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R E T U R N

To an Address from the Legislative Assembly of the 5th May, 1856,
for Copies of certain Documents in relation to the claim of Denis
Maguire, for damages to his property at Spencer Cove, occasioned by a
rock and earth slide.

By Command.

ET. PARENT,
Asst. Secretary.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

TORONTO, 21st April, 1857.

QUEBEC, 6th October, 1853.

Sir,—After having taken into consideration Mr. D. Maguire's letters, complaining of the damages caused to his property by the falling down of the ground, caused by the waters running from a drain on Spencer Wood property, and after having visited the premises, I have the honor to inform the Honorable the Commissioners of Public Works, that, at their request, I have forthwith taken away everything which was dangerous to his said property, and I consider now his said property free from any danger of all accidents by the falling down of the ground, caused by the water coming from the said drain; the damages caused to Mr. D. Maguire's property by the falling down of the ground, were only six panes of glass broken, and a few shingles broken upon the roof of his stores, amounting altogether to 15s.

The whole humbly submitted.

(Signed,) P. GAUVREAU.

To THOMAS BEGLY, Esquire,
Secretary of the Department of Public Works.

[*Translation.*]

QUEBEC, 29th December, 1853.

Sir,—I have the honor to inform the Chief Commissioner of Public Works that having investigated the claims of Mr. Denis Maguire, for damages caused

to his property by the falling of the earth from ridge on the property of the Government, known as Spencer Wood; that I am not aware of any other damage having been caused to the property of the said Denis Maguire, by the falling of the land from the ridge, than that referred to in my report of the 6th October last.

The whole humbly submitted.

(Signed,) P. GAUVREAU,
Architect.

To THOMAS A. BEGLY, Esquire,
Secretary of the Department of Public Works.

SPENCER COVE,

3 o'clock, P.M., 18th August, 1853.

Sir,—Since Mr. Gauvreau visited and surveyed my premises yesterday, I hourly expected that some steps would be taken by the Board of Works to remove the cause of the danger which threatens the destruction of my family and my property.

Upwards of one hundred tons of earth and rock hangs (suspended as it were) over us, and we stand in momentary expectation of being crushed to dust. Every moment sends down small quantities of the moving mass upon us, as it shoves forward to the brink of the precipice.

My property, which was valued for more than £1500 a few weeks ago, has, by this unfortunate circumstance, become valueless, or nearly so; besides this, my business is entirely suspended, and in best business season of the year.

I therefore implore of you, Sir, to apply some immediate remedy to my deplorable case, in order to save both life and property.

I have the honor to be,
&c., &c., &c.,

(Signed,) D. MAGUIRE.

Honorable H. H. KILLALY,
Board of Works.

Tender for Mining at Spencer Cove.

SPENCER COVE, 20th November, 1854.

Sir,—I do hereby tender to mine, excavate, cart away and clear all the rock necessary to be cleared, and which is dangerous at the back or rear of my premises, according to the award of arbitration given on the 1st day of August, last past, for the sum of fifteen shillings, currency, per cubic yard, and will further bind myself to give no further trouble to the Government, provided they permit me to take away all the dangerous part, otherwise I will consent to take a lumped sum of one thousand pounds for performing the whole work, and

exonerate the Government from any further claim hereafter for any danger or damage which may happen to the house or property, in cutting away or mining the rock.

(Signed,) D. MAGUIRE.

To the Secretary of the Board of Works,
Quebec.

[*Translation.*]

QUEBEC, 24th April, 1855.

Sir,—I herewith enclose the letter of Mr. Denis Maguire, which was referred to me, and have the honor to inform the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Public Works, that, after having again visited and examined that portion of the rock which the said Denis Maguire pretends to be in a dangerous state, and prays to have removed at the cost of Government; I am of opinion that the danger with which the property of Mr. Maguire is threatened is in no manner brought on by the property at Spencer Wood, and that it is exposed to no other danger or inconvenience than those occasioned by the falling off of the rock, which may be occasioned by degrees by the weather, and also by the natural flow of the waters from the drain on the surface of the soil, as are also all the other proprietors, who have exposed themselves to all this danger and inconvenience by building at the foot of a cape. The portion of rock which the said Denis Maguire pretends to be dangerous, and asks to be removed at the expense of the Government, is situated entirely on his property. I am of opinion that the Government is not responsible for all the damages which may be caused to property situate at the foot of the cape by the falling away of the rock, occasioned by the frost and the flowing of the water from the drain.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed,) P. GAUVREAU.

To THOMAS A. BEGLY, Esquire,
Secretary, Public Works Department.

[*Translation.*]

QUEBEC, Vieux Chateau, 14th March, 1856.

Sir,—I have examined the Petition, herewith enclosed, of Mr. Denis Maguire, and have seen Mr. Atkinson who informs me that a strip of land has been reserved between the property of the Government, (Spencer Wood) and that of Dennis Maguire, to prevent the damages which might be caused by the proprietors at the foot of the Cape. That part of the Cape which the said Denis Maguire alleges to be dangerous to his property, is contained within this strip of land lying between the properties, and reserved by Mr. Atkinson for their protection. I am therefore of opinion that the Government cannot authorize Mr. Maguire to remove or cause to be removed the whole or any part of the Cape which threatens to descend upon his property, without obtaining Mr. Atkinson's permission. This Mr. Denis Maguire admits himself.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) P. GAUVREAU.

To the Honorable F. LEMIEUX,
Chief Commissioner of Public Works.

4th September, 1855.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit you a Petition, which I beg you will be pleased to lay before His Excellency the Governor General, at your earliest convenience

(Signed,) DENIS MAGUIRE.

The Honorable G. E. CARTIER,
Provincial Secretary,
&c., &c., &c.

To His Excellency Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

The Memorial of DENIS MAGUIRE, of Spencer Cove, Merchant Grocer,

MOST HUMBLY SHEWETH:

THAT a drain, or sewer, was constructed from the Governor's House, at Spencer Wood, which was continued to a point immediately over the dwelling house of your Memorialist. Said drain having been made for the purpose of draining off all the surplus water and nuisances, &c., from the Vice-Regal dwelling.

That on the 16th day of June, 1853, a very heavy rain came on, which continued for several days, in consequence of which the said drain overflowed, discharging its contents, together with an immense quantity of large rocks and earth, upon the house and premises of your Memorialist, thereby causing a great amount of damage to him.

That on representation of the occurrence by your Memorialist to the Board of Works, prompt action was taken upon it; a party of laborers was sent, in order to remove the stuff which had fallen, and to save the house and premises from total destruction.

That, notwithstanding all the precaution used by the laborers in removing the avalanche, several large masses of rock fell on the house of your Memorialist, shaking and cracking it to its very foundation.

That during the time that these operations were being carried on (four months) the business of your memorialist (Ship Chandler and Grocer) was altogether suspended, houses of his rented and leased to tenants were abandoned, and his own family in momentary apprehension of being crushed to death by the continual falling masses of the avalanche.

That your Memorialist representing the amount of damages which his property sustained by the avalanche and its removal, to the Honorable Jean Chabot, then Commissioner of Public Works, that Gentleman proposed an arbitration to which your Memorialist at once consented.

That a notarial arbitration bond was entered into, and signed by the Chief Commissioner on the part of the Board of Works, and by your Memorialist on his own part, both parties binding themselves in the sum of £500, currency, to abide by the award of arbitration, a copy of which is herewith respectfully submitted, as well as a copy of the arbitration bond referred to above.

That the arbitrators met, examined witnesses on both sides, and after due deliberation awarded to your Memorialist for damages to property, &c., the sum of £510, currency, together with a recommendation of the removal of, at the expense of the Government, all the remaining dangerous part of the rock, which had been made dangerous by the avalanche, caused by the drain referred to above, and which had not been removed by the labourers in consequence of the winter setting in before the works could be completed.

That the removal of the rock was ordered by three architects who were brought as witnesses on the part of Government, and who were directed to inspect the premises and report thereon; this may be ascertained by a reference to their evidence before the arbitrators. The three architects are unknown to your Memorialist.

That your Memorialist, after many applications, attended with a great loss of time and expense, succeeded in getting paid the amount of money awarded, with a promise that as soon as circumstances would permit, the remaining part of the award should be complied with, namely, the removal of the dangerous part of the rock.

That time after time your Memorialist called upon the Chief Commissioner, and on the Honorable Mr. Killaly (perhaps fifty times) and each time a promise was made to him that the rock should be removed as soon as possible, and finally directed your Memorialist to give in a Tender for the removal of the rock, in which he was directed to ask a sum for performing the work to his own satisfaction, and at the same time, give a guarantee that he would never again trouble or seek indemnity from the Government, for any disaster which might hereafter take place, by the falling of the said rock.

That your Memorialist, agreeable to these instructions, did send in a Tender at a time when labor was very high and difficult to procure, giving the required guarantee; and that he is now willing to perform the said work at one half the amount which he then asked in his Tender, in consequence of the present low rate of wages.

That day after day your Memorialist urged upon the Honorable Mr. Chabot the propriety of having his claim finally settled, pointing out the consequences and destruction of life and property which must, sooner or later, take place, if the rock be not removed, and that the action of the weather upon it (particularly the frost and rain) renders it every day more dangerous.

That pending all this delay a change took place, by the appointment of the Honorable Mr. Lemieux to the Chief Commissioner of Public Works, by which the settlement of your Memorialist's claim was again retarded.

That a few weeks after this your Memorialist renewed his solicitations for the removal of the rock, according to the instructions of the Arbitrators, but, to his very great astonishment, he received a letter from the Honorable Commissioner Mr. Lemieux (or by his instructions), that the Board of Works would not remove the rock from the rear of his premises; that he had received sufficient indemnity for the damage done; and that, inasmuch as the rock was upon his own property, if he wanted anything done to it he should do it himself, thus depriving your Memorialist of every hope of having this small matter finally and satisfactorily settled, otherwise than by bringing it before Your Excellency by the present Memorial.

That for enabling your Excellency to arrive at a proper view of the case, your Memorialist would beg most respectfully to state, that the Honorable Chief Commissioner has been led into error when he states that the rock is on my own property, whereas, your Memorialist is not possessed of one inch of property beyond the fence, twelve feet in rear of his dwelling house—a fact which can be ascertained on inquiry.

That your Memorialist would further state to your Excellency that he, together with his family, have lived for the last two years in a most distressing state of excitement and alarm, in consequence of the dangerous state of the rock above them, and that were it not that he had expended so large a sum as £2000 in erecting and improving his property, he would have abandoned it long since.

That should the rock fall and destroy the property of your Memorialist, or take the life of himself, his family, or any members thereof, there is no question but that the Government should be held responsible, as it is notorious that the work carried on at Spencer Wood has been the cause of the injury done, or which may hereafter happen to this property, or anything connected with it.

That your Memorialist, in conclusion, would most respectfully represent to Your Excellency, that a contract or bond covenanted between a Member of Her Majesty's Government and a faithful and loyal subject of Her Majesty should not be violated without a good and just cause, and that the reason assigned by the Honorable Chief Commissioner for the non-fulfilment of the award given by the Arbitrators, is not, in the opinion of your Memorialist, a sufficient ground to deprive him of what he considers his just and lawful right.

That the sum required for the removal of the rock and the fulfilment of the claim of your Memorialist is so inconsiderable, that it should be beneath the dignity of the Government to refuse to carry out the full conditions of the award, particularly where a part of it was complied with.

Wherefore your Memorialist humbly prays that for the causes herein stated, your Excellency will be most graciously pleased to consider his very great loss of time in endeavoring to bring this small matter to a conclusion, the great injury done to his property, and the constant apprehension which himself and his family are under, through fear of the rock falling on them, and that your Excellency will order its immediate removal, as requested in the award of the arbitrators, and your Memorialist as in duty bound

Will ever pray.

(Signed,) DENIS MAGUIRE.

QUEBEC, 31st July, 1855.

Arbitration Bond.

ON the seventeenth day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, before us the undersigned Notaries Public, duly commissioned and sworn, in and for that part of the Province of Canada, heretofore constituting the Province of Lower Canada, and residing in the City of Quebec, in the said Province, personally came and appeared and were present, The Honorable Jean Chabot, of the said City of Quebec, Her Majesty's Chief Commissioner of Public Works, in the Province of Canada, acting in his said quality for and on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, of the one part; and Denis Maguire, of the said City of Quebec, Merchant Grocer of the other part :

Which said parties in the presence of us the said Notaries, did declare, covenant promise and agree to and with the other of them, as follows, that is to say ;

Whereas the said Denis Maguire hath preferred a claim to the Civil Government of Canada, to be paid certain damages which he the said Denis Maguire alleges that he has sustained and suffered for and by reason that by certain

Public Works had and made by Her Majesty's Civil Government at the place called Spencer Wood, near the said City of Quebec, a part of the cliff joining the property of the said Denis Maguire, hath been thrown down and large quantities of water filth and rubbish thrown upon the said property of the said Denis Maguire, by means whereof he hath sustained damages as he alleges in his claim, which is as follows, to wit:—

Damage to his dwelling-house	£ 750	0	0
Loss sustained in business during five months suspension.....	400	0	0
Loss of rent by tenants, say rent of three dwelling-houses, at £12 each.....	36	0	0
Labour of carting away the fallen rock and earth from premises, during three months.....	5	0	0
Injury to windows, glass, &c.....	2	10	0
Total.....	£1198	10	0

Now these presents witness that, for the final settlement and determination of the claim aforesaid, and as to whether the said Denis Maguire hath sustained any and what damages, and to what amount, in the premises, the said parties hereto have agreed to submit themselves to the award, order, arbitrament, final end and determination of Arbitrators, and have chosen as such Arbitrators, that is to say, Charles Baillairgé, of the said City of Quebec, Esquire, architect, to act on the part of Our Lady the Queen, and Goodlate Richardson Brown, of the said City of Quebec, Esquire, architect, on the part of the said Denis Maguire, with the power to the said Arbitrators to choose a person as umpire, in and concerning the premises, according to the Statutes in such case made and provided, which said Arbitrators shall have full power to hear evidence, examine the premises, and determine and report what damages the said Denis Maguire may have suffered by default, negligence, over action of the works of the Government to the award, order, arbitrament, and determination of which Arbitrators the said parties hereto do hereby refer all their differences in the premises, which said Arbitrators shall render their final award on or before the first day of August next, by the award of which said Arbitrators and Umpire, or any two of them, the said parties do hereby bind and oblige themselves to abide, and also to fulfil and give effect to the same, under the penalty of five hundred pounds, current money of this Province.

Thus done and passed in the said City of Quebec, at Office of E. G. Cannon, one of the undersigned Notaries, on the day and year first abovementioned, under the number one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven. In faith and testimony whereof the said parties, together with Thomas A. Begly, of the said City of Quebec, Esquire, Secretary of the Public Works of Canada, have to these present first duly read, set and subscribed their names and signatures, and affixed the seal of office to these presents in the presence of us, the said Notaries, also hereunto subscribing.

(Signed,)	J. CHABOT, C.C.P.W.
"	DENIS MAGUIRE.
"	THOMAS A. BEGLY, Secretary of Public Works.
"	PHILIP HUOT, N.P.
"	E. G. CANNON, N.P.

Award of the Arbitrators.

To the Honorable Her Majesty's Commissioner of Public Works for the United Provinces of Canada.

WE the undersigned, CHARLES BAILLAIRGÉ and GOODLATE RICHARDSON BROWN, both of the City of Quebec, Architects, &c., have the honor to Report that: according to the requirements of a certain arbitration bond between the Honorable Jean Chabot, Chief Commissioner of Public Works, acting in his said quality, for and on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen on the one part, and Denis Maguire of the said City of Quebec, Merchant Grocer, of the other part, passed before E. G. Cannon, N. P., on the 17th June, 1854, having been duly sworn before the Honorable R. E. Caron, one of the Judges of the Superior Court, and one of the Justices of the Peace for Lower Canada, in conformity with the Act 9th Victoria cap. 37, sec. 27, as recorded on another part of the above mentioned arbitration bond, we did proceed on the 24th day of July of the year above mentioned, and on the following days to swear the witnesses produced on either side, and hear the evidence adduced, which evidence we have recorded in unity and sent in with the present report that it may be seen in Report is founded thereon. It is impossible for us to declare from the present appearances of the cliff immediately behind Mr. Maguire's house whether or not the said cliff was heretofore covered to a certain depth with earth, trees, &c., but are inclined to think so from the character of the adjacent hills; the evidence, however, tends to prove that there was a considerable thickness of earth, stones, &c. overlying the rock, and that a certain drain at the Governor's residence at Spencer Wood, did discharge its contents immediately upon the aforesaid mass of earth, &c., and by its action of disintegration and attrition did cause the said mass of earth, &c. to separate from the rest of the earth on the said cliff and slip down on Mr. Maguire's property, causing great alarm to his household, and to some extent damaging his property by the concussion it caused. Mr. Maguire then preferred certain complaints against Her Majesty's Commissioners aforesaid, on account of the damage and alarm caused by the action of the said drain, and men were some time after sent by Government to remove the debris of the avalanche, and take all necessary means to guard Mr. Maguire's property against danger.

During the carrying on of the works, however, certain stones, &c. occasionally fell against the house renewing the alarm of the inmates and causing further injury. The greatest injury to the house, &c., was caused by a stone of about a ton weight which fell against it. Cracks are now seen in the west gable and front walls of the house in several places, and as the evidence goes to prove that the said walls were in no way cracked or injured previous to the avalanche behind the house, we must necessarily presume such injury to have been caused by the falling of stones, earth, &c., as aforesaid, the concussion being transmitted from the rear to the front of the house, by the joints, &c.

Mr. Maguire must undoubtedly have suffered in business, for by the evidence it appears that very few persons during the four or five months the works were going on, would come near the house. Parents forbidding their children from going near it, and parties frequenting it stopping in it as short a time as possible, there being at the same time a very general report abroad, in that part of the city, that Mr. Maguire's house was in great danger of being demolished by the falling of the cliff behind it.

The drain was subsequently removed from its then position, behind Mr. Maguire's house, and made to throw down its offensive contents behind two

houses rented by Mr. Maguire, and sublet to several families, who complained greatly of what must, undoubtedly, have been a great nuisance, and some of whom it seems made off without paying their rent.

We now beg to state in conclusion, as our opinion, based upon our own examination of the premises, and the evidence adduced, that we consider Mr. Maguire entitled for loss of business during five months,—

To eight pounds per week	£ 160	0	0
For damages to his house, and cost of repairing the same.....	150	0	0
For loss of business and house rent, consequent upon the necessary time of repairing the property, and as some compensation for the alarm and inconvenience suffered by Mr. Maguire and his family	75	0	0
For loss of house rent of two houses, rented and sublet by Mr. Maguire.....	25	0	0
	<u>£410</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

It is then our opinion, as aforesaid, that Her Majesty's Commissioners for Public Works do owe, and should pay to Mr. Denis Maguire, the sum of Four hundred and ten pounds, currency, for all claims and damages to his property and business, &c., consequent upon the frailty, construction and position of the drain of the Governor's Residence at Spencer Wood. We would hereby also humbly suggest, though not called upon to do so by the requerant of the above-mentioned arbitration bond, that the drain in question be speedily removed from its present offensive position, and carried underground down to the St. Lawrence, or made to empty its contents into some absorbing soil, where no percolations may injure the surrounding property: we would also humbly suggest, that to avoid all future difficulty with Mr. Maguire, or his successors, &c., a part of the cliff behind his house should, at the expense of Her Majesty's Commissioners aforesaid, be cut down and carted away, for though there might have heretofore been no danger of the falling of the said cliff, on account of its having till lately been covered with a stratum of earth, &c., nevertheless such danger now exists, from the very fact of the cliff being laid bare, and cracks exposed, in which the surface water from rain, &c., may enter, and in course of time cause portions of the rock to separate and fall against Mr. Maguire's property, which in such case could not avoid destruction.

The whole, however, humbly submitted.

Signed at Quebec, this first day of August, 1854.

(Signed,) CHAS. BAILLAIRGÉ,
" GOODLATE R. BROWNE.

To the Honorable the Commissioners of Public Works.

The Memorial of DENIS MAGUIRE, residing at Spencer Cove, in the City of Quebec.

HUMBLY REPRESENTS:

That in the month of June last a drain was constructed at the Governor's

House at Spencer Wood, for the purpose of conveying all the water and nuisance from the premises to some distance away from the house.

That the said drain or Sewer was continued to a place immediately over the property of your Memorialist, at Spencer Cove, where he carried on the trade of Ship Chandler and Grocer.

That in consequence of the overflowing of the said drain, a large quantity of rock and earth was displaced, which threatened your Memorialist's property beneath, as well as his life and the lives of his family, during a period of about four months with entire destruction.

