause.

EIGHTH CLAUSE.

14th and 15th lines.—Leave out the words “by reason of such plea.”

Between the 9th and 10th clauses insert the following clause :

“*And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the first day of May next ; and that nothing herein contained shall extend to any action, or cause of action, now pending or existing.”

TENTH CLAUSE.

3d line.—After the word “years” insert the words “from the said first day of May.”

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

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

On motion of Mr. Stewart, *resolved*, that Mr. Campbell have leave of absence from Monday next, to return home on urgent private business.

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Monday, at 2 o'clock.

And agreed to

Leave of absence
to Mr. Campbell

Adjourn.

Tuesday, 19th March, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the Lord Bishop.

The Honorable Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
William Rudolf,
Robert M. Cutler,
Alexander Campbell,

The Honorable Michael Tobin,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
Mather B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel, Was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ?

Defamatory Words
and Libel Bill
Read 3d time

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to

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

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

And sent to H. A.

Mr. Bell, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Government and Regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary, was referred, reported that the Committee had had the said Bill under consideration, and proposed several amendments thereto, and recommended that the Bill should be referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Com. on Penitentiary
Bill report

Ordered, That the said Report be received.

The said Bill was thereupon read a second time.

Bill read 2d time
And ord. to Com.

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

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

Standing Order sus-
pended as respects
said Bill

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time the House was resumed and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had made several amendments thereto.

Bill committed

Reported with am.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:

Amdts. read

FIFTH CLAUSE.

2nd line.—Leave out the words “His Excellency.”

3rd line.—After the word “Governor” insert the words “or Commander in Chief.”

4th line.—Leave out the word “his” and insert the word “the.”

9th line.—Leave out the words “His Excellency” and insert the words “the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief.”

SIXTH CLAUSE.

3rd line.—Leave out the words “His Excellency.”

4th line.—After the word “Governor” insert the words “or Commander in Chief.”

12th line.—Leave out the words “His Excellency”—after the word “Governor” insert the words “or Commander in Chief.”

At the end of the clause insert the following Proviso:

“*Provided always,* That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to prevent any prisoner from receiving Religious Instruction from any Clergyman, Minister, or Religious Teacher

Teacher, that he may select, under such regulations as the Commissioners shall for that purpose make and appoint."

SEVENTH CLAUSE.

2nd line.—Leave out the words "His Excellency."

3rd line.—After the word "Governor" insert the words "or Commander in Chief."

EIGHTH CLAUSE.

9th line.—Leave out the words "His Excellency."

10th line.—After the word "Governor" insert the words "or Commander in Chief."

NINTH CLAUSE.

6th line.—After the word "Governor" insert the words "or Commander in Chief."

24th line.—Leave out the words "His Excellency."

25th line.—After the word "Governor" insert the words "or Commander in Chief."

THIRTEENTH CLAUSE.

4th line.—Leave out the words "His Excellency"—after the word "Governor" insert the words "or Commander in Chief."

7th line.—After the word "Governor" insert the words "or Commander in Chief."

15th line.—After the word "Governor" insert the words "or Commander in Chief."

17th line.—After the word "the" insert the words "Legislative Council and."

Last line.—Before the word "Assembly" insert the word "General."

FOURTEENTH CLAUSE.

2nd line.—Leave out the words "His Excellency."

3rd line.—After the word "Governor" insert the words "or Commander in Chief."

4th and 5th lines.—Leave out the words "Male or Female person" and insert the word "convict."

31st line.—Leave out the words "His Excellency."

32nd line.—After the word "Governor" insert the words "or Commanner in Chief."

SIXTEENTH CLAUSE.

7th line.—After the word "Governor" insert the words "or Commander in Chief."

TWENTY-FIRST CLAUSE.

10th line.—After the word "confined" leave out the remainder of the clause.

TWENTY-SECOND CLAUSE.

2nd line.—Leave out the words "His Excellency."

3rd line.—After the word "Governor" insert the words "or Commander in Chief."

7th line.—After the word "imprisoned" leave out the remainder of the clause.

TWENTY-THIRD CLAUSE.

5th line.—Leave out the words "His Excellency."

6th, 7th, and 10th lines.—After the word "Governor" insert the words "or Commander in Chief."

15th and 16th lines.—Leave out the words "His Excellency."

16th and 21st lines.—After the word "Governor" insert the words "or Commander in Chief."

At the end of the Bill insert the following clause :

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

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

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

And agreed to

Adjourn

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

Wednesday,

Wednesday, 20th March, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable Norman F. Uniacke,
William Rudolf,
Robert M. Cutler,
Alexander Campbell,

The Honorable John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
Mather B. Almon.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the Government and Regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary,

Penitentiary Bill

Was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass?

Read 3d time

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to

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

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

And sent to H. A.

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

Committee on Bills

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act, entitled, An Act to vest certain Lands belonging to the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Cornwallis in Trustees, and to enable them to dispose of the same, and to purchase others in their stead, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Report Presbyterian Church Cornwallis Bill without am.

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

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

Adjourn

Thursday, 21st March, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable Norman F. Uniacke,
Alexander Stewart,
William Rudolf,
Robert M. Cutler,
Alexander Campbell,
Michael Tobin,

The Honorable John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
Mather B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act, entitled, An Act to vest certain Lands belonging to the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Cornwallis in Trustees, and to enable them to dispose of the same, and to purchase others in their stead,

Presbyterian Church Cornwallis Bill

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

Read 3d time

Whether

Agreed to

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

Pet. of J. A. Stubbart
and al., Z. Freeman
and al., R. B. Dickie
and al.

Mr. Morton presented the Petition of James A. Stubbart, and others; also of Zoheth Freeman, and others; and also of R. B. Dickie, and others, praying aid to Acadia College—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Grammar School
Sydney

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to provide for the regulation and management of the Grammar School or Academy at Sydney, in Cape Breton.

Salmon Fishery St.
Mary's

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the regulation of the Salmon Fishery in the River St. Mary's, in the County of Guysborough.

Baptist Meeting
House Bridgetown
Bills

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Meeting House at Bridgetown to raise money from the Pews of the said Meeting House for the repairing, ornamenting, altering or enlarging the same, and for ratifying the appointment and defining the duties of the Trustees of the said Meeting House.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time

The said Bills were read a first time.

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

Com. on Baptist
Meeting-House Ca-
nard Bill report

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Church at Canard, in Cornwallis, to appoint Trustees to take charge of the said Church, and Cemetery adjoining the same, and to enclose and ornament the same, was referred, reported that the Committee had had the said Bill under consideration, and proposed several amendments thereto, and recommended that the said Bill should be referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the said report be received.

Bill read 2d time

The said Bill was read a second time.

And ord. to Com.

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

Adjourn

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

Friday, 22d March, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
William Rudolf,
Robert M. Cutler,
Alexander Campbell,

The Honorable Michael Tobin,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
Mather B Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Grammar School
Sydney

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to provide for the regulation and management of the Grammar School or Academy at Sydney, in Cape-Breton; also,

Salmon Fishery St.
Mary's and

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the regulation of the Salmon Fishery in the River Saint Mary's, in the County of Guysborough; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Meeting-House at Bridgetown, to raise money from the Pews of the said Meeting-House for the repairing, ornamenting, altering, or enlarging the same, and for ratifying the appointment and defining the duties of the Trustees of the said Meeting-House,

Baptist Meeting House Bridgetown Bills

Were read a second time.

Read 2d time

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

And ord. to Com.

Resolved unanimously, That that the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended, as respects the Bills now before the Committee.

Standing Order suspended

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

Committee on Bills

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Church at Canard, in Cornwallis, to appoint Trustees to take charge of the said Church and Cemetery adjoining the same, and to enclose and ornament the same, and had made several amendments thereto.

Report Baptist Meeting-House Canard Bill with amds.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:

Amdts. read

SIXTH CLAUSE.

In the Preamble—2d and 3d lines.—Leave out the words “belong to the Crown or to the public as,” and insert the words “is a part of the public.”

At the end of the Preamble add the following words “in Canard aforesaid.”

In the clause—3d line.—After the word “required” insert the words “by the Supervisors of Public Grounds in Cornwallis.

SEVENTH CLAUSE.

At the end of the clause add the following words “for the County of King’s County.”

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

And agreed to

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through

Report

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to provide for the regulation and management of the Grammar School or Academy at Sydney, in Cape-Breton; also,

Grammar School Sydney

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the regulation of the Salmon Fishery in the River Saint Mary’s, in the County of Guysborough; also,

Salmon Fishery St. Mary’s and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Meeting-House at Bridgetown, to raise money from the Pews of the said Meeting-House for the repairing, ornamenting, altering, or enlarging the same, and for ratifying the appointment and defining the duties of the Trustees of the said Meeting-House.

Baptist Meeting House Bridgetown Bills

And had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Without amdt.

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

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

To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to the seventh line of the third clause of a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel, and did not agree to the other amendments proposed by this House to the said Bill.

Message from H. A. agreeing to one and not other amds. to Defamatory Words and Libel Bill

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly desired a Conference with this House, by Committee, on the amendments proposed by this House to the said Bill.

Conference on amds. asked by H. A.

Ordered, That the said Conference be agreed to, and a Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, to acquaint them therewith.

Agreed to

Ordered, That Mr. Morton, Mr. Bell, Mr. Brown, Mr. Uniacke, and Mr. Stewart, be a Committee of this House to manage the said Conference.

Committee

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Monday, at 2 o’clock.

Adjourn

Monday, 25th March, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the Lord Bishop.

The Honorable Norman F. Uniacke,
Alexander Stewart,
William Rudolf,
Robert M. Cutler,
Alexander Campbell,
Michael Tobin,

The Honorable John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
Mather B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Baptist Meeting
House Canard Bill

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Church at Canard, in Cornwallis, to appoint Trustees to take charge of the said Church, and Cemetery adjoining the same, and to enclose and ornament the same,

Read 3d time

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

Agreed to

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

Grammar School
Sydney

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to provide for the regulation and management of the Grammar School or Academy at Sydney, in Cape Breton; also,

Salmon Fishery St.
Mary's and

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the regulation of the Salmon Fishery in the River St. Mary's, in the County of Guysborough; also,

Baptist Meeting
House Bridgetown
Bills

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Meeting House at Bridgetown to raise money from the Pews of the said Meeting House for the repairing, ornamenting, altering, or enlarging the same, and for ratifying the appointment and defining the duties of the Trustees of the said Meeting House,

Read 3d time

Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill,

Agreed to

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

Com. of Con. on Def.
Words and Libel Bill
report

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee of this House, appointed to hold a Conference with a Committee of the House of Assembly on the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel, reported that the Committee had held the said Conference, and stated the substance of the conference to the House.

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

Civil List

A Bill entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues.

Streets Guysborough
General Sessions
Guysborough and

A Bill entitled, An Act relative to certain Streets in the Town of Guysborough.

A Bill entitled, An Act to provide for an additional Sitting of the General Sessions of the Peace at Guysborough.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen in Chedabucto Bay.

Fishermen's Nets
Chedabucto Bay Bills

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Read 1st time

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

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

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

Sittings of Sup. Court

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

Smuggling

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

Drawbacks

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

Importation of Goods

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

Warehousing

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

Regulation of Duties

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

Licences

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

Licences Halifax and

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

Impost Duties Bills

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Read 1st time

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

Sittings of Sup. Court
Bill ref. to Sel. Comr.

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

Committee

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

Revenue Bills ref. to
Select Committee

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

Committee

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

Adjourn

Tuesday, 26th March, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the Lord Bishop.

The Honorable Norman F. Uniacke,

The Honorable John Morton,

William Lawson,

Hugh Bell,

Alexander Stewart,

Stayley Brown,

William Rudolf,

Mather B Almon,

Robert M. Cutler,

Edward Kenny.

Michael Tobin,

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova-Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues; also,

Civil List

Streets Guysborough	A Bill, entitled, An Act relative to certain Streets in the Town of Guysborough; also,
Sessions Guysborough and	A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for an additional Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace at Guysborough; also,
Fishermen's Nets Chedabucto Bay Bills Read 2d time	A Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen in Chedabucto Bay, Were read a second time.
And ord. to Com.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
Com. on Revenue Bills report	Mr. Tobin, the Chairman of the Committee to whom the Revenue Bills were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recommended them to the favourable consideration of the House.
	Whereupon the following Bills, viz :
Smuggling	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling.
Drawbacks	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks.
Importation of Goods	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods.
Warehousing	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods.
Regulation of Duties	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties.
Licenses	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for granting duties on Licences for the sale of Spirituous Liquors.
Licenses Halifax and	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licences for the sale of Spirituous Liquors and Sales by Auction in Halifax.
Impost Duties Bills	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.
Read 2d time	Were read a second time.
And ord. to Com.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Bill committee!	<i>Resolved unanimously</i> , That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended, as respects the said Bills.
Reported without am.	The House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bills.—After some time the House was resumed and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bills, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.
	<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.
Com. on Sittings of Sup. Court Bill report	Mr. Rudolf, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to postpone the next ensuing Sittings of the Supreme Court at Halifax, and on the western Circuits, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.
Bill read 2d time	Whereupon the said Bill was read a second time.
And ord. to Com.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Standing Order sus- pended	<i>Resolved unanimously</i> , That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bill.
Bill committed!	The House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill, after some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.
Reported without am.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.
	A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden, with the following Resolutions :
£10,000 Roads and Bridges and	<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds be granted for the service of Roads and Bridges for the present year.

Resolved,

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.

Pay of Members

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolutions were read a first time.

Read 1st time

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

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

Adjourn

Wednesday, 27th March, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
William Rudolf,
Robert M. Cutler,
Michael Tobin,

The Honorable John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
Mather B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Government and Regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary.

Message from H. A. agreeing to amds. to Penitentiary and

Also to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Church at Canard, in Cornwallis, to appoint Trustees to take charge of the said Church, and Cemetery adjoining the same, and to enclose and ornament the same.

Baptist Meeting House Canard Bills

The Messenger also brought up the following Bill and Resolutions:

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

Duty on Flour and Molasses Bill

Resolved, That in the event of a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova-Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues, receiving Her Majesty's assent and passing into a Law, the sum of Two Hundred Pounds, Sterling, be granted and paid to the present Lieutenant-Governor for Contingencies for the present year, it not being the intention of this House to renew such grant to any future Lieutenant-Governor.

£200 Stg. Lt. Gov's contingencies

Resolved, That in the event of a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova-Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues, receiving Her Majesty's assent and passing into a Law, the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, Sterling, be granted and paid to the present Lieutenant-Governor, for a Private Secretary for the present year, it not being the intention of this House to renew such grant to any future Lieutenant Governor.

£250 Stg. Lt. Gov's Private Sec'y.

Resolved, That in the event of a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova-Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues, receiving Her Majesty's assent and passing into a Law, the sum of One Hundred Pounds, Sterling, be granted and paid to the Superintendent of Mines in Cape Breton, for the present year.

£100 Stg. Sup. of Mines C. B.

Resolved, That in the event of a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova-Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues, receiving Her Majesty's assent

£150 Stg. Sur. Gen. N. S.

assent, and passing into a Law, the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, sterling, be granted and paid to the Surveyor General of Nova Scotia, as his salary for the present year.

£100 Sur. Gen. C. B.

Resolved, That in the event of a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova-Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues, receiving Her Majesty's assent and passing into a Law, the sum of One Hundred Pounds, Sterling, be granted and paid to the Surveyor General of Cape Breton, as his salary for the present year.

£200 Salary of first Clerk of Secy's Office

Resolved, That in the event of a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova-Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues, receiving Her Majesty's assent and passing into a Law, the sum of Two Hundred Pounds, Sterling, be granted and paid as the salary of the first Clerk in the Provincial Secretary's Office, for the present year.

£160 do. of second Clerk

Resolved, That in the event of a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova-Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues, receiving Her Majesty's assent and passing into a Law, the sum of One Hundred and Sixty Pounds, Sterling, be granted and paid as the salary of the second Clerk in the Provincial Secretary's Office, for the present year.

£100 do. of third Clerk

Resolved, That in the event of a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova-Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues, receiving Her Majesty's assent and passing into a Law, the sum of One Hundred Pounds, Sterling, be granted and paid as the salary of the third Clerk in the Provincial Secretary's Office, for the present year.

£30 for Fuel and Crier of Courts

Resolved, That in the event of a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova-Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues, receiving Her Majesty's assent and passing into a Law, the sum of Thirty Pounds, Sterling, be granted and paid to the Master of the Rolls, the Judge of Vice Admiralty, and the Judge of Probate at Halifax, for Fuel and Criers of their Courts, for the present year.

£100 contingencies of Secy's Office

Resolved, That in the event of a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova-Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues, receiving Her Majesty's assent, and passing into a Law, a sum not exceeding One Hundred Pounds, Sterling, be granted and paid for the Messenger to the Lieutenant-Governor and Executive Council, and for Stationery, Printing and other Contingencies of the Provincial Secretary's Office, for the present year—the expenditure to be accounted for at the next Session of the General Assembly.

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

Read 1st time

The said Bill and Resolutions were read a first time.

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

Impost Duties Bill read 3d time

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, was read a third time.

Conference on moved and asked

On motion of Mr. Bell, *resolved*, that a Conference be desired with the House of Assembly, by Committee, on the said Bill.

And a Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, to desire such Conference.

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

Pictou Poor Districts and

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

Court House and Jail Arichat Bills

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the Old Court House and Jail at Arichat, and the Lot of Land on which it stands, and the purchase of a new site therefor, and for other purposes.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time

The said Bills were read a first time.

And ref. to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That the said Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report whether

whether the said Bills come within the Standing Orders of this House, relative to private or local Bills, and if so, whether the requisites of those Standing Orders have been complied with.

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

The following Bills, viz.:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Read 3d time

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to

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

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

Mr. Stewart presented a Bill, entitled, 'An Act to amend the Act for amending the Law relative to offences against the Person. Offences against Person Bill

The said Bill was read a first time.

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

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

To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the Conference desired by this House on 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. Conference agreed to

Ordered, That Mr. Bell, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Rudolf, be a Committee to manage the said Conference. Committee

And the Managers went to the Conference, and being returned, Mr. Bell reported that the Committee had held the said Conference, and stated the substance of the Conference to the House. Report

The Resolution for granting the sum of £10,000 for the service of Roads and Bridges for the present year, £10,000 Roads and Bridges

Was read a second time, and the question was put by the President, Read 2d time

Whether this Resolution be agreed to?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to

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

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the Government and Regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary; also, Penitentiary and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Church at Canard, in Baptist Meeting House Canard Bills

in Cornwallis, to appoint Trustees to take charge of the said Church, and Cemetery adjoining the same, and to enclose and ornament the same,

Were read, as amended, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

Finally agreed to

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, as amended.

Adjourn

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

Thursday, 28th March, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the Lord Bishop.

The Honorable Peter McNab,
Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
William Rudolf,
Robert M. Cutler,

The Honorable Michael Tobin,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
Mather B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Offences against the Person Bill read 2d time

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for amending the Law relative to offences against the Person, was read a second time.

And ord. to Com.

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

Impost Duty on Flour and Molasses Bill read 2d time

A Bill, entitled, An Act for granting a Colonial Duty of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province on Flour and Molasses, in certain cases, was read a second time.

And ord. to Com.

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

Standing Order suspended

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

General Impost Duty Bill read

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,

Was read, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

Agreed to

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

Impost Duty on Flour and Molasses Bill committed

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the Bill, entitled, An Act for granting a Colonial Duty of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province on Flour and Molasses, in certain cases.—After some

some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to

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

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

And sent to H. A.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee for the consideration of the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel, which amendments have not been agreed to by the House of Assembly.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had had the said amendments under consideration, and had directed him to report that it was the opinion of the Committee that the said amendments should be adhered to.

Amdts. to Defamatory Words and Libel Bill committed

Reported to be adhered to

Ordered, That the said Report be received, and the said amendments be adhered to.

Am adhered to Message to H. A. with Bill and amdts.

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

To return the said Bill and amendments, and acquaint them that this House adhere to their amendments to the said Bill.

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

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

Light Houses

A Bill entitled, An Act to amend the Act to extend to the Town of Arichat the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax and certain other places.

Highways Arichat

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide two Lock-up-Houses and Town Houses in the County of Inverness.

Lock-up House Inverness and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Halifax to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the said County.

Sea Manure Halifax Bills

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Read 1st time

Ordered, That the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend an Act for the support and regulation of Light Houses, and to repeal certain Acts and clauses of Acts relating thereto, be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon.

Light House Bill ref to Sel. Com.

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

Committee

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

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

Adjourn

Friday, 29th March, 1844.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor having signified his intention of coming down to the Council Chamber this day, at one o'clock, P. M., to give his assent to the various Bills which have passed the two Houses of the Legislature, and this House being adjourned till 2 o'clock, the Members of this House were specially summoned by order of the President to meet at a quarter before one o'clock, P. M. The House accordingly met at a quarter before one o'clock.

Present during the day—

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the Lord Bishop.

The Honorable Peter McNab,
Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
William Rudolf,
Robert M. Cutler,

The Honorable Michael Tobin,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
Mather B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

H. E. comes to Council Chamber

At one o'clock, P. M., His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and, being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's commands to let the House of Assembly know "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House," who, being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to forty Bills, entitled as follows:

H. A. attend

H. E. assents to 40 Bills entitled

Defence by Counsel in Felony

An Act to revive and make perpetual an Act for enabling persons indicted for Felony to make their defence by Counsel.

Fisheries Chedabucto Bay

An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries at Chedabucto Bay.

Poors' Rates Egerton

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.

Poors' Rates Pictou

An Act to continue the Act respecting the collection of Poors' Rates of Pictou, as amended.

Pugwash Harbour

An Act to continue the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Pugwash.

Egerton Poor

An Act to continue the Act for setting off a part of the Township of Egerton as a separate District for the support of the Poor.

Assize of Bread Dartmouth

An Act to continue the Act to extend to the Town of Dartmouth the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.

Bank of Nova Scotia

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.

Marriage Licenses

An Act to continue the Act relating to Marriage Licenses.

Timber and Lumber

An Act to continue the Act to regulate the survey of Timber and Lumber.

Sable Island

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

Billeting Troops

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

County 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.

Cord Wood Halifax

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.

Fisheries Richmond

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

Nuisances

An Act to continue the Act additional concerning Nuisances.

Pilotage Halifax

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.

Bread

An Act to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.

Harbour Master Bridgeport

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

Beef

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

Pilotage Sydney

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.

Settlement of Poor

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

An

An Act to exempt certain Officers and persons employed in Her Majesty's Ordnance Department, Dock Yard, Victualling, and Naval Hospital Establishments at Halifax, from working on Highways, and discharging other civil duties.	Ordnance Officers exemption
An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Liverpool, in Queen's County, to provide monies for procuring a Fire Engine for said Town.	Fire Engine Liverpool
An Act in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act, entitled, An Act to vest certain Lands belonging to the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Cornwallis in Trustees, and to enable them to dispose of the same, and to purchase others in their stead.	Presbyterian Church Cornwallis
An Act to amend the Act to provide for the regulation and management of the Grammar School or Academy at Sydney, in Cape Breton.	Grammar School Sydney
An Act for the regulation of the Salmon Fishery in the River St. Mary's, in the County of Guysborough.	Salmon Fishery St. Mary's
An Act to amend the Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Meeting House at Bridgetown to raise money from the Pews of the said Meeting House for the repairing, ornamenting, altering or enlarging the same, and for ratifying the appointment and defining the duties of the Trustees of the said Meeting House.	Baptist Meeting House Bridgetown
An Act to continue and amend the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling.	Smuggling
An Act to continue and amend the Acts concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks.	Drawbacks
An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods.	Importation of Goods
An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods.	Warehousing
An Act to continue the Act for the General Regulation of the Colonial Duties.	Regulation of Duties
An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licences, for the sale of Spirituous Liquors.	Licences
An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licences for the sale of Spirituous Liquors and for Sales by Auction in Halifax.	Licences Halifax
An Act to postpone the next ensuing Sittings of the Supreme Court at Halifax, and on the Western Circuit.	Sittings of Sup. Court
An Act for the Government and Regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary.	Penitentiary
An Act to authorize the Congregation of the Baptist Church at Canard, in Cornwallis, to appoint Trustees to take charge of the said Church, and Cemetery adjoining the same, and to enclose and ornament the same.	Baptist Meeting House Canard
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.	General Impost Duty and
An Act for granting a Colonial Duty of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province on Flour and Molasses, in certain cases.	Impost Duty on Flour and Molasses
The House of Assembly then withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire soon after.	H. A. withdraw H. E. retires
At two o'clock, P. M., the Minutes of yesterday were read.	Minutes read
A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to extend to the Town of Arichat the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places; also,	Highways Arichat
A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide two Lock-up Houses and Town Houses in the County of Inverness; also,	Lock-up Houses Inverness and
A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Halifax, to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the said County,	Sea Manure Halifax Bills
Were read a second time.	Read 2d time
Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.	And ord. to Com.
Mr. Stewart, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House a Return of the Sales of Crown Lands in Cape Breton, for the year 1843.	Message from H. E. with sale of Crown Lands C. B.
The same was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.	
(Vide Appendix No. 28.)	

Addition to Com. on
contingent expenses

On motion, *resolved*, that Mr. Rudolf, and Mr. Cutler, be added to the Committee of this House to consider the contingent expenses of this House.

Message from H. E.
with Blue Book

Mr. Stewart, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the Blue Book for the year 1842—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Com. on Light House
Bill report

Mr. Rudolf, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend an Act for the support and regulation of Light-Houses, and to repeal certain Acts and Clauses of Acts relating thereto, was referred, reported that the Committee had had the said Bill under consideration, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2d time

The said Bill was read a second time.

And ord. to Com.

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

Standing Order sus-
pended

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

Bill committed

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had had the said Bill under consideration, and recommended it should be again referred to a Select Committee, for the purpose of obtaining further information respecting the said Bill.

Recommended to be
referred to Sel. Com.

Committee

Ordered, That the said report be received, and the said Bill be again referred to a Select Committee, to obtain further information respecting the same.

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

Adjourn

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Monday, at 2 o'clock.

Monday, 1st April, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable Peter McNab,
Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
William Rudolf,
Robert M. Cutler,

The Honorable Michael Tobin,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
Mather B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

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

Statute Labour
Highways Halifax

A Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the performance of Statute Labour on Highways.
A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal certain clauses of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, and also to amend the said Act.

Passengers and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act relating to Passengers arriving in this Province.

Sessions Annapolis
Bills

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Annapolis.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time

The said Bills were read a first time.

Statute Labour Bill
ref. to Sel. Com.

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

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Morton, Mr. Rudolf, Mr. Cutler, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Bell, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee

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

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

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

For the Salary of the Clerk	£200	0	0
“ “ of the Law Clerk and Clerk of the Parliament	150	0	0
“ “ of the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod and Serjt. at Arms	75	0	0
“ “ of the Chaplain	25	0	0
“ “ of Messengers, viz:—First Messenger	£40	}	70 0 0
Second do.	30		
Account for Stationary	45	10	3
Binding the Laws and Journals, &c.	20	17	9
J. S. Thompson's Account for printing the Act for relief of Insolvent Debtors	4	15	0
Fuel to be accounted for by the Clerk	20	0	0
Contingencies to be expended under the direction of a Committee of the House	35	0	0
	£646	3	0

By order of the Committee,
(Signed) **ALEX. STEWART,**
Chairman.

Committee Room, }
April 1st, 1844. }

Ordered, That the said Report be received and adopted.

The Resolution granting the sum of £1 per day to each of the Members of the House of Assembly, Pay of Members of H. A.

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

Whether this Resolution be agreed to? Read 2d time

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to

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

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

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock. Adjourn

Tuesday, 2d April, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable Peter McNab,
Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
William Rudolf,
Robert M. Cutler,

The Honorable John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
Mather B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

The President informed the House that he had received a Letter from Mr. Clark, stating that Mr. Clark's excuse

that he had set off from his home for the purpose of attending in his place in this House, but had been taken ill on the road and compelled to return home.

Mr. Bond's resignation

A Letter, addressed to the Clerk by Mr. Bond, was read, stating that his health had induced him to place his resignation of his seat in this House before His Excellency.

Highways Halifax

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal certain clauses of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, and also to amend the said Act; also,

Passengers and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act relating to Passengers arriving in this Province; also,

Sessions Annapolis Bills

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Sitings of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Annapolis,

Read 2d time

Were read a second time.

And ord. to Com.

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

Committee on Bills

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

Report

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through

General Sessions Guysborough

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for an additional Sitings of the General Sessions of the Peace at Guysborough; also,

Fishermen's Nets Chedabucto Bay

A Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen in Chedabucto Bay; also,

Highways Arichat

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to extend to the Town of Arichat the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places; also,

Lock-up House Inverness and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide two Lock-up Houses and Town Houses in the County of Inverness; also,

Civil List Bills

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova-Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues.

Without amdt.

And had agreed to the same without any amendment.

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

Message from H. E. with report of Comr. of Indian Affairs

Mr. Almon, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, for the year 1843—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

(*Vide Appendix No. 29.*)

Adjourn

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

Wednesday, 3d April, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable Peter McNab,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
William Rudolf,
Robert M. Cutler,
Michael Tobin,

The Honorable John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
Mather B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Report of Com. on Guysborough Streets

Mr. Stewart, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act relative to certain Streets in the Town of Guysborough; also,

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A Bill, entitled, An Act for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate Districts for the support of the Poor; also,

Pictou Poor Districts and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the Old Court House and Jail at Arichat, and the Lot of Land on which it stands, and the purchase of a new site therefor, and for other purposes,

Court House and Jail Arichat Bills

Were referred, reported that the Committee had made enquiries respecting the said Bills, and found that all parties interested had consented to the first Bill, and that the other Bills did not come within the Standing Orders of this House, relative to local and private Bills, and therefore recommended the said Bills to the favourable consideration of the House.

Ordered, That the said Report be received, and the said Bills committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Bills ord. to Com.

Mr. Rudolf, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend an Act for the support and regulation of Light-Houses, and to repeal certain Acts and clauses of Acts relating thereto, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it should be again referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Report of Com. on Light House Bill

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

Bill ord. to Com.

Mr. Almon, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House a Report of the Board of Education.

Message from H. E. with Education Report

(Vide Appendix No. 30.)

Also a Report of the Treasurer of the Savings Bank.

And Savings Bank Report

(Vide Appendix No. 31.)

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for an additional Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace at Guysborough; also,

Genl. Sessions Guysborough

A Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen in Chedabucto Bay; also,

Fishermen's Nets Chedabucto Bay

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to extend to the Town of Arichat the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places; also,

Highways Arichat

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide two Lock-up Houses and Town Houses in the County of Inverness; also,

Lock-up Houses Inverness and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova-Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues.

Civil List Bills

Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill,

Read 3d time

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to

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

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

And sent to H. A.

The following Resolutions for granting money, viz:

Money Votes

£200,	Sterling,	Contingencies of the Lieutenant-Governor.
250	"	Private Secretary of the Lieutenant Governor.
100	"	Superintendent of Mines, Cape-Breton.
150	"	Surveyor General of Nova-Scotia.
100	"	do. Cape-Breton.
200	"	First Clerk in the Secretary's Office.
160	"	Second Clerk in do.
100	"	Third Clerk in do.
30	"	Fuel and Criers of Rolls and Probate Courts.
100	"	Contingencies of the Secretary's Office,

Were

- Read 2d time Were read a second time, and the question was put by the President, on each Resolution, Whether this Resolution be agreed to?
- Agreed to It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Committee on Bills On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Report Court and Jail Arichat Bill without amendment The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of the old Court House and Jail at Arichat, and the Lot of Land on which it stands, and the purchase of a new site therefor, and for other purposes, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.
- Report Streets Guysborough Bill with amendment *Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.
- Amendment read The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act relative to certain Streets in the Town of Guysborough, and had made an amendment thereto.
- And agreed to The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows:
At the end of the Bill add the following clause:
“*And be it enacted*, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prejudice, or in any manner affect the rights of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, or of all or any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, his, her, and their respective Heirs Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns.”
- Recommend Highways Bill to be referred to Sel. Com. And the said amendment being read a second time, was agreed to by the House.
- Report received and Bill referred *Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.
- Committee The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal certain clauses of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, and to amend the said Act, and recommended that the said Bill should be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Recommend Light House Bill to be not agreed to *Ordered*, That the said Report be received, and the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Report read and Bill disagreed to *Ordered*, That Mr. Tobin, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Almon, be a Committee for that purpose.
- And sent to H. A. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend an Act for the support and regulation of Light-Houses, and to repeal certain Acts and clauses of Acts relating thereto, and had directed him to report that it was the opinion of the Committee that the said Bill should not be agreed to.
- Conference on Gen. State of Province relative to contingencies moved and asked *Ordered*, That the said Report be received, and that the said Bill be not agreed to.
- Agreed to A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have not agreed to the same.
- Committee On motion, *resolved*, that a Conference be desired with the House of Assembly, by Committee, on the General State of the Province, and that the Committee of this House do communicate to the Committee of the House of Assembly the amount required to defray the contingent expenses of this House for the present Session.
- Report A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, to desire the said Conference.
- Agreed to A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the Conference desired by this House.
- Committee *Ordered*, That Mr. Stewart, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Rudolf, be a Committee of this House to manage the said Conference.
- Report And the Managers went to the Conference, and being returned, Mr. Stewart reported that the Committee had held the said Conference, and that he had communicated his instructions to the Committee of the House of Assembly.

