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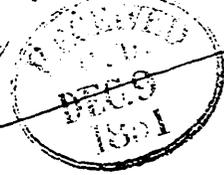
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BY HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR DONALD CAMPBELL, BART.,

Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto belonging, Chancellor, Vice-Admiral and Ordinary of the same, &c., &c., &c.

DONALD CAMPBELL, Lieutenant Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Island stands prorogued to Wednesday, the Fifth day of June, instant :

I have thought fit further to Prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby prorogued until Wednesday, the 31st day of July next; of which all persons concerned are required to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand, and the Great Seal of this Island, at Charlottetown, in the said Island, this Third day of June, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty, and in the Thirteenth Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command,

T. H. HAVILAND, Colonial Secretary.

God Save the Queen!

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR DONALD CAMPBELL, BART.,

Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Island Prince Edward and the Territories thereunto belonging, Chancellor, Vice-Admiral, and Ordinary of the same, &c., &c., &c.

DONALD CAMPBELL, Lieutenant Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Island stands Prorogued to Wednesday, the Thirty-first day of July, instant :

I have thought fit further to Prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby Prorogued until Wednesday, the Second day of October next; of which all persons concerned are required to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand, and the Great Seal of this Island, at Charlottetown, in the said Island, this Twenty-ninth day of July, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Fifty, and in the Fourteenth Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command,

T. H. HAVILAND, Colonial Secretary.

God Save the Queen!

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR DONALD CAMPBELL, BART.,

Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto belonging, Chancellor, Vice-Admiral and Ordinary of the same, &c., &c., &c.

DONALD CAMPBELL, Lieutenant Governor.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N .

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Island stands Prorogued to Wednesday the Second day of October, instant :

I have thought fit further to Prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby Prorogued until Wednesday the Twenty-seventh day of November next; of which all persons concerned are required to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand, and the Great Seal of this Island, at Charlottetown, in the said Island, this Thirtieth day of September, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Fifty, and in the Fourteenth Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command,

T. H. HAVILAND, Colonial Secretary.

God Save the Queen !

BY HIS HONOR

AMBROSE LANE, ESQUIRE.

Administrator of the Government of Prince Edward Island, &c., &c., &c.

A. LANE, Administrator of the Government.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N .

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Island stands Prorogued to Wednesday, the Twenty-seventh day of November, instant :

I have thought fit further to Prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby Prorogued until Tuesday the Thirty-first day of December next; of which all persons concerned are hereby required to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand, and the Great Seal of this Island, at Charlottetown, in the said Island, this Twenty-sixth day of November, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Fifty, and in the Fourteenth Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command,

T. H. HAVILAND, Colonial Secretary.

God Save the Queen !

BY HIS HONOR

AMBROSE LANE, Esquire.

Administrator of the Government of Prince Edward Island, &c., &c., &c.

A. LANE, Administrator of the Government.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Island stands Prorogued to Tuesday, the Thirty-first day of December, instant :

I have thought fit further to Prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby Prorogued until Tuesday the Twenty-eighth day of January next; of which all persons concerned are hereby required to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand, and the Great Seal of this Island, at Charlottetown, in the said Island, this Thirtieth day of December, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Fifty, and in the Fourteenth Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command,

T. H. HAVILAND, Colonial Secretary.

God Save the Queen !

BY HIS HONOR

AMBROSE LANE, Esquire.

Administrator of the Government of Prince Edward Island, &c., &c., &c.

A. LANE, Administrator of the Government.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Island stands Prorogued to Tuesday the Twenty-eighth day of October, instant :

I have thought fit further to Prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby Prorogued until Thursday the Twentieth day of February next; of which all persons concerned are required to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand, and the Great Seal of this Island, at Charlottetown, in the said Island, this Twenty-seventh day of January, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Fifty, and in the Fourteenth Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command,

T. H. HAVILAND, Colonial Secretary.

God Save the Queen !

BY HIS HONOR

AMBROSE LANE, ESQUIRE.

Administrator of the Government of Prince Edward Island. &c., &c., &c.

A. LANE, Administrator of the Government.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N .

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Island stands prorogued to Thursday, the Twentieth day of February, instant :

I have thought fit further to Prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby prorogued until Thursday, the 20th day of March next; of which all persons concerned are required to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand, and the Great Seal of this Island, at Charlottetown, in the said Island, this Seventeenth day of February, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-one, and in the Fourteenth Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command,

T. H. HAVILAND, Colonial Secretary.

God Save the Queen !

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR ALEXANDER BANNERMAN, KNIGHT,

Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Island Prince Edward and the Territories thereunto belonging, Chancellor, Vice-Admiral, and Ordinary of the same, &c., &c., &c.

A. BANNERMAN, Lieutenant Governor.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N .

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Island stands Prorogued to Thursday, the Twentieth day of March, instant :

I have thought fit further to Prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby Prorogued until, Tuesday, the Twenty-fifth day of March, instant, then to meet for the **DESPATCH OF BUSINESS**; of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand, and the Great Seal of this Island, at Charlottetown, in the said Island, this Tenth day of March, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Fifty-one, and in the Fourteenth Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command,

T. H. HAVILAND, Colonial Secretary.

God Save the Queen !

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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

TUESDAY, 25th March, 1851.

The General Assembly having been, by Proclamation, prorogued to this day, the Legislative Council met.

P R E S E N T :

The Hon. Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Young</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Haythorne</i> .
Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,	§	

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor having come to the Council Chamber, and being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, received His Excellency's Commands to desire the attendance of the House of Assembly immediately in the Council Chamber.

The House of Assembly, with their Speaker, having attended accordingly, His Excellency was pleased to open the Session with the following Speech:—

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council;

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

With as little delay as possible after my arrival I have summoned you to meet, and to submit for your consideration matters of much importance, affecting the Government of this Colony, with the welfare and prosperity of its inhabitants.

Your late Lieutenant Governor in the Speech with which he closed the Session, on the First of May last year, stated "that the House of Assembly had declined to proceed with the local business of the Colony, and with the consideration of those important subjects affecting the interests of the North American Colonies to which he had directed their attention." I trust the Assembly will take an early opportunity to consider those subjects and remedy the omissions of the last Session.

The late Lieutenant Governor, on the same occasion, adverted to the passing of a Bill to which under ordinary circumstances he would have hesitated to give his assent, but he stated also, that the consideration of subjecting the Colony to a heavy pecuniary loss, and a corresponding increase of the Public debt, induced him to sanction a Bill which he considered objectionable both in principle and practice. It was objectionable, as subjoining appropriation clauses to a Bill for raising a Revenue, clauses which while they provided for the contingent expences of the Legislature and the payment of the allowances to Members of the Assembly, leave wholly unnoticed many of the most essential wants of the Colony, among others, the funds necessary for the support of the Jails, the maintenance of the prisoners, and what was of paramount importance to the public, their safe custody.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

On assuming the Government of this Colony I am anxious to enter into no unnecessary comments on the grounds which may have actuated the Assembly in framing this Bill, with which indeed, I can but be partially acquainted. But it is right I should state, that I have received instructions, not to assent to another Bill open to the same objections: as therefore the Act in question expires on the First of May, I earnestly call your attention to its omissions and defects, and I cannot doubt that you will, in a distinct Bill, appropriate the Revenue to its just and legitimate objects.

The Accounts for the past, and the estimates for the present year, will be laid before you, and I am confident you will readily provide the necessary Supplies for the Public Service.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council;

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

Before leaving England, I was furnished with copies of certain Documents relative to the introduction of what has been termed Responsible Government into the British Provinces in North America, and my attention was directed to some Correspondence which has taken place as to whether such a system might prove beneficial, or otherwise, to this Colony.—At the outset of the arrangement for the change of Government in Nova Scotia, the Colonial Minister stated to the Lieutenant Governor of that Province, what I believe he afterwards repeated to the Lieutenant Governor of this Island, "That it was not desirable to carry on the Government of any of the British Provinces, in North America, in opposition to the opinion of the Inhabitants."

The People of Prince Edward Island are, therefore, entitled to this acknowledgment, as much as those of the other Provinces: The question being one of means only, not of the end. It was admitted however, and it is no disparagement to the loyal Inhabitants of this Colony, that its population and resources fall far short of the neighboring Provinces; indeed, I observe, for several years past, by various Resolutions and Addresses of the Assembly, that, while Responsible Government was sought for, even in a modified form, there appeared to be a want of materials, for carrying such a system successfully into practice. In this Colony, one Branch of the Legislature is freely elected by the People, and the Executive Powers are placed in the hands of the Lieutenant Governor, who knows that he *should* conduct his Government in such manner as to meet, as far as possible, the wishes of the community; and if the People of the Island, required security for the future, they could not have found a stronger one, than in the total absence of any motive on the part of the Imperial Government, to render the administration of their affairs otherwise than acceptable to themselves. After the last General Election however, it seems that a large majority of the Assembly pronounced themselves in favor of Responsible Government, and they passed a Civil List Bill—the last clause of which provides, that the Act shall not go into operation, unless (among other things) a system of Responsible Government similar to that which is now in force in the Provinces of Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, shall be granted to and established in this Island.

The Act which contains such a condition, I have to acquaint you, cannot receive Her Majesty's confirmation. But I feel myself authorised to announce to you, that I am prepared (without at present entering into any particular details) to introduce Responsible Government into this Colony, and also to surrender the disposal of Her Majesty's Crown Revenues, when the Legislature shall have agreed to certain conditions which I shall without delay submit to their consideration with respect to the terms on which the Crown will consent to this change, and also to the surrender of its Revenues; these must of course be contained in a Civil List Bill. On the subject of its necessary provisions it will afford me great satisfaction to communi-

cate with the Legislature : and I have now only to assure you that it is the sincerest wish of Her Majesty and her Confidential Advisers, that Prince Edward Island may advance in prosperity, and under Divine Providence, that this prosperity may be attended with the blessings of social order and of harmony among the various classes of the people.

The Speech being ended, and the House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

Prayers were then read.

Mr. *President* reported His Excellency's Speech, which being read by the Clerk—*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to return the thanks of this House for his Speech delivered this day.

Ordered, That Mr. *Holl*, Mr. *Young*, and Mr. *Swabey*, be a Committee to prepare a Draft pursuant to the above Resolution.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to revise the Journals of this House each day, and that it be an instruction to the Committee to require, that a printed Copy be laid on the Table daily.

Ordered, That Mr. *Young*, Mr. *Hensley*, and Mr. *Haythorne*, do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to examine into and report upon such Laws as are near expiring.

Ordered, That Mr. *Young* and Mr. *Birnie* do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to examine Bills to be engrossed, or that have been engrossed.

Ordered, That Mr. *Young* and Mr. *Birnie* do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to regulate the contingent Expenditure of this House during the present Session.

Ordered, That Mr. *Holl* and Mr. *Young* do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That One Hundred Copies of the Journals of this House, be furnished by the Printer.

Resolved, That the Thirty-seventh Standing Order of this House be inserted three times in each of the Newspapers published in Charlottetown, for the information of the Public.

Mr. *President* informed the House, that during the Recess, he had received a Communication from the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Council of Canada, dated the 29th of August, 1850, enclosing a Resolution of the Legislative Council of that Province, acknowledging in very flattering terms, the donation by the two Houses of the Legislature of this Island, made in aid of the re-construction of the Parliamentary Library in that Province.

(See Appendix, No. 1.)

The said Communication, with its Enclosure was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Resolved, That Mr. Henry Douglas Morpeth be appointed Reporter to this House for the present Session.

Resolved, That Patrick Furlong be appointed Doorkeeper to this House.

Adjourned until to-morrow at One o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 26th March, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Hon. Mr. *Attorney General*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. <i>Macdonald</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Young</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§	

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. *Young*, from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address, in answer to His Excellency's Speech, reported a Draft thereof, which he read in his place.

Ordered, That the Report be received, and the said Draft was again read by the Clerk, and it was ordered, that the House be forthwith put into a Committee of the whole to take the same into consideration.

The House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Address.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. *Young* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Address, and that they had agreed to the same without any amendment.

On motion, *Ordered*, that the Report of the Committee be received.

The said Address being read a second time, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Address, be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Adjourned until to-morrow at Two o'clock.

THURSDAY, 27th March, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Attorney General*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. <i>Macdonald</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Young</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Haythorne</i> .
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§	

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

Pursuant to order, the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in answer to His Excellency's Speech, was read a third time and passed: whereupon Mr. *President* signed the same, and it is as follows:

To His Excellency Sir ALEXANDER BANNERMAN, Knight, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto belonging, Chancellor, Vice Admiral, and Ordinary of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY;

We, the Members of Her Majesty's Legislative Council, in General Assembly convened, tender our thanks for the Speech delivered by Your Excellency at the commencement of the present Session; and we beg to congratulate Your Excellency upon your safe arrival here, and upon your assumption of the Government of this Colony.

We thank Your Excellency, for your early attention to the wants of the Colony in convening the present General Assembly; and we assure your Excellency that we shall without unnecessary delay, apply ourselves to the consideration of all measures which the circumstances of the Colony may demand.

We rejoice that your Excellency has had ample opportunity of perusing such official documents, as refer to the peculiar circumstances in which this Dependency of the Crown is at present placed, as well as of ascertaining the opinion of Her Majesty and Her Confidential Advisers respecting the principles upon which it is thought right, that the future Government of Her Majesty's North American Provinces shall be conducted.

It is our earnest desire that the introduction of the system of Responsible Government into this Colony, which your Excellency is authorised to carry out on certain conditions, may be attended with increased advantage and happiness to the People of this loyal Colony.

The conditions upon which this arrangement is to be adopted, when laid before us by your Excellency, shall receive our most serious attention.

We are quite confident that it is the sincerest wish of Her Majesty and Her Confidential Advisers that this Island may advance in prosperity, and we believe that its Inhabitants are truly loyal to their Sovereign, and capable of appreciating those blessings of social order, which under Divine Providence the principles of the British Constitution—when faithfully carried out—are so well calculated to promote.

On motion, Ordered, that the said Address be presented to His Excellency by the whole House.

Ordered, That the same Committee who prepared the Address, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he will be pleased to receive this House with their Address.

Adjourned until to-morrow at Two o'clock.

FRIDAY, 28th March, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Hon. Mr. *Attorney General*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Young</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Haythorne</i> ,

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. *Young*, from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he would be pleased to receive the Address of this House, in answer to his Speech, reported, that they had waited on His Excellency, and that he had been pleased to say, he would receive the Address on Monday next at Twelve o'clock, in the Legislative Library.

Mr. *Young*, from the Committee appointed to examine into and report upon the expiring Laws, presented to the House the Report of the Committee, which he read in his place, and is as followeth :

Your Committee having carefully examined the Laws of the Island, to ascertain those which are about to expire during the present Session of the Legislature, beg leave to report as follows, viz :

That the Act of 10 Victoria, cap. 8, intituled "An Act for the better prevention of Smuggling," will expire on the First day of May, 1851.

That the Act of 10 Victoria, cap. 9, intituled "An Act for the encouragement of Education," will expire on the First day of May, 1851.

That the Act of 10 Victoria, cap. 15, intituled "An Act relating to Treasury Warrants," will expire at the end of the present Session.

That the Act of 11 Victoria, cap. 3, intituled "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force relating to Emigrants, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof," will expire on the First day of May, 1851.

That the Act of 11 Victoria, cap. 12, intituled "An Act to repeal the Laws for constituting Boards of Health, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof," will expire at the end of the present Session.

That the Act of 12 Victoria, cap. 10, intituled "An Act for raising a Revenue," will expire on the Second day of May, 1851.

That the Act of 12 Victoria, cap. 27, intituled "An Act to repeal and alter certain parts of the Emigrant Act," will expire on the First day of May, 1851.

That the Act of 12 Victoria, cap. 30, intituled "An Act to explain and amend the Act relating to Boards of Health," will expire at the end of the present Session.

That the Act of 12 Victoria, cap. 31, intituled "An Act to continue an Act relating to Treasury Warrants," will expire at the end of the present Session.

That the Act of 13 Victoria, cap. 1, intituled "An Act for raising a Revenue and appropriating part of the same," will expire on the Second day of May, 1851.

That the Act of 13 Victoria, cap. 2, intituled "An Act to continue several Acts which are near expiring," will expire on the First day of May, 1851.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

Resolved, That Mr. *Birnie* be appointed one of the Committee on the part of this House, to take charge of the Legislative Library, in the room of Mr. *Dalrymple*, deceased.

Ordered, That the said Resolution be communicated, by Message, to the House of Assembly.

Adjourned until Monday next, at Eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, 31st March, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. <i>Attorney General</i> , President ;	
The Hon. Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§ The Hon. Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Young</i> ,	§ Mr. <i>Birnie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§ Mr. <i>Haythorne</i> ,
Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,	§

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of Friday last.

At Twelve o'clock, the House waited on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with their Address, in answer to his Speech at the opening of the Session, and being returned, Mr. *President* reported, that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the same, and to give an answer thereto, which was read by the Clerk, and is as followeth:

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

I thank you for your Address, as well as for your congratulations on my safe arrival in this Colony, and assumption of its Government. I have directed documents to be laid before you, which will explain the conditions I alluded to on the opening of the Session, and I have no doubt the important subject to which they relate, and all other measures which the circumstances of the Colony may demand, will receive your serious attention.

31st March, 1851.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Haviland—

“ House of Assembly, Tuesday, 25th March, 1851.

“ Resolved, That a Committee of Six Members be appointed to keep up a good correspondence between the two branches of the Legislature, and report their proceedings from time to time, with power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

“ Ordered, That Mr. Haviland, Hon. Mr. Thornton, Mr. Warburton, Mr. Davies, Mr. Pope, and Mr. Coles do compose the said Committee.

“ Ordered, That the said Resolution be communicated by Message to the Legislative Council.”

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, to keep up a good Correspondence between the two Branches of the Legislature, and to report their proceedings from time to time, with power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

Ordered, That Mr. Young, Mr. Rice and Mr. Swabey do compose the said Committee.

Ordered, That the said Resolution be communicated, by Message, to the House of Assembly.

The Honorable Mr. Haviland, Colonial Secretary, informed the House, that he was directed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to lay before the House, the following written Messages, signed by His Excellency :

[FIRST MESSAGE:]

A. BANNERMAN, LIEUT. GOVERNOR.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the House of Assembly, the copy of a Despatch from Earl Grey, embodying the conditions on which the Lieutenant Governor is prepared to introduce the system of Responsible Government into this Colony, and also to surrender the disposal of the Crown Revenues to the Local Legislature.

On one of these conditions, viz.: the salary of the Chief Justice, the Lieutenant Governor considers it necessary to offer a few observations, to which he would draw the attention of the Assembly. The salary, it seems, was £700 sterling, which was paid from the Imperial Revenue until 1849, when that source of payment ceased, and the salary of the Chief Justice and other civil officers had to be defrayed by the Colony. It further appears, that in the Civil List Act, which passed the Colonial Legislature for that year, the salary of the Chief Justice was reduced to £466 13s. 4d. sterling, and that against this reduction the Chief Justice remonstrated, in a communication addressed to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonial Department. It also appears, that when the question was again about to be submitted to the Legislature, the Lieutenant Governor's predecessor urged on the Chief Justice a reduction of his salary, against which, Mr. Jarvis again preferred a written remonstrance, but ultimately agreed to it; and, it appears that Sir Donald Campbell had stipulated with certain parties, that the salary should be £800 sterling. Subsequently, however, another party stipulated with the Chief Justice that his salary should be £466 13s. 4d. sterling, with a present payment of £500 currency. This latter arrangement seems to have been a conditional one, and the party who made it with the Chief Justice, very justly, as the Lieutenant Governor thinks, absolved him, and publicly so in the Assembly; the negotiations which formed the basis of the agreement having proved unsuccessful, and failed. But it seems, that the terms of the latter arrangement, were included in the Estimates, and submitted to the Assembly, as the Lieutenant Governor understands, with the sanction of his predecessor, but without the knowledge or concurrence of the Chief Justice.

The Lieutenant Governor is of opinion, that the negotiations to which he has alluded, were very irregular and to be regretted, but he has no doubt they were entered into from an anxious desire of the parties, to remove what they considered to be an obstacle in the way of settling an important question.

The Council will observe, that this subject is left for the decision of the Lieutenant Governor. Having since his arrival in the Island, ascertained the facts, and, as he believes, correctly stated them, he submits them to the consideration of the Council, trusting that in any matter on which he can act with discretionary instructions, it may be brought to a satisfactory termination.

March 31, 1851.

A. B.

The said Message and Despatch were read and ordered to lie on the Table.

(See Appendix, No. 2.)

[SECOND MESSAGE:]

A. BANNERMAN, Lieut. Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor lays before the Legislative Council, the copy of a Despatch from Earl Grey, in reference to the objectionable character of the " Act for raising a Revenue, and appropriating part of the same," passed in the last Session of the Colonial Legislature.

March 31, 1851.

A. B.

The said Message and Despatch were read and ordered to lie on the Table.

(See Appendix, No. 3.)

Adjourned until to-morrow at One o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, 1st April, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Attorney General*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Young</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> .

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. *President* laid before the House the following Documents, viz :

Copy of the Warrant Book for the past year.

Copy of the Blue Book for the year 1849.

Also—

The Public Accounts, as arranged and classified by the Auditors, for the use of the Legislature.

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

Mr. *Young* laid before the House the following Accounts, viz :

Accounts of the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Malpeque, for the Quarters ended 30th June, 30th September, and 31st December, 1850.

Accounts of the Collector of Impost and Excise for Georgetown, for the year ended 31st December, 1850.

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

Mr. *Young*, by leave, presented a Petition of Philip Beers, setting forth, that a public Road crosses his Mill Dam, upon which no Public Money has hitherto been expended, but the same has been kept in repair by the Petitioner : that during a great storm in the Month of September last, his Mill Dam was entirely broken, and his Carding Mill and Building carried away, whereby he has sustained great loss and damage, and praying the favorable consideration of this House.

The said Petition was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Holl*, by leave, presented a Petition of Hugh Logan, Jailer, of Georgetown, praying full indemnification for his loss sustained by the escape of two Prisoners—the debt for which one of them was confined, he was obliged to pay—in consequence of the insufficiency of the Jail-yard Fence.

The said Petition was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *President* laid before the House, the Accounts of the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Crapaud, for the year ended 31st December, 1850.

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

Adjourned until to-morrow at One o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 2d April, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Hon. Mr. *Attorney General*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Young</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Haythorne</i> .

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. *Hensley* laid before the House, the Accounts of the late Treasurer with the Government, up to the 11th November, 1850.

Also—

His own Accounts, as Treasurer, to 31st January, 1851; and a List of Bonds in the Treasury, with the Balances due thereon, 31st January, 1851.

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

Mr. *Young*, by leave, presented a Petition of Alexander M'Millan, of Georgetown Road, Miller, praying that this House will acquiesce in the Grant of Five Pounds, as compensation for a Road over his Mill Dam, made by him.

The said Petition was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Adjourned until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

THURSDAY, 3rd April, 1851.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Attorney General*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Hensley</i> .
Mr. <i>Young</i> .	§	

PRAYERS.

There not being a Quorum—

Adjourned until to-morrow at One o'clock.

FRIDAY, 4th April, 1851.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Attorney General*, President ;
 The Hon. Mr. *Young*, § The Hon. Mr. *Swabey*,
 Mr. *Rice*, § Mr. *Birnie*,

PRAYERS.

There not being a Quorum—

Adjourned until to-morrow at One o'clock.

SATURDAY, 5th April, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Attorney General*, President ;
 The Hon. Mr. *Holl*, § The Hon. Mr. *Swabey*,
 Mr. *Young*, § Mr. *Hensley*,
 Mr. *Rice*, § Mr. *Birnie*.

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of Wednesday last.

Mr. *Rice* laid before the House, the Accounts of the Collector of Impost and Excise for Prince Edward Island, for the year ended 31st December, 1850.

Also—

The Accounts of the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Cascumpec, for the year ended 31st December, 1850.

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

Mr. *President*, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid before the House, Copy of an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 19th of June, 1850—leaving to its operation “An Act to continue several Acts therein mentioned,” passed by the Legislature of this Colony, in the Month of March, 1850—which was read by the Clerk.

Ordered that the same do lie on the Table.

(See Appendix, No. 4.)

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Haviland, with a Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws now in force, for the relief of Insolvent Debtors," to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Read the said Bill a first time.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Clark, with a Bill intituled "An Act for the better prevention of Smuggling," to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Read the said Bill a first time.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Mooney, with a Bill intituled "An Act to alter and amend the Laws now in force, relating to the Militia," to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Read the said Bill a first time.

Mr. *Swabey*, by leave, presented a Petition of Mary Cahill, in destitute circumstances, whose husband has left her with Nine Children, two of whom are cripples—praying relief.

The said Petition was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Young*, moved for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of an Act for ascertaining the Standard of Weights and Measures in this Island, to Mills therein.

Leave being granted, the said Bill was brought in and read a first time.

Read a second time, the Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws now in force, for the relief of Insolvent Debtors."

Read a second time, the Bill intituled "An Act for the better prevention of Smuggling."

Mr. *Holl*, by leave, presented a Petition of James Fitzgibbon, George Palmer, John Carrol and Patrick Nelligan, of Township Number One, praying that this House will concur with the House of Assembly, in granting a sum of Money towards the completion of a Breakwater, on the North Side of this Island.

The said Petition was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Adjourned until Monday next, at One o'clock.

MONDAY, 7th April, 1851.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Attorney General*, President ;
 The Hon. Mr. *Swabey*, § The Hon. Mr. *Birnie*.
 Mr. *Hensley*, §

PRAYERS.

There not being a Quorum—

Adjourned until to-morrow at One o'clock.

TUESDAY, 8th April, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Attorney General*, President ;
 The Hon. Mr. *Holl*, § The Hon. Mr. *Hensley*,
 Mr. *Young*, § Mr. *Birnie*,
 Mr. *Rice*, § Mr. *Haythorne*.
 Mr. *Swabey*, §

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of Saturday last.

Mr. *Swabey*, by leave, presented a Memorial of the "Royal Agricultural Society, of Prince Edward Island," praying that an Act may pass to prevent any Bull running at large, unless licensed by the "Royal Agricultural Society," or by one of the Branch Societies in connection therewith.

The said Memorial was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws now in force, for the relief of Insolvent Debtors."—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Swabey* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto.

On motion, Ordered, that the Report of the Committee be received.