That your Memorialist appealed immediately to the Board of Works for protection and redress, and that immediate steps were taken for the removal of the threatened danger, by sending a number of laborers for that purpose.

That although those laborers took all the necessary precautions to prevent any further damage being done, by the falling of the rock, &c., nevertheless large masses of it fell, causing great damage to the dwelling house and other buildings of your Memorialist, such as breaking in the roofs, destroying shingles, smashing windows, and worse than all shaking his dwelling house, in several places, to its very foundation.

That in consequence of this occurrence, a further loss was sustained by your Memorialist, by the suspension of his business, which decreased at the rate of £150 per month; his customers being compelled, through dread of the falling of the rock, from entering his shop or dwelling; his clerks and servants abandoned him, having refused to remain for the same reason any longer on the premises.

That to prevent more damage by the continuance of the drain as it then stood, it was thought advisable to discharge it at another point immediately upon the houses of your Memorialist's tenants, namely, Patrick Brennan, Achisson Johnson and George Johnson, all of whom protested against him, advising him at the same time that in future they should pay him no rent, and have acted accordingly up to the present time, and have instituted an action of damages against him for the nuisance.

That said drain or nuisance is still allowed to remain unmoved, although it is as offensive as ever, no attempt has been made to close it up, or prevent further annoyance by it to your Memorialist, as well as to the neighborhood in which it is, and unless it be forthwith remedied, your Memorialist will suffer much further damage.

That your Memorialist herewith submits the declaration of several uninterested persons to establish the losses which he sustained by the cutting of the said drain, and its consequences, and humbly prays compensation and immediate redress.

And, as in duty bound, your Memorialist will ever pray.

(Signed,) DENIS MAGUIRE.

QUEBEC, 27th October, 1853.

Schedule of Losses.

Damage to the Dwelling House.....	£750	0	0
Loss sustained in my business during 5 months' suspension.....	400	0	0
<i>Carried forward</i>	£1150	0	0

<i>Brought forward</i>	£1150	0	0
Loss of rent by my Tenants, say rent of three Dwelling Houses at £12 each	36	0	0
Labor of carting away the fallen rock and earth from my premises during three months	5	0	0
Injury to windows, glass, &c., &c.	2	10	0
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(Signed,) DENIS MAGUIRE.

I, THE undersigned, laborer, have a perfect knowledge of a drain having been made from the Governor's House, at Spencer Wood, to a point over Mr. D. Maguire's property at Spencer Cove.

I knew at the time of the drain being made that it would cause damage to the properties under it, as it weakened the cape, and cut away the roots of the trees and grass that bound together the earth and rock that formed the cape of the hill. After the drain was made, I saw a great quantity of water and filth discharge from it, when it overflowed, on the house of Mr. Maguire; I saw the land slip occasioned by the large quantity of water from the drain; I was employed for several days as a laborer, with many others, at the removal of the same, and I was paid for my work by Mr. Mirnagh, on account of the Board of Works, as it was stated to me.

In removing the rocks and earth, myself and the other laborers used our best endeavours to prevent any of it falling on Mr. Maguire's house, but in spite of all our precaution, large pieces fell upon it, causing considerable damage. One evening in particular, we left a large piece of rock, which could not be removed until a rope was procured next day; during the night it gave way, and fell upon Mr. Maguire's dwelling-house; to the best of my opinion it must have been between fifteen and twenty hundred weight, as I saw about two cart loads of it in Mr. Maguire's back yard next morning. Some pieces of which no man could carry out of the yard; I saw the marks where it fell on the house, as well as the cracks which it made in the walls in several places; my only surprise is that it did not destroy the house altogether. I thought the strongest building would have been knocked down by such a large rock falling from such a height—upwards of three hundred feet.

During the time I worked at the removal of the rock, it was a surprise to me as well as to all the laborers, that Mr. Maguire remained in the house, as immense masses still kept tumbling down upon his place. I heard several persons say that they would not go to his store for anything until the rock was removed, and accordingly they went to other shops for their goods, myself among the rest, as I could not permit my family to go where I knew was such danger. I am also aware that several of Mr. Maguire's tenants refused to pay him any rent for houses, which they leased from him, in consequence of the filth and nuisance cast upon their houses from the drain in question.

In conclusion, I have to state that not only was there danger to the family of Mr. Maguire, but to the public who had occasion to pass that way during the removal of the avalanche; but Mr. Maguire's loss, as well as danger, must be very great, as his business was entirely suspended, in fact his doors might as well have been closed up during the time the work was going on.

The foregoing is a true statement, which I can make on oath if it be required.

(Signed,) BERNARD LEONARD,
Laborer.

SPENCER COVE, 11th October, 1853.

N.B.—In addition to the above, I can state that the rock is left in a very bad situation. Myself and several of the laborers remarked, that unless a large quantity, which now hangs loose, be taken away, it will soon fall, and the result will be attended with serious consequences. It is impossible to state where the danger may end; in consequence of the cutting of the drain everything on the cape has been displaced; it was only the roots of the trees and grass that bound all together.

(Signed,) B. L.

Evidence on part of Plaintiff.

JOSEPH O'DONNELL, aged 60, being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists, doth depose and say:—I am not related or interested; I am a labourer; I am aware of a drain being made by Government, which caused a great avalanche of rocks, earth and trees; I was very uneasy, for my son, Owen O'Donnell, who stopped with Mr. Maguire as clerk, and would not have let him stop if I could have prevented it; and I sent his brother to fetch him home at night. I saw men working here, and quantities of stuff coming down against the house; I saw a large rock in the yard, once, that had fallen, and was about 8 feet diameter; it struck the gable end of the house. I saw the gable end and the front of the house shaken, and I am of opinion, that that rock, by its fall, was the cause of the above crack. According to my opinion, the house has suffered a damage of about £500. I am aware that Mr. Maguire suffered much in his business during the works going on behind his house, as I noticed a falling off of customers. I often fretted, thinking that I might hear tell in the morning of Mr. Maguire, or some of his family, having been killed during the night.

Mr. Maguire must have lost about 30 pounds a week, for about 5 months. I think Mr. Maguire suffered in his business as above stated. After the lapse of that time the customers returned as usual. When they returned they said we are not afraid of the rocks now. Ship masters, his best customers, declined coming to his house during the abovementioned period. I am aware that the drain from the Governor's place, called Spencer Wood, is now emptying its contents down into or behind two other houses rented by Mr. Maguire, and by him sub-let to one Johnson and a brother of his also, one Brennan. The smell from the discharge of the drain is very offensive. They said it was too bad to pay rent, and that they would protest. Some of them left the houses without paying and others said they would not pay.

Cross-examined.—To the best of my knowledge it would cost £500 to repair the house, and I think he lost £30 a week, on an average, for 5 months, as above stated.

It is not now so dangerous as before, but I would still be afraid of stopping in the house, a little afraid.

This deposition being read out loud, the deponent doth declare it to contain nothing but the truth, and hath

(Signed,) JOSEPH O'DONNELL,
 " G. R. BROWNE,
 " CHARLES BAILLARGE.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } I, MATTHEW SHERLOCK, do hereby solemnly de-
 DISTRICT OF QUEBEC. } clare, that some time in the course of last summer I noticed some men at work on the Cape, over the property of Mr. Maguire, ship chandler, at Spencer Cove; being in his employ I went to see what these men were about, as I noticed several lumps of stone and earth constantly fall down for several days previous to this. That on my arrival at where the men were at work, I perceived that they were constructing a drain, or sewer, for the purpose of draining the filth and nuisance from the Governor's residence at Spencer Wood. That I at once remonstrated with the men against such a proceeding, stating that the cutting of this drain would destroy Mr. Maguire's property, as the earth and rock had given way (as they proceeded with the drain) already several feet, in consequence of the water and filth discharged from this drain, having come down in torrents, carrying with it rock, earth, and stuff of every description in its course, on the house of Mr. Maguire; that Mr. Maguire immediately represented the matter to the Board of Works, as in a few days several laborers were set to work to save the house and clear away the avalanche; that during the time, while the workmen were clearing away the stuff, immense masses of rock and earth were constantly falling, as well by night as by day, particularly in wet or rainy weather.

That these masses falling on the buildings, broke shingles, and roofs, and windows, and shook the dwelling-house, in several places, to its very foundation.

That I have on several occasions cleared away the fragments of the rock which had fallen, and which, although broken by the fall from the Cape above, were so heavy that I was obliged to roll them away, as I could not carry them from the premises.

That during the time the laborers were engaged at the work, I was in constant danger of losing my life, as my business or occupation led me to be constantly on the move, exactly under the falling Cape; that some of the clerks in Mr. Maguire's employ refused to sleep in the house, and actually returned to his father's every night, until the falling rock had been cleared away.

That I soon discovered a great falling off in the business usually done by Mr. Maguire at this season of the year, by him, as a ship chandler, and that I am perfectly aware that this was caused by his customers being in great dread to enter his premises while the rock was being cleared away, and the Cape so unsafe above his dwelling-house. That I am aware that several of Mr. Maguire's tenants protested against him, in consequence of the filth of this drain having been discharged upon the dwelling-houses which they had leased from him, and some had left in consequence, and others refused to pay any rent. That, in conclusion, I can safely state, on oath if required, that one thousand pounds would not cover the losses of Mr. Maguire in the injury done his houses and premises, his loss of business in the best season, his loss by his tenants, by the fear he lived under for so long a time, and by the loss he sustained in every particular.

(Signed,) MATTHEW SHERLOCK.

October 8th, 1853.

Declaration of Owen O'Donnel.

I AM in the employ of Mr. D. Maguire, Ship Chandler, at Spencer Cove, as clerk in his store. His business has been extensive until the present year; I attribute the falling off of his business this year to an accident which occurred to his property, which was as follows:—

There was a drain made from the Governor's House, at Spencer Wood, in order as it was stated to carry off all water and nuisance of every description from that premises. This drain having been cut too close to the Cape, immediately over Mr. Maguire's property, caused the water and filth contained in the said drain to overflow, precipitating an immense quantity of rock and earth down upon his premises, damaging the same to a very great extent, seriously injuring his trade and business, and causing the greatest danger and risk of life; so great was the danger that on no consideration would I sleep in the house, for a period upwards of 2 months, that is to say while the rock was being removed. I am perfectly aware that during all this time not only were the inmates in danger, but the public who were obliged to pass in front of the premises, during the removal of the loose rock and stuff always felt great dread in passing, and many of our customers abandoned our store for the same reason. I have no hesitation in stating that Mr. Maguire's loss in business by this occurrence will amount to at least £400. His loss by his tenants, who occupied his houses, and who were obliged to protest against him, in consequence of the opening of the drain in question, will be £30. His loss by the injury done his dwelling, which is cracked in several places, must be very great, but I cannot state the amount positively.

I have been an eye-witness to immense masses of rock, which weighed several hundred, having fallen upon the buildings, as well by night as by day, breaking in the roof, shingles, windows, &c., &c., and striking the dwelling house in several places, with great force, which in my opinion would injure the very strongest building.

The fright and danger caused to Mr. Maguire and his family, during all the time the work was being carried on, can be only described by those who have experienced such.

Indeed it was the opinion of many, myself among them, that he was incurring the danger of losing his life by remaining in his house so long.

(Signed,) OWEN O'DONNEL.

SPENCER COVE, 8th October, 1853.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } I, The undersigned, architect and builder, did construct
DISTRICT OF QUEBEC, } and finish a dwelling house, out-houses and other
buildings, in the course of last fall and winter, for Mr. D. Maguire, of Spencer
Cove.

That the said buildings must have cost him when finished upwards of one thousand pounds, exclusive of stone and brick walls. That the said walls were sound without crack or flaw, in Spring last, when the house was finished. That in the course of last summer I visited the said premises, while some laborers were clearing away a land slip, and back immediately over the building, and that I observed several large pieces of rock fall on the building, and marks of

others which had fallen, besides immense masses of rock and earth remaining on the roofs of the buildings.

That I saw shingles broken, windows broken, the dwelling house very much shaken, and other serious damage done to the premises; and that I am firmly persuaded and fully convinced that the rocks which I saw fall, and the large and heavy masses on the roof of the same, when precipitated with violence from such a distance (above I think 250 feet) is a sufficient cause to damage the strongest building, and that the damage done to Mr. Maguire's House was caused by the same, which if repaired at present, will cost him, at the lowest calculation, seven hundred and fifty pounds; and I further state that unless the house be taken down to the very foundation it can never be so strong or substantial as it has been before the accident.

And I consider, moreover, and can further state, that no architect or builder can value the damage to the house and premises of Mr. Maguire to a sufficient sum that would remunerate him to the full extent of what he must have suffered, having risked his life and the lives of his family in the manner that I have seen him do. No amount that I could mention would be sufficient, and the sum that I mention above would merely remunerate him for the damage done to his dwelling house alone.

(Signed,) S. AMIOT,
Architect and Contractor.

Evidence on the part of Plaintiff.

BARNEY LEONARD, aged fifty-eight, being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists, doth depose and say:—I may be positive of not being related to Mr. Maguire; I am not interested. I was employed to work at the rock and earth behind the house; I am aware of a drain existing from the Governor's residence, which annoys the people in the cove, beneath, by its offensive discharges. It is from the overflowing of the drain that the earth and rocks fell, and we were employed in removing away the same; and once, a large stone, of about one and a half tons, which we had left unsupported over night was found in the morning to have fell near the gable; had it fell elsewhere it would have gone through the house. Also earth and stones did often fall against the house; the stones slipt from us, and occasionally break some windows, or shingles of the roof; I was of opinion that the falling of the above big stone caused cracks in the gable end of, and the frame of the house; I think that I would have seen cracks in the house had there been any previous to the falling of the stone abovementioned, about June, 1854. I was very much afraid of working at the rock, and left it when I got a chance. I am aware of people being afraid to pass this way, and I forbid my own family from coming to Mr. Maguire's store to buy anything. I and the other workmen used to say Mr. Maguire was very foolish to live in the house—that the rock would surely go some day or another. I am certain Mr. Maguire must be at a great loss in his business, as people ceased coming, and parents would not let their children come. The above large stone spoken of must have been at least a ton and a half weight, for after it was broken up it took three or four men some hours to cart it away. There was a drain coming down behind some other house, rented by Mr. Maguire to Mr. Johnson, and I

heard them say that the offensive discharges from the drain came down and spoilt their wood behind the house; and I myself saw the drainage coming down. I would not live in the house if it was bestowed on me, on account of the nuisance from the drains. The lodgers in Mr. Maguire's houses used to say they would protest.

Cross-examined.—I am not aware, if previous to the making of the drain by the Government, any stones fell; and where I live myself nothing but small gravel ever falls. Rocks do occasionally fall in the coves and do damage, sometimes killing people, &c. I am of opinion that it is the water getting into the cracks of the rocks that cause them to move. When I began to work there the top of the rocks was covered with earth, and stones, &c., and trees; the water was springing through the rocks, and had a very bad smell. I consider the rock dangerous of itself, but that the drain made it more dangerous by the water working away the earth and getting into the cracks. It is my opinion that the house has suffered a damage of about £200, including out-houses, &c., &c. My reason for saying that Mr. Maguire must have suffered greatly in his business is, that I heard a great many people say they would not come to his house for years. We were employed to do our best to keep Mr. Maguire's house safe—it was my opinion so at least.

The above depositions being read out loud, the deponent doth declare it to contain nothing but the truth, and has signed.

(Signed,)	BERNARD LEONARD,
“	G. R. BROWNE,
“	CHARLES BAILLARGÉ.

On part of Plaintiff:

OWEN O'DONNELL, aged 18 years, being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists:—I was in Mr. Maguire's employ, as clerk, during the occurrence of the damage caused by the rocks to his house. I am not related, or in any way interested in this case.

It was about June, 1853, that the rock began to fall. The rock fell every day since the beginning, till I left, about the ninth of September, every night, and came back in the morning, for about 3 weeks. I am not now in Mr. Maguire's employ, nor have I been since the first of May last. One morning I saw a lot of rock, which had not been there the night before, and I then observed a crack in the wall, in the gable near the rock, about two feet long. The largest piece I saw there was about 3 feet diameter, with much of a smaller size, and that piece was near the west gable, alongside the back of the house. I attribute all cracks in the front of the house, except that over the east door, to the concussion received from the falling of the rocks. I attribute the falling of the rock, as above stated, to the sewer and cess-pool made by the Government on the top of the rock immediately above the house. The customers began to drop off, they would not enter the house from fear, and when they did enter they left as soon as possible.

Mr. Maguire's business begun about the middle of June, and I believe Mr. Maguire to have suffered a damage of more than a hundred pounds a month for

about 5 months, say about one hundred and fifty pounds per month. Every one thought Mr. Maguire very foolish for remaining in the house, and my father asked him down to his house while the works were going on. Before I left the house I heard the rock fall often against the house, and break the glass in the basement story. One day I barely escaped being killed by a piece of rock which fell just as I went outside the kitchen door. I have often heard expressions of alarm from Mrs. Maguire, &c. The danger was so great that parties were afraid of passing the house, and accidents occasionally happened.

Mr. Maguire has two other houses, not including that he occupies, and rents them to four families; Mr. Maguire rents the houses himself and then sub-lets them. The occupiers of these houses said there was a great nuisance, from the evacuations from the drain, of an offensive character. Those four lodgings Mr. Maguire lets for £7 10s. each, and out of £7 10s. Mr. Bremen paid but 8s., and would not pay the rest in consequence of the nuisance coming down, and Mr. Maguire reduced the rent of one of the other houses in consequence.

Cross-examined.—Until the execution of the works done by Government, I am not aware previous to that of any rock having fallen, except small gravel. Rocks do fall occasionally from this neighborhood towards Quebec from different causes, but not within some distance of Mr. Maguire's property. It is my opinion, that Mr. Maguire's business did fall off, on account of hearing people state, when they came to the shop, that it was very dangerous to reside in the house, and I thought that in consequence many people kept away. When people saw that everything was safe they returned, and Mr. Maguire's business went on as before. I am aware that Government employed people, and done their best to save the property. I have seen about 6 to 12 men employed for about 4 months removing the rubbish and rock. Government caused a fence to be made, supported by iron bars let into the rock, to prevent any stones or snow from falling. I do not mean that Mr. Maguire lost £150 a month of clear profit, but merely he sold £150 worth less a month. I think the percentage of profit lost by Mr. Maguire to be about 50 per cent. This deposition after being read out loud, the deponent doth declare it to contain nothing but the truth, and hath

(Signed,) OWEN O'DONNELL.

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“ G. R. BROWNE,
“ CHAS. BAILLAIRGÉ.

Evidence on the part of Plaintiff.

JOHN BROWN, aged forty-eight, being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists, doth depose and say:—I am a mining contractor; I am not related or interested. It is on account of taking the earth off the top of the rock behind Mr. Maguire's house that has made the rock dangerous, as it gives the water way to get into it. I saw men working there last year, taking down what was loose on the top. I think if the rock is not removed, it will, in the course of time, come down. I consider it very dangerous to stop here if the rock behind the houses is

not removed immediately. I heard some people say that they run out of the store, and that they were afraid of passing the house. I think the front of the house and gable were cracked and shaken by the falling of a large stone, because I heard say that a large rock had fallen off—about a ton weight.

The above being read aloud in presence of the witness, he persists in the truth thereof, and has signed.

(Signed,) JOHN BROWN,
 “ G. R. BROWNE,
 “ CHARLES BAILLARGÉ.