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

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for the regulation of Juries. Juries

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for an additional Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Inverness. Sessions Inverness

A Bill, entitled, An Act for enforcing performance of engagements in aid of Public Works. Engagements in aid of Public Works

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to provide for the instruction and permanent settlement of the Indians. Indians

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace. Summary Trials before Justices Peace

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act relative to the assessment of Dyke Rates for the new or Wickwire Dyke, in Horton. And Wickwire Dyke Rates Bills

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Ordered, That the first Bill be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon. Read 1st time
Roads and Bridges Bill referred to Sel. Com.

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

Ordered, That the second Bill be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon. Juries Bill ref. to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That Mr. Stewart, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Aimon, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee

Ordered, That the third Bill be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon. Distilled Liquors Bill ref. to Sel. Com.

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

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

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the performance of Statute Labour on Highways, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and proposed several amendments thereto, and recommended the same to the favourable consideration of the House. Report of Com. on Statute Labour Bill

Ordered, That the said report be received.

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock. Adjourn

Thursday, 4th April, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the Lord Bishop.

The Honorable Peter McNab,
Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
William Rudolf,
Robert M. Cutler,

The Honorable Michael Tobin,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
Mather B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Court House and Jail
Arichat Bill

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of the old Court House and Jail at Arichat, and the Lot of Land on which it stands, and the purchase of a new site therefor, and for other purposes,

Read 2d time

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

Agreed to

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

Guysborough Streets
Bill

A Bill, entitled, An Act relative to certain Streets in the Town of Guysborough,

Read 3d time

Was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,
Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass?

Agreed to

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

Sessions Inverness

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for an additional Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Inverness; also,

Engagements in aid of
Public Works

A Bill, entitled, An Act for enforcing performance of engagements in aid of Public Works; also,

Indians

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to provide for the instruction and permanent settlement of the Indians; also,

Summary Trials be-
fore Justices Peace

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

An. Wickwire Dike
Rates Bills

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

Read 2d time

Were read a second time.

And ord. to Com.

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

Com. on Roads and
Bridges Bill report

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, was referred, reported that the Committee had had the said Bill under consideration, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Ordered, That the said Report be received.

Bill read 2d time

The said Bill was read a second time.

And ord. to Com.

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

Mr.

<p>Mr. Stewart, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for the regulation of Juries, was referred, reported that the Committee had had the said Bill under consideration, and proposed some amendments thereto, and recommended its being referred to a Committee of the whole House.</p>	<p>Com. on Juries Bill report</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the said Report be received.</p>	
<p>The said Bill was read a second time.</p>	<p>Bill read 2d time</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.</p>	<p>And ord. to Com.</p>
<p>Mr. Tobin, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province, was referred, reported that the Committee had had the said Bill under consideration, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.</p>	<p>Com. on Distilled Liquors Bill report</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the said Report be received.</p>	
<p>The said Bill was read a second time.</p>	<p>Bill read 2d time</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.</p>	<p>And ord. to Com.</p>
<p>Mr. Tobin, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal certain clauses of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, and to amend the said Act, was referred, reported that the Committee had had the said Bill under consideration, and proposed several amendments thereto, and recommended that the said Bill should be again referred to a Committee of the whole House.</p>	<p>Com. on Highways Halifax Bills report</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the said Report be received, and the said Bill be again committed to a Committee of the whole House.</p>	<p>Bill ord. to Com.</p>
<p><i>Resolved unanimously,</i> That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended, as respects the Bills now before the Committee.</p>	<p>Standing Order suspended</p>
<p>On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.</p>	<p>Committee on Bills</p>
<p>The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for amending the Law relative to offences against the Person, and had made several amendments thereto.</p>	<p>Report Offences against Person Bill with am.</p>
<p>The said amendments were read a first and second time, and agreed to by the House.</p>	<p>Am. read and agreed to</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third time at a future day.</p>	<p>Bill ord. to be engrossed</p>
<p>The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through</p>	<p>Report</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act relating to Passengers arriving in this Province; also,</p>	<p>Passengers</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Annapolis; also,</p>	<p>Sessions Annapolis</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate Districts for the support of the Poor; also,</p>	<p>Pictou Poor Districts</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace; also,</p>	<p>Summary Trials before Justices Peace</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act relative to the assessment of Dike Rates for the New or Wickwire Dike in Horton; also,</p>	<p>Wickwire Dike Rates</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province; also,</p>	<p>Distilled Liquors</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for an additional Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Inverness; also,</p>	<p>Sessions Inverness</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges; also,</p>	<p>Roads and Bridges</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to provide for the instruction and permanent settlement of the Indians.</p>	<p>And Indian Bills</p>
<p>And had agreed to the same without any amendment.</p>	<p>Without amdt.</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.</p>	
<p>The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled,</p>	<p>Report Juries Bill with amdt.</p>

titled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for the regulation of Juries, and had made two amendments thereto.

Am. read

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows :

SECOND CLAUSE.

Leave out the Proviso of this clause.

At the end of the Bill add the following clause :

And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for Her Majesty's Supreme Court to make such rules and regulations as it may deem expedient and proper, for the granting rules for Special Juries in vacation, in causes that now are or hereafter may be at issue in any of the Circuit Courts of this Province, and wherein notice of trial is or may be given. Provided always, that nothing in the preceding clause contained shall be construed to extend to deprive any party of his right to obtain a rule for a Special Jury during the Term or Sittings of the said Circuit Court, notwithstanding he may not have applied for such rule in the preceding vacation."

And agreed to

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

Report Highways Halifax Bill with am.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal certain clauses of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, and to amend the said Act, and had made several amendments thereto.

Amitt. read

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows :

SECOND CLAUSE.

3rd line—Leave out the words "in Halifax or elsewhere."

4th line—After the word "Province" insert the words "except in and for the City of Halifax."

17th, 18th, and 19th lines—Leave out the words "in Halifax to the Treasurer of the Province and in other places."

26th line—Insert "accounts" instead of "account."—Leave out the words "for Halifax."

27th, 28th, and 29th lines—Leave out the words "in the General Assembly at their next meeting, and the accounts in all other places be audited and passed."

THIRD CLAUSE.

4th line—After the word "Province" insert the words "except the City of Halifax."

Agreed to

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

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

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

Town Officers

A Bill, entitled, 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.

Comrs. of Sewers and

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

Pickled Fish Bills

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts in force relative to the Inspection of Pickled Fish.

£5 change of appropriation in Cumberland

Resolved, That the sum of Five Pounds, granted by the Legislature in 1842 to repair the road from six mile road to M'Kenzie's, by Colter's, in the County of Cumberland, and not yet expended, be applied to the repair of the road from Kenneth McKenzie's to Wallace Harbour.

£20 change of appropriation in Cumberland

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty Pounds, granted the last Session for the repair of the road on the Aboiteau across the River La Planche, and undrawn, be expended on the road from the said Aboiteau leading across the Fort Lawrence Marsh to the bend on the said road.

To

To which Bills and Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.
 The said Bills and Resolutions were read a first time. Read 1st time
Ordered, That the said Bills and Resolutions be read a second time at a future day.
 Mr. Morton presented a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Members of the Legislative Council to vote by Proxy. Proxy Bill
 The said Bill was read a first time. Read 1st time
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.
 On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Saturday, at 2 o'clock. Adjourn

Saturday, 6th April, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Right Reverend and Honourable the Lord Bishop.

The Honorable William Lawson,
 Alexander Stewart,
 William Rudolf,
 Robert M. Cutler,
 Michael Tobin,

The Honorable John Morton,
 Hugh Bell,
 Stayley Brown,
 Mather B. Almon,
 Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Lawson sat President in the absence of the President.
 The Minutes of Thursday were read
 A Bill entitled, 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; Town Officers
 also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers; also, Comrs. of Sewers and
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts in force relative to the Inspection of Pickled Fish, Pickled Fish Bills
 Were read a second time. read 2d time
Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House. And ord. to Com.
Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended, as respects the said Bills. Standing Order suspended
 The following Resolutions for changing the appropriation of monies, viz : Changes of appropriation
 £5 change of appropriation on Road in Cumberland
 £20 do do do Cumberland
 Were read a second time, and the question was put on each Resolution, Read 2d time
 Whether this Resolution be agreed to?
 It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to
 A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
 To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment. And sent to H. A.
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for amending the Law, relative to offences against the Person, Offences against person Bill
 Was read a third time, and the question was put, Read 3d time
 Whether this Bill shall pass?
 It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to
 A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
 To carry down the said Bill and desire their concurrence thereto. And sent to H. A.

Passengers	A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act relating to Passengers arriving in this Province ; also,
Sessions Annapolis	A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Annapolis ; also,
Pictou Poor Districts	A Bill, entitled, An Act for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate districts for the support of the Poor ; also,
Summary Trials before Justices Peace	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace ; also,
Wickwire Dike Rates	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act relative to the assessment of Dike Rates for the New or Wickwire Dike in Horton ; also,
Distilled Liquors	A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province ; also,
Sessions Inverness	A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for an additional Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Inverness ; also,
Roads and Bridges	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges ; also,
And Indian Bills	A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to provide for the instruction and permanent settlement of the Indians.
Read 3d time	Were read a third time, and the question was put on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass ?
Agreed to	It was resolved in the affirmative.
And sent to H. A.	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Jury Bill read 3d time	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for the regulation of Juries, was read a third time.
Motion not to adhere to am. agreed to	Whereupon Mr. Stewart moved, that the amendments made in Committee to the said Bill be struck out, and that the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly agreed to, without any amendment ; which, being seconded, and the question being put, was agreed to unanimously.
And sent to H. A.	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Highways Halifax Bill	A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal certain clauses of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, and to amend the said Act,
Read 3d time	Was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, with the amendments shall pass?
Agreed to	It was resolved in the affirmative.
And sent to H. A.	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, with amendments, to which amendments their concurrence is desired.
Jury Bill	Mr. Stewart presented a Bill, entitled, An Act for the further regulation of Juries.
Read 1st time	The said Bill was read a first time. <i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bills be read a second time at a future day.
Committee on Bills	On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.--After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.
Report	The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through
Town Officers	A Bill, entitled, 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 ; also,
Comms. of Sewers &	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers ; also,

A Bill entitled, An Act to continue the Acts in force relative to the Inspection of Pickled Fish.

Pickled Fish Bill

And had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Without amdt.

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

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

Report Statute Labour Bill with am.

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

Amdts. read

FIRST CLAUSE.

4th line—Leave out the word "twelfth" and insert instead, the words "twenty-seventh." After the word "eighth" insert the word "and."—After the word "ninth" leave out the word "and."

5th line—Leave out the word "thirtieth."

SECOND CLAUSE.

6th line—Leave out the words "thirty first" and insert instead, the word "thirtieth"

TENTH CLAUSE.

2nd Line—Leave out the word "such," after the word "person" insert the words "owning oxen, or draft horses."

TWENTY FIRST CLAUSE.

8th line—after the word "their" insert the word "shovels."

TWENTY SECOND CLAUSE.

3d line—After the word "of" insert the words "the next General Sessions of the Peace for the County or District which shall happen after the first day of September." Leave out the word "October."

10th line—After the word "him" insert the words "and the expenditure of such commutation monies and fines."

At the end of the clause insert the following words: "under a penalty not exceeding the sum of Two Pounds, to be recovered by the said Clerk of the Peace before one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in the same manner as debts of the like amount may now be sued for and recovered."

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

And agreed to

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

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

Standing Order suspended

The said Bill was then read a third time, and the question was put,

Bill read 3d time

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to

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

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

And sent to H. A.

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

To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act relative to certain Streets in the Town of Guysborough.

Message from H. A. agreeing to am. to Guysborough Streets Bill

Also with the following Bills and Resolution :

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Halifax Gas Light and Water Company, and an Act passed in amendment thereof.

Gas Light and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Water Company.

Water Company Bills

Resolved

£20 change of appropriation in Kings Co.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty Pounds, parcel of the sum granted in the last Session of the General Assembly, to build the Bridge over Cornwallis River, near Kentville, and remaining unexpended, be expended on the road leading from the late Benjamin Silver's to William Roscoe's, in Cornwallis.

Read 1st time

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

The said Bills and Resolution were read a first time.

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

Adjourn

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Monday, at 2 o'clock.

Monday, 8th April, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable Peter McNab,
Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
William Rudolf,
Robert M. Cutler,

The Honorable Michael Tobin,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
Mather B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Saturday were read.

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

Shad Fishery Kings County Bill

A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Shad Fishery in the County of Kings.

To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time

The said Bill was read a first time.

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

Message from H. A. relative to am. to Statute Labour Bill

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to all the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the performance of Statute Labour on Highways, except the last amendment, which is to add certain words at the end of the 22d clause, and which amendment the House of Assembly could not consider as it goes to impose a penalty.

Amdt. considered

The House proceeded to the consideration of the said amendment, and

Res. not to adhere to amdt.

On motion, **resolved**, that although this House have the right to propose the said amendment which the House of Assembly have declined considering, yet this House will not adhere to the same, but agree to the said Bill without such amendment; but this assent there to not to be drawn into precedent.

And sent to H. A.

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

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House do not adhere to the said amendment.

Town Officers

A Bill, entitled, 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; also,

Comms. of Sewers &

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

Pickled Fish Bills

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts in force relative to the Inspection of Pickled Fish,

Read 3d time

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

It was resolved in the affirmative.	Agreed to
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.	And sent to H. A.
The Resolution for changing the appropriation of the sum of £20 for a Road in Kings County,	£20 change of appro- priation in Kings Co.
Was read a second time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?	Read 2d time
It was resolved in the affirmative.	Agreed to
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Resolution, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.	And sent to H. A.
A Bill, entitled, An Act relative to certain Streets in the Town of Guysborough, Was read, as amended, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?	Guysborough Streets Bill finally agreed to
It was resolved in the affirmative.	
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.	And sent to H. A.
A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Halifax Gas Light and Wa- ter Company, and an Act in amendment thereof, was read a second time.	Gas Light Bill read 2d time
<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.	And ord. to Com.
A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Water Company, was read a second time.	Water Company Bill read 2d time
<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon.	And ref. to Sel. Com.
<i>Ordered</i> , That Mr. Stewart, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Almon, be a Committee for that pur- pose.	Committee
A Bill, entitled, An Act for the further regulation of Juries, was read a second time.	Juries Bill read 2d time
<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.	And ord. to Com.
<i>Resolved unanimously</i> , That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended, as respects the said Bill.	Standing Order sus- pended
On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had agreed to the same without any amend- ment.	Bill committed Reported without am.
<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third time.	
The said Bill was then read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass ?	Read 3d time
It was resolved in the affirmative.	Agreed to
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To carry down the said Bill, and desire their concurrence thereto.	And sent to H. A.
Mr. Stewart moved the following Resolutions :	
<i>Resolved</i> , That a Committee be appointed to take charge of the Council Chamber, and the Committee Room thereof, during the recess—that they cause the same to be painted and white-washed, and make such regulations as may be necessary for keeping them clean and from being injured. Also for the purpose of rendering the same accessible to strangers who may desire to view them—and that this House will cause provision to be made at the next Session for such expense as may be necessarily incurred in carrying this Resolution into effect.	Res. relative to paint- ing Council Chamber &c.

Res. for procuring
Books

Also that the Committee procure such Books as they may think proper, to add to the Library of the Council, to be paid out of the contingencies of the last and present Session: Which, being seconded, and the question being put, were agreed to.

Committee

Resolved, That Mr. Stewart, Mr. Tobin, and Mr. Bell, be a Committee for carrying the above Resolutions into effect.

Adjourn

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

Tuesday, 9th April, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Honorable Peter McNab,
Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
William Rudolf,
Robert M. Cutler,

The Honorable Michael Tobin,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
Mather B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Shad Fishery Kings
County Bill read 2d
time

A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Shad Fishery in the County of Kings, was read a second time.

And ord. to Com.

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

Standing Order sus-
pended

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

Committee on Bills

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

Shad Fishery Kings
County Bill reported
with amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Shad Fishery in the County of Kings, and had made several amendments thereto.

Amdt. read

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:

IN THE TITLE.

2nd line—Leave out the words “the County of Kings,” and insert, instead, the words “Kings County.”

IN THE PREAMBLE.

2nd line—Leave out the words “the County of Kings” and insert, instead, the words “Kings County.”

FIRST CLAUSE.

4th line—Leave out the words “the said County of Kings” and insert, instead, the words “Kings County.”

And agreed to

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

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

Report Sea Manure
Halifax Bill with am.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Halifax to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the said County, and had made an amendment thereto.

Amdt. read

The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows:

First

FIRST CLAUSE.

At the end of the Proviso add the following words: "or to the Sea Weed deposited thereon, but such rights shall remain as they existed at the time of the passing of this Act."

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Halifax Gas Light and Water Company, and an Act passed in amendment thereof, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

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

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the performance of Statute Labour on Highways, as now amended.

The Messenger also brought up the following Bill:

A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Registrars of Deeds throughout this Province. To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

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

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

And agreed to
 Report Gas Light &
 Bill without amdt.

Message from H. A.
 agreeing to Statute
 Labour Bill as am.

Registrars of Deeds
 Bill

Read 1st time

Adjourn

Wednesday, 10th April, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the Lord Bishop.

The Honorable Peter McNab,
 Norman F. Uniacke,
 William Lawson,
 Alexander Stewart,
 William Rudolf,
 Robert M. Cutler,

The Honorable Michael Tobin,
 John Morton,
 Hugh Bell,
 Stayley Brown,
 Mather B. Almon,
 Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act relative to the performance of Statute Labour on Highways, Was read as now amended, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, as now amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Shad Fishery in the County of Kings; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Halifax to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the said County,

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

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Statute Labour Bill

Finally agreed to

And sent to H. A.

Shad Fishery Kings
 County and
 Sea Manure Halifax
 Bills

Read 3d time

Agreed to

And sent to H. A.

Gas Light Bill	A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Halifax Gas Light and Water Company, and an Act passed in amendment thereof,
Read 3d time	Was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass?
Agreed to	It was resolved in the affirmative.
And sent to H. A.	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Registrars of Deeds- Bill read 2d time	A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Registrars of Deeds throughout this Province, was read a second time.
And ref. to Sel. Com.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee to collect information and report upon.
Committee	<i>Ordered</i> , That Mr. Cutler, Mr. Morton, Mr. Bell, Mr. Almon, and Mr. Rudolf, be a Committee for that purpose.
Com. on Water Co. Bill report	Mr. Stewart, the Chairman of the Committee of this House to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Water Company, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and proposed some amendments, and recommended it should be referred to a Committee of the whole House.
Bill ord. to Com.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Report be received, and the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Bill committed	The House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.
Report progress	After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress in the said Bill.

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

Resolved, That the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, granted this Session for the service of Roads and Bridges for the present year, be divided among the several Counties of this Province, and applied according to the following scale of division, viz:--

For the Roads in the County of Shelburne	£500 0 0
“ “ Yarmouth	500 0 0
“ “ Digby	500 0 0
“ “ Annapolis	500 0 0
“ “ Queens	500 0 0
“ “ Sydney	500 0 0
“ “ Richmond	500 0 0
“ “ Guysborough	500 0 0
“ “ Halifax	750 0 0
“ “ Hants	700 0 0
“ “ Inverness	700 0 0
“ “ Cape-Breton	750 0 0
“ “ Kings	550 0 0
“ “ Pictou	750 0 0
“ “ Colchester	600 0 0
“ “ Cumberland	550 0 0
“ “ Lunenburg	650 0 0
	£10,000 0 0

Resolved, That the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds, allotted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Cape Breton; the sum of Seven Hundred Pounds, allotted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Inverness; and the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, allotted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Richmond, be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be respectively expended on the said services.

Resolved,

£750 County of Cape
Breton: £750 Co. of
Inverness: £500 Co.
of Richmond

<i>Resolved</i> , that the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, allotted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Guysborough for the present year, be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be expended in that service.	£500 Guysborough
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, allotted for the service of Roads and Bridges for the County of Sydney for the present year, be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be expended in that service.	£500 Sydney
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of Six Hundred and Fifty Pounds, allotted for the service of Roads and Bridges for the County of Lunenburg for the present year, be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be expended in that service.	£650 Lunenburg
Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Halifax.	£750 Halifax
Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges for Queen's County.	£500 Queens Co.
Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Shelburne.	£500 Shelburne
Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges for the County of Yarmouth.	£500 Yarmouth
Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges for the County of Digby.	£500 Digby
Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges for the County of Annapolis.	£500 Annapolis
Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sum of Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges for Kings County.	£550 Kings County
Also a Resolution sub-dividing the sum of Seven Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Hants.	£700 Hants
Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sum of Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Cumberland.	£550 Cumberland
Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sum of Six Hundred Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Colchester.	£600 Colchester
Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Pictou.	£750 Pictou
To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.	
The said Resolutions were read a first time.	Read 1st time
<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Resolutions be read a second time at a future day.	
On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.	Adjourn

Thursday, 11th April, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Right Reverend and Honourable the Lord Bishop.

The Honorable Peter McNab,
Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
William Rudolf,
Robert M. Cutler,

The Honorable Michael Tobin,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
Mather B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read

The sixteen Resolutions, brought up from the House of Assembly yesterday, for dividing

Division and sub-division of Road Money

ing and sub-dividing the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges for the present year,

Read 2d time

Were read a second time, and the question was put by the President, on each Resolution, Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

Agreed to

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

Water Company Bill further committed

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and again put into a Committee on a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Water Company.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had made several amendments thereto.

Reported with amds.

Amdts. read

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

FIFTEENTH CLAUSE.

8th line—Leave out the word “ whatsoever ” and insert instead, the words “ situate to the westward of the Citadel Hill.”

40th line—After the word “ one ” insert the word “ appraiser.”

41st line—Leave out the words “ or two appraisers.”

43rd line—Leave out the words “ one or.”

44th and 45th lines—Leave out the words “ as the Judges may deem necessary.”

46th line—Leave out the words “ another appraiser ” and insert instead, the words “ two other appraisers.”

58th line—Leave out the words “ an appraiser or ” and insert instead, the word “ two.”

59th line—Leave out the word “ a ” and insert instead, the word “ two.”

60th line—Leave out the words “ person or.”

At the end of the Bill add the following clause—

“ *And be it enacted*, That unless the said Company shall go into operation within five years from the passing of this Act, then this Act, and every matter and thing herein contained, shall be of no force or effect, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.”

And agreed to

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

Standing Order suspended

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

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

Read 3d time

The said Bill was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ?

Agreed to

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

Adjourn

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

Friday, 12th April, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the Lord Bishop.

The Honorable Peter McNab,
Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
William Rudolf,
Robert M. Cutler,

The Honorable Michael Tobin,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Stayley Brown,
Mather B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Cutler, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Registrars of Deeds throughout this Province, was referred, reported that the Committee had had the said Bill under consideration, and could not agree upon any particular report, but recommended that the said Bill should be referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Com. on Registrars
Bill report

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

Bill ord. to Com.

On motion of Mr. Bell, *resolved,* that Mr. Brown have leave of absence, to return home on urgent private business.

Leave of absence to
Mr. Brown

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

Committee on Bills

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act for enforcing performance of engagements in aid of Public Works, and recommended that the further consideration of the said Bill should be deferred to this day three months.

Recommend engage-
ments in aid of Public
Works to be deferred
3 months

Ordered, That the said Report be received, and the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months.

Bill deferred

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

To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Shad Fishery in the County of Kings.

Message from H. A.
agreeing to am. to
Shad Fishery Kings
County and

Also to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Halifax to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the said County.

Sea Manure Halifax
Bills

Also with the following Resolution:

Whereas, by an Act, passed by the Legislature in 1840, providing that when Bonds, to the satisfaction of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, shall be given for the expenditure of subscriptions to the extent of Five Hundred Pounds, upon the road from Sackville to Scott's, simultaneously with the sum granted by the Legislature last Session, that His Excellency be authorized to expend the sum of One Thousand and Five Hundred Pounds granted last Session. *And whereas* John Steele, John Northrup, and George Lister, in order to facilitate the opening of the said road have advanced the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, which sum has been expended upon the said road, together with One Thousand and Sixty-three Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Eleven Pence of the grant made by the Legislature, and from the scarcity of money in circulation in the Rural Districts, a very considerable portion of the sum subscribed for the above purpose remains unpaid:

Res. to allow sum un-
expended of sum
granted for road from
Sackville to Scott's
by days labour

Resolved

Resolved therefore, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be authorized to cause either the whole or part of the grant made by the Legislature for the above purpose, and now remaining unexpended, to be expended by days work, in order that persons having subscribed to the said road may have an opportunity of working upon the said road to pay their subscriptions.

To which Resolution they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time

The said Resolution was read a first time.

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

Adjourn

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until Monday, at 2 o'clock.

Monday, 15th April, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the Lord Bishop.

The Honorable Peter McNab,
Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
William Rudolf,

The Honorable Michael Tobin,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Mather B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Shad Fishery Kings
County and
Sea Manure Halifax
Bills

A Bill, *now* entitled, An Act to regulate the Shad Fishery in Kings County; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Halifax, to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the said County, Were read as amended, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

Finally agreed to

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

Res. to allow sum un-
expended of sum
granted for road from
Sackville to Scott's to
be expended in days
works
Read 2d time
Agreed to

The Resolution to allow that part of the sum granted for the road from Sackville to Scott's, remaining unexpended, to be expended in days work,

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

Whether this Resolution be agreed to?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

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

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

Message from H. A.
agreeing to am. to
Highways Halifax

To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal certain clauses of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, and also to amend the said Act.

And to am. to Water
Company Bills

Also to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Water Company.

Agreeing to offences
against person Bill
without am.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for amending the Law, relative to offences against the Person, without any amendment.

The Messenger also brought up the following Bills :

A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to the Law concerning Courts of Probate.	Probate Courts
A Bill, entitled, An Act to remove the Kempt Bridge in the County of Pictou, and to build another Bridge with the materials thereof.	Kempt Bridge
A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Pictou.	Pictou Harbour
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for regulating the Militia.	Militia
A Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly.	Election of Members and
A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act respecting the income of the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax.	Excise Collector Bills
To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.	
The said Bills were read a first time.	Read 1st time
Ordered, That the first Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.	Probate Courts Bill ref. to Sel. Com.
Ordered, That Mr. Stewart, Mr. Rudolf, and Mr. Morton, be a Committee for that purpose.	Committee
Ordered, That the second Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report whether the requisites of the Standing Orders of this House relative to private and local Bills have been complied with.	Kempt Bridge Pictou Bill ref. to Sel. Com.
Ordered, That Mr. Stewart, Mr. Rudolf, and Mr. Morton, be a Committee for that purpose.	Committee
Ordered, That the four last Bills be read a second time at a future day.	
A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal certain clauses of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, and also to amend the said Act; also	Highways Halifax &
A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Water Company,	Water Co. Bills
Were read, as amended, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?	
It was resolved in the affirmative.	Finally agreed to
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them therewith.	And sent to H. A.
On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.	Adjourn

Tuesday, 16th April, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the Lord Bishop.

The Honorable Peter McNab,
Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
William Rudolf,

The Honorable Robert M. Cutler,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Mather B. Almon.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Pictou; also,	Pictou Harbour
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A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for regulating the Militia; also,	Militia and
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A Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly,	Elections of Members Bills
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Were read a second time.

Read 2d time

- And ord. to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House, at a future day.
- £36 11 7 change of appropriation of School monies Cumberland
A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden, with the following Resolution and Bills:
- Light Houses
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for the support and regulation of Light-Houses.
- Liverpool Bridge
A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the erecting a new Bridge across the Liverpool River at Milton, and for the repair of the road leading from thence to Middlefield.
- Poor Settlers
A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal certain Acts to afford relief to the Poor Settlers in this Province, and to authorize the liquidation of the monies received thereunder by labour on the Roads.
- Moose and Importation of Goods Bills
A Bill, entitled, An Act for the preservation of Moose.
A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to the Acts for regulating the Importation of Goods. To which Resolution and Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.
- Read 1st time
The said Resolution and Bills were read a first time.
Ordered, That the said Resolution and the four first Bills be read a second time at a future day.
- Importation of Goods Bill referred to Sel. Com.
Ordered, That the fifth Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Committee
Ordered, That Mr. Tobin, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Almon, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Excise Office Bill made order of day
On motion of Mr. Stewart, *resolved*, that a Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act respecting the income of the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, be the order of the day for to-morrow to be read a second time—and that the Members be summoned.
- Committee on Bills
On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills. After some time the House was resumed and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Report progress
On motion, *ordered*, that a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for regulating the Militia, be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Militia Bill ref. to Sel. Com.
Ordered, That Mr. Rudolf, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Bell, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Committee
On motion of Mr. McNab, *resolved*, that Mr. Cutler have leave of absence from Thursday next, to return home on urgent private business.
- Leave of absence to Mr. Cutler
Mr. Rudolf, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for regulating the Militia, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended that the said Bill should be referred to a Committee of the whole House.
- Com. on Militia Bill report
Ordered, That the said Report be received, and that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
- Bill ord. to Com.
Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended, as respects the said Bill.
- Standing Order suspended
On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had made an amendment thereto.
- Bill committed
The said amendment was read by the Clerk, as follows:—
- Reported with amdt.
Amdt. read

SECOND CLAUSE

Leave out this clause.

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

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

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock

Wednesday, 17th April, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the Lord Bishop.

The Honorable Peter McNab,
Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
William Rudolf,
Robert M. Cutler,

The Honorable Michael Tobin,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Mather B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for regulating the Militia,

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

Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the erecting a New Bridge across the Liverpool River, at Milton, and for the repair of the Road leading from thence to Middlefield; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal certain Acts to afford relief to the poor settlers in this Province, and to authorize the liquidation of the monies received thereunder, by labour on the Roads; also,

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

Were read a second time.

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

The Resolution for changing the appropriation of £26 11s. 7d. of School Monies in the County of Cumberland,

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

Whether this Resolution be agreed to?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Mr. Tobin, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to the Acts for regulating the importation of Goods, was referred, reported that the Committee had had the said Bill under consideration and found it correct, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Ordered, That the said Report be received.

The

And agreed to

Adjourn

Adjourned at 2 o'clock

Present

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the Lord Bishop.

The Honorable Peter McNab,

Norman F. Uniacke,

William Lawson,

Alexander Stewart,

William Rudolf,

Robert M. Cutler,

The Honorable Michael Tobin,

John Morton,

Hugh Bell,

Mather B. Almon,

Edward Kenny.

And sent to H. A.

Light Houses

Liverpool Bridge

Poor Settlers

Moose Bills

Read 2d time

And ord. to Com.

£26 11 7 change of

School money in

Cumberland

Read 2d time

Agreed to

And sent to H. A.

Com of Importation

of Goods Bill report

Received

Bill read 2d time
And ord. to Com.
Standing Order sus-
pended
Committee on Bills
Report Registrars
Bill with amds.
Amdts. read

The said Bill was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Registrars of Deeds throughout this Province, and had made several amendments thereto.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:

THIRD CLAUSE.

5th line—Leave out the words "by and with the advice of the Executive Council."
8th line—After the word "Province" insert the words "Halifax excepted."
Between the third and fourth clauses insert the following clause:
And be it enacted, That when and so soon as this Act shall come into operation, Sir Rupert Denis George, Baronet, the present Registrar of Deeds for the Province of Nova Scotia, shall be and continue Registrar of Deeds and Conveyances in and for the County of Halifax only.

SEVENTH CLAUSE.

1st to 5th line—Leave out the words "so long as the present principal Registrar of Deeds for this Province, Sir Rupert Dennis George, Baronet, shall hold the office of Provincial Secretary."

5th line—Leave out the word "him" and insert instead the following words, "Sir Rupert Denis George, Baronet, during the term of his natural life."

EIGHTH CLAUSE.

5th line—After the word "shall" insert the following words, "during the natural life of the said Sir Rupert Denis George."

6th line—After the word "of" insert the word "all."

7th line—After the word "them" omit the remainder of the clause.