The said amendments were then read, and are as follow :

- Folio 2, line 5.*—After the word “Debtors,” insert “and to make other provisions in lieu thereof.”
Folio 9, line 5.—Strike out from the word “which,” to the word “weekly,” in line 6, both inclusive.
Same Folio, line 6.—After the word “payment,” insert “to.”
Same Folio, line 9.—After the word “and,” insert “which sum.”
Folio 11, line 4.—After the word “Plaintiff,” insert “from.”
Folio 12, line 6.—Strike out from the word “Two,” to the word “Island,” in line 9, both inclusive, and insert
 “an equal proportion of the weekly allowance ordered.”
Folio 33, line 3.—Strike out the words “may or,” and insert “shall.”

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

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed, and that the Bill as amended be read a third time to-morrow.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the Bill intituled “An Act for the better prevention of Smuggling.”—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Holl* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto.

On motion, *Ordered,* that the Report of the Committee be received.

The said amendments were then read and are as follow :

- Folio 1, line 3.*—Strike out the word “clandestinely.”
Folio 6, line 4.—Strike out the word “known.”
Folio 11, line 10.—Strike out from the word “between,” to the word “Sunset,” in line 11, both inclusive, and insert “from the First day of April, to the First day of October, in each year, both days inclusive, to commence at Five o’clock in the forenoon, and conclude at Seven o’clock in the afternoon ; and between the First day of October, and the First day of April, to commence at Seven o’clock in the forenoon, and conclude at Five o’clock in the afternoon.”

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

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed, and that the Bill as amended be read a third time to-morrow.

Adjourned until to-morrow at One o’clock.

WEDNESDAY, 9th April, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Hon. Mr. *Attorney General*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Young</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Haythorne</i> .
Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,	§	

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

Pursuant to order, the Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws now in force, for the relief of Insolvent Debtors," was, as amended, read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill, as amended, do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House have agreed to the said Bill, with certain amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order, the Bill intituled "An Act for the better prevention of Smuggling," was, as amended, read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill, as amended, do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House have agreed to the said Bill, with certain amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Read a second time, the Bill to extend the provisions of an Act for ascertaining the Standard of Weights and Measures in this Island, to Mills therein.

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. *Young* reported that the Committee had made some progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

On motion, *Ordered*, that the Report of the Committee be received and leave granted.

The Honorable Mr. Haviland, Colonial Secretary, informed the House, that he was directed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to lay before the House, the following written Message, signed by His Excellency :

A. BANNERMAN, Lieut. Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, a Copy of a Despatch which he has received from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, by this day's Mail; the same conveyance brought him a similar one from the Governor General of Canada, asking for the like information.

The Lieutenant Governor understands, that no such Act as is alluded to by the British Minister, has as yet been received in this Colony : He has therefore written for a Copy of it, which, when received, will be laid before the Council; He has no doubt, the Legislature of this Colony will readily reciprocate, with the United States Government in any matter, which may prove mutually advantageous.

April 9, 1851.

A. B.

The said Message and Despatch were read and ordered to lie on the Table.

(*For Despatch, See Appendix, No. 5.*)

Adjourned until to-morrow at One o'clock.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whelan, with a Bill intituled "An Act to alter the mode of appointing Sheriffs for each of the Counties of this Island, and to abolish the Fines heretofore imposed on Persons declining to serve in such Offices, when appointed thereto, and make other provisions in addition thereto," to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Haviland, with the following Bills agreed to, as amended by the Legislative Council, viz :

A Bill, intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws now in force, for the relief of Insolvent Debtors.

A Bill, intituled "An Act for the better prevention of Smuggling."

Read a first time, the Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the laying out and altering of Highways."

Read a first time, the Bill intituled "An Act to alter the mode of appointing Sheriffs for each of the Counties of this Island, and to abolish the Fines heretofore imposed on Persons declining to serve in such Offices, when appointed thereto, and make other provisions in addition thereto."

Adjourned until Monday next, at One o'clock.

MONDAY, 14th April, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Attorney General*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Young</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Haythorne</i> .
Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,	§	

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of Friday last.

Read a second time, the Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the laying out and altering of Highways."

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. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had made some progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

On motion, Ordered, that the Report of the Committee be received, and leave granted.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Clark, with a Bill intituled “An Act relating to Emigrants,” to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled “An Act to regulate the laying out and altering of Highways.”—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

On motion, Ordered, that the Report of the Committee be agreed to.

On motion, the said Bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill, do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them therewith.

Read a first time, the Bill intituled “An Act relating to Emigrants.”

Mr. *President*, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid before the House, Copies of the following Despatches and Documents, viz :

Circular Despatch from Earl Grey, dated 29th May, 1850, transmitting a Return, shewing the amount of the Duties at present payable on Goods imported into the several British Colonies.

Despatch from Earl Grey, dated 26th September, 1850, No. 117, transmitting Copy of a Letter from Mr. Thomas Brown, soliciting a Lease of the Coal and Mineral rights of the Crown in Prince Edward Island.

Circular Despatch from Earl Grey, dated 27th December, 1850, transmitting Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to the General Post Office, relative to a reduced Rate of Postage on Pamphlets, Books, &c.

Despatch from the Governor General of Canada, dated 6th February, 1851, transmitting Copy of a Minute of the Executive Council of that Province, on the subject of a Communication from Earl Grey, relative to the difference between the British Scale of Weight for charging Letters, and that adopted by the British North American Provinces.—Also, Copy of the Extract of the Marquis of Clanricarde’s Letter, referred to in the said Minute of Council.

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

(See *Appendices*, Nos. 6 to 9.)

Read a second time, the Bill intituled “An Act relating to Emigrants.”

T H U R S D A Y , 10th April, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. <i>Attorney General</i> , President ;		
The Hon. Mr. <i>Macdonald</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Young</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Haythorne</i> .

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Haviland, with a Bill intituled "An Act for shortening the Language used in Acts of the General Assembly," to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Read the said Bill a first time.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill to extend the provisions of an Act for ascertaining the Standard of Weights and Measures in this Island, to Mills therein.—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Young* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and that they had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

On motion, Ordered, that the Report of the Committee be agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed, and that the Title be "An Act to extend the provisions of an Act for ascertaining the Standard of Weights and Measures in this Island, to Mills therein."

Read a second time, the Bill intituled "An Act for shortening the Language used in Acts of the General Assembly."

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. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made a certain amendment thereto.

On motion, Ordered, that the Report of the Committee be received.

The said amendment was then read, and is as followeth :

Folio 3, line 5.—After the word "printed," insert as follows :—"under and by virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of this Island, passed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to provide for reprinting the Laws of this Island," or under and by virtue of any Act of the General Assembly of this Island, hereafter to be passed or."

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

Ordered, That the said amendment be engrossed, and that the Bill, as amended, be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. *President*, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid before the House, Copy of the Estimates of the Expenditure of the Government, for the current year.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

Adjourned until to-morrow at One o'clock.

FRIDAY, 11th April, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. <i>Attorney General</i> , President ;		
The Hon. Mr. <i>Macdonald</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Young</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> .

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. *Swabey*, by leave, presented a Petition of Alexander Bell, of Township Number Four, whose Wife has been of unsound mind for the last Ten years—praying relief. The said Petition was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Read a third time, as engrossed, the Bill intituled “ An Act to extend the provisions of an Act for ascertaining the Standard of Weights and Measures in this Island, to Mills therein.”

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly for their concurrence.

Pursuant to order, the Bill intituled “ An Act for shortening the Language used in Acts of the General Assembly,” was, as amended, read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill, as amended, do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House have agreed to the said Bill, with a certain amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Coles, with a Bill intituled “ An Act to regulate the laying out and altering of Highways,” to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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. *Holl* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same.

On motion, Ordered, that the Report of the Committee be agreed to.

Adjourned until to-morrow at One o'clock.

TUESDAY, 15th April, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Attorney General*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. <i>Macdonald</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Young</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Haythorne</i> .

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. *President*, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were received and read, viz :

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Saint Eleanor's, praying that this House will concur with the House of Assembly, in granting a sum of Money towards the completion of a Road, leading from Saint Eleanor's to Bedeque Bay.

A Petition of the Minister, Church Wardens and Vestry of Saint John's Church at Saint Eleanor's, praying for a remission of the Duty on an Organ recently imported by them for the use of said Church.

Ordered, That the foregoing Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. *Holl*, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were received and read, viz :

A Petition of Mary Morrison, formerly a Female Teacher in Charlottetown, setting forth, that in consequence of severe illness, she is incapable of earning a livelihood, and praying relief.

A Petition of Malcolm Macaulay, formerly of Point Prim, Teacher, praying an allowance for his services as a Teacher in a remote and destitute locality, beyond the limits of any School District.

Ordered, That the foregoing Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. *Young*, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were received and read, viz :

A Petition of Charles Maclaren, Postmaster at Georgetown, setting forth, that since the 17th of August last, Petitioner has continued to receive and deliver Inland Letters and Papers at his Office, for which he has received no allowance whatever, and praying the favorable consideration of this House.

A Petition of Walter Phelan, of Charlottetown, praying, for reasons therein set forth, that this House will favorably consider his claim, for an allowance as a Teacher of a number of poor Children, in Charlottetown, last year.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Brackley Point, praying that this House will sanction the grant of a sum of Money, towards the completion of a Road, in that District.

Ordered, That the foregoing Petitions do lie on the Table.

Read a second time, the Bill intituled "An Act to alter and amend the Laws now in force, relating to the Militia."

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. *Young* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

On motion, *Ordered*, that the Report of the Committee be agreed to.

On motion, the said Bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them therewith.

Adjourned until to-morrow at One o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 16th April, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Attorney General*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. <i>Macdonald</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Young</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Haythorne</i> .

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. *Swabey*, by leave, presented a Petition of the Church Wardens and Parishioners of the Roman Catholic Parish of Souris, in King's County, setting forth, that in the Summer of the year 1848, their Chapel, Vestry, and Parochial House were destroyed by Fire, and praying aid to rebuild a Chapel, &c.

The said Petition was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Birnie*, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz :

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Georgetown and vicinity, praying that this House will sanction the grant of a sum of Money, towards the erection of a Wharf, at the South Side of Cardigan River.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Georgetown and parts adjacent, setting forth the great benefit and advantage that would accrue to this Colony, by the erection of a Light House at the entrance of the Harbour of Three Rivers, and praying the favorable consideration of this House.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of the Town and Royalty of Georgetown and vicinity, praying aid to open a new line of Road in that Royalty.

A Petition of Mary Steel, of Tracadie, Widow, in indigent circumstances, praying relief.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Little York, recommending the case of John Brent, in indigent circumstances, to the favorable consideration of this House.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Numbers Seventeen and Nineteen, praying that this House will sanction the grant of a sum of Money, in aid of a Road on Township Number Nineteen.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Cove Head, praying that this House will sanction the grant of a sum of Money towards the repair of two Bridges, in that District.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Princetown Royalty and Township Number Eighteen, praying that a Tonnage Bounty may be granted for the encouragement of the Mackarel and Cod Fishery.

Ordered, That the several foregoing Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. *Young*, by leave, presented a Petition of divers Inhabitants of Township Number Thirty-three, praying that this House will sanction the grant of a sum of Money towards the completion of a Wharf at Macinnis's Point.

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

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Coles, with the following Bills, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council, viz :

A Bill, intituled "An Act to regulate the Costs of Distress levied for the payment of Rents, and to amend the Laws relating to Distress."

A Bill, intituled "An Act to commute the Crown Revenues of Prince Edward Island, and to provide for the Civil List thereof, as well as for certain compensations therein mentioned."

Read the said Bills a first time.

Read a second time, the Bill intituled "An Act to alter the mode of appointing Sheriffs for each of the Counties of this Island, and to abolish the Fines heretofore imposed on Persons declining to serve in such Offices, when appointed thereto, and make other provisions in addition thereto."

Read a second time, the Bill intituled "An Act to commute the Crown Revenues of Prince Edward Island, and to provide for the payment of the Civil List thereof, as well as for certain compensations therein mentioned."

Adjourned until to-morrow at One o'clock.

THURSDAY, 17th April, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Attorney General*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. <i>Macdonald</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Young</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Haythorne</i> .

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

The Honorable Mr. Haviland, Colonial Secretary, informed the House, that he was directed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to lay before the House, the following written Message, signed by His Excellency :

A. BANNERMAN, Lieut. Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor is desirous, that the Legislative Council, at its rising to-day, should adjourn to Monday, the Twenty-first instant.

April 9, 1851.

A. B.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Haviland, with the Bill intituled "An Act for shortening the Language used in Acts of the General Assembly," agreed to, as amended by the Legislative Council.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Fraser, with a Bill intituled "An Act to alter the appropriation of a certain sum of Money raised by the present Land Assessment Act," to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Read the said Bill a first time.

Mr. *Swabey*, by leave, presented a Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Numbers Twenty-eight and Twenty-nine, praying that this House will sanction the grant of a sum of Money, towards the erection of a Wharf, on the Western Side of Crapaud Harbour.

The said Petition was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Young*, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were received and read, viz :

A Petition of divers Roman Catholic Inhabitants of Charlottetown, praying that this House will give effect to any measure, that may be adopted by the House of Assembly, in behalf of their School in this Town, wherein a great number of poor Children are taught.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Boughton River, Townships Numbers Fifty-four and Fifty-five, and Boughton Island, praying the concurrence of this House in the grant of a sum of Money, towards the completion of a Line of Road in that District.

Ordered, That the foregoing Petitions do lie on the Table.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the Bill intituled "An Act to commute the Crown Revenues of Prince Edward Island, and to provide for the Civil List thereof, as well as for certain compensations therein mentioned."—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had made some progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

On motion, *Ordered*, that the Report of the Committee be received, and leave granted.

Mr. *Macdonald*, by leave, presented a Petition of Patrick Treanor, of Charlottetown, setting forth, that his Son has been laboring under a severe illness for the last Five years, and praying relief.

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

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the Bill intituled "An Act to alter the mode of appointing Sheriffs for each of the Counties of this Island, and to abolish the Fines heretofore imposed on Persons declining to serve in such Offices, when appointed thereto, and make other provisions in addition thereto."—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Young* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and that they had made a certain amendment thereto, and an alteration in the Title.

On motion, *Ordered*, that the Report of the Committee be received.

The said amendments were then read, and are as follow :

Folio 1, line 8.—Strike out from the word “Be,” to the word “Act,” in Folio 12, line 8, both inclusive, and insert :

“Whereas by an Act of the Forty-eighth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled “An Act to amend an Act made and passed in the Twenty-sixth year of His present Majesty’s Reign, intituled ‘An Act to empower the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint a Sheriff or Sheriffs, for this Island’; also to regulate the Office of Sheriffs, and the manner in which they shall return and pass their Accounts of all Fines and Forfeitures, levied by them for the use of the Crown, and to indemnify Persons claiming under Deeds executed by the Deputy or Under Sheriff of this Island,” it is enacted, that any Person who shall have been appointed to execute the Office of High Sheriff, and shall refuse to accept the same, shall be subject to, and pay a Fine of Twenty Pounds, of lawful Money of this Island : And whereas Members of the Legislature are liable to be selected, for the performance of this Office : Be it enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, That from and after the passing of this Act, whenever any Member of the Legislature shall be selected by competent legal authority, to serve the Office of High Sheriff in either of the Counties of this Island, it shall be lawful for such Member to decline such Office, without being liable in case of his refusal to pay any Fine heretofore enacted to be paid by him in case of such refusal : Provided always, that such Person shall within Eight days after receiving Notice of his appointment, signify to the Lieutenant Governor in writing, his refusal to serve in the said Office.”

“And be it enacted, That upon every such refusal, the Lieutenant Governor, or other Administrator of the Government for the time being, and the Chief Justice, or in his absence, the eldest Justice shall respectively proceed in the same manner as is prescribed by the Third Section of the Act of the 26 Geo. 3, cap. 15, intituled “An Act to empower the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, to appoint a Sheriff or Sheriffs for this Island; also to regulate the Office of Sheriffs, and the manner in which they shall return and pass their Accounts of all Fines and Forfeitures levied by them, for the use of the Crown.”

In the Title—folio 1, line 1.—Strike out from the word “alter,” to the word “thereto,” in line 7, both inclusive, and insert “relieve Members of the Legislature, from the liability to pay a Penalty, in case of refusing to accept the Office of High Sheriff.”

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

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed, and that the Bill, as amended, be read a third time, on Monday next.

In accordance with His Excellency’s Message, the House adjourned until Monday the Twenty-first instant—at One o’clock.

MONDAY, 21st April, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. <i>Attorney General</i> , President ;		
The Hon. Mr. <i>Young</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Haythorne</i> .

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of Thursday last.

Mr. *President* laid before the House, the Accounts of the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Bedeque, for the year ended 31st December, 1850. Also, An Account of Light Duty collected at Bedeque, for the same period.

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

Pursuant to order, the Bill intituled "An Act to alter the mode of appointing Sheriffs for each of the Counties of this Island, and to abolish the Fines heretofore imposed on Persons declining to serve in such Offices, when appointed thereto, and make other provisions in addition thereto," was, as amended, read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill, as amended, do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House have agreed to the said Bill, with certain amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Read a third time, the Bill intituled "An Act relating to Emigrants."

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled "An Act to commute the Crown Revenues of Prince Edward Island, and to provide for the Civil List thereof, as well as for certain compensations therein mentioned."—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had made further progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

On motion, *Ordered*, that the Report of the Committee be received, and leave granted.

Adjourned until to-morrow at Eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, 22d April, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. <i>Attorney General</i> , President ;		
The Hon. Mr. <i>Macdonald</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Young</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Haythorne</i> .

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. *Holl*, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz :

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Numbers Two and Three, praying the concurrence of this House, in granting a sum of Money, for the repair of two Bridges in that District.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of the Eastern part of Townships Numbers Two and Three, praying for the establishment of a Post Office at Kildare.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Tignish, praying the concurrence of this House, in the grant of a sum of Money, towards the completion of a Bridge, over the Tignish Pond.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Sea Cow Pond, Township Number One, praying the concurrence of this House, in the grant of a sum of Money, towards the erection of a Bridge, on the Road between Tignish Settlement and the North Cape.

Ordered, That the several foregoing Petitions do lie on the Table.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled "An Act to commute the Crown Revenues of Prince Edward Island, and to provide for the Civil List thereof, as well as for certain compensations therein mentioned."—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had made further progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

On motion, *Ordered*, that the Report of the Committee be received, and leave granted.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Fraser, with a Bill intituled "An Act to oblige Husbands and other natural Relatives of indigent and impotent Persons, unable to maintain themselves, to contribute to their support," to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read a first time.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Lord, with a Bill intituled "An Act for constituting Boards of Health," to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Read a second time, the Bill intituled "An Act to alter the appropriation of a certain sum of Money raised by the present Land Assessment Act."

Read a second time, the Bill intituled "An Act for constituting Boards of Health."

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. *Young* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

On motion, Ordered, that the Report of the Committee be agreed to.

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

Read a second time, the Bill intituled "An Act to oblige Husbands and other natural Relatives of indigent and impotent Persons, unable to maintain themselves, to contribute to their support."

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill, intituled "An Act to commute the Crown Revenues of Prince Edward Island, and to provide for the Civil List thereof, as well as for certain compensations therein mentioned."—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had made further progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

On motion, Ordered, that the Report of the Committee be received, and leave granted.

Adjourned until to-morrow at Ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 23d April, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Attorney General*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. *Macdonald*,

Mr. *Holl*,

Mr. *Young*,

Mr. *Rice*,

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The Hon. Mr. *Swabey*,

Mr. *Hensley*,

Mr. *Birnie*,

Mr. *Haythorne*.

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. *Swabey*, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were received and read, viz :

A Petition of the Clergy and other Inhabitants of Prince County, praying for the establishment of County Boards of Education, to take the management of the District Schools throughout the Island.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Numbers Seven, Eight, and Nine, praying the concurrence of this House, in the grant of a sum of Money, in aid of a new Line of Road leading from Little Pierre Jaques on Township No. 8, to the Brae Settlement on Township No. 9.

Ordered, That the foregoing Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. *Hensley*, by leave, presented a Petition of divers Inhabitants of Charlottetown, residing in that part commonly called "the Bog," praying the favorable consideration of this House, towards increasing the Salary of the Teacher of the Free School, established in the neighbourhood of Petitioners, for their benefit, by the Colonial Church School Society.

The said Petition was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Rice*, by leave, presented a Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Numbers Fifty-nine, Sixty-one, Sixty-three, and others, praying that this House will sanction the grant of a sum of Money, for the repair of the main Post Road between Three Rivers and Murray Harbour, which passes over the Albion Mill Dam, and also to render parts of said Dam more secure.

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

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled "An Act to commute the Crown Revenues of Prince Edward Island, and to provide for the Civil List thereof, as well as for certain compensations therein mentioned."—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

The said Bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly.

Pursuant to order, the Bill intituled "An Act for constituting Boards of Health," was read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House have agreed to the said Bill without any amendment.

Mr. *Young*, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were received and read, viz :

A Petition of Neil Maclean, of Prince County, praying that this House will sanction the grant of an allowance, for having taught two Micmac Indian Children, for a short period during the year 1848.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Prince County, praying that this House will concur in granting a sum of Money, in aid of a Line of Road, leading from the main Road along Richmond Bay, to the great Western Road.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Grand River, Township Number Fourteen, recommending the case of William Macniell, an aged and infirm blind Person, to the favorable consideration of this House.

Ordered, That the foregoing Petitions do lie on the Table.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the Bill intituled "An Act to oblige Husbands and other natural Relatives of indigent and impotent Persons, unable to maintain themselves, to contribute to their support."—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

The said Bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House have agreed to the said Bill without any amendment.

Read a second time, the Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the Costs of Distress levied for the payment of Rents, and to amend the Laws relating to Distress."

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. *Holl* reported, that the Committee had made some progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

On motion, *Ordered*, that the Report of the Committee be received, and leave granted.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Fraser, with the following Bills, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council, viz:

A Bill, intituled "An Act relating to Stray Cattle."

A Bill, intituled "An Act to provide for the Summary Trial of Common Assaults and Batteries."

And also—

"Mr. President ;

"The House of Assembly have passed the Bill intituled "An Act to extend the provisions of an Act for ascertaining the Standard of Weights and Measures in this Island, to Mills therein," with certain amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Read a first time, the Bill intituled "An Act relating to Stray Cattle."

Read a first time, the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Summary Trial of Common Assaults and Batteries."

The amendments made by the House of Assembly, to the Bill intituled "An Act to extend the provisions of an Act for ascertaining the Standard of Weights and Measures in this Island, to Mills therein," were read a first time, and are as follow, viz:

Folio 3, line 3.—After the word "Act," insert the following Clauses :

"And be it enacted, That in all cases of Seizure, under the Fifth Section of the said recited Act, of Weights and Measures not marked or branded in manner as in the said Act mentioned the Person or Persons in whose possession they shall be found, in case of their being over the proper Standard, shall be liable to the same Penalty as is imposed by the said Section when the Weights and Measures prove short of the Standard."

"And Whereas, under and by virtue of the provisions of the Fifth Section of the above recited Act, in Prosecutions for Penalties imposed thereby on Persons in whose House, Shop, or Office, any unstamped Weights or Measures may have been found, proof of the same having been actually used by such Persons is required before conviction, which it is sometimes difficult to procure : Be it therefore enacted, That if any Weights or Measures not conformable with the Standard, shall be found in the possession of any Person or Persons in the practice of buying and selling, then it shall be deemed that such Weights and Measures have actually been used, and the Person or Persons in whose possession they shall have been found, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be subject to the Penalties imposed by the said Fifth Section, and by other parts of the said recited Act, on Persons who have been proved to have made use of Weights and Measures contrary to the provisions of the Act."

Title—folio 1, line 4.—After the word "therein," insert "and to make other alterations therein."

Read a second time, the Bill intituled "An Act relating to Stray Cattle."

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. *Rice* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and that they had agreed to the same without any amendment

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

Mr. *Rice* presented to the House, a Bill to restrain Bulls from running at large, and the same was read a first time.

Read a second time, the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Summary Trial of Common Assaults and Batteries."

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. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report be received.

The said amendments were then read, and are as follow :

Folio 3, line 1.—Strike out from the word "to," to the word "excepted," in line 4, both inclusive.

Folio 9, line 10.—Strike out the words "Household Furniture or," and after the word "Apparel," in the same line, insert "Beds and Bedding."

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

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed, and that the Bill, as amended, be read a third time to-morrow.

Read a second time, the amendments made by the House of Assembly, to the Bill intituled "An Act to extend the provisions of an Act for ascertaining the Standard of Weights and Measures in this Island, to Mills therein."

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said amendments.—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Young* reported, that the Committee had agreed to the said amendments, and had made a certain amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the Report be received.

The said amendment was then read, and is as followeth, viz :

Folio 3, line 6.—After the word “Act,” insert the following Clauses :

“And be it enacted, That from and after the passing hereof, it shall be necessary for each Grist Mill, within this Island, to have a complete set of Weights therein, duly stamped as aforesaid, consisting of at least, Two Fifty-six Pounds Weights, Two Twenty-eight Pounds Weights, Two Fourteen Pounds Weights, One Seven Pounds Weight, One Two Pounds Weight, and One One Pound Weight, under a Penalty of Ten Shillings for each Weight that shall not be found in the said Mill, to be recovered in the same manner as is pointed out in the Fourth Section of the said Act.”

“And be it enacted, That no Steel Yards shall be used in this Island for any other purpose than the buying or selling of Hay or Straw, under a Penalty of Ten Shillings for each offence, to be recovered in manner aforesaid.”

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

Ordered, That the said amendment be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor having come to the Council Chamber, and being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, received His Excellency's Commands to desire the attendance of the House of Assembly immediately in the Council Chamber.

The House of Assembly, with their Speaker, having attended accordingly, His Excellency was pleased, in Her Majesty's name, to give his assent to the following Bills, viz :

An Act to regulate the laying out and altering of Highways.

An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws now in force, for the relief of Insolvent Debtors.

An Act for constituting Boards of Health.

An Act for the better prevention of Smuggling.

An Act to alter and amend the Laws now in force, relating to the Militia.

An Act to oblige Husbands and other natural Relatives of indigent and impotent Persons, unable to maintain themselves, to contribute to their support.

An Act for shortening the Language used in Acts of the General Assembly.