DENIS MAGUIRE, Esquire, being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists, doth depose and say:—I am plaintiff in the present case, and interested in the cause. Aged about forty-eight. I have been in business altogether about twenty-six years. I have lived in the house in question twelve months last May; previous to that I inhabited the Lower Town of Quebec, and there carried on the same business of ship chandler and grocer. I was nine years in business in the same town, and made about one thousand five hundred pounds a year of clear profit, on an average. I consider that all expenses paid, I would have made last summer ten pounds a week, on an average, the whole year round, that is judging from my business of this summer. I did not do last year, during five months the works were going on, more than one-eighth of my usual business. For several nights myself and family did not close our eyes for fear of some accident happening during the night. My wife, I thought would have lost her life from it and had to be attended by a doctor, and I lost much time myself in running about the present affair, and consider I lost one hundred pounds, that is, I would not go over the same trouble for the above amount. On the 16th of June the rock began to fall, and before that no danger was ever expected. My shipping business commences about the first of June, and extends to the latter end of November. The works behind the house were begun about a fortnight after the avalanche behind my house had begun. From four to twelve men were employed by Government, and paid by them until the month of November, with the view of protecting my property from destruction. The first avalanche was caused by the overflowing of a drain leading from the Government House, at Spencer Wood, composed of loose rock, earth and trees, but most of it did not strike the house, but a fence of three deals and six—which was shivered by the avalanche. While the men were working, they disengaged a stone, one night, of about two tons weight, which had first been moved by the avalanche, on the night of the 26th July, and before the men returned in the morning, that is about three o'clock, the said stone fell against the corner of the house and shook it all, so that I myself had to rise thinking the house was coming down. From the avalanche on the 16th of June to the 26th July, when the large stone fell, my house had sustained but little injury. I consider it would take about £650 to repair the house, including my loss of business and having to pay rent elsewhere during the repairs. I consider my loss by my two houses rented to Johnson and Brennan, at about twenty-five pounds. I consider the repairs of my house to require the taking down and rebuilding the whole of the front and gable end wall. No cracks now are visible inside, for this reason, that the inside plastering was done only after the occurrence. The house was formerly burned down, and rebuilt by me. My orders were, that everything bad would be taken

down and replaced, and I saw it done to my desire. I consider my house worth at least at present, one thousand eight hundred pounds. With the present danger of the rock falling on it, and if no such danger existed, I would not give it for less than two thousand five hundred pounds. The house rented, in 1852, for one hundred and twenty pounds, and for two years previous to that at one hundred pounds.

The present being read to the deponent, he persists in the truth thereof, and has signed.

(Signed,) D. MAGUIRE,
 " G. R. BROWNE,
 " CHARLES BAILLARGÉ.

[*Translation.*]

MR. PIERRE CHATEAUVERT, being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelists, doth depose and say:—I am fifty years of age; I am a master mason, and in no way interested in this affair. I have visited Mr. Maguire's house at the Cove, to ascertain the damage caused by the drain at Spencer Wood, which caused stones to fall upon the house. I am of opinion that the actual damage to the front wall was not occasioned by the stones which may have fallen on it. From appearances, I think that only the part above the windows on the second story was rebuilt after the fire. To pull down the entire gable end and the front, and rebuild them, using as much of the old material as possible, it would cost about two hundred and twenty-five pounds, and merely to repair the walls would cost seventy-five pounds.

The deposition being read, the witness persists therein, declaring the same to contain the truth, and hath signed.

(Signed,) PIERRE CHATEAUVERT,
 " G. R. BROWNE,
 " CHARLES BAILLARGÉ.

MR. CHARLES PETERS, being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists, doth depose and say:—I am aged thirty-two; am a master builder; have examined Mr. Maguire's property at the Cove, with the view of ascertaining the damage that the house has sustained, such as that damage now appears, and am in no way interested in the issue of this suit.

The carpenter's and joiner's work required, if necessary to take down and rebuild the front and gable wall, would cost about £70, including painting and storing up the floors, &c.

I consider the present joinery and carpentry of the house, including painting &c., not to be injured as it now stands, in any way, and it is only in case of being obliged to take down the front wall and gable end, that any cost would be incurred, as to the damage of the house.

The witness persists in the truth of the above, and hath

(Signed,) CHARLES PETERS,
 “ G. R. BROWNE,
 “ CHAS. BAILLARGÉ.

[*Translation.*]

EUBERT GALLIOT, being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelists, doth depose and say:—I am thirty-one years of age; I am not related to, or connected with the parties. I know the drain constructed by the Government for the Governor General's residence, and I know that this canal has been the cause of all the damage to Mr. Maguire's house; it having caused the earth and rock to fall. Before this drain was made, the water never was in such quantities. On one occasion the water from this drain filled my shop. I saw several persons, seven or eight, working at it last summer for a considerable time; these men were employed in guarding against any damage to Mr. Maguire's house, and I think the Government employed these men in removing the earth and rocks which the water from the drain had loosened. I know that stones often fell on the house; I know that people passing were afraid; I was afraid to go to Mr. Maguire's, and so was my family, and I know that Mr. Maguire's clerk did not like to pass the night there

I heard many persons say that living in the house was very dangerous, and I consider the house very dangerous. I am of opinion that the drain alone has been the cause of the removal of the earth. Formerly the rock was entirely covered with earth and vegetation. I know that the drain discharges itself at present behind two houses let by Mr. Maguire to other persons, and that in so doing it causes great nuisance, and have heard these persons say that they were ill. I am aware that Mr. Maguire must have lost, on account of people being afraid to come to his house. I think that the house cost between £700 and £800. I have never had possession of it.

This deposition having been read to the witness, he declares that it contains the truth, and hath signed.

(Signed,) H. GALBERT,
 “ G. R. BROWNE,
 “ CHARLES BAILLARGÉ.

[*Translation.*]

PIERRE GAUVREAU, of the City of Quebec, architect, aged forty years, being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelists, deposeth and saith:—

(The Plaintiff objects to the examination of this witness, alleging that he is an interested party, being in the employ of the Government.)

I have no interest whatever in this matter between the Government and Maguire. The drain to the Government House at Spencer Wood was ordered and its construction superintended by Mr. George Brown of the City of Montreal, and if any damage has resulted therefrom it would be no fault of mine; for this reason, I say, that I am not interested, inasmuch as no blame could fall on me. It was about the month of July of last year that Mr. Maguire first complained of the damages caused to his house by the fall of land in the rear of his house, caused, he said, by the drain in question. All the debris of the first avalanche were contained between the rock and a plank fence in the rear of, and at some distance from the house, and only a few stones could have been projected upon his house. When I first visited the spot, with the view of examining the damages, and preventing them for the future: this was about the end of July: I at once gave orders to have anything that was dangerous removed, according as Mr. Maguire should order. The upper part of the rock behind Maguire's house had before the construction of the drain been covered with earth and grass. There was a broad ridge of earth and turf about five feet thick and twenty feet long and fifteen feet broad, which had been parted from the other land about a foot, and this separation was due, in my opinion to the steepness of the rock and to the rain, but not to the water from the drain which was I think too remote to cause damage. I have never seen the large stone referred to in the other evidence, but Mr. Maguire did not tell me where it was. Mr. Maguire showed me the place to which the stone had been projected, saying that it had shaken the house. Mr. Maguire's house was plastered at the time of my first visit, and I do not think the house could have suffered by the last avalanche, for in that case the plastering would have been damaged. I attribute the actual damage of the front wall to the fact that the house had been destroyed by fire before it was rebuilt by Mr. Maguire, and afterwards improperly founded. If it were necessary to rebuild the gable and the front it would cost between £150 and £175, and could be done in a week. I do not think that the rock in the rear of the house is so much cracked as to cause there to be any danger of the rock falling. It is true, that the drain after having been removed from the rear of Mr. Maguire's house, was placed behind two other houses, leased by Mr. Maguire to Johnston and Brennan; and I think that the nuisance caused by this drain was sufficient to justify these people in refusing to pay their rent. I did not see the front of Mr. Maguire's house before the avalanche had occurred, and did not see any crack, not having examined it previous to my first visit.

This deposition having been read to the witness, he declares that it contains the truth, persists therein, and hath

(Signed,) P. GAUVREAU,
" G. R. BROWNE,
" CHAS. BAILLARGÉ.

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

NEWFOUNDLAND, March 2nd, 1857.

Sir,—I have the honor, by direction of the House of Assembly of this colony, to transmit you the following documents, involving a question which they desire to bring under the consideration of the House of Assembly of your province: Copy of convention between Great Britain and France, relating to Fisheries on the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador: Copy Secretary State's despatch accompanying convention correspondence between Her Majesty's Government and the several Governors of this colony: Copy of resolutions and address of Assembly protesting against said convention.

You will observe by a perusal of these papers, that the British Government have concluded a convention with France, by which most important concessions of Fishing rights on the coast of this island and Labrador are made to the latter power. The ultimate effects of the operation of this measure will, it is confidently believed, be the depopulation of this colony of its British inhabitants, and the consequent possession of Newfoundland by a foreign power. The French pursue the fishery on this coast as a means only to the creation of seamen for their navy, and the aid of the Imperial Government is freely given to carry out this national object. We prosecute the Fisheries purely as a commercial speculation, by the agency of private enterprise, and have hitherto been injuriously affected by their unequal competition. Under the very extended privileges conferred by this convention, it is the belief of our best informed men, that our trade and industry must succumb to the influences they will have to encounter. The direct interference of the French with the prosecution of our pursuits on the one hand and the increase of their bounty-sustained trade on the other—while lessening the amount of our produce, must lead to the further result of making that smaller production of less relative value than before.

Nova Scotia has a large interest on the coasts on which this convention proposes to give the subjects of France concurrent rights of Fishing, and in the proportion of that interest, will this measure be productive to her of the like results that we anticipate.

This act of the British Government has been received here with common feelings of indignation and alarm, and there is the less of palliation for this concession to the French since the consequences of such a measure have been repeatedly urged in despatches from the Local Government.

The convention, it is true, makes the assent of this colony, by the passing of certain laws, necessary to give it effect.

On this point, I have but to observe, that not only will no such assent be given by the Legislature, but the people with one voice have determined that every just and honorable means shall be employed to defeat a project so fraught with ruin to every interest in the colony.

In pursuance of this determination, the Legislature are appealing to Her Majesty and the Imperial Parliament, and will send a delegation to sustain their rights.

We are unwilling to believe that the British Government or the Imperial Parliament would permit the ratification of such a measure without our consent and in defiance of the principles our constitution embodies. But the great importance of the interest involved and the fact that the British Government has acceded to the convention, in the face of the strong protests that for years have gone from this colony, produces in our minds a feeling of shaken confidence, and compel us to admit that our position is one of extreme peril. Nor will it mitigate the effect of the treaty should it be confirmed—that it involves the broken faith of a parent government to the oldest North American dependency of the crown.

I respectfully appeal to you, Sir, as the organ of your Honorable House, to consider whether this convention does not embrace a question of colonial right in which all are concerned, and which it may not be unworthy of your Honorable body to entertain.

The wrong will not be done if our fellow-colonists view it, as we think they must, and avow their sentiments accordingly.

Our rights are proposed to be sacrificed in this case to Imperial exigency, and if such a principle be sanctioned its application to other colonies may be but a question of time and circumstances.

And it will also be well to consider what effect would be on the other British American Provinces, especially in time of war, if this island, the key of the St. Lawrence, with its numberless capacious harbors, fell into the hands of a foreign power, a conjuncture which the operation of the convention can hardly fail to bring about.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. SHEA,
Speaker.

To the Honorable the Speaker of the
House of Assembly, Canada.

**MESSAGE from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting
Copies of Documents relating to the Cession of certain
Fishing privileges on the Coasts of Newfoundland
and Labrador to the French.**

6th February, 1856.

C. H. DARLING, GOVERNOR.

The Governor transmits to the Honorable the House of Assembly the copy of a despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies,

enclosing the copy of a "Convention between Her Majesty and the Emperor of the French, relative to rights of Fishery on the Coast of Newfoundland and the "neighboring Coasts," signed at London on the 14th January last, together with a copy of the correspondence referred to in that Despatch.

The House of Assembly will perceive that by the 20th Article of the Convention, it is provided, that that instrument shall come into operation as soon as the Laws required to carry it into effect shall have been passed by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and by the Legislature of Newfoundland; and that Her Majesty has engaged to use Her best endeavors to procure the passing of such Laws in sufficient time to enable her to bring the Convention into operation on or before the 1st of January, 1858.

The House of Assembly will learn from the Secretary of State's Despatch, that in making this engagement, Her Majesty's Government desire to express their strong anxiety to effect the arrangement for which the Convention provides, and their conviction that to miss the present opportunity of bringing to a settlement the long-agitated questions to which it relates, will be to cause great inconvenience and probable future loss to Newfoundland.

The despatch referred to, with the previous communications from the Secretaries of State, will fully inform the Assembly of the reasons both general and particular which have influenced Her Majesty's Government in the decision at which they have arrived, while, from the copies of Despatches from the Governor's immediate predecessor, and from the Governor himself, communicating his own opinions and those of his Constitutional advisers, it will be perceived that the objections urged by the Local Authorities of Newfoundland, to the additional privileges sought for by France, have been clearly stated and unreservedly expressed.

The negotiations appear to have resulted in a modification both of the demands and concessions originally proposed upon the part of France.

In laying before the Honorable the House of Assembly, on behalf of Her Majesty's Government, the views contained in the Despatches of the Secretary of State, before the completion of those formalities which are usually observed at the commencement of the Legislative Session, the Governor has had regard to the great interest and importance of the subject; and he desires to express his confidence that in deliberating upon those views, the Legislature, while anxiously regarding, as in duty bound, the interests of Newfoundland, will not fail to recognize the weight of those great International considerations which are so anxiously and impressively urged throughout the communications from Her Majesty's Government.

C. H. D.

**Copy of a Despatch from Governor Sir John Harvey, to
Lord Stanley.**

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

St. John's, Newfoundland, July 30th, 1844.

[Received August 30th, 1844.]

My Lord,—I have now the honor to transmit Mr. Thomas's Report, upon which it may be sufficient for me to observe, that it may be safely assumed as

expressing the sentiments of the most enlightened of the mercantile interests of this island upon the several points involved, and in that light may be regarded as of considerable importance, more especially as on the question of "bait" it exhibits a greater liberality of sentiment than I had ventured to anticipate. For my own part I see no difficulty in establishing and enforcing such regulations in regard to the exportation of our surplus bait to St. Pierre, as would effectually protect the interests of our fishermen by retaining upon our Shores the necessary supply for their use, though I feel convinced of the utter impossibility of putting an entire stop to this traffic.

With these observations I proceed to acquaint Your Lordship, that the services of Her Majesty's Ship "Eurydice" having been placed at my disposal by the Vice-Admiral commanding, and they not being at present particularly required for the performance of any duties connected with the protection of the fisheries which may not be executed while I am on board, I have been induced to accept and shall avail myself of them, for the purpose of visiting several parts of this Island to which I have not hitherto had any means of access. I propose to visit the whole of the Southern Coast, and that part of the Western within the French fishing limits, which has acquired an increased degree of interest from the recent discussion, viz: from Cape Ray to Bonne Bay, and shall probably continue my tour round the Island.

It is my intention to proceed immediately after the dispatch of the mail shortly expected, in the hope of being back so as to meet the following one. In the present state of public affairs here, I do not anticipate any inconvenience to the public service as likely to arise from my brief absence.

"La Fortune," Captain LeFavre, sailed from hence yesterday for Crocque, and the French National Schooner "La Fauvette" at the same time for St. Pierre.

Every possible courtesy and hospitality were shown to the Commanders and Officers of these vessels during their continuance in this port, of which they expressed themselves deeply sensible.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) J. HARVEY.

The Right Honorable
LORD STANLEY, &c., &c., &c.

Confidential Memorandum for the Agent to be appointed on the part of British Interests, to confer with Captain LeFavre on the subject of the Fisheries on the Coast of Newfoundland.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's, July 10th, 1844.

1st.—The object for which you have been selected to meet and confer with Captain Le Favre, as the Agent of the French Government, is to consider the actual state of the existing intercourse and relation between British Subjects and French Fishermen on the Coast of Newfoundland generally, but more especially

in relation to the supply of bait by the former to the latter, and to endeavor to come to some arrangement on the various points which have from time to time disturbed the good understanding, which it must consist with the interests as well as the desire of both Nations, to cultivate and to maintain, and which it is evident can only be done by a due regard to those interests respectively, and not by any reckless sacrifice on either part; in a word, by a fair and equitable exchange of those advantages which each party may have it in his power to concede to the other.

2nd.—To aid rather than to guide you in arriving at such a result of your discussions as may be beneficial to the great interests involved, and satisfactory to Her Majesty's Government, is the sole object of the following observations, to which it only remains for me to add, that you are strictly prohibited from holding any communication with any other French subject except Captain LeFabvre who has agreed that, as the discussions are to be conducted in the French language, you should have the benefit of the services of Captain Elliot, (Her Majesty's ship "Eurydice"), which he has kindly consented to afford, as interpreter.

3rd.—In addition to the information which will be found in the Documents and Correspondence which accompany this memorandum, and of which a Schedule is annexed, I would impress upon you to bear in your constant recollection, that while it may be desirable that the existing provisions of Law and Treaties by which the supply of bait by British subjects to the Fishermen of France as at present regulated should be reconsidered, with a view to their revision, and perhaps relaxation, yet that the protection of the rights and interests of our own Fishermen and of all connected with them, must be regarded by you as the primary object to be kept steadily in view.

The real question to be considered may therefore be stated as being, "how far we are in a position to make, without injury to our own Coast and Harbour Fisheries, such concessions, with a view to the supply of bait from the British Shores of Newfoundland for the use of the French vessels engaged in the prosecution of the Bank and Deep-sea Fisheries (from which by their high bounties they are enabled to exclude not British Fishermen only, but those of all other nations, from successful competition), as may be regarded by them as an equivalent for their withdrawing from certain parts of the North-west coast of this Island, within which they at present enjoy by Treaty the right of taking and curing fish, say, from Cape Ray to Bonne Bay or Green Point." I do not propose the extension of this concession to us further to the Eastward, because I am convinced it would be resisted. I therefore proceed to state, first, the advantages which would in my opinion result to England from the acquisition of this portion of the Coasts of this Island, from which, although possessing the acknowledged territorial Sovereignty, Her Majesty's authority and that of the Law is at present excluded; and secondly, what are the equivalents I would propose to offer in exchange. 1st. The climate and soil of the district to which I have referred are said to be good; it possesses fine timber, and is in other respects adapted for agricultural, lumbering and ship-building pursuits; its coast fishery is also good, and it possesses several rivers, and consequently Salmon Fisheries, particularly at the mouth of the Cod-Roy River near Cape Arguille. These are confessedly great advantages; but there is another consideration connected with the acquisition of an uncontrolled possession of this district, which with me has more weight than all those benefits which I have enumerated. It is, that we may be placed in a position to redeem, from the most lamentable of all imaginable conditions, a British population consisting of many thousands of the natural-born subjects of the Queen, who are at present existing without Law, without Religion, and setting at open defiance the restraints alike of God and man, and passing from the cradle to the grave in a state of worse than barbarism or hea-

thenism. To rescue our fellow-countrymen from so bad a state, imposed upon them by the unwise restrictions of impracticable Treaties, to bring them within the pale of civilized life, to extend to them the protection and to exact from them obedience to the Laws, as well as to open up the treasures of the land and of the sea, with which that neglected portion of Newfoundland is known to abound, and thereby to enlarge and increase the Revenue of the Colony,—these are some of the most prominent of the considerations which forcibly present themselves to my mind in reference to the subject which you are appointed to discuss.

4th.—I have understood that the French Fishermen would attach a high degree of value to the privilege of following the Codfish, which at certain seasons of the year strike across from Quirpon (the North-eastern point of Newfoundland) to the Island of Belle Isle, situated in the Straits of that name, but so much nearer to the coast of Labrador than to any part of Newfoundland as to be beyond the present French limits. Those limits I should agree to extend so as to include Belle Isle, and should regard their withdrawal from the part of the coast to which I have alluded, viz: from Cape Ray to Bonne Bay (both inclusive), as cheaply purchased by such a surrender on our part. Captain LeFavre may not, however, regard this as a sufficient equivalent. In such a case I should consider some relaxation in the laws regulating the supply of bait from the British Coast and Harbours opposite to St. Pierre's for a limited period, and under well-considered restrictions, as more free from objection than would be the admission of the French or of any foreign power to any right of taking and drying fish on any part of the "Coast of Labrador," though they are virtually, though indirectly, in the enjoyment of that advantage at the present moment.

Finally.—It may be proper to remark that although it may be perfectly true that England has nothing to complain of as regards the provisions of the existing Treaties in respect to the question of bait, and might at once declare that as far as that question is concerned she has only rigorously to enforce her rights, yet it is necessary to be borne in recollection that such an open and long-continued infringement has been permitted on her part, of the engagement by which the King of England bound himself and his successors in the Declaration annexed to the Treaty of 1783, to prevent settlement by British Subjects, or to cause the removal of such as had or might attempt to settle themselves on those parts of the Coast of Newfoundland within which the French possess by that treaty the right of taking and drying Fish, that it might be very inexpedient and unwise for us to stand upon our extreme rights in respect to this question, as such a proceeding might only have the effect of inducing our opponents to assert those which they undoubtedly possess under the declaration above referred to, as well as of opposing in limine an unnecessary obstacle in the way of the amicable consideration of any proposition which Captain LeFavre may have to bring forward in relation to the West Coast.