NINTH CLAUSE.

3rd line—After the word "Act" insert the words "Halifax excepted."

6th line—After the word "of" insert the word "all."

ELEVENTH CLAUSE.

2nd to 6th line—Leave out the words "when and so soon as the said principal Registrar of Deeds shall cease to hold the office of Provincial Secretary as aforesaid, the said annual payment to him and" and insert instead, the following words "from and after the decease of the said Sir Rupert Denis George."

TWELFTH CLAUSE.

3rd line—After the word "Act" insert the words "Halifax included."

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

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for the support and regulation of Light-Houses; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the erecting a new Bridge across the Liverpool River, at Milton, and for the repair of the Road leading from thence to Middlefield; also

And agreed to
Report Light Houses
Liverpool Bridge

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal certain Acts to afford relief to Poor Settlers in this Province, and to authorize the liquidation of the monies received thereunder, by labour on the Roads; also,

Poor Settlers

A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to the Acts for regulating the importation of Goods; also,

Importation of Goods

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

Moose and Elections of Members Bills without am.

A Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly.

And had agreed to the same without any amendment.

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

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the better securing of the Revenue of the Province.

Securing Revenue & Flour and Meal Bills

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the several Acts now in force for the Inspection of Flour and Meal.

Resolved, That there be granted and paid, on the Certificate of the Commissioners of the Revenue, at the rate of seven shillings and six pence 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.

Allowance to Excise Waiters

Resolved, That the sum of Six Hundred Pounds be granted for the support of the Transient Poor, to be paid to the Commissioners of the Poor at Halifax.

£600 Transient Poor at Halifax

Resolved, That the sum of Five Hundred Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to continue the service, during the fishing months, of one Revenue Cutter in addition to the schooner "Sisters," (which latter is to be borne exclusively on the Sable Island Fund) on the coast of Nova Scotia, as heretofore, and that no further sum be expended for that purpose.

£500 Revenue Cutter

Resolved, That the sum of Six Hundred and Forty Six Pounds and three shillings, be granted and paid to defray the expences of the Legislative Council for the present year.

£646 3s. contingent expences of Council

Resolved, That the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, granted for three years to encourage the running of a Steam Boat between Halifax and St. John's Newfoundland, touching at certain Ports in the Island of Cape Breton, may be paid upon condition of such Boat touching at any one or more Port or Ports in said Island, both in going and returning.

£500 Steam Boat between Halifax and Newfoundland

Resolved, That the sum of Six Pounds and Eighteen Shillings, being amount claimed from James Whitney as excess of Light Duties on the Steamer North America, on two voyages from Boston to Halifax during the past year, be remitted, and allowed to the said James Whitney.

£6 18s. Jas. Whitney excess of Light Duties

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted and paid to the Ladies Managers of the Infant School at Pictou, towards the support of that Institution, agreeably to the prayer of the petition in behalf of the Institution, from the Ladies of Pictou.

£25 Infant School Pictou

Resolved, That the sum of Sixty-two Pounds and Ten Shillings, be granted and paid to John Lewis Tremain, Esquire, pursuant to the report on his petition.

£62 10s. J. L. Tremain

Resolved, That in the event of the Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues, receiving Her Majesty's assent and passing into a law, the sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to Thomas Bown, Esquire, to compensate him for his services as Harbour Master at the Port of Sydney for this present year, with the distinct understanding that this House will not in future vote any sum for such officer.

£100 Harbour Master Sydney, C. B.

Resolved, That the sum of Eleven Pounds and Ten Shillings be granted and paid to Thomas James Wood, in conformity with the Report of the Committee on the Fisheries.

£11 10s. T. J. Wood

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty Five Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the purchase of seed Potatoes for distressed families among the coloured population of Hammond's Plains and Preston, to be

£25 Colored People

applied under the direction of His Excellency to the relief of such individuals as shall be found in circumstances of urgent necessity.

£116 John Ross

Resolved, That the sum of One Hundred and Sixteen Pounds be granted and paid to John Ross, in full of certain claims preferred by him against the Post Office Department, as reported by the Committee.

£300 Drawback on Officers' Wines

Resolved, That the Board of Revenue for the time being, shall be, and are hereby authorized 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 in Halifax, or imported for and consumed by any such Commissioned Officers of Her Majesty's Army, who may be resident in Halifax, although not members of any Regimental Mess therein, 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 and consumed as aforesaid by such Officers of the Army—provided the whole amount do not exceed the sum of Three Hundred Pounds in any one year.

£10 Ferryman eastern side of Gut of Canso

Resolved, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to the Ferryman on the Eastern side of the Gut of Canso, to enable him to run a suitable Ferry Boat or Scow between Richard Carter's landing, on the western side of said Gut, and David McPherson's, on the eastern side thereof—the said Ferry Boat or Scow to be run under the regulations of the General Sessions for the County of Richmond.

£50 Guysborough Packet

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.

£25 School in Poor House

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty Five Pounds be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Poor in Halifax, to defray the expense of continuing the School in the Poor House for the present year, for the benefit of Orphans and Poor Children in that establishment.

£50 Halifax Dispensary

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted and paid to Doctors Grigor and Sterling, in aid of the Halifax Dispensary, for the present year—provided they keep during the year, a sufficient quantity of vaccine matter.

£100 Methodist School Halifax

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, in Halifax.

£50 Infant School Halifax

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 Rev. R. F. Uniacke's School

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 City of Halifax.

£30 15s. Female Teacher African School

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty Nine Pounds and Fifteen Shillings, be granted and paid as the Salary of the Female Teacher of the African School at Halifax, for the present year.

£455 9s. 3d. Comrs. of Public Buildings

Resolved, That the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty Five Pounds Nine Shillings and Three Pence, be granted and paid to the Commissioners of Public Buildings, to defray the expense incurred by them during the past year.

£40 Revenue Boat Sydney, C. B.

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.

£20 E. Crowell

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty Pounds be granted and paid to Edmund Crowell, to enable him to keep up his establishment at the Seal Islands for the relief of Shipwrecked Mariners, for the present year.

Resolved

Resolved, That the sum of Ten Pounds each be granted to such persons as shall respectively keep up a Ferry at 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.

£10 each Ferry at Port L'Herbert

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 Ghyssborough.

£10 Richard Carter's Ferry

Resolved, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to Cornelius Craig, to enable him to keep up the Ferry across the Narrows at the entrance of Sable River, in the County of Shelburne.

£10 C. Craig

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 J. & C. Pernette

Resolved, That the sum of Ten Pounds each be granted to the two licensed Ferry-men at the mouth of the Shubenacadie, in the Counties of Colchester and Hants, for the transportation of Horses and Carriages across that River—the same to be paid on the Certificate of the General or Special Sessions of each County respectively that such Ferry has been duly attended and proper Boats procured and used.

£10 each to Shubenacadie Ferry-men

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 regulations of the General Sessions for the County of Inverness.

£20 Ferry between McMillan's Point and Auld's Cove

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty Pounds be granted to aid the Inhabitants of Douglas, at the mouth of the River Shubenacadie, in supporting a suitable Boat or Scow, to run between Londonderry and that place—the said Boat or Scow to be run under the regulations of the General Sessions for the County of Hants—to be paid 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 Ferry between Douglas and Londonderry

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's Island, when it shall be made satisfactorily to appear to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, that such Packet Boat has been run agreeably to such regulations as may be established by the Justices in their Sessions for the County of Cumberland.

£20 Bay of Verte Packet

Resolved, That the sum of One Hundred and Five Pounds Five Shillings and Seven Pence be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to reimburse the sums advanced for the relief of shipwrecked and destitute Seamen of the Barque "Africaine" and the Brig "William Rippon," which were totally lost.

£105 5s. 7d. Shipwrecked Seamen

Resolved, That the sum of Thirteen Pounds One Shilling and Seven Pence be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to pay the respective parties named in a List or Schedule contained in a 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.

£13 1s. 7d. Excess of Duties

Resolved, That the sum of Three Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Eight Pence be granted and paid to J. G. Bingay, for return of Duties paid by him, agreeably to the Report of the Committee in Trade and Manufactures.

£3 17s. 8d. J. G. Bingay

Resolved, That the sum of Eight Pounds be granted and paid to Benjamin Dewolf, for Drawback on articles imported from the United States, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures.

£8 B. Dewolf

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Six Pence be granted and paid to the Governors of King's College, Windsor, for Drawback on articles imported from the United States, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures.

£25 16s. 6d. Govrs. King's College Windsor

Resolved

£53 5s. C. E. Leonard

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty-three Pounds and Five Shillings be granted and paid to Charles E. Leonard, for Duties paid by him into the Excise in 1842 in error, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures.

£10 Thomas Firth

Resolved, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to Thomas Firth, for Duties on Liquors lost at sea, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures.

£1 15s. 10d. A. Seaman & Co.

Resolved, That the sum of One Pound Fifteen Shillings and Ten Pence be granted and paid to Amos Seaman & Co., for return of Duties on ten barrels of Foreign Flour entered at the Customs in the County of Cumberland, on the fifth day of July 1843.

£3 4s. Overseers of Poor St. Mary's

Resolved, That the sum of Three Pounds and Four Shillings be granted and paid to the Overseers of the Poor, for the Township of St. Mary's, being amount of expenses incurred by them in the support of a Transient Pauper, agreeably to the prayer of their petition.

£276 8s. 5d. Transient Poor in different Counties

Resolved, That such sum be granted and paid as will be sufficient to defray the several amounts following, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on the subject, expenses incurred for the support of Transient Paupers, that is to say :

To the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of New Glasgow	£7	2	8
" " " Granville	18	18	3
" " " Yarmouth	43	13	3
" " " Digby	15	11	1
" " " Newport	12	15	1
" " " Amherst	8	7	6
" " " Horton	6	10	6
" " " Aylesford	18	0	0
" " " Weymouth	7	11	9
" " " Wilmot, Cy. Annapolis	11	7	6
" " " Dorchester, Cy. Sydney	8	9	7
" " " Pictou	78	11	2
" " " Clare	5	0	1
To Doctor John Fox, of Egerton,	4	0	0
" Doctor Edward Carritt, Guysborough,	2	10	0
" Doctor Ebenezer Annan, Liverpool,	20	0	0
" Doctor George Garraty, Liverpool,	8	0	0

£25 Barrington Harbour Buoys

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty Five Pounds be granted and paid for the purpose of repairing and replacing the Buoys in the west passage of Barrington Harbour.

£100 8s. 9d. Comrs. of Bridewell, balance of account

Resolved, that the sum of Four Hundred and Ninety Pounds Eight Shillings and Five Pence, be granted and paid to the Commissioners for building a Bridewell or Penitentiary, to pay the balance of their account for that building to 13th March, 1844, pursuant to the Report of the Committee.

£697 4s. Comrs. of Bridewell

Resolved, that the following sums be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Penitentiary, for the purposes herein stated, viz.

To the Governor of the Penitentiary for his Salary,	£125	0	0
" The Matron, for Salary	25	0	0
" The Keeper	50	0	0
" The Underkeeper and Turnkey	50	0	0
" For Fuel, soap, and other incidental expenses, clothing, &c.	410	0	0
" To pay Carpenter's wages, and other expenses, to put Penitentiary in order for reception of Convicts	37	4	0

£697 4 0

£500 Collector of Excise. £125 Clerk of do.

Resolved, That as soon as the mode in which the Collector of the Colonial Duties of Impost and Excise at Halifax is now by law entitled to be paid by commission shall be repealed, and when that office shall be filled, there shall be paid to the said Collector at Halifax, the sum of Five Hundred Pounds, for one year's service in that office, and the further sum of One Hundred and Twenty Five Pounds, to a Clerk in the said office, the said

said sums, respectively, to be paid quarterly, by warrant of the Lieutenant-Governor on the Treasury, in full of all other remuneration, and without any commission on monies collected and paid, or fees whatsoever.

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Revenue be authorized to cancel the Bond of Herbert Huntington, and others, given to secure the duties on Live Stock, imported in the year 1842, from Boston, for the Agricultural Society at Yarmouth.

Bond of H. Huntington to be cancelled

Resolved, That the sum of One Thousand and Fifty Five Pounds Five Shillings and Ten Pence be granted and paid to meet the expenditure of the Post Office Department, up to 5th January, 1844, agreeably to the Report of the Post Office Committee.

£1055 5s. 10d. Post Office expenditure

Resolved, That the sum of Five Hundred and Sixty Five Pounds Four Shillings and Eight Pence be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to defray the expense of franking for the Session of the Legislature of 1843.

£565 4s. 8d. Franking of Letters

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty Five Pounds be granted and paid to John Campbell, for carrying the mails between Big Narrows and Ball's Creek, in Cape Breton, for one year, now past, pursuant to the Report of the Post Office Committee.

£25 John Campbell

Resolved, That the sum of Seven Pounds and Ten Shillings be granted and paid to David M. Cummins, being balance due him for his services in carrying the mail from Londonderry to Five Islands, for the last three years, pursuant to the Report of the Post Office Committee.

£7 10s. David Cummins

Resolved, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to Lemuel Morehouse, to enable him to pay his Ferriages between Digby and Brier Island, for the last year, pursuant to the Report of the Post Office Committee.

£10 Lemuel Morehouse

Resolved, That the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds be granted and paid to James Purves, and others, owner of the Steamer Pocohontas—provided they run the said Boat or a Steamboat of equal power and accommodation for Passengers, once in each week, between the tenth day of May, and the tenth day of November next, between Pictou and Arichat, and St. Peter's, in the Island of Cape Breton.

£150 Steam Boat Pocohontas

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty Two Pounds, be granted and paid to Andrew Stephens, for disbursements made by him relative to goods seized at Arichat, agreeably to the Report of the Committee.

£22 A. Stephens

Resolved, That the sum of One Hundred and Four Pounds Thirteen Shillings and One Penny, be granted and paid to John S. Thompson, late Queen's Printer, being balance due him for printing for the Legislature, and other public services, for the year 1843, agreeably to the Report of the Committee.

£104 13s. 1d. balance for Printing

Resolved, That the sum of One Hundred and Nine Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Ten Pence be granted and paid to Richard Nugent, being balance due him for Printing for the year 1843, agreeably to the Report of the Committee.

£100 19s. 10d. R. Nugent Printing

Resolved, That the sum of Forty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be drawn Twenty Pounds in each year, for the next two years, and paid towards defraying the expense of maintaining a Deaf and Dumb Boy, the son of James Allison of Windsor, at an Asylum at Hartford, Connecticut, pursuant to the Report of the Committee.

£40 Deaf and Dumb Boy son of James Allison

Resolved, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to Doctor F. C. Pyke, for his services as Health Officer, at Windsor, attending to certain cases of Small Pox, agreeably to the Report of the Committee.

£10 Dr. Pyke

Resolved, That the sum of Two Pounds and Twelve Shillings be granted and paid to Doctor William L. Bent, for services performed in Digby, agreeably to the Report of the Committee.

£2 12s. Dr. Bent

Resolved, That the sum of Forty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to be drawn Twenty Pounds in each year for the next two years, and paid towards defraying the expense of maintaining a Deaf and Dumb Boy, the son of James Stephens, of Horton, at an Asylum for educating such, pursuant to the recommendation of the Committee.

£40 Deaf and Dumb Boy son of James Stephens

Resolved, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to Duncan Nicholson, to pay a part of the expense of erecting a Kiln for the manufacture of Oatmeal, upon a satis-

£10 D. Nicholson

factory

factory Certificate being produced that the same has been erected and is ready for operation.

£29 7s. Overseers
Poor Rawdon

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-nine Pounds and Seven Shillings be granted and paid to the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Rawdon, to defray expenses incurred in the support of Transient Paupers.

£200 Pictou Academy

Resolved, That the sum of Two Hundred Pounds be granted for the use of the Pictou Academy, being the sum of One Hundred Pounds each year for the last and present year, the same to be expended by Commissioners, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Education.

£14 4s. 8d. to Lieut.
Gov. to repay vote of
credit to O. Wilson
& al.

Resolved, That the sum of Fourteen Pounds Four Shillings and Eight Pence be granted and paid to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to reimburse him in that amount paid to Obadiah Wilson, Junior, and others, upon a vote of credit passed by the Legislature last year.

£170 J. S. Thompson
Reporting

Resolved, That the sum of One Hundred and Seventy Pounds be granted and paid to John S. Thompson, to provide for the expence of Reporting the Debates and Proceedings of this House and of the Legislative Council, during the present Session.

£6 10s. E. Moody
and B. Rogers

Resolved, That the sum of Six Pounds and Ten Shillings be granted and paid to Messrs. E. Moody and Benjamin Rogers, in conformity with the Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities.

£1000 Casualties

Resolved, That if any of the Bridges on the Main Post Roads in 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 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 in the whole the sum of One Thousand Pounds.

Duties on Live Stock
&c.

Resolved, That the Collector of Impost at the Port of Halifax shall, and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed, to keep a distinct account of all Duties by him collected upon the importation from the United States of America of Live Stock, Apples, Onions, Fruit, Biscuit and Bread, under the Act passed in the present Session of the General Assembly, entitled, An Act for granting Colonial Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce, and Fisheries thereof, and that the said Duties upon the above specified Articles during the present year shall be paid quarterly to the Commissioners of the Poor for the use of the Transient Poor, provided the amount so paid do not exceed One Thousand Pounds.

£10 each to Chairmen
of H. A.

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.

£200 Indians

Resolved, That the sum of Two Hundred Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, for the benefit of the Indians for the present year, to be expended agreeably to the Acts of the General Assembly to provide for the instruction and permanent settlement of the Indians.

£600 printing for
Gov. and Legislature

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Six 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 account for such Printing having been first properly certified as correct.

£100 each Clerks of
H. A.

Resolved, That the sum of One Hundred Pounds each be granted and paid to the Clerk and Clerk Assistant of the House of Assembly, for their extra services during the present Session.

£238 Contingencies
of H. A.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Two Hundred and Thirty-eight pounds be granted to defray the expenses of extra Messengers, and other services and articles, for the House of Assembly, and for Fuel, according to estimate, the said sum to be drawn and applied by the Clerk of the House of Assembly under the sanction of the Speaker.

Drawback on Sugar
used in Manufacture

Resolved, That a Drawback of Seven Shillings and Six Pence, Sterling, per hundred weight

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

of Confectionary for Exportation

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 H. A.

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.

£60 Stationary for H. A.

To which Bills and Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills and Resolutions were read a first time.

Read 1st time

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

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

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be authorized and requested to advance such sum as may be necessary to enable him to remit to the Colonial Office, Nine Pounds and Nine Shillings, Sterling, in payment for sets of the second volume of the Reports of Cases heard before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, and that this House will provide for the same at the ensuing Session.

£9 9s. Stg. to pay for decisions of Judicial Com. of Privy Council.

Resolved, That the proper officer be authorized and directed to allow, and endorse on the Bond of Messrs. William Pryor & Co. the sum of Two Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds and Nine Shillings, Currency, being excess of duties secured by them on Sugars, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures.

Resolution for endorsing £233 9s. on Bond of W. Pryor & Co. for duties on Sugar

Resolved, That the proper officer be authorized and directed to allow, and endorse on the Bond of Messrs. Fairbanks & Allison, the sum of Forty-five Pounds and Ten Shillings, currency, being excess of Duties secured by them on Sugars agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures.

Do. £45 10s. on Bond of Fairbanks & Allison

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be authorized and requested to pay to the officers who may be appointed under the Act of this Session for amending the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within the Province, such sums as the Board of Revenue may in their discretion recommend to be paid in addition to the allowance of one penny per gallon specified in the Act, such allowance and extra payment in no case to exceed five shillings in all for every twelve hours during which such officer shall be actually employed—and that this House will provide therefor in the next Session of the Assembly.

Allowance to officers under Distilling Act

Whereas the sum of Eight Thousand Pounds has been borrowed from the Bank of British North America, under the Act of last Session, and is now owing to said Bank, with Interest from the 31st day of December last. *And Whereas* the said Bank are willing that the said debt should remain for a longer period than is prescribed in the said Act;

Res. to extend credit on sum borrowed from Bank of B. N. A.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested to apply to the said Bank to extend the credit thereon, until the 31st day of March, in the year of our Lord 1845.

A Bill entitled An Act further to amend the Act to incorporate the Town of Halifax, and in addition to and amendment of the Act relating to the Halifax assessments, and a certain other Act.

Halifax Assessment Bill

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

The said Resolutions and Bill were read a first time.

Read 1st time

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

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

Halifax Assessment Bill ref. to Sel. Com.

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

Committee

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

To inform the House that the House of Assembly did not agree to the amendment proposed

Message from H. A. disagreeing to am. to Militia Bill

posed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for regulating the Militia.

Order of day, 2d reading of Excise Collector Bill postponed

The order of the day being read for the second reading of a Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act respecting the Income of the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, being read,

Ordered, That the order of the day be postponed until further order.

Adjourn

On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 1 o'clock.

Thursday, 18th April, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T —

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the Lord Bishop.

The Honorable Peter McNab,
Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
Robert M. Cutler,

The Honorable Michael Tobin,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Mather B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Money Votes

The following Resolutions for granting money, received from the House of Assembly yesterday, viz :

£600	0	0	Transient Poor at Halifax.
500	0	0	Revenue Cutter.
646	3	0	Contingent expenses of Legislative Council.
500	0	0	Steam Boat between Halifax and Newfoundland.
6	18	0	James Whitney, excess of Light Duties.
25	0	0	Infant School Pictou.
62	10	0	J. L. Tremain.
100	0	0	Harbour Master Cape Breton.
11	10	0	T. J. Wood.
25	0	0	Colored People.
300	0	0	Drawback on Officers' Wines.
10	0	0	Ferryman eastern side of Gut of Canso.
50	0	0	Guysborough Packet.
25	0	0	School in Poor House.
50	0	0	Halifax Dispensary.
100	0	0	Methodist School Halifax.
50	0	0	Infant School Halifax.
100	0	0	Rev. R. F. Uniacke's School.
39	15	0	Female Teacher African School.
455	9	3	Commissioners of Public Buildings.
40	0	0	Revenue Boat Sydney, Cape Breton.
20	0	0	E. Crowell.
10	0	0	Each Ferrymen at Port L'Herbert.
10	0	0	Richard Carter's Ferry.
10	0	0	Cornelius Craig.
15	0	0	John and Charles Pernette.

£10	0	0	Each to Shubenacadie Ferryman.
20	0	0	Ferry between McMillan's Point and Auld's Cove.
20	0	0	Ferry between Douglas and Londonderry.
20	0	0	Bay of Verte Packet.
105	5	7	Shipwrecked Seamen.
13	1	7	Excess of Duties.
3	17	8	J. G. Bingay.
8	0	0	Benjamin Dewolf.
25	16	6	Governors of King's College at Windsor.
53	5	0	C. E. Leonard.
10	0	0	Thomas Firth.
1	15	10	Amos Seaman & Co.
3	4	0	Overseers of Poor, St. Mary's.
276	8	5	Transient Poor in different Counties.
25	0	0	Barrington Harbour Buoys.
490	8	5	Commissioners of Bridewell, balance of account.
1055	5	10	Post Office expenditure.
565	4	8	Franking of Letters.
25	0	0	John Campbell.
7	10	0	David M. Cummins.
10	0	0	Lemuel Morehouse.
150	0	0	Steam Boat Pocohontas.
22	0	0	Andrew Stevens.
104	13	1	J. S. Thompson, balance for printing.
109	19	10	Richard Nugent, for printing.
40	0	0	Deaf and Dumb Boy, son of James Allison.
10	0	0	Dr. Pyke.
2	12	0	Dr. Bent.
40	0	0	Deaf and Dumb Boy, son of James Stephens.
10	0	0	Duncan Nicholson.
29	7	0	Overseers of Poor, Rawdon.
200	0	0	Pictou Academy.
14	4	8	To Lieut. Gov. to repay vote of credit to O. Wilson, and others.
3	10	0	E. Moody and B. Rogers.
1000	0	0	Casualties.
10	0	0	Each to the Chairmen of Committees of H. A.
200	0	0	Indians.
600	0	0	Printing for Government and the Legislature.
100	0	0	Each Clerks of H. A.
238	0	0	Contingencies of H. A.
15	0	0	Publications for H. A.
60	0	0	Stationary for H. A.

Also the Resolution granting the allowance to the Excise Waiters.

Also the Resolution for cancelling the Bond of Herbert Huntington, and others.

Also the Resolution directing an account to be kept of the Duties on Live Stock, &c. imported into Halifax from the United States, and the amount to be paid to the Commissioners of the Poor.

Also the Resolution allowing a Drawback on Sugar used in the Manufacture of Confectionary for exportation.

Also the vote of credit of £9 9s. Sterling, to pay for the decisions of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

Also the Resolution authorizing the endorsing the sum of £233 9s. on the Bond given by William Pryor & Co. for Duties on Sugar.

Also the Resolution authorizing the endorsing the sum of £45 10s. on the Bond given by Fairbanks & Allisons, for Duties on Sugar.

	Also the Resolution relative to the allowance to Officers under the Distilling Act.
	Also the Resolution to extend the credit of £8,000 at the Bank of British North America to the 31st March, 1846.
Read 2d time	Were read a second time, and the question was put by the President, on each Resolution, Whether this Resolution be agreed to?
Agreed to	It was resolved in the affirmative.
And sent to H. A.	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Am. to Militia Bill considered	On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for regulating the Militia—which amendment has not been agreed to by the House of Assembly.
And not adhered to	The same was read, and On motion, <i>resolved</i> , that the said amendment be not adhered to.
Bill sent to H. A.	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House do not adhere to their amendment to the same, but agree to the said Bill as originally sent up.
Committee on Halifax Assessments Bill report	Mr. Stewart, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax, and in addition to, and amendment of, the Act relating to the Halifax assessments, and a certain other Act, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill and found it correct, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.
Bill read 2d time	<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Report be received.
And ord. to Com.	The said Bill was read a second time. <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Securing Revenue & Flour and Meal Bills	A Bill, entitled, An Act for the better securing the Revenue of the Province; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the several Acts now in force for the Inspection of Flour and Meal,
Read 2d time	Were read a second time.
And ord. to Com.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Light Houses	A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for the support and regulation of Light-Houses; also,
Liverpool Bridge	A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the erecting a new Bridge across the Liverpool River at Milton, and for the repair of the road leading from thence to Middlefield; also,
Poor Settlers	A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal certain Acts to afford relief to the Poor Settlers in this Province, and to authorize the liquidation of the monies received thereunder by labour on the Roads; also,
Importation of Goods	A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to the Acts for regulating the Importation of Goods; also,
Moose and Elections of Members Bills	A Bill, entitled, An Act for the preservation of Moose; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly,
Read 3d time	Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass?
Agreed to	It was resolved in the affirmative.
And sent to H. A.	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Registrars of Deeds Bill	A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Registrars of Deeds throughout this Province,
Read 3d time	Was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass?
Agreed to	It was resolved in the affirmative. The Lord Bishop dissenting.

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

The Resolution for granting £500 to the Collector of Excise, and £125 to his Clerk,
Was read a second time, and the question was put by the President,
Whether this Resolution be agreed to? Excise vote
Read 2d time

And on motion, *resolved*, that the same be not agreed to. Not agreed to

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Resolution, and acquaint them that this House have not agreed to the same. And sent to H. A.

The following Resolutions for granting money, viz : Money votes

£116 0 0 To John Ross.

697 4 0 Commissioners of Bridewell.

170 0 0 John S. Thompson, for Reporting,

Were read a second time, and the question was put by the President, on each Resolution,
Whether this Resolution be agreed to? Read 2d time

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to

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

Mr. Stewart moved the following Resolution:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that provision for paying for Reporting the Debates of the Legislature should be made by separate Resolutions. Resolution relative to
vote for Reporting

Which, being seconded, and the question being put, was agreed to.

Mr. Stewart moved the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That this House are ready and willing to concur in any enactments, if such be in Law necessary, to prevent a larger sum in the whole than £700 from being taken or received on any period of twelve months, whensoever commencing, by any Collector or Collectors of Excise, or by his or their Clerk or Agent, or by either of their personal representatives, in case of death, as and for the entire income or salary payable for the performance of the duties of the office, whether in the said period they have been performed by one or more Collector or Collectors, or any other person acting for himself or them, or either of them, or whether the said office has been filled by one or more Collector or Collectors during any such period. Resolutions relative
to the Excise

Resolved further, That if the said sum of £700 per annum be regarded as too large for such office, this House is ready to consider carefully any Bill which may be sent up by the House of Assembly for the purpose of diminishing such sum, and that the person who may be appointed to that office (now vacant) may have notice that he is not to depend upon receiving the same, as this House, if it concurs in regarding the same as too large, will assent to a clause to be inserted in the said Bill for making its operation retrospective.

But also resolved, That this House deem it wholly inexpedient to make the income of an Officer, through whose hands a very large portion of the Provincial Revenue passes, precarious, inadequate, or dependent upon the annual vote of either branch of the Legislature.

Which, being seconded, and the question being put, were agreed to. Agreed to

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the Bills now before the Committee. Standing Order sus-
pended

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through Report

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Pictou; also, Pictou Harbour
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- Flour and Meal A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the several Acts now in force for the Inspection of Flour and Meal; also,
- Securing Revenue & Halifax Incorporation and Assessments Bills A Bill, entitled, An Act for the better securing the Revenue of this Province; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax, and in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act relating to the Halifax assessments, and a certain other Act.
- Without amdt. And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Ordered, That the said Bills be read a third time.
- Standing Order suspended *Resolved unanimously,* That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended, as respects the said Bills.
- Bills read 3d time The said Bills were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill,
Whether this Bill shall pass?
- Agreed to It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Com. on Kempt Bridge Pictou Bill report Mr. Stewart, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to remove the Kempt Bridge in the County of Pictou, and to build another Bridge with the materials thereof, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill and found that the requisites of the Standing Orders of this House respecting private and local Bills had not been complied with relative to the said Bill.
Ordered, That the said Report be received.
- Com. on Probate Bill report Mr. Stewart, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to the Law concerning Courts of Probate was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.
Ordered, That the said report be received.
- Bill read 2d time The said Bill was read a second time.
- And ord. to Com. *Ordered,* That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
- Standing order suspended *Resolved unanimously,* That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended, as respects the said Bill.
- Bill committed On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. McNab reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.
- Reported without am. *Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time.
- Read 3d time The said Bill was then read a third time, and the question was put by the President,
Whether this Bill shall pass?
- Agreed to It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Bill and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same without any amendment.
- Registrars of Deeds Bill A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden, with the following Bill,
A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Registrars of Deeds in the County of Halifax, and the other Counties of this Province.
To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.
- Read 1st time The said Bill was read a first time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.
- Adjourn On motion made and seconded—the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 1 o'clock.

Friday, 19th April, 1844.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—

The Honorable S. B. Robie, President.

The Right Reverend and Honorable the Lord Bishop.

The Honorable Peter McNab,
Norman F. Uniacke,
William Lawson,
Alexander Stewart,
Robert M. Cutler,

The Honorable Michael Tobin,
John Morton,
Hugh Bell,
Mather B. Almon,
Edward Kenny.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Registrars of Deeds in the County of Halifax, and the other Counties of this Province, was read a second time.

Registrars of Deeds
Bill
Read 2d time
And ord. to Com.

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

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

Standing Order sus-
pended

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. McNab reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Bill committed
Reported without am.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass?

Read 3d time

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to
Dissent with reasons

DISSENTIENT—

Because the said Bill deprives the present Registrar of Deeds of an office which he has long held under Letters Patent from the Crown, by which Letters Patent the said office was granted to him to hold during the Royal pleasure.

That until Her Majesty expresses Her pleasure that the Grantee should no longer hold that office, it would be an improper interference with the Royal Prerogative to deprive him of it by Legislation.

Because Her Majesty ought not to be advised to sanction a measure that would deprive the present incumbent of an office conferred upon him by the Crown, unless for misbehaviour, or unless the public good required it—in which latter case justice would demand that a fair and adequate compensation be made to the Grantee for the loss thus sustained.

Because the annual allowance of £200 given by the said Bill is not a fair and adequate compensation to that officer.

Because the right to appoint to the said Office of Registrar of Deeds is in the Crown, and this Bill transfers the right of appointment to the Governor, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, and if the Governor is bound by their advice, then the appointment is in the Council, which is a further invasion of the Prerogative; and if the Governor is not bound by their advice, then it should be left to his discretion whether he should consult them or not, as it would be worse than useless to compel him to take their advice if he may act in opposition to it.