The Speaker of the House of Assembly, then addressed His Excellency as followeth:—

May it please your Excellency ;

On behalf of Her Majesty's faithful Commons of Prince Edward Island, I have now to present a Bill intituled “An Act to commute the Crown Revenues of Prince Edward Island, and to provide for the Civil List thereof, as well as for certain compensations therein mentioned,” to which I have humbly to request your Excellency's assent.

To which, His Excellency was pleased, in Her Majesty's name to give his assent.

The House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

Adjourned until to-morrow at Two o'clock.

THURSDAY, 24th April, 1851.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Hodgson*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. <i>Macdonald</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> .
Mr. <i>Attorney General</i> ,	§	

PRAYERS.

There not being a Quorum—

Adjourned until to-morrow at One o'clock.

FRIDAY, 25th April, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Hodgson*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. <i>Macdonald</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Attorney General</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Haythorne</i> .

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of Wednesday last.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Mr. Pope, with a Bill intituled "An Act to enable Abraham Gesner to obtain Letters Patent, for the invention of a new and improved mode of manufacturing Illuminating Gas," to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Pursuant to order, the amendment made by this House, to the amendments made by the House of Assembly, to the Bill intituled "An Act to extend the provisions of an Act for ascertaining the Standard of Weights and Measures in this Island, to Mills therein," was read a third time.

Resolved, That the said amendment do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House have agreed to their amendments with a certain amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order, the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Summary Trial of Common Assaults and Batteries, was, as amended, read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill, as amended, do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House have agreed to the said Bill, with certain amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order, the Bill intituled "An Act relating to Stray Cattle," was read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House have agreed to the said Bill without any amendment.

Read a second time, the Bill intituled "An Act to enable Abraham Gesner to obtain Letters Patent, for the invention of a new and improved mode of manufacturing Illuminating Gas."

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. *Macdonald* reported, that the Committee had made some progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received, and leave granted.

Adjourned until Monday next, at One o'clock.

MONDAY, 28th April, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Hodgson*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Attorney General</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> .

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of Friday last.

Mr. *President* informed the House, that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had been pleased, by Commission bearing date the 24th of April instant, to appoint *Charles Desbrisay*, Esquire, Clerk of the Executive and Legislative Councils of this Island, which Commission was read.

Read a second time, the Bill to restrain Bulls from running at large.

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. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had made some progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

On motion, Ordered, that the Report of the Committee be received, and leave granted.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Mr. Coles, with the following Bills, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council, viz :

A Bill, intituled “ An Act relating to the Office of Registrar of Deeds and Keeper of Plans.”

A Bill, intituled “ An Act authorizing the Colonial Secretary of this Island, to appoint a Deputy.”

A Bill, intituled “ An Act authorizing the Treasurer of this Island, to appoint a Deputy.”

The said Bills were severally read a first time.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill to restrain Bulls from running at large.—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had made further progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

On motion, Ordered, that the Report of the Committee be received, and leave granted.

Adjourned until to-morrow at One o'clock.

TUESDAY, 29th April, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Hodgson*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. <i>Macdonald</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Attorney General</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Haythorne</i> .
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§	

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

Adjourned until to-morrow at One o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y , 30th April, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Hodgson*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. <i>Macdonald</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Attorney General</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Haythorne</i> .
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§	

PRAYERS.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Mr. Coles, with a Bill intituled "An Act for raising a Revenue," to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Mr. *President*, by leave, presented a Petition of George T. Haszard, Bookseller and Publisher, praying that this House will sanction the remission of the amount of Duty paid on Paper and Printing Materials imported by him.

The said Petition was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Attorney General*, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were received and read, viz :

A Petition of Donald Macleod, of Cardigan River, setting forth, that for the last Eight years he has laboured under a severe affliction, and praying relief.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Cascumpec and vicinity, praying that such measures may be adopted, as will prevent a repetition of the practice of employing a Vessel to carry the Mails on the Lord's Day.

Ordered, That the foregoing Petitions do lie on the Table.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the Costs of Distress levied for the payment of Rents, and to amend the Laws relating to Distress."—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Holl* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report be received.

The said amendments were then read, and are as follow, viz :

Folio 11, line 4.—After the word "remain," insert :—"if the amount of the Judgment and Costs shall not exceed Forty Shillings, for the space of One Calendar Month; and if above Forty Shillings and not exceeding Three Pounds, for the space of Three Calendar Months; and if above Three Pounds and not exceeding Five Pounds, for the space of Five Calendar Months; and if above Five Pounds, for the space of Six Calendar Months; and after any of the said Imprisonments, the Party so imprisoned, shall be freed and discharged therefrom, and also from the said Judgment and Costs, for which such imprisonment had taken place."

Folio 20, line 4.—After the word “Settlement,” insert “if demanded.”

Folio 26, line 12.—Strike out the word “not.”

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

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed, and that the Bill, as amended, be read a third time to-morrow.

Read a second time, the Bill intituled “An Act for raising a Revenue.”

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. *Attorney General* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

The said Bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly.

Adjourned until to-morrow at Two o'clock.

THURSDAY, 1st May, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Hodgson*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. <i>Macdonald</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Attorney General</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> .

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Mr. *Coles*, with a Bill intituled “An Act to continue an Act for the encouragement of Education,” to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read a first time.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. *Palmer*, with a Bill intituled “An Act to prohibit the playing of certain Games, and the use of Fire-works, in the Squares and Thoroughfares of Charlottetown, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read a first time.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Haviland, with a Bill intituled "An Act relative to accidents by Fire, and for the improvement of property in Georgetown, and for the removal of Nuisances from the Streets and Square thereof," to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Read a second time, the Bill intituled "An Act to continue an Act for the encouragement of Education."

The said Bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor having come to the Council Chamber, and being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, received His Excellency's Commands to desire the attendance of the House of Assembly immediately in the Council Chamber.

The House of Assembly, with their Speaker, having attended accordingly, Mr. Speaker addressed His Excellency, as followeth :

May it please your Excellency ;

On behalf of Her Majesty's faithful Commons of Prince Edward Island, I have now to present two Bills, passed during the present Session, to which, I have humbly to request your Excellency's assent.

An Act to continue an Act for the encouragement of Education.

An Act for raising a Revenue.

To each of which, His Excellency was pleased, in Her Majesty's name to give his assent.

The House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

Adjourned until to-morrow at One o'clock.

FRIDAY, 2d May, 1851.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Hodgson*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. *Macdonald*, §
 Mr. *Holl*, §
 Mr. *Attorney General*, §
 Mr. *Rice*, §

The Hon. Mr. *Swabey*,
 Mr. *Hensley*,
 Mr. *Birnie*.

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

The Honorable Mr. *Swabey*, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid before the House, Copy of a Despatch from Earl Grey, dated 16th April, 1851, transmitting two Copies of an Act passed in the present Session of the Imperial Parliament, intituled "An Act to amend the Passengers' Act of 1849."

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

(See *Appendix*, No. 10.)

Mr. *Swabey*, by leave, presented a Petition of the Presbyterian Congregation of Princetown Royalty and vicinity, praying for an Act of Incorporation.

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

Pursuant to order, the Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the Costs of Distress levied for the payment of Rents, and to amend the Laws relating to Distress," was, as amended, read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill, as amended, do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House have agreed to the said Bill with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Clark, with a Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate certain Persons—Trustees of Princetown Royalty Church"—to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Read a second time, the Bill intituled "An Act authorizing the Treasurer of this Island, to appoint a Deputy."

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. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

The said amendments were then read, and are as follow :

Folio 3, line 11.—After the word "Treasurer," insert "and his Sureties," and in the same line, strike out the word "he," and insert "and they are."

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

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed, and that the Bill, as amended, be read a third time, on Monday next.

Read a second time, the Bill intituled "An Act relative to accidents by Fire, and for the improvement of property in Georgetown, and for the removal of Nuisances from the Streets and Square thereof."

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. *Hensley* reported, that the Committee had made some progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received, and leave granted.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Clark—

“ Mr. President,

“ The House of Assembly have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council, to the Bill intituled “ An Act to provide for the Summary Trial of Common Assaults and Batteries,” without any amendment.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled “ An Act relative to accidents by Fire, and for the improvement of property in Georgetown, and for the removal of Nuisances from the Streets and Square thereof.”—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Hensley* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

Read a second time, the Bill intituled “ An Act relating to the Office of Registrar of Deeds and Keeper of Plans.”

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. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

The said amendments were then read, and are as follow, viz :

Folio 2, line 8.—Strike out from the word “ be,” to the word “ placed,” both inclusive, and insert, “ hereafter be placed in the charge of and kept.”

Folio 6, line 7.—After the words “ Surveyor General,” insert, “ or in his absence or refusal, the Deputy Surveyor General,” and strike out the word “ some,” in the same line.

Same folio, line 8.—Strike out the words “ Sworn Surveyor.”

Folio 15, line 3.—After the word “ Government,” insert the following Clause :

“ And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Registrar of Deeds, and he is hereby required, after any Deed shall have been recorded by him, upon the request of the party requiring the same to be registered, and in his presence, to compare such Deed with the Copy thereof, as entered in the Books of Record, so that the correctness of the Record may be fully insured.”

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

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed, and that the Bill, as amended, be read a third time on Monday next.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the Bill intituled "An Act to alter the appropriation of a certain Sum of Money, raised by the present Land Assessment Act."—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Attorney General* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

The said Bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled "An Act to enable Abraham Gesner to obtain Letters Patent, for the invention of a new and improved mode of manufacturing Illuminating Gas."—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Attorney General* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made a certain amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

The said amendment was then read, and is as followeth :

Folio 3, line 8.—After the word "conferred," insert the following Proviso:

"Provided always nevertheless, That nothing herein contained, shall extend or be construed to extend to grant to the said Abraham Gesner, the exclusive right and liberty of making, using, and vending the said Gas, for any longer time, than the period of Ten years, from the passing of this Act."

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

Ordered, That the said amendment be engrossed, and that the Bill, as amended, be read a third time, on Monday next.

Adjourned until Monday next, at One o'clock.

MONDAY, 5th May, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Hodgson*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. <i>Attorney General</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Haythorne</i> .

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of Friday last.

Mr. *Swabey* laid before the House the following Documents, viz :

Report of the Visiter of District Schools for Queen's County, for the past year.
Report of the Visiter of District Schools for King's County for the past year.

Also—

The Report of the Visiter of District Schools for Prince County, for the past year.

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

(See *Appendix, No. 11.*)

Pursuant to order, the Bill intituled "An Act relating to the Office of Registrar of Deeds and Keeper of Plans, was, as amended, read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill, as amended, do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House have agreed to the said Bill with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to order, the Bill intituled "An Act authorizing the Treasurer of this Island, to appoint a Deputy." was, as amended, read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill, as amended, do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House have agreed to the said Bill with certain amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Mr. *President*, laid before the House, a Communication which he had received from the Hon. the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Canada, dated April 21, 1851, transmitting Copy of a Report of the Joint Committee of both Houses of the Provincial Legislature of that Province, relative to the Donations received in aid of their Parliamentary Library, and also, of the Resolutions adopted thereupon, by the Legislative Assembly, expressing their high sense of the kindly liberality which had been extended to them, by the several parties to whom they are indebted for the valuable contributions of Books, enumerated in the Report of the Committee—which were read.

Ordered, That the said Communication and accompanying Papers do lie on the Table.

(See *Appendix No. 12.*)

Read a Second time, the Bill, intituled "An Act authorizing the Colonial Secretary of this Island, to appoint a Deputy."

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. *Swabey* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

The said Bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House have agreed to the said Bill, without any amendment.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill to restrain Bulls from running at large.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. *Swabey* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed, and that the title be, “An Act to restrain Bulls from running at large in the Common and Royalty of Charlottetown.”

Read a second time, the Bill intituled “An Act to incorporate certain Persons—Trustees of Princetown Royalty Church.”

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. *Attorney General* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

The said amendments were then read and are as follow :

Folio 22, line 10.—Strike out the words “One Sunday,” and insert “Three successive Sundays next.”

Same Folio, line 11.—After the word “Meeting,” insert “and a similar Notice, in writing, having been posted on the Door of the said Church, at least Three successive Weeks prior thereto.”

Folio 26, line 8.—Strike out the word “Two,” and insert “Three successive.”

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

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed, and that the Bill, as amended, be read a third time to-morrow.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Mr. Coles—

“ Mr. President,

The House of Assembly have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council, to the Bill intituled “An Act to regulate the Costs of Distress levied for the payment of Rents, and to amend the Laws relating to Distress,” without any amendment.

And also—

The House of Assembly have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council, to the Bill intituled “An Act to alter the mode of appointing Sheriffs for each of the Counties of this Island, and to abolish the Fines heretofore imposed on Persons declining to serve in such Offices, when appointed thereto, and make other provisions in addition thereto,” without any amendment.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor having come to the Council Chamber, and being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, received His Excellency's Commands to desire the attendance of the House of Assembly immediately in the Council Chamber.

The House of Assembly, with their Speaker, having attended accordingly, Mr. Speaker addressed His Excellency, as followeth :

May it please your Excellency ;

On behalf of Her Majesty's faithful Commons of Prince Edward Island, I have now to present a Bill intituled " An Act relating to Emigrants," to which, I have humbly to request your Excellency's assent.

To which, His Excellency was pleased, in Her Majesty's name to give his assent.

The House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

Adjourned until to-morrow at One o'clock.

TUESDAY, 6th May, 1851.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Hodgson*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. <i>Attorney General</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> .

PRAYERS.

There not being a Quorum—

Adjourned until to-morrow at One o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 7th May, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Hodgson*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. <i>Macdonald</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Attorney General</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Haythorne</i> .

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of Monday last.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Clark, with a Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Statute Labor, and the expenditure of Public Moneys on the Highways," to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Pursuant to Order, the Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate certain Persons—Trustees of Princetown Royalty Church," was, as amended, read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill, as amended, do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House have agreed to the said Bill with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Mr. Coles, with the following Bills, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council, viz :

A Bill, intituled "An Act to provide for the transfer of the management of the Inland Posts within Prince Edward Island.

A Bill, intituled "An Act for establishing the Rates in Currency, at which Rents reserved in Sterling shall henceforth be paid in this Island."

The said Bills were read a first time.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Mr. Lord, with a Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the working of Mills on the Brooks and Rivers of this Island," to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read a first time.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Mr. Coles, with a Bill intituled "An Act to reduce the Salary of the Collector of Impost and Excise for the

District of Charlottetown," to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Read a second time, the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the transfer of the management of the Inland Posts within Prince Edward Island."

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. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had made some progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received, and leave granted.

Resolved, That the second reading of the Bill intituled "An Act for establishing the Rates in Currency, at which Rents reserved in Sterling shall henceforth be paid in this Island," do stand as the Order of the day for Friday next, and that the Members of this House be summoned.

Read a second time, the Bill intituled "An Act to prohibit the playing of certain Games, and the use of Fireworks in the Squares and Thoroughfares of Charlottetown."

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. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

The said amendments were then read, and are as follow, viz :

Folio 2, line 2.—Strike out the words "of late," and insert "exceedingly."

Same Folio, line 12.—After the word "Game," insert "in and upon any of the Streets and Thoroughfares of the said Town."

Folio 3, lines 1 & 2.—Strike out the words "within, upon, or immediately near."

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

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed, and that the Bill, as amended, be read a third time to-morrow.

Adjourned until to-morrow at Two o'clock.

THURSDAY, 8th May, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Hodgson*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. <i>Macdonald</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Attorney General</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> ,

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

Pursuant to order, the Bill intituled “ An Act to prohibit the playing of certain Games, and the use of Fire-works, in the Squares and Thoroughfares of Charlottetown,” was, as amended, read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill, as amended, do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House have agreed to the said Bill with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Read a third time, as engrossed, the Bill intituled “ An Act to restrain Bulls from running at large in the Common and Royalty of Charlottetown.”

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly for their concurrence.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled “ An Act to provide for the transfer of the management of the Inland Posts within Prince Edward Island.”—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had made further progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received, and leave granted.

Adjourned until to-morrow at One o'clock.

FRIDAY, 9th May, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Hodgson*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. <i>Macdonald</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Attorney General</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Haythorne</i> .

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Clark—

“Mr. President,

The House of Assembly have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council, to the Bill, intituled “An Act to incorporate certain Persons, Trustees of Princetown Royalty Church,” without any amendment.

A Message from the House of Assembly by the Hon. Mr. Coles—

“Mr. President,

The House of Assembly have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill intituled “An Act authorising the Treasurer of this Island to appoint a Deputy, without any amendment.

Also—

The House of Assembly have agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill intituled “An Act to enable Abraham Gesner, to obtain Letters Patent, for the invention of a new and improved mode of manufacturing Illuminating Gas,” without any amendment.

And also—

“Mr. President,

The House of Assembly have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative

Council, to the Bill, intituled “ An Act relating to the Office of Registrar of Deeds and Keeper of Plans,” without any amendment.

And also with the following Bills, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council, viz. :—

A Bill, intituled “ An Act to provide Salaries for the Controllers of Customs and Navigation Laws, appointed or to be appointed at the various Out-Ports in this Island, and to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned.”

A Bill, intituled “ An Act to authorise a Loan for the use of this Island, and also to make provisions respecting the payment of Treasury Bonds and Warrants and the Interest thereon.”

The two last-mentioned Bills were read a first time.

A Message from the House of Assembly by the Hon. Mr. Whelan, with a Bill, intituled “ An Act to amend certain parts of the Law now in force relating to the admission of Barristers, Solicitors and Attorneys, and to make other provisions in addition thereto,” to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read a first time.

The Bill, intituled “ An Act relative to Accidents by Fire, and the improvement of Property in Georgetown, and for the removal of Nuisances from the Streets and Square thereof,” was read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly.

According to order, the House was called :—

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. <i>President</i> ,	The Honorable Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Macdonald</i> ,	Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> .
Mr. <i>Attorney General</i> ,	Mr. <i>Haythorne</i> .
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	

The order of the day for the second reading of the Bill, intituled “ An Act for establishing the Rates in Currency, at which Rents reserved in Sterling, shall henceforth be paid in this Island,” being read.

On motion, that the House do go into the Order of the Day—

It was moved in amendment, that the Order of the Day be discharged, and that the said Bill be read a second time this day Three Months.

The House divided on the motion of amendment :—

C O N T E N T S .

Mr. *President*,
Mr. *Macdonald*,
Mr. *Holl*,
Mr. *Hensley*,

N O N - C O N T E N T S .

Mr. *Attorney General*,
Mr. *Rice*,
Mr. *Swabey*,
Mr. *Birnie*,
Mr. *Haythorne*.

And it passed in the negative.

The question being put on the original motion, the House again divided, and it passed in the affirmative.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

The said amendment was then read, and is as followeth :

Folio 2, line 15.—After the word “money, insert the following Proviso :—“ Provided always nevertheless, that in all cases where Rents reserved in all such Leases, or Agreements for Leases, have been heretofore paid and received in Currency, by the addition of one half to the Sterling, in order to reduce it to the Currency of this Island, the said Rents shall continue so to be paid and received by the addition of one half to the Sterling, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

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

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and that the Bill, as amended, be read a third time to-morrow.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill, intituled “ An Act to provide for the transfer of the management of the Inland Posts within Prince Edward Island.—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had made some progress therein, and they recommend that a Conference be desired with the House of Assembly on the subject matter thereof; and further, that he was directed by the Committee to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. *Attorney General*, Mr. *Rice*, and Mr. *Hensley*, be a Committee to manage the said Conference, to meet in the Conference Room, To-morrow, at two o'clock.

Read a second time, the Bill, intituled “ An Act to reduce the Salary of the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Charlottetown.

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. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had made some progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received, and being granted.

Adjourned until to-morrow at One o'clock.

SATURDAY, 10th May, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Hodgson*, President ;

The Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,

Mr. *Holl*,

Mr. *Attorney General*,

Mr. *Rice*,

The Honorable Mr. *Swabey*,

Mr. *Hensley*,

Mr. *Birnie*,

Mr. *Haythorne*.

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

Pursuant to order, the Bill, intituled “ An Act for establishing the Rates in Currency, at which Rents reserved in Sterling, shall henceforth be paid in this Island—was, as amended, read a third time.

On motion, that the said Bill, as amended, do pass, the House divided :

C O N T E N T S.

Mr. *Attorney General*,

Mr. *Rice*,

Mr. *Swabey*,

Mr. *Birnie*,

Mr. *Haythorne*.

N O N - C O N T E N T S.

Mr. *President*,

Mr. *Macdonald*,

Mr. *Holl*,

Mr. *Hensley*,

And it passed in the affirmative.

DISSENTIENT—Because a Bill similar in its provisions to those of the present Bill with the exception of the Proviso added in Committee was unanimously rejected by this House in the session of 1849 which at the same time passed the following resolutions on the subject :

“ Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee that all future Rents for Land held under Lease or under Agreements for Lease, should in Equity be paid at the Rate in which heretofore such Rents have been demanded and paid, such Rate having been the interpretation which Proprietors or their Agents have for a series of years put upon their own contracts” viz:

Where payments for Rent have been demanded and discharged in Currency, they should hereafter be demanded and discharged in Currency.”

“ Where the same shall have been demanded in Sterling and discharged in Currency by adding one-ninth they should hereafter be demanded and discharged at the same Rate.”

“ And where the same shall have been demanded and discharged in British Sterling they should hereafter be demanded and discharged in British Sterling.”

“ Resolved further, that while the Committee thus expresses its opinion founded on the conviction of the justice and propriety of such an arrangement, it is also the opinion of the Committee, that until the said Proprietors or their Agents, attempt to enforce a demand on other terms than those which usage has established, it would be unwise and impolitic to anticipate such a course on the part of the Proprietors, by any compulsory Legislative interference.”

And which resolutions although expressive of the opinion of this House, as to the construction which in Equity ought to be put upon the payment of Rents reserved in Sterling, or British Sterling, and classed under the respective heads set forth therein, yet declares it to be the opinion of this House that until the Proprietors or their Agents attempt to enforce a demand of rent, on other terms than those which usage has established, it would be unwise and impolitic to anticipate such a course by any compulsory Legislative interference.

Because we are of opinion that no circumstances have since arisen which call now for the interference by the Legislature in this matter and it is our conviction, that the unnecessary agitation of this question will have an effect directly opposite to that intended by the promoters of the measure, which, as an *ex post facto* Law goes to annul and make void, *quoad* the rent reserved, contracts and demises for terms of years (most of them terms for 999 years) under seal entered into, in many cases half a century ago, and that the attempt by Legislative enactment to set aside such contracts and demises will naturally provoke opposition also from many parties who heretofore have never demanded more than one-ninth in addition to the sterling, in which those rents are payable, and who in all probability may never have intended to demand more, and because we are of opinion that such opposition will inevitably result in the disallowance of this Bill, and thus a new and fertile source of discontent be engendered between many Landlords and their Tenants, in this Colony.

Because admitting for argument's sake and for that alone, the reason assigned by the mover and seconder of the motion for the second reading of this Bill (both members of the Executive Government of this Colony), to be a valid one, viz., that it is in contemplation by the Imperial Government, to assimilate the Currency throughout the British North American Colonies, and to make the same British Sterling, instead of the Currency now by law established in these Colonies; it was in our opinion, both necessary and expedient, that the Despatch alluded to by one of these Honorable Gentleman in debate (of which Despatch this House had no previous knowledge or intimation) and stated to be now in possession of the Executive Government of this Colony, or such part thereof as is relevant to this Bill should have first been laid before this House.

Because, we conceive that if at any time heretofore any reasonable expectation existed, that such a Bill as the present one, if passed by the Legislature of this Colony, should have received Her Majesty's allowance, such expectation is in our opinion now entirely hopeless, and we are led to this conclusion, from the tenor of a Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to Lieutenant Governor Sir A. Bannerman, dated the 12th of February last, recently laid before the House of Assembly by His Excellency, in which, whilst His Excellency is enjoined “ to use all the influence he may possess, to induce Owners of Land and their Tenants to come to an amicable arrangement with each other, and to give his best assistance with a view of passing any Legislative measure which may be required to complete such arrangement.” His Excellency is required “ not to fail to recollect and to impress upon the Legislature, the necessity of abstaining from the introduction into such law of any provision, which may infringe the rights of property ;” and as the present Bill is not pretended to be sought to be passed as the result of any amicable arrangement with the owners of Land, and does in our opinion, in several respects, infringe the rights of property, we believe, if even assented to by His Excellency, it will be disallowed by Her Majesty, and therefore, in our opinion, no good end can be subserv-

ed by its passing this House, but in all probability, the very opposite, as tending to foster that ill-feeling unhappily too prevalent in this Colony, between the Owners of Land and their Tenants.

ROBERT HODGSON,
JOHN M. HOLL,
CHARLES HENSLEY.

DISSENTIENT.—Because, the Provisions of this Act, abrogate the conditions of Leases and Agreements for Leases, voluntarily entered into by parties with which I consider the Legislature has no right to interfere, and which should not be altered without the consent of the parties to such Leases and Agreement for Leases.

In the Act to regulate the Specie Currency of this Island, passed in 1849, it was provided that all Leases, Bonds and Monetary obligations, voluntarily entered into by parties thereto, previous to passing said Act reserving Rents payable in Sterling money of Great Britain, it was declared, that the provisions of said Act should not affect said Leases, &c., &c., &c., but the same should remain subject to the same legal interpretation, as the same would by law have been subject to before the passing of said Act: And this Act and the conditions of all Leases and Agreements for Leases are now sought to be annulled, and which can have no other effect, than to create and keep up an excitement against Landlords on the part of the Tenantry, by which alone, men who have little or no stake in this Colony, procure themselves to be elected as Representatives of the people for purposes of self-aggrandisement irrespective of the public good.

DONALD McDONALD,

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House have agreed to the Bill, intituled “An Act for establishing the Rates in Currency, at which Rents reserved in Sterling, shall henceforth be paid in this Island, with amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

A Message from the House of Assembly by the Hon. Mr. Coles—

“Mr. President,

The House of Assembly do agree to a Conference, as is desired by the Legislative Council, on the Bill, intituled “An Act to provide for the transfer of the management of the Inland Posts within Prince Edward Island,” and have appointed the Hon. Mr. Coles, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Davies, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Beaton and Mr. Longworth, a Committee to manage the said conference.

And the names of the Managers being called over, they went to the Conference, and being returned, reported, that they had complied with the instructions given them by this House.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Fraser—

“Mr. President,

The House of Assembly desire a further Conference with the Legislative Council, on the Bill intituled “An Act to provide for the transfer of the management of the Inland Posts within Prince Edward Island;” and have appointed the same Committee who managed the last Conference thereon, a Committee to manage this further Conference.