With these observations, it only remains for me to request that you will put yourself into immediate communication with Captain LeFavre, keeping me constantly informed of your proceedings, and referring to me at all times when you may be desirous of receiving my advice or further instructions, of which you are to consider as one that this memorandum, with the whole of the documents which accompany it, are to be returned to me with your final report.

(Signed,) J. HARVEY.

The HONORABLE W. THOMAS,

Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council
of Newfoundland.

Conversation which took place between Monsieur Adolphe Fabvre, Commanding the French Corvette "La Fortune," and Mr. William Thomas, named by Sir John Harvey, Governor of Newfoundland, on the part of Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain, on the subject of an Arrangement for the common interests of the French and English Fishermen on the Coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Wednesday, July 17th, 1844.

No. 1.—Conversation commenced by referring to the concurrent right of fishing by the English on that part of the coast of Newfoundland assigned by Treaty to the French. This point was insisted on by Mr. Thomas, but denied by Captain LeFabvre, and subsequently reserved for the consideration of their respective Governments.

No. 2.—Captain Fabvre then proposed that a concurrent right of Fishing should be admitted by the French on all the French Coasts to the Westward of this Island, and that a like concurrent right of fishing should be granted to the French on that part of the Labrador Coast which is situated in the Straits of Belle Isle, immediately opposite Newfoundland. This was decidedly objected to by Mr. Thomas, as offering in his opinion no advantage to Great Britain, but tending to increase the difficulties and promote collision between the Fishermen of the two Nations.

No. 3.—In consequence of this opinion it was proposed by Mr. Thomas to confine the respective fishermen within certain defined limits, and for this purpose he submitted to M. Fabvre as the French limits, a line of Coast extending from Bonne Bay to Cape St. John, on which Coast only the French should have the exclusive right of fishing, the French ceding to Great Britain the exclusive right of fishing from Bonne Bay to Cape Ray.

No. 4.—To this M. Fabvre rejoined that such arrangement might be made, provided the French were allowed to retain exclusive possession of the four ports of Cod-Roy, Red Island, Port-au-Port, and Lark Harbour, and further, that the English should not be restricted from the export of bait from Newfoundland to St. Pierre.

No. 5.—Mr. Thomas replied, that if these four ports were reserved, France would retain the best fishing ground on the whole Western Coast, while an active competition would be encouraged between the Fishermen of the two Nations, and the danger of collision become greater than ever.

M. Fabvre then said, that without these four ports be considered the French would be making too great a sacrifice. Mr. Thomas said, he considered the obtaining of an exclusive right of fishing on the Coast before proposed by him, and perhaps adding to that the exclusive right of fishing on the Island of Belle Isle, together with the great advantage which must accrue to the French from the English being permitted to export to St. Pierre such Caplin as they may have to dispose of, beyond what may be sufficient to bait our own boats, would be an ample remuneration for any surrender that France might be called on to make under such arrangement.

Captain Fabvre replied, that he did not reject the last proposition, but that he did not consider himself sufficiently authorized by his Government to accept it;

therefore the conversation was concluded by an agreement to refer what had passed to the respective Governments, each party expressing his separate opinion thereon.

(Signed,) WM. THOMAS.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND,

July 27th, 1844.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

In laying before your Excellency the minutes of my conference with Captain Fabvre, held in obedience to your Excellency's command, of the 10th instant, it may be proper for me to accompany them with the following observations which are made with reference to the several matters as they follow in the minutes from No. 1. to No. 5; but I must beg to premise that, whenever exclusive rights are alluded to, the privilege of exclusive fishery is alone intended, and not the occupation of the land.

No. 1.—Is on the concurrent right of fishing on the Coast of Newfoundland. On this subject I do not presume to offer an opinion.

No. 2.—Reciprocal rights of concurrent fishery on the West Coast of Newfoundland, and the Coast of Labrador in the Straits of Belle Isle. Great Britain would by such an arrangement cede the right of fishing on the Coast of Labrador without receiving any equivalent, if she at present possesses the concurrent right on the Newfoundland Shores; and this right would appear to have been acknowledged by France, in permitting so great a number of British subjects to remain in quiet possession of houses and fishing rooms on the Western Coast, even since the Treaty of 1814 and 1815, a period of nearly thirty years, without making to the British Government any application for their removal. These persons will doubtless consider themselves to have acquired a sort of prescriptive right under which their establishments have grown up, and it will therefore seem the greater hardship to be now deprived of it.

No. 3.—EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS.—It would therefore be more beneficial to both Nations if their respective Fishermen were kept separate and distinct in their fishing places. By these means all kinds of collision could be prevented, and the facilities for illicit trading would be very much lessened. British subjects would then be made amenable to the Laws of their own country, and religious instruction would be imparted to those who are now in a state of moral destitution.

No. 4.—The reservation of the four ports herein named would prevent the carrying out of the principle contained in No. 3.

No. 5.—BELLE ISLE.—The privilege of Fishing on Belle Isle may, so far as I am advised, be conceded without present inconvenience, as I am not aware that it is ever used by British Subjects, or that there are on it any buildings. There should, however, be a strict limitation as to how far the French may go from that island towards the Labrador.

No. 6.—BAIT.—The main object of Captain LeFabvre's negotiation appeared to me to be the obtaining an unrestricted supply of bait for the use of the French fisheries carried on from St. Pierre and Miquelon; and provided this could be secured by the free liberty to purchase from British Subjects, the other matters of conference might, I conceive, be easily adjusted. The supply of bait to the French is, however, as your Excellency is aware, regarded by the people with great jealousy. They are sensible that in restricting that supply they possess to a

certain extent the power of setting limits to the fishery of the French, whose growing competition in foreign markets, supported as their fisheries are by large bounties, is far more dreaded than the chance of any collision on the Coast, which a protective force on the station would prevent. It is also supposed that by this supply of bait the French have been materially assisted in establishing a system of fishing on the Great Bank, which the English, unaided by bounties, are unable to compete with; and this belief derives strength from the fact that the Bank fishery, once so flourishing, is now reduced to the employment of only three or four British vessels.

Moreover, the benefit to be derived from any exclusive rights obtained on the Western Coast, would be regarded as a remote and uncertain compensation for an immediate disadvantage.

It cannot, however, be denied, that many of the people on the Southern Coast of this Island (I allude particularly to those of Placentia and Fortune Bays) who have long enjoyed the advantage of selling bait to the French at St. Pierre, are unwilling to relinquish this privilege, and would feel great dissatisfaction at any measure that would deprive them of it; and if a law were passed for that purpose I am confident they would violate it as often as opportunity offered.

By the act 3 and 4 Will. 4, cap. 50, sec. 2, the produce of the fisheries is allowed to be exported in British ships; and therefore I apprehend that unless prevented by the 26 Geo. 3, cap. 26, secs. 14 and 20, the export of Caplin and Herring to St. Pierre, subject to the Custom House regulations, could not in such ships be deemed illegal. Should this conference be followed by any treaty between the two nations, I may be permitted to suggest the expediency of guarding in the strongest manner against any privilege of purchasing Caplin on the open sea, or any where but at St. Pierre.

The export should be subject in all such cases, whether in vessels or boats, to the Custom House regulations, and care should be taken not only to preserve by proper restriction a sufficient quantity for the use of our own Coast Fishery before any exportation is allowed, but also to prevent collision between those British Fishermen who take it for their own use and those who take it for exportation.

In conversation with Captain Fabvre I think I understood from him that a large portion of their shore-cured fish was sent to the Mediterranean, and that no bounty was given on fish consumed in France.

I would respectfully suggest to your Excellency, whether, in affording any further advantages to the French than those they now enjoy for the supply of bait, it would be possible to make any stipulations as to the markets to which they should send their fish, or as to the abolition or modification of their bounties.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

WM. THOMAS.

PARIS, July 5th, 1852.

(Newfoundland Fishery No. 9.)

My Lord,—Monsieur de Bon having this morning received authority from the Minister of Marine to communicate to me his proposals for the settlement of the conflicting rights of British and French Fishermen on the coasts of Newfoundland; the said proposal was read at this morning's conference; a minute of the proceedings of which I have the honor to enclose.

The French Government offers to admit the right of British subjects to inhabit the Bay of St. George, or in other terms, to give up the exclusive right of Fishery on that Bay, to which they consider themselves entitled by the Treaty of 1783.

In return for this concession they demand—

1st—The right to purchase and fish for Herrings and Caplin on the South Coast of Newfoundland without any hindrance or retribution.

2nd—The right to fish during two months of the year (without curing or drying on shore) on that part of the Coast of Labrador between the “Isle Vertes” and the Isle St. Modeste,” both included.

3rd—The right of fishing at Belle Isle in the Straits, which they enjoyed, (according to their assertion) up to 1841, without any demur on the part of Great Britain.

Having stated to M. de Bon my desire not to enter into any discussion on this proposal until I shall have communicated it to Her Majesty’s Government, he said that being charged with an urgent mission along the Coasts of France, he could not await in Paris the result of my communication, and therefore that our meetings had better be suspended until his return, of which he will give me timely notice.

Monsieur de Bon’s mission is to inspect all the French fisheries between Dunquerque and Bayonne. He is to leave Paris to-morrow to commence from Havre, having already visited the fisheries between that port and Dunquerque.

Under these circumstances I shall proceed to London at the end of this week, unless I receive instructions from your Lordship to do otherwise.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) ANTHONY PERRIER.

The EARL OF MALMESBURY,
&c. &c.

(Copy.)

FOREIGN OFFICE, July 31st, 1852.

[Newfoundland Fishery.]

[No. 10, July 20, '51.]

Sir,—With reference to Mr. Addington’s letter of the 19th instant, respecting the French proposal for settling the Newfoundland fishery question, I am directed by the Earl of Malmesbury to transmit to you copies of a Despatch, and its enclosures, from Sir Anthony Perrier, the British Commissioner employed on this matter, suggesting a course for the adoption of Her Majesty’s Government, and I am to request that you will move Secretary Sir J. Pakington to instruct the authorities of Newfoundland, and also to request the late Governor of that colony to report upon the expediency of adopting Sir Anthony Perrier’s suggestions.

I am, &c.,

(Signed,) STANLEY.

H. MEEIVALE, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.—Confidential.)

DOWNING STREET, August 17th, 1852.

[Foreign Office, 19th July, '52. Foreign Office, 31st, July, '52.]

Sir,—By my Despatch, No. 13, of the 18th May last and its enclosures, you will have been apprised of the resumption of negotiations between the Governments of France and this Country, with a view to a new definition of the rights of the two nations on the coasts of Newfoundland. By the papers which I now enclose you will be made acquainted with the steps which have been since taken in reference to these negotiations, and with the wish of the Department of Foreign Affairs to obtain fuller information as to the facts, and a statement of the views of the authorities on the spot before the negotiations proceed further.

2.—I have to request that you will comply with this requisition, and that you will make your report as complete as possible on the whole subject, and state in detail what concessions, whether those suggested by Sir A. Perrier, or any others which may occur to you, ought, in your opinion, to be made on either side in order to close the existing sources of dispute.

3.—I have to request further, that you will send a copy of your report, when ready, to Sir Gaspard LeMarchant, and another to the Admiral commanding on the North American Station.

Should you feel it impossible to make your Report satisfactorily without visiting portions of the coast to which the question relates, you will apply to the Admiral commanding on the North American Station to ascertain if the exigencies of the service will admit of his placing a steam-vessel at your disposal for this service; but, you will understand that you are not to take this step unless you have reason to consider it really indispensable.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) JOHN PAKINGTON.

The Officer Administering
The Government of Newfoundland.

(Copy.)

FOREIGN OFFICE, July 19th, 1852.

[Newfoundland Fishery.]

Sir,—With reference to my letter of the 19th of May last, upon the subject of the Newfoundland Fishery, I am directed by the Earl of Malmesbury to transmit to you for the consideration of Sir John Pakington, copies of a Despatch, and of its enclosure, from Sir Anthony Perrier, containing the proposals of the French Government for settling this question.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) H. U. ADDINGTON.

H. MERIVALE, Esquire.,
&c. &c. &c.

(Translation.)

This day, July 5th, 1852.

Monsieur De Bon, Commissioner on behalf of the French Government, in virtue of the authority received by him this morning from the Minister of Marine, has communicated to Monsieur Perrier, Commissioner on behalf of the British Government, the following proposition:—

Proposition made by the Commissioner of the French Government to the Commissioner of the Government of Great Britain to modify into one common interest, the exercise of the rights of Fishery of the subjects of the two countries at the Island of Newfoundland and the adjacent waters.

On behalf of the French Government:

Concession to the subjects of Great Britain of the right of residence in the Bay of St. George (Island of Newfoundland) and of carrying on the fisheries there in common with the subjects of France; or in other terms, the abandonment of the exclusive rights secured to France in that Bay by the treaty of peace of 1783.

On the part of the Government of Great Britain:

1. Concession to French subjects of the right of purchasing and fishing for Herring and Caplin on the south coast of the Island of Newfoundland, without being subject to any tax or payment whatever.

2. Concession to French subjects of the right of fishing for two months in every year without the right of preparing the fish on shore, upon the points of the coast of Labrador, at — hereafter designated Isle Verte, l'Anse de Loup, La Baie Noire and Isles St. Modeste.

3. Admission of the right of French subjects to fish at Belle Isle du Detroit, a right which they have enjoyed without contestation since 1841.

Having read this proposition, the English Commissioner notified his colleague that he was desirous of communicating it to his Government before proceeding to its discussion.

Monsieur de Bon remarked to Monsieur Perrier that being charged with a pressing mission to the coast, he could not await at Paris the result of that communication, and that consequently it would be necessary that other meetings should be adjourned until his return, of which he would cause him to be informed.

(Signed,) DE BON.
A. PERRIER.

[No. 10.]

9, CUMBERLAND TERRACE,
Regent's Park, July 26th, 1852.

My Lord,—In compliance with Your Lordship's verbal instructions, I placed myself in communication with the Colonial Office, on the subject of the late French proposal for the settlement of the Newfoundland fishery question, and I now have the honor to report to your Lordship, that after several interviews with Mr. Stratchey, the gentleman to whom I was referred, and our joint communication of the various points connected with this affair, we agree upon the following propositions, which I beg leave to submit to your Lordship's consideration.

It is evident that in order to negotiate with any prospect of success, for an advantageous settlement of this affair, it will be necessary to be prepared to offer

to the French other advantages than those recommended by Mr. Thomas, President of the Chamber of Commerce of St. John's, which have been refused.

The concessions to France, some or all of which might be granted without detriment to the interests of this Country, and of the Colony, appear to be four :

1st.—A right of Fishery on the Island of Belle Isle, in the Straits.

2ndly.—A right of Fishery on some part of the Coast of Labrador, where it would not materially interfere with British interests.

3rdly.—A further removal of the restrictions on the sale of Bait ; and

4thly.—The reservation of certain spaces or Islands to the exclusive use of the French during the Fishery season (for the purpose of drying fish) on that Southern portion of the Coast over which they would be called upon to give up their other rights.

These concessions to be made in return for the French giving up all rights (except those reserved by the 4th concession) over that Southern portion of the District from which the British are at present by Treaty excluded. This portion to commence at least as high as Bonne Bay, and to include that Bay.

The information now in possession of Her Majesty's Government does not appear to be sufficiently complete to warrant their proposing a settlement of this question on such a basis without further inquiry into the facts.

Advantage might be taken of the short time Sir G. LeMarchant has to remain in the Colony, and instructions sent to his Government to report fully on all the points upon which further information is necessary.

This proceeding would not be productive of any unnecessary delay in the negotiations with France, as the present fishery season will be over before any decisive measures could be adopted.

Captain Milne (one of the Lords of the Admiralty) drove the French away from Belle Isle in 1841. As he is fully acquainted with the fisheries on those coasts I thought it right to consult him on the expediency of admitting the French to fish at Belle Isle and on the Coast of Labrador. His opinion is that the abandonment of French rights to the Southward of Bonne Bay, would more than compensate for any losses that would fall on the British Fishery interests in consequence of French Fishery on the Coasts of Belle Isle and Labrador.

He informed me that Vice-Admiral Sir G. Seymour, Commander in Chief of that Station, is about to proceed to Newfoundland. I therefore beg leave to suggest that the Lords of the Admiralty be requested to direct Sir George to confer with the Governor on this matter, and to report his own opinion upon the above mentioned concessions. Sir George has already been on the Newfoundland Station, and is fully aware of all the difficulties arising from French encroachments on that quarter.

I had prepared the enclosed memorandum to serve in my communications with the Colonial Office, and I have the honor to submit its conclusions to Your Lordship's consideration.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) ANTHONY PERRIER.

The EARL OF MALMESBURY,
&c. &c. &c.

P. S.—Since writing the foregoing, I have been informed that Sir G. LeMarchant has been authorized to leave Newfoundland and to proceed to Halifax.

Memorandum on the Newfoundland Fishery Negotiations.

Subsequently to the Reports made by Sir A. Perrier to the Earl of Aberdeen, on the 5th of September and the 8th November, 1843, Conferences were held at Newfoundland, and by Mr. Thomas, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and Captain Fabvre, Commander of the French Naval Station.

The proceedings at these Conferences may be briefly recapitulated.

Captain Fabvre commenced by proposing that a concurrent right of Fishery should be admitted on the French Coasts to the Westward of Newfoundland, and a similar concurrent right on the Labrador Coast in the Straits of Belle Isle, immediately opposite.

This was decidedly objected to by Mr. Thomas, as being likely to increase difficulties and promote collisions. Mr. Thomas then proposed to allow to the French an exclusive right of Fishery on the Coasts of Newfoundland, extending from Bonne Bay to Cape St. John, and on the Island of Belle Isle; and also, that Bait (Caplin and Herrings) should be sold at St. Pierre under certain restrictions at exportation from the Coast of Newfoundland.

Monsieur Fabvre approved of these limits; reserving, however, to France, the exclusive possession of four points to the Northward of Bonne Bay; viz.:—Cod-Roy, Red Island, Port-à-Port, and Lark Harbour.

M. Fabvre also thought that France should have a concurrent right of Fishery on that part of Labrador situated in the Straits of Belle Isle.

He concluded by stating that he did not reject Mr. Thomas's proposal; but that he did not consider himself sufficiently authorized by his Government to accept it.

This matter having been taken into consideration by the two Governments, it was agreed that a commission should be held in Paris to endeavor to come to a definite settlement of the question.

Captain Fabvre was named on the part of France, and Sir A. Perrier was appointed by Her Majesty's Government.

The Commissioners met in Paris, in March, 1846.

Captain Fabvre proposed a reciprocal right of Fishery on the West Coast of Newfoundland, and on the Coast of Labrador, opposite, subject to regulations to be enforced by Government Cruisers of both Nations.

Sir A. Perrier could not admit this proposal, for the same reasons which had caused it to be rejected by Mr. Thomas.

Sir A. Perrier then reproduced the proposal made by Mr. Thomas to Captain Fabvre at Newfoundland.

Captain Fabvre replied that the new instructions he had received did not admit of his entering into this arrangement; but that he would make another proposal later.

Whether from difference of opinion between the Marine and Foreign Departments, or from some other cause, Captain Fabvre could not get the Minister for Foreign Affairs to consent to his proposal being brought forward; so that in May, 1847, Lord Palmerston ordered Sir A. Perrier to return to his post at Brest.

In July, 1851, application was made by the French Ambassador, in London, for a renewal of the Newfoundland negotiations broken off in 1847; and Lord Palmerston directed Sir A. Perrier to hold himself in readiness to meet the Commissioner about to be appointed by the French Government. The Commission

was opened in Paris, last month, and the French Commissioner [Monsieur de Bon] presented a proposal, of which the following is a literal translation :—

“ On the part of the French Government, Concession to the British subjects, of the right to inhabit St. George’s Bay, Newfoundland, and to fish there in common with the French Citizens; or in other words, relinquishment of the exclusive right of Fishery in that Bay, guaranteed to France by the Treaty of Peace of 1783.

“ On the part of the British Government :

“ 1st.—Concessions to French Citizens of the right of purchasing and fishing for Herring and Caplin on the South Coast of Newfoundland, without being subject to any Tax, or retribution whatever.

“ 2ndly.—Concession to French Citizens of the right of Fishery, without curing on shore, during two months of each year, on the following points on the Coast of Labrador; viz. :—Green Island, L’Ance à Loup, Black Bay and Modeste Islands.

“ 3rdly.—Recognition of the right of French Citizens to fish at Belle Isle in the Straits, which right they exercised without its being put in question until 1841.”

This proposal is so different from anything that could have been expected from Captain Fabvre’s communications, that it cannot but be considered as totally inadmissible.