S. B. ROBIE,
JOHN NOVA-SCOTIA,
PETER McNAB,
R. M. CUTLER,
WILLIAM LAWSON.

Bill sent to H. A.	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Appropriation Bill	A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden, with the following Bill: A Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain monies therein mentioned for the service of the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and for other purposes. To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.
Read 1st time Ref. to Sel. Com.	The said Bill was read a first time. <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
Committee Report of Com.	<i>Ordered</i> , That Mr. Stewart and Mr. Kenny be a Committee for that purpose. Mr. Stewart, the Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bill was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill and found it correct, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.
Standing Order suspended	<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Report be received. <i>Resolved unanimously</i> , That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded in twice in the same day, be suspended, as respects the said Bill.
Bill read 2d time And ord. to Com. Committed	The said Bill was read a second time. <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House. On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. McNab reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Reported without am.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a third time.
Read 3d time	The said Bill was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass?
Agreed to	It was resolved in the affirmative.
And sent to H. A.	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Res. relative to admission of strangers at the opening and closing of the Session	Mr. Stewart moved the following Resolutions: <i>Whereas</i> , from the number of Strangers who occupied the body of the Council Chamber, the Speaker and the Members and Officers of the House of Assembly experienced great difficulty and inconvenience in their approach to the Throne, when His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor addressed both Houses at the opening of the present Session: The Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod is hereby ordered to take care at the opening and closing of future Sessions to exclude all persons from the floor of the Legislative Council and the Library who shall not produce to him, or any other officer of this House when thereto required, an order of the Honorable the President, granting such person permission to enter therein. <i>Ordered</i> , That the Clerk do procure Cards, to be printed, not exceeding seventy-five for the opening and seventy-five for the closing of every Session, to be signed by the President, and distributed among the Members of this House. <i>Ordered</i> , That the foregoing Resolutions be published in the Royal Gazette. Which being seconded, and the question being put, were agreed to.
H. E. comes to Council Chamber	At four o'clock, P. M., His Excellency the Right Honorable Lucius Bentinck, Viscount Falkland, Knight Grand Cross of the Guelphic Order, and Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c., came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and, being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's commands to let the House of Assembly know "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House," who, being come with
H. A. attend	

with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to forty one Bills, entitled as follows:	H. E. assents to Bills
An Act to amend the Act for amending the Law relative to offences against the Person.	Offences against the Person
An Act to provide for an additional Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace at Guysborough.	Genl. Sessions Guysborough
An Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen in Chedabucto Bay.	Fishermens' Nets Chedabucto Bay
An Act to amend the Act to extend to the Town of Arichat the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places.	Highways Arichat
An Act to provide two Lock-up Houses and Town Houses in the County of Inverness.	Lock-up Houses Inverness
An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova-Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues.	Civil List
An Act to authorize the Sale of the Old Court House and Jail at Arichat, and the Lot of Land on which it stands, and the purchase of a new site therefor, and for other purposes.	Court House and Jail Arichat
An Act to amend the Act relating to Passengers arriving in this Province.	Passengers
An Act to alter the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Annapolis.	Sessions Annapolis
An Act for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate districts for the support of the Poor.	Pictou Poor Districts
An Act to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace.	Summary Trials before Justices Peace
An Act to continue the Act relative to the assessment of Dike Rates for the New or Wickwire Dike in Horton.	Wickwire Dike Rates
An Act to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province.	Distilled Liquors
An Act to provide for an additional Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Inverness.	Sessions Inverness
An Act to continue and amend the Acts to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.	Roads and Bridges
An Act to amend the Act to provide for the instruction and permanent settlement of the Indians.	Indians
An Act to continue and amend the Acts for the regulation of Juries.	Juries
An Act relative to certain Streets in the Town of Guysborough.	Guysborough Streets
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.	Town Officers
An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers.	Comrs. of Sewers
An Act to continue the Acts in force relative to the Inspection of Pickled Fish.	Pickled Fish
An Act relative to the performance of Statute Labour on Highways.	Statute Labour
An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Halifax Gas Light and Water Company, and an Act in amendment thereof.	Gas Light Company
An Act to regulate the Shad Fishery in Kings County.	Shad Fishery Kings County
An Act to authorize the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Halifax to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the said County.	Sea Manure Halifax
An Act to repeal certain clauses of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, and to amend the said Act.	Highways Halifax
An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Water Company.	Water Company
An Act to continue and amend the Acts for regulating the Militia.	Militia
An Act to continue the Acts for the support and regulation of Light-Houses.	Light Houses
An Act to provide for the erecting a new Bridge across the Liverpool River at Milton, and for the repair of the road leading from thence to Middlefield.	Liverpool Bridge
An Act to repeal certain Acts to afford relief to the Poor Settlers in this Province, and to authorize the liquidation of the monies received thereunder by labour on the Roads.	Poor Settlers
An Act in addition to the Acts for regulating the Importation of Goods.	Importation of Goods
An Act for the preservation of Moose.	Moose
An Act further to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly.	Elections of Members

Pictou Harbour	An Act to amend the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Pictou.
Flour and Meal	An Act to amend the several Acts now in force for the Inspection of Flour and Meal.
Securing Revenue	An Act for the better securing the Revenue of this Province.
Halifax Incorporation and Assessments	An Act further to amend the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax, and in addition to, and in amendment of, the Act relating to the Halifax assessments, and a certain other Act.
Courts of Probate	An Act in relation to the Law concerning Courts of Probate.
Registrars of Deeds	An Act concerning the Registrars of Deeds in the County of Halifax, and the other Counties of this Province.
Appropriation	An Act for applying certain monies therein mentioned for the service of the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-four, and for other purposes.

After which, His Excellency was pleased to close the Session with the following

S P E E C H :

Speech

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

The public business having arrived at a stage which admits of my releasing you from further attendance on your Parliamentary duties, I gladly do so at a season when your various avocations render your presence in your several Counties essentially necessary.

I shall take the earliest opportunity of submitting, for the consideration of Her Majesty, the result of your deliberations on the Civil List.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly ;

I thank you for the supplies you have granted for the current year, and I shall take due care that the monies you have placed at the disposal of the Executive are judiciously and economically expended.

It is gratifying to me to observe on your journals a resolution expressive of implicit confidence in me, and in the desire I have always entertained and acted upon to do justice to all classes of Her Majesty's subjects, and I am fully determined to continue a course of conduct by which I have secured the approbation you have so kindly expressed.

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

In bidding you farewell for a time, I feel assured that you will employ the legitimate influence you possess in strengthening that attachment to the person and government of our Most Gracious Sovereign, which now happily pervades every portion of the Province.

Then the President of the Council, by His Excellency's command, said—

Gentlemen,

Prorogation

It is the pleasure of His Excellency the ~~Lieutenant-Governor~~ that this General Assembly be prorogued to Thursday, the Twentieth day of June next; and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to Thursday, the Twentieth day of June next, to be then here held.

H. A. retire
H. E. withdraws

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

JOHN C. HALLIBURTON,
Clerk of the Legislative Council.

APPENDICES

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APPENDIX No. 1.

(See Page 12.)

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CIRCULAR.

Downing Street, 24th April, 1844.

SIR,—

It has become my melancholy duty to communicate to you the intelligence of the decease of His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, which took place at Kensington Palace on Friday the 21st instant.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed)

(STANLEY.)

The Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.

APPENDIX No. 2.

(See Page 12.)

COPY.

CIRCULAR.

Downing Street, 26th April, 1843.

SIR,—

It is my pleasing duty to announce to you that, on the morning of the 25th instant, at five minutes past four o'clock, the Queen was happily delivered of a Princess, to the great joy of the Nation, and of all the Royal Family.

Her Majesty and the Infant Princess have, through Divine Mercy, continued to do well up to the present time.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

(Signed)

STANLEY.

The Lieutenant-Governor of Nova-Scotia.

APPENDIX No. 3.

(See Page 12.)

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CIRCULAR.

Downing Street, 28th June, 1843.

SIR,—

I have to desire that you would call the attention of the Legislature of the Colony under your Government to the following statement and suggestions.

The imposition of discriminating duties on Goods imported into the British Colonies, when the discrimination is made for the protection of some branch of British or Colonial industry, is an office of great difficulty. To a right discharge of it, an intimate acquaintance with the Commercial Treaties and Political relations between this Kingdom and Foreign States is indispensable. To legislate on such a subject in ignorance of those Treaties and relations, would be to render inevitable much serious practical error.

But, in the nature of the case it is impossible that this knowledge should be possessed, in the requisite degree, by the various local Legislatures of the Colonies of this Kingdom. They have no means of knowing the state or the objects of pending negotiations, nor even of ascertaining, with absolute precision, the terms of Treaties actually concluded. If they legislate at all on these subjects they must do so in ignorance of some facts which cannot be safely excluded from consideration.

Neither is it possible that forty distinct Legislatures, having no means of mutual communication and concert, should act consistently with each other on such subjects. The local opinions or interests of each Colony must dictate the laws of each, and the general code of the Empire, compiled from so many different sources, must be at the utmost variance with itself, on a subject on which unanimity and consistency is indispensable. In such a state of the law Her Majesty's Government could not negotiate, or treat with confidence, with any Foreign State for Commercial purposes; nor could they fulfil such Treaties as might be made. Painful and injurious discussions with those States must arise, and perhaps indemnities and compensations must have to be paid.

For these reasons Her Majesty's Government decidedly object, in principle, to the assumption by the local Legislatures of the office of imposing differential duties on Goods imported into the respective Colonies; Parliament having already prescribed the rules by which such duties are to be discriminated, with reference to the place of origin or of export: to Parliament alone the power of altering those rules must be reserved. The single exception to this general rule will occur in any cases in which Her Majesty's Government may have suggested to any local Legislature the enactment of any such discriminating duties. If such cases should arise, the Ministers of the Crown would be able to take the necessary measures for obtaining the subsequent sanction of Parliament for any such innovation.

You will therefore exercise all the legitimate influence of your office to prevent the introduction into the Legislature of the Colony under your Government of any law by which duties may be imposed on Goods in reference to their place of production or to the place from which they may be exported. In the same way you will exert yourself to prevent the introduction of any law imposing on refined Sugars imported into the Colony higher duties in the case of Sugar refined in this country in bond from Foreign Sugar, than in the case of Sugar refined here from British Colonial Sugar.

If, unfortunately, your efforts should be unsuccessful, and if any such law should be presented for your acceptance, your duty will be to withhold your assent to it. From the discharge of that duty, however unpopular it may be, you will not shrink, for by declining to undertake it you would only subject Her Majesty's Government and the Colony itself to a still more serious inconvenience.

Her Majesty could not be advised to sanction any Colonial law imposing discriminating duties which Her Majesty's Government had not previously recommended, or which Parliament has not expressly established, or enacting such duties on any terms which Parli-

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ment has not prescribed. The disallowance of any such enactments would therefore be inevitable, and that measure would be attended with far more serious inconveniences than any which could result from your own refusal to accept them. I trust, however, that there is no good reason to anticipate, or to provide against such a contingency.

I have &c.

(Signed) STANLEY.

APPENDIX No. 4.

(See Page 12.)

COPY.

No. 125.

Downing Street, 18th July, 1848.

MY LORD,—

I have received your Lordship's Despatch, No. 166, of the 18th May, transmitting a series of Acts passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia, during their late Session.

I enclose an order passed by Her Majesty, in Council, on the 15th instant, leaving 65 Acts of this series to their operation.

The remainder, with the exception of those to which I am about to call your attention, are under the consideration of Her Majesty's Government.

The Act, No. 2387, relating to Assessment in the Town of Halifax, provides by the 6th clause that an Assessment shall be made on the inhabitants by an equal rate on the Real Estate of which they shall be in possession, and further according to the ability or capacity of any such inhabitant to pay towards such Assessment. By the 9th section, it is provided, that if a Bank, an Insurance, or a Joint Stock Company is to be assessed, the assessors are to have regard to the amount of the profits made by the Company in the proceeding year, as well as the value of their Real Estate. Although it does not appear that any person has objected to these rules, yet they, nevertheless, seem to have been framed with so little regard to any definite principle, that it is scarcely possible to suppose that objections will not be raised.

The ability of a man to pay an Assessment, is a fact, which, unless it be ascertained according to some prescribed rule, may present itself under every possible variety of aspect to different judges. And upon no equitable principle can incorporated Commercial Partnerships be rated on their profits, as well as on their Real Estate, while Partnerships not incorporated are to be rated on their Real Estate only. As this Act has been passed for one year only, Her Majesty in Council will not be advised to interfere with its operation, but should there be any intention of reviving it, your Lordship will use your influence to prevent the reenactment of the clauses to which I have referred.

The Acts, Nos. 2402, and 2403, granting certain privileges to the congregations of the Presbyterian Church in Cornwallis, and the Baptist Meeting House at Bridgetown, are defective, inasmuch as they do not contain the usual clauses for saving the interests of the Crown, and of all private persons who are not parties to these enactments. This is, I presume, an accidental omission, which will readily be supplied by the Legislative Council, and Assembly, if brought to their notice. But until it is so supplied, Her Majesty's decision on the these Acts will be suspended.

I have &c.

(Signed) STANLEY.

Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX No. 5.

(See Page 12.)

COPY.

No. 131.

Downing Street, 24th August, 1843.

MY LORD,—

Her Majesty's Government having had under their consideration the Act, No. 2371, passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia, and transmitted in your Despatch, No. 166, of the 18th May last, 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," I have to convey to you the following observations and instructions :

Although the present enactment has been passed subsequently, and in special reference to the Possessions Amendment Act of last Session, and after your receipt of my Circular Despatch of the 19th August, 1842, in explanation of that Act, and of the views of Her Majesty's Government in respect of the imposition of differential duties by Colonial Legislatures, I find that it imposes nevertheless a considerable number of differential duties beyond those which Parliament has enacted.

Having regard to the decided expression of the views of Her Majesty's Government, of which you are already in possession, I entertain some doubt whether the circumstances of the case do not call for the actual disallowance of this Act, notwithstanding the serious inconvenience which such a course would entail on the Province.

Observing, however, that all the differential duties in question are imposed in further protection of the Manufactures and Produce of Her Majesty's Dominions, and considering that they may have been adopted by the Legislature, not in opposition to, but under an erroneous impression of, the intentions of Her Majesty's Government, I have deemed it right to recommend that Her Majesty's decision on this Act should be suspended, until the Legislature shall have had an opportunity of amending it.

You will therefore take the earliest opportunity of bringing the subject under their consideration, with a view to the amendment of the Act in the particulars to which I have referred, and you will, at the same time, cause it to be understood, that if the Revenue Act of the Province for the next year should contain similar objectionable enactments, Her Majesty's advisers would feel it their duty to recommend Her Majesty to disallow such Act.

I have, &c.

(Signed) STANLEY.

Viscount Falkland.

APPENDIX No. 6.

(See Page 12.)

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No. 130.

Downing Street, 24th August, 1844.

MY LORD,—

I have had under consideration an Act passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia, in March last, No. 2404, for amending the Act to establish sundry regulations for the future disposal of Crown Lands within the Province.

I have the honor herewith to enclose an order passed by Her Majesty in Council on the 23rd instant, leaving this Act to its operation.

With reference to the 4th clause of this Act, which leaves to the discretion of Lieutenant-Governor and Council the price at which they may award Crown Lands to unauthorized

rized occupants, by whom they have been improved, I would recommend, in conformity with the practice observed in other Colonies where the case of Squatters has been considered, that the general fixed price of the Colony be taken as the minimum below which such parties should not be permitted to purchase the title to their lands.

I have likewise had under my consideration, the regulations for the sale and disposal of these lands, passed by your Lordship, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, under the authority of the before mentioned Act.

Having referred your Lordship's former Report on this subject to the Commissioners for Colonial Lands and Emigration, I have thought it desirable, also, to obtain their opinion upon these regulations.

They still adhere to their former opinion, that the maximum price for the sale of the Crown Lands should not be One Shilling and Nine Pence, but Two Shillings per acre, a point which I would leave for the future consideration of yourself and your Council.

With respect to the ninth regulation, founded on the fifth clause of the Act. On the subject of Military Settlers, as no privileges are any longer granted to the same class in any other part of British North America, there seems reason to apprehend that the indulgence of free grants to Officers in Nova Scotia, may possibly lead to an inconvenient influx of this class of Settlers, but finding the rule made, I have not stopped its publication, and in case experience should hereafter lead you to think that it requires modification, I have to request that ample notice may be given to admit of the necessary announcement to Officers and prevent disappointment. With regard, however, to the last clause of the regulations admitting of free grants to private soldiers and sailors, I have to observe that this practice has been abolished in the Colonies in which it has been most extensively tried, on account of its not being consistent with the general interests of the Colonies themselves, nor yet with real advantage to the class to which it applied, I think therefore, that this clause of the regulations should be rescinded.

I have &c.

STANLEY.

APPENDIX No. 7.

(See Page 12.)

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Downing Street, 1st September, 1843.

SIR,—

I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, an Order made by Her Majesty, in Council, on the 23rd ult., exempting from duty specimens illustrative of Natural History, on their importation into Her Majesty's Colonial Possessions.

I have to desire that you will give publicity to this Order in the Colony under your Government, and will take the necessary steps to insure its being carried into effect.

I have the honor, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 23d August, 1843.

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 5th and 6th years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws for the regulation

lation of the Trade of the British Possessions abroad," it was enacted, that there should be raised, levied, collected and paid to Her Majesty, the several duties of Customs as the same are respectively set forth in figures in the Table of Duties thereafter 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: *And whereas* divers articles are enumerated in the said Table of Duties, and certain duties therein mentioned are therein made payable on such articles respectively: and the duty of four per centum *ad valorem* is made payable on articles not enumerated, except such as are comprised or referred to in the table of exemptions subjoined to the said table of duties. *And whereas* it is also enacted by the said Act now in recital, 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 article 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 thereinbefore set forth, and shall be free from such duty, and from and after the time mentioned in such Orders for the commencement of such exemption, not being less than six months from the date thereof, such exemption shall take effect, and such article shall thenceforth, while 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 such other Order in Council. *And whereas* specimens illustrative of Natural History are not enumerated in the said table of duties, neither are they comprised or referred to in the said table of exemptions: *And whereas* Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Privy Council, hath thought fit, for the encouragement of the study of Natural History, that specimens illustrative of Natural History should be exempted from the duties imposed by the said recited Act,

Now therefore, under and by virtue of the said Act of Parliament, and in the exercise of the powers thereby in Her Majesty in Council in that behalf vested, Her Majesty by and with the advice of Her Privy Council doth Order, and it is hereby ordered accordingly, that specimens illustrative of Natural History being articles chargeable under the said Act with a duty of four per centum *ad valorem* shall be, and the same are hereby added to the list of exemptions in the said recited Act set forth, and that from and after the 1st day of February, 1844, the said articles shall be free from said duty as fully and effectually as if such articles had been inserted and enumerated in the said table at the time of passing the said Act.

And the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and the Right Honorable Lord Stanley are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

APPENDIX No. 8.

(See Page 12.)

COPY.

CIRCULAR.

Downing Street, 2nd October, 1843.

MY LORD,—

As the important changes which were made in the duties upon the importation of goods into the British possessions in America, by the Imperial Act of 1842 (5 and 6, Victoria c 49, Colonial Customs Act), have led, and may continue to lead, to various modifications of the Impost duties imposed by the Colonial Legislatures themselves, I am anxious to be supplied with all such information as may facilitate the consideration on the part of the Home Government, of the Tariffs of the several Colonies in which these modifications are taking place.

I therefore request that your Lordship will give the necessary directions for transmitting to me, simultaneously, with the next Act which may be passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, imposing Import duties, a carefully revised list of all other Import and Export duties then in force in that Colony, by virtue of any Colonial Act, together with a reference to the Acts by which such duties are respectively established.

I am desirous also to be furnished at the same time with a statement, containing the actual or estimated average prices of those commodities which are charged with rated Import duties as contra-distinguished from ad valorem duties.

I think it advisable, likewise, with a view to the more correct appreciation of the effect of the Colonial Import duties on the trade of the United Kingdom and its dependencies, that to the above mentioned statement should be added an account of the principal articles liable to Import duties, imported during the previous financial year, distinguishing British from Foreign articles; and as regards those articles on which the rate of Import duty is increased or diminished by the Act which may be transmitted, such account should be accompanied by an estimate of the probable produce of the duty so modified for the ensuing year.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY

The Right Honorable Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX No. 9.

(See Page 12.)

No. 142.

Downing Street, 4th November, 1849.

My Lord,—

I have had under consideration an Act passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia on the 29th March last, No. 2400, "to continue and amend the Acts for the support and regulation of Light Houses."

The first Section of this Act enacts "that hereafter every ship or vessel passing through the Strait or Gut of Canso from any port or place out of this Province, save and except such ships and vessels as are exempted, or upon which specific duties are imposed by the said Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of His said late Majesty William the Fourth, shall pay a duty of four pence per ton for each and every ton of the registered burthen of such ship or vessel liable to pay the same, after entrance and before departure from said Strait of Canso."

In making the following observations I have construed this Act as not imposing any duty upon any vessel passing through the Strait from any port or place within the Province of Nova Scotia. The wording of the clause, however, is somewhat unusual, and this, together with the existence in it of a printer's error, makes me feel doubtful whether this is the right construction, or whether the vessels charged are those only which come from ports or places within the Province. Assuming however the first mentioned construction, I do not perceive any sufficient ground for exempting from the charge of Light duties, in respect to the Lights in the Strait of Canso, vessels coming from ports or places within the Province, and in the absence of such grounds the operation of this exemption is objectionable, inasmuch as it throws an excessive charge upon United States and British vessels, which merely use the passage through the Strait, and are not trading with the Colony. I may, however, have misinterpreted this clause. At all events it will be desirable to make it more explicit, should the Act be renewed during the next Session.

I have further to observe with reference to this class of vessels, that it seems particularly desirable that the Light dues charged upon them should only be just sufficient to defray the cost of the maintenance of the Lights and the interest and sinking fund incidental to the expence of their construction, and should not operate in the nature of a tax upon such vessels, with a view to increase the Revenue of the Colony. I feel therefore unable to express an opinion as to the propriety of the proposed duty of four pence per ton

upon vessels passing through the Strait, until I am in possession of information with respect to the cost and expences alluded to.

Your Lordship will therefore have the goodness to furnish me with this information.

There are other exemptions in the Nova Scotia Acts 4 Wm. 4, cap. 25, 1 Vict. cap. 21, continued by the Act now under consideration, which require to be noticed.

By 1 Vict. cap. 21, sec. 1, it is enacted, "that every vessel owned and registered in the Province of the registered burthen of seventy five tons, or less than seventy five tons, which shall be partly employed in the coasting trade of the Province, or in the fishery and partly in the trade between the Province and the Island of Newfoundland, and every vessel so owned and registered in the Province and of the burthen of seventy five tons, or less than seventy five tons as aforesaid, and which shall be partly engaged in such coasting trade or fishery, and partly in the trade from the Province to any port or ports in the United States of America, between Mount Desert and Cape Cod, or which may be wholly engaged in such last mentioned trade, shall pay an annual duty of forty shillings and no more."

This section is open to a double objection, first, as giving partial relief from Light dues to vessels owned and registered in the Province, and which are not strictly Coasters or Droghers, an exemption which is contrary to the 14th section of the British Possessions Act 3 & 4 Wm. 4, c. 49. Secondly, as giving a preference to a class of British vessels trading with the United States, without providing that the like privilege should be enjoyed by United States vessels under similar circumstances.

A similar objection may also be made to the 6th and 7th sections of the Act 4 Wm. 4, chap. 25, which also give partial relief from Light dues to vessels owned in the Province, not being merely Coasters or Droghers.

Your Lordship will have the goodness to explain this apparent inconsistency, and until I shall have received your further Report Her Majesty's decision upon this Act will be suspended.

I have, &c.

(Signed) STANLEY.

Lieutenant Governor the Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX No. 10.

(See Page 12.)

COPY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 15th day of July, 1843.

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, 1843, pass an Act, which has been transmitted, entitled as follows :

No. 2370. An Act to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly.

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

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.

APPENDIX No. 11.

(See Page 12.)

COPY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 15th day of July, 1843.

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, 1843, pass sixty-five Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 2360. An Act for applying certain monies therein mentioned for the service of the year of our Lord 1843, and for other purposes.

No. 2367. An Act to continue and amend the Act for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and Sales by Auction in Halifax.

No. 2368. 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 therein.

No. 2372. An Act to authorize a Loan for the use of the Province.

No. 2373. An Act to provide for an additional Sitting of the General Sessions of the Peace in Kings County.

No. 2374. 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.

No. 2375. 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.

No. 2376. An Act to authorize the sale of the old Court House at Truro.

No. 2377. An Act to extend the privileges of the Fire Engine-men of the Town of Halifax.

No. 2378. An Act for making regulations relative to the setting of Snares for catching Moose.

No. 2379. An Act to amend the Act to provide for a Lock-up House and Town House at Barrington, in the County of Shelburne.

No. 2380. 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.

No. 2382. An Act to enable the Union Marine Insurance Company of Nova-Scotia to compensate their Directors and Auditors.

No. 2383. An Act for disposing of Old Roads.

No. 2384. 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.

No. 2385. An Act for dividing the Township of Digby into separate Districts for the support of the Poor.

No. 2388. 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.

No.

No. 2389. An Act to extend to the Town of New Glasgow certain Acts respecting Firewards and Fires.

No. 2390. An Act relative to the appropriation of the License Duties in the Town of Sydney.

No. 2392. An Act to regulate the practice of the Courts of Probate within this Province.

No. 2394. An Act further to amend the Act for establishing the times and places for holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives.

No. 2396. An Act for setting off a part of the Township of Egerton as a separate District for the support of the Poor.

No. 2397. An Act to encourage the running of a Steam Boat between Halifax and the Western Sea Ports of the Province.

No. 2398. 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.

No. 2399. 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.

2401. An Act for establishing separate Boards of School Commissioners in the County of Digby, Yarmouth, and Colchester, respectively.

No. 2405. An Act continuing and amending the Acts for granting Duties on Licensed Houses.

No. 2406. An Act to amend the Act for establishing a Public Burial Ground at Dartmouth.

No. 2407. An Act to extend to the Town of Dartmouth the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.

No. 2410. An Act further concerning Fires and Firewards in Halifax.

No. 2411. An Act to continue the Acts for appointing Supervisors to take charge of Public Grounds, and for other purposes.

No. 2412. 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. 2413. 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. 2414. An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of Juries, and the Act in amendment thereof.

No. 2415. An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Acts relating to the Commissioners of Sewers.

No. 2416. An Act to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island, in this Province.

No. 2417. An Act to continue the Act for the suppression of Lotteries.

No. 2418. An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges.

No. 2419. An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Act for the choice of Town Officers and regulating Townships, and the Act to alter and amend the same.

No. 2420. An Act to continue the Act for the summary trial of actions before Justices of the Peace.

No. 2421. 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. 2422. An Act to continue the Act to authorize the sale of Coals by weight.

No. 2423. An Act to continue the Acts now in force to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the port of Sydney, in the Island of Cape Breton.

No. 2424. An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Weighing of Beef, and the Acts in amendment thereof.

No. 2425. An Act to continue the Act to amend an Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax.

No. 2426. An Act to continue the Act for establishing a Harbour Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape Breton.

No. 2427. An Act to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.

No. 2428. An Act to continue the Act to regulate certain Landings in the County of King's County.

No. 2429. An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Public Landing in Windsor, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof.

No. 2430. An Act to continue the Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen by Coasting Vessels.

No. 2431. 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. 2432. An Act to continue the Acts now in force relating to Trespasses.

No. 2433. An Act to continue the Act in further amendment of and additional to the Acts relating to Trespasses.

No. 2434. 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.

No. 2435. 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. 2436. 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. 2437. An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Militia.

No. 2438. An Act to continue the Act further to amend the Act relating to Trespasses.

No. 2439. An Act to continue the Act additional concerning Nuisances.

No. 2440. An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries in the County of Richmond.

No. 2441. An Act to continue the Act for regulating the Fishery in the River Shubenacadie.

No. 2442. An Act to continue the Act to suspend the operation of Acts to prevent forestalling, regrating, and monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax.

No. 2443. An Act to continue the Act to direct and ascertain the mode of assessing County and District Rates, and for other purposes, and the Act in amendment thereof.

No. 2444. An Act to continue and amend 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.

No. 2445. An Act to continue the Act to prevent injuries to the Fisheries within the County of Lunenburg, by Mill Dams or any other obstructions.

And whereas the said Acts have been referred to 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.

APPENDIX No. 12.

(See Page 12.)

COPY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 23d of August, 1843.

PRESENT—

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

&c.

&c.

&c.

Whereas the Lieutenant Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, and the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did in the month of March, 1843, pass four Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows :

No. 2381. An Act respecting the measuring of Grind Stones in the County of Cumberland.

No. 2386. An Act to incorporate the Halifax Mechanics Whaling Association.

No. 2393. An Act to continue and amend the Act to regulate the Survey of Timber and Lumber, and to repeal certain Acts now in force.

No. 2408. An Act relative to the recovery of Debts due on Policies of Assurance.

And whereas the said Acts have been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee having reported as their opinion to Her Majesty, that the said Acts should be left to their operation—Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve the said Report : whereof the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed)

C. GREVILLE.

APPENDIX No. 13.

(See Page 12.)

COPY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 23d August, 1843.

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 last, pass two Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 2395. 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.

No. 2409. 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.

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

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the said Report—whereof the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed) C. GREVILLE.

APPENDIX No. 14.

(See Page 12.)

COPY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 23d August, 1843.

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 last, pass five Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 2362. An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods.

No. 2363. An Act to continue and amend the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling.

No. 2364. An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods.

No. 2365. An Act to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods exported and for granting Drawbacks.

No. 2366. An Act to continue the Act for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties.

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.

APPENDIX No. 15.

(See Page 12.)

COPY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 23d August, 1843.

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 last, pass an Act which has been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz. :

No.

No. 2404. 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.

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 having reported as their opinion to Her Majesty that the said Act should be left to its operation, Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve the said Report: whereof the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed)

C. GREVILLE.

APPENDIX No. 16.

(See Page 12.)

At the Court at Windsor, the 2nd October, 1843.

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 last, pass an Act which has been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz:

No. 2379. An Act repealing an Act for settling Titles in a certain tract of land in Cape Breton, called the Mirè Grant, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof.

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 having reported as their opinion to Her Majesty that the said Act should be left to its operation, Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve the said Report: whereof the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed)

C. GREVILLE.

APPENDIX No. 17.

(See Page 14.)

ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 1844.

Administration of Justice.

Four Assistant Justices of the Supreme Court,	£2,500 0 0
Travelling expences of ditto, on Circuit,	
Hire of Vessel to convey Judges to Cape Breton,	600 0 0
Master of the Rolls,	Counsel

Counsel conducting Criminal prosecutions,			
Allowance to Coroners,			
Keeper of Law Library,		£10	0 0
Pensions to late Judges of Common Pleas,		900	0 0

Legislature.

Speaker of the House of Assembly,			
Pay and travelling expences of Members,			
Clerk of the Legislative Council,			
Law Clerk of Ditto,			
Chaplain of Ditto,			
Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod,			
Clerk of the House of Assembly,			
Clerk Assistant of Ditto,			
Chaplain of Ditto,			
Sergeant at Arms of Ditto,			
Assistant Ditto Ditto,			
Messenger of Legislative Council,			
Assistant Ditto of Ditto,			
Messengers &c. of the Assembly,			
Stationary, Fuel, Contingencies of Legislative Council and Assembly,			

Revenue.

Treasurer,		600	0 0
Custom House Establishment,		7,144	18 9
Guager and Weigher,		235	0 0
Excise Waiters		500	0 0
Clerk to Commissioners of Revenue,		45	0 0
Revenue Boats,			

Militia.

Adjutant General,			
Quarter Master General,			
Adjutants of Battalions,			
Cleaning Militia Arms,			

Education.

Common and Combined Common and Grammar Schools,		444	8 8
King's College,		400	0 0
Pictou Academy and Dalhousie College,		150	0 0
Halifax Grammar School,		300	0 0
Horton Academy,			
Other Academies in various parts of the Province,			
National, Acadian, Catholic, African, and Reverend Mr. Uniacke's Schools, } Halifax,		460	0 0
Infant School and Poor House School,		75	0 0

Miscellaneous.