Resolved, That a further Conference be agreed to as is desired by the House of Assembly.

Ordered, That the same Committee who managed the last Conference thereon, be

a Committee to manage this further Conference to meet in the Conference Room, in-stanter.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them therewith.

And the names of the Managers being called over, they went to the Conference, and being returned, they reported the substance thereof to the House.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the transfer of the management of the Inland Posts within Prince Edward Island.—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

Read a second time, the Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Statute Labour, and the expenditure of Public Moneys on the Highways.

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. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had made some progress therein, and that he was desired to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received, and leave granted.

Adjourned until Monday next at Twelve o'clock.

MONDAY, May 12th, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Hodgson*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. *Macdonald*,
Mr. *Holl*,
Mr. *Attorney General*
Mr. *Rice*,

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The Hon. Mr. *Swabey*,
Mr. *Hensley*,
Mr. *Birnie*,
Mr. *Haythorne*.

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend

the Laws relating to Statute Labour, and the expenditure of Public Moneys on the Highways."—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had made further progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received and leave granted.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Mr. *Jardine*, with a Bill, intituled "An Act for appropriating certain moneys therein mentioned, for the service of the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-one,"—to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read a first time.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Statute Labour and the expenditure of Public Moneys on the Highways.—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had made further progress therein, and they recommend that a Conference be desired with the House of Assembly on the subject matter thereof, and further, that he was directed by the Committee to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of Committee be received.

Ordered, That Mr. *Holl* and Mr. *Swabey*, be a Committee to manage the said Conference, to meet in the Conference Room, to-morrow, at Twelve o'clock.

The Hon. Mr. *Warburton*, Colonial Secretary, informed the House, that he was directed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to lay before the House, the following written Message, signed by His Excellency :

A. BANNERMAN, Lieutenant Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, Copy of a Despatch No. 6, on the state of the Currency of this Island, and also, a Despatch to the Right Hon. the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, on the subject of the Canada Act, No. 779 of 1850, intituled "An Act to amend the Currency of this Province."

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

On motion, that the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend certain parts of the Law now in force, relating to the admission of Barristers, Solicitors and Attorneys, and to make other provisions in addition thereto, be read a second time.

It was moved in amendment, that the said Bill be read a second time this day Three Months.

The House divided on the motion of amendment :—

C O N T E N T S .

Mr. *President*,
Mr. *Holl*,
Mr. *Attorney General*,
Mr. *Hensley*,
Mr. *Haythorne*.

N O N - C O N T E N T S .

Mr. *Rice*,
Mr. *Swabey*,
Mr. *Birnie*,

And it passed in the affirmative.

Read a second time, the Bill intituled “ An Act to provide Salaries for Controllors of Customs and Navigation Laws, appointed or to be appointed, at the various Out-Ports in this Island, and to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned.”

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into Committee on the said Bill.—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Attorney General*, reported that the Committee had made some progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received, and leave granted.

Read a second time, the Bill, intituled “ An Act to authorise a Loan for the use of this Island, and to make provisions respecting the payment of Treasury Bonds and Warrants and the Interest thereon.”

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. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had made some progress therein, and they recommend that a Conference be desired with the House of Assembly on the subject matter thereof, and further, that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rice*, and Mr. *Swabey*, be a Committee to manage the said Conference, to meet in the Conference Room, to-morrow, at half-past Twelve o'clock.

Read a second time, the Bill, intituled “ An Act for appropriating certain Moneys therein mentioned, for the service of the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Fifty-one.

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. *Hensley* reported, that the Committee had made some progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received and leave granted.

Adjourned until to-morrow at Eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, 13th May, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Hodgson*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. <i>Macdonald</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Attorney General</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Haythorne</i> .

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Montgomery with a Bill intituled "An Act for the encouragement of the Cod and Mackerel Fisheries," to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read a first time.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Mr. Coles, with a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for removing the Post Office of Charlottetown into the Old Court House therein, and for other purposes therein mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read a first time.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled "An Act for appropriating certain Moneys therein mentioned, for the service of the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Fifty-one.—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Hensley* reported, that the Committee had made further progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received and leave granted.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Mr. Coles.

"Mr. President,

The House of Assembly do agree to a Conference as is desired by the Legislative Council on the Bill intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Statute Labor, and the expenditure of Public Moneys on the Highways," and have appointed the Hon. Mr. *Coles*, Mr. *Clark*, Mr. *Mooney*, and the Hon. Mr. *Jardine*, a Committee to manage the said Conference ;

And also—

“Mr. President,

The House of Assembly do agree to a Conference as is desired by the Legislative Council, on the Bill intituled “An Act to authorise a Loan for the use of this Island, and also to make provisions respecting the payment of Treasury Bonds and Warrants, and the Interest thereon;” and have appointed the Hon. Mr. *Coles*, Mr. *Clark*, Hon. Mr. *Jardine* and Mr. *Davies*, a Committee to manage the said Conference.

The time appointed for holding the Conference with the House of Assembly, on the Bill intituled “An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Statute Labour, and the expenditure of Public Moneys on the Highways,” having arrived, and the names of the Managers being called over, they went to the Conference, and being returned, they reported, that they had complied with the instructions given them by this House.

The time appointed for holding the Conference with the House of Assembly on the Bill intituled “An Act to authorize a Loan for the use of this Island, and also to make provisions respecting the payment of Treasury Bonds and Warrants, and the Interest thereon,” having arrived, and the names of the Managers being called over, they went to the Conference, and being returned, they reported that they had complied with the instructions given them by this House.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Palmer,

“Mr. President,

The House of Assembly have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill intituled “An Act to prohibit the playing of certain Games, and the use of Fireworks in the Squares and Thoroughfares of Charlottetown,” without any amendment.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled “An Act for appropriating certain Moneys therein mentioned for the service of the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Fifty-one.”—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Hensley* reported, that the Committee had made further progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received and leave granted.

A Message from the House of Assembly by the Hon. Mr. *Coles*—

“Mr. President,

The House of Assembly desire a further Conference with the Legislative Council, on the Bill intituled “An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Statute Labour, and the expenditure of Public Moneys on the Highways,” and have appoint-

ed the same Committee who managed the last Conference thereon, a Committee to manage this further Conference.

And also—

“Mr. President,

The House of Assembly desire a further Conference with the Legislative Council, on the Bill intituled “An Act to authorize a Loan for the use of this Island, and to make provisions respecting the payment of Treasury Bonds and Warrants, and the Interest thereon,” and have appointed the same Committee who managed the last Conference thereon, a Committee to manage this further Conference.

Resolved, That a further Conference be agreed to as is desired by the House of Assembly, on the Bill intituled “An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Statute Labour, and the expenditure of Public Moneys on the Highways.”

Ordered, That the same Committee who managed the last Conference thereon, be a Committee to manage this further Conference to meet in the Conference Room, in-stanter.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them therewith.

Resolved, That a further Conference be agreed to, as is desired by the House of Assembly, on the Bill intituled “An Act to authorize a Loan for the use of this Island, and also to make provisions respecting the payment of Treasury Bonds and Warrants, and the Interest thereon.”

Ordered, That the same Committee who managed the last Conference thereon, be a Committee to manage this further Conference, to meet in the Conference Room at Two o'clock.

The Managers appointed to hold the further Conference with the House of Assembly, on the Bill intituled “An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Statute Labour and the expenditure of Public Moneys on the Highways,” having gone to the Conference, and being returned, they reported the substance thereof to the House.

The time appointed for holding the further Conference with the House of Assembly, on the Bill, intituled “An Act to authorize a Loan for the use of this Island, and also to make provisions respecting the payment of Treasury Bonds and Warrants, and the Interest thereon,” having arrived, and the names of the Managers being called over, they went to the Conference, and being returned, reported the substance thereof to the House.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled “An Act for appropriating certain certain Moneys therein mentioned, for the service of the year of our Lord, One thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-one.—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Hensley* reported, that the Committee had made further progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received, and leave granted.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Fraser, with a Bill intituled “An Act to levy an additional Assessment on all Lands in this Island, when held by any Person or Persons to any greater amount than Five hundred acres,” to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read a first time.

On motion, the following Resolution was agreed to, viz. :

Resolved, That the consideration of the Bill, intituled “An Act to regulate the working of Mills on the Brooks and Rivers of this Island,” which was only sent up to this House on the Seventh instant, be deferred until the next Session of the General Assembly, as in the opinion of this House, the principle thereof involves legal and practical questions of no ordinary nature, requiring more time, than can be given to it, without protracting the present Session to a very inconvenient length.

Read a second time, the Bill intituled “An Act for the encouragement of the Cod and Mackerel Fisheries.”

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. *Macdonald* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill, intituled “An Act to provide Salaries for Controllers of Customs and Navigation Laws, appointed or to be appointed at the various Out-Ports in this Island, and to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned.”—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

The said Bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled “An Act to reduce the Salary of the Collector of Impost and Excise, for the District of Charlottetown.”—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

The said Bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly.

Adjourned until to-morrow at Eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 14th May, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Hodgson*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. <i>Macdonald</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Attorney General</i>	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Haythorne</i> .

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

Read a third time the Bill intituled "An Act for the encouragement of the Cod and Mackerel Fisheries."

Resolved, That the said Bill, do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly.

Read a third time the Bill, intituled "An Act to provide for the transfer of the management of the Inland Posts within Prince Edward Island."

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly.

A Message from the House of Assembly by the Hon. Mr. Coles—

"Mr. President,

The House of Assembly have agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council, to the Bill, intituled "An Act for establishing the Rates in Currency, at which Rents reserved in Sterling shall henceforth be paid in this Island," without any amendment.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Mr. Whelan—

House of Assembly, Monday, May 12th, 1851.

Resolved, That the Hon. Mr. Whelan and Mr. Haviland be added to the Committee appointed to join the Committee of the Legislative Council, to take charge of the Legislative Library, in the room of the Hon. Mr. Warburton and the Hon. Mr. Pope, whose Seats have been declared vacated.

Ordered, That the said Resolution be communicated by Message to the Legislative Council.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Mr. Lord.

House of Assembly, Monday, May 12, 1851.

Resolved, That the Hon. Mr. Lord and Mr. Longworth be added to the Committee to keep up a good correspondence between the two Branches of the Legislature, and to report their proceedings from time to time, with power to send for Persons, Papers and Records—in the room of the Hon. Mr. Warburton, and the Hon. Mr. Pope, whose seats have been declared vacated.

Orderd, That the said Resolution be communicated by Message, to the Legislative Council.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr. Fraser,

“ Mr. President,

The House of Assembly have passed the Bill intituled “ An Act to restrain Bulls from running at large in the Common and Royalty of Charlottetown, with certain amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Mr. *Hensley*, by leave, presented a Petition of divers Inhabitants of Charlottetown, praying that this House will withhold its assent to a Bill lately passed by the House of Assembly, and now before this House, to provide for removing the Post Office of Charlottetown into the Old Court House therein.

The said Petition was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Attorney General*, by leave, presented a Petition of divers Inhabitants of Charlottetown, praying that the Bill to provide for the removal of the Post Office of Charlottetown, into the Old Court House therein, now before this House, may pass into a Law.

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

On motion that the Bill intituled “ An Act to provide for the removal of the Post Office of Charlottetown, into the Old Court House therein, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” be read a second time,—it was moved in amendment, that the said Bill be read a second time this day Three Months.

The House divided on the motion of amendment.

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Mr. *Swabey*,
Mr. *Birnie*,
Mr. *Haythorne*.

And it passed in the negative.

The question being put on the original motion, the House again divided, and it passed in the affirmative.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

The said amendments were then read, and are as follow, viz. :

Folio 7, line 12.—After the word “be,” insert “to reside therein, for the protection of the whole of the said Building.”

Folio 11, line 7.—After the word “to,” strike out the word “any,” and insert the word “the,” and after the word “Person,” insert “now holding or to any Person.”

Folio 12, line 5.—After the word “thereof,” insert the following clause.

“And be it enacted, That the duties imposed in and by the fifth Section of an Act of the General Assembly of this Island, made and passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled “An Act to regulate the weight and quality of Bread, within the Town and Royalty of Charlottetown, upon the Clerk of the Market therein mentioned shall hereafter be performed by the person, who from time to time, shall hold the said office of Keeper of the Old Court House, in Charlottetown, and Clerk to the said Market therein, for Flour, Meal and other Agricultural Produce, and all the powers and duties vested in the said Clerk of the Market, in reference to the said fifth Section, shall hereafter be vested in the Keeper of the Old Court House aforesaid, and Clerk to the said Flour Market.”

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

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed.

The amendments made by the House of Assembly, to the Bill intituled “An Act to restrain Bulls from running at large in the Common and Royalty of Charlottetown,” were read a first time, and are as follow, viz. :

Folio 1, line 17.—After the word “Hog Reeve,” insert “or any other person or persons.”

Same folio, line 20.—After the word “Hog Reeve,” insert “or any other person or persons.”

Folio 2, line 3.—After the word “Hog Reeves,” insert “or any other person or persons.”

Same folio, line 8.—After the word “Hog Reeves,” strike out to the end of the Clause, and instead thereof insert the following : “or such other person or persons seizing such Bull, to sell or cause the same to be sold, at Public Auction, at least Ten Days Notice having been previously given, by putting written Notices in three or more of the most public places in the Common or Royalty, and also by inserting a notice thereof, at least once, in the *Royal Gazette*, Newspaper, of this Island; and one half of the proceeds of such sale, when recovered, shall be paid to the Hog Reeve or Hog Reeves, or other persons seizing and selling such Bull, for his or their trouble; and the other half, shall be paid to the Secretary of the Royal Agricultural Society, to be paid by him, (when demanded), to the Owner or Owners of the Bull.

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

Ordered, That the said amendments be read a third time to-morrow.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled “An Act for appropriating certain Moneys therein mentioned, for the service of the year of our Lord One thousand Eight

hundred and Fifty-one.—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Hensley* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

The said Bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill, do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly.

On motion, the House came to the following Resolution, viz. :

Whereas the Session has so far advanced, and as the principles involved in the Bill intituled “ An Act to levy an additional Assessment on all Lands in this Island, when held by any Person or Persons to any greater amount than Five hundred acres.” are exceedingly important, and require great consideration, *Resolved therefore*, that the said Bill be read a second time this day Three Months.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled “ An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Statute Labour, and the expenditure of Public Moneys on the Highways.”—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

The said Bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill, intituled “ An Act to authorise a Loan for the use of this Island, and also to make provisions respecting the payment of Treasury Bonds and Warrants and the Interest thereon.”—After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. *Swabey* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

The said Bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly.

The Bill, intituled “ An Act to provide for the removal of the Post Office of Charlottetown into the Old Court House therein, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” was, as amended, read a third time.

On motion, that the said Bill, as amended, do pass, the House divided :

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Mr. *Attorney General*,
Mr. *Rice*,
Mr. *Swabey*,
Mr. *Birnie*,
Mr. *Haythorne*.

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Mr. *President*,
Mr. *Macdonald*,
Mr. *Holl*,
Mr. *Hensley*.

And it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House have agreed to the said Bill with certain amendments to which they desire their concurrence.

Adjourned until to-morrow at One o'clock.

THURSDAY, 15th May, 1851.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Mr. *Hodgson*, President ;

The Hon. Mr. <i>Macdonald</i> ,	§	The Hon. Mr. <i>Swabey</i> ,
Mr. <i>Holl</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Hensley</i> ,
Mr. <i>Attorney General</i> ,	§	Mr. <i>Birnie</i> ,
Mr. <i>Rice</i> ,	§	

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

Pursuant to order, the amendments made by the House of Assembly to the Bill intituled "An Act to restrain Bulls from running at large in the Common and Royalty of Charlottetown, were read a third time."

Resolved, 'That the said amendments do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House have agreed to their amendments, without any amendment.

The House took into consideration, the incidental expenses of the present Session, and allowed the same, as follow :

The Reverend Doctor Jenkins, Chaplain to this House,	-	£40	0	0
The late Clerk of the Council, for his Services to the 23d April,	-	49	2	10
The present Clerk of the Council's Account for Stationary, and including Printing performed by order of this House,	-	16	2	4½
Henry Palmer. Esq., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod and Sergeant at Arms, 47 days at 10s., <i>per diem</i> ,	-	23	10	0
Mr. Henry Douglas Morpeth, for his Services as Reporter to this House, for the present Session,	-	40	0	0
John Rider, Messenger to the Council, 49 days, and including his account for sundry disbursements,	-	54	9	2½
Patrick Furlong, Doorkeeper, his allowance for 49 days.	-	18	7	6

An amount sufficient to pay James D. Haszard, Esquire, Queen's Printer for his Services in Printing the Journals of the Council, according to the rate heretofore paid; to be paid to him on the Certificate of the Committee of this House, appointed to revise the Journals.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be directed to prepare an Index to the Journals of the present Session, and that a remuneration of £40, be made to him for his extra trouble in preparing said Index, and also for superintending the Printing of the Journals, the same to be paid to him, when he shall have obtained from the Committee of this House appointed to revise the Journals, a Certificate of his having prepared said Index, and superintended the said Printing to their satisfaction.

A Message from the House of Assembly by the Hon. Mr. Coles—

“Mr. President,

The House of Assembly have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill intituled “An Act to provide for the removal of the Post Office of Charlottetown, into the Old Court House therein, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” without any amendment.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor having come to the Council Chamber, and being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's Commands to desire the attendance of the House of Assembly immediately in the Council Chamber.

The House of Assembly, with their Speaker, having attended accordingly, His Excellency was pleased, in Her Majesty's name, to give his assent to the following Bills :

An Act to regulate the Costs of Distress levied for the payment of Rents, and to amend the Laws relating to Distress.

An Act relating to Stray Cattle.

An Act to provide for the Summary Trial of Common Assaults and Batteries.

An Act authorizing the Colonial Secretary of this Island to appoint a Deputy.

An Act authorizing the Treasurer of this Island to appoint a Deputy.

An Act to enable Abraham Gesner to obtain Letters Patent for the invention of a new and improved mode of manufacturing Illuminating Gas.

An Act relating to the Office of Registrar of Deeds and Keeper of Plans.

An Act to incorporate certain Persons, Trustees of Princetown Royalty Church.

An Act to relieve Members of the Legislature from the liability to pay a Penalty, in case of their refusing to accept the Office of High Sheriff.

An Act to prohibit the playing of certain Games, and the use of Fireworks in the Squares and Thoroughfares of Charlottetown.

An Act for establishing the Rates in Currency, at which Rents reserved in Sterling shall henceforth be paid in this Island.

An Act to restrain Bulls from running at large in the Common and Royalty of Charlottetown.

An Act to extend the provisions of an Act for ascertaining the Standard of Weights and Measures in this Island, to Mills therein.

An Act to provide for the removal of the Post Office of Charlottetown, into the Old Court House therein, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

After which the Speaker of the House of Assembly addressed His Excellency, as followeth :

May it please your Excellency ;

The House of Assembly have, within the last two months, gone through the routine business which generally occupies two Sessions, and have taken action on the greater part of the important matters laid before them, in your Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session, and such Despatches from the Imperial Government as have been submitted to their consideration.

It is the duty of their Speaker, to acknowledge the promptitude with which they were called together, on your Excellency's arrival; the facility of access to personal communication which you have given, and the readiness with which whatever information was by them sought, has been afforded.

That good sense, moderation and integrity amongst the community, may make the recent change as beneficial to our social state as can reasonably be expected, must be the earnest wish of every one desirous of the prosperity of the Colony.

It remains for the Speaker to conclude, by presenting, in the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty's loyal Commons of Prince Edward Island, sundry Bills of aid, to which the assent of your Excellency is most respectfully requested.

An Act to alter the appropriation of a certain sum of Money, raised by the present Land Assessment Act.

An Act relative to Accidents by Fire, and for the improvement of Property in Georgetown, and for the removal of Nuisances from the Streets and Square thereof.

An Act to provide Salaries for the Controllors of Customs and Navigation Laws, appointed or to be appointed, at the various Out-Ports in this Island, and to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned.

An Act to reduce the Salary of the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Charlottetown.

An Act to provide for the transfer of the management of the Inland Posts within Prince Edward Island.

An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Statute Labour, and the expenditure of Public Moneys on the Highways.

An Act for the encouragement of the Cod and Mackerel Fisheries.

An Act to authorize a Loan for the use of this Island, and also to make provisions respecting the payment of Treasury Bonds and Warrants, and the Interest thereon.

An Act for appropriating certain Moneys therein mentioned, for the service of the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Fifty-one.

To each of which, His Excellency was pleased, in Her Majesty's name to give his assent.

And then His Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses

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

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

I am very happy to terminate the Session to relieve you from your Legislative duties, and enable you to return to the Country, where the personal attendance of many of you, at this season of the year, I am aware, is very desirable.

I have been glad to give my assent to several important measures; among others, the Civil List Bill; by which, permanent provision is made for those who administer the Judicial functions in the Colony. It also assigns compensation, to the late Attorney General and Colonial Secretary; which Her Majesty's Government considered them entitled to, on giving up offices of emolument, the surrender of which, public expediency demanded; and I only regret, that the Assembly considered it necessary to make any distinction in the Bill, in regard to the Office of Assistant Judge, held by the Colonial Secretary, Her Majesty's Government having been desirous to place those Gentlemen on an equal footing, in consideration of their long tenure of office in Her Majesty's Colonial Service. The passing of the Bill, however, enabled me to introduce what has long been sought for in this Colony, a change in the system of its Government. It will be sufficient, for the people to understand, that this change will give to the persons who possess their confidence, a large share of the Executive power, and a proper controul over the management of the Local Affairs and Expenditure of the Colony; and when they cease to perform these duties satisfactorily to their constituents, opportunities will occur for changing them. It will hereafter be a great source of satisfaction to me, if this Colony shall rapidly increase in prosperity under the New System, and I feel confident it will do so, if Party Spirit shall gradually subside, and the System be fairly and honestly carried on with moderation and justice, to all classes of the community.

I have given my assent to another important Bill, an Act entitled "An Act for establishing rates in Currency, at which Rents reserved in Sterling shall henceforth be paid." I consider this Bill to be simply a declaratory one; giving the sanction of Law to an established usage, which has prevailed in this Colony, of the rates at which Rents have been heretofore demanded and paid, and which, I observe by the minutes of the Legislative Council in 1849, that Branch of the Legislature was of opinion "in equity ought hereafter to be paid, such rate having been the interpretation which Proprietors or their Agents have, for a series of years past, put upon their own contracts," an opinion, founded (as the Council state) on the conviction of the Justice and propriety of such an arrangement;" while such was the unanimous opinion of the Council, they rejected the Bill on the grounds, that any compulsory interference on the subject, on the part of the Legislature, was unwise and impolitic. On the Journals of the same Body, of the 10th instant, I find this Bill, passed by a small majority, and a Despatch, addressed to me by Earl Grey (and laid before the Legislature) is there alluded to by the minority. His Excellency is enjoined "to use all the influence he may possess to induce Owners of Land and their Tenants to come to an amicable arrangement with each other, and to give his best assistance with a view to passing any Legislative measure, which may be required to complete such arrangement." His Excellency is required not to fail to recollect, and to impress upon the Legislature, the necessity of abstaining from the introduction into such Law, of any provision which may infringe the rights of Property, and as the present Bill is not pretended to be sought to be passed as the result of any amicable arrangement with the Owners of Land, and does in our opinion, in several respects, infringe the rights of Property, we believe, if even assented to by His Excellency, it will be disallowed by Her Majesty, and therefore, in our opinion, no good end can be subserved by its passing this House; but, in all probability, the very opposite, as tending to foster that ill-feeling unhappily too prevalent in this Colony, between the owners of Land and their Tenants."

I can only say, I conscientiously give my assent to this measure, believing its passing will produce a contrary effect; and I cannot understand, how a measure which two years ago was admitted to be equitable, and founded on Justice and propriety, can now infringe on the rights of Property. The Bill has a suspending clause however, and its allowance or disallowance is left to the decision of Her Majesty's Privy Council.

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

The Supplies which you have so liberally voted, will be applied to the purposes for which you have granted them. The Appropriation Bill for this Session, contains a large amount to be expended in the Public Service; but that expenditure necessarily includes a period of more than one year. I am happy to observe a progressive increase in the Revenue of the Colony, and I trust, you will steadily persevere in reducing its obligations.

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

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

I have now only to thank you for the attention you have paid to the public business, and I shall endeavour, God willing, when we meet again, that it shall be at a season more convenient for you to leave your other avocations.

After which, the President of the Council said—

Gentlemen ;

It is the will and pleasure of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that this General Assembly be prorogued until Tuesday the Fifteenth day of July next; and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued until Tuesday the Fifteenth day of July next, to be then here holden.

END OF THE THIRD SESSION

APPENDIX

TO

THE JOURNAL

OF

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND,

**FOR THE SESSION COMMENCING THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF
MARCH, AND ENDING THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF MAY.**

1851.



APPENDIX TO THE JOURNAL
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

No. 1.

[copy.]

QUEBEC, 29th August, 1850.

Sir ;

In transmitting you the accompanying Resolutions adopted by the Legislative Council of this Province, in addition to the thanks therein contained, I beg that you may be pleased to accept the expression of my own gratitude, and the assurance of the high consideration with which

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, and humble Servant,

ED. CARON, Speaker L. C.

The Honorable the Speaker of the
Legislative Council, Charlottetown.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, Tuesday, 6th August, 1850.

RESOLVED, That this House receives with much satisfaction the intelligence of the munificent Donations which have been made in aid of the reconstruction of the Parliamentary Library, by the Right Honorable the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Authorities of the State of New York, and the two Houses of the Legislature of Prince Edward Island.

ORDERED, That the Honorable the Speaker be requested to communicate the above Resolution to the Right Honorable the Speaker of the House of Commons, and the Honorable the Speakers of the two Houses of the Legislature of Prince Edward Island.

(Attest) J. F. TAYLOR,
Clerk Legis. Council.

No. 2.

(Copy.)

DOWNING STREET, 31st January, 1851

SIR,

On your proceeding to assume the Government of Prince Edward Island, it is important that I should place you fully in possession of the views of Her Majesty's Government respecting the questions which have been raised regarding the proposed surrender of the Crown Revenues, and the subjects connected with that surrender in the last Session of the Legislature of the Island.