Sir A. Perrier will therefore submit to Her Majesty’s Government the expediency of his making a counter-proposal, embodying all the conditions contained in Lord Aberdeen’s instructions of March 14, 1846. He will also suggest that he be instructed to hold out (in the event of refusal to entertain the English proposal, or of the French Government insisting upon the removal of British settlers from within the French limits) that Her Majesty’s Government will enforce the strict observance of all the stipulations of the several Treaties which concede to France a temporary right of fishery upon certain parts of the Coast of Newfoundland; that the French will be restricted from fishing, curing and drying, and to board stages and huts necessary for these purposes—that they will be prevented taking Salmon,* or any other Fish in any part of the Rivers, Streams, or other waters not *bonâ fide* on the Coast†—that nothing but what is indispensable for fishing, or to the necessities of the Fishermen, will be allowed to be landed without payment of Duty; and lastly, that these measures will be enforced by Cruisers and Custom-House Officers, who will remain stationary with the French ships during their stay at Newfoundland, and follow them until their departure at the close of the fishing season. Moreover, it might be notified that the sale of Herrings and Caplin to French Fishermen would be prohibited.

(Signed,) ANTHONY PERRIER.

7, CUMBERLAND TERRACE,
Regent’s Park, July 21, 1852.

* In the last degree for apportioning the Fishery stations on the Coast of Newfoundland, the French have provided for allotment of the Salmon Fisheries. This is an encroachment never before attempted.

† Coast.—The edge or margin of the land next the sea—the shore. It is not used for the Banks of less waters.—Johnson’s folio Dictionary.

(No. 62.—Trade.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Newfoundland, 22nd September, 1852.

Sir,—1.—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential Despatch of the 17th August, transmitting certain Documents having reference to negotiations between France and Great Britain, with a view to a new definition of the rights of the two nations on the Coast of Newfoundland, and requesting from me a report on the whole subject, and my opinion as to what concessions, whether those suggested by Sir A. Perrier, or what others, should be made on either side, in order to close the existing sources of dispute.

2.—I have not failed to give my earnest attention to a subject which is of such vital importance to the interests of this Colony, and to seek the opinions of those most calculated to form a right judgment thereon, and I proceed to lay before you the conclusion at which I have arrived.

3.—I will commence by adverting to the assumption on the part of the French Commissioner, of the right to an exclusive Fishery on certain parts of the Coast of this Island, founded, I presume, on the declaration of His late Majesty George the 3rd, appended to the treaty of 1783, and which right, although exercised by them on a part, and a part only, of what is generally termed the French Shore, has never been admitted by us.

4.—The very terms of the Declaration in question, whilst forbidding the English Fishermen to interrupt by their competition, or to injure the Stages, &c., of the French, recognize their presence, and the whole question would appear to be settled by the concession, on the part of our Government, to the citizens of the United States in the treaty of 1818, of the same rights which had been conceded to the French in that of 1783.

5.—Before proceeding to notice more particularly the propositions made by the French and English Commissioners respectively, I would observe that the settlements in St. George's Bay, and on other parts of the French Shore, have grown up without protest or complaint on the part of the French—that they have hitherto been of no service to this Colony, adding neither to our revenue or resources, and that the concession to us of any part of this coast would not be of sufficient value to warrant a compliance with any of the propositions of the French Commissioner. In fact there is only one concession to be made by the French Government which would prove of real advantage, and that is, the doing away their bounties,—but so far from any disposition to this proceeding being manifested, the present Government of France is reported to have so altered them so as to make them press with more injurious force than heretofore on the trade of this Colony.

6.—I would respectfully repeat that, with this exception, France has nothing of value to yield to us, and that the only prospect of our sustaining our trade in Foreign Markets against bounties equal in amount to what would be considered a remunerative price for the fish, is by such a vigilant and efficient protection of our existing rights as will tend materially to reduce the quantity of fish caught by the French Fishermen, and consequently ensure a more extended market for our own catch.

7.—I will now proceed to notice the propositions of Monsieur Bon, which are, that the French Government will recognize settlement, and concede to us a concurrent right of Fishery in St. George's Bay. This concurrent right we already claim to possess, but it is little used or recognized—our fishing grounds already in use being sufficient, if protected from encroachments, to supply the wants of the markets, especially so long as they are so largely supplied by our Foreign rivals.

8.—In return, Monsieur Bon proposes—1st—that the French shall have the right of purchasing and fishing for Herring and Caplin on the Southern Coast without being subject to any tax or retribution whatever. This concession would be fraught with ruinous results to our Fishery, as the power of, in some degree, preventing their procuring bait, is the only or principal means of averting the fatal disadvantages our trade labours under in competing with that of the French, sustained as it is by enormous bounties. 2nd.—That they shall have the right to fish during two months of the year (without curing or drying on shore) on that part of the Coast of Labrador between the Isle Vertes and and the Isle St. Modeste, both included. That is, to establish as a right what has been one of their most injurious encroachments—to guard against which, the Colony has this year, at considerable expense, fitted out a protective force, and to the action of which force great importance is attached. The period of two months, to which they offer to confine themselves, being the whole period during which fish is caught on this part of the Labrador Coast. 3rdly.—The right of fishing at Belle Isle in the Straits, which they enjoyed (according to their assertion) up to 1841 without any demur on the part of Great Britain.

This assertion may to some extent be true, as it is only since the very injurious effects on our Trade, of the French bounty-sustained fishery, have been severely experienced, that the importance of confining that fishery to its own proper limits has been so deeply felt.

The Belle Isle Fishery is usually very good; nothing that could be offered us (except the giving up of bounties) would in the view of those interested in our fisheries be deemed an equivalent for allowing the French a participation in its benefits.

9.—It is true that when in 1845 some negotiation took place between Captain Favre on the part of the French Government, and Mr. Thomas, the President of the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Executive Council, on our behalf, it was proposed, by the latter gentleman, that in consideration of the French giving up their right to fish on a part of the Western Coast, they should have an exclusive right on the remaining part of what is termed their Shore, and including Belle Isle; but as I have already stated, the operation of the French bounties has, since that time, been so ruinously felt, and the West Coast would be so little service to us, that it would be considered as no equivalent for such a surrender.

10.—In the foregoing observations I have anticipated Sir A. Perrier's proposals, the adoption of which, I am compelled to say, would cause deep dissatisfaction in the Colony, as the strongest objections would be felt to the yielding the right of Fishery in the Island of Belle Isle, or on any part of the Labrador Coast, or to the removal of any restrictions on the sale of bait.

11.—I trust you will not think that I am raising any uncalled for objections to the different propositions made with reference to the settlement of this most vital question—the interest in which is, at this moment, felt with greater intensity from the ruinous results of the shipments of fish during the last year, arising from the competition in foreign markets of the French, whose bounties enable them to sell their fish at a price that must bring ruin to our Trade except the quantity caught by them can be diminished.

12.—The only mode of doing this is by preventing their procuring bait from our shores, or encroaching on our fishing-grounds.

Nothing they can offer would be a compensation for any relaxation on either of these points; and I would respectfully observe, that any negotiations founded on any other view, would be not only without advantage, but absolutely prejudicial to our Trade.

13.—From the information I have derived from those most competent to furnish it, and from the experience I have gained in a long residence, during which I have visited every part of the Colony, I have not deemed it necessary to avail myself of your permission to apply to the Admiral Commanding for a Steamer to enable me to visit any part of the Coast.

14.—I shall, in obedience to your directions, transmit a copy of this report to His Excellency Sir John Gaspard LeMarchant, and to Admiral Sir George F. Seymour.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

(Signed,) JAMES CROWDY.

The Right Honorable Sir S. J. PAKINGTON,
&c. &c. &c.

(Confidential.)

DOWNING STREET, August 19th, 1853.

[3rd, 4th, 10th, and 26th June, 1853.]

Sir,—With reference to my predecessor's confidential despatch of the 17th August, 1852, and Mr. Crowdy's reply of the 22nd September, 1852, on the subject of the proposed revision of the engagements subsisting between this Country and France with respect to the Newfoundland fisheries, I annex for your information and guidance, a copy of a communication from the Department of Foreign affairs, which will place you in possession of the present state of the question, and the wish of Her Majesty's Government to receive a further and final report upon it from the spot.

2.—I have to draw your most particular attention to the concluding remarks of Mr. Addington's letter, and I have to request that you will use your best endeavors to suggest a practicable settlement of the question, which, if left in its present state, can only lead to collision between this country and France without any advantage to Newfoundland, and which, if no settlement of it can be suggested from the spot, Her Majesty's Government at whatever disadvantage as to local information, must then proceed to deal with it in the best way that may occur to them out of regard to the momentous considerations adverted to by the department of Foreign Affairs.

3.—Mr. Archibald, the Attorney General of Newfoundland, as you will observe from the papers, has taken an important part during his late visit to this country, on leave of absence, in the discussions which have taken place, and will be able to give you such further particulars respecting them as you may require.

4.—Her Majesty's Government do not consider that the abandonment by the French of their system of bounties could be proposed to them with any prospect of success; but they cannot by any means concur in the opinion expressed by Mr. Crowdy in the despatch above referred to, that the abandonment of that system is the only basis on which it can be of advantage to British interests to treat. Whatever the objects of the negotiations on the subject of the Newfoundland fisheries may have heretofore been, the main object of Her Majesty's Government in now continuing them, is to remedy by such well-balanced mutual concessions as may be made without serious detriment to the interests of either party, the hazard-

ous complication of ill-defined and conflicting rights which is involved in the Treaties in their existing shape. And there is obviously no necessity for introducing the subject of bounties into an arrangement for such a purpose, great as the advantage would undeniably be from obtaining their abrogation.

5.—I add for your information, with reference to the report from Sir A. Perrier of the 10th June, which is enclosed in Mr. Addington's letter, a copy of a further communication from Sir A. Perrier, dated the 30th June, in explanation of some part of that report.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed,) NEWCASTLE.

GOVERNOR HAMILTON,
&c. &c. &c.

FOREIGN OFFICE, June 26th, 1853.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 18th ultimo, respecting the Newfoundland Fishery Question, and suggesting that Sir Anthony Perrier should put himself in communication with Mr. Strachey and Mr. Archibald, the Attorney General of Newfoundland, and should discuss with them the course to be pursued in the further negotiations between Great Britain and France, I am directed by the Earl of Clarendon to acquaint you, for the information of the Duke of Newcastle, that Sir Anthony Perrier has reported to Lord Clarendon the result of his interviews with the above named gentlemen. Of that report, I enclose herewith a copy. With that report before him, Lord Clarendon has again attentively examined the question in all its bearings; and considering the material difference which exists between the opinions of the Newfoundland authorities as expressed in 1844 and those now put forward by the Attorney General for the Colony, it appears to his Lordship that there will be little utility in pursuing the pending negotiations with France, until a distinct and conclusive exposition of the views and wishes of the Colony, confirmed by the opinion of the Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, shall have been made known to Lord Clarendon in such a shape as to enable him to act securely and finally upon it, with reference to the propositions to be made to the French Government.

Lord Clarendon proposes, therefore, to announce to the French Government that circumstances have arisen which render it necessary to make further reference to Newfoundland before the discussions between the English and French Commissioners can be resumed with any prospect of coming to a satisfactory arrangement. In the meantime his Lordship would suggest that it should be clearly stated to the Government of Newfoundland, that great embarrassment cannot fail to arise from any vacillation or uncertainty which may be exhibited by the authorities of that Colony with regard to the propositions to be submitted to France, for a final settlement of the Newfoundland fishery question; and it would also, in Lord Clarendon's opinion, be desirable to intimate to the Colonial Government, that if obstacles were thrown in the way of a fair settlement by mutual compromise, of this difficult and hazardous question, Her Majesty's Government might find themselves compelled, in justice to the interests of the Mother Country, either to leave to the Colony the future expense of the protection of the Colonial fisheries, or to negotiate with France without further

reference to the Colony, for the adjustment of differences, the continuation of which is fraught with serious danger to the amicable relations now subsisting between Great Britain and France.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) H. U. ADDINGTON.

HERMAN MERIVALE, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

LONDON, June 10th, 1853.

[Newfoundland Fishery.]—Separate.

My Lord,—In compliance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's despatch of the 20th ultimo, I immediately entered into communication with Mr. Archibald, Attorney General of Newfoundland, and Mr. Strachey, of the Colonial office, upon the subject of the negotiations with France for a settlement of the question of Fishery Rights around that Island.

After our second meeting it became evident that the opinions of the three parties were so much at variance, as not to admit of any prospect of a unanimous decision, it was therefore agreed that Mr. Archibald and Mr. Strachey should discuss the matter between themselves, and communicate to me the result of their deliberations.

I have the honor to enclose a letter from these gentlemen with the amendments which they propose, accompanied by their explanatory notes.

When six weeks ago I waited upon the Duke of Newcastle, I explained to his Grace that the proposals made last year by the French, being totally inadmissible, your Lordship was of opinion that a counter-proposal (to be final) should now be made, offering such equitable conditions as could be received, and would in the event of refusal cast upon the French Government the breaking up of negotiations, in which case things would remain in the favorable position wherein they have been placed by the protective measures adopted last year. I also stated that the project of instructions for the British Commissioner was prepared in this spirit, and that I felt convinced that these proposals would be rejected, being so much below the French pretensions.

I gave the same explanation to Messrs. Archibald and Strachey, who have taken a very different view of the matter, having considered as a project of Treaty that which was only intended as a project of instructions for proposals.

The amended project transmitted by these gentlemen is not, in my humble opinion, such as can meet your Lordship's views. It offers nothing more than a confirmation of some of the advantages of which the French are, and long have been (whether right or wrong) in real possession, whilst it would deprive them of many benefits they now virtually enjoy. Therefore, as all would be loss to them without any compensation, it cannot be expected that these propositions would be accepted.

The present local interests of the Newfoundland merchants seem to be the sole object kept in view, without any consideration whatever for the international difficulties in which Her Majesty's Government are involved by a long toleration of the French interpretation of Treaties made at remote periods, when the British settlements at Newfoundland did not extend beyond a small portion of the Southern and Eastern Coasts of the Island; when the best fishery (that on the

Banks) was entirely carried on by ships from Great Britain, and the Colonial Fishery was confined to the long shore fishing on the Southern and part of the Eastern Coasts; and when the fisheries on the Western and Northern coasts and along the shore of Labrador were of little or no importance to the Colony.

I must, however, exempt Mr. Strachey from this last observation. He is aware of the difficulties to be contended with, for he admits "that much has passed to commit the British Government to the more enlarged interpretation respecting *fixed Settlements* adopted by Monsieur de Bon." He also acquiesces in proposing the cession to the French of a right of fishery at Belle Isle in the Straits, a measure which Mr. Archibald strongly opposes.

With reference to the sale of bait to the French* on the Southern Coast, the total rejection of this measure is not in accordance with the pressing solicitations from the Colony for a free and reciprocal trade and right of fishery with the United States. The Americans frequent the bank fishery, for which they are obliged to bring bait from the coast of America. When they acquire the right to take it themselves on the Coast of Newfoundland, they are likely to become more formidable competitors in foreign markets than the French, for the produce of their Bank fishery will soon cut out, by its well-known superiority, the small fish of Newfoundland catch, taken along the coasts of the Island and of Labrador.

With respect to a further reference to the Legislature of Newfoundland before coming to a final decision on the proposals to be made to France, it is entirely a matter of consideration for your Lordship; but I should consider myself deficient in my duty were I not to state the impressions left on my mind, that this suggestion, emanating from the Newfoundland Attorney General, is that the proposed delay is with the view of keeping back the question of sale of bait, as a means of bargaining with H. M. Government for Free Trade with the United States.

It would be trespassing too much on your Lordship's time to continue refuting the objections contained in the enclosed documents, and to renew the oft-repeated arguments against the concurrent right of fishery proposed to be offered to the French on the coast between Cape Ray and Bonne Bay; but there remains one proposal of these gentlemen, which is of too serious a nature not to be noticed, namely, the admission by treaty of a sort of French jurisdiction in places reserved to French fishery.

The end may be obtained without this sacrifice of principle, for when warned that they must not fish nor trespass within the French boundaries, British transgressors will have no right to complain of any act of the French to uphold their privileges.

These acts may, without inconvenience, be overlooked, but it would, I conceive, be a dangerous precedent to concede, by Treaty, the exercise of any rights pertaining to the sovereignty of the Island.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) A. PERRIER.

The Honorable the Earl of CLARENDON, K.G.,
&c. &c. &c.,
Foreign Office.

* Notwithstanding this rejection, Messrs. Archibald and Strachey think that "if the proposed Treaty of Reciprocity with the United States takes place, there can no longer be the same motive, nor indeed could it be equally practicable to restrict the French supply of Bait." (Inclosure No. 1, page 24, in Messrs. Archibald and Strachey's despatch.

COLONIAL OFFICE,

Downing Street, June 4th, 1853.

Sir,—In pursuance of the instructions given to us by the Duke of Newcastle, to take into consideration the project of Treaty which you have suggested for negotiation with France, in reference to the Newfoundland Fisheries, and communicate with you on the subject, we transmit to you, herewith, a statement of such amendments of the project as we think, after the discussions which we have had with you, to be advisable, together with observations in explanation of them.

We have, &c.,

(Signed,) E. M. ARCHIBALD,
W. STRACHEY.

Sir A. PERRIER.

Enclosure 1, in Letter to Sir A. Perrier, dated 4th June, 1853.

Project of Proposal to France for the Settlement of the Newfoundland Fishery Question.

The Proposals made on the 5th July last by Monsieur de Bon, on the part of the French Government, cannot be accepted for the following reasons:

1st.—The right of inhabiting St. George's Bay already belongs to H. M.'s subjects, for although they are debarred by the terms of the Treaty of 1783 from forming Fishing Establishments on the coasts where French subjects may fish during the season, they are nevertheless entitled to establish themselves for all other purposes on all parts of the coasts of Newfoundland; this is one of the territorial rights belonging to the Sovereignty of the Island, none of which rights (except that of temporary fishing) has ever been conceded or can be conceded by Her Majesty's Government.

2nd.—Concurrent fishery cannot be carried on by the British and French subjects without mutual interruptions. This would inevitably lead to a renewal of those quarrels to prevent which the Treaty of 1783 was expressly made.

1.—That the terms "establishment sedentaires," or fixed settlements, in the declaration, were understood at the time of the Treaty to have reference only to fixed or permanent fishing establishments, appears from Governor Campbell's Proclamation of September, 1784, quoted by Sir A. Perrier; at the same time it is right to bear in mind that much has passed to commit the British Government to the more enlarged interpretation of the phrase adopted by Monsieur de Bon.

2.—The effect of this paragraph appears to be an indirect admission of an exclusive right of Fishery in the French, and is at variance with what we have always contended for and maintained on this point, (see Lord Palmerston's note to Count Sebastean, July 10, 1838.) It is only where a concurrent fishery would

actually interrupt the exercise of the French right of fishing, that it would be inconsistent with the Treaty and Declaration; moreover we think the impracticability of carrying on a concurrent fishery without mutual interruptions too broadly stated in the paragraph. We believe that it is quite possible, and that it has been the actual practice, both before and since the Treaty of 1783, for both parties to use, on amicable terms, parts of the coast not greatly frequented by either, as for example between Cape Ray and Bonne Bay. We think it advisable, therefore, on these grounds, to omit this paragraph.

3rd.—For the same reason the French cannot be permitted to fish for bait on the Southern Coast of Newfoundland.

3.—The power to concede to the French permission to fish for bait on the Southern Coast of Newfoundland, is vested solely in the Imperial Government; but as local interests are deeply involved in the question of such a concession, and as representations have been made from time to time by the Commercial Body and the Legislature of Newfoundland, complaining of the great injury arising from the encroachments of the French in fishing for bait, and as it appears from the late Acting Governor's answer to the recent reference, that the local objections to giving the French any facilities for obtaining bait still continue, we think that the concession should be refused for these reasons rather than on the ground of inconvenience from a concurrent fishery.

The granting permission to purchase bait without hindrance is more peculiarly matter of local concern, and a concession that there would be legal difficulties in making without the concurrence of the Local Legislature, which not only possesses, in common with the Colonial Assemblies under recent Imperial Acts, full powers to levy duties independently of Parliament, but passed in 1845, with concurrence of the Queen in Council, an act (8 Vic. c. 5) imposing a high export duty on bait, for the purpose of checking the traffic in it. This act is still in force, and the most recent accounts do not show any disposition on the part of the Local Legislature to repeal it.

The Imperial Parliament has without doubt the power of regulating the traffic in bait in supercession of all Local Laws; but this would be an unusual stretch of authority.

For these reasons we think Monsieur De Bon's proposition must be rejected as regards not merely the fishing for bait, but the traffic in it also.