For maintaining Light Houses

For Establishment on Sable Island,	400	0	0
Expense of keeping up Post Communication,			
Encouragement for Steam Boats, Sailing Packets and Ferries,	£600	0	0
Commissioners of Asylum for Poor,			
Towards support of Bridewell,			
Interest of Funded Debt,			
Interest of Deposits in Savings Bank,			
For improving main lines of communication between Halifax and Pictou—			
between Truro and the New Brunswick boundary—and between Ha-			
lifax and Digby,			
For opening and repairing other Roads, and building and repairing Bridges,			
For Casualties to Roads and Bridges,			
To Clerks of the Peace for distributing Road Commissions,			
Drawback on Wine imported for Army,	300	0	0
Repairs of Public Buildings,			
For assisting Indians,			
For purchasing Seed Potatoes for Blacks at Preston—Hammond's Plains,	100	0	0
Towards the support of the Halifax Dispensary,	50	0	0
Towards the support of the Mechanics' Institute,	50	0	0
Rations to Troops on Route,			
Drawbacks,			
Keeping of Gunpowder at Halifax Magazine,	20	0	0
Hire of Vessels to protect Fisheries,			

FALKLAND.

Government House, February 26, 1844.

APPENDIX No. 18.

(See Page 14.)

THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA, Dr.

For Payments made by the Treasurer between the 1st January and the 31st December, 1843.

MARCH QUARTER.

March 31.—To paid the Officers of Government, Puisne Judges, &c.			
per Abstract and Warrant	1	£1436	5 0
Secretary of King's College, Windsor,	2	111	2 2½
Master of the Halifax Grammar School	3	37	10 0
Collector of Excise, for pay of Waiters	4	162	15 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 the Savings'			
Bank, for interest	7	322	10 0
The Collector of H. M. Customs, to pay Salaries to			
Officers of Customs	8	1786	4 8½
Commissioners of the Poor	9	150	0 0
President and Directors of Pictou Academy	10	50	0 0
Secretary of Dalhousie College	11	100	0 0
President and Directors of Acadia College	12	111	0 0
			March

March 31.—To paid President and Directors of St. Mary's College	13	£111	0	0
Clerk of the Central Board of Education	14	37	10	0
A. LeBlanc, completing Breakwater at Montegan	15	60	0	0
J. P. Brown, keeping Ferry at Shubenacadie	16	10	0	0
Israel Daniels, erecting Oat Mill Dalhousie	17	20	0	0
Commissioners of Schools at Port Hood, being one half for building School House	18	50	0	0
James Whitney, for running Steam Boat	19	25	0	0
Commissioners of Public Buildings	20	1519	18	9
Commissioners for superintending Revenue Cutters	21	505	3	11
James Whitney, for running Steam Boat Coastways	22	500	0	0
Commissioner for Indian Affairs	23	300	0	0
The Members of Assembly	24	2618	0	0
The Clerk of the House of Assembly	25	380	0	0
The Clerk Assistant of do.	26	200	0	0
The Clerk of Assembly, to pay Chaplains	27	25	0	0
Matthew Forrester, Serjeant at Arms to Assembly	28	50	0	0
John Jennings, Assistant do.	29	30	0	0
John Gibbs, Messenger do.	30	30	0	0
Thompson and Crosskill, Reporting for Legislature	31	125	0	0
J. J. Sawyer, opening and closing Assembly	32	10	0	0
The Clerk of Assembly, to pay Proprietors of Newspapers	33	30	0	0
The Clerk of the Legislative Council	34	807	0	0
J. & C. Pernette, for keeping LaHave Ferry	35	15	0	0
Commissioners of Light-Houses	36	750	0	0
Deputy Secretary, Printing for the Legislature	37	500	0	0
Acting Deputy Postmaster General, to defray expense of Post Office	38	982	4	9
Ditto for Post Communication	39	122	14	2
Ditto Ditto	40	565	4	8
President and Directors of Central Board of Agriculture	41	1225	19	4
Commissioners of Bridewell, balance of 1840	42	1000	0	0
Herbert Huntington, as granted to him	43	10	0	0
John McKay, to pay a sum incurred in a Law Suit	44	14	0	0
James B. Hadley, as granted to him	45	104	5	6
The Board of Health at Pictou	46	12	17	0
George Eastwood, as granted to him	47	300	0	0
Dr. Hoffman, services as Health Officer	48	23	1	8
George McKenzie, as granted to him	49	16	18	6
Daniel Owen, for services in making a Seizure	50	4	0	0
James Turnbull, as granted to him	51	7	0	0
Dr. Buskirk, services in attending a Transient Pauper	52	12	10	0
Trustees of the Liverpool Academy	53	25	0	0
Trustees of Port Hood Academy	54	25	0	0
Trustees of Yarmouth Academy	55	33	15	0
Trustees of Annapolis Academy	56	18	15	0
Trustees of Digby Academy	57	100	0	0
Amos Seaman, and others, excess of Duties	58	227	10	2
James Wilkie, being a Return of Duties	59	619	3	0
John Stiles, Duty on a Printing Press	60	6	4	11
John T. Chamberlain, as granted to him	61	8	19	2
		£18,225	10	0
			June	

JUNE QUARTER.

June 30.—To paid the Salaries of Officers of Government, Puisne			
Judges, &c., per Abstract and Warrant	1	£1336	5 0
Secretary of King's College, Windsor,	2	111	2 2½
Master of the Halifax Grammar School	3	37	10 0
The Collector of Excise, to pay Waiters	4	237	17 0
The respective Stockholders, for one year's interest on Funded Debt	5	96	11 3
Ditto for the half year ending this day	6	200	0 0
Ditto for the Quarter ditto	7	250	0 0
Commissioner and Treasurer of the Savings' Bank, for interest	8	255	0 0
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
Ditto for support of a School	11	12	10 0
The Trustees of the Acadian School	12	50	0 0
The Trustees of the National School	13	50	0 0
The Trustees of the Catholic School	14	50	0 0
The Secretary of Dalhousie College	15	100	0 0
The President and Directors of Acadia College	16	111	0 0
The President and Directors of St. Mary's College	17	111	0 0
Rev. Mr. Uniacke's School, North Suburbs,	18	50	0 0
Rev. Dr. Willis, support of African School	19	50	0 0
President and Directors of Methodist School	20	50	0 0
Secretary of Central Board of Education	21	37	10 0
Adjutant General of Militia	22	40	0 0
Quarter Master General of Militia	23	20	0 0
Commissioner for erection of a Bridewell, on account	24	1000	0 0
John Fuller, expenses attending Committee of As- sembly	25	15	0 0
Dougald McNab, Ditto	26	10	0 0
James Chandley, expense of erecting a fence	27	6	18 0
Doctor Bell, for services as Health Officer	28	5	6 0
Margaret Nickerson, accommodation to Travellers	29	15	0 0
The Overseers of the Poor at Annapolis	30	15	10 0
Commissioners for support of Revenue Cutters	31	800	0 0
Secretary of the Province, to pay Clerks of Peace	32	63	0 0
The Overseers of the Poor at Cape-Breton	33	4	2 0
James Carline, as granted to him	34	69	7 6
James Seaman, for services in carrying Mails	35	7	10 0
Deputy Secretary, to defray expenses of a Deaf and and Dumb Boy	36	30	0 0
Deputy Secretary, relief to distressed Negroes	37	30	0 0
Simon Gallant, as granted to him	38	15	0 0
High Sheriff, expenses in case of Hiscock	39	19	4 0
Edward Leonard, services as Signal man at Digby	40	5	0 0
Judge Hill, for Travelling expenses	41	38	10 0
Judge Haliburton, for ditto	42	52	10 0
Lemuel Morehouse, for payment of Ferriages	43	10	0 0
Commissioners of Light Houses	44	750	0 0
Ladies Managers of Infant School	45	50	0 0
Trustees of the Inverness Academy	46	25	0 0
Trustees of the Sydney Academy	47	25	0 0

June

June 30.—To paid Trustees of the Liverpool Academy	48	£25	0	0
Trustees of the Lunenburg Academy	49	50	0	0
Trustees of the Annapolis Academy	50	18	15	0
Trustees of the Guysborough Academy	51	50	0	0
Trustees of the Shelburne Academy	52	50	0	0
Trustees of the Truro Academy	53	50	0	0
Andrew Henderson, Master of Grammar School Annapolis	54	12	10	0
Richard Bryden, Duties on Carding Machinery	55	4	7	3
Stephen Binney & Co., for Duties overpaid at Custom House	56	57	19	0
McDonald and Richardson, keeping a Ferry at Port LeBear	57	20	0	0
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		£8,592	19	5

SEPTEMBER QUARTER.

Sept. 30.—To paid the Salaries of Officers of Government, Puisne Judges, &c., per Warrant and Abstract	1	£1336	5	0
Secretary of King's College, Windsor,	2	111	2	2½
Master of the Halifax Grammar School	3	37	10	0
Collector of Excise, for pay of Waiters	4	236	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
Commissioner and Treasurer of the Savings' Bank, for interest	7	350	0	0
The Collector of H. M. Customs, to pay the Salaries of Officers of Customs	8	1786	4	8½
Commissioners of the Poor	9	150	0	0
Clerk to the Central Board of Education	10	37	10	0
Secretary of Dalhousie College	11	100	0	0
Trustees of Acadia College	12	111	0	0
Trustees of St. Mary's College	13	111	0	0
Trustees of the Pictou Academy	14	50	0	0
Judge Bliss, for Travelling expenses	15	45	10	0
The Hon'ble Chief Justice, for Travelling expenses	16	39	13	4
Commissioners of Light Houses	17	1070	16	0
C. Craig, keeping Ferry at Sable River	18	10	0	0
John Campbell, to enable him to send his Children to a Deaf and Dumb Asylum	19	45	0	0
James Whitney, for carrying Mails	20	25	0	0
James S. Thompson, for repairing Store House for Militia Arms, &c. at Chester	21	20	0	0
Drs. Grigor and Sterling, in aid of Halifax Dispensary	22	50	0	0
Commissioners of Light Houses	23	173	7	2
Trustees and Managers of the Wesleyan Methodist Seminary at Sackville	24	200	0	0
Edmund Crowell, keeping Establishment at Seal Island	25	20	0	0

Sept 30.—To paid Commissioners of Light Houses	26	£350	0	0
Trustees of Sydney Academy	27	50	0	0
Trustees of Cape Breton Academy	28	25	0	0
Trustees of Lunenburg Academy	29	50	0	0
Trustees of Port Hood Academy	30	25	0	0
Trustees of Yarmouth Academy	31	67	10	0
Trustees of Digby Academy	32	25	0	0
Trustees of Arichat Academy	33	25	0	0
Trustees of Port Hood Academy, balance of Grant for erecting School House	34	50	0	0
Trustees of Digby Academy	35	25	0	0
Trustees of Annapolis Academy	36	18	15	0
		£7,149	13	5

DECEMBER QUARTER.

Decr. 31.—To paid Salaries of Officers of Government, Puisne Judges, &c., per Warrant and Abstract	1	£1336	5	0
Secretary of King's College, Windsor,	2	111	2	2½
Master of the Halifax Grammar School	3	37	10	0
Collector of Excise, for pay of Waiters	4	250	15	0
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 ending this day	6	250	0	0
The Commissioner and Treasurer of the Savings' Bank, for interest	7	275	0	0
The Commissioners of the Poor	8	150	0	0
The Commissioners of Poor, for support of School	9	12	10	0
Clerk to Central Board of Education	10	37	10	0
The Collector of H. M. Customs, to pay Salaries of Officers of Customs	11	1786	4	8½
Secretary of Dalhousie College	12	100	0	0
President and Directors of Acadia College	13	111	0	0
President and Directors of St. Mary's Seminary	14	111	0	0
Trustees of Acadian School	15	50	0	0
Trustees of National School	16	50	0	0
Trustees of Catholic School	17	50	0	0
The Trustees of the Pictou Academy	18	50	0	0
Rev. Mr. Uniacke's School in North Suburbs	19	50	0	0
Rev. Dr. Willis, support of African School	20	50	0	0
James Whitney, for running Steam Boat	21	25	0	0
The Hon'ble Chief Justice, for Travelling expenses	22	39	13	4
Judge Bliss, for ditto	23	39	13	4
Judge Hill, for ditto	24	35	0	0
David McPherson, keeping a Ferry at Gut of Canso	25	20	0	0
P. Primrose, and others, for Seal Bounty	26	748	5	0
Commissioners of Light Houses	27	300	0	0
High Sheriff of Yarmouth, returning Members	28	4	10	0
Owners of Parrsborough Packet	29	50	0	0
Isaiah Smith, keeping Ferry at Shubenacadie	30	40	0	0
				Decr.

Decr. 31—To paid William Pryor and Sons, for Drawback on Refined Sugar	31	£74	5	11
John C. Mais, ditto	32	88	12	11
Secretary of the Province, for issuing Writs	33	59	10	0
High Sheriff of Guysborough, for returning Members	34	3	0	0
High Sheriff of Halifax, for ditto	35	6	0	0
Trustees of Cape Breton Academy	36	25	0	0
Trustees of Liverpool Academy	37	25	0	0
Trustees of Arichat Academy	38	25	0	0
Andrew Henderson, Master of Annapolis Academy	39	12	10	0
Trustees of Guysborough Academy	40	50	0	0
Trustees of Pictou Academy	41	33	6	8
Commissioners of Light Houses	42	400	0	0
The Salary of the Lieutenant-Governor	43	2500	0	0
Adjutant General of Militia	44	40	0	0
Quarier Master General of Militia	45	20	0	0
Trustees of the Shelburne Academy	46	50	0	0
A. G. McKay, services of a Revenue Boat	47	30	0	0
Robert Roberts, returning Members to Assembly	48	4	10	0
High Sheriff for Sydney, ditto	49	3	0	0
James Whitney, for running Steam Boat	50	25	0	0
Directors of the Methodist School	51	50	0	0
Trustees of the Digby Academy	52	25	0	0
Trustees of the Sydney Academy	53	25	0	0
Commissioners of Light Houses	54	300	0	0
Speaker of the Assembly, for procuring various Works and Publications	55	15	0	0
The Trustees of the Sydney Academy	56	50	0	0
The Trustees of the Yarmouth Academy	57	67	10	0
The Proprietors of Steamer St. George	58	200	0	0
The Proprietors of the Guysborough Packet	59	50	0	0
Messrs. John Howe & Son, for Printing	60	52	15	6
The Commissioner of Sydney, C. B., for a Revenue Boat	61	40	0	0
Commissioners of Light Houses	62	902	16	7
Judge Haliburton, for Travelling expenses	63	49	0	0
George Wightman, on account, for making a Road from Scott's to Sackville	64	1063	19	11
Dy. Postmaster General, for Post Office deficiency	65	455	13	3
William Weeks, for running a Packet	66	20	0	0
John Copeland, for keeping a Ferry	67	10	0	0
Alexander Auld, for ditto	68	10	0	0
Alexander McMillan, ditto	69	10	0	0
For Rations to Troops on Route, per Abstract and Warrants		226	17	6
Drawback of Duties		139	10	0
Adjutants of Militia, per Abstract and Warrants		537	0	0
Militia Arms ditto		135	1	8
Coroners ditto		152	10	0
Criminal Prosecutions ditto		383	19	11
Schools ditto		8085	0	7
Road alterations ditto		321	15	2
Casualty Road Vote ditto		547	9	7
Old Road, and balances ditto		1558	14	11

Decr.

Decr. 31.—To paid for making and repairing Roads and Bridges throughout the Province, per Abstract and Warrants	£14948 14 0
Remitted a Bill of Exchange for £539 15 8 Sterling, at 13 per cent. premium, to pay for Copper Tokens	677 15 5
This sum paid off with money received into the Savings' Bank	2500 0 0
Acting Deputy Postmaster General, for Postages	11 18 0½
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	£77,509 8 11½
Balance	188 16 9
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	£77,698 5 8½
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Balance	£188 16 9
Overcharge to Pictou Academy	150 0 0
Cash from Mr. Owen for Marshall's Justice	0 16 1½
Overcharge on Road Appropriation	92 5 7½
Paid Wightman, not yet expended on Roads,	38 7 6
Amount received from Annapolis Loan Office	18 12 2
This sum being excess of interest	261 11 3
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	£750 9 5
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Less charged for Members pay	£54 0 0
Interest paid Bank of B. N. America	232 14 9
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Balance	£463 14 8

In Account Current with Charles W. Wallace, Treasurer, Cr.

Decr. 31, 1842.—By Balance of Account rendered at this date	£2832 1 11
1843.—Received from the Collector of Halifax:	
March Quarter	£5000 0 0
June Quarter	8000 0 0
September Quarter	7000 0 0
December Quarter	8680 0 0
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	23680 0 0
Received from the Collectors at the Out-ports between 1st January and 31st December, 1843:	
Liverpool	£575 16 8
Pictou	552 10 0
Lunenburg	620 18 9
Yarmouth	965 17 8
Digby	134 15 0
Shelburne	289 10 8
Barrington	0 17 0
Colchester—Londonderry	63 19 7
Cumberland	110 0 8
Windsor	114 10 0
Argyle	0 16 10½
Sydney	38 11 4
Kings County	90 9 10
Annapolis	55 13 0

Weymouth	£17	19	4
Sydney, C. B.	727	1	2
Arichat	282	11	5
Port Hood	8	2	8
Pugwash	10	0	0
Brier Island	0	17	6
Antigonish	10	5	3
Chester	0	0	0
Tatamagouche	70	0	0
Parrsborough	0	0	0
Wilmot	4	11	7

£4,745 15 11½

Decr. 31, 1843.—Received from the Collector of H. M.

Customs, on account of Duties, between 1st Jan. and 31st Dec., 1843	£25468	6	7
Premium received on Dollars	872	3	9

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LIGHT DUTY.

Received from the Collector of Halifax :

March Quarter	£120	18	6
June Quarter	439	4	3
September Quarter	412	6	1
December Quarter	363	19	8

Received from the Collectors at the Out-ports between 1st Jan. and 31st Dec., 1843 :

Liverpool	120	13	0
Shelburne	45	3	4
Yarmouth	248	0	7
Annapolis	15	14	6
Pictou	94	13	6
Argyle	30	0	0
Weymouth	18	10	0
Digby	74	1	0
Sydney, 1842 and 1843	17	2	3½
Arichat	43	12	8
Hants County	71	14	5
Colchester	5	0	0
Amherst	11	15	10½
Barrington	48	7	3½
Lunenburg	42	16	5
Chester	0	0	0
Tatamagouche	23	17	8
Parrsborough	12	9	0
Brier Island	26	2	6
Pugwash	40	0	0
Sydney, C. B.	514	17	9
Antigonish	4	3	3
Kings County	10	7	2½
Gut of Canso	227	18	8

Gut of Canso	£54	9	0	
Wilmot		1	17	0
Port Hood, 1842 and 1843		16	16	5
				£3156 11 9
Decr. 31, 1843.—By received from the Commissioner and Treasurer of the Halifax Savings' Bank				2500 0 0
Received from Edward Binney, Esquire, late acting Collector of Excise				205 6 0
Received from T. C. Tobias, on account of a Seizure made at Annapolis				2 7 10
Received from Asa Torrey, late Collector of Windsor, on account				120 13 0
Received from the Bank of British North America				8000 0 0
Received from Liverpool, G. B., 38 Casks of Copper Tokens, as per statement				872 15 3
This sum received on account of Marshall's Justice, per Abstract				167 15 8
Received on account of Loan to Poor Settlers				74 8 0
				£77,698 5 8½

[Errors excepted.]

CHARLES W. WALLACE, Treasurer,

Treasurer's Office, Halifax, 31st December, 1843.

APPENDIX No. 19.

(See Page 15.)

COPY.

Government House, Prince Edward Island, 15th May, 1843.

MY LORD,—

I have the honor to lay before your Lordship, the Memorial of the Prince Edward Island Steam Navigation Company, in which it is prayed by that body to be remunerated for services performed by their Steamer, the St. George, from the time of that vessel succeeding the Pocohontas, up to the period of the closing of the Navigation last year.

I feel it unnecessary to do more than present this subject to your Lordship, fully satisfied that it will be considered with perfect impartiality and all the liberality which can fairly be extended to it.

I have, &c.

A. V. HUNTLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

His Excellency, Lord Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

Charlotte Town, P. E. Island, May 15th, 1843.

To His Excellency Lord Viscount Falkland, Lieutenant-Governor, &c. &c. &c. Nova Scotia.

THE MEMORIAL OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Sheweth:

That whilst the Memorialists desire most thankfully to acknowledge the favourable grant which the Legislature of Nova Scotia has been pleased to make to the proprietors of

of the *St. George*, for the ensuing season, they are constrained by the absence of all notice or information of its intentions with respect to that part of their memorial of February last, which adverted to the services performed by the *St. George* during the last year, again to solicit attention to the following representation.

That the *St. George* commenced her operations for the season, on the 18th August, 1842, and continued to run weekly between Pictou and Miramichi, and as often as the weather and other circumstances permitted, touching at Pictou twice in the week until the end of the month of November. That the *St. George* was employed on this service at a very great expense to the proprietors, in the expectation that the Company would be entitled thereby to the remuneration proffered by the Legislature of Nova Scotia for such services. It is true that the grant was made to Pocohontas, she being on the station at the time, (as the present grant was made to *St. George*,) but it may be presumed, that if the *St. George* should be withdrawn, and a more powerful steam boat substituted, that the Legislature would not object to the claim on that account.

The Memorialists do therefore with great respect, beg to submit to your Excellency's consideration, their present application, with a view to the obtaining payment to them on account of the *St. George*, of such surplus of the grant ordered to Pocohontas, as she failed to acquire title to by lapse of service, and also of the sum of fifty pounds offered in addition to effect a communication between Pictou and Miramichi, once in two weeks, but which the *St. George* accomplished weekly.

(Signed)

CHARLES HENSLEY,
Chairman of the Board of Directors.

APPENDIX No. 20.

(See Page 15.)

COPY.

No. 155.

Downing Street, 3d February, 1844.

MY LORD,—

I have had under consideration An Act passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia on the 29th March, 1843, entitled, An Act relating to Passengers arriving in this Province, and I have to call your Lordship's attention to the following observations upon it.

The 4th clause declares, "that it shall not be lawful for the Collector or other principal Officer or Officers of the Customs within this Province, to grant any Clearance to any such Ship or Vessel so bringing any passenger or passengers into this Province as aforesaid, until the said sum of five shillings for each and every passenger shall be paid, as hereinbefore directed."

The provision is highly objectionable, inasmuch as it interferes with the entry or clearance of Vessels, as prescribed by the Act of Parliament 3 and 4, William 4, cap. 59.

The proper mode of carrying out the wishes of the Provincial Legislature in this respect would be, to make the tax payable to some officer nominated by the Lieutenant Governor to collect it, with power for the recovery of the same by summary process before a Magistrate, and by subjecting Masters of Vessels to penalties in default of making such declaration as is provided for in the first clause of the Act, or for departing, or attempting to depart, from any port of the Colony without obtaining a certificate from the officer appointed to collect the tax, that it had been duly paid.

There would be no objection to the nomination by the Lieutenant Governor of the Officers of the Customs at the different ports of the Province to collect the tax and grant the certificate in question, with the understanding that provision be made by the Provincial Legislature for the performance of those duties in such manner as shall not interfere with any which they may be required to execute under the provisions of the Act of Parliament.

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The 11th clause provides that if any passenger landed from any Vessel which shall not have cleared out for a port in Nova Scotia shall have required aid, either from the Public Treasury or from the Poor Fund, or from any Overseer of the Poor of any Township or Settlement in the Province, and such public aid shall have been provided for the support and sustenance of such passenger, the Master of the Vessel and the Vessel shall be responsible to the extent of the money advanced, and the Vessel shall not be cleared out or suffered to depart until the money shall be repaid.

Now various circumstances might arise under which a passenger might become chargeable to the Colony, which are entirely independent of the obligations of the master or owner of the Ship towards the passenger. If the passenger become chargeable through default or neglect of the master, or if the Colony be put to any expence for necessaries supplied to a passenger, which the master or owner of the Vessel is bound to provide, it would be very reasonable that the expence incurred by the Colony should be charged on the master or on the Vessel, but it would be unjust to render the master or owner liable beyond this. To go further might make them responsible for contingencies arising from the misconduct or imprudence of the Passenger on shore, which the master can neither prevent nor controul.

Again the 12th clause enacts "that if any Vessel having passengers on board shall be wrecked on the coasts of the Province, and such passengers are likely to become chargeable, and any part of the Vessel or her furniture or appurtenances be saved, and the owner or master shall not provide for the maintenance of such passengers and their transport, to the place of destination, the Collector of Customs at the port nearest to the wreck, or other person appointed by the Governor, is to take charge of the wreck, furniture and appurtenances, to sell the same, and to pay the monies due for salvage and wages of seamen, to deduct sums necessary to defray the sustenance and transport of the passengers, and to pay the balance to the owner or master."

This provision is objectionable, inasmuch as it might, in cases where it is enforced, operate, not on the owner or master, but upon the insurer. In such a case of wreck as that contemplated, the master or owner might abandon the Vessel to the insurers and would thus not be affected by the sale of the wreck and appurtenances: on the contrary it would be to the advantage of the owner and probably to the convenience of the master, if the proceeds of the wreck and appurtenances could be so applied through the intervention of the local authorities of the Colony, whilst the loss sustained by the owners would be compensated by the insurers.

It is probable that the Courts of Law or equity would find some mode of preventing this unjust and anomalous result, but I cannot advise Her Majesty to sanction an enactment which would produce it.

Moreover, if the ship be uninsured it would be unjust towards the ship owner, who may not have entered into any engagement with the Emigrants, but who may merely have let his ship to hire, that his property in the wreck should be confiscated for the payment of the maintenance and conveyance of the Emigrants, for which he had been in no respect liable.

Your Lordship will take the necessary means for bringing the preceding objections to this Act under the notice of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province. In the meantime, and until I shall have been informed of their views on the subject, Her Majesty's decision on the Act will be suspended.

I have the honor, &c.
(Signed)

STANLEY.

Lieutenant Governor Viscount Falkland.

APPENDIX No. 21.

(See Page 16.)

COPY.

General Post Office, Halifax, February 9, 1844.

SIR,—

I would respectfully beg to request that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor will be pleased to bring under the notice of the Legislature, that provision may be made to cover any deficiency which may arise in the Post Office Revenue for the present year.

As I am unable to form any estimate of the probable amount which would be required for such deficiency, owing to a want of information respecting the practical result of the alteration recently introduced into the Department, consequent upon the Treasury Warrant dated 11th October, 1843, yet I am in hopes the deficiency will not be so great as in the preceding year, in consequence of the total abolition of the Franking privilege enjoyed by the Deputy Post Master General, and the tax charged upon Newspapers and other printed sheets passing through the Post Office, the sums derivable from which were formerly the perquisite of the Deputy Post Master General, but which will now be merged into the General Revenue of the Department.

I have, &c.

(Signed) A. WOODGATE.

Sir R. D. George, Bart., &c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX No. 22.

(See Page 16.)

COPY.

*H. M. S. Columbia, Halifax Harbour, }
28th July, 1843. }*

MY LORD,—

I have deferred addressing your Excellency on the subject of the Survey entrusted to my direction by the Lords of the Admiralty, because I have already in person reported the same to your Lordship, and because I had not, until very lately, in person, examined the Basin of Mines so as to enable me to offer a decisive opinion on the subject, which your Lordship was then pleased to refer to me, viz., the most appropriate position for a Light House for that part of the Bay of Fundy, I have now seen the places among which one is to be chosen, and have well considered their comparative merits.

The Light Houses at St. John, Quaco, and Cape Enrage, seem to have provided all that can be immediately required on the coast of New Brunswick. But for the general Navigation of the head of the Bay of Fundy, which only contains one serious danger (Quaco Ledge) a Light House on Isle Haute, would be of the greatest service to Navigation and Commerce, and be a sure guide to enter the Basin of Mines, as well as avoid Quaco Ledge.

The northern shores of the Basin of Mines, present no dangerous obstacles to free Navigation, and the races or rips off Cape D'Or and Cape Split, the only inconveniences, for avoiding which a Light on Isle Haute would offer a very convenient means.

But if the object of the Legislature of Nova Scotia be limited to the rendering the Navigation to Windsor and its river, more safe and simple, a position should be chosen expressly for this object; which must either be on the Parrsborough Shore, or Horton Bluff, and the former seems to me too remote from the dangers to be avoided, and the latter site appears well calculated to enable vessels to pass safely in and out of the Avon or Windsor River at night, which is very desirable indeed, in some circumstances of heavy winds. A

Light House on Partridge Island appears to promise no useful resource, either for general navigation or for the River of Windsor and its dangers; but a Light House on Horton Bluff would, as it appears to me, be very useful for the whole Bay of Cornwallis between Cape Blomidon and Windsor.

I have the honor to enclose for your Lordship's information an extract from my Orders, which make the Coasts of Nova Scotia a scene of my future operations, and request Your Excellency will be pleased to give directions to Magistrates and Officers generally to aid the Officers under my Orders in the execution of this service as much as we may reasonably hope.

I can only add that I shall be proud at all times to receive your Excellency's commands, and will, so far as my orders permit, meet any expressed wishes with which your Excellency may please to honor me.

Who am, My Lord,

Your Lordship's humble servant,

WM. F. OWEN,

Captain R. N. and Naval Surveyor.

His Excellency Lord Falkland, Lieut. Governor, Nova Scotia.

Extract from Captain Owen's Instructions, Dated 5th August, 1842.

Whereas the Charts of the Bay of Fundy, with its Islands, Rivers, and Roadsteads, as well as those of several parts of the adjacent Coasts of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, are in various places exceedingly erroneous: *And whereas* the extraordinary fluctuations of the tides in that Bay render an exact delineation of its banks, shoals, and depths, most essentially necessary: *And whereas* the population along the Coasts and the consequent intercourse between its Ports have much increased of late years, and therefore a fuller acquaintance with its maritime resources is required, in order to lead to a still further development of its Commerce and industry: we have determined to have an elaborate Survey made of the whole of that district, and we have thought fit to appoint you to conduct this Survey, not only from the skill and experience you have shewn on former Surveys, but from the local knowledge you have acquired during your long residence in its vicinity. We have therefore placed Her Majesty's Steam Vessel Columbia, commanded by Lieutenant Alfred Kortright, at your disposal for those purposes. We have supplied her with every instrument and implement requisite for an extensive Survey. We have given strict orders to her Commander and to her several Officers, petty Officers, and Crew, to follow your directions and to obey your orders as strictly and minutely to all intents and purposes as if you were yourself her immediate Captain; and we authorise you to engage two additional Vessels, provided the cost of both does not exceed the sum of five hundred pounds, sterling, in order to afford the means of extensive triangulation, and to expedite by division of labour the various and closely connected lines of soundings.

And you are hereby required and directed, from the moment that Lieutenant Kortright delivers to you these Orders, to take the whole charge and direction of the Survey into your own hands, and to pursue it with your usual energy.

We leave entirely to your discretion the order in which you may find it expedient to undertake the several divisions of the Survey, and the means which you may think proper to adopt in combining them, but we desire that every part of the work may be executed with that fulness and precision which will admit of no future doubt, and which will leave no room for repetition.

The outline of the coast is to be traced with scrupulous accuracy, the soundings are to be so reasonably close that there can be no probability of intervening rocks and shallows: the rivers and creeks are to be examined and laid down up to the first bridge, or if there be no bridge up to that point where they cease to be navigable by boats, either for the purpose

purpose of War or Commerce, and the features of the country in the neighbourhood of the shore, together with its general character and the position of all towns, hamlets, or remarkable houses or other objects are to be included in the Survey, as well as the situations of Mills or Factories, of Quarries or Coal Beds, and of large timber, and convenient Watering Places.

You will also take a suitable opportunity of measuring the actual breadth of the Isthmus, and of determining the corresponding levels of the high and low water marks at the head of the Bay of Fundy, as compared with those of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

A complete account of the prodigious tides in the Bay of Fundy, with the times at which the stream turns at different distances from the shores, will be of great use to Navigators, but it will always furnish data of considerable value to those Philosophers who are now investigating the general principles of that important and interesting subject; and as a constant half hourly register at the rise and fall of the tides at one or two places will be absolutely necessary for your sounding operations, and as it will not materially increase the expense, if, by tide gauges at one or two additional stations, you can combine the phenomena of the whole Bay, and show the progress and inclination of the tidal wave on both its shores, we desire that you will consider the best means of effecting this object with a due regard to economy."

APPENDIX No. 23.

(See Page 16.)

COPY.

Illustrious, Halifax, 23d October, 1843.

MY LORD,—

During the time Captain Owen was lately here, in Her Majesty's Steam Ship *Columbia*, in which he is employed on the Survey of the Shores of the Bay of Fundy, I took the opportunity of conversing with him on many points connected with the Navigation on the Coasts of this Province, as well as on the other parts of the Coasts on which he is employed; and I invited him to commit to paper what occurred to him to be necessary to improve the Navigation by the erection of Light Houses. He has, in consequence, addressed a Letter to me, of which I have enclosed a copy for your Excellency's information.