Your predecessor, Sir Donald Campbell, rightly interpreted the views of Her Majesty's Government, in his communication with the Assembly. He was not authorised by my former Despatches to concede to the Assembly Responsible Government, or to enter into any negotiation with that body respecting the surrender of Her Majesty's Crown Revenues, of which that concession should be the basis. It was my wish that the feelings of the community should be more fully ascertained. But the appeal which he made to the people at large by a dissolution, although not made with this particular object, has drawn forth a much stronger expression of opinion upon it, than had ever previously been elicited. It appears that a large majority of the Assembly have now pronounced themselves in favor of this measure, and this, under circumstances which give every reason for concluding that their decision is no expression of temporary feeling, but of the general and deliberate wish of the community.

You are therefore authorised (without entering into particular details) to reconstruct the Executive Council in such a manner as to include those who possess the confidence of the Assembly, and also to surrender to the Assembly the disposal of Her Majesty's Crown Revenues, if the Legislature will consent to pass an Act embodying the terms which I will presently propose.

With respect to the terms on which the Crown will consent to this change, and also to the surrender of its Revenues, these will, of course be contained in a Civil List Act. I cannot advise Her Majesty to consent to any such Act, unless it contains a fair provision for the interests of existing holders of Office entitled to such compensation. I regard the terms which were specified by your predecessor as fair and reasonable, viz. : Pensions of £200 currency to the Colonial Secretary and Registrar and the Attorney General respectively.

With respect to the present Chief Justice, you are at liberty to fix it either at £900 currency per annum, or £700 currency, with a gratuity of £500 currency.

With regard to the permanent provision which must be made for the Civil Service of the Island, I am anxious to leave that to the Legislature, subject to a few conditions on the part of Her Majesty's Government as possible. It appears to me essential that the impartial exercise of the Judicial functions should be secured by the salaries of Judges being made the subject of permanent provision. But the actual amount of those Salaries is a matter on which, in my opinion, the Legislative Body is best able to pronounce.

There is, however, one point in the Bill which passed the House of Assembly in the last Session of the Legislature to which I feel it necessary to advert. The last clause provides that the Act shall not go into operation, unless (among other things) "a system of Responsible Government similar to that which is now in force in the Provinces of Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, shall be granted to and established in this Island." The grant of Responsible Government has never been embodied as a condition in similar Acts. The only conditions therefore, to be inserted in the Act on the part of Her Majesty's Government, are those relative to the surrender of the Crown Revenue, the rest stand (as was the case in the other North American Provinces referred to) on the faith of the Crown; the Act which has been passed cannot therefore receive Her Majesty's confirmation.

These are all the instructions which occur to me as indispensable for your guidance in the important negotiations which you are about to commence. Should I have omitted any essential particulars, you will consider yourself at liberty either to act on your own judgment, or to refer to me for further directions as you may judge necessary.

(Signed)

GREY.

To Lieut.-Governor Bannerman, &c., &c., &c.

No. 3.

(Copy.)

No. 4.

DOWNING STREET, 12th February, 1851.

SIR;

In addition to the other subjects of immediate importance to the Colony of Prince Edward Island, to which I have directed your attention on the occasion of proceeding to assume its Government, I wish to bring to your notice the existing "Act for raising a Revenue, and appropriating part of the same," passed during the last Session of the Legislature of the Island, and which will be in force until the 2d May next.

2. It appears that your Predecessor, Sir Donald Campbell, felt great difficulty in assenting to this Act, and only did so, under the fear of a serious loss accruing to the Provincial Revenue by his refusal.

3. The objectionable character of the Act is, that it trenches upon the privileges of the Crown and the Legislative Council, as in practice, having the effect of obliging the Crown and the Council to agree to appropriations which might be very improper and obnoxious in themselves, rather than that the Colony should be without a Revenue. The Act is clearly unconstitutional, not only on these grounds, but because, several Money Appropriations are embodied in it, instead of being contained in a distinct Appropriation Act; but it is also to be observed, that those appropriations are of a most partial nature, securing the contingent expenses of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly and the interests of outstanding Warrants; while they leave unprovided for, many important branches of the Public Service, such as the maintenance of the Prisons and Police.

I have to instruct you to withhold your assent from any Bill which may be presented, to which the same objections apply.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

GREY.

Lieut.-Governor Sir Alexander Bannerman.

No. 4.

[COPY.]

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 19th day of June, 1850.

PRESENT :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE ALBERT,

Lord President,
Lord Privy Seal,
Duke of Norfolk,
Lord Steward,
Lord Chamberlain,
Marquis of Abercorn,

Earl Grey,
Lord John Russell,
Viscount Palmerston,
Sir John Hobhouse, Bart.,
Sir George Grey, Bart.,
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.

WHEREAS the Lieutenant Governor of Her Majesty's Island of Prince Edward, with the Council and Assembly of the said Island, did, in the month of March, 1850, pass an Act which has been transmitted intituled as follows, viz :

No. 791. An Act to continue several Acts therein mentioned.

And whereas the said Act has been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's most honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported as their opinion to Her Majesty, that the said Act should be left to its operation; Her Majesty was thereupon, this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve the said Report : Whereof, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, of Her Majesty's Island of Prince Edward, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed)

WM. L. BATHURST.

No. 5.

(COPY.)

BRITISH LEGATION, WASHINGTON, March 22, 1851.

Sir ;

You are no doubt aware that an Act was passed last Session but one of Congress, giving permission to Vessels from the British North American Provinces, to discharge their Cargoes at Ports of delivery as well as at Ports of entry, provided that similar facilities were granted to United States' Vessels in the Ports of the said British Colonies.

No information has, however, yet reached Washington, of the necessary steps having been taken in the Province of Prince Edward Island, for giving the facilities and privileges to which I refer, to United States' Vessels, and the Act of American Congress of September last, has in consequence, remained in abeyance up to the present time, so far as your Province is concerned.

It would therefore be desirable that you should inform me, whether the necessary measures have been adopted in Prince Edward Island, in order that, if such be the case, I may communicate the same to the United States' Government.

(Signed) I have, &c.,
W. L. BULWER.

No. 6.

(COPY.)

[CIRCULAR.]

DOWNING STREET, 29th May, 1850.

Sir ;

I have the honor to enclose for your information a Return which has been printed by order of the House of Commons, showing the amount of the Duties at present payable on Goods imported into the several British Colonies.

On referring to the Table of Duties for the Colony under your Government, I observe that those Duties are imposed by an Act which is limited in its operation to one year. I wish to direct your attention, and that of your Council, to the injurious effects which the uncertainty thus created in the continuance of the existing Scale of Duties cannot but exercise on the Trade of the Colony.

It is highly desirable that the Tariffs of the Colonies should, as in this Country, be established by permanent Laws, though of course such Tariffs would remain subject to such alterations, from time to time, as circumstances might require. But the more rarely such alterations take place, the better for the commerce of the Colonies; and I am therefore of opinion, that it would be good policy, if the Legislature of Prince Edward Island would establish by a permanent Law such a moderate and well considered Scale of Import Duties, as would lead to a probability of its being permanently maintained.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

(Signed)

GREY.

Lt. Governor Sir Donald Campbell, Bart.
&c. &c. &c.

No. 7.

(Copy.)

No. 117.

DOWNING STREET, 26th September, 1850.

Sir ;

I herewith transmit for your consideration and report, the copy of a Letter which has been addressed to me [14th Aug. 1850.] by Mr. T. Brown, soliciting a Lease of the Coal and Mineral rights of the Crown in Prince Edward Island, which have not yet been let or otherwise alienated, to the Landed Proprietors, and I have to direct you to furnish me with your Report upon this application.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble Servant,
(Signed) GREY.

Lt. Governor Sir Donald Campbell, Bart.
&c. &c. &c.

[COPY.]

WELLESLEY HOUSE, SHOOTER'S HILL, KENT,
August 14, 1850.

My Lord,

I beg respectfully to acquaint your Lordship that having devoted much attention to the Geological formation of Prince Edward Island—I have arrived at the opinion that if borings were made through the superincumbent strata of the Island to be carried on to a considerable depth by skilful English Borers, important discoveries of beds of Coal underlying the whole or greater part of the Island would be the result. I am further of opinion, that the other minerals including Ironstone and Fire Clays, would also be found as are usually associated with the Coal measures.

My object in bringing this matter before your Lordship is for the purpose of soliciting a Lease of the Coal and mineral rights belonging to the Crown, and which have not yet been let or otherwise alienated to the Landed Proprietors on the Island. I make this application on my own behalf, but that there are other parties of influence and capital, who are willing to join with me, in proving the Coal, and exploring further the Mining resources of the Island, and if successful in opening out and working the Coal Mines, and other Mines and Quarries, the development of which must tend materially to the general improvement and wealth of the Colony, by providing a cheap and convenient article of fuel, and a valuable article of export.

I beg to state to your Lordship that for a number of years, I have been extensively engaged in Coal Mining in the North of England, having as managing resident partner the control of large Collieries which have been completed and worked under my own personal superintendence.

For the last four years I have been engaged in Ireland, as resident managing partner of the Antrim Mines, which Company is now working the Coal Mines of Ballycastle and Murlough Bay, and thus affording considerable employment to the impoverished population of that District.

Having under my control, Mining Agents, Borers and Miners, who have been employed by me for many years, and whose exertions and skill I could readily command for Mining objects on the Island, should I be favored with a grant of a Lease.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) THOMAS BROWN, F.G.S. of London.

To the Right Hon. Earl Grey, &c. &c. &c.

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No. 8.

(COPY.)

[CIRCULAR.]

DOWNING STREET, 27th December, 1850.

Sir ;

I transmit herewith, for your information and guidance, the Copy of a Letter from the Secretary to the General Post Office, stating the desire of the Postmaster General, that the existing regulations under which printed Books, Magazines, Reviews, and Pamphlets, (whether British, Colonial or Foreign) are transmitted by Post within the United Kingdom at reduced Rates, should be extended to the British Colonies.

In order, therefore to carry into effect the views of the Postmaster General, as explained in this Letter, I have to instruct you to bring the subject under the early consideration of your Executive Council, for the purpose of such regulations being framed, as may appear to be the best adapted for securing the object his Lordship desires to accomplish.

In the event of the Law, relating to the Post Office at present in force in the Colony under your Government, not proving sufficient for the purpose, it will become necessary to obtain the requisite authority by Legislative enactment.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, and humble Servant,

(Signed)

GREY.

The Officer Administering the Government,
Prince Edward Island.

GENERAL POST OFFICE, 14th December, 1850.

SIR;

The Postmaster General being desirous of extending to the British Colonies, the existing regulations under which Printed Books, Magazines, Reviews, and Pamphlets, (whether British, Colonial or Foreign) are transmitted by Post, within the United Kingdom at reduced rates of Postage, has submitted his views on this subject to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and has received the permission of their Lordships to carry the measure into immediate effect as respects those Colonies whose Postal arrangements are under His Lordship's control. The necessary steps are therefore about to be taken for establishing a Book Post to the several Colonies in question.

With regard to those Colonies in which the Posts are under local management, and the obstacles to including which, in the proposed measure, arise from the high rate of charge to which the Books would be subjected for the internal conveyance in the Colonies, and from the absence in most cases of any means of pre-payment of Imperial Postage upon the Books which might be sent from the Colonies to the United Kingdom, the Postmaster General has been authorised to place himself in communication with the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with a view to the adoption of those measures by which such obstacles may be removed.

I am accordingly directed by the Postmaster General to request that you will bring under the consideration of Earl Grey the following arrangements, which his Lordship desires to extend, with as little delay as possible, to the whole of the British Colonies and Possessions :—

1.—That printed Books, Magazines, Reviews, or Pamphlets (whether British, Colonial or Foreign), be permitted to be sent through the Post from the United Kingdom to any British Colony, or from any British Colony to the United Kingdom, whether the conveyance be by packet or by private Ship, at the following rates of Postage.

	£	s.	d.
For a single Volume, not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. in weight	0	0	6
For a single Volume, exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. and not exceeding 1 lb.	0	1	0
For a single Volume, exceeding 1 lb. and not exceeding 2 lbs.	0	2	0
For a single Volume, exceeding 2 lbs. and not exceeding 3 lbs.	0	3	0

And so on, increasing 1s. for every additional pound or fraction of a pound.

2.—That the charge be the same, whether the Books, &c. be posted or delivered at the Port, or whether they be posted or delivered at any place in the interior of the Colony.

3.—That pre-payment be insisted upon in all cases; in the United Kingdom the Postage being required to be paid in Stamps, and in the Colony being paid in money.

4.—That to prevent the inconvenience which might ensue from a large arrival of Books, &c., by the same Mail, the Colonial Postmasters be authorized, in cases of necessity, to delay the despatch of such Books to or from the interior, until the despatch of the Mail next after that by which they would in the usual course be sent, or at their option, for a period not exceeding one week.

5.—That no book be sent by any route which would entail an expense of transit postage on the Department.

6.—That one-third of the total charge be considered as paid for the British Inland Rate, one-third for the Sea Rate, and the remaining third for the Colonial Inland Rate.

7.—That Printed Books, &c., sent through the Post, under the regulations here proposed, be subject in all respects to the same restrictions as Newspapers.

The foregoing conditions are those which the Postmaster General is about to prescribe for Printed Books, &c., despatched to or received from those British Colonies and Possessions to which his control extends, viz :

The West Indies,	Bermuda,
Newfoundland,	Malta,
Gibraltar,	Hong Kong;

And his Lordship desires me to request that you will move Earl Grey to take such steps as may appear to his Lordship best calculated to induce the Governments of the other British Colonies and Possessions to acquiesce in a similar arrangement.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient humble Servant,

W. L. MABERLY.

H. Merivale, Esq., &c. &c. &c.,
Colonial Office.

No. 9.

(COPY.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, TORONTO, 6th February, 1851.

Sir ;

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Copy of a Minute of the Executive Council of this Province, on [30th Jan. 1851.] the subject of a Communication from Earl Grey, relative to the difference between the British scale of Weight for charging Letters, and that adopted by the British North American Provinces, and I trust that your Excellency will see fit to take such steps as may be necessary to enable you to co-operate with me in carrying out the views of Her Majesty's Government on this point. I enclose a copy of the extract from the Marquis of Clanricarde's Letter, which is referred to in the Minute.

I have the honor, to be Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

(Signed)

ELGIN & KINCARDINE.

His Excellency the Lieut. Governor,
of Prince Edward Island.

(COPY.)

EXTRACT from a Report of a Committee of the Executive Council, on Matters of State, dated 30th January, 1851, approved by His Excellency the Governor General, in Council, on the 31st of the same month.

The Committee of the Executive Council have had under consideration, on your Excellency's reference, a Despatch from the Right Honorable Earl Grey, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 13th December last, No. 538, on the subject of the difference between the British scale of Weight for charging Letters, and that adopted by the three Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick. The Committee of Council have given their best attention to the Extract from the Marquis of Clanricarde's Letter to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, enclosed by Earl Grey, and they are of opinion that it is highly expedient that the British system of charging the Postage by a scale of ounces, instead of half-ounces, and at the rate of two postages for each ounce, should be applied to all Letters passing between the British Provinces and the United Kingdom. The Committee of Council entertain no doubt that this mode of charging is in accordance with the true intent and meaning of the agreement entered into between the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and they respectfully advise your Excellency, to communicate on the subject with the Lieutenant Governors of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and to request them to lose no time in informing Earl Grey that the regulations in force in England, with regard to the mode of charging by weight, will be enforced in the Provinces, the Governments of which they respectively administer—and that the Provincial Postage, on such Letters will be charged at the rate of 2d Sterling per half-ounce, as at present.—And the Committee of Council would further advise your Excellency to request the Lieut. Governors of the said Provinces, in case they or either of them are of opinion that the construction put on the agreement of the Canadian Government is not the true one, to recommend further legislation on the subject, with as little delay as possible, so as to meet the wishes of the Post Office Department in England, as explained by the Marquis of Clanricarde.

Certified,

(Signed) J. JOSEPH, C. E. C.

[COPY.]

EXTRACT of a Letter from the Marquis of Clanricarde to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury dated General Post Office, 15th November, 1850.

The principal point for consideration is the difference between the British scale of Weight for charging letters, and that adopted by the three Provinces. In the former case, Letters being chargeable after the first ounce, with two rates of postage for every ounce weight, and in the latter case, provision being made for charging letters, whatever may be their weight, by a graduated scale by steps of half-ounces.

In my Letter of the 19th August last, I pointed out to your Lordships the inconvenience that must be occasioned by this difference in the scales for charging Letters transmitted between the United Kingdom and the British North American Colonies, and I adhere to the opinion I expressed as to the importance of maintaining in the Provinces as well as in the Mother Country, the British Scale of Weight; but as Lord Grey anticipates considerable difficulty in securing uniformity of enactment, by the three different Legislatures, I do not think it expedient to insist on my objection.

The inconvenience of the varying scale is great, but still not of so serious a character as to render it fatal to an arrangement so much desired by all parties, and under these circumstances, I must leave it to Lord Grey, to determine whether it will be advisable to recommend that the Acts already passed in the three Provinces shall receive the confirmation of Her Majesty.

I may here observe that nothing has transpired, to show that the deviation from the British Scale of Weight by these Acts was purposely intended by their framers, and it seems to me, not improbable either, that the point was entirely overlooked, when the Bills were drawn, or that the Provincial Authorities were under the impression that an additional Rate of Postage was chargeable in the United Kingdom, for every half-ounce, which a Letter might weigh. If either of these were the case it may be hoped that the advantage of adhering to one and the same scale of weight in collecting the two separate rates of postage chargeable upon packet Letters, will be appreciated by the Colonies, and that they will forthwith take measures for removing, the difficulty which would be alike experienced by their own Postmasters, and by the Postmasters in this Country.

When the recent Postal Convention was concluded between this country and the United States, so strongly did the American Government perceive the importance of one scale of weight, which should be applicable as well to the United States, as to the British Rate of Postage, for all letters passing between the two countries, that they requested Mr. Bourne, the Officer sent from this department to Washington for the purpose of settling the details of the Convention, to attend a Committee of Congress, and to explain the difficulties which would be occasioned if some arrangements were not come to in this respect.

Mr. Bourne accordingly appeared before the Committee, and and at their recommendation an Act was immediately passed, on the eve of the dissolution of Congress, which, while it left subject to the then existing United States' scale (believed to be identical with that adopted by the three Provinces) every other class of Letters, authorised the charge upon all Letters conveyed between Great Britain and the United States, to be levied by the British scale of weight.

I annex for the information of your Lordships, a Memorandum, showing how inconveniently the Provincial scale of weight, laid down by the Legislative Acts, would work, when applied together with the British scale to Letters transmitted between the North American Provinces and this Country, and I request that this may be submitted to Lord Grey, in order that the Government of the several Provinces, may be made aware of the greater simplicity to be obtained by the adoption of the British Scale of Weight.

MEMORANDUM.

The combined rate of Postage at present taken upon a letter, not exceeding the weight of $\frac{1}{2}$ an ounce, conveyed direct between the United Kingdom and British North America, whether such postage be paid in the United Kingdom, or paid in British North America, is One Shilling Sterling, of which sum Ten Pence is British, and Two Pence is Provincial Postage. This combined Postage is of course levied by the British Scale of weights, that is—

A Letter not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	is charged	1s,
A Letter exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ but not exceeding 1 oz.,		2s,
“ 1	“	2 oz., 4s,
“ 2	“	3 oz., 6s,
“ 3	“	4 oz., 8s,

and so on, and this Scale is perfectly understood, as well by the Postmasters, as by the Public, both in the United Kingdom and in British North America, as well as in Foreign Countries.

If the Provincial portion of the combined rate be converted into 3 pence currency from 2d. sterling, and a varying scale be adopted and sanctioned, a complexity will thereby be introduced in regulations which are now very simple.

The British portion of the rate will necessarily be chargeable by the existing British scale, but the Provincial portion will be chargeable by the new Provincial scale, and consequently Letters for British North America, would form a distinct class of correspondence, the charge upon which would be levied according to a new principle applicable to no other class of Letters. A Table of Rates must be issued for the guidance not only of Postmasters in the United Kingdom, but also of all those Foreign Post Offices (Hamburg, Belgium, Holland, Prussia, &c.) by which British Postage is collected.

Up to the weight of an ounce, a Letter would be liable to the same charge by one scale as by the other, but for Letters exceeding the weight of an ounce, the following Table of rates would come into operation :

For a Letter posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to British North America, or *vice versa* :

If exceeding 1 oz. and not exceeding 1½ oz.	If exceeding 1½ oz. and not exceeding 2 oz.	If exceeding 2 oz. and not exceeding 2½ oz.	If exceeding 2½ oz. and not exceeding 3 oz.	If exceeding 3 oz. and not exceeding 3½ oz.	If exceeding 3½ oz. & not exceeding 4 oz.
s. d. British 3 4 Provincl. 7½	s. d. 3 4 0 10	s. d. 5 0 1 0½	s. d. 5 0 1 3	s. d. 6 8 1 5½	s. d. 6 8 1 8
3 11½	4 2	6 0½	6 3	8 1½	8 4

N. B.—This is on the assumption that three pence currency is equivalent to two pence half-penny Sterling.

The following Table shows the effects of adhering to the existing British Scale, both for the British and for the Provincial portions of the combined rate of Postage, but assumes that the Provincial rate shall be altered as proposed to three pence currency or two pence half-penny Sterling :

For a Letter exceeding 1 oz. but not exceeding 2 oz.	If exceeding 2 oz. but not exceeding 3 oz.	If exceeding 3 oz. but not exceeding 4 oz.
s. d. British, 3 4 Provincial 0 10	s. d. 5 0 1 3	s. d. 6 8 1 8
4 2	6 3	8 4

By this Scale there are only three variations instead of six, up to 4 oz., and the fractional parts of a penny are avoided, proving how much the operation of charging and weighing Letters would be simplified by suppressing the intermediate step of half-an-ounce, between each ounce after the first ounce.

The third and last Table shows what would have been the effect of the British Scale, with a Provincial rate of two pence Sterling, instead of three pence Currency, as first proposed by the Postmaster General, if it could have been accomplished.

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The total sums in this table are those which are taken upon Letters of similar weights conveyed between this country and nearly every one of the British Colonies, by Packet, and for this reason are familiar to the Post-masters of the United Kingdom, and those foreign countries forwarding their correspondence through this Department.

No. 10.

[Copy.]

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET, 16th April, 1851.

Sir;

I transmit herewith, 2 Copies of an Act passed in the present Session of the Imperial Parliament, intituled [14th Victoria Cap. 1.] "An Act to amend the Passengers Act of 1849."

In doing so, I have to call your attention more particularly to the 6th and 7th Clauses of the Act.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GREY.

Lt. Governor Sir Alexander Bannerman,
&c. &c. &c.

CAP. I.

An ACT to amend the Passengers Act, 1849.

[1st April, 1851.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Passengers Act, 1849, as herein-after mentioned:
Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, That,

Commissioners may fix different lengths of voyage for steam and sailing Vessels.

I. The power given by the Twentieth Section of the said Act to the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners, acting by and under the authority of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, from time to time, to declare what shall be deemed the length of Voyage from the United Kingdom, to any of the therein-mentioned places, or to any other port or place whatsoever, shall be extended so as to authorise the said Commissioners, acting by and under the authority aforesaid, from time to time, by such Notice, and to be published in such manner as in the same Section mentioned, to declare such a number of Weeks or Days, to be deemed to be the length of Voyage of a Steam Vessel, different from the number of Weeks or Days to be deemed to be the length of Voyage of a sailing Vessel, and to distinguish, where they think fit, between Vessels having Steam Engines to be used occasionally, or in aid of their Sails, and Vessels having Engines of full power, for constant use, and to fix such different lengths of Voyage as they may think reasonable for such different descriptions of Vessels.

Power to substitute different dietary extended.

II. The power given by the Twenty-fifth Section of the said Act to the said Commissioners, acting under the authority of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, from time to time to substitute for any of the articles of Food mentioned, in the said Act, any other articles of Food, as to the said Commissioners shall seem meet, shall be extended so as to authorise the said Commissioners, by such Notice and to be published in such manner as in the said Twenty-fifth Section mentioned, from time to time to determine and specify such quantity or quantities of one or more articles of Food, to be substituted for a given quantity of any article of Food specified in the said Act, as the Commissioners may think necessary, to secure to each Passenger an equivalent Amount of wholesome nutriment, and the said Commissioners may in such Notice, authorise the Supply by the master of any Passenger Ship of the substituted articles or any of them, in the quantities specified in this behalf, or of the articles of Food mentioned in the said Act in the quantities therein mentioned, at his option, during all or any part of the voyage.

Notices may be amended or revoked.

III. Any Notice issued and published under either of the powers hereinbefore referred to, of the said Act, or under either of such powers as extended by this Act may be altered, amended, or revoked as occasion may require, by the said Commissioners, acting under the authority aforesaid, by Notice to be issued and published in like manner.

Passengers Ships putting into Port damaged not to proceed without a Certificate of fitness.

IV. No Passenger Ship putting into or touching at any Port of the United Kingdom, after having sustained any damage shall again put to sea, until such damage has been effectually repaired, nor until the master of such Ship has obtained from the Emigration Officer or his Assistant, or where there is no such Officer, or in his absence, from the Officer of Customs at such Port or Place, a Certificate that such Ship is fit in all respects to proceed on her Voyage; and in case of any default herein the Master of such Ship shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding One hundred Pounds, to be sued for and recovered, with Costs, and applied as a Penalty imposed by the said Act.

Powers of Governors of Colonies and Governor General of India in Council, as to length of voyage and dietary, extended.

V. The powers given by the Sixty-second and Sixty-fourth Sections of the said Act to the Governor of any of Her Majesty's possessions abroad, and to the Governor General of India in Council respectively to declare the rule of computation of the length of any Voyage, or to substitute or authorise the substitution, for the articles of Food and Provisions specified in the said Act, other articles of Food, shall be extended so as to enable such Governor and Governor General in Council respectively by Proclamation or Act (as the case may require) subject to the Provisions of the said Passengers Act concerning confirmation or disallowance, and and disallowance and repeal respectively, to make, do, and authorise all such Declarations, Acts, and Matters with respect to any Voyage to which such powers respectively extend as the Land and Emigration Commissioners, acting under the authority aforesaid, may, under the powers given by the Twenty-first and Twenty-fifth Sections of the said Act, as extended by this Act, make, do, and authorise, with respect to any Voyage to which their powers extend.