4th.—Neither can they be admitted to any participation in the Fishery on the Coast of Labrador, where (especially in the Belle Isle Straits) British fishermen resort in great numbers.

4.—This paragraph, if our preceding views are adopted, may be introduced thus: Her Majesty's Government also find that British interests do not admit of any participation by the French in the Fishery, &c.

5th.—The Island of Belle Isle in the Straits, being a British possession not included in any of the concessions made to France by Treaty, no French right to fish there can be recognized.

H. M. Government being desirous of bringing the Newfoundland Fishery question to a prompt and satisfactory solution, authorize Sir A. Perrier to make the following propositions:—

We think it would be advisable to state to the French Government rather more fully the reasons why our own proceeds to authorize a counter project. For the terms we would suggest, see the preamble of the Draft project in our separate paper.

1st.—British subjects shall not fish during the season on any part of the Coasts of Newfoundland where French subjects enjoy by Treaty the right of Fishery.

It is advisable to define a sea limit within which British subjects shall be prohibited from fishing on the Coast. We therefore suggest that the proposition should be amended to the terms of Article 1, of the separate paper.

2nd.—The term coast (the literal meaning of which is the shore-margin of the Sea) being vague and open to contradictory interpretation, it is proposed to determine its signification with reference to the Fishery Rights in question, as follows:—

The word coast, so far as it relates to French fishing, curing, or drying, and erection of scaffolds and huts for fishing purposes at Newfoundland, shall be understood to mean the strand and the ground extending inland one quarter of a mile from high water mark; and where any River, Creek, Arm of the Sea, or other opening less than three miles wide intervened, then a straight line drawn from Headland to Headland across that aperture, shall be considered as equivalent to high water mark.

We would suggest in place of the first part of this proposition, article 3 of our separate paper.

This latter part of the proposition would shut out the French from several of the Harbours now used by them. But as between Cape John and Bonne Bay there are no large rivers, nor any in which, we understand, the tide flows be-

3rd.—No British fixed settlement of any kind shall be made in the Districts reserved to France nearer to the sea than the coast limit of a quarter of a mile.

yond a short distance, we suggest, instead of this latter passage, the insertion of a provision that the right of fishery shall in no case be enjoyed by the French in any creek, river, or stream above the flow of the tide, and shall be limited to salt water only, as in Article 2 of the separate paper.

We fear, with Sir A. Perrier, that the French, having acquired by the Declaration of 1783 a right to the removal of fixed settlements, will not be satisfied unless this right is maintained in the present Convention, and interpreted in some more general sense than one confined to fishing establishments only. But an obligation on our part to remove Settlements, in a general sense, would obviously be very inconvenient to us, if not completely beyond our power to discharge. It would, therefore, we think, be advantageous to both parties to concede to the French themselves an authority, in certain cases, to prevent encroachments, but under such limitations as shall not prejudice our rights of sovereignty or our claim to consider the existing duty of removal as applicable to fishing establishments only. We think it politic also to provide that an acquiescence on the part of the French, for a specified period, in any erection made to the prejudice of their Fishery rights, shall cast upon them the payment of compensation in case of the subsequent removal, at their instance, of any such erection.

In the same manner we think it advisable to give the French a certain authority to protect their rights against British Vessels or Boats trespassing on the Fishing grounds assigned to the French.

The general effect of the authority we thus impose on the French by land and water would simply be to legalize and regulate an irregular interference of the French with our Settlements and Vessels which already exists in practice, and which in the absence of police arrangements on the part of the British Government, obviously cannot be prevented. It will probably not be convenient to introduce such arrangements on the greater part of the coast assigned to the French, within any given time. But,

4th.—All Fisheries inland of the coast limit are entirely British.

5th.—French subjects shall not make use of any mode of fishing at the entrance of Rivers and Creeks (nor anywhere else on the Coast) of Newfoundland which would be illegal (on the Coasts or) in the Rivers of France.

6th.—The right of hook and line fishing, and of curing and drying at Belle Isle in the Straits, shall be conceded to French Fishermen during the Season; but they must not use Seines or any other kind of Nets. During the time of French Fishery, British subjects shall neither fish, cure, nor dry, on the said Island.

7th.—The French rights of Fishery along the Straits of Belle Isle, so far N. as the Island of Belle Isle, shall extend half-way across from the Shores of Newfoundland and Belle Isle towards the Coast of Labrador.

8th.—The right of Fishery on these parts of the Coasts of Newfoundland, where the French may fish under Treaty, shall commence on the 1st May and end on the last day of October in each year.

9th.—The boundary between the British and French Fishery limits, on the East coast of Newfoundland; shall be the point near Cape St. John agreed upon by Captain Darley of H. M. S. *Electra* and Captain Fabvre, in 1843.

according to our plan, such arrangements whenever made by the British Government, would at once and entirely supersede within their range the authority otherwise conferred on the French. We believe that an authorized system of this kind would be far less productive of collision than the continuance of a practice of French control, which British subjects have a legal right to resist, but on which the British Government, so long as it gives the French no active protection of its own, has no just ground to complain.

For the terms we would propose, see articles 4, 5, & 6, of the separate paper.

This seems hardly necessary, and may be construed as an indirect admission that they are not ours already.

Very advisable provision as to Rivers, but should not restrict the French in their fishery on the open Coast.—Amend as in Article 2 of the separate paper.

If it is thought expedient to concede to the French a right of fishery at Belle Isle, we would suggest that the proposition should be introduced as in article 12 of the separate paper; but upon the question of making the concession, see our concluding remarks.

The substance of this provision is embraced in the Draft of article 1, in the separate paper.

We would suggest a slight change in the wording of this proposition, as in article 7 of the separate paper 7.

We understand that such a boundary was agreed upon as here assumed, and that a Map of it is in the possession of the Local Government; but we are unable to hear of there being any document in the public offices in this Country to admit of this subject being included in the propositions to the French, if made at this moment. On the facts being as

10th.—British Fishermen shall be allowed to sell Herring, Caplin, and any other kind of bait to the French.

11th.—In exchange for the above-mentioned concessions, France shall cede to Great Britain all fishery rights whatever on the coasts between Cape Ray and Point Verte, the Northward of Bonne Bay, on the West coast of Newfoundland.

certained, we would suggest an amended proposition, as in article 10 of the separate paper, having reference to the Boundaries on both sides of Newfoundland.

We suggest the omission of this proposition for the reasons above stated.

We think there could be no objection to permitting the French to fish concurrently with the British, and to dry and cure fish in unoccupied places on shore until a year's notice shall have been given to them by the British Government; under such an arrangement by which we should have the power of withdrawing the privilege, in the event of its being abused, or of our requiring the exclusive use of this coast for ourselves, it is probable the French would continue without detriment to British interests to derive almost as extensive advantage from this part of the coast as that which they now enjoy. We therefore propose an addition to this proposition as in article 8 of the separate paper.

To remove doubts and prevent disputes, it will be well to insert at this place a proposition recognizing the right of the French during the season to a fishery at Groais Isle and Belle Isle South, in like manner as on those parts of the coast of Newfoundland assigned them.

Whatever the claim of the French from occupancy may be, it is not quite clear that those Islands were comprised in the original concession to the French. For the terms we would suggest, see article 9 of the separate paper.

We suggest for security a provision as in article 2 of the separate paper, to the effect that the French rights of fishery shall stand on the footing of former Treaties in all particulars not altered or modified by this Convention.

We also suggest a final provision as in article 13 of the separate paper for fixing a time for bringing the Convention into operation. Proper in any event.

Sir A. Perrier will announce to the French Commissioner that it is the in-

tention of H. M. Government to keep cruisers on the coast and to establish stations on shore at Belle Isle in the Straits, and at any other places where it may be deemed expedient.

The following further concessions may be agreed to by Sir A. Perrier, if he can thereby bring his French colleague to a final adjustment of the question:—

1.—Half a mile to be the Coast limit instead of a quarter of a mile.

2.—Fishery at Belle Isle without confining the French to hook and line fishing.

3.—Cape St. Gregory to be the French Boundary instead of Point Verte; thus leaving Bonne Bay as a Harbour of Refuge to the French.

A quarter of a mile appears to us sufficient, but we see no particular objection to half a mile if desired by the French; as to the 2nd point, see our concluding remarks; as to the 3rd, considering that the Reports from the Colony have almost invariably represented Bonne Bay as a part of the Coast on which it is an object to get rid of the French rights, we think it would not be advisable to leave it out.

April 23, 1853.

BELLE ISLE.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

Upon the question of ceding to the French the Fishery on Belle Isle North, restricted or not to hook and line, we find a difficulty in coming to a distinct conclusion, indeed there is some difference of opinion between us. It is obvious that unless this cession in the one or other shape be made, or some other concession be substituted, no equivalent will have been given to the French for their cession of rights on the West Coast. But the question is, whether the cession of the Belle Isle Fishery, even if restricted to hook and line, would not turn the balance of advantage too much the other way. The reasons of one of us (Mr. Archibald) for thinking this would be the case, and also for thinking that the fisheries at Belle Isle should, under any circumstances, be restricted to hook and line, are stated in a paper annexed. We are neither of us prepared to recommend any substitute; but we would mention, as deserving of consideration, the alternative of giving the French a permanent instead of a terminable right to fish concurrently with the British on the Coast between Bonne Bay and Cape Ray. On the whole, we consider the point to be one on which a further reference to the Local Government is desirable. That Government will, we think, be able to remove much of the doubt which now exists upon it, and possibly to suggest some substitute in the shape of a concession on the Bait question, now that the aspect of that question is so much altered by the desire recently expressed by the Assembly of Newfoundland, that the Colony should be included in the proposed treaty of Reciprocity with the United States. There could no longer be the same motive, nor indeed, could it be equally practicable to restrict the French supply of Bait, if the Americans should be admitted to a participation in the fishery and trade in fish without any exception as to Bait.

We would anticipate much advantage in other respects from the further reference to the Colony now suggested. The Government here, is, we believe, at present, not in possession of the particulars of the agreement between Captains Darley and Fabvre, (as we have elsewhere observed,) nor of correct Statistical information as to the extent and nature of the settlements on the French Shore—the participation of the settlers there in the fishery—the extent and value of the catch of fish on the West Coast, (between Bonne Bay and Cape Ray,) and on Belle Isle respectively, and other topics on which and on the whole question we are persuaded that much additional light would be thrown if the subject were brought once more under the consideration of the Local Government, in the shape at which it has now arrived.

The reference would certainly involve no real delay. The convention could not take effect except upon the authority of an Act of Parliament. To negotiate the convention and pass the Act all in the remainder of the present Session is hardly possible, or if accomplished, would only be at so late a period in the present fishing season, as not to admit of the convention taking effect till the next; consequently, the result as regards the time of bringing the arrangement into operation will be the same, if the convention is concluded before the next Session of Parliament opens, and the Act passed in the early part of that Session.

ENCLOSURE No. 2,

In Letter to SIR A. PERRIER, dated 4th June, 1853.

Mr. Archibald dissents from the proposition that a right of fishery at Belle Isle be ceded to the French, for the following reasons:—

1st.—Because taking into account the additional privileges and concessions proposed to be granted to the French, on the coast between Cape John and Bonne Bay, we should receive no equivalent for the cession of Belle Isle, in the relinquishment by the French of right of Fishery on the coast between Bonne Bay and Cape Ray.

For all purposes of Agriculture on the West Coast, we have full enjoyment of it already. The Fisheries within the mouths of Rivers are ours. The Cod Fisheries here are much less valuable than on any other part of the coast of Newfoundland; and the annual catch of Cod Fish by British subjects does not exceed a few hundred quintals. The Herring Fishery, which is followed to a considerable extent, principally in St. George's Bay, is carried on for the most part before the commencement and after the close of the season, when the French resort to this coast, and is not practically an interruption to their fishery. Moreover, from the superior productions of their fishing grounds, on the North and East Coast, the fishery here has never at any time been extensively resorted to by them.

But we have always exercised concurrent fishery on part of the West Coast, from the time of the Treaty (as we were entitled) without remonstrance on the part of the French; and no argument against our concurrent right, here at least, is to be drawn from her having foreborne to exercise it on other parts of the coast, on which the French enjoy a right of fishery;—and a concurrent fishery can continue to subsist here without actual interruption or hindrance of the French.

2ndly.—The proposed concession is impolitic; because the uncontrolled use of the fishery at Belle Isle will so interrupt and hinder the natural migration of the shoals of fish towards the Labrador as materially to injure our fish on that coast; and, therefore, it ought not to be in the hands of foreigners;—because the facili

ties of the encroachments of the French, on the Labrador, will be increased by their possession of this important neighboring Outport;—because of the greatly superior value and productiveness of the fishery at Belle Isle, as shewn by the Report of Commander Cochrane, of H. M. S. “Sappho,” last year. The increase of the French catch by the large quantity of fish drawn from thence, would not alone be a reduction, by so much of our fishery, but would enable them to introduce an almost equal additional quantity of fish into markets from which their bounty-sustained competition is already gradually excluding us; and, lastly, because the most effectual, in fact the only available means of counteracting the injurious influence on our trade of the bounties in question, is the reduction by every legitimate means of the amount of the French catch.

Rather than cede the fishery at Belle Isle, Mr. Archibald suggests, in addition to the exclusive privileges proposed to be granted to the French, on the coast between Cape John and Bonne Bay, (by one of which British subjects will be henceforth excluded from the private use, for any purpose, of the wide strand reserved to the French,) that the latter be permitted to continue to fish, as at present, concurrently with the British on the coast between Bonne Bay and Cape Ray.

Under any circumstances, a seine fishery should not be permitted at Belle Isle, if the fishery be never conceded to the French. The use of seines at this point is most prejudicial to the fisheries on the Labrador Coast, by intercepting and disturbing the tribes of fish in passing through the Straits, as well as by the indiscriminate destruction of the old and young fish. On the Eastern Coast of Newfoundland, reserved exclusively to the British, the decline of the fishery is attributed in no small degree to the use of seines, and strenuous efforts have been made by a numerous body of fishermen to procure the enactment of a law for prohibiting the use of seines entirely.

(Signed,) E. M. A.

June 4th, 1853.

ENCLOSURE 3,

In Letter to SIR A. PERRIER, dated 4th June, 1853.

DRAFT PROJECT.

Her Majesty's Government being unable to accede to the proposals of Monsieur de Bon, for the reasons stated, but being as desirous as the Government of France to preclude by every possible means the disputes between the two Governments, to which the existing Treaty stipulations on the subject of the Newfoundland fisheries have been shown by experience to tend, more particularly in consequence of the ambiguity of some of the leading Provisions, and being of opinion that the ambiguous might admit of a compromise not interfering with the main advantages at present realized by the respective parties, empower Sir A. Perrier to make the following propositions:

I.—British subjects shall not fish during the season hereafter specified, with in Marine, unless off the Coast of Newfoundland, or the coasts of

the adjacent Islands, on which French subjects shall continue to enjoy [or shall acquire*] the right of fishery under this convention ; or as regards such of those coasts as are separated from British coast, not so assigned to the French by a Channel not exceeding **Marine miles in width, not nearer than the middle of such Channel.**

II.—The right of fishery shall, in no case be enjoyed by the French in any Creek, River or Stream above the flow of the tide, and shall be limited to the salt water only. The French shall not make use of any mode of fishing in or at the entrance of any Creek, River, or Stream which would be illegal in France.

III.—The operations in connection with the fishery, which the French shall have a right to conduct on shore, shall be limited to a strand bordering upon the waters in which the French shall have a right to fish as above defined, and extending inland a quarter of (or half) an English mile from high water-mark. The French, however, shall be allowed to cut wood for the purposes contemplated in the British Declaration, attached to the treaty of 1783, upon unoccupied land at such further distance inland from the strand as may not be inconvenient to the British Government.

IV.—No erection obstructive of the exercise of the French rights of fishery, whether a fishing establishment, or a building or enclosure of any kind, shall be allowed on the strand assigned to the French—save works or erections made or occupied for purposes of defence, or other public use or purpose under the immediate direction of the British Government.

V.—As the British Government may not possess officers of its own on parts of the coast on which it may be necessary to enforce the preceding article ; its enforcement shall devolve, under such circumstances, upon the French Commandant on the station of Newfoundland,—and, accordingly, he and the officers or agents, authorized in writing by him; shall be at liberty to abate or remove any building or enclosure on the strand assigned to the French, if deemed by such commandant to be obstructive of the exercise of the French rights, in the event of their being no duly empowered British Authority established within five English miles of such erection ;—but no erection shall be so abated or removed by French officers or agents, until two months after notice in writing has been given to the occupant or occupants, and to the Governor of Newfoundland.

And if within the period of such notice, or at any time before the intended proceeding shall have been carried into effect, the Governor of Newfoundland shall signify his desire that the question of removing or abating any such erection should be referred to the consideration and determination of the respective Governments in Europe—the French commandant shall stay the intended proceeding pending such determination—and if it be authorized by such determination, shall not be competent to carry it into effect on the expiration of a further notice of one month to the occupant or occupants, and to the Governor of Newfoundland.

Nor shall any building or enclosure for the removal of which the French Authorities may have referred in three successive fishing seasons from taking the steps within their competence, be subject to removal until after equitable compensation, to be arranged between the British and French Governments, has been paid, by the latter for the loss which such removal may occasion to the parties interested.

VI.—In like manner, the officers commanding French vessels of War, on the Newfoundland station, shall be at liberty to remove British vessels or boats from the waters assigned to the French, as defined by this convention, if fishing in

* Note.—These words to be used if a fishery at Belle Islé be conceded to the French.

those waters, in the event of their being no duly empowered British Authority established within five English miles of the place of such act of encroachment.

VII.—The season during which the French shall be entitled to exercise their rights of fishery, shall not commence earlier than the first day of May, nor end later than the last day of October, in each year.

VIII.—In consideration of the concessions on the part of Great Britain, involved in the above arrangements, France relinquishes to Great Britain all fishery rights whatever, on the Coasts and Islands between Cape Ray and Point Verte, (to the Northward of Bonne Bay); but the French shall be permitted to fish concurrently with the British, and to cure and dry fish on unoccupied parts of the Shore on those Coasts and Islands until the close of any fishing season next after the expiration of a year's notice to be given by the Government of Great Britain to the Government of France.

IX.—The coast upon which the French shall retain their fishery rights, shall be recognized to include those of the Islands of Groais and Belle Isle, on the Eastern Coast of Newfoundland, and of all the other Islands smaller than those which are adjacent to the Island of Newfoundland, between Cape St. John and Point Verte.

X.—The boundary of the French fishery, on the East Coast of Newfoundland, shall be the point at Cape St. John, and the line thence extending seawards, agreed upon in 1843, between Captain Darley, of H. M. S. "Electra," and Captain Fabvre, of the French Navy, and the similar boundary on the West Coast shall be a line carried seaward from Point Verte in a direction due West.

XI.—The French rights of fishing shall stand on the footing of former Treaties in all particulars, not altered or modified by this convention.

XII.—In consideration of the concessions on the part of France, involved in the above arrangements, the French shall enjoy the same fishery rights, whether as to land or water, on the Coasts of the Island of Belle Isle in the Straits of that name, as the latter shall enjoy as above defined on the Coast of Newfoundland; except that they shall be restricted to a hook and line fishery only, and shall not use seines or nets of any kind in the waters around Belle Isle, thus assigned to them.

XIII.—This convention shall take effect from the commencement of the fishing season of 1854.

(Copy.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

St. John's, Newfoundland, 28th September, 1853.

(No. 67.—Executive.)

My Lord Duke,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Grace's Despatch of the 19th ultimo, marked Confidential, transmitting the copy of a communication from the Department of Foreign Affairs, with other Documents, in reference to the contemplated revision of the subsisting engagements with France respecting the Newfoundland Fisheries, and expressing the wish of Her Majesty's Government to receive a further and final Report upon the subject from this Government.

2.—In obedience to Your Grace's commands, I have given my earnest consideration to this important matter; in order that I might be the better able to

furnish Your Grace with a distinct exposition of the views and wishes of the Inhabitants of the Colony in regard to it, I have considered it desirable to submit the substance of Your Grace's communication confidentially, to the Members of my Council, and to elicit from them for my information the expression of their views upon the subject-matter in question.

I have also received from the Attorney General an explanation of the particulars of the discussions which took place between Sir A. Perrier, Mr. Strachey, and himself.

3.—In now reporting to your Grace what are the views and wishes of the Colony in reference to this question, and in submitting the proposals of such an adjustment of it, as in the opinion of the Council, would be the least detrimental to British rights, I must beg your Grace's permission to offer some preliminary observations, the freedom of which, I trust, will be pardoned in consideration of the magnitude of the interests involved.