I am fully aware that much has been done by the Legislature of this Province of late years to improve the Navigation on its Coasts, by means of Light Houses, but there is still much to be done, and I consider it very useful to have the opinion of an Officer who, like Captain Owen, has so much ability as well as experience upon the subject.

Your Lordship is aware that I entirely agree with him as to the paramount necessity of having a Light House on Cape Haute; and I fully concur with him in opinion as to the propriety of erecting one as soon as may be on the coast between this Harbour and Cape Canso, which I believe is already in contemplation—but I consider it, for the reasons so ably stated in Captain Owen's Letter, essential that time should not be lost in erecting a Light House on Cape Latour.

From the manner in which your Lordship has communicated with me on this important subject, of lighting the Coasts of the Province, and from the personal interest you take in what relates to the benefit of the Province, I am certain that I need not apologize for drawing your attention to what I now bring to your notice.

I have, &c.

(Signed) CHAS. ADAM,
Vice Admiral and Commander in Chief.

His Excellency Viscount Falkland,
Lieutenant-Governor, &c. &c. &c. Nova-Scotia.

Copy

COPY.

Government House, Halifax, October 27, 1843.

SIR,—

I have had the honor to receive your Excellency's Letter of the 23d instant, enclosing a Communication from Captain Owen, of Her Majesty's Steam Ship Columbia, recommending the erection of several new Light Houses on the Coasts of this Province.

The Local Government of Nova-Scotia has for some time contemplated the building of two of the Light Houses to which Captain Owen alludes, namely, that on Isle Haute, and that on White Island, and the House of Assembly will, I hope, vote money for the purpose of establishing them both in the course of the ensuing Session.

Captain Owen's Letter, together with your Excellency's observations thereon, shall be submitted to the Legislature on the first convenient opportunity, and I beg to assure you of my disposition to promote the adoption of your suggestions by every means in my power.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

His Excellency Vice Admiral Sir Charles Adam, &c. &c. &c.

COPY.

*H. M. Steam Surveying Vessel Columbia, }
Halifax, 9th October, 1843. }*

SIR,—

I am obliged, by your permission, to offer my views on Light House Establishments, and on subjects which concern the interests of these Provinces as to their Commerce and Navigation, and take advantage of your condescension to draw your attention to the fact that by a liberal and truly enlightened view of their best interests which are involved in Commercial exchanges, the United States have placed Light Houses on all their Coasts whereon they can be required, so that in the whole range of their Coast, from East to West, a vessel will never be out of sight of a Light to direct them, to which I believe is mainly to be attributed the extraordinary increase of their Coasting Trade within a very few years, and which renders the approach to their Coasts, otherwise of a dangerous character, perfectly safe and commodious for Foreign as well as Domestic Commerce.

Adopting this principle, involving as it does so many of the seeds of national prosperity, that to encourage Commercial enterprise, by Navigation on every part of the Coast, safe Navigation must be rendered as easy as possible even to the unlettered and ignorant, and therefore that Light Houses should be established on every point where they can be useful for this end.

The Coasts of New Brunswick in the Bay of Fundy are now pretty well lighted, nor does any spot immediately suggest itself thereon where an additional Light could be advantageously placed, for the system of the United States has been there well carried out, principally, I believe, by the great attention of Laughlan Donaldson, Esquire, now Mayor of St. John, N. B.

The Coasts of Nova Scotia within the Bay of Fundy are very insufficiently lighted. Nova Scotia has not one Light House eastward of Digby Light, and no provision is made for the approaches to the Basin of Mines or to Cumberland Basin, by night.

It appears to me that a Light on the summit of Isle Haute, belonging to Nova Scotia, would effect all that could be immediately done for the safety of the Navigation of the head of the Bay of Fundy. This would be an excellent mark for Quaco Ledge, the principal and indeed the only danger which seems necessary to guard against by such means North and East of Grand Manan, and it would be a Beacon that would make the approaches to Cumberland and Windsor Basins as easy and simple by night as by day when seen.

Of the Light Houses for particular Ports, there does not, in the present state of the population of the shores of the Bay of Fundy, appear to be an immediate occasion for any Light House except for Windsor, which is a place of rising importance, and a Tide Light there would be very advantageous. On this subject I had the honor to address a Letter to His Excellency Lord Falkland, which does not appear to have fallen under his Lordship's notice, being as yet unacknowledged.

The point of Cape Sable extending from Cape Sable Seal Island on the west to Cape Negro on the east, ten leagues, is a point of land very important indeed to the Bay of Fundy, and to the trade of Nova Scotia, both Foreign and Domestic, for that point must be rounded by all vessels entering the Bay of Fundy; but ships from the Ocean or from this coast, dare not now approach that portion of the coast by night, but pass it far to the southward, particularly if the weather be boisterous, and sometimes at very great inconvenience by loss of time, and becoming subject to other dangers on the coast of the United States, for if they depend on the Light House on the southern Seal Island, they are, in coming from the eastward, past every danger before they can see it, and the Brazil Rock, two leagues off shore, though small, is a serious danger, for which there exists no good mark by night or by day, all which renders this part a feverish point to navigators, and the numerous wrecks there attest its dangers.

If there were a Light House on Cape Latour, the next point eastward of Cape Sable, and about five miles distant from the Brazil Rock, that part of the Coast might be approached fearlessly by day or night, and the western extremity of Nova Scotia be rounded with perfect safety at all times, which would be an incalculable benefit and encouragement to the Navigation and Commerce of these Colonies.

The parts I have taken leave to mention are within those limits assigned to me by my Lords of the Admiralty for critical Survey, but if I may be permitted to extend my views to the whole range of the S. E. part of Nova Scotia, it is lamentable to see a Coast situated in the midst of an inexhaustible fishery affording shelter almost at every league, with these advantages for the most part locked up and excluded from full intercourse with the world at large, and from the use of its own native inhabitants by having so few Light Houses to give confidence and security to navigators. Were this country in the hands of the United States, it is not too much to aver, from what they have done in this particular, that it would most probably be very soon studded with Light Houses, and that with the Commerce and Fisheries thus facilitated, population would increase in a manifold progression. But it appears very extraordinary indeed, that in the whole distance from Cape Sambro to Cranberry Island, a distance of about fifty-five leagues of coast studded with ledges and dangers, there is not now one intervening Light House, and the frequent occurrence of wrecks bears sufficient testimony of their need. If our poverty prevents their erection it is deplorable; if our negligence, it is reprehensible. My knowledge of this coast, in detail, is too limited to justify my mentioning any particular point as the most appropriate for a Light House between these extreme points, but it suggests itself naturally that the most projecting Islands and Points and Rocks are most proper to be first lighted, as affording the greatest facility and best security for general navigation.

If these subjects were brought under the notice of the different Legislatures in these Provinces, and of the Colonial Office, by the Commander in Chief on this Naval Station, and recommended, as he would be able to do by his own professional judgement, we might hope to see measures very speedily in operation for the satisfactory progress of these invaluable aids to safe Navigation and enlarged Commerce.

I beg your indulgence for presuming to call your attention to these subjects, and remain,

With great respect, &c.

(Signed)

W. F. W. OWEN,

Captain R. N., and Naval Surveyor.

Vice Admiral Sir Charles Adam, K. C. B., Commander in Chief.

APPENDIX No. 24.

(See Page 22.)

Dr. Account of Her Majesty's Casual Revenue in Nova-Scotia, for the half year ended 30th June, 1843.

1843.	Sterling.	Currency.
June 30.—Paid His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor four fifths of arrears due to him on 31st Decr. last, on account of his Salary	£300 0 0	£375 0 0
Paid amount due to His Excellency, for contingencies, to date	150 0 0	187 10 0
Paid the Count de Barruel, Private Secretary to His Excellency, the amount due him for arrears and Salary to date	176 13 1	220 16 3½
Paid four-fifths of arrears of Chief Justice's Salary to 31st December last	200 0 0	250 0 0
Paid four-fifths of arrears due Secretary of Province, and Deputy, for Salary to 31st Dec. last	200 0 0	250 0 0
Paid Judges Wilkins, Hill, and Bliss, four-fifths each of the arrears due them to 31st Dec. last	102 0 0	127 10 0
Paid Master of the Rolls four-fifths of the arrears due him for allowance to 31st Dec. last	34 0 0	42 10 0
Paid ditto, for contingencies	6 0 0	7 10 0
Paid Attorney General four-fifths of arrears of his Salary, due 31st December	120 0 0	150 0 0
Paid Solicitor General ditto	20 0 0	25 0 0
Paid Clerk of Crown ditto	20 0 0	25 0 0
Paid Surveyor General of Nova-Scotia proper ditto	30 0 0	37 10 0
Paid Surveyor General of Cape-Breton ditto	20 0 0	37 10 0
Paid ditto four-fifths arrears of Office Rent	3 4 0	4 0 0
Paid Superintendent of Mines at Sydney four-fifths arrears of Salary due 31st December last	20 0 0	25 0 0
Paid Harbour Master at Sydney four-fifths arrears of Salary due 31st December last	20 0 0	25 0 0
Paid Miss Cox her Pension	50 0 0	62 10 0
Paid Mr. James, Clerk of Secretary's Office	125 0 0	156 5 0
Paid Mr. Keating, ditto	80 0 0	100 0 0
Paid Mr. Pyke, ditto	50 0 0	62 10 0
Paid Messenger, and on account of Stationary and other contingencies of Office	21 19 0	27 8 9
	£1748 5 0	£2185 6 2
		Cr.
1843.	Sterling.	Currency.
Jan. 1.—Balance	£1 9 8	£1 17 1
June 30.—Received Rent of H. M. Mines in Nova-Scotia proper, and Cape Breton, for the half year ending this day	1333 6 8	1666 13 4
Premium on Dollars	55 11 1	69 8 10
Received Fees taken at the Secretary's Office	247 17 8	309 16 11
	£1638 5 0	£2047 16 2
Balance due to the Treasurer	110 0 0	137 10 0
	£1748 5 0	£2185 6 2
		Dr.

Dr. Account of Her Majesty's Casual Revenue in Nova-Scotia for the half year ending the 31st day of December, 1843.

1843.	Paid	Currency.	Currency.
Dec. 31.—	Amount advanced by the Treasurer in July, 1843		£137 10 0
	His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor his allowance for contingencies for the half year ending this day	£125 0 0	
	The Count Barruel, Private Secretary of the Lieutenant-Governor, his Salary for the same period	156 5 0	
	Miss Cox, her Pension for the same period	62 15 0	
	Her Majesty's annual gift to the Turf Club for the year 1843	62 10 0	
	Mr. James, Chief Clerk Secretary's Office, Salary for half year	156 5 0	
	Mr. Keating, Clerk in ditto, ditto	100 0 0	
	Mr. Pyke, ditto, ditto	62 10 0	
	Mr. Belcher, for Stationary of Lieutenant-Governor and Secretary	35 6 9	
	Messenger, Fuel, &c. Secretary's Office	11 18 3	
	Mr. Thompson, for Printing for Government	56 1 5	
			828 11 5

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and the undermentioned Officers, the sums against their names respectively set, namely :

	Arrears of Salaries, &c. due 31st Dec. 1842.	Four-fifteenths of Salaries, &c. due 30th June, 1843.	
	Currency.	Currency.	
Lieutenant-Governor	£93 15 0	£250 0 0	£343 15 0
Chief Justice	62 10 0	166 13 4	229 3 4
Deputy Provincial Secretary	62 10 0	Nil	62 10 0
Judge Wilkins	10 12 6	28 6 8	38 19 2
Judge Hill	10 12 6	28 6 8	38 19 2
Judge Bliss	10 12 6	28 6 8	38 19 2
Master of the Rolls	10 12 6	28 6 8	38 19 2
Do. for Fuel & Crier of Courts	1 17 6	5 0 0	6 17 6
Attorney General	37 10 0	100 0 0	137 10 0
Solicitor General	6 5 0	16 13 4	22 18 4
Clerk of the Crown	6 5 0	16 13 4	22 18 4
Surveyor General N. Scotia	9 7 6	25 0 0	34 7 6
Surveyor General C. Breton	6 5 0	16 13 4	22 18 4
Ditto, for Office Rent	1 0 0	2 13 4	3 13 4
Superintendent of Mines	6 5 0	16 13 4	22 18 4
Actg. Har. Master Sydney	Nil	16 13 4	16 13 4
	£336 0 0	£746 0 0	1082 0 0
			£2048 1 5
			Balance 0 0 9
			£2048 2 2

1843.	Received.	Currency.	Cr.	Currency.
Dec. 31.—	From the General Mining Association, Rent of Her Majesty's Mines in Nova-Scotia and C. Breton, for the half year ended this day	£1666	13	4
	From ditto, Rent of Mines under the late Duke of York's Lease, for year ended 24th June last	1	5	0
	Premium on the two preceding sums, payable in Dollars, but paid in Provincial Paper Money, 2½d per Dollar	69	9	10
				£1737 8 2
	Fees collected at the Provincial Secretary's Office for the half year ending this day			310 14 0
				£2048 2 2

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

Halifax, January, 1844.

Statement of the arrears of Salaries and allowances borne upon the Queen's Casual Revenue in Nova Scotia, remaining unpaid 1st January, 1844.

OFFICE.	Period and portion of Salary or Allowance.		Total.
	For half year ending 30th June, 1843. Eleven fifteenths of Salary, &c.	For half year ending 31st Decr. 1843. Whole amount of Salary, &c.	
	Currency.	Currency.	Currency.
Lieutenant Governor,	£687 10 0	£937 10 0	1625 0 0
Chief Justice,	458 6 8	625 0 0	1083 6 8
Provincial Secretary,	nil	625 0 0	625 0 0
Judge Wilkins,	77 18 4	106 5 0	184 3 4
Judge Hill,	77 18 4	106 5 0	184 3 4
Judge Bliss,	77 18 4	106 5 0	184 3 4
Master of the Rolls,	77 18 4	106 5 0	184 3 4
Ditto for Fuel and Crier of Courts, &c.	13 15 0	18 15 0	32 10 0
Attorney General,	275 0 0	375 0 0	650 0 0
Solicitor General,	45 16 8	62 10 0	108 6 8
Clerk of the Crown,	45 16 8	62 10 0	108 6 8
Surveyor General, Nova Scotia,	68 15 0	93 15 0	162 10 0
Ditto of Cape Breton,	45 16 8	62 10 0	108 6 8
And for office Rent,	7 6 8	10 0 0	17 6 8
Superintendent of Mines,	45 16 8	62 10 0	108 6 8
Harbor Master, Sydney,	45 16 8	62 10 0	108 6 8
	£2051 10 0	£3422 10 0	£5474 0 0

Halifax, January, 1844.

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

NOTE.—The sum of £171 7s. 1d. having been since received from the Commissioner of Crown Lands in Cape Breton, the arrears of Office Rent due to the Surveyor General of Cape Breton, amounting to £17 6s. 8d., and of Salary due to the Harbour Master at Sydney, amounting to £108 6s. 8d., have been paid by the Lieutenant Governor's direction, and the whole amount of the arrears is thus reduced to £5,348 6s. 8d., Currency.

R. D. GEORGE.

March 7, 1844.

Return

Return of the quantity of Coal raised, sold, and exported, at Her Majesty's Coal Mines in Sydney, in the Island of Cape Breton, in the year ending 31st Dec. 1843.

	Total quantity of Coal raised and sold in Chaldrons, Newcastle measure.				Number of Chaldrons sold for Home Consumption.				Number of Chaldrons exported to the United States.				Number of Chaldrons exported to the neighbouring Colonies, &c.			
	Large Coal.		Siftings or Slack.		Large Coal.		Siftings or Slack.		Large Coal.		Siftings or Slack.		Large Coal.		Siftings or Slack.	
	Chals.	Bush.	Chals.	Bush.	Chals.	Bush.	Chals.	Bush.	Chals.	Bush.	Chals.	Bush.	Chals.	Bush.	Chals.	Bush.
Newcastle measure.	23422	27	839	13½	9813	27	454	13½	6561		223		7048		162	

I do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct account of the Coal shipped from the Sydney Mines in the year 1843, as charged in the Books at this Office.

(Signed) **ROBT. BRIDGE,**
Accountant.

Sydney Mines, Cape-Breton, 1st January, 1844.

Sworn to, before me,
(Signed) **CHARLES BARRINGTON, J. P.** }

Return of the quantity of Coal raised, sold, and exported, at Her Majesty's Coal Mines at Little Bras d'Or, in the Island of Cape-Breton, in the year ending 31st December, 1843.

	Total quantity of Coals raised and sold in Chaldrons, Newcastle Measure.				Number of Chaldrons sold for Home Consumption.				Number of Chaldrons exported to the United States.				Number of Chaldrons exported to the neighbouring Colonies, &c.			
	Large Coal.		Siftings or Slack.		Large Coal.		Siftings or Slack.		Large Coal.		Siftings or Slack.		Large Coal.		Siftings or Slack.	
	Chals.	Bush.	Chals.	Bush.	Chals.	Bush.	Chals.	Bush.	Chals.	Bush.	Chals.	Bush.	Chals.	Bush.	Chals.	Bush.
Newcastle Measure.	35	10	19	16½	11	28	19	16½					23	18		

I do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct account of the Coal shipped from the Little Bras d'Or Mines in the year 1843, as charged in the Books at this Office.

(Signed) **ROBT. BRIDGE,**
Accountant.

Sydney Mines, Cape-Breton, 1st January, 1844.

Sworn to, before me,
(Signed) **CHARLES BARRINGTON, J. P.** }

Return of the quantity of Coal raised, sold, and exported, at Her Majesty's Albion Coal Mines, in the County of Pictou, in the year ending 31st December, 1843.

	Total quantity raised and sold in Chaldrons, Newcastle Measure.				Number of Chaldrons sold for Home Consumption.				Number of Chaldrons exported to the United States.				Number of Chaldrons exported to the neighbouring Colonies.			
	Largo Coal.		Siftings or Slack Coal.		Largo Coal.		Siftings or Slack Coal.		Largo Coal.		Siftings or Slack Coal.		Largo Coal.		Siftings or Slack Coal.	
	Chals.	Bush.	Chals.	Bush.	Chals.	Bush.	Chals.	Bush.	Chals.	Bush.	Chals.	Bush.	Chals.	Bush.	Chals.	Bush.
Year 1843.	10093	21	2224		1287	21	836		7905		678		901		710	

(Signed)

HENRY POOLE.
D. A. DICKSON,
Accountant.

Sworn to, at the Albion Mines, this 4th January, 1844.

Before me,

(Signed) N. McKAY, J. P.

Abstract of the Accounts of the Commissioner of Crown Lands for Nova-Scotia proper, 1843.

No. of Applicants.	Acres granted.	Gross proceeds, Cy.
49	4235	£583 3 2½
Received on account of Sales, preceding years,		75 11 5
Amount of Receipts in 1843,		£658 14 8
	Deductions.	
For Surveying,		£140 14 9
For Advertising,		13 19 0
	Nett proceeds,	£504 9 11
	Payments.	
Commissioners Salary, five-sixths net proceeds,		£420 8 3
Clerk and Contingent expences, one-sixth of Ditto,		84 1 8
		£504 9 11

APPENDIX No. 25.

(See Page 24.)

COPY.

Government House, Halifax, January 1st, 1843.

MY LORD,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, the copy of a Memorial from Mr. Cunard, on behalf of the General Mining Association.

I have submitted this Memorial to the Executive Council, the Members of which are, with

with myself, unanimously of opinion, that if your Lordships shall have already decided on offering to cede the Casual and Territorial Revenues of the Crown to the House of Assembly on the terms proposed in my Despatch, No. 123, date 2nd December, 1842, it will be expedient that the consideration of Mr. Cunard's application should be deferred until after the termination of the negotiation.

The next Packet will probably make me acquainted with your Lordship's intentions as regards this matter.

It must be borne in mind that unless the question of the Civil List be satisfactorily settled, it will shortly be necessary to apply to the Provincial Legislature to pay the arrears of Salaries due to the Public Officers of the Colony, as it has been found that the Crown Revenues for the year just ended have not been sufficient in amount to meet the charges upon them, and the statements contained in the enclosed memorial make it apparent, that there is but little likelihood of their becoming more productive.

Should your Lordship authorize me to communicate with the Assembly on this subject, it will be but fair that the House should be informed of the condition and prospects of the Mining Association; I shall therefore submit to the Legislature a copy of their Memorial, with regard to which I will at present merely observe, that the facts therein set forth would probably induce a private individual, standing in the situation of the Government, to meet, as far as possible, the views of the Association, since whether the sum now paid on account of royalty be diminished or not, the annual income derived from the Mines will certainly be reduced to the amount of the fixed rent, the only difference being, that if the abatement solicited be refused, no probability will exist of any augmentation taking place for a considerable length of time; whereas the Association entertain the hope (in which, since the passing of the American Tariff now in operation, I confess I do not by any means participate), that were the indulgence they seek accorded to them, it would enable them to compete with American Coal in the markets of the United States.

Should my endeavours to effect a satisfactory arrangement with the Assembly turn out unsuccessful, which, however, I do not anticipate, or should you deem it inadvisable for me to make such an attempt, it will then rest with your Lordship to determine the course to be pursued, both as to the extent of the relief to be granted to the Association, and the manner in which it shall be afforded.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

COPY.

Halifax, N. S., 22nd December, 1842.

MY LORD,

I have, as Agent of the General Mining Association, to bring under your Lordship's notice, the great decrease which has taken place in the Shipments of Coal made from the Mines of the Province this year compared with those of last year, and I beg to call your Lordship's particular attention to the causes which have produced the decrease and to state my conviction of the positive certainty which at present exists, that our trade with the United States will be entirely destroyed, and the Coals of this Province excluded from that market, unless we can by a reduction in the cost of the Coal, counteract the heavy duties which we have to contend against.

Your Lordship is aware that the Government of the United States have lately imposed a Duty of one dollar and seventy five cents per Ton, or two dollars and twenty cents per Chaldron upon all Coal imported into the United States. This duty alone (imposed for the purpose of protecting the Mines of Pennsylvania and Virginia,) would have been almost prohibitory, but in addition to this, the Mines in Pennsylvania have been able to effect a very great reduction in the cost of their Coals, by the completion of the Reading Rail Road, by which means they can afford to sell their Coals this year at one dollar and fifty cents per Ton less than last year, and they have now completed a Rail Road from Cumberland to Baltimore which will tend to reduce the price of Coals still further.

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The duty upon Coals imported into the United States this year, until the month of July, when the new Tariff came into operation, was a little more than one dollar per Chaldron, but by the new Tariff, the duty levied is very nearly two dollars and one quarter per Winchester Chaldron. Your Lordship will at once see the effect which this additional duty had upon the importation of Pictou Coal into the United States, when I inform you that twenty one thousand and seventy six Chaldrons were shipped from the Pictou Mines in the months of May, June, and July, and only eight thousand four hundred and four Chaldrons since that period.

Mr. E. Cunard has just returned from a visit to the principal Cities and Manufacturing Districts of the United States, and has in every instance been informed, by the Manufacturing Companies, who have been the principal consumers of our Coal, that they will be forced, in consequence of the enormous duty which they have to pay on the importation of Coal from Nova Scotia, and the low price at which Anthracite Coal is now offered to them, to make use of the latter instead of Pictou Coal, unless we can afford to sell the Coal at a much less price than we have hitherto done.

It is necessary before changing from the consumption of Bituminous to Anthracite Coal, to make an alteration in the construction of the Furnaces, and I cannot conceal from Your Lordship the hopelessness of inducing manufacturers to return to the consumption of Bituminous Coal after they have once adapted their Furnaces for the use of the Anthracite.

The Establishments at the Mines have been reduced to the lowest possible point, consistent with any degree of effectiveness, and the strictest economy prevails in every branch of the service. The price of the Coals put on board of the vessel, at the Mines, free of all charge to the purchaser, is at present eighteen shillings currency per chaldron, equivalent to about nine shillings and six pence sterling per ton.

This price has left no profit to the Association for the large capital embarked in the working of the Mines, on which no interest or return has ever yet been paid; but it is quite evident that a great reduction must still be made in the price of the Coal to enable the Association to compete, in the United States market, with American Coal, protected by a heavy duty, by the freight from Nova Scotia, and by the strong feeling which exists to encourage the productions of their own country in preference to those of Great Britain, or her Colonies. I have given my best attention to the only means of effecting this reduction, and am now preparing a reduced scale of Wages, which I will endeavor to arrange with the Colliers, although your Lordship is well aware of the difficulty which attends a measure of this nature.

After effecting a reduction of the Colliers' wages, it only remains for me to bring again under your Lordship's consideration, the absolute necessity of assistance from the Government by a modification of the Royalty.

I need not call your Lordship's attention to the great benefits which the Province has derived from the vast expenditure which the General Mining Association have incurred, or repeat the many arguments which were made use of on former applications to your Lordship and to Lord John Russell and Lord Stanley.

It is not, at the present moment, of any importance whether the large expenditure incurred by the Association was injudicious (as has been imputed) or not. Few undertakings of a similar magnitude, even in England, have been accomplished within the estimated expense. The difficulties with which the Association had to contend, and the expenses to which they were subject in opening Mines in a new Country, with the season for active operations limited to the short period of six or seven months, are totally unknown in England. Their works are now, and have been for some time, carried on upon the most economical scale, and after having continued their operations without the smallest return for a period of sixteen years, in the hope of obtaining an increased trade with the United States, they now find themselves, after an enormous outlay in the construction of Rail Roads to increase the facilities of shipment, and with Mines, in a state capable of supplying an almost unlimited quantity of Coal, threatened with a total destruction of their Foreign Trade, and with every prospect of the consumption being narrowed to the trifling supply of the Province. I have therefore, earnestly to entreat your Lordship

to take the subject into consideration, and I beg to request that your Lordship will be pleased to report to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies the unfavourable position, and the still more discouraging prospects which await the Trade of the Mines, with a request that a very great modification may be made in the amount of Royalty now paid. Without this aid the Association will be compelled to close the Pictou Mines, and to dismiss the Colliers, and others employed there, as the Sydney Mines alone can furnish twice the quantity which will be required by the Province for many years. The Association would resort to this ultimate measure with great reluctance, as it would involve the loss of all their expensive Engines and Machinery, but they will have no alternative left, if the Government refuse to grant them the assistance prayed for. No one can be better aware than your Lordship of the injury which would result from such a step to the general trade and revenue of the Province.

The fixed annual rent of £3000 sterling, for the privilege of raising 20,000 Newcastle Chaldrons, equivalent to a duty of 3s. sterling per Newcastle Chaldron, is a much larger duty than the Association, under existing circumstances, can continue to pay. As they are however aware that this amount has been appropriated by the Government for specific purposes, and it may be inconvenient to Government to reduce it, or interfere with its regular payment, the Association would be willing to pay the amount annually, but would pray that your Lordship would be pleased to recommend that the number of Chaldrons which may be disposed of on the payment of this sum be extended from 20,000 to 50,000 Newcastle Chaldrons; upon any excess shipped beyond that quantity, the present Royalty of 2s. currency per Newcastle Chaldron be continued.

Should the Government be pleased to accede to this proposition, the Association may be enabled to offer Coals to the manufacturers and consumers in the United States at such a price as to induce them to continue their use, and, I hope, to introduce them also into new markets abroad.

If, however, the Government decline complying with this Petition, all Foreign Trade will be totally destroyed, the Association confined to the trifling supply of the Provinces, and the Revenue limited to the fixed rent of £3000 sterling.

I inclose for your Lordship's information, a statement extracted from the Returns in the Miners' Journal, shewing the immense increase which has taken place in the production and consumption of Anthracite Coal.

In the year 1820 there were only 365 tons of Anthracite Coal sent to market in the United States. In the year 1840 the consumption was estimated at one million of tons; and in the present year the quantity is estimated at nearly one million and a quarter.

The Shipments from Nova Scotia in the year 1841, to the United States, were 51,690 Winchester Chaldrons; this year the shipments will be about 33,000 Winchester Chaldrons, a decrease of 18,000 Chaldrons, and since the operation of the new Tariff the shipments have nearly ceased.

I think your Lordship will do me the justice to believe I have not made this application without a pressing necessity. From the knowledge which your Lordship possesses of the subject, and the interest which you have always evinced in the welfare of the Province, which is so intimately connected with the prosperity of the Mines, I am induced to hope that your Lordship will be pleased to recommend Her Majesty's Government to grant the assistance prayed for.

As we must now either enter into new agreements with the Colliers, or dismiss them, and also endeavour to make arrangements for the supply of the manufacturers in the United States for the next Season, I take the liberty of begging that your Lordship will be pleased to request an early reply to this communication.

The increased demand for Coal, for Iron Works, Steam Boats, &c., will probably create a market in the next five years for Two Millions Tons.

I have &c.

(Signed)

S. CUNARD.

Anthracite Coal Trade of the United States.

A TABLE Exhibiting the quantity of Anthracite Coal sent to Market from the different Regions, from the commencement of the Trade, in 1820, to 1841—together with the annual increase and consumption, as derived from the Mines' Journal.

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Years.	Schuyl Kill.	Meach Chunk.	Beaver Meadow.	Hazle Ton.	Pail Grove.	Lachawanna.	Aggregate.	Annual Increase.	Consumption.
1820		Tons. 365					365		
1821		1073					1073	608	
1822		2240					2240	1167	
1823		5823					5823	3583	
1824		9541					9541	3718	
1825	5306	28393					33699	23852	
1826	16836	31280					48115	11644	
1827	29493	32074					61567	13618	
1828	47181	30232					77413	15730	
1829	78293	25110				7000	110403	27688	
1830	89984	41730				43000	174734	85917	
1831	81854	40966				54000	176820	2086	177000
1832	209271	75000				84600	368871	192051	318000
1833	250588	123000				111777	485365	116494	425000
1834	226692	106244				43700	376636	de.	456000
1835	335685	131250				90000	556835	180199	556000
1836	443754	146502				106000	606526	139699	635000
1837	535250	192595	33617		18000	115387	874539	178013	680000
1838	434684	152699	44966	16321	13000	76321	723836	de.	780000
1839	442608	140651	38429	34065	20639	122300	817659	61717	867000
1840	452291	102164	43619	50866	23860	148470	865414	47775	
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From the Sugar Loaf there were sent in 1839, 7,350; in 1840, 29,039. Total—36,389. From Shamokin, in 1839, 11,930; in 1840, 15,505. Total 27,435.

The above Table includes the shipments from all the Anthracite regions in the State, except the Wilkesbane Basin, from which we have no returns. This supply, however, does not affect the Atlantic Market, as the whole quantity, which in 1837, was 17,492 tons, is consumed in the interior. The new impetus given to the Coal Trade by the erection of Anthracite Iron Works on the Susquehanna, will greatly increase the supplies from the Wilkesbane region hereafter.

The consumption of Anthracite Coal in 1830, in the United States, was only about 150,000 tons; in 1840, taking the quantity consumed in the Coal Regions into consideration, we can date the consumption 1,000,000 tons.

Extracted from the Mines Journal, United States.

COPY.

No. 103.

Downing Street, 18th February, 1843.

MY LORD,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch of the 1st January, No. 128, in which you inclose amemorial from Mr. Cunard, renewing the application of the
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General Mining Association for some relaxation of their engagement with Her Majesty's Government in respect to the Royalty required to be paid on the Coal raised in their Mines in Nova Scotia, and I have to transmit to your Lordship, for your information, a copy of the correspondence which has passed on the subject, between this Office and the Treasury, from which you will learn that the Lords Commissioners have consented to relieve the Company from the payment for the next year of the Royalty chargeable on Coal raised by them to the extent of 20,000 Chaldrons, Newcastle Measure, beyond the amount covered by their present rent.

I have, &c.,
(Signed)

STANLEY.

VISCOUNT FAULKLAND, &c. &c.

COPY.

Downing Street, 16th January, 1843.

SIR,

I am directed by Lord Stanley to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. communicating the decision of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury upon the recent application of the General Mining Association for a reduction in the amount of the rent and Royalty which they are required to pay to the Crown upon the Coal raised in their Mines in Nova Scotia, and I have to transmit to you the copy of a letter from the Association containing a further representation of their inability to work the Mines upon the terms of the existing Lease, and to request that you would submit this letter to the consideration of the Lords of the Treasury, and inform their Lordships that Lord Stanley will suspend the communication of his answer to the former application of the Company until he shall be apprised whether their Lordships desire to modify the decision conveyed in your letter of the 5th instant.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. STEPHEN.

C. E. TREVELYAN, Esquire.

[Immediate.]

Treasury Chambers, 8th February, 1843.

SIR,

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, having had under consideration your letters of the 16th and 30th ultimo, relating to the engagements entered into with the Crown by the General Mining Association of Nova Scotia as to Rent and Royalty on Coal raised by them, I am to request you will state to Lord Stanley that their Lordships see no reason on account of a temporary difficulty occasioned by the altered Tariff of the United States, which has been counteracted to a certain extent by the recent increase of Coal export duty in England, to make a permanent reduction of the amounts paid by the Company, or to alter the principle on which the payment is regulated.