Bond to be given by masters of British and

VI. Before any "Passenger Ship" shall clear out or proceed on any Voyage to which the said Act shall extend, the Owner or Charterer, or in the event of the absence of such Owner or Charterer, one good and sufficient person on his behalf, to be approved by the Chief

Officer of Customs at the Port of Clearance, shall, with the Master of the said Ship, in lieu of the Bond required by the Forty-third Section of the said Act, enter into a joint and several Bond, in the Sum of One thousand Pounds, to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, according to the Form contained in Schedule (A.) hereto annexed, the Condition of which Bond shall be, that the said Ship is in all respects seaworthy, and that all and every the Requirements of the said Act and of this Act, and of the said Commissioners acting in the Manner prescribed by the said Act, and of any Order which may at the Date of such Bond have been passed by Her Majesty in Council in virtue of the said Act, shall in all respects be well and truly fulfilled and performed, and, in the Case of any Foreign Passenger Ship which shall proceed to any of Her Majesty's Possessions abroad, that the Master thereof shall submit himself in like Manner as a *British* Subject, being the Master of a *British* Passenger Ship, to the Jurisdiction of such Courts and Magistrates in Her Majesty's Possessions abroad as are by the said Act empowered to adjudicate on Offences committed against the said Act, and moreover that the Master, whether of a *British* or Foreign Passenger Ship, shall well and truly pay all Penalties, Fines, and Forfeitures which he may be adjudged to pay, either in the United Kingdom or by any such Tribunal abroad, for, or in respect of the Breach or Nonperformance of any of the requirements of the said Act: Provided always, that such Bond shall not be liable to Stamp Duty, and shall be executed in duplicate.

Foreign Passenger
Ships.

VII. It shall be the duty of the Chief Officer of Customs at the Port of Clearance of any such Passenger Ship to certify on One Part of such Bond, that it has been duly executed by the said Master and the other Obligor, and to forward the same by Post to the Colonial Secretary of the Colony to which such Foreign Passenger Ship may be bound; such Certificate shall, in any Colonial Court of Judicature in which the Bond may be put in Suit, be deemed conclusive Evidence of the due Execution of the Bond by the said Master and the other Obligor, and it shall not be necessary to prove the Handwriting of the Officer of Customs who may have signed such Certificate, nor that he was at the time of signing it Chief Officer of Customs at the Port of Clearance; provided, that no such Bond shall be put in Suit in any of Her Majesty's Possessions abroad after the expiration of Three Calendar Months next after the Arrival therein of the said Ship, nor in the United Kingdom after the expiration of Twelve Calendar Months next after the Return of the said Ship or of the said Master to the United Kingdom.

Counterpart of
Bond to be certified,
and sent to the
Colony to which
Ship bound, and to
be received in Evi-
dence without
further proof of
Execution.

VIII. The said Act and this Act shall be construed together as One Act.

Recited Act and
this Act to be con-
strued as One Act.

SCHEDULE (A.)

FORM of BOND to be given by OWNER or CHARTERER and MASTER.

Know all Men by these Presents, That we,

are held and firmly bound unto our Sovereign by the Grace of God of
the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Defender of the Faith, in
the Sum of One thousand Pounds of good and lawful Money of Great Britain, to be paid
to our said the Heirs and Successors; to which payment well and truly
to be made we bind ourselves and every of us, jointly and severally, for and in the
whole, our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, and every of them, firmly by these
Presents. Sealed with our Seals. Dated this Day of Year of the Reign of
said Majesty, and in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen
Victoria, intituled "An Act to amend the Passengers Act, 1849," it is amongst other
things enacted, that before any "Passenger Ship" shall clear out or proceed on any Voyage
to which the Provisions of the Passengers Act, 1849, shall extend, the Owner or Charterer,
or, in the absence of such Owner or Charterer, One good and sufficient Person on his behalf,
to be approved by the Chief Officer of Customs at the Port of Clearance, shall, with the
Master of the said Ship, enter into a Bond to Majesty, Heirs and Successors,
in the Sum of One thousand Pounds.

Now the Condition of this Obligation is such, that if the Ship whereof
 is Master, bound to is in all respects seaworthy, *[and if the said Ship shall call at
 the Port of and there shall be shipped on board at such Port pure Water for the use
 of the Passengers, sufficient in quantity to afford an Allowance of Three Quarts daily, to
 each Passenger, for the Period of Weeks on the Voyage from such Port to the final
 Port or Place of Discharge of such Vessel,] and if all and every the requirements of the said
 Passengers Act, 1849, and of the said recited Act, and of the Colonial Land and Emigration
 Commissioners acting in the manner prescribed by the said Passengers Act, 1849, and of
 any Order in Council passed in virtue of the said last-mentioned Act, shall in all respects be
 well and truly performed, †[and if the Master for the time being of the said Ship shall submit
 himself in like manner as a British Subject, being the Master of a British Passenger Ship, to
 the Jurisdiction of the Tribunals in Majesty's Possessions abroad, empowered by the
 said Passengers Act of 1849 to adjudicate on Offences committed against the said Act,] and
 if, moreover, all Penalties, Fines, and Forfeitures which the Master of such Ship may be
 adjudged to pay for or in respect of the Breach of Nonfulfilment of any of such Requirements
 as aforesaid, shall be well and truly paid, then this Obligation to be void, otherwise to remain
 in full force and virtue.

* The Clause within Brackets is to be inserted only when the Ship is to call at an intermediate Port to take in Water, as provided by s. 23, of the Act.

† This Clause to be inserted only in the case of a Foreign Passenger Ship proceeding to any of the British Colonies.

‡ Insert names and Addresses in full of the Witnesses.

Signed, sealed and delivered by the above bounden in the
 presence of ‡

§ Certificate to be signed by the Chief Officer of Customs in case of a Foreign Passenger Ship.

§ [I hereby certify, that the above Bond was duly signed, sealed, and delivered according to the Law of Great Britain, by the said Master of the said Ship and by the said _____].

(Signature) _____ } Chief Officer of
 (Date) _____ } Customs for the
 Port of _____

No. 11.

REPORT of the VISITER of SCHOOLS for QUEEN'S COUNTY, for the Half year ending October 31, 1850.

TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION;
 GENTLEMEN;

In conformity with the Resolution of your Board, requiring separate half-yearly Returns of inspection of Schools, instead of a general Annual Report as heretofore, I have the honor to subjoin, for your information, and that of the Legislature, the following list of Schools, and Pupils attending the same, as visited and examined by me to the present date:—

Since the date of my last Report, Five new Schools have been added to the number of District Schools in this County, at the following stations, viz:—Rustico, Tryon Road, Point Prim, and Portage, (Belfast,) and at Lot 49, a Female School. Three, vacant last year, have been re-opened: Long Creek, (Lot 65,) Wood Islands, South Shore, (Lot 65,) and Lot 67. At the following places the Teachers have been changed within the past half-year—the Schools continuing in operation—York River, New Glasgow Road, Fullarton's

Marsh, (Lot 48,) Argyle Settlement, or Canoe Cove, Elliot River, (Lot 65,) Gallows Point, Vernon River, and Union Road; but I regret to have to report, that Eleven Schools, occupied in the past year, have become and continue vacant in the following Settlements, viz:—New London, (South West,) Campbelton, Rustico, (West,) Acadian,—Brackley Point Road, New Wiltshire, Dog River, Nine Mile Creek, (Lot 65,) New S. Wiltshire, Pinette, (South,) Upper Newtown, Fort Augustus.

With a view to preserve authentic and tangible records of the attendance, studies, and attainments of the Pupils from year to year, I had the honor to recommend to your Board, the utility of furnishing to each School printed forms of Registers or Journals, to be returned to you to be filed; although these Registers, for the first time, have not been filled up with entire accuracy, yet they have greatly assisted the collection of the Statistics required; the supply of these, however, will be exhausted before the expiration of the year, and,

in the instances in which they are already filled up, I have suggested to the different Teachers, the propriety of supplying the want by manuscript Registers, prepared upon the same model: this, however, has not in all cases been complied with.

I have further to report, that the proportion of Pupils learning the various branches remains, without any perceptible variation, as it stood, not only at the period of my last Report, but as shown in my Return of the previous year; this view affords a clear proof of the yet very elementary character of the majority of our District Schools, and the necessity of employing every possible means of elevating it; still vacancies in the Schools, occurring at any time, can now be filled up by Teachers, comparatively well qualified to meet the requirements of the Law, and the number of youth attending them is as great as it has been at any former period.

Experience has evinced the great advantage, as a general rule, of the encouragement of Female Schools, for the instruction of young pupils. In 1847, the number of Female Teachers, employed in the State of New York, was above 15,000, while the number of Male Teachers was under 3000; this proportion proves the importance attached to those Seminaries, by the well-educated people of that country. The number of such Schools in this County, receiving Legislative aid, remained, at last year, at Seven—increased, this year, to Eight—one having been opened at the Union Road Settlement, on the closing of the District School, while another at New Wiltshire, Anderson's Road, has been discontinued. It is of course as primary or preparatory Schools, and not as superseding the District Schools, that their extension would be desirable in this community.

Of the Three Acadian Schools open last year, one, at Rustico, (West,) has been closed; the remaining two, I found to be well conducted; the aggregate attendance of children is Sixty-eight. Within the space of nine or ten months, they have learned to read French with facility, after which the elder Scholars, whenever they can procure the necessary Books, are advanced to learn English Reading. In the Schools in question, Fifteen were found to read this language with tolerable fluency, and their progress in Arithmetic and Writing, particularly in the School at Cavendish Road, would do no discredit to children of a like age, at many of our District Schools. In addition to the above, a District School has been opened at a new station, viz:—Cross Roads, Rustico, the Teacher of which is peculiarly well qualified, as regards Scholarship, to instruct a mixed French and English School—two-thirds of the pupils being of the former origin. I called at this School on the day of opening, and appointed an early day for examination, when it should be more fully organized. These facts show that a desire for English instruction is becoming prevalent among that primitive, but illiterate people, the French Acadians.

Of another description of Schools, known as 'Primary,' and under the instruction of unlicensed Teachers, *Four* have come under my inspection during the present season. Of these Schools I feel constrained to say, that perhaps, with the exception of one—that at Fort Augustus, (Shore Farms,)—they continue on this footing, in contravention of the spirit and letter of the Law. The circumstances which rendered it expedient to encourage such Schools, in past years, cannot now be urged in their behalf, when each of the Settlements, where they are stationed, can furnish the contingent of Scholars, sufficient for the establishment of a District School. Their share of the Public Money being conditional, on teaching respectively a less number than Twenty Pupils, it is clear that, in the Settlements in question, the minority of the children must be excluded, to enable the Teacher, with any color, to obtain the Grant. But how can the practice be upheld, when Twenty children, and upwards, within the educational age, can be numbered within the bounds, and in some cases, even frequent the Schools, within the course of the year? And yet the contrary must be affirmed on oath before the Grant can be drawn.

To obviate this most serious condition, I would submit the propriety, either of amending the Law, as to the limitation of numbers, or of abolishing such class of Schools altogether. A fifth unlicensed School was visited by me last year in the populous Settlement of Monaghan, Lot 36. The Teacher signified to me his intention of applying for the license of your Board at an early day; but as I have not learned of his having passed his examination, and as I could not consider his School, as coming within the above category, I did not deem it my duty to repeat my visit. A resident in the vicinity of one of these Schools, characterised its head as "a *harmless* Teacher,"—a qualification which will scarcely hold good with such as maintain the truth of the maxim, that "a little knowledge is a *dangerous* thing."

From the various heads of information, on our School Statistics, already in the possession of your Board, I presume it will be obvious, that while Teachers are plodding on in their arduous calling, in most instances the worst paid and the most undervalued of Public Servants, it would be too much to expect very marked results from the operation of a system, the almost entire efficacy of which, with the bare exception of the apportionment of the Legislative Grant, and the influence of your Board, depends upon the voluntary action of the people themselves. It is apparent, however, that a greatly increased interest has been created in the public mind, on the importance and character of District School instruction, and this is the first and most important step in the path of improvement. A few years ago the qualifications of Teachers were subject to no other test than the opinion of their employers; now the demand for those holding your highest Class Certificates

has increased beyond all precedent, and if Teachers are not treated with greater respect, more care is taken to appoint men deserving of respect. Cheap Teachers are acknowledged to have proved the dearest bargains, and, together with all this, the necessity of a more certain and permanent mode of supporting Schools, is now very generally admitted.

In addition, I would solicit your attention to one or two other topics, which have appeared to me as having an important bearing on the progress of Education:—*First*, the brief period of school attendance, the remedy for which is in the hands of parents alone, is a serious drawback, and affects the aim and object of every succeeding Legislative enactment for the encouragement of Education. It is assumed that our Schools have improved, and are yearly improving; but let it be supposed, that all the Teachers of Prince Edward Island were able to bring their Pupils to the highest point of perfection in knowledge, daily experience shows, that the Pupils will not remain until these ends are gained; they are generally withdrawn, at an age, before they can appreciate the value of instruction; add to this, the frequent absence from School for days and weeks, inflicting serious evil on the School, breaking up the effective drill, making chasms in classes, fatal to a uniform and orderly progress. The subject of such irregularity may catch a little of the knowledge that is afloat in the School, but his mind will not be trained—educated. It is known to all Teachers that there are some studies in which the loss of here and there a lesson is equivalent to the loss of the whole. An eminent educationist says, “There is no doubt that *four* months of steady unbroken attendance is worth more to a child’s mind and education, than *eight* months scattered along at irregular intervals through the year,”—all this is frequently the effect of the necessities of the parent, but as frequently the result of apathy and unconcern.

By reference to the columns of the following Table, the Schools which came under my examination, up to the present time, will appear, making a total—inclusive of Six Female Schools—of 50. Minutes of examination of the residue, together with more detailed remarks on the most interesting of the whole number, will appear in my next Report.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS NOW OPEN.

STATIONS.	NAMES.	Number on the Roll.	Number present.
Charlottetown	John Lepage	52	50
Charlottetown Royalty	Alexander Maclean	41	24
Dunstaffnage, Saint Peter’s Road	Robert Robertson	52	42
Lot 48	John Butler	61	51
Lot 48, Fullarton’s Marsh	William Emery	56	40
Lot 49, Mount Mellick	Alexr. Macneill	60	42
Seal River	Michael M’Wade	60	53

STATIONS.	NAMES.	Number on the Roll.	Number present.
Brackley Point Road	Archibald M’Kenzie	35	29
Lot 67, Princetown Road	John Sinclair	70	26
Little York	James Douglas	30	22
New Cornwall	Malcolm Darrach	40	36
Cavendish	Robert Bellin	57	45
Wood Islands	John Beaton	40	35
Belle Creek	John M’Millan	51	33
Flat River	Alexr. Beaton	43	29
Stanhope	George Douglas	50	43
New Glasgow	Robert Laird	66	48
Tryon Road	John Livingston	60	41
Uig, Murray Harbor Road	Hugh Martin	34	26
Pinette	Archibald Macdonald	35	27
Rustico Road	John Macdonald	36	27
Park Corner	Charles Crosby	50	40
Cove Head Road	Patrick M’Quaid	46	33
Lot 49, Povnal Bay	J. B. Mackenna	60	32
Lower Newtown	William Macphail, jun.	55	37
Lot 22, Hope River	Elias Roberts	49	40
Lot 22, St. Ann’s	Edmund Roche	42	36
Crapaud	Allan Stewart	50	37
De Sable	Donald R. Stewart	38	30
Brackley Point	James Stewart	42	24
Murray Harbor Road	Donald Bethune	64	50
New Glasgow Road	Donald Livingston	40	30
Princetown Road	Colin Campbell	40	31
Rustico, Cross Roads	W. H. Richardson	35	32
Vernon River	Archibald M’Neill	35	21
Lot 67, Anderson’s Road	John M’Innis	49	45
Orwell Head	John Stewart	40	26
Point Prim	Ewen Lamont	52	42
Cherry Valley	Neil M’Fayden	46	31
Gallows Point	Robert Barry	27	
Lot 65, South Shore	Patrick B. Doyle	42	
Vernon River	Abercombie Willock	30	
Lot 30, South or Argyle Shore	Neil M’Eachren	41	
Elliot River	Donald Shaw	30	
York River	John M’Millan	41	
Argyle Shore or Canoe Cove	Malcolm M’Kenzie	35	
Bellast, Portage	Patrick Hockney	49	
Lot 65	Ewen Amos	50	
ACADIAN:			
Cavendish Road	Joseph O. Arsneaux	38	32
Rustico	Moses Doucett	29	23
PRIMARY:			
Lot 20, New London Ponds	Henry Leckie	19	17
Tracadie Road	James Condon	19	12
Fort Augustus, (Shore)	J. Fisher	19	18

Add to these 8 Female Schools, numbering a total of 184 Scholars
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And the general result is a total of Sixty-one Schools, supported by Legislative aid, in Queen’s County, imparting instruction to Two thousand Five hundred and Fifteen Pupils, showing a decrease in the last half-year of Three Schools, but an increase of One hundred and Sixty Scholars.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN M’NEILL,

Visiter of Schools for Queen’s County.

SECOND HALF-YEARLY REPORT of the
Visiter of Schools for Queen's County.
 April 24, 1851.

TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION;

Since the date of my last Report, I have visited and examined all the Schools in this County entitled to Legislative aid; my inspection of these has not aimed merely at the collection of the requisite Statistics, but has always included the sufficient examination of the Classes, in all the Branches wherein they receive instruction; such examinations affording opportunities of suggesting information to an inexperienced Teacher, correcting the errors under which he may labour, or exemplifying some improved mode of School organization. A reference to former Returns will show, that the different inspections have resulted in something like uniformity of action, as regards method of Teaching and Discipline; the improvements going on around us, have been gradually introduced, and the deserving Teacher brought prominently forward.

As the whole system will in all probability shortly experience a careful revision, the question of the conversion of our District Schools, into free Schools, which has of late excited some attention, will not be overlooked. The District Schools throughout a majority of the Towns in Canada, are at the present moment free; property is assessed for their support, and one of the reasons assigned for such taxation, is, that a well instructed People afford greater security to the rights of property. The Editor of the *Journal of Education*, published in that Province, a periodical which ought to be in the hands of every Instructor of Youth,—makes the following observations with reference to this question. "We look with confidence to the near approach of that day,—and a glorious day it will be,—when every Common School in this Province will be as free to every Child in the Land, as the Water we drink, and the Air we breathe," an aspiration which will find an echo in the breast of every person capable of appreciating the blessings of an enlightened education.

Connected with the improvement of our educational system, it may not be out of place to advert to the fact, that there appears a growing interest on the part of the People, in the advancement of an interest mainly created by Agricultural science, the operations of the Royal Agricultural Society, and by their able and useful publications. In order that these efforts should become a source of increased benefit to Farmers, they should themselves acquire a knowledge of the elementary principles of husbandry upon which the suggestions they might receive, would be based; this may be done most effectually through the Teachers of the District Schools, in the way recently recommended by that Society. The Board of Education for Upper Canada, has adopted this method of diffusing elementary Agricultural instruction through that Country.

In compliance with the requirements of the Section of the Act for the encouragement of Education.

I have established under its operation, Schools in the following localities, and which have not hitherto been reported by me, viz: Elliot River, Lot 65; Desable; Tryon Road, Lot 31; & Johnston's Road, Scotch Settlement;

GENERAL STATE OF THE SCHOOLS.

Table including Five District Schools recently opened, and an additional Female School No. 9.

STATIONS.	TEACHERS.	Total No. of Pupils.	No. present at Examination.
York River	John M'Millan	40	25
Long River	Thomas Brooks	46	38
N. S. Wiltshire	James Jewell	46	30
Lot 67, West District	John Mackay	48	27
Lot 22	Patrick F. Doyle	41	33
FEMALE SCHOOLS.			
Charlottetown	Mrs. E. M. M'Cormack	17	13
York River	" E. Ross	28	21
Charlottetown	Miss M. E. Cameron	21	20
do.	" E. M. Yates	21	20
New London	" Margaret Stewart	20	19
Lot 49	" Margaret Owen	26	13
Union Road	" Ann M'Gregor	32	20
Hazel Grove, P. T. Road	" Lucretia Pringle	30	26
New Wiltshire	" Sarah Henderson	25*	
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* Not open at Visit.

N. B.—Teachers changed since last Report, viz: Uigg.—Present Teacher, John Ross. Fullarton's March, Lot 48—K. Morrison—now removed to Harding's Creek. S. W.—Mill River. E. Roche.

The Schools, in their respective classes, stand at this date as follows:—

District Schools under the Act 7 Vic.,	8
do. under the Act 10 Vic.,	44
Female,	9
Acadian,	2
Primary,	3

Total, 66 Schools, and 2956 Scholars. Increase over last year, 3 Schools, and 601 Scholars.

Calculating the numbers in the public and private Seminaries, not under my supervision, at 500, the total provided with instruction will approximate to 3500. Guided by the Census Returns of 1848, and the probable ratio of increase since, the total number of children, within the educational age, in Queen's County, may be estimated at 4500, leaving a thousand, or nearly a third, who do not attend School.

GENERAL STATE OF THE SCHOOLS.

Not a few of the Schools, from causes heretofore referred to, and which may be well understood, are yet in a low state. Still I am enabled to report, that the number of good Schools is gradually on the increase; and people appreciate the services of an able Teacher.

The Branches taught, and modes of imparting instruction, have been so frequently enumerated in for-

mer Returns, as to render unnecessary here any very lengthened details.

In addition to Reading, Spelling, Writing, and Arithmetic, which form the staple of the instruction imparted in all the Schools, Book-keeping, Geometry, English Grammar, and Geography, have been more widely and thoroughly taught in the year now closed, than in any former period.

The new School Houses recently erected, viz.: two on Lot 67, two at Point Prim, one at Rustico, and one at the Tryon Road, are of enlarged dimensions and superior finish and accommodation, and reflect much credit on the efforts of the people of the respective Settlements. Considerable improvements have also been made in the construction of Seats and Desks in School rooms. The old blocks and slabs, on which children might be seen sitting and conning their lessons, in the generality of the Country Schools, are fast giving way to the convenient Benches and improved Desks which now ornament many of the School Houses: conducing to the health and comfort of those who occupy them.

In further reporting on the educational condition of the County, the School Districts may be concisely classified as follows, viz.: those North and West of Charlottetown, and South and East of the Hillsborough. In the first of these, comprehending Twenty Schools, the best and most successfully taught, will be found in the Cavendish and New London Districts. Here the advantages of greater permanence in the tenure of the Teacher's Office—a more zealous co-operation on the part of Trustees and parents—and a larger provision of the necessary School requisites—have produced the desired results. A new School District has been lately formed, extending from Hope to Mill River, with the School at Harding's Creek in a central site. The Teacher who was stationed last year at the adjoining Settlement, Lot 22, has been recently engaged here. A well finished and furnished building is erected. The examination, held last month, was attended by all the Trustees who unanimously expressed their gratification at the improved state of the School within so brief a period, and at the peculiar qualifications and aptitude of the Teacher, who was trained at the Dublin Model School.

This School, with a moderate degree of encouragement, could be at once converted into a training and model School, where other, and especially the neighboring Teachers might spend their vacations in learning the thorough and excellent system in force here.

I gladly acknowledge the benefits received by myself, in the course of this examination, from an insight into this celebrated plan of instruction, thus transplanted here, and which appeared superior to that pursued in the Normal School at Halifax, when visited by me some years since, for the purpose of informing myself of the merits of its system of tuition.

The new School opened at Rustico promises well, but being so very recently established, the remarks on its condition will be deferred until the next visit.

Princetown Road, (9 miles,) and Rustico Road.—The Schools at these stations are well conducted, and give general satisfaction.

Brackley Point and Road, Little York, Cove Head Road, St. Peter's Road, and Royalty Schools severally sustain the deserving character which they have hitherto upheld, amid the discouraging influences of the irregular attendance of scholars, and the apathy of many of the parents.

Of the Schools extending from Charlottetown to the Wood Islands, copious notices of the state of each will be found in the different Registers transmitted to your Board.

The best School in the range of country extending from the Wood Islands to Vernon River, (excepting, perhaps, that at Flat River,) is the Newtown School. At the late examination, several of the Trustees and Parents, in attendance, expressed their deep sense of the benefits received by their children. Were the amount of the Teacher's remuneration trebled, it would seem cheap in comparison with his services.

Belle Creek.—The School here, when examined in July last, appeared in an improving and satisfactory state; subsequently, I learned that some dissatisfaction existed on the part of certain of its supporters. In my recent visit, I thought to have instituted an inquiry into the causes, but was disappointed, in finding the School temporarily closed in consequence of a domestic affliction.

Point Prim.—The Schools in this District have given much satisfaction during the past year; that at the Western extremity is now vacant, in consequence of the melancholy death of the Teacher, who recently perished on his return home from town.

Pisquid Road.—The Teacher here has been struggling through the year, with disheartening disadvantages; and of the principal Inhabitants, Mr. Forbes alone has made, and is making, the requisite efforts to sustain the School. Nothing less than the legal enforcement of Assessment will put it on a proper footing. The School House is almost untenable. The previous occupant, a respectable and experienced Teacher, was obliged to discontinue, from the causes above referred to.

Royalty of Charlottetown, (West.)—I regret to have to remark, that the Teacher, last employed here, did not give satisfaction; and an enquiry instituted resulted in the relinquishment of his charge.

Charlottetown.—With reference to the Schools receiving Legislative aid here—one District, and three Female—my reports in their Registers will satisfy you of the ability and success with which they continue to be conducted. The Teacher of the first—Mr. J. Lepage—has, in several instances, been compelled to decline several applications for admission, to prevent the overcrowding of his School.

I transmit herewith a special Report on the alleged irregularity complained of in the appointment of the

Trustees and Teacher of the Murray Harbour Road School.

Trusting that the foregoing will be found to embrace the various items of information required by Law.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,
Your obedient humble Servant,
JOHN M'NEILL,
Visitor of Schools for Queen's County.

P. S.—Cherry Valley and Gallows Point.—The first of these Schools has attained to a higher degree of improvement than ever was witnessed under any former Teacher, being conducted to the entire satisfaction of all connected with it. The latter is also doing well. Several children, of good ability, had made great proficiency under the previous Teacher. The present Teacher has not completed a year here yet.