4.—I assure Your Grace, that I by no means undervalue the importance of effecting a settlement of the question, and of preventing, by any practical means, further disputes. Still, while I feel that the consideration of the subject ought to be approached in no merely commercial spirit, but with a due regard to the maintenance of the Honor of the Crown in the faithful observance of the Treaties which guarantee to the French the enjoyment of their privileges, I am also sensible that there are involved in the consideration of the question circumstances affecting in the highest degree the prosperity of this Colony whose interests have been confided to my care, and which are of hardly less importance to all Her Majesty's subjects concerned in its Fisheries, requiring the exercise of great vigilance in the maintenance of our existing rights, and of firmness in resisting the demands of our Rivals for further Concessions to which they have no equitable claim.

5.—I do not now propose to enter into a discussion of the claim of the French to an *exclusive* right of Fishery on that part of the Coast on which a right of Fishery was assigned to them by the Treaties of Utrecht and Versailles. The absence of any foundation for such a claim, is so universally shewn, and the true interpretation of the Treaties so clearly laid down in Lord Palmerston's note of June 10th, 1838, to the French Ambassador Count Sebastian, as to render unnecessary any further argument on this point. The assertion of the claim is, I have reason to believe, of comparatively recent date, and, from the reference made to it in the occasional correspondence of the French Naval Officers on this station appears not to be founded on the words of the Treaty, but rather on the Proclamation of Sir Charles Hamilton, of 1822. This Proclamation, as two preceding ones in 1802 and 1788, were issued under an Act 28 Geo. III., cap. 35, passed not until five years after the Treaty of Versailles, (in consequence it would appear of the lawless conduct of British subjects) in order to give our government power, if necessary, to enforce the terms of the Treaty, and to restrain by extreme measures, British subjects from interrupting the French Fishery. For if the Ministerial Declaration on the part of Great Britain annexed to the Treaty of Versailles, be relied on as the foundation of the French assumption, it must be taken as a whole, and the terms the "13th Article" of the Treaty of Utrecht, and the "method of carrying on the Fishery, which has at all times been acknowledged, shall be the plan upon which the Fishery shall be carried on there; it shall not be deviated from by either party," must have some meaning.

The whole history of the Fishery, from the time of the Treaty of Utrecht, furnished the construction to be put upon these terms. Under that Treaty, the Fishery was always concurrent: The mode in which that Fishery has been carried on, concurrently by the two Nations, is clearly evidenced by the Pro-

clamations of Governors *Palliser, †Shuldham, and ‡Duff, set out in the printed papers accompanying Your Grace's Despatch. Again, the Ministerial declaration is in this respect in accordance with the 5th Article of the Treaty, which is the more important document, and which declares, that the French Fishermen shall enjoy the Fishery which is assigned to them by this present Article as they had the right to enjoy that which was assigned to them by the § Treaty of Utrecht.

6.—In reference to the meaning of the terms “fixed Settlements” and the proper construction of the declaration that His Majesty would cause them to be removed, I have derived much information from two members of my Council who have been in this Island for upwards of half a Century, both of them, for a long period of years after their arrival, and one still largely engaged in the Trade and Fisheries. During the War which ended in 1783,—and the same circumstances occurred during the subsequent Wars ending respectively in 1801 and 1814—the Fishery was engrossed by the British; and fishing establishments of a substantial nature had been fixed by them in all the various harbours|| on the Coast on which the French were assigned a right of Fishery, to such an extent as effectually to prevent the fishery being carried on as it had been under the Treaty of Utrecht; and hence the necessity of their removal to admit all parties to the fair enjoyment of their rights. At this time we had little or no fishery at the Labrador. At the close of the last war and for some years afterwards British Subjects still retained exclusively their fishing establishments, and after the lapse of about seven years, a further Proclamation was found necessary, and was issued accordingly. The French soon resorted to the Coast in such numbers as to prevent by force the British Fishermen from occupying their former locations; and under these circumstances, the latter, with few exceptions, abandoned the fishery and betook themselves to the Labrador. There are, nevertheless, on the North Coast, within the limits assigned for the French fishery, as well in St. George's Bay as elsewhere on the West Coast, not a few British subjects who, and whose ancestors without hindrance or interruption to the French, have exercised a concurrent fishery continuously since the Treaty of Versailles. The right of British Subjects to reside on the Coast, for which purpose permanent habitations and buildings must be occupied, is in no manner prohibited by the Treaty. But the assumption by the French of an exclusive right of fishing in the waters off the Coast, and at such distance from the Coast as they may arbitrarily prescribe, for no limit is defined in the Treaty, is still more unfounded, and it has never been admitted, since it would be productive of the most injurious consequences to British Subjects.

7.—My object in briefly adverting to these particulars is not for the purpose of arguing a proposition which has been disposed of so conclusively by Lord Palmerston in his note above referred to; but rather to show, in reference to the arrangement which I shall presently suggest, that British Subjects are entitled to the enjoyment of valuable rights on the whole of that part of the Coast and in the adjacent waters, where the privilege of fishery has been conceded to the French; which rights ought not to be renounced on even a limited part of the Coast, without a commensurate equivalent.

8.—But while the British Government, from a sincere desire to carry out the Treaty with the utmost advantage to the French, have discouraged British Subjects from resorting to the greater part of the French Shore, as it is called, the policy of the French has, in return, been constantly aggressive, and their fishermen have been guilty of incessant violations of the Treaty in various ways, and

* Palliser, 19th June, 1764—27th July, 1765. † Shuldham, 24th June, 1772—27th July, 1773.

‡ Duff, 7th July, 1775. § Vide pages 138, 139, 140, and 141, printed papers.

|| Sir C. Hamilton, 12th August, 1822.

of the most serious encroachments on Fishing Grounds to which they have no pretence of claim; the resistance and prevention of which have involved and still involve great trouble and expense on the part of Her Majesty's Government. These encroachments and violations of the Treaty have been the subject of reiterated complaints from the Legislature and the Commercial Body of this Island, and are noticed in the yearly Reports of the Naval Officers appointed to inspect and protect the Fisheries. Among the more prominent of these causes of complaint, I may mention first, the practice of cutting and taking away without stint from the Bays of the Southern Coast of the Island, the most valuable Timber—a privilege which they had permission to enjoy in the Bays of Fortune and Despair only, for one or at most two years after the last Treaty of Peace; the practice of fishing on that part of our Coast opposite to the Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, in many cases to the absolute exclusion and expulsion of our Fishermen; the still more injurious practice of fishing for bait in the harbours and coves of Placentia and Fortune Bays, and of digging for shell-fish on our shores—a practice which, together with the illicit traffic in bait with our people, is not only absolutely destroying the fishery on those Bays, but, what is worse, likely to lead to the extermination of bait itself,—the extensive encroachments until very recently at Belle Isle and the Labrador—their usurpation of the Salmon fisheries in almost all the rivers and streams running into the sea within the coast limits assigned to them—the erection of buildings and establishments not authorized by Treaties—the very injurious effects upon our shore fishery of their practice of bultow fishing on the Banks, not authorized, it is contended, by the Treaty of Utrecht—and other minor matters which, although it is true, we have not formally complained of them, ought not to be excluded from consideration under present circumstances.

9.—On the other hand, notwithstanding that the French naval authorities charged with the protection of the fisheries use the utmost vigilance in preventing any interference with their rights by our people, complaints from thence against British subjects are limited almost entirely to occasional larcenies from the French establishments while their owners are absent from the coast. In fact, during the fishing season, their means of preventing by force any fishing by British subjects are such as effectually to discourage all attempts of the kind.

10.—I can, therefore, assure Your Grace, that it is the unanimous feeling of the inhabitants of this Colony, that so far from the French having any just ground of complaint, and from being entitled upon a revision of existing Treaties to ask any further concession, it is rather British subjects who are entitled to indemnity for injuries to our fisheries direct and consequential, resulting from the encroachment of the French and their abuse of the privileges conferred upon them, no less than from the forbearance of the former to exercise rights to which the letter of the Treaty entitled them—rights which, though they may have been suspended in some localities, have never been surrendered; and I may add that I feel confident that, injurious to their interests as have been the operations of the existing Treaties with France, the inhabitants of this Colony would deprecate extremely any alteration by which their rivals might obtain privileges of fishing upon any other parts of the shore of this Island or its dependencies. Such, indeed, is the nature of the struggle which they now have to maintain in their competition in Foreign Markets with the French, owing to the effect of their bounties, that any additional advantage conceded to the French would effectually turn the scale against us and be ruinous to the Trade and Fisheries of this Colony.

11.—Whatever may be the opinions formed by Her Majesty's Government in consequence of the communications of my predecessors on this subject, the current of events during late years has so developed the effects of the oppressive policy of the French and the consequent gradual increase of their fishery and

corresponding decline of ours, that I should be wanting in candor if I did not state my conviction that any further concession would be viewed with extreme dissatisfaction, not alone by the inhabitants of this Colony, but by those of the neighboring Provinces entitled to participate in our fisheries. Such, indeed, is the prevailing sentiment on this point, that I feel no hesitation in saying that this Colony, while it still confides in the power of Britain for the protection of its just rights and the maintenance of its true position, as an integral part of the Empire, would, however, if called upon, accept the alternative referred to in Mr. Addington's letter, of incurring the expense of protecting its fisheries rather than consent to any extension of privileges to the French.

12.—Having said thus much in exposition of the views and wishes of the inhabitants of this Colony, I will, in corroboration of them, state my own opinion, that in any modification of the existing Treaties which may be made, it would be extremely unwise to cede to the French a right of Fishery at Belle Isle. In regard to the material difference on this point, between the opinion of the Newfoundland authorities, as expressed in 1844, and those put forward by the Attorney General, to which Mr. Addington refers, I may observe that the contemplated proposition to cede the Fishery there at that time, was made at the instance of Sir John Harvey alone, without consulting with his Council, and from an over-estimate of the value to us of excluding the French from the fishery on the West Coast, and that notwithstanding the importance of the retention of the fishing at Belle Isle, was not so well understood as at present, still I have reason to believe, that such an exchange and concession would, at that time, have caused general dissatisfaction. I feel it due to the Attorney General to say, that the objections offered by him to this proposition are such as I am sure, are concurred in by the whole Colony; and are confirmed by the Addresses of the Legislature on this subject, which have since been transmitted by me * to Your Grace.

13.—When it is borne in mind, that the Americans, as well as British Subjects, from the neighbouring Colonies, in addition to the people of this Colony, fish on the Labrador Coast, employing in all not fewer than 1,000 vessels yearly, and how prejudicial to the Fishery would be the possession by the French of the Fishery at Belle Isle, where, from its peculiar position, and the use of seines, and possibly of bultows, they would most effectually diminish the supply of Fish upon the Labrador, the impolicy of such Concession—apart from the value of the Fishery at the Island itself—will be further apparent. Again, as it is, the close proximity of the Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, to our Southern Coast, which has led to very serious injuries to our Fisheries in that quarter, of which so many complaints have been made, so the possession by the French of Belle Isle would greatly facilitate encroachments on the neighbouring Coast of Labrador; and lead to many of the same evils there.

14.—The maintenance of the integrity of our Fisheries is now of the utmost importance to this Colony. I have lately had occasion in transmitting the Blue Book Returns for 1852, to call Your Grace's attention to the extent and value of the Seal Fishery, and to the necessity of sustaining and fostering it. Its connection with, and dependance upon the Labrador Fishery, which was not then pointed out, is a consideration also of the first importance. During the last year, no fewer than 127 vessels were added to the Trade of this Colony, and of these, about 70 were of the larger class employed in the Seal Fishery, in which there are now employed in all, from this Island, about 400 sail, which, [the greater number of them at least] afterwards during the season, find employment in the Fisheries at the Labrador; while, therefore, the damage to the Fishery on the

* Governor Hamilton to Duke of Newcastle, in No. 39, of 1st June, 1852.

Labrador, by the cession of Belle Isle, would be a just ground of complaint by the inhabitants of the United States, and of the other North American Colonies, it would be especially felt by the inhabitants of Newfoundland, and the renunciation by the French in return of their right of Fishery between Cape Ray and Bonne Bay, would be very far short of an equivalent.

15.—I may further observe, that the Fishery and Trade carried on by British Settlers at St. George's Bay—the Fishery being chiefly in Herrings caught in the months of April and May, and the Trade being carried on almost entirely with Nova Scotia and the other provinces—are of but little value to the general commerce of the rest of this Island, which is now, as I have shewn, so dependant on the Labrador Fisheries.

16.—I must next advert to the proposition of Sir A. Perrier, that the French shall be permitted to purchase Bait from British Fishermen; by which of course is meant that they may purchase it without restriction. The injury to our Trade and Fisheries of this traffic have been so often and so forcibly pointed out in the Petitions from this Colony and in the Reports of Naval Officers on the Station, that it is needless to repeat them. In any new Convention that may be made, it should be a *sine qua non*, if the sale of Bait is made a stipulation, that the right of purchase must be subject to such regulations as may be made by the Local Legislature for the protection of the Breeding and the preservation of the Bait, regulations that are now imperatively demanded, and without which the Bait in our Southern Bays will in time be exterminated.

As regards the effect upon this part of the question of embracing Newfoundland in any Treaty of Reciprocity between the North American Colonies and the United States, by which the Americans may be admitted to a participation in our Fisheries, it should, as I have no doubt it will, be provided that the Citizens of the United States shall, equally with British Subjects, be subject to such Legislative Regulations as may be established for the protection and preservation of Bait. Regulations of this nature would, under such circumstances, be obviously matters of common interest to all. On this subject, which in the present state of our Fisheries, and in anticipation of any change of our Commercial system, is one of great importance, I shall probably again take leave to address Your Grace.

17.—The observations which I have now made, it will be seen, have reference to the two points of concession in Sir A. Perrier's draft proposals which he recommends being offered to the French, together with the exclusive right of Fishery on that part of the Coast between Cape John and Bonne Bay, as an equivalent for their renunciation of their right of Fishery on the rest of the coast between Bonne Bay and Cape Ray. I have stated to Your Grace the extreme dissatisfaction which would be caused in this Colony by any such exchanges, and from the best information I have been able to gather from various sources, I can only reiterate my own opinion that the gain to us as respects the Fishery and the corresponding loss to the French would be of little value. But by embracing in the compromise the cession to them of the Fishery at Belle Isle and the unrestricted purchase of Bait, we should offer decidedly preponderating advantages to them attended with consequential injury to our Fisheries, which cannot now be easily estimated; to offer these in the expectation entertained by Sir A. Perrier, that they will be refused and to lead to the breaking up of the negotiation, unless we are prepared to yield them in any event, and in my judgment they certainly ought not to be conceded—is hardly safe as regards ourselves, and hardly fair as respects the French. Moreover a distinct offer now of concessions which have never been formally offered before, will even if refused, carry with it admissions as to the nature of their claims which ought not to be made, and will in any future

negotiation furnish them with a justification for reiterating their demands for these concessions.

18.—The last propositions suggested by Mr. Archibald and Mr. Strachey, I mean the giving to the French an exclusive Fishery on part of the Coast, and a concurrent Fishery on the residue, are considered by the Council as altogether too liberal to the French. In view that the contingency that Public Affairs in Europe might at no very remote period, permit our people to resume the active enjoyment of their former Fishery on the French Shore, so much more valuable than that at the Labrador, the Council is opposed to even a mutual exchange of rights, or to any modification of the Treaties by which British Subjects shall absolutely renounce their right of Fishery on any part of the Coast. But if the Imperial Policy requires, that such an exchange should be proposed, the Council thinks it should be confined to our yielding all right of Fishery on that part of the Coast between Cape John on the East and the 50th degree of latitude on the West Coast; the French renouncing their right of Fishing from thence to Cape Ray.

19.—If this proposition be approved of as a basis, I would suggest of course, in accordance with the terms contained in the draft proposals transmitted to me, that British Subjects be excluded from Fishing 3 marine miles of the Coast assigned to the French; that the Fishing at Belle Isle South, and Groais, and other smaller Islands adjacent to the Coast, be conceded to them; their Fishery in the mouths of Rivers not to be above the flow of the tide; a certain width of strand, subject to the use of any portion of it by the British Government for public purposes, to be assigned to them, and no mode of Fishing at the mouths of rivers, to be used which is illegal in such cases in England.

20.—The right of the French, under certain limitations, to expel intruders, as proposed by Mr. Archibald and Mr. Strachey, it is unnecessary to concede, although in practice I do not apprehend it would be attended with any ill-consequences, the proposal being guarded by a provision for superseding the exercise of the right by the appointment of authorities under the direction of the British Government.

21.—As a mode of compromise the arrangement above suggested will leave the French in the absolute possession, for the purpose of the Fishery, of the greater part of the Coast, between Cape John and Cape Ray, and of almost the whole of it upon which the Cod Fishery is of value. On the other hand, it would be less injurious to the general trade and Fishery of this Island, and I believe to the general interest of the British Fisheries in these seas, if—extreme as the alternative may appear to those at a distance—British subjects were absolutely prevented from Fishing at all on the West Coast or occupying Fishing Stations there, during the season in which the French are entitled to resort to it, than to concede to the latter the further privileges contemplated in Sir A. Perrier's proposals. But the course I have alluded to could not now be adopted without considerable difficulty, nor without indemnifying those British Subjects whose existing rights would be abrogated.

22.—In conclusion, in submitting the foregoing observations to Your Grace, which I have done with the freedom necessary for Your Grace's information, I am sensible that I have not suggested what is in consonance with all the views expressed in the letter of the Under Secretary of State of the Department of Foreign Affairs to the Under Secretary of State of the Colonial Department, accompanying Your Grace's Despatch to myself. But it has been my duty frankly to state to Your Grace the public sentiment here, as well as my own views and opinions upon the points to which my attention has been called. A review of the whole of the facts of the case, will show, that if the merits of the causes of complaint on both sides are fairly weighed, the French are in the enjoyment of privileges which

are not supported by the terms of the Treaties; that in reality it is British Subjects, and not the French, who have grounds to complain of the infraction of the Treaties, and that the duty of reciprocal respect on the part of the French, for the terms of Treaties, some of the provisions of which concede to them privileges involving in fact, detriment to the principle of the sovereignty of the Territory of this Colony, needs to be insisted upon. The recent, and I believe I may add, premeditated act of aggression, on the part of the French at St. George's Bay, to which I called Your Grace's attention in my Despatch No. 60, of the 3rd instant, will, as it appears to me, impose on Her Majesty's Government, the necessity of declaring once more the inadmissibility of the French claim to an exclusive Fishery as the Treaties now stand. The principle involved in such a remonstrance will apply within the entire district assigned for the French Fishery. Consequently a revision of the subsisting engagements between England and France on the basis suggested in the 18th and referred to at the commencement of the preceding paragraph of this Despatch, will include a concession of solid advantage to the French—a concession, indeed, which, in the opinion of the Council and the Colony, is too large. But our scrupulousness in abstaining for a series of years from exercising on parts of the Coast rights from which we are not debarred by Treaty, in order that the French might by this means have the more beneficial enjoyment of their privileges, cannot in reason be urged as an argument why we should make still further concessions.

I have, &c.,

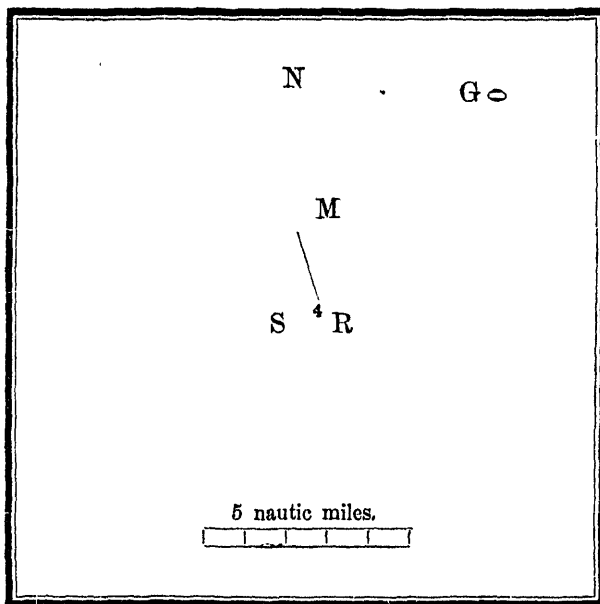
(Signed,) KER B. HAMILTON.

P.S.—I append a copy of a Document and Sketch, remaining in the Government Office, relative to the Boundary between the British and French Fishery limits, on the East Coast of Newfoundland, agreed upon by Captain Darley, of H.M.S. "Electra," and Captain LeFabvre, in 1843, referred to in article No. 10, of "separate paper," by Messieurs Archibald and Strachey.