Their Lordships, however, see no objection to forbearing to demand for the next year, the amount of royalty chargeable on Coal raised to the extent of 20,000 chaldrons, Newcastle measure, above that covered by the rent. But the parties must be cautioned that this is only a temporary reduction, arising out of the peculiar circumstances of the present year, and is not to be considered as abrogating the provisions of their agreement nor to be renewed unless under circumstances which their Lordships do not now anticipate.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

C. E. TREVELYAN.

J. STEPHEN, Esquire.

Downing

Downing Street, 30th January, 1843.

SIR,

With reference to my letter of the 16th instant, and to the previous correspondence which has passed relating to the application of the General Mining Association of Nova Scotia, for a reduction of the Rent and Royalty paid to the Crown upon the Coal raised in their Mines, I am directed by Lord Stanley to transmit to you the copy of a Despatch from Viscount Falkland, enclosing a further representation by Mr. S. Cunard, of the inability of the Association to work the Mines under their present engagements to Her Majesty's Government, and with the disadvantage of the high duty imposed by the American Tariff on Foreign Coal, and I am to request that you would communicate this representation to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, and move their Lordships to give it their immediate attention, and favour Lord Stanley with their decision upon it in time to enable His Lordship to answer Lord Falkland's Despatch by the North American Mail of the 3d proximo.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. STEPHEN.

C. E. TRAVETILAN, Esquire.

COPY.

No. 108.

Downing Street, 3d March, 1843.

MY LORD,

With reference to my Despatch of the 18th ultimo, I inclose for your Lordship's information, the accompanying copy of a letter which has been received from the Chairman of the General Mining Association in reply to the communication made to him by my direction on the subject of the relief which has been conceded to the Association, in respect of the Royalty to be paid on the Coal raised by them in Nova Scotia during the present year.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

VISCOUNT FALKLAND, &c. &c.

*General Mining Association,
52, Old Broad Street, 25th February, 1843. }*

SIR,

I have had the honour of receiving your letter of the 23d instant, transmitting for the information of the General Mining Association, the copy of a letter from the Assistant Secretary to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, conveying their Lordships decision to remit, but for the present year only, the Royalty payable by the Association on the Coal raised from the Mines leased to them in Nova Scotia to the extent of 20,000 chaldrons, Newcastle measure, beyond the quantity covered by the rent paid by the Association.

Having laid your letter before the Board of Directors, I have been requested to beg that you will express to Lord Stanley their best thanks for the relief thus afforded, but at the same time to observe that it is a very inadequate reduction from the heavy payment to the Crown, and the Directors confidently trust, that if, when the result of the present year's operations shall be ascertained, it shall be seen that the reductions made in the selling price at the Mines, consequent upon the modification in the charge of Royalty now granted, and the allowances made to parties in the United States to induce them to become purchasers, have resulted in an increased sale, Lord Stanley will be willing on a fair exposition of these facts, to recommend the continuance for a longer period of the reduction in the Royalty allowed for the present year only.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

ROBERT MOSER, *Chairman.*

G. W. HOPE, Esquire.

Downing

COPY.

Downing Street, 31st January, 1844.

MY LORD,

I have received your Lordship's Despatch of the 17th December, No. 199, enclosing a Letter addressed to yourself by the Agent of the General Mining Association, requesting that the yearly rent, payable under the Company's lease, might be remitted.

In deference to your Lordship's opinion, I declined to recommend this request to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury for their sanction. But, on the 5th instant, I received from the Association a Letter, of which I enclose a copy, soliciting permission to raise and sell annually, fifty thousand Newcastle chaldrons of Coal, instead of 20,000, on account of the rent payable by them, and without the exaction of any Royalty in respect of this increased produce. To this proposal there appears to be no valid objection, provided that the proposed concession should not continue in force for more than some definite period, varying from a minimum of five, to a maximum of ten years. But, although such is the opinion which, in concurrence with the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, I have adopted on this subject, I have not thought it right that any steps should be taken, or assurance given, on the subject, binding in any degree on Her Majesty's Government, until your Lordship shall have first maturely weighed the proposal. Should you think it unobjectionable, you will consider and report to me, what should be the corresponding modification of the terms of the Lease; and it will be in your power at once to apprise the Company's Agent in the Province, that such a change in the terms of the arrangement is to take effect. If, on the other hand, your Lordship should see good reason to dissuade the adoption of this course, you will inform the Agent that such is the conclusion which you are about to report to me; and that in the mean time the question must remain on its present footing.

The Company in this Country have been informed of the discretionary power thus vested in your Lordship, to give, or to decline giving, effect to the views of Her Majesty's Government on this subject.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Lieutenant-Governor the VISCOUNT FALKLAND, &c. &c. &c.

COPY.

No. 218.

Government House, Halifax, 2nd March, 1844.

MY LORD,

In your Lordship's Despatch, No. 152, of the 31st January, my opinion is requested as to the expediency of acceding to the application of the General Mining Association, for permission to raise and sell, annually, 50,000 Newcastle chaldrons of Coal, instead of 20,000, on account of the rent payable by them, and without the exaction of any Royalty in respect of this increased produce.

I have accordingly maturely weighed this proposal, and it is with much regret I find that I cannot recommend its adoption; first, because a compliance with it would certainly embarrass, and probably prevent, the adjustment of the Civil List question, which, in connexion with the conditional surrender of the Casual and Territorial Revenues of the Crown, I am about to bring under the consideration of the Provincial Parliament; and, secondly, because the indulgence extended to the Association last year, by the remission, as an experiment for one year only, of the Royalty payable on Coal raised by them in Nova Scotia, to the extent of 20,000 chaldrons, Newcastle measure, beyond the quantity covered by the rent, has not been productive of the anticipated results, namely, increased sales of Coal, and an improved Revenue; the former having been considerably less than those in the preceding year—while the latter did not exceed the amount of the fixed annual rent.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

The Right Honorable the Lord STANLEY, &c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX No. 26.

(See Page 25.)

EXTRACT OF A DESPATCH TO LORD STANLEY FROM LORD FALKLAND, DATED,

Government House, Halifax, 2d December, 1842.

I have had the honour to receive your Despatch No. 79, date 22d October, 1842, and having a second time consulted the Executive Council of Nova Scotia as to the probability of a proposition having for its object the granting to Her Majesty a permanent Civil List in exchange for the Casual and Territorial Revenues of the Crown being accepted by the Legislature, I am assured by those members of the Council who have seats in the House of Assembly, that they believe it likely that a proposal which I have submitted to them, a copy of which I herewith transmit for your Lordship's consideration, would be carried without much difficulty, and they express themselves desirous of making the attempt.

On referring to column No. 1, in the inclosed paper, your Lordship will see the amount of Salary now received by each of the Provincial functionaries. In columns 2 and 3 will be found respectively the portions of such salaries now drawn for the Casual Revenue and Provincial Treasury.

In column 4, the scale of Salaries proposed by Lord Glenelg, in which no charge appears, on account of the Judges, as their fees had not then been commuted for the sums now received by them from the Crown Revenues.

In 5, the portion of each of those Salaries which would under that proposal have been drawn from the Provincial Treasury. The Total of these sums constituting, in fact, the amount which would have been paid in exchange for the Casual and Territorial Revenue.

In 6, the proposition of 1840, so nearly agreed to in both branches of the Provincial Legislature.

In 7, the several sums thereby offered to be paid in exchange for the Revenue and their total amount.

In 8, my proposition.

In 9, the sums demanded according to it in lieu of Crown Revenues.

On looking to columns 4, 7, and 9, you will at once perceive where and in what degree I have modified the offer of Lord Glenelg, or dissented from the views of the Colonial Legislature, and I will now proceed to discuss the various points of difference successively, merely repeating, what I have formerly stated, that I regard the stipulation that the Salaries of none of the present holders of office shall be interfered with as indispensable, more especially so because as the cession of the Territorial Revenues of the Crown to the Assembly will probably be followed by a total change of system in the management of the waste Lands of the Province, the two gentlemen now at the head of that Department Messrs. Morris and Crawley, the former of whom is Commissioner of Crown Lands as well as Surveyor General, might (unless some such condition were insisted on) be deprived of their incomes without compensation.

The first item in the list is the Salary of the Lieutenant Governor, and as no alteration in the amount of that Salary is contemplated during my own tenure of office, I feel myself relieved from all embarrassment in stating my opinion on a subject of personal importance to my successors, premising that while the society of Halifax has been gradually increasing and the expense of the Governor becoming greater in consequence, the amount of the Salary to enable him to meet those expences has been diminished.

From the termination of the Government of Sir John Wentworth, who retired from the administration of affairs in 1808, up to the year 1841, the Lieutenant Governors of Nova Scotia have been Military men, who in addition to £3,000, the Salary then attached to the Civil office of Lieutenant Governor, have enjoyed the pay and allowances of the officer commanding the Troops, which up to the time of Sir James Kempt amounted to about £3000 yearly, making altogether about £6,000 per annum. During Sir James Kempt's administration the allowance of £1,000 a year as Governor of Annapolis Royal was dis-

continued

continued, and the emoluments of a Military Governor consequently reduced by that amount.

My immediate predecessor, who combined the two offices, received notwithstanding, £1825 10s. 3d. annually for the Military Chest, as the inclosed return will show (see paper No. 2) was allowed two Aides de Camp and a Military Secretary, and enjoyed in his Military capacity various other advantages to which a Civil Governor is not entitled.

On my appointment as Lieutenant Governor, Lord John Russell considering £3,000 to be inadequate to the maintenance of the dignity of the office, raised the Salary attached to it to £3,500. Sir Colin Campbell however considered even that amount so unequal to the expences which he knew my position would necessarily entail, that I am aware, he, of his own accord, and totally uninstigated by me, represented the case to Mr Vernon Smith (at that time one of the under Secretaries of State) and begged he would bring it under the notice of Lord John Russell.

I have found Sir Colin Campbell to be right in his conjecture, as I have never yet been able to make my official income cover my expences.

The residence of the Lieutenant Governor is a large one, and requires a certain establishment merely to keep it in order, while its size necessitates a great consumption of Fuel, during the long and severe winter. If therefore my Successor is to depend on his Salary as Lieutenant Governor, and that Salary is to be reduced, common prudence will dictate that he should not inhabit the Government House, and I therefore cannot recommend that the emoluments of an officer certainly not now overpaid, and filling a situation the discharge of the duties of which is accompanied by both anxiety and labour should be any further decreased.

Lord John Russell at my request allowed me an Aide de Camp or private Secretary, whichever I might choose, to be paid by the Province, and for some time after my assumption of the government I had both, the Secretary being remunerated from my private resources, and my Aide de Camp receiving the usual amount of the pay and allowances of an Aide de Camp viz: £291 11s. 10d.

On finding at the end of my first year of office that my expences exceeded the income attached to it, I dispensed with my Aide de Camp, and since that time my private Secretary has been paid at the rate of £250 per annum (being what I had previously paid him) under the authority of Lord John Russell, Despatch No. 3, date 5th September 1840. I think £250 is as little as can be given to a gentleman qualified to fill a post necessarily extremely confidential, and it would in my opinion be inexpedient that a Civil Governor who has no Aide de Camp or Military Secretary, should be without some individual, on whom he can rely, and whom he can employ as a medium of communication with a number of persons by whom he is addressed on topics of various kinds which do not come within the range of duties of the Secretary of the Province whose Salary is next to be considered.

The sum of £560 offered by the House of Assembly in 1840, and which I have affixed to the office in my Schedule, is certainly too small if that officer is to be brought from England, as it would be difficult to find persons adequately qualified by ability and position in society, who would be willing to quit their country, perhaps for ever, for a permanent situation of so small an amount, but, taking for granted that which appears to be the natural result of the present system, (the Governor having his Private Secretary,) that the Provincial Secretary is to be a Nova Scotian, there would seem no reason why the Provincial Secretary should be more highly paid than one of the Puisne Judges of the Supreme Court.

The incomes proposed for the future Chief Justice and Puisne Judges may be deemed small by your Lordship, and I confess they appear so to me, these sums are, however, certainly looked upon in this country as a fair remuneration for the performance of the duties of either Chief Justice or Puisne Judges, and at present command the services of the first men at the Bar. So long as this is the case there is no apparent necessity why they should be increased, and when they cease to do so, the discontent of the constituency keenly alive to any defects in the administration of Justice, will speedily induce the House of Assembly to remedy the evil.

I conceive that the Attorney General would be well paid with £500 a year, and agree with the House of Assembly that the Solicitor General should not receive less than £150.

The £200 allowed to the Lieutenant Governor for contingencies, should not be taken away, as his yearly subscription to public charities and other institutions, fully equal that sum. The clerk of the Crown and Miss Cox's pension being provided for, I think all the other items in the list may be safely left to the annual vote of the House of Assembly.

From the concluding paragraph of your Lordship's Despatch, No. 79, date 22d October, I am led to infer that you believe all agitation on the Civil List question to have ceased in Nova Scotia, and are apprehensive that any action taken by the Government in regard to it might revive those feelings of irritation which the discussion of it formerly induced.

"I assure your Lordship that agitation on this subject never has ceased, nor has the local Government the power to prevent its being frequently mooted in the elective Branch of the Legislature, and that at very inconvenient seasons, hence my desire, and the anxiety of the members of the Executive Council, that it should be finally determined.

"Should your Lordship decide on allowing me to exercise my discretion on this matter, I shall endeavour, by every means in my power, to ascertain the reception my proposition will be likely to meet with before submitting it to the Provincial Legislature.

"The conviction entertained by the leaders of both Houses, members of the Executive Council, that a measure introduced by the government with a view to bring about a satisfactory arrangement would probably be successful, forms the ground on which I now anticipate a favourable issue to my attempt."

Statement

Downing Street, 26th January, 1843.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships dispatch of 2d December, No. 123, in which you explain, in detail, your views respecting the proposition for exchanging the Crown Revenues in Nova Scotia for a Civil List, and request to be allowed a discretionary power of communicating with the House of Assembly on the subject.

I beg to assure your Lordship that I have renewed the consideration of the proposal with a sincere wish to contribute to the adjustment of a question, which you describe as still agitating the Province. But after the most ample consideration that I can give to the subject, I am of opinion that in order to effect a satisfactory arrangement it will be not advisable to make any offer to the Assembly on the part of the Crown. If the Legislature shall make an offer, Her Majesty's Government will be ready to consider it, but, in that case, the offer should be of a round sum to provide for all the charges now on the Casual Revenue, and I think that including the permanent grants, £9000 is a fair amount to take. With these views, it appears to me that it will be most advisable, that your Lordship should not send any message to the House of Assembly on the subject.

I have the honor,

(Signed)

STANLEY.

To Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

EXTRACT OF A DESPATCH, DATED 9TH MAY, 1843, FROM VISCOUNT FALKLAND TO LORD STANLEY.

"I had the honor to receive, by the Packet which left England on the 4th February, your Lordships Despatch, No. 97, date 26th January, and I learned, with much regret the conclusion at which you had arrived with respect to the inexpediency of my sending a Message to the House of Assembly on the subject of a Civil List as well as the opinion that you entertain with regard to the amount of the sum which ought to be granted to Her Majesty in exchange for the Casual and Territorial Revenues of the Crown in Nova Scotia.

"Had time allowed I should have addressed your Lordship again on this topic, but as it was impossible for any letter to reach you soon enough to admit of your replying to it before the termination of the Session of the Legislature then in progress, no course remained to me but to obey, without further reference, your Lordship's instructions. I accordingly apprised the Members of the Local Government that it was not my intention to submit to Parliament any proposition relating to the Casual and Territorial Revenue, and directed the Solicitor General, should the matter be adverted to in debate, (as it shortly afterwards was) to explain your Lordship's views to the House.

"The knowledge of your sentiments, I am sorry to say, was productive of no good result. I had not indeed ventured to anticipate that it would have led to any step of a satisfactory nature on the part of the Representative branch, because when Lord Glenelg, in a Despatch, dated 31st October, 1837, No. 101, addressed to Sir Colin Campbell, offered to surrender the Crown Revenues for a round sum of £8,000, Sterling, including the permanent grants already obtained, and being £4,560, in addition to them (the increase in the Master of the Rolls Salary, not then being made,) which is £4,440 less than your Lordship requires, if the £9,000 is intended in addition to the permanent appropriations, otherwise it would be £40 more, leaving, however, £2,337 15s. 11d. to be provided for annually by the Assembly. Mr. James B. Uniacke, the present Solicitor General, was the only member who, after a long debate, voted for the grant, even the gentleman who seconded the motion voting against it.

"Public opinion on this subject has undergone no material change since 1838, and I should therefore have thought myself extremely fortunate had the proposal which I wished to make to the Legislature been acceded to, as I conceive it would have been (modified perhaps in a very slight degree) had it met with your Lordship's concurrence.

"I infer from your Lordship's communication that one of your objections to my scheme is that it involves the consideration by the Legislature of the Salaries of the several Public Officers of the Colony, and that you would prefer a grant of a round sum, the distribution of which should be left to be regulated by the Imperial Government.

"I very much lament the invincible disinclination of the Provincial Parliament to act in conformity with your Lordship's judgment in this particular, but I am convinced that the House of Assembly will never grant money in exchange for the Crown Revenues to be applied to the payment of the Salaries of the Government Officers, without its being made quite apparent that the whole sum asked for is indispensably necessary, according to their views, to the carrying on of the Government, and that they will not be satisfied on this head without knowing the several items to the discharge of which the aggregate is to be appropriated.

"Acting under this impression, and in accordance with the advice of the Executive Council, as likewise with the course adopted by my predecessors in their attempts to settle this embarrassing question, I drew up the best Scale of Salaries I was able to devise, in order that it might with your Lordships sanction be laid before the Local Legislature."

Downing Street, 4th September, 1843.

MY LORD,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your two Despatches of the 3rd and 18th ultimo, No. 179 and 180, reporting the increasing deficiency in the Casual and Territorial Revenue of the Crown in Nova Scotia. I regret to find that this Revenue continues, so much below the charges of the Public Service, which are placed upon it; but I see no reason from anything which your Lordship has stated in those Despatches to change the views expressed on this subject in my private letters, dated 31st July and 22nd August. Nor can I consent to apply to Parliament to pay the arrears due on account of the Public Service of the Province of Nova Scotia.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

To VISCOUNT FALKLAND, &c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX No. 27.

(See Page 25.)

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 31st December last have been received—balance in hands to that date £463 14 8

COLLECTORS OF IMPOST AND EXCISE.

HALIFAX.

His Accounts received to 31st December last.
 Amount of Bonds £29173 17 9
 Balance due 662 9 3 29836 7 0

LUNENBURG.

His Accounts received. Balance Bonds in hand per statement furnished 1173 19 9

LIVERPOOL.

His Accounts received. Balance Bonds in hand per statement 283 18 6
 Shelburne

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SHELBURNE.		
His Accounts received.	Balance Bonds in hands per statement	£117 5 5
BARRINGTON.		
His Account received.	Balance due	0 5 7
ARGYLE.		
His Account received.	Paid in full	0 0 0
YARMOUTH.		
His Account received.	Balance Bonds in hand per statement	279 16 0
WEYMOUTH.		
His Account received.	Balance Bonds in hand per statement	28 8 2
BRIER ISLAND.		
His Account received.	Paid.	0 0 0
DIGBY.		
His Account received.	Balance due	280 11 6
	The greater part of this balance remains over from last year, and the Committee think ought to be paid up. There is no return of Bonds since 1841.	
ANNAPOLIS.		
His Account received.	Paid in full	0 0 0
WILMOT.		
His Account received.	Paid in full	0 0 0
CORNWALLIS.		
His Account received.	Balance due.	2 17 0
WINDSOR.		
His Account received.	Balance Bonds in hand	141 2 9
	The Balance due from the former Collector, as reported last year, was Bonds in hand	£291 6 7
	Amount for which there appeared to be no Bonds or Sureties	582 1 7
		£873 8 2
	He handed over Bonds to the new Collector	£198 3 2
	He paid the Treasurer of the Province, 1843,	120 0 0
	Leaving yet due a balance of	555 5 0
	Against which balance he charges for expense of Revenue Boat, as reported last year,	£873 8 2
		£472 8 3
	The Committee are not aware that any settlement or arrangement has been entered into with this individual, but suggest the propriety of having his Account closed at once, and recommend, if necessary, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to appoint a Commission for that purpose.	

COLCHESTER.				
His Accounts received.	Bonds in hands		£44	1 1
AMHERST.				
His Account received.	Balance bonds in hands		70	15 1
PUGWASH AND WALLACE.				
His Account received.	Balance bonds in hands		74	9 0
TATAMAGOUCHE.				
His Account received.	No Return of Bonds. Balance		82	11 5½
PICTOU.				
His Account received.	Balance due from the Collector as reported last year, secured, he says, by a Judgement Confession, £1707 11 5			
Bonds in hands.	Sureties names not given,	511 17 6		
			2219	8 11
ANTIGONISH.				
His Account received.	Paid in full	0 0 0		
GUYSBOROUGH.				
His Account received.	Balance due, including an error of short cast of duty on 194 lbs. of Tobacco, 16s. 2d.		17	17 11
ARICHAT.				
His Account received.				
PORT HOOD.				
His Account received.	Collected, 1843, and paid	£8 2 8		
Balance due, as reported last year,			1	19 9
SYDNEY, C. B.				
His Account received.	Balance Bonds in hands		400	8 2
			£35560	1 3
Light Duty Collectors.				
HALIFAX.				
Collected, 1843, and paid in		£1336	8 6	
LUNENBURG.				
Collected, 1843, and paid in		42	16 5	
LIVERPOOL.				
Collected, 1843, and paid in		120	13 0	
SHELBURNE.				
Collected, 1843, and paid in		45	3 4	
BARRINGTON.				
No Account for 1841				
Collected, 1843, and paid in		48	7 3½	
YARMOUTH.				
Collected, 1843, and paid in		248	0 6	
Due Collector for error in casting 15s. 9d.				
ARCYLE.				
Collected, 1843, and paid in		30	0 0	
WEYMOUTH.				
Collected, 1843, and paid in		18	10 9	
BRIER ISLAND.				
Due, in 1842,	£15 0 0			
Collected, 1843,	32 16 2	—£38 16 2	Paid 26 2 6	12 13 8
		14		Digby

	DIGBY.				
Collected, 1843, and paid			£74	1	0
	ANNAPOLIS.				
Collected, 1843, and paid			15	14	6
	WILMOT.				
Collected, 1843, and paid			1	17	0
	CORNWALLIS.				
Collected, 1843, and paid			10	7	2½
	WINDSOR.				
Collected by the present Collector and paid			71	14	5
Balance due from former Collector, as reported last year,					£53 1 1
	PARSBORO'.				
Collected, 1843, and paid			12	9	0
	AMHERST.				
Collected, 1843, and paid			11	15	10½
	LONDONDERRY.				
Collected, 1843, and paid			5	0	0
	TATAMAGOUCHE.				
Collected, 1843, and paid			23	17	8
	PUGWASH.				
Collected, 1843,	£50	11	4	Paid	40 0 0
					10 11 4
	PICTOU.				
Collected, 1843, and paid			94	13	6
	ANTIGONISH.				
Collected, 1843, and paid			4	3	3
No Account or Remittance for 1842.					
	GUYSBOROUGH.				
Collected, 1842,	£9	3	2½		
Ditto 1843,	7	19	1½—£17	2	4
				Paid	17 2 4
	GUT OF CANSO.				
Balance due, 1842,	22	4	10		
Collected, 1843,	314	19	4—£337	4	2
				Paid	227 18 8
The Collector has not charged any Commission for collecting.					109 5 6
	LITTLE CANSO.				
Collected, 1843, and paid			54	9	0
	SYDNEY, C. B.				
Balance due in 1842			49	6	3
Collected, 1843, and paid			465	11	6
	ARICHAT.				
Collected, 1843, and paid			43	12	8
	PORT HOOD.				
Collected, 1843, and paid			11	16	1
Ditto			5	0	4
			£3156		12 3

The Commissioners of Light Houses.

Their Accounts to 31st December have been received.	Amount	5336 16 9
They received from the Provincial Treasurer	£4996 19 9	
Received from New Brunswick ½ expenses Seal Island 1842	190 13 2	
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They received from ditto for Brier Island	£100	0	0	
Received premium on two last named sums	7	5	4	
Received from A. Pedlar, error in account	7	0	0	
Received from sales of Casks &c.	34	18	6	
				£5336 16 9
Amount received for Light Duties by Collectors	3156	11	9	
Contribution of Canada, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island 1843,	1197	18	4	
				4354 10 1
Expense of Light Houses exceeds receipts from that service in 1843,				982 6 8
There is due from Canada towards support of St. Paul's and Scattarie Lights:				
Annual Contributions 1843	500	0	0	
Proportion surplus expense	103	10	4	
				603 10 4
New Brunswick for ditto:				
Balance, as reported last year	£690	9	9	
Annual Contribution 1843	250	0	0	
Proportion of surplus expense ditto	51	15	2	
Half expense Seal Island 1843	156	8	8	
Allowance for Brier Island	100	0	0	
				1248 13 7
Prince Edward Island:				
Due last year	£112	17	2	
Paid, Jan. 1844,	82	17	2	—Balance 30 0 0
Annual Contributions, 1843	30	0	0	
Proportion of surplus expenses	6	4	2	
				66 4 2
Due from Light Duty Collectors, exclusive of the balance against the former Collector at Windsor, and the balance of — Hadley's Account, Canso				23 5 0
				£1941 13 1

Custom House.

There has been paid in from that Department to 31st Dec. 1843	25468	6	7	
Premium on Dollars	872	3	9	
				26340 10 4

Annapolis Loan Office.

There has been paid to the Treasurer	£18	12	2
Leaving still due £16 13.			

Sable Island.

The Commissioners Accounts to 31st December last have been received. Balance in Treasurer's hands	1450	9	10
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Public Buildings.

By the Commissioners Account submitted, it appears there has been expended the past year :

On

On Government House	£303 14 1	
On Province House	130 1 4½	
Commissions	21 13 9	
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Funded Debt.

Balance of amounts funded in 1834, 35, and 36, at five per cent.	£2026 0 0	
Funded in 1836, at 4 per cent.	10000 0 0	
Do. in Savings' Bank, at 5 per cent.	20000 0 0	
Do. in do. at 4½ per cent.	7000 0 0	
	<hr/>	57026 0 0

Province Notes.

Amount in circulation 31st December, 1843	59864 10 0
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Loan to Poor Settlers.

Balance, as reported last year,	£2190 5 2
Paid into the Treasury 1843	74 8 0
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Due	£2115 17 2
There was due for the Book entitled "Marshall's Justice," per Report of Committee 1843	312 12 4
The Treasurer credits paid on this account 1843	168 12 0
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Leaving due	£144 0 4

PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA. Dr.

To this sum undrawn on account of Roads and Bridges, and other services, per Abstract	6406 7 9
Loan Certificates due sundry persons, including the amount funded in Savings' Bank	57026 0 0
Province Notes in circulation	59968 10 0
Due to Commissioners of Public Buildings	455 9 3
Annual vote to Sable Island	400 0 0
Due for Loan from Bank of British North America	8000 0 0
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	£132256 7 0

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By balance in the hands of the Treasurer		463 14 8
Balance in the Treasurer's hands on account of Sable Island		1454 9 10
Ditto ditto on account of of Passengers' Act		217 14 3
Due by Collectors of Light Duty		23 5 0
Balance due from late Collector of Excise, Halifax,		662 9 3
Amount of Bonds at Excise Office, Halifax, 31st Dec.	29173 17 9	
Balances due from, and Bonds in hands of, Out-port Collectors, 31st December, 1843	5723 14 3	
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	£34897 12 0	
Deduct probable Drawbacks	1892 12 0	
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		33000 0 0
		By

By due from Canada for support of Light Houses, 1843	£603	10	4	
From New Brunswick ditto, and for balance due last year	1248	13	7	
From Prince Edward Island for 1843, and remainder of last year's balance	66	4	2	
				£1918 8 1
Balance due on Loan to Poor Settlers				2115 17 2
Balance due for the Book entitled "Marshall's Justice"				144 0 4
Loan to Dalhousie College				5000 0 0
Loan to Annapolis County				16 13 0
	Balance	87243	15	5
				£132,256 7 0

The Committee have noticed, with much satisfaction, the more regular Returns of Accounts, and the more punctual remittance of monies, as well for former balances as for recent collections from the Out-port Collectors, both of Impost and Excise, and of Light Duty, than in former years, and especially of the latter; of the former there are yet some exceptions, which the Committee feel bound to notice, such as the omission of the Return of Bonds, as stated in the remarks under the head of the respective Offices. In some instances the statement of Bonds in hand, as from Arichat, is without dates; and in others, as from Pictou, the names of Sureties are not given. In the Returns of Bonds in hands of Out-port Collectors, the Committee discover several large amounts that have been some time over due, and recommend that the Collectors be instructed to urge, and, if necessary, to enforce early payments of balances of this nature; and where, as appears in some cases, old balances have been long standing, and are continued in the amounts reported from year to year, with but little, if any, prospect of ever being realized, the Committee suggest the propriety of having them submitted to the investigation of persons authorized for the purpose to report upon the utility of continuing or abandoning them.

The Committee would again urge the necessity of enforcing payment of amounts long due, where the Collectors or their Sureties are alone liable.

The Distilling of Ardent Spirits in and about the City of Halifax has been under the consideration of your Committee, who are induced to believe that a more thorough and effective supervision of this branch of business would insure such an additional amount of Revenue from this source as would warrant the employment of one or more of the Excise Waiters for that particular service.

The very small sums paid from, or secured at, many of the Out-ports, lead the Committee to conclude that there must have been a great want of vigilance or efficiency on the part of the Officers, or extensive evasion of the Duties by the Importers of Merchandize.— These remarks will especially apply to Brier Island, Argyle and Barrington, at either of which places the sum paid or secured has not amounted to Twenty Shillings in the past year.

In many other places, of which Digby, Annapolis, Kings County, and Parrsborough, may be named, the amount paid or secured is, in the opinion of this Committee, very far below what it should be, especially as an extensive trade is known to be carried on at these respective Ports.

The Committee, in closing their Report, have to observe, that they find it altogether impracticable, in the limited time allowed for the purpose, to give that close and satisfactory examination to the several Accounts and Papers submitted to them that the public interest demands, and are fully of opinion that this duty can never be well and properly performed unless some person of suitable qualification is appointed to inspect and audit all Accounts and Papers connected with, or coming from, the respective Departments of the public service, who could devote his time and attention to a minute and thorough investigation of all these several Accounts and Papers as they come to hand. Such an appointment the Committee believe would effect a saving probably far exceeding any expense it might involve—

would facilitate the business of the Legislature, when convened, and, it is hoped, would exhibit a much more satisfactory state of the Public Accounts.

The Committee therefore strongly recommend this subject to the favorable consideration of the House.

MICHAEL TOBIN,	} Committee of Legislative Council.	THOS. A. S. DEWOLF,	} Committee of the House of Assembly.
R. M. CUTLER,		JAMES McNAB,	
STAYLEY BROWN,		GEORGE SMITH,	
	W. B. TAYLOR,		

Committee Room, 13th March, 1844.

APPENDIX No. 28.

(See Page 43.)

Abstract of the Accounts of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Cape Breton, for the year 1843.

No. of Applicants.	Acres applied for.	Sum deposited.
102	120,37½	£900 1 6
Received on account of Sales in former years,		191 16 9
Gross proceeds in 1843,		£1091 18 3
Deduct.		
Surveying,		£15 12 0
Advertising,		61 14 3
Percentage to Deputies for conducting Sales,		10 15 9½ 88 2 0½
	Nett proceeds,	£1003 16 2½
Payments.		
Commissioners Salary,		£625 0 0
Five per cent on surplus,		9 0 5
Clerk and Contingencies,		60 1 7½
		£694 2 0½
Sums returned to applicants,		138 6 3 832 8 3
To be remitted by Mr. Crawley, Halifax, 25th February, 1844.		£171 7 11*
* Since paid.		R. D. G.

APPENDIX No. 29.

(See Page 46.)

REPORT ON INDIAN AFFAIRS.

MY LORD—

In submitting the Report on Indian Affairs, for 1843, I have to regret that the constant occupation of my time, by official and other duties, throughout the year, prevented me from giving to this branch of the public service, the personal inspection and superintendance, so very desirable on the part of the Commissioner, if success, even to a moderate extent, is to result from his labours. It was my intention to have visited the extensive Reserves

serves of Cape Breton during the Summer, but other duties interfered—I have, however, completed the examination of the principal Indian Settlements in Nova Scotia Proper, and by means of an active Correspondence with gentlemen who have voluntarily lent me their aid, have carried forward the plans of the previous year, and collected some information, which, I trust, will be useful to the Government hereafter, in guiding the Indians into the paths of industry and civilization.