The Schools at Elliot River, and extending from Charlottetown Harbour to De Sable, are also satisfactorily conducted; no complaints existing, regarding the management of any of them. A fuller detail will be found, after the next visit, of those recently opened in these localities.

J. M'N.

INSPECTION of the DISTRICT SCHOOLS, in PRINCE COUNTY.

ADDRESSED TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

In describing the condition of the District Schools in Prince County, I alluded, in my last Report, to the general method of instruction as being then in a state of *transition*, and the result of my inspections in course of my visits for the last six months, has confirmed that impression.

It must be borne in mind, that from the composition of Schools which are incidental to the admission of pupils, at the option of Parents, at any time throughout the year, they contain a fluctuating portion of scholars; consequently the portions of the numbers of Children in the higher branches of instruction to the *total* number in every School, are to a certain extent modified by this circumstance—being *ceteris paribus*, higher in Winter than in Summer. And as the Master cannot establish a gradation of classes, or a regular arrangement of studies, the inspector has to encounter a corresponding embarrassment in estimating the actual efficiency of Schools, thus constituted. However, the Records ordered by the Board of Education, especially the Register, are essential auxiliaries in eliciting the information which the Visitor is commissioned to obtain.

In order to convey an accurate idea of the real state of instruction in the Schools entrusted to me, I shall now make a few observations on their prominent characteristics, in a condensed summary, with due regard to brevity, as recommended in your instructions for my guidance.

READING.

There is nothing, in which I found it so difficult to produce any sensible impression, as in this department.

In some Schools however, a great improvement has taken place; in several, all the efforts of good Teachers have been unavailing: the reason of the failure has been, that the Children, had acquired an inveterate habit of drawling, and perhaps, in many instances the cause lies in the inability of the Teacher. I have observed a lamentable deficiency in defining words, taken at random from books that they were in the daily habit of perusing; but the grosser blunders in reading, consisted in an improper knowledge of Orthography, that is, either in mis-calling the words according to their elementary sounds, or in mispronouncing them according to the common standard. That young Children when regular in their attendance, may be taught to read their elementary Lessons fluently, and in a natural tone, I have had satisfactory proof in the School on Lot 11, which is justly entitled to be classed as one of those conducted on approved principles.

WRITING.

In general, the attention bestowed on Teaching this branch is very praiseworthy. The Masters have a variety of methods. I have seen several creditable specimens of penmanship in almost all the Schools; and some executed in a superior style by Scholars, in Wil-mot Creek, taught by Mr. M. M'Neill; in this, as in other similar instances of skill, it appeared to me, that success depended more upon a personal gift in the Teacher, than on the method employed.

I have inculcated, in my personal intercourse, and official correspondence, with the School Masters, the necessity of beginning to teach Reading and Writing, simultaneously, in order to avail themselves as early as practicable, of the advantages arising from preparing exercises for *dictation*. It is with reference to this especially, that I attach such importance to the written exercises, prescribed by the Board of Education, as tests of the qualification of applicants for a commission from them, to conduct a District School, for in order to correct the Writings of their pupils, it is absolutely necessary, that they would give satisfactory proof of their own skill, in similar exercises.

ARITHMETIC.

From the proportion of the Children in the various rules of Arithmetic, with the exception of the increase of Girls in Proportion and Practice, it may be inferred that no considerable progress has been made in that department. The system of statistics submitted in my first Report, if it could be pursued, would indicate the amount as well as the quality of instruction; but the inquiry would be very minute and tedious; moreover, as the Schools are now constituted, the standard proposed for adoption, could not be applied in all of them. That system has been therefore suspended, conceiving that it would in the meantime, injuriously affect the principal object of inspection,—the improvement of the Schools. Although the general character of Arithmetical instruction is still chiefly dogmatical, as certain rules are taught by which the result, is as if by the operation of

a spell, obtained; yet it appears in several instances slightly more extensive, sounder, and more calculated to be useful than in the previous year.

GEOGRAPHY.

There has been a considerable extension of Geography. In general, however, it is of a superficial description, comprising merely the names, and relative position of countries and their capitals. I am sensible that the approved method of teaching this branch can be only distantly approached by the half educated Teachers, and it is to be regretted, that such as are well qualified to teach it, are seldom supplied with suitable apparatus. Dr. Conroy has given a liberal subscription to buy a set of Maps for the School on his estate, and a few individuals in other Districts in that neighbourhood, have also purchased apparatus on a small scale, but the neglect of this department is attributed by the Masters of the Schools, in which it is not taught, to the penurious principles of their Constituents.

No small obstacle to the improvement of our Schools, lies in the unaccountable parsimony of Parents in providing proper Books for their Children, most of them will part with money freely to decorate their Children, in strict conformity with every capricious turn of fashion, while they would begrudge a single penny expended in Books, with which to elevate and adorn their minds.

Several departments of my duty, are still *in statu quo*, and therefore reference to such in detail, might probably cause me to exceed the limits, which I have been cautioned to observe; more especially, as any remarks I could offer, would necessarily be an echo of sentiments previously reiterated.

As I have now submitted an outline of the results of my examinations for the first term of the current year, I conclude this Report, by calling your attention to a dispute between the inhabitants of Cape Traverse, in relation to the site of a District School in that settlement. I deemed it my duty to investigate the matter, and endeavour to reconcile the parties at variance; but I was disappointed in my expectations, and therefore, I resolved on deferring any further intercession, until I consulted my superiors on the subject.

Respectfully submitted, by
 JOHN ARBUCKLE,
 School Visiter for Prince County.

October 30, 1850.

SUPPLEMENT.

No.	DISTRICT.	TEACHERS.	STATUS.	No. on	
				School	Register
1	Tignish, Lot 1	S. Perry	Acadian	28	34
2	Nail Pond	Vacant	do.		
3	Irish Town, Lot 1	J. Carrol	Eng. Primary	16	19
4	Tignish Village	S. Davidson	1st 7 Vic.	21	24
5	St. Felix	F. Buote	Acadian	30	35
6	Kildare Capes	H. Hele	Eng. Primary	14	19
7	Campbell Town	A. Johnson	1st 7 Vic.		
8	Lot 8	E. Blanchard	2nd 7 Vic.	40	46
9	Cascumpec	Vacant			
10	Lot 11	T. Keys	1st 7 Vic	28	30
11	Trout River	Vacant			
12	Birch Hill	D. M'Donald	2nd 10 Vic		
13	Grand River	A. C. Bickford	1st 7 Vic	32	40
14	Kent Village	T. Colford	Eng. Primary	15	19
15	Egmont Bay	J. Chaisson	Acadian	21	32
16	Miscouche	A. Perry	do.	22	36
17	Lot 16	Roderick M'Donald	1st 7 Vic	20	27
18	Ditto	Mrs. Muirhead	Eng. Primary	14	19
19	St. Eleanor's	R. Munro	1st 10 Vic.		
20	Wilmot Creek	M. M'Neil	do.	28	36
21	Traveller's Rest	J. Porteous	do.	32	44
22	Grove School	Vacant		38	48
23	N. Bedeque	J. Fitzgerald	1st 10 Vic.	30	55
24	New Annon	D. Smith	1st 7 Vic.	25	34
25	Free Town	Miss M'Phee	1st 10 Vic.	21	28
26	C. Bedeque	A. M'Kenzie	do.	50	60
27	Searl Town	N. M'Dougall	do.	29	48
28	7 Mile Creek Bay	J. Mathewson	do.		
29	Augustine Cove	H. Wadman	do.	25	36
30	Lower Tryon	A. M'Donald	do.	29	36
31	West Tryon	G. Parsons	Not Licensed		
32	Upper Tryon	J. Gillander	1st 7 Vic.	18	22
33	South West	J. Gallagher	1st 10 Vic.	38	50
34	Prince Town	A. Fraser	2nd 10 Vic.	45	60
35	Darnley	James Currie	2nd 10 Vic.	28	31
36	Baltic	Jno. M'Kinnon	1st 10 Vic.	35	60

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REMARKS.

The Rev Mr. Patterson teaches now in N. Bedeque in place of J. Fitzgerald, who has removed to Trout River. Two vacancies have taken place in Bedeque, since my visitation in July last—the Western School and Grove School. The Teachers of the schools in 7 Mile Bay, W. Tryon and Birch Hill, near Port Hill, were absent when I visited these settlements in my last circuit, consequently the columns for their Nos. are blank; and Messrs. Johnson and Munro, had not then commenced teaching in their respective Districts. Arrangements are in progress for opening Schools in Oyster Cove, Cape Traverse, and in Barrett's Corner.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT of the VISITER of
SCHOOLS in PRINCE COUNTY.

Submitted 24th April, 1851.

The School Visiter for Prince County, on the present occasion of performing a half-yearly duty, takes the opportunity of stating, that, to avoid the imputation of unnecessary recapitulation on subjects detailed in his former Reports, his subsequent remarks will be restricted chiefly to recent improvements in the efficiency of the Schools entrusted to him.

He submits a Special Report on the dispute with regard to the site of the School House in the Cape Traverse District, in order to communicate to the Board of Education all the facts illicited in course of that tedious investigation. Although, the contending parties were keenly tenacious of their opinions, yet the points at issue were contested with praiseworthy decency.

This Report embodies the results of inspection in departments, as circumstances rendered several visitations absolutely necessary, to ascertain accurate information, as to the condition of the Schools at different periods of the year.

The School Masters in the Tryon Districts discharge their duty with creditable energy; but the Inhabitants do not afford adequate inducements to stimulate their exertions. In Bedeque, a laudable zeal to encourage Teachers, prevails. Messrs. A. A. M'Kenzie, Porteous, and M'Dougall, sustain their reputation as skilful Instructors; and their brethern, in their neighborhood, strive to emulate them in a spirit of benevolent competition. Their intercourse for mutual improvement has excited a general enthusiasm among the Parents and Teachers in these Districts.

In my last Report I stated, that the North Bedeque School was conducted by the Rev. R. S. Patterson; and, to afford him a fair chance of testing his method of tuition, I deferred my visit to the 17th instant. The result of that examination was highly satisfactory to me. I requested him to give me an outline of his system, which I transcribe for your consideration:—

“BEDEQUE, 17th April, 1851.

“MY DEAR SIR;

“In compliance with your request, I now proceed to give you a brief sketch of the School under my charge. It was commenced on the 21st '50. The average attendance, during the first quarter, was 35; during the second, now terminating, it is 43, which last, is the number now in actual attendance. Some of these, however, will withdraw for the purpose of attending to farming operations, now about to commence, and their places will be supplied by others who have not been attending School. Thus there is a constant change in the Pupils in Country Schools, which is very discouraging to Teachers, and very detrimental to the progress of the children. The 43, now attending, are from 4 to 23 years of age, the third part of them above 12.

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“Of these, *Nine* are reading in the Second Book of Lessons, used in the Irish Schools; *Twelve* in the Third Book; and the remaining Pupils in the English Reader. *Two* are engaged in the study of Latin, and reading in the Delectus, used in the Edinburgh Academy; these also have been employed in the study of Mathematics, and proceeded as far as the Third Book of Euclid. Two others have gone through a considerable part of the First Book of Euclid. The *Four* here mentioned, with two others, are learning Practical Geometry. The remaining Pupils in the School are studying the common branches in Arithmetic, (with the exception of some of the smallest,) in one stage of it or another.

“In regard to the method of instruction, I may be permitted to make a few remarks:—All the Pupils are taught Grammar, with the exception of those reading in the Second Book. They are, however, orally instructed. Their memories are taxed to as little extent as possible. Their understandings are chiefly addressed. At the commencement, objects are pointed out to the children, and they are taught that the names of these are *nouns*. They are then required to name as many of the qualities of these as they can call to mind, and the words expressive of these, they are instructed to call *adjectives*, and so on with the other parts of Speech, until they have acquired a knowledge of the whole. Having proceeded this far, they are required regularly to parse and construe a portion of their reading lesson. The method employed, is wholly inductive. The Pupils are first taught the facts, and then the general rules under which they are arranged.

“Geography is also taught pretty much by word of mouth. Explanations are made to the pupils on the Globe or Map, and they are afterwards examined on these, until they are firmly fixed in their minds.

“Instruction in Writing is commenced at a very early period. Almost all the children have been furnished with slates. These are ruled with some sharp-pointed iron instrument, so as to be suitable for large hand. The children are required to furnish themselves with long pencils, that they may be held in the same manner as a pen. Thus, they are taught to form letters on slates before they commence writing on paper. Almost all the Pupils in my School can form the letters, although some of them are very young. This knowledge has also been attained during time which, otherwise, would have been spent in idleness, if not mischief: for it is vain to expect young children can be kept engaged during the whole of the School hours in reading alone. Having learned to write on slates, they are required to write their spelling lessons, This branch of learning, however, I have not been able to carry into effect to that extent that I would desire, for want of a more commodious and better planned School House.

“The Pupils under my charge, I am accustomed to exercise regularly in Mental Arithmetic. This I consider a very important branch of instruction. It gives a readiness in calculation which is rarely attained in

any other way. My text-book is Colborne's system—a book which, in my humble opinion, ought to be in every School.

"I have labored under great disadvantages. The School House is small, and badly planned. I have not had books, such as I would desire. I intend proposing to the people, an alteration in the School House—an enlargement and remodelling of it—to which I think they will consent. This is much needed in the School Houses throughout the Island, as far as my knowledge of them extends. I trust, however, that improvements will soon take place—that a brighter day is beginning to dawn. The people are beginning to awake to a sense of the value of Education. The shortness of the time, and the multiplicity of my avocations, prevent me from entering into details.

"I remain, my dear Sir,

"Yours truly,

"(Signed) R. S. PATTERSON.

"J. ARBUCKLE,

"V. S. Prince County."

I visited the Grammar School in Princetawn several times, since its management has been entrusted to Mr. D. M'Donald; and the attainments of the Pupils, in the various branches taught, afforded convincing proofs of their docility and perseverance, and of the skill and industry of their Instructor, who seemed to have secured the affectionate confidence of the children. Every thing was conducted with creditable order and system. The exercises were intellectual, and a practical turn was given to the lessons.

The successful instruction and management of the Schools in the Darnley and the Oyster Cove Districts, confirm the preference given to educated Teachers, as well merited, when such are practically qualified for, and zealously devoted to *teaching*; as many prepare themselves in the Branches required by Law, but neglect to inform themselves how they may best communicate their knowledge to their Pupils: and some are merely engaged in teaching, for the purpose of pursuing their education, and, in the end, of studying some other profession.

The School Houses in New Annan and at Barrett's Corner, are still vacant.

A School has lately been opened in the Village of St. Elesnor's, under the care of Miss E. Lawson, and as there are various conflicting opinions in communities concerning the eligibility of females, for the government of District Schools, I feel it to be a duty, as well as a gratifying privilege, to say, that the services of this lady are highly appreciated by her patrons; and I am disposed to anticipate, that she will discharge the duties of her trust, with credit to herself, and advantage to her Pupils. The other District School, in that neighborhood, is also in a prosperous state; Mr. Munro is very attentive.

The Teachers in the Western Districts sustain their respective characteristics, as formerly reported; but

the School in Campbellton presented striking excellences: and certainly Mr. Johnson merits encouragement and encomium.

GENERAL REMARKS.

It is probable that Education will, in course of time, assume the rank of a true science; and, from the success of several attempts to accomplish educational progress, upon a scientific plan, it may be inferred, that a modification of recent improvements will soon be generally adopted in P. E. Island. Some practises have been introduced into several Schools in Prince County, which, it were to be wished, were more generally known and appreciated. Some of these processes I have formerly noticed briefly in my communications to the Board; but to exhibit them now in detail, would exceed the limits of a semi-annual Report.

The science of Education, when it shall have made some progress, will diffuse its benefits among all orders of its professors. Nothing that can be of practical benefit, however apparently humble, will be beneath its notice.

Objections are urged against the *training* of Teachers and systematic Rules, as Education has proceeded, and does so, in some cases, very successfully, without special discipline for the profession. Certain maxims of common sense and sound understanding, it is supposed, are sufficient qualifications for the purposes of the Educator. And yet the opposers of training would not venture to maintain, that *these* attainments are sufficient for the construction of a telescope. Let them be only required to adjust such an instrument, when out of order, and then they will be glad to make use of the experience of other people, exhibited in the form of *rules*; but mental organization is much more complicated than a telescope.

If Teachers cannot enjoy the advantages of training, they should associate for mutual improvement; for want of such communication, several blunder on to something like a system—bad or good. A community of mental good is the way to make all *rich*—for such retains all that he gives, and gains all that he receives. Such a union would enable Teachers to assume and sustain their position in society.

The Rights of Teachers are now being more and more acknowledged; but still, in several instances, they are neither respected nor remunerated. To ameliorate their condition, such of them as are capable should strive, by their example, their conversation, or by their use of any influence in their power, to improve the qualifications of those who are incapable. All who follow the vocation of teaching, should direct their serious attention to the promotion of the science and *art* of Education. Let them do *this*, and they will not have much longer to complain, that their profession is inadequately remunerated. If judicious means were taken to raise a noble spirit of emulation, and a generous desire for distinction, among our School Masters, it would

soon become disgraceful for any individual to remain much behind his fellows in knowledge of his profession, and every important improvement in teaching would be thus diffused, which would produce its corresponding good effect upon the public. These objects I had in view when—two years ago—I recommended the institution of a Teachers' Association in Bedeque.

The efforts to establish a uniform system in the District Schools—as contemplated by the Legislature, in the School Act—have, in many instances, approximated the standard adopted; and the similarity in the routine of teaching, is chiefly to be attributed to the preparatory exercises and discipline prescribed, in order to furnish Applicants for admission as Candidates for Licenses, with a criterion of *what they ought to know, and how they ought to teach.*

Assuredly, the system of examination, instituted by the Board of Education, has been the principal means of securing the efficiency of teachers, and promoting the advancement of the interests of Education in the country. It evidently appears, that, by raising the *standard* of abilities and attainments required of Teachers, that they have obtained a *higher social grade*, and that a *higher tone* and character have been given to the Education of the whole community.

To make my Inspection subserve the system recommended by the Board, I endeavored to ascertain any defects in the methods of teaching, and suggested to Teachers such alterations as I deemed conducive to the usefulness of the Schools. I have also aimed to enlist the personal efforts and counsels of parents, and of individuals of influence and intelligence, to awaken throughout the County a general interest in educational improvements. And all the information I obtained, by my observation and enquiries, I faithfully condensed and communicated in my Reports to the Board and the Legislature.

In conclusion, I reiterate the suggestion in my former Reports, in relation to a Normal Seminary. We need a Model School, established by Law, in which the best methods of managing the Classes, conducting the Instruction, and maintaining the Order and Government of a common District School, can be illustrated and learned by practise.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN ARBUCKLE,

S. V. Prince County.

24th April, 1851.

SCHEDULE.

No.	DISTRICTS.	TEACHERS.	STATUS.	No. on Register.	Average attendance.
1	Tignish	S. Perry	1st 7 Vic.	32	25
2	Nail Pond	F. Gaudet	1st 10 Vic.	36	28
3	Tignish Village	S. Davidson	1st 7 Vic.	24	20
4	Campbellton	A. Johnson	do.	50	45
5	Lot 8	E. Blanchard	2d 7 Vic.	30	25
6	Lot 11	T. Keys	1st 7 Vic.	32	25
7	Trout River	J. H. Fitzgerald	1st 10 Vic.	22	18
8	Birch Hill	K. D. M'Donald	do.	35	20
9	Grand River	A. C. Bickford	1st 7 Vic.	40	30
10	Lot 16	R. M'Donald	1st 10 Vic.	30	25
11	St. Eleanor's	R. Munro	1st 10 Vic.	32	24
12	St. Eleanor's Village	Miss E. Lawson	do.	26	28
13	Wilmot Creek	M. M'Neill	do.	35	30
14	Traveller's Rest	J. Porteous	do.	49	40
15	N. Bedeque	Revd. R. S. Patterson, A. M.	2d 10 Vic.	60	43
16	Free Town	Miss M'Phee	1st 10 Vic.	25	21
17	C. Bedeque	A. A. M'Kenzie	do.	45	35
18	Searle Town	N. M'Dougall	do.	40	35
19	7 Mile Bay	J. Matheson	do.	38	34
20	Cape Traverse	D. R. Stewart	1st 7 Vic.	45	40
21	Augustine Cove	H. Wadman	1st 10 Vic.	38	32
22	Lower Tryon	A. M'Donald	do.	38	26
23	West Tryon	G. Parsons	Not Licensed	30	23
24	South West	J. Schureman	1st 10 Vic.	40	35
25	Indian River	D. Smith	1st 7 Vic.	42	30
26	Oyster Cove	J. Sinclair	1st 10 Vic.	38	28
27	Princetown	D. M'Donald	2d 10 Vic.	46	30
28	Darnley	J. Currie	do.	34	20
29	Baltic	J. Gillander	1st 7 Vic.	38	32
				1070	832

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

No.	DISTRICTS.	TEACHERS.	No. on Register.
1	Irish Town, Lot 1	J. Carroll	19
2	Kildare Capes	H. Hele	19
3	Kildare Village	J. O'Brien	19
4	Lot 16	Mrs. Muirhead	15
			72

ACADIAN SCHOOLS.

1	St. Felix, Lot 2	F. Buote	36
2	Egmont Bay	J. Chaisson	32
3	Miscouche	A. Perry	36
			104
			1246
			882

Total Number enrolled,
Average attendance in the District Schools,

SCHOOL VISITER'S REPORT
for King's County, for the year ending
April 1851.

GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ;

I beg to lay before you the subsequent account of what has been done since I reported last, and what is now doing, regarding education in this County:

Notwithstanding the many drawbacks and temporary defections in many of the Districts, the Schools have attained a numerical superiority over that of any previous period; and, with some few exceptions, their general working is as satisfactory as can reasonably be

expected, a pretty steady discipline and vigorous application on the part of masters and pupils being indicated by the demeanour of the instructed, and the amount of knowledge in which they are proficient.

This is at once fitted to inspire us with hope, and encourage us to further exertion; and with regret, that notwithstanding what has been done, it is on a scale so limited and insufficient, and that a vast proportion of the children throughout the County are yet unprovided with regular instruction in the common branches of a liberal education.

The annexed tabular abstract comprises the Schools in operation at the present date.

No.	DISTRICT.	NAMES.	CLASS.	No. of Pupils.	Geography.	English Grammar.	Reading.	Writing.	Arithmetic.
1	Town Road, Lot 51	John Stewart	1st 10 Vic.	35		2	30	15	15
2	New Perth	John Macneill	2d 7 Vic.	38	8	12	34	22	20
3	Town Road, Lot 53	John Stewart	1st 7 Vic.	37		3	28	20	12
4	Brudenel River	Donald Robertson	1st 10 Vic.	36	5	12	27	15	13
5	Head of Montague	Donald Campbell	do.	40	10	10	30	16	16
6	Montague River	Marianne Ross	do.	36	9	11	30	18	12
7	North side Murray Harbor	Peter Ross	do.	50		6	30	24	20
8	Little Sands	Donald Currie	do.	40	2	4	30	20	14
9	White Sands	John Brooks	2d 7 Vic.	40	6	12	36	25	25
10	Savage Harbor	Malcolm Macdonald	1st 7 Vic.	32			28	18	12
11	Head of Hillsborough	Angus Macdonald	1st 10 Vic.	35			20	10	10
12	St. Peter's Settlement	Christina Ross	do.	28	4	8	20	12	10
13	North side St. Peter's Bay	S. Farquharson	do.	32	2	10	22	18	15
14	Head St. Peter's Bay, North side	John Keenan	do.	33	6	12	25	5	5
15	St. Margaret's	Donald Campbell	do.	40	2	6	30	12	10
16	Black Bush, Lot 44	Angus M'Eachen	do.	24	3	4	20	20	6
17	Rockbarra	James Macdonald	do.	27			8	6	6
18	East Point	Paul Macdonald	1st 7 Vic.	35		2	30	12	10
19	North River	Mrs. Ford	do.	23			10		
20	West River	Donald Robertson	1st 10 Vic.	32	2	6	25	20	20
21	Norris's Pond	James M'Innis	do.	30			20	20	20
22	Souris	John Sweeney	1st 7 Vic.	30			20	12	6
23	Rollo Bay	John M'Neill	do.	32			14	9	5
24	Bay Fortune	Martin Ryan	1st 10 Vic.	50	2	9	30	25	25
25	Little Pond	John M'Diarmid	do.	35		2	25	18	10
26	Launching	Jane M'Keown	do.	35		6	20	20	20
27	Cardigan River	Donald Lamont	do.	30	2	4	25	15	15
28	Head of Cardigan	C. A. Alley	do.	40	8	8	25	12	12
29	South side Grand River	Ronald M'Cormack	Primary	19			15	10	10
30	Georgetown	John Ross	2d 10 Vic.	40	16	16	40	30	30
31	South side Murray Harbor	William Emery	1st 10 Vic.	60	4	10	40	25	25
32	West side Souris	P. W. Logan	do.	30	2	2	20	12	8
33	Head St. Peter's	John Parker	do.	40	3	8	30	20	20
				1164	96	186	837	536	457

The first of the last three enumerated Schools was closed at the period of my recent tour, and I was unable to visit it since, on account of the travelling. From one of the trustees I ascertained, that the organization, discipline and method, pursued in the school, have elicited the approval of the subscribers, and that the comparative improvement of the pupils is deserving of especial remark.

The two last mentioned Schools in the foregoing

catalogue, have been opened during the past fortnight. The attendance in the above three is given approximately. The earliest opportunity will be embraced, to visit and examine them.

Upon a reference to my Report of March, 1850, it will be discerned that an augmentation of six schools, and about two hundred scholars, has taken place since that period. Amelioration of the quality of the instruction imparted, will also be observed from the circum-

stance of the increase in the number of Schools communicating English Grammar and Geography, and of the pupils acquiring a knowledge of these branches, to which they are not commonly advanced, until they can read and cipher tolerably well.

The thirty-four educational seminaries existing at present in King's County, viz: the thirty-three District Schools, and the Infant School in Georgetown, are dispensing instruction to above twelve hundred children. Of this number, about 350 are in different stages, from the alphabet up to simple reading lessons—470 are acquiring arithmetic—550 writing—and 860 reading.

English grammar is taught in 26 schools, to over 190 scholars, and Geography in 20, to above 100.

In the school under my own immediate supervision, two boys are acquiring Latin and Geometry. Two others belonging to the same class were withdrawn within the past year.

GENERAL COURSE.