Your Excellency will perceive, by reference to the annexed Account, that the amount disbursed in small sums, to indigent applicants, has been kept rather below that of last year. This has been done, by adhering strictly to the rule of rejecting the importunate demands of those who were able bodied, and fit to earn their own living. To reject these claims—to reason with and advise the parties applying, has been the most painful and troublesome part of my duty. All are so poor, that to draw the line between those who should, and those who should not be relieved, is not always easy—to give to a third of those who demand aid, would be to exhaust the grant; but yet it is so difficult to remove false impressions, that the great majority of those who apply, go away dissatisfied, if their claims are rejected.

The expenditure upon Buildings has not exceeded the estimate of last year, and amounts to £51 4s. 6d. A comfortable house has been erected for John Jeremy, the leading man, and most industrious settler, at the Fairy Lake.—Charles Glode, of Annapolis, whose improvements were noticed in my Report for 1842, has been judiciously aided, under the superintendance of Mr. Henderson, in completing a house for himself. A small log house for a very aged couple, has been built at Merrigomishe, and John Penall's house, at Gold River, has been repaired, under the superintendance of Mr. Dimock.

The sum of £40 4s. 8d. has been expended for Seed, Implements, and Cattle. The nature and value of these supplies will be gathered from Mr. Dawson's Letter, and an extract from one received from Mr. Nicholls:

HONORABLE JOSEPH HOWE—

Sir,—It affords me no small satisfaction in being able to report that the Pictou Indians, notwithstanding that they are still without any Land of their own, have made some considerable progress in the art of Husbandry, during the past season; and that they have manifested increased desire to be further acquainted with its details.

In May last I succeeded in persuading two of them to sow one bushel of Wheat each, with Grass Seeds, on the Island they hold in Merrigomishe Harbour, for which purpose I procured them seed of that sort called *Black Sea Wheat*; and I got almost every family to plant some Potatoes, either at the above Island, or at Boat Harbour, where they procured the use of a piece of Land from Mr. Arch. McArthur. At the former place they have secured a fair crop, both of Wheat and Potatoes, but at the latter, I am sorry to say, the cattle got into the enclosure and destroyed much of the Potatoes.

I had to procure Seed Potatoes for the most of them, and in order to make sure that they would plant and carefully cultivate them, I told the Indians that I would visit their Settlements some time in August, which I accordingly did, and the following is the result:

August 13th.—Visited the Indian Settlement at Boat Harbour—none of the Indians were there at the time—examined the log fences, which were high and strongly made—the Potatoes, of which there were from one to two acres, on Land which they had chopped and cleared up for the purpose, were planted in *hills*—well hoed and looking remarkably healthy. Some Indian Corn, and French Beans, of which I had given them the seed, were growing in neat little patches—the former was in *ear*—the latter was well hoed and polled, and in *pod*.

On the 14th August I went to Merrigomishe, and, together with Mr. Wm. Lippencott, and Mr. John McDonald, visited the Settlement on Indian Island—none of the Indians were present, I was told they were all out fishing—examined the Wheat, which had been sowed rather thin, but was tall and strong, and nearly ready for cutting down. The Potatoes, of which there were some acres, were well hoed, and indicated a good crop.—

Patches

Patches of Beans and Indian Corn were here and there to be seen, neatly hoed and polled as at Boat Harbor—the whole was well fenced, and, taking into account their limited knowledge of rural pursuits, everything we saw did great credit to them.

I cannot close this Report, without again reminding you of the necessity of immediately procuring the Indians of this County a piece of Land on the Tide Waters, to operate upon. At present they are driven from place to place, without a resting place for their feet—their game is gone—firewood is denied them, and the very sanctuaries of their dead, are in some instances desecrated and ploughed over.

A more favorable time, in my opinion, has not occurred since I came to the Country, to do something for them—as the most of them have become *temperate*.

There is a Mr. McArthur at Boat Harbour, already mentioned in this Report, who would sell the lot of Land, which he allowed them the use of last year, it is suitable for them—is well wooded and contains from 70 to 80 acres—he asks 40s. per acre for it, and would take it in two yearly payments. I hope the House will grant the necessary fund to purchase it, as some years hence it will be worth much more money.

You promised Maltai Sapier £6, to assist him with nails, boards, windows, &c., for making a Log House on the Island. I have agreed with John McDonald to erect the house, and to pay him £6 when the work is done—and it is included in the present account.

JAMES DAWSON.

Pictou, 3rd December, 1843.

Mr. Nicholls, of Bear River, writes me, “The Indians are very thankful for the assistance you have directed me to give them, as they have sufficient land cleared, (should the season prove favorable) for raising a large crop, and were much put to it to get Seed, but now they will be able to do well, and I shall be careful to see what they get from me is applied to the purpose intended. I have not leisure to visit the Settlement this week, but when I was last there, they were getting well on with their work, and I think that Francis Glode, whom you may remember was getting the stumps out when you were here, will soon have a good farm, as he is very industrious, and sets the rest a good example.”

The expenditure, under the head of Education, is £58. 10s. 6d. A School has been maintained at Bear River throughout the year—at this there were 12 Indian children in the Quarter ending 28th Feb. 1843—the same number in the Quarter ending in May. In Nov. Mr. Nicholls wrote me to this effect:—“From the beginning of June to the latter end of August, I had none of the children at School, as they were away with their parents, since then I have had but four, and at present but two, owing, I believe, to the Abbé Segogne having forbidden it.” On receipt of this, I wrote to Abbé Segogne, stating that I apprehended Mr. Nicholls must have been mistaken in the fact of his interference, or that, if he had done so, there must have been some reason for it. The Abbé, in reply, made no complaint against Mr. N., but expressed a wish that persons of his own communion might be employed to teach the Indians, whenever practicable. This has been done in every instance but two. The boys taught in Halifax were sent to the Seminary—the Sunday School at Dartmouth was taught in the Chapel—the Teacher employed there was a Catholic, as were also those at Gold River and Liverpool. At Bear River and Napan, the only other places where an attempt has been made to impart the rudiments of Knowledge, no Catholic Teacher was within my reach. I notice these facts to prevent any misrepresentation on this point.

The progress made by the children at Bear River, may be judged of by the copy books handed in with this Report.

A very respectable Indian, named Thomas, then residing at Napan, applied to me in the Autumn of 1842, for leave to send his children to School. I authorized the nearest Teacher to instruct them. Mr. Cruikshanks, in a Letter received from him in April last, informed me that he had had some difficulty at first in introducing the Indian children to his School, in consequence of the repugnance evinced by the parents of some of his scholars to such a step, but that he had overcome the difficulty. “It affords me much pleasure,

sure," he writes, "to be able to report favorably of my Indian Scholars, both as regards their improvement and behaviour. I have had less trouble with them, than with others, (except in overcoming the difficulty of teaching them sounds to which their ears are not accustomed.) They were docile, obedient and respectful—cleanly in their persons and clothing. They mixed freely with the other children in their amusements, and seemed remarkably good natured and obliging to their schoolmates." The copy books of these children accompany the Report, and show, that in writing they have made quite as much progress as could have been expected in a single Winter. Thomas has since moved to Horton.—I visited his camp this Summer, and heard his children spell short sentences in Murray's First Book. As Winter approached, he pitched his camp in the neighbourhood of Mr. Andrew Fuller's School, and requested permission for his children to attend it. I have not yet received any report of their progress, but have no doubt they are conducting themselves with as much satisfaction to the Teacher as they did at Napan.

Some specimens of writing, by the Indian children at Mr. Gough's School, near Liverpool, are also handed to your Excellency with the Report. Mr. Gough writes me in May,—"I enclose you a few specimens of my Indian pupils progress in writing, and hope they will prove satisfactory to you. The poor creatures seem very desirous of obtaining a knowledge of reading and writing, but they cannot afford to spend their whole time at it. I have had fifteen of them pretty regularly during the Winter. Since the beginning of April they have been reduced to nine, but, to-morrow, they will take their departure for Mill Village to attend the River Fishery, which will give them occupation for four or five weeks."

At Gold River but little has been done. The Teacher employed was not very efficient, and not liked by the Indians. He has since removed, and I am not aware that there is any other within a moderate distance of the Settlement.

The propriety of withdrawing Cope's boys from the Seminary in Halifax, or of continuing them there, was submitted to the Government in my Report for 1842. The Committee of the Assembly which considered the subject, recommended that they should be withdrawn. Having informed the boys and their parents that they were to leave at the close of the quarter, I did not think it necessary to communicate formally with the Reverend Principal, under whose care they remained until midsummer. A bill has been rendered for this last quarter, which I did not feel myself at liberty to pay, until the circumstance was explained, but which I have included as a debt still due by the Commissioner.

Under the head of Plans and Surveys, the expense has been rather heavy, amounting to £51 16s. 3d.; but as all the Reserves in Nova-Scotia proper have now been examined, and laid off for settlement, but little expense will be necessary hereafter. Your Excellency will perceive by Mr. Faulkner's Plan, which accompanies this Report, that the Lands in the County of Hants, near the Shubenacadie, have been divided into eighteen lots of 100 acres each. On one of these, Goreham Paul, referred to in the "Rough Notes," handed in with last year's Report, still lives.* Lewis Charles, a very industrious young

* For several years Goreham Paul and his family lived in a framed house, but, having let his place during a visit which he paid to his wife's relations in New Brunswick, the house got out of repair—his stock was destroyed—and his farm much injured. On his return he abandoned the house, which has been turned into a barn, and has since resided in a wigwam near to it. His habitation was more spacious than Indian Camps generally are, having an entrance at each end. To my surprise I found a white girl living in the camp. On enquiring into her history, it appeared that her father was an Irishman, and her mother a Scotchwoman, who, from intemperance, or other causes, had neglected or abandoned her in infancy. Goreham, having no children, was induced to take her. She had been brought up as his own, and although subsequently visited by her mother, refused to abandon those to whom she owed every thing but existence, to unite her fortunes with one who merely brought her into the world to cast her off to perish, or sink in the scale of being to the level of the savage. A kick from a horse about a year ago had injured her jaw, and changed the expression of her mouth, but she had been very good looking, and seemed healthy and cheerful. She spoke both Indian and English fluently, and the rapidity with which she changed her language, and her manner and expression of countenance, was singular, interesting, but often painful. One could not but regret that a young creature, who might have been the honored mistress of the best farm house in the neighbourhood, had her parents done their duty, was the mere tenant at will of an Indian's wigwam; and yet I could not shut my eyes to the fact that the civilization of which we boast so much, cannot always preserve the whites from abandoning their offspring, and that within the humble wigwams upon which we look with so much contempt, there may often be found the higher feelings of benevolence and steadfast fidelity, which, in the dwellings of our own race, are sometimes wanting. Mary Ann Paul, (her former name I do not know,) is now about 22, still unmarried, probably hesitating between her pale face and tawny admirers, but bears the reputation of being a good girl, and very dutiful to her parents.

Goreham has a horse and two cows—some implements of Agriculture, and more of household stuff about him than any of the Indians near Halifax.—*Rough Notes, 1842.*

Indian, has been induced to settle on another. He chopped several acres last Winter. I supplied him with Seed and Tools in the Spring, and he reaped 100 stooks of Wheat this Autumn, and raised some Potatoes. He is now building a Barn, and will, I have no doubt, from the energy he exhibits, make his family comfortable and independent in a very few years.

The Reserve at Brookfield in the County of Queen's, has been carefully surveyed by Whitman Freeman, Esq., and a Road marked off, leading from the Main Road, through each lot.—There are yet no settlers on this tract, but, as the land is good, and near the head-waters of the Port Medway, in which fish abound, and by which there is an easy communication with the sea coast, it is much to be desired that some of the families that are now wandering in comparative poverty about the Western Counties, could be attracted to it for permanent settlement. (See Plan marked No. 1.) The Burial Ground on the Port Medway has been fenced and secured. A Deed has been taken of the small lot purchased from Barnabus Miles, in its immediate neighbourhood. Another lot, below Ponhook Bridge, which it is very desirable that the Indians should possess, has been surveyed by Mr. Freeman. It is shown on the annexed Plan, marked No 3; and if the suggestion is approved, directions should be given to the Surveyor General to enter it as a Reserve, that it be placed in charge of the Commissioner.

Mr. Freeman has also laid off four hundred acre lots, for four Indians who have settled and improved upon the Liverpool River. These are shown on the plan marked No. 3, and ought to be secured by formal reservation. A careful Survey has been made, under my instructions, of the lands now in the occupation of the Indians at the Fairy Lake, with some patches of wild meadow, which, from the prosperity of the Settlement, it is very desirable should be secured to them. The nature and extent of this service will be seen by reference to the Plan marked No. 4. By that your Excellency will perceive that there are ten lots in actual possession of Indians, most of whom have chopped and improved, to some extent. The position of Jeremy's house, erected last year at the public expense, to reward him for his industry, and stimulate his neighbours, is shown upon this plan. If your Excellency would direct the whole of Mr. Freeman's Surveys to be copied at the Surveyor General's office, and regarded as official, it would be a great encouragement and security to the Indians at the Fairy Lake. To recall to your Excellency's mind the circumstances under which this settlement was commenced, and the state in which I found it in 1842, I have placed an extract from my Notes at the foot of the page. Seed was supplied this Spring, and I have every reason to believe that, ultimately, my most sanguine expectations will, in this quarter, be realized.*

* Early in the Spring, two Indians from Queen's County had visited me in Halifax, representing their anxiety to settle, and become farmers, if they could get land. The more intelligent, John Jeremy, informed me that he had selected a spot on the Fairy Lake, but was afraid to improve or build, until he was assured that he would not be disturbed. Ascertaining that the Crown owned the tract to which he referred, I advised him to return, proceed with his improvements, and if he appeared to evince a desire to become a proprietor, by his perseverance and industry, I would take the necessary steps to obtain a title for him. It was to visit this man, and some others who it appeared had joined him, in founding a settlement, that led me to the Fairy Lake. The excursion was rendered exceedingly unpleasant by the state of the weather, and the lateness of the season. After riding for several hours over a bad road, we approached the last house on the line of settlement, wet with the drizzling rain. Having stabled our horses—got some refreshment—obtained the necessary information, and accepted the offer of the Proprietor, and his brother, to join our party, we struck into the woods, and, following rather blind paths, but familiar to our guides, through the forest and over swamps and wild marshes, for about five miles, we arrived on the margin of the Lake, completely drenched, about an hour before dark. After rowing a mile, we turned a jutting point, and found ourselves in front of Jeremy's clearing, and were sufficiently uncomfortable to rejoice in the evidence of occupancy afforded by the smoke. He was from home, having gone through to Annapolis for nails. His Squaw received us hospitably, although some of her children were ill. A message despatched to the neighbouring Camps, brought half a dozen swarthy men, of various ages and sizes, and a kettle of Moose meat. This was soon cut into small pieces—fried in Cariboo fat, and, with good potatoes, and a cup of tea, enabled us to refresh ourselves, and resist the effects of wet clothing. The camp was square, built of logs and slabs, obtained at a Sawmill near the foot of the Lake—scarcely wind or water tight, but, with a good fire in the centre, it contrasted rather favourably with our wet walk through the woods, and after exhausting the topics supplied by the novelty of our situation, we went to sleep, inwardly thanking Providence for the comforts of home, and gathering, from the condition of the simple creatures behind us, our inferiors in no one grace or form, or quality of head and heart—save only what cultivation had supplied, additional incitements to persevere in the good work the Government had commenced.

Jeremy's family consisted of his wife, Sally, and 6 children. His eldest daughter, Molly *Oceola*, married to Jem Lewis, who was away. The other settlers on the Lake were—Joe Peter, wife, and child; Francis Charles, wife, and 5 children; Francis Meuse, wife and 5 children; Abraham Peter, wife, and child; John Pictou, and wife; Peter

The cost of Blankets, Coats, and other clothing, sent to Sydney, Pictou, Clare, and supplied in cases of actual necessity, to the aged, maimed, or sick, only, has been kept within the amount expended in 1842. The distribution of these, or rather the necessity for positively refusing to give, to the applicants who beset my dwelling almost every day, has been the most troublesome and painful part of my duty. I have wished many times either that I had nothing to bestow, or that I could give more.

The amount I was authorized by the Legislature to pay to Mr. Jean, for his services in taking a census of the Cape Breton Indians, has been paid, and charged in my account.

The expenses of management amount to £27 10s, less than half the sum charged last year. As this covers Travel, Postage, Stationary, Freight, and copying Plans and Correspondence, I trust it will not be considered extravagant.

Two applications were made to me, one by Dr. Annan, and another by the Rev. Mr. Garraty, both residing in Queen's County, for services performed in supplying medicines and attendance to the sick, but, at my suggestion, they have applied, through the usual channels, to the Legislature. Both have, I have reason to believe, been useful, and appear to have fair claims to some compensation.

During a visit to the County of Sydney, this Summer, I had an opportunity of inspecting the improvement made on the small remnants of the formerly extensive Reserve which still remain in possession of the Indians at Pomket and Little River. One portion of this land, at Little River, an Indian named Peter Baptist has been improving for fourteen years—he has cleared a good deal, and erected a comfortable frame house and barn. This man is very desirous to obtain a title to the land he lives on, and is well deserving of the special protection of the Government. His stock consists of 2 oxen, 2 cows, 4 young cattle, and 10 sheep, and he raises a crop of hay, grain, and potatoes, every year.

On the Pomket River there are about 200 acres, still in possession of the Indians. This lot is prettily situated—a portion of it being intervale, skirting the River, and the whole worth about £300. It is held in common by the Indians, who cut some grass, and raise potatoes, but have only a log hut or two upon it. I endeavoured to obtain a census of the

Glode (or Piel) wife, and two children—and Lewis Alexis, from Shelburne, and another Indian, who were anxious to join the Settlement.

Here, then, were 40 souls, in a situation remote from the vices and temptations of towns—with a good soil—abundance of wood—enough of hunting and fishing to eke out a living till farms could be made, and I saw at once that there were many elements here which might be combined to form a little community—indeed the Fairy Lake seemed to offer a fairer promise of improvement and civilization among the Aborigines, than any place I had yet seen.

In the morning we visited nearly all the camps—paddled round much of the Lake, to look at the wild meadows which skirt its shores, and inspected the capabilities of the place, and the improvements already made. The latter were quite as encouraging as the former.

Jeremy had chopped about 6 acres of excellent land, burnt, cleared, fit for the harrow, about two acres—and had raised a crop of potatoes, corn and pumpkins—he had procured stuff for a barn, 25 feet by 33. As he had set so creditable an example—as he appeared to stand so high among the Indians, and bore an excellent character among the white, and, as the site he had selected, shewed much taste and judgment, I thought it best in order to encourage and reward him—to give an example to his neighbours, and a character of permanence to the settlement—to go to the extent of the liberality authorized by the Act, and build him a house. Before leaving the neighbourhood I entered into a contract with John Minard to build him a small frame house, 14 by 16, with a collar 6 feet deep, logged and mossed, with a stone chimney, two windows, a floor, with two tables and two benches. The work is to be done by July, 1843, and is to cost £25. I also agreed to furnish nails and hinges for his barn, 25 feet by 33, when everything else was ready, half to be paid as the work advances.

Joe Peter had also made a very good beginning—he had chopped four acres—burnt one, and raised some potatoes and corn. He had a fowl house—some hens, and a slab camp. He was anxious to have two spades—to have his land secured to him—and promised to build a barn if he could get hinges and nails.

Abraham, who was a very intelligent person, had chopped about 4½ acres, and raised potatoes—his Squaw was from Eastport—her camp was cleaner than any of the others, and there were some blue plates, and a small tea set on a shelf, looking more perfect and in better order than anything we saw elsewhere. Abraham and Peter live on a point, which they want to have divided between them.

Francis Meuse had chopped about an acre and a half, on an Island, but had made no further improvement. There are many Islands in this Lake, some of them fertile and very beautiful—but, though an Island farm requires but little fencing, and is less exposed, than one on the main land, still, it is attended with other inconveniences, which make it rather desirable that Meuse should settle where he can have more of the society and co-operation of his neighbours.

There were two or three other clearings, or rather choppings, which we did not visit, as there was nothing new to observe, and I had got all the information I required. I arranged with the Indians, to send Whitman Freeman, Esq. to lay off 100 acres for each, and referred them to Zenas Waterman, and Captain Smith, through whom we could correspond in future. The poor people appeared very anxious to better their condition, and grateful for the attention paid to them, and I left them strongly impressed with the conviction that there is more promise of realizing the hopes and designs of the Government and Legislature in this neighbourhood, than any where else in the Western Counties!

—Rough Notes.

Indians of this quarter, and, on my return to Town, was favoured with the desired information, in a letter from the Rev. Mr. McKinnon, by which it appears that there are about 23 families, including one hundred and three souls in the County of Sydney. Little or nothing has been done for these poor people, for the last ten or twelve years. To their condition—to the Pictou Indians, whose wants are faithfully stated in Mr. Dawson's Letter, and to the Indians of Cape Breton, who have yet participated but slightly in the bounty of the Legislature, the attention of the Commissioner should, for the next year or two, be chiefly directed.

I have been much interested with two Indians during the past year—one named John Stephens, a Shoemaker, living in Newport, and who supports himself, a wife, and three children, by his trade. He was neatly dressed, spoke English fluently, asked for nothing for himself, and seemed only solicitous for the welfare of his people. Another, Michel, a youth reared and educated by Père Vincent, at Tracadie, appeared very intelligent and ingenious—he spoke English, French, and Micmac, fluently, was an excellent carpenter and turner, and had built the waggon in which the Père and himself rode to Town. These and other examples that have come under my observation, prove that the Micmacs may have their attention turned to other employments than those in which they have of late been so unprofitably engaged. To give full effect to the bounty of the Legislature, and the wishes of your Excellency, the Commissioner should have a more complete command of his time than I ever had, and should spend much of it in visiting the Settlements, conversing with the Indians, directing their industry, and seeking out occupations for them. Many of the young people might, if pains were taken to provide them with judicious masters be brought up to mechanical employments, for which most of them appear peculiarly adapted.

I regret that it was not in my power to visit the Indians of Cape-Breton last Summer, and fear that some disappointment was felt in consequence. I would gladly have inspected the condition of the whole tribe, before withdrawing from this department of public labour. I should be happy, were it in my power, to carry forward the work, to engage in which I was originally stimulated by the solicitude for the welfare of the Aborigines expressed by your Excellency, and by a sincere desire to improve and elevate a people, whose high qualities, and unfortunate destiny, had often occupied my thoughts. I have given to them, gratuitously, the leisure of two years: I regret that it is all that I can afford. As my time will henceforth be engrossed by other avocations, I shall be glad if your Excellency will, so soon as a suitable person can be selected, relieve me from the duties of the Commission. It will give me pleasure, at all times, to furnish my successor with any information he may require, and to aid the Government in the improvement of a people in whose welfare I shall ever take a lively interest.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient,

Very humble Servant,

JOSEPH HOWE.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, &c. &c. &c.

INDIAN AFFAIRS, ACCOUNT CURRENT.

Miscellaneous Charities.

Poor Squaw, 2s. 3d.; Indiab, swelled arm, 5s.; Peter Wilmot (River John) 5s.; Madeline Paul (old Chief's wife) 5s.; lame man, 3s. 1½d.; Peter Paul (old) 6s. 6d.; old squaw, 1s. 10d.; Peter Toney, 2s. 6d.; J. Thomas, (medicine) 2s. 6d.; Andre Julienne (New Brunswick Chief) 5s. 3d.; C. Lewis, 1s. 3d.; F. Sapier, 5s. 3d.; Lewis Charles (for nails) 10s.; lame Indian, 1s. 3d.; old men at Merigomishe, 20s.; Pomquet Indians, 15s.; Francis Paul (loan) 20s.; lame Indian, 2s. 6d.; Peter Baptist (of Tracadie) 10s.; Peter Toney (Pictou) 10s.; Expenses of election of Chiefs, &c. at Halifax, Francis Paul, Chief, £3 6s.; Goreham Paul, (Colonel) 20s.; Joe Cope (Col.) 20s.—£12. Cash sent to Abbé Segogne, £4. Buildings

Buildings.

Building House for John Jeremy, at Fairy Lake, Voucher No. 1.	£25	0	0
Do. do. for Charles Glode, Annapolis, " No. 2.	10	0	0
Do. do. for Maltie Sapier, Merigomishe " No. 3.	6	0	0
Repairing and improving John Penall's House at Gold River " No. 4.	10	4	6
			<u>£51 4 6</u>

Seed--Implements--Cattle.

Potatoes and Grass Seed, supplied to Indians at Fairy Lake, No. 1.	£6	10	0
Seed and Implements supplied to Indians at Pictou No. 2.	6	15	6
Do. do. supplied to Indians at Bear River No. 3.	18	2	2
Potatoes, at Gold River No. 4.	0	12	6
Spades, Hoes, &c., Shubenacadie Indians No. 5.	3	3	9
Seed for ditto No. 6.	3	17	11
Greenwood's Bill for Implements, (omitted in 1842) No. 7.	1	2	9
			<u>40 4 7</u>

Education.

Copy Books Voucher No. 1.	£0	4	6
Books, Slates, &c. No. 2.	0	9	9
Bear River School No. 3.	12	10	0
Liverpool School No. 4.	18	15	0
School at Napan No. 5.	3	1	3
Gold River School No. 6.	7	0	0
Cope's boys, Seminary No. 7.	16	10	0
			<u>58 10 6</u>

Plans and Surveys.

William Faulkner, Surveying Shubenacadie Reserves Voucher No. 1.	£15	5	9
William Faulkner, Surveying Reserve at Ingraham's River " No. 2.	2	17	6
Whitman Freeman, Surveys at Brookfield, Fairy Lake, and Port Medway " No. 3.	29	0	0
Donald McKay, Surveys at Long Island and Port Le Bear " No. 4.	4	13	0
			<u>51 16 3</u>

Clothing.

Murdoch's Bill for Blankets, &c. Voucher No. 1.	£3	1	6
Bolton's do. do. No. 2.	0	12	6
Laughlin's do. do. No. 3.	1	0	6
Evans & Co's. do. do. No. 4.	15	2	6
Mignowitz do. do. No. 5.	24	15	0
			<u>44 12 0</u>
Paid John Jean, by order of Legislature, for taking census in Cape-Breton			15 0 0

Expenses

Expenses.		
Travelling, Postage, Stationary, Freight, &c.	£15 0 0	
Copying Plans and Correspondence	12 10 0	
	<hr/>	27 10 0
	Total paid	£304 17 10
	Cash on hand	43 12 0
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Balance of Grant in 1842		£348 9 10
Grant in 1843		48 9 10
		300 0 0
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		£348 9 10

The Balance on hand will probably be sufficient to pay the amount due the Seminary, and to cover any other expenses already authorized.

APPENDIX No. 30.

(See Page 47.)

Third 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 Honorable the General Assembly, as follows:—The Returns of Common Schools for 1843 exhibit an increase in the number of Schools and Pupils over that of the year 1842, and as these were far beyond the Returns of 1841, the Board feel gratified in believing, that the great augmentation adverted to in the Report of last year, in the extension of Common School Education in almost every portion of the Province, was not a momentary increase excited by temporary causes, but a clear indication of a steadily advancing interest on the minds of the people in favour of general Education.

With respect to the Combined Grammar and Common Schools, the Board have reason to apprehend that in many cases the system as at present acted upon does not operate much to the advantage of the public, but that Schools, in no respect superior to those around, absorb a larger share of the public money from the privileges conferred on them as Grammar Schools. The higher branches of Education intended to be taught in these Schools being in many instances only nominally attended to, there certainly appears a necessity for some more stringent rules by which the superiority of such Schools should be tested before they are permitted to receive so much more of the public bounty than is allotted to others.

With regard to the Academies, the excellent state of these at Yarmouth, Annapolis, Liverpool, and Lunenburg, reflect great credit on the zeal for Education existing in these communities, especially in Yarmouth and Annapolis. The Central Board, however, in looking at the state of Academies in some of the other Counties, believe that further guards should be placed on the expenditure of this portion of Educational Grants, as there are one or two instances where the object and design of the Legislature appears to have been either misunderstood or neglected, and Schools much below the standard contemplated are receiving this grant, and appear to afford instruction to very few pupils, and to depend almost exclusively on the Provincial bounty, receiving little, if any, contribution from parents or pupils. The sub-division of some Counties last year having caused the appointment of new Boards of Trustees, has led to deficiency in some of the Returns; and besides this the same delay and neglect, to which the Report of last year alluded, has been again experienced in obtaining Returns. The Board having no means of enforcing the Law in this particular, have been obliged to make up the general Statements and Tables with several blanks.

They do not doubt that if all the Returns could have been procured, the general increase of

of Education would be much more apparent, as they have every reason to believe it is every where prospering. They feel it to be their duty again to call the attention of His Excellency and the Legislature to the educational destitution of the Eastern Shore between Halifax and Canso. This tract of Country is, by universal acknowledgment, deplorably deficient in this respect, and claims the sympathy of the community. In a Province where Common School Education is now very extensively diffused, and the higher branches of knowledge, in many places, becoming rapidly disseminated, this unfortunate, but interesting portion of the land, remains almost a moral blot, upon the map of the Country.

There are, however, in every section of the country, poor or remote settlements, the destitution and wants of which, as regards education, although less known, are perhaps as great as that part of the Province referred to. These settlements, being unable to raise among themselves any adequate means for the support of Schools, cannot entitle themselves to much Provincial assistance.

The Board think that such cases are well worthy the attention of the Legislature, when the Common School System shall again come under consideration.

The general view of the education of the people is most gratifying. The total number of Pupils at all the Schools in the Province, during 1843, is about 30,000,¹ and this instruction is supported by about £8,000² of public, and above £23,000³ of money paid by the people in subscriptions and fees, in all £31,000.⁴

Although from the scattered condition of the people over the face of the land, very many children are undoubtedly deprived of all participation in the benefit of these institutions, and although this board are fully convinced that the rate of remuneration which the Teachers of Common Schools receive is far too low to ensure the efficient attention and assiduity of well qualified instructors of youth; and that there remains yet very much to be done to raise our Common School Education to a footing equal to that of some more favoured lands, they yet believe that the number of our youth wholly deprived of the benefit of Education, and growing up without it is not nearly so great as some persons have imagined. There are many private Schools not included in the Public Returns, and the shortness of the period which the pupils are enabled to attend at School produces to each Teacher a succession of new Scholars within intervals of two or three years, so that the number in actual course of instruction in any one year will be much less in proportion to the whole number educated than it would be if the children were permitted to have the benefit of a longer and therefore more valuable period of instruction. The inference to be fairly drawn is, that the instruction bestowed is more hasty and superficial, and therefore inferior in quality, but that it is diffused among a much larger number. That this state of things is far from desirable there can be no doubt; but its correction rests more with the sentiments of the people at large, and the value they may eventually set upon a more perfect and thorough instruction of their children, in comparison with a slight acquaintance with useful branches, than upon any action of the Government or Legislature.

J. W. JOHNSTON,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOSEPH HOWE,
CHARLES COGSWELL,
BEAMISH MURDOCH.

¹ Scholars 30,421. ² Public Money £9,201 0 3d. ³ Paid by People £22,917 6 0d. ⁴ Total income of Schools £32,118 6 4.

General

General Results, 1843.				
	No. of Schools.	No. of Scholars.	Paid in by people.	Paid in by Treasury.
Common Schools	878	26778	£19600 6 9½	£5863 6 4½
Combined Schools	41	2253	2835 2 1	1583 17 3
Academies	10	419	481 17 2	1053 16 8
Schools in City	7	971		700 0 0
	936	30421	£22917 6 0½	£9201 6 3½
Increase on Returns from Sydney Co. which were received after Table was made up		167	£135 18 2	
Pictou Academy	1	50		
	945	30658	£23053 4 2½	£9201 0 3½
			Total—	£32118 6 4
				135 18 2
				£32,254 4 6

APPENDIX No. 31.

(See Page 47.)

Savings' Bank Office, Halifax, 8th March, 1844.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report that the amount authorized under an Act passed the 10th of April, 1841, entitled, An Act to increase the usefulness of the Savings' Bank at Halifax, has been paid into the Provincial Treasury, and applications to deposit are made weekly which can only be received to the amount of the sums from week to week withdrawn. All of which is respectfully submitted.

I have the honor, &c.,

(Signed)

E. DUCKETT,

Commissioner and Treasurer.

The Hon. Sir Rupert D. George, Bart., &c. &c. &c.

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