READING—appears to be more rapidly and accurately acquired, since the inculcation of the meaning of words and lessons has formed a material item in the every day routine.

It is obvious to any one, that for the eliciting of emphasis and expression, the main reliance is to be placed on the intelligent and feeling perception of the purport of the passage, and the most striking improvement and rapid progress are invariably apparent where the greatest attention is directed to a thorough knowledge of the subject. In those schools wherein defective reading occurred, the principal and most common faults were, languid and monotonous pronunciation and indistinct articulation. It also appeared to me that the Teachers' time and attention were too exclusively devoted to other branches, and reading defrauded of a great share of the application legitimately due to it.

WRITING—Many accurate and creditable specimens of chirography were exhibited in several of the schools. Besides the advantage of seats and desks, much superior, in many schools, to those formerly used, the now pretty uniform custom of transcribing passages, writing arithmetical exercises, and frequently going through a simple course of book-keeping, has expedited and facilitated caligraphy. The real proficiency in this branch, properly tested and ascertained, is, perhaps, the surest index to the general attainments of the children.

ARITHMETIC—The junior classes acquiring it are caused to commit the tables of weights and measures to memory, while learning the fundamental rules. The more advanced classes are frequently exercised in questions of every day occurrence, which contributes to the comprehension of the rules and practical application of them. The progress in this department has been good. Generally speaking, the most skilful calculators are those that commenced at an early age.

ENGLISH GRAMMAR—One-half of the grammarians are not advanced beyond etymology. The majority of

those further advanced, can parse tolerably well, and a limited number are capable of detecting and correcting grammatical inaccuracies with discrimination.

GEOGRAPHY—The proficiency in it is comparatively limited, and that principally of a topographical nature. Collateral information, either political or social, is meagre. The prevailing destitution of maps is injurious to its acquisition, and experience has demonstrated that the trustees or subscribers will not furnish them.

INFANT SCHOOL IN GEORGETOWN,

Maintains its former useful character, and continues to dispense instruction to a large number at a very low rate. Experience has proved its arrangements and system of administering knowledge to answer well. Under these favorable auspices, the children are progressing creditably, and, by their general conduct and demeanor, show themselves to be not unworthy of the advantages they enjoy.

This evidence of its satisfactory working, cannot but prove gratifying in no ordinary degree, not only to the immediate friends of the institution, but to all interested in the dissemination of knowledge, and the infusion of sound principles.

SCHOOL HOUSES. ·

Four new ones have been built since I reported last, in the following Districts, viz:—Montague River, North side St. Peter's Bay, Souris, and Little Pond. The first three Schools are in successful operation. The last named is in an unfinished state, and unfit for occupation. Several have received necessary external and internal reparations and appendages, such as Stoves, additional Windows, Seats and Desks.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

From the circumstance of a considerable augmentation in the attendance in the District Schools, happening periodically in March, I deemed it advisable to defer my visit till that time, as an investigation into, and determination of the administration and working of them, could be more fully and definitely made. From the result of these and correlative information, I feel warranted in stating, that Education, in King's County, occupies a position superior to that of any antecedent period, as far as regards the number of Schools, attendance upon them, system of tuition, and quality of instruction communicated in them; and that I consider a fair foundation as being laid, in the permanently taught Schools, for future improvement and success; though, at the same time, I am far from asserting that they are not susceptible of immense melioration.

The temporary and injurious intermissions, occasioned by the changing of Masters, has been the chief impediment to the extension of Education; and it can never be efficiently imparted, or rendered permanently available to all classes, in the absence of two fundamen-

tal desiderata, viz.: a greater amount of specific professional training on the part of the Teachers, and remunerating guaranteed Salaries, regularly and promptly paid.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
JOHN ROSS.

Georgetown, April, 1851.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL NOTICES.

HEAD OF MONTAGUE DISTRICT SCHOOL.

*Examined July 6. Present 34. And March 8.
Present 30.*

In reporting the general working and character of this seminary, I have much pleasure in stating that it is one of the most satisfactory and usefully conducted institutions in the county.

The master evidently labours assiduously in discharging his appropriate duties, to which the rapid progress of the children in their respective studies and comprehension of them, bear evidence, besides reflecting credit on their own application.

MONTAGUE RIVER SCHOOL.

*Examined September 3. Present 22. October 9.
Present 22. And March 27. Present 36.*

During the past year, a new School House has been erected in this District, on the site of the old one, which was burnt. Though, as yet, unfinished inwardly, it is well furnished with seats and desks, very commodious, and reflects credit on the inhabitants of the locality in which it stands.

The generality of the children in the reading and writing classes are making fair progress. In arithmetic the advancement, comprehension of, and capability of applying the rules, are not what might justifiably be expected. Those acquiring grammar have progressed satisfactorily, and parse very well. Several of the senior children have also acquired a considerable knowledge of the elementary principles of Geography.

BRUDENEL RIVER SCHOOL.

*Examined September 3, and March 28. Present 26
each time.*

After being closed about two months, this school was reopened in July, under its former teacher.

At both inspections the children acquitted themselves satisfactorily in reading, spelling and arithmetic. The specimens of penmanship exhibited betoken gradual improvement. Their acquirements in Grammar and Geography have been good.

NORTH SIDE MURRAY HARBOR SCHOOL.

*Examined September 4. Present 20. And March 27.
Present 36.*

I have great satisfaction in bearing testimony to the present condition of this school, in the character of which, a marked improvement is observable during the past half-year.

A stringent and needful subordination is enforced, and good progress in the various departments has been made. Internally, the house has been supplied with several necessary appendages, which contribute greatly to the convenience and comfort of teacher and taught.

WHITE SANDS SCHOOL.

*Examined September 4. Present 20. And March 27.
Present 25.*

Permanently instructed under the charge of the same zealous and judicious preceptor, the proficiency in the different branches imparted, is what might be anticipated under such favorable circumstances. A good stove has been furnished in addition to the chimney, which renders the house much more comfortable during the winter season.

LITTLE SANDS SCHOOL.

Examined March 26. Present 14.

In operation for about two months only, after a considerable vacation, this school is acceptably conducted under the present master, and the system introduced and pursued warrants the presumption of its being accurately and advantageously superintended.

NEW PERTH SCHOOL.

Examined March 28. Present 16.

At the time of my visit last summer it was closed. On account of the paucity of children at the last visit, I am incapacitated from pronouncing very definitely concerning the general character of it, and the proficiency of the majority. Those present acquitted themselves tolerably well in reading and spelling.

GEORGETOWN ROAD (LOT 53,) SCHOOL.

*Examined October 7. Present 16. And April 5.
Present 25.*

The comparative rate of progress and acquirements of the pupils indicate steady application on their own and the masters' part. Judicious regulations and salutary discipline obtain in the school.

ST. PETER'S SETTLEMENT SCHOOL.

Examined, March 17. Present, 20.

This School was established in last November. The children are principally young, and in the elementary stage. The actual measure of their attainments since

the opening of the School, is respectable, and I consider, as being laid, a ground-work conducive to future improvement and success.

SAVAGE HARBOUR SCHOOL.

Examined, March 18. Present, 20.

I regret that I cannot report favorably of this School. Within the last four years it has been under the tuition of three different Masters. Although the Branches usually imparted in the District Schools have been taught, the general character of the School has not improved much, if not retrograded.

The absence of harmony and co-operation between some of the subscribers and Master, cannot but exercise a baneful influence in the District, and the children necessarily be the sufferers.

HEAD OF HILLSBOROUGH SCHOOL.

Examined, March 17. Present, 20.

From the prevalence of the Scarlet fever, this School was closed at the period of my visit last summer and consequently not examined.

Many of the children in the senior classes read with ease and perspicuity.

Considering the age and attendance of those acquiring it, the standing and attainments in Arithmetic are dissatisfactory. It is however to be hoped, that this useful branch will be more carefully and effectually inculcated for the future. In Writing, the style and execution exhibit mediocrity.

HEAD OF ST. PETER'S BAY, (North Side) SCHOOL.

Examined, Sept., 10. Present, 15.

The majority attending this School are young. The chief improvement is visible in Reading and Spelling. In the other branches, the proficiency, though not so conspicuous, is good. It was closed at the time of my visit during the past month.

ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL.

Examined, Sept. 11. Present, 12.

This School was also visited during the past month, but vacant on account of the Teacher's term of engagement having recently expired. Since that time, it has been re-opened under the same master.

It has been satisfactorily and beneficially taught for the by-gone year, and the House has received some needful repairs.

BLACK BUSH SCHOOL.

Examined, Sept 11. Present 14, and March 19. Present, 16.

The improvement in the various branches communicated, has been very good.

Altogether a wholesome discipline and judicious system pervade the School, and the consequent result is manifest.

EAST POINT SCHOOL.

Examined, March 20. Present, 27.

This District School was re-opened last autumn under its former Teacher. It is in a thriving condition, well attended, and efficiently administered.

ROCKBARRA SCHOOL.

Examined, March 19. Present, 28.

Long a desideratum in this locality, it was set in operation about a month ago, and promises well. Most of the Scholars are mere tyros. A handsome Salary has been awarded the Teacher, and it is trusted, that by due attention to his duty, it will be shown, that their liberality has not been misapplied.

NORTH RIVER SCHOOL.

Examined, March 20. Present, 22.

This is a private adventure School. It has been in operation for the past Winter.

Reading and Orthography, are the only branches taught as yet, and a fair progress is manifest in both.

NORRIS'S POND SCHOOL.

Examined, March 21. Present, 20.

Acceptably conducted, and the pupils gradually advancing in their studies.

The improvement in Reading and Writing is very good. This has been facilitated by the attendance, which appears to have been more regular than ordinary during the Winter.

SOURIS SCHOOL.

Examined, March 21. Present, 30.

A commodious, well lighted House has been recently erected in this District, in which a School has been in successful operation during the past Winter. Reading, Writing and Arithmetic are the only branches taught, in which reasonable proficiency is apparent.

WEST RIVER SCHOOL.

Examined, Sept. 12. Present, 15, and March 20. Present, 28.

Permanently taught, under the same and a competent master, it exhibits corresponding results. The children are progressing favourably in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. Those at Grammar are doing well, and several are fairly grounded in the first principles of Geography.

ROLLO BAY SCHOOL.

Examined, March 21. Present, 14.

The improvement in the branches taught in this School, is as great as can be looked for, considering the disadvantages of an unsuitable and ill-furnished House. This neglect and indifference to the welfare of the children, is highly discreditable to the inhabitants of the locality, who might, with moderate exertions have a house furnished with every convenience for facilitating the instruction of their children.

BAY FORTUNE SCHOOL.

Examined, Sept. 12. Present, 15, and March 22, Present, 20.

That this Seminary is accurately organised and conducted, the progress of the pupils in their several studies, manifestly attests.

LITTLE POND SCHOOL.

Examined, Sept. 13. Present, 10, and March 22, Present, 20.

Though labouring under the disadvantage of a small, ill-lighted house, satisfactory progress has been made, more conspicuous in Reading and Spelling.

A new House has been erected in a more central part of the District, which when finished will accommodate all the children in the District.

LAUNCHING SCHOOL.

Examined, March 24. Present, 30.

After being shut for a considerable period, this School was open last autumn.

The attendance is generally full, and the children progressing as well as can be expected.

CARDIGAN RIVER SCHOOL.

Examined, Sept. 21. Present, 12, and April 12, Present, 25.

The comparative improvement and rate of progress during the past year, is even greater than during the preceding.

At both inspections, the pupils acquitted themselves in a praiseworthy manner.

(North Side), GRAND RIVER SCHOOL.

Examined, Sept. 21. Present, 14, and March 29, Present, 18.

This is the only Primary School in the County at present. In Reading and Spelling, the progress is the greatest.

It is equally pleasing in Writing and Arithmetic, though not so rapid.

(North Side), ST. PETER'S BAY SCHOOL.

Examined, March 11. Present, 22.

A new house has been built in this District, and a competent Teacher engaged. A very regular attendance prevails; and the result is rapid improvement in the various branches inculcated.

HEAD OF CARDIGAN SCHOOL.

Examined Sept. 6. Present, 25, and April 5, Present, 25.

Gratifying improvement has been made in this School since my former visit. The proficiency in Reading, Orthography, Writing and Grammar, is particularly creditable.

The Register exhibits a generally full and regular attendance.

TOWN ROAD SCHOOL, (Lot 51.)

Examined, March 28. Present, 20.

Is working well, and deserving of favourable notice. The children are in an incipient stage, and progressing reasonably in their studies.

No. 12.

MONTREAL, 21st April, 1851.

SIR;

I have much satisfaction in forwarding to you herewith, a copy of a Report of the Joint Committee of both Houses of our Provincial Legislature, respecting the Donations received in aid of our Parliamentary Library; and also of the Resolutions adopted thereupon, by the Legislative Assembly, wherein they express their high sense, of the kindly liberality which has been extended to us, by the several parties to whom we are indebted, for the valuable contributions of Books, enumerated in the Report of the Committee.

I gladly avail myself of the present opportunity, to reiterate the expression of my individual acknowledgments, for the courteous attention manifested by you, to my former appeal on behalf of the Library, as well as for the very generous response which that appeal elicited at your hands.

I have the honor to be,

Sir:

Your obliged and obedient Servant,
A. W. MORIN, Speaker.

The Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Council,
Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

EXTRACT from the Journals of the Legislative Assembly of Canada, containing the Report of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Parliamentary Library, relative to Donations: and Proceedings thereupon.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Toronto, 3rd August, 1850.

The Honorable Mr. *Sherwood* presented to the House the First Report of the Members, on the part of this House, of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Library; which was read as followeth:—

“ The Members on the part of the Legislative Assembly, of the Joint Committee on the Library,—beg leave to Report:—

“ That, at the outset of their labours, your Committee have felt it incumbent on them to deliberate upon the most suitable method whereby Your Honorable House could record its high sense of the courteous liberality of the several Legislative Chambers, State functionaries, and private individuals, who have so generously responded to the appeal made, on behalf of the Legislature and people of Canada, for assistance in the reconstruction of the Parliamentary Libraries, so barbarously destroyed on the night of the 25th April, 1849.

“ In the consideration of this matter, they have referred to precedents which are to be found in the proceedings of the Imperial Parliament. On the occasion of the destruction by fire, in 1834, of the Building wherein the Sittings of the English Parliament were held, and the consequent loss of the Libraries attached to the Two Houses of the British Legislature, a similar munificence was evinced by the Chambers of Peers and Deputies of France, in transmitting to the Lords and Commons splendid sets of their Journals and official publications, together with other valuable Works, for the enrichment of their respective Libraries. In acknowledgment of this liberal act, the House of Lords adopted a Resolution declaratory of the satisfaction with which they received the intelligence of the receipt of so valuable a present from the French Authorities. They did not, however, make order for the transmission of this Resolve to France, through their Speaker, on account of the informality which would attend any communication with a Foreign Body, by either, or both Houses of Parliament, except through the Executive, or Head of the Government; but it was tacitly agreed upon that the terms of the Resolution should be conveyed to the French Chamber, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

“ The House of Commons, in like manner, and doubtless for similar reasons, abstained from sanctioning any direct communication with the French Government on this subject; but after the attention of the House had been called to the matter by a Member in his place, a general feeling was expressed in favour of Mr. Speaker conveying to the Chambers of France, in some unofficial way, after the Session should terminate, the strong sense entertained by the House of their attention and munificence.

“ Following the course of procedure indicated by these examples, Your Committee would respectfully suggest the propriety of Your Honorable House embodying in some general Resolution an expression of your grateful appreciation of the prompt and generous response which has been made to the application for assistance in a work of such interest and importance, as well to the Legislature itself as to the people of this Province generally. This Resolution might be afterwards communicated to the several Donors, by Mr. Speaker, at the close of the Session, without any formal direction from the House to that effect; or, otherwise, he could be requested to convey it to such of the Donors with whom he might officially correspond, without irregularity; and with regard to foreign functionaries, His Excellency could be Addressed to transmit to them, in a formal manner, copies of the Resolution of the House.

“ In this way it appears to Your Committee, that a fitting acknowledgment might be made by the House, of the courtesy and kindness which have been manifested on the present occasion, and which, in the opinion of Your Committee, cannot but tend to unite more closely, existing ties of political connexion with the Mother Country and the Sister Provinces, and to increase towards our foreign neighbours those feelings of good will, which are so essential to the preservation of peace and unanimity between contiguous States.

“ Your Committee have appended to this Report, a complete list of the Donations received up to this

date. Among them will be found one which is deserving of especial mention, namely, the series of Journals and Sessional papers of the House of Commons, from 1801 to 1848, presented to the Library by the Right Honorable The Speaker of the House of Commons. The worth of this Collection, as a repertory of Parliamentary, Historical and Statistical information, can scarcely be overrated; and it will be found of immense utility to all persons engaged in the business of legislation, or who may have occasion to refer to the origin and progress of the great questions which have occupied the attention of the British Parliament within the last half century. Our thanks are especially due to the Right Honorable Gentleman, to whom we are indebted for so costly and valuable a present.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY SHERWOOD,
T. BOUTILLIER,
PIERRE J. O. CHAUVEAU,
JOHN A. MACDONALD.

LIBRARY, 1st August, 1850.

LIST OF DONATIONS OF BOOKS TO THE PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY RECEIVED SINCE THE CLOSE OF LAST SESSION.

From the Speaker of the House of Commons.

Journals of the House of Commons, from 1547 to 1848 : with Indices, 110 vols.
Votes of the House of Commons, from 1837 to 1849, 13 vols.
Reports and Sessional Papers of the House of Commons, from 1801 to 1847-8, 1419 vols.

From the State of New York.

Natural History of the State of New York, 15 vols.
Geological Map of the State.
Documentary History of the State, 2 vols.
State Laws, for 1802-4, 1808, 1814, 1847-49, 7 vols.
Senate Journals, for 1834, 1848 and 1849, 3 vols.
—— Documents, for 1848 and 1849, 6 vols.
Assembly Journals and Documents, for 1848 and 1849, 17 vols.
Woodfall's Parliamentary Debates, 5 (odd) vols.
Albany Annual Register, for 1848-9.
Transactions of American Ethnological Society, 2 vols.
State Papers, 3d series, 13th Congress.
Lamb's Memoirs.
Transactions of American Institute, in 1848.
Transactions of New York State Agricultural Society, in 1848.
Catalogue of New York State Library, 1850.
Regents' Report on State Cabinet of Natural History, 1850.
And Sundry Pamphlets and Documents.

From the Hon. W. M. Meredith.

Report on the American Finances, by the Secretary to the Treasury, for 1849-50.

From the Hon. R. C. Winthrop.

Annual Report of American Commissioner of Patents, for 1848.

From the two Houses of the Legislature of Prince Edward Island.

Journals of the Legislative Council of Prince Edward Island, from 1836 to 1849, (lacking Journal for 1839), 13 vols.
Journals of Assembly of Prince Edward Island, from 1831 to 1849, 19 vols.

From Stewart Derbishire, Esq.

Œuvres de Napoleon Bonaparte, 4 vols.
 Rochelle. Etats-Unis d'Amerique.
 Nichols. Progresses of King James I. 4 vols.
 Weale. Quarterly Papers on Architecture, 3 vols.
 Burnett. History of the Reformation, 3 vols.
 Taylor. Natural History of Society, 2 vols.
 Shakspeare. Edited by Charles Knight, 12 vols.
 Nelson. Letters and Dispatchs, 7 vols.
 Penn. Admiral Sir W., Life and Times, 2 vols.
 Brougham. Speeches, 4 vols.
 Thompson. Mineralogy and Geology, 2 vols.
 Heeren. Historical Researches.
 Espy. Philosophy of Storms.
 Hume. Unedited Correspondence.
 Jefferson. Life, by Tucker, 2 vols.
 McGregor. Progress of America, 2 vols.
 Von Raumer. America and American People.

From Louis Guillet, Esq., M.P.P.

Journaux de l'Assemblee Legislative du Canada, avec Appendices, 1841 a 1848, 18 vols.

—Another set incomplete.

Statutes of Canada, from 1843 to 1848, complete; with duplicates of several Sessions; in all 21 parts.

Statuts du Canada, 1844-5 a 1847, 11 parts.

From Caleb Hopkins, Esq., M.P.P.

Journals and Appendices of the House of Assembly of Upper Canada, from 1825 to 1840, complete; excepting Journal and Appendix for 1831-2; and Appendices, vol. 1, for 1836; for 1839; and vol. 1, part 1, for 1839-40: 24 vols.

Four (inconsecutive) volumes of Journals of Legislative Council of Upper Canada.

Report of the Canada Committee of the House Commons, in 1828.

From the Hon. H. J. Boulton, Esq., M. P. P.

Charlemagne, Poëme Epique, par Lucien Bonaparté.

Chappell's Hudson's Bay.

Haliburton's Nova Scotia, 2 vols.

Laws of Nova Scotia.

Boulton's Sketch of Upper Canada.

Statuts Revisées du Bas-Canada, avec Tables.

3d vol. Appendix to Journals of Assembly for 1846.

Trials in the case of Lord Selkirk, v. the North-West Company.

From the Hon. W. B. Robinson, M.P.P.

Canadian Mirror of Parliament, for 1846.

From James Durand, Esq.

Three sets Journal and Appendix of Legislative Assembly of Canada, for 1841.

Two sets of Assembly Journal, for 1842.

Journal of Assembly of Upper Canada, for 1836.

Two sets Journal and Appendices of Assembly of Upper Canada, for 1839-40, 8 vols.

“ *Resolved*,—That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Report.

“ *Resolved*,—That this House receives, with much satisfaction, the intelligence of the munificent Donations which have been made in aid of the reconstruction of the Parliamentary Library, by the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Authorities of the State of New York, and the two Houses of the Legislature of Prince Edward Island.

“ *Resolved*,—That this House desires, furthermore, to record its high appreciation of the liberality of the undermentioned Gentleman, in contributing Donations of Books for a similar purpose, viz. :—Of the Honorable Messieurs R. C. Winthrop, W. M. Meredith, H. J. Boulton, and W. B. Robinson; and of Stewart-Derbishire, Louis Guillet, M. P. P., Caleb Hopkins, M. P. P., and James Durand, Esquires.

Ordered,—That the First Report of the Joint Committee on the Library; and the proceedings thereupon by this House, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.”

ATTEST,

WM. B. LINDSAY, Clerk Assembly.

No. 13.

A. BANNERMAN, LIEUT.-GOVERNOR.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Honorable the Legislative Council, copy of Despatch, No. 6, on the state of the Currency of this Island; and also a Despatch to the Right Honorable the Earl of Elgin & Kincardine, on the subject of the Canada Act, No. 779, of 1850, entitled “An Act to amend the Currency of this Province.”

Charlottetown, May 12, 1851.

A. B.

(Copy.—No. 575.)

DOWNING STREET, 9th April, 1851.

MY LORD,

I transmit to your Lordship with this Despatch, a communication which I have received from the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury on the subject of the Canada Act, No. 779 of 1850, entitled “An Act to amend the Currency Act of this Province.”

2. For the reasons fully stated in the letter of their Lordships, I have come to the conclusion that it will be necessary to advise Her Majesty to disallow this Act.

3. The inconveniences of establishing a Currency, which shall be peculiar to Canada, are so many and obvious, that it is unnecessary for me to do more than refer generally to the subject. It would therefore give me great satisfaction, to be instrumental towards the attainment of an object of so much general interest and advantage as the establishment of one general and uniform system for all the provinces of British North America.

4. I can suggest no measure more likely to be conducive to the accomplishment of this end, than that the several Legislatures should pass Acts appointing Commissioners to meet together at the seat of Government, for Canada, for the purpose of framing general regulations constituting an uniform Currency for all the Provinces.

5. These Acts might contain provisions, giving such regulations prospectively, the force of Law in the several Provinces (if adopted with the common consent of all the Commissioners) so soon as they should have been confirmed by Her Majesty in Council.

6. The basis of these regulations, would be matter for future consideration; but in my own opinion, the best arrangement would be to adopt the British Currency as the standard; converting all existing claims and engagements in Colonial Currency into their equivalents in British Currency, and making the latter in future the standard, with a provision, that payments might be made in foreign coins, at rates determined from time to time by their actual value in the Market, periodically announced in the *Gazette*, in the same manner as the averages of the Coin are in the this Colony.

7. I have furnished the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, with a Copy of this Despatch, with reference to an Act of that Province, to which it has been necessary for similar reasons, to withhold Her Majesty's confirmation.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

GREY.

Governor The Right Honble.

The Earl of Elgin & Kincardine,
&c., &c., &c.

(No. 6—Copy.)

DOWNING STREET, 10th April, 1851.

Sir;

With reference to my Despatch No. 92, of the 14th December, 1849, I have to inform you, that the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have had under their consideration, the information which was furnished in Sir Donald Campbell's Despatch, No. 39, of the 4th June last, together with that previously obtained, respecting the Paper Currency of Prince Edward Island, and I am now enabled to communicate to you for your guidance, their Lordships views upon that subject.

2. Their Lordships are not disposed to recommend that the scheme for reforming the paper circulation which was proposed in my Despatch No. 2, of the 12th November, 1849, should be further prosecuted, and they suggest that the attention of the Government of Prince Edward Island should rather be directed to the policy of reducing the amount of Warrants in circulation, by a steady application of a surplus of Revenue to their redemption.

3. The communication which has been made to me by their Lordships direction, further proceeds as follows :

“Such a course would promote the credit of the Government, and would relieve them in the end from a heavy charge for interest. It is probable that when the Warrants are withdrawn or reduced, the circulation of the existing amount of Notes may be maintained without inconvenience or risk of further depreciation. This latter object would be promoted by paying off, in the first instance, the Warrants for sums below £10, which from the return which accompanied Sir Donald Campbell's letter of the 4th of June last, appear to amount to £1194.

“My Lords would at the same time suggest for the consideration of the local Government, the expediency of substituting Notes of a larger denomination for the small ones now in use.”

“Their Lordships are of opinion, that it would be very desirable that ultimately no Note should be issued for a smaller amount than £1; but the issue of notes of so small a denomination as 5s. Currency, equal to no more than 3s. 6d. Sterling, is inconsistent with the proper object of a Note circulation, and my Lords would strongly recommend the withdrawal of this description of Notes at as early a period as possible.”

In connexion with this subject, I transmit for your information a copy of a Despatch which I have addressed to the Earl of Elgin, on the subject of an Act recently passed by the Legislature of Canada, entitled “An Act to amend the Currency Act of this Province.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) GREY

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