CAPE St. JOHN.

The French have kept clear of our Fishing grounds to the Southward of Cape St. John this year; indeed, they have had no temptation to exceed their own limits from the abundance of Fish which has appeared on them; there is a slight difference of opinion as to the exact position of the Cape; the headland forms itself into three points, as shewn in the annexed sketch; **N**, forming the North—**M**, the middle, and **S**, the South Points;—**G** is Gull Island, and **B** Bishop's Rock, lying to the Eastward of the Cape about a mile distant. Captain LeFabvre, the Senior officer of the French Squadron, has endeavored to settle the question, and to this arrangement I should think no reasonable objections can be made. He fixed Cape St. John at **M**, and drawing a line from **M** to **B**, he makes that the French Boundary; accordingly, he has given strict injunctions to the French Fishermen not to pass to the Southward of it.

(Signed,) A. DARLEY.



(Copy,—No. 37.)

DOWNING STREET, 5th May, 1856.

Sir,—I have received and laid before the Queen the address to Her Majesty from the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Newfoundland, transmitted with your Despatch No. 20, dated 1st ultimo, on the subject of the Fishery Relations with France, and I have to inform you that Her Majesty was pleased to receive the same very graciously.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) H. LABOUCHERE.

GOVERNOR DARLING, &c., &c., &c.,
Newfoundland.

(No. 50,—Legislative.)

NEWFOUNDLAND,

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, St. John's, June 9th, 1856.

Sir,—By your Despatch, No. 1, of 22nd November last, you were pleased to invite me to offer any observation, which a perusal of the Report upon the Fisheries by Commander Purvis, of Her Majesty's Steam Sloop Argus, copy of which is therein enclosed, may suggest with reference to the alleged evasion of the Colonial Law, by the illicit traffic in Bait, and the means thus afforded to the Fishermen inhabiting that part of Newfoundland, which is opposite the French Island St. Pierre, to obtain provisions and clothing at the latter Island at a cheaper rate than that at which English Traders are willing to supply them.

2.—In accordance with the usual practice, and in order that I might have the advantage of any expression of opinion either by the Legislative Houses, or by individual members of those Bodies, I caused a copy of your Despatch, with its enclosure, to be communicated to the Legislature at an early period of its recent Session; but although the subject of the Fisheries generally engaged the attention of both the Council and the Assembly, and the joint Address to Her Majesty which I have the honor to forward with my Despatch, No. 20, of 1st April last, praying that Her Majesty will not sanction the concession of any Fishery privileges beyond those at present enjoyed by the subjects of the Emperor of the French, elicited discussion in both Chambers; yet, the sale of Bait is not specially referred to in that Document, and was only casually noticed as a question of Revenue in the debates which preceded its adoption.

3.—I have already in my Despatch, No. 26, of the 8th July last, (paragraph 7,) and No. 60 of the 29th September last, (paragraph 3,) offered my opinion that the admission of American Citizens to the extensive rights of Fishery which they now enjoy under the Reciprocity Treaty, including the right to take Herring and Caplin Bait upon that precise part of the coast of Newfoundland, in which it is found in the greatest abundance; and the proximity of which to St. Pierre and the Banks of Newfoundland, from which it is only distant about ten hours' sail, makes the traffic in that article so highly advantageous to our Fishermen resident in that locality, would render it inexpedient, and I might even have said oppressive to attempt to enforce the Local Law by which it was intended to prevent that traffic; since, if the sale of Bait be half so profitable a pursuit as it is alleged to be, it will probably be entered upon by the Americans, even in competition with our own people, and if the latter were effectually debarred from it, would assuredly become a monopoly in the hands of the former.

4.—The law to which I refer (8 Vic. cap. 5,) imposes an export duty of 3s. a cwt. upon "all fresh Herrings and Caplin, and upon all salted or pickled "Herrings and Caplin in bulk," exported from the Colony; and by a subsequent enactment (12 Vic. cap. 7) the restriction was repealed so far as it affected the exportation of Herrings, whether fresh, salted, or pickled, in bulk to any part of the British Dominions, the Masters of the vessels in such cases being required to give Bond for the payment of the amount of duties—which Bond was only to be cancelled upon the production, within one year of the date thereof, of a certificate from competent authority, that the cargo had been duly entered and discharged at a port within the British Dominions.

5.—It would be irrelevant to the practical question to enter upon a discussion as to whether the terms of these enactments could, in strict literal construction, be applied to Herrings or Caplin caught at some distance from the shore, and sold on the water without having been ever brought into Newfoundland harbour, since there is no doubt that the sole intention of the Law was to prevent such a proceeding. For two years after the Law came into operation, some trifling Revenue was collected under it by the aid of a Revenue Cruiser, maintained at the cost of the Colony. In 1846, £326 was collected, while the cost of the Cruiser was £460 sterling, [£530 currency.] In the following year, 1847, £60 was received, and the expense of the Cruiser was about the same as before. Since that period no attempt has been made on the part of the Colonial Authorities to collect the Revenue, or to interfere with the inhabitants of the South coast of Newfoundland, in the prosecution of a branch of industrial occupation from which they derive so large a proportion of their means of subsistence.

6.—A proposal to repeal the existing Law by which the Export Duty is levied would probably give rise to a discussion in the Legislature upon the general question, which could answer no good purpose, and which is therefore desirable to avoid; but on the other hand, I have great doubt if the imposition of the Ex-

port Duty for the avowed purpose of restricting the sale of Herring and Caplin Bait to the French, were now proposed for the first time, whether it would be carried in the House of Assembly, in which body the interests of the inhabitants of the locality referred to are fully represented, and the claims of the operative classes are probably more regarded than was usual when the members of that Body were fewer in number than at present.

7.—The price which the French give for the Herring would seem, indeed, to render the Export Duty, as a measure of restriction or prevention, utterly nugatory. This year, from 25 to 40 francs, equal to an average of from 26s. to 27s., sterling, per barrel, has been paid for Herring sold for Bait. The barrel containing about 200 lbs., the duty would be somewhat below 6s. sterling in amount, which, if duty paid, would still leave a profit of from 20s. to 21s. per barrel—while the price per barrel given for Herring by our own exporters for legitimate exportation is, I am informed, about 7s. currency, or 6s. 1d. sterling.

8.—I have, indeed, heard it stated that the Shore Fishery in 1846, when the Revenue Cruiser was on her station early in the year, was unusually good—that the French were impeded in obtaining their supply of Bait, and were late in commencing their Bank Fishery, and that from this cause a more abundant supply of the Cod is supposed to have reached our coast. The latter result seems at least natural, since the great advantage of using Herring and Caplin on the Banks consist not only in its superiority as a Bait for the actual catch of the Cod, but also, in the fact of its enticing the fish to remain on the Banks as a feeding ground instead of striking shorewards in search of their prey.

On the other hand it is alleged that in 1847, the Cruiser, having been late in reaching the ground, the French were amply supplied with Bait, and the Newfoundland Shore Fishery was comparatively bad.

9.—In so far, however, as this belief depends upon statistical facts, it will not stand the test of examination. The export of dried Cod, from the year 1845 to 1855, both years inclusive, was according to Custom-house Returns, as follows:

1845.....	1,000,233	Qtls.
1846.....	879,075	"
1847.....	837,973	"
1848.....	920,366	"
1849.....	1,175,167	"
1850.....	1,089,182	"
1851.....	1,017,152	"
1852.....	972,921	"
1853.....	922,718	"
1854.....	774,717	"
1855.....	1,107,388	"

And it will be seen that the very years 1846 and 1847, in which the Cruiser was employed, present, with the exception of the year 1854, the lowest figures in the series.

10.—From other sources of information, it may be concluded that the operation of the Export Duty on Bait, in 1846, had no effect whatever upon the outfit for the French Bank Fishery. By a return appended to the Report of the Committee of the National Assembly of France, dated 3rd May, 1851, it appears that the Tonnage fitted out for that Fishery was, in the year—

1845.....	18,030	Tons.
1846.....	18,869	"
1847.....	18,767	"
1848.....	19,767	"
1849.....	18,324	"
1850.....	18,548	"

Either showing that the outfit for 1847 was not affected by any apprehension of the consequences of our Export Duty on Bait, arising from the experience of its operation in the previous year, or leading to the alternate conclusion that if the working of that Duty had any practical appreciable influence upon the supply of Bait, and the catch of Cod upon the Banks, that injurious result was more than neutralized by some other cause, probably by the large bounties paid by the French Government upon grounds of natural policy to all concerned in the Cod Fishery.

11.—Without entering here into the details of the Bounty system referred to—the extent to which the Cod Fishery alone was supported by the State; and the nature of the competition to which the Newfoundland Trader and Fishermen are consequently exposed, may be judged of the simple fact that the amount of bounties of both kinds—viz. : to the sailor, and on the Export paid during the nine years, from 1841 to 1850, was at the rate of 338 francs, or about £14 sterling per annum; or it might be more correctly said for the fishing season of each year, to every man engaged in that Fishery.

12.—Against Premiums on such a scale, neither private Capital nor the Revenue of a dependent settlement, based as that Revenue is upon the very trade, the adverse competition in which is thus artificially fostered and encouraged, can possibly contend; and if the permanent abolition of the Bounty system could be scanned even by the admission of the French to the right of Fishery in these Seas and on the Shores of British America, as the Citizens of the United States now enjoy, I believe that the general interests of the British Empire and the Local interests of Newfoundland would thus be more effectually promoted than by the most rigid enforcement of restrictions, operating as those restrictions now do against the French only, and not against the Americans, which would be found practicable so long as the competition of the French should continue to be supported and stimulated by their Government to its present extent.

13.—The fact that the inhabitants of the South Coast of Newfoundland, in the more immediate vicinity of the French Islands, obtain provisions and clothing from the merchants settled at St. Pierre, has long been notorious, and has been made a subject of complaint so far back as 1844, in a memorial of the House of Assembly to Her Majesty, bearing date the 24th April, and transmitted with Sir John Harvey's Despatch, No. 28, of the 7th of May, in that year.

14.—That these articles are obtained at much lower rates than from the Traders resident in the Outports of Newfoundland. I can have no doubt from my own knowledge of the effects upon price which are produced by the joint action of a comparative Monopoly of a supply and credit system;—but whether this Branch of the traffic is illicit as respects the Law of this Colony depends of course upon the fact whether the articles thus obtained evade the payment of the prescribed duty on their import or not.

15.—Measures for accomplishing a more rigid collection of the Revenue in our Outports are now engaging the active attention of the Government, and I beg to assure you that this particular branch of the question shall receive all the attention which it so clearly calls for.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) C. H. DARLING.

(Copy.)

NEWFOUNDLAND,

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, St. Johns, 23rd July, 1856.

[No. 66.—Political.]

Sir,—The question of the Colonial Fisheries, and of the relative rights of France and Great Britain upon the Coasts of Newfoundland under existing Treaties, has naturally engaged my attention from the moment of my assumption of the Government; and my recent voyage round the Island, including a visit to the Labrador Coast, has afforded me opportunities of personal observation and information, which have enabled me either to correct or confirm the opinions on this subject which I had previously been led to form.

2nd.—Under the impression that the negotiations with France, upon this question, which were brought under the notice of my predecessor, in the Duke of Newcastle's Confidential Despatch of the 19th August, 1853, and upon which Mr. Hamilton reported in his Despatch, No. 67, of the 28th September, in that year, have been actively resumed since the conclusion of the general peace. I think it my duty respectfully to submit to Her Majesty's Government the conclusions at which I have myself arrived, after a careful consideration of the various points involved, and with a considerable knowledge of the opinions of those whose interests are largely concerned in any change which should materially alter the position in which that question at present stands.

3rd.—In the first place, I must beg to observe, that I am dealing with the whole question upon a very different basis from that adopted by my predecessor. Mr. Hamilton refrained from any discussion of the claim of the French to an exclusive right of Fishery within the limits assigned to them by Treaty, observing that he considers it unanswerably shown by documents, to which he refers, that that claim is without any foundation.

4th.—In this conclusion I find myself unable to concur, and as, after examining the question to the best of my ability, and considering it by the light of such documents as are within my reach in the Colony, I have drawn up the Rationale of my opinion.* I take the liberty of transmitting a copy of that paper herewith.

5th.—The mere question of Rights, however, does not appear to be of much importance, since the latest instruction of Her Majesty's Government, conveyed by Lord Stanley's Despatch to Governor Sir John Harvey, No. 104, of the 29th July, 1843, lays down for the guidance of the Local Government, the decision that "Great Britain is bound to permit the subjects of France to fish during the season in Districts specified by the Treaty and declaration of 1783, free from any interruption on the part of British Subjects; but that, if there be room in these Districts for the Fishermen of both Nations to fish without interfering with each other, this Country is not bound to prevent her Subjects from fishing there." And further, that as there is "no limitation in the Treaty as to the description of fish which the French are entitled to take, their claim to fish for Salmon must also be admitted to its full extent." This decision is based upon the opinion of the Crown Law Officers, dated 30th May, 1835, to the effect that the French "have the exclusive right of Fishery," modified by their subsequent statements of the 17th April, 1837, that in their previous opinion, they (the Crown Law Officers) have gone further than the circumstances of the case fairly warrant, and that they thought "Great Britain has bound herself to permit the Subjects of France to fish during the season in the allotted District free from any interruption on the part of British Subjects," and adding, that if there were

* 20th July, 1856.

“really good room within the limits of the District in question, for the Fishermen of both Nations to fish without interfering with each other, then we do not think that this Country would be bound to prevent her subjects from fishing there. It appears, however, from the Report of Admiral Sir P. Halket, that this is hardly practicable, and we are of opinion that, according to the true construction of the Treaty and Declaration, British Subjects are precluded from fishing, if they thereby cause interruption to the French Fishery.”

6th.—At the present time, as at the period of Sir P. Halket's Report, and at that of Sir T. Cochrane's Report on the 26th November, 1830, there is unquestionably no room for the fishermen of both Nations to fish and dry fish within the French limits without interfering with each other; and the French have therefore always had, and have at present, the right practically to enjoy their fishery to the exclusion of British subjects as completely as if that right was confirmed to them in express terms.

7th.—Starting then from this point I conceive that the French are entitled to expect, that not only all fixed Settlements should be removed, but that all British subjects should be required to depart from their limits, during the annual period of their temporary occupation of the Coast for fishing purposes. If this be conceded and enforced, every demand which the French have even the color of a right to address to Great Britain, upon the ground of Treaty obligation, will have been complied with. But, on the other hand, a similar rigid compliance with the letter of the Treaties, and the interpretation given to them, as shown by the Proclamations of the Governors of Newfoundland, would of course be required on the part of the French. And Her Majesty's Government may be assured that, as this mutual obligation would involve sacrifices on the part of Commercial Associations in France in connection with a system founded on national policy, far greater than they could entail upon the interests of English Subjects, and those subjects very few in number, no such rigid proceeding would be insisted upon. The French establishments upon the coast, although in most cases of a temporary character, yet far exceed in extent and variety mere “stages and huts necessary and usual for drying fish,” and the residence of British subjects has been always deliberately encouraged by the French, since in them they find the necessary “guardians” for their establishments when they themselves return to Europe at the close of the fishing season.

8th.—In negotiating therefore with the French upon this point, I believe that if the principle of “the Treaties, the whole Treaties, and nothing but the Treaties,” be insisted upon and seriously proposed to be enforced, it will be found there is no *bona fide* desire to disturb the existing irregular state of things, which has not only never occasioned the slightest real infringement upon the privileges and advantages conceded to the French, but on the contrary has operated very much to their benefit and convenience. Within the scope of these observations I distinctly include the settlement of St. George's Bay, which has sprung up not merely without encouragement upon the part of the British Government, but in defiance of Proclamations from the British Authorities in Newfoundland, issued at various periods since the Peace of 1783. The address of Governor Sir John Harvey to the inhabitants of this Bay, is as late as the year 1844 (see his Despatch of the 2nd September of that year) clearly refers to the very equivocal nature of the circumstances under which that Settlement had attained its then existing dimensions, and affirms the temporary nature of the residence of its inhabitants.

9th.—This rigid enforcement of the Treaties according to the French construction of them being conceded, the objects which the French now seek to obtain, can only be regarded as additional advantages for which they offer what they must be presumed as considering to be an equivalent. The proposed advantages to be conferred upon the French are:—

1st.—The Right to purchase and fish for Herrings and Caplin on the South Coast of Newfoundland.

2nd.—The Right to fish during two months (without curing or drying on shore) on a part of the Labrador.

3rd.—The Rights of fishing at Belle Isle, at the Northern extremity of the Straits of that name. The equivalent concession on their part was to be an admission of the right of British subjects to inhabit St. George's Bay, and to carry on the fishery there in common with the French citizens.

10th.—Then it is borne in mind that the Fishery in the Bay of St. George is simply a Herring Fishery, that so far as it is carried on by the French, it is so carried on solely for the purpose of obtaining Bait for their Cod Fishery on the Coast North and South in the immediate neighborhood in the Bay of St. George—that they now obtain this Bait to any extent which they desire, and that it is well known that in other respects the existence of the settlement is a convenience and advantage to them. Their expectation of obtaining, in return, the absolute right to purchase and fish for Bait for the prosecution of their Bank Fishery, and in addition to the present exclusive privileges on about four hundred miles of the Coast of Newfoundland, (including some of its best Fishing Grounds,) a participation in the valuable Fisheries of Labrador and off the Island of Belle Isle. I must say that the French have put forward pretensions, which can only be looked upon as perfectly preposterous, and have been very properly regarded as such by Sir Anthony Perrier, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Strachey. Their proposition may indeed be justly described, when regarded in the national bearing, as one of which the advantage is wholly on the French side.

11th.—As it is notorious that the French never fail to obtain a supply of Bait upon the South Coast to the value of at least £20,000 a year, an admission to which effect has occasionally been made by French Officers and Authorities; there can be little doubt that their main object in the specific proposals put forth in 1852, is to secure an acknowledged footing on the Coast of Labrador and off Belle Isle. During my recent tour when at Croq and Cape Rouge Harbours, I had more than one opportunity of testing the great importance the French attach to the Fishery at Belle Isle, and they were all well informed of the fact that the Colonial Government had appointed a cruiser to protect that Fishery during the present season.

12th.—I have already, on more than one occasion, expressed my opinion that, under the operation of the Reciprocity Treaty with the United States, it will be impossible to prevent the French from obtaining ample supplies of Herring and Caplin Bait; but if their desire to possess a right to purchase it from the British Fishermen on the South Coast, be a *bona fide* one (and I think it would be very unjust to our Fishermen, to give under any circumstances a right to the French to fish for Bait beyond the Mid Channel, as at present prescribed,) the British Government will, of course, be in a position to demand some equivalent advantage; and in that case it might be proposed to the French to surrender their exclusive right in St. George's Bay, viz: on the coast between Cape St. George and Cape Anguille, without any restriction as to purchasing Bait there; and from Cape Anguille, southward, to Cape Ray.

13th.—By such an arrangement, the only Cod Fishery they would be asked to abandon, would be that at Ood Roy, to the Southward of Cape Anguille; while they would retain those to which they attach much importance, to the Northward of St. George, viz: Red Island, Port à Port, and Lark Harbour. If the point of difficulty should be found to consist in the surrender of the Fishery at Ood Roy, and appear insurmountable, the proposal might be eventually limited to the Coast of St. George's Bay, viz: between Cape St. George and Cape Anguille.

14th.—If, however, the French comprehending the facility with which, as I assume, they may in future obtain Bait through the Americans, should abandon altogether that question, as one of no importance, and although the prospect of the cession of their temporary rights in George's Bay and its neighbourhood, should altogether fall with that abandonment, I must still very strongly urge my opinion against any further privilege or advantage being conceded to the French beyond those which they now enjoy by Treaties, and which I would propose should be reciprocally enforced in all their details, according to the views I have already explained. But, above all, I would earnestly protest against any grant of concurrent or common Rights; for I am confident that no arrangement could be more dangerous to the preservation of good understanding and concord between the subjects of both Nations.

15th.—I may here remark, that any argument as to equitable claim on the part of the French to be admitted to the Fishery at Belle Isle, which may be advanced upon the ground that they were tacitly permitted to enjoy it until 1841, is wholly untenable. That Island formed no part of the additional Coast, the right to fish on which was ceded in 1783, by the Treaty of Versailles;* and even so far back as 1763, Governor Hugh Palliser issued a Proclamation in consequence of French boats having persisted in resorting to that Island, notifying that all French vessels or boats which should hereafter be met there, would be seized and confiscated.

16th.—In respectfully offering these opinions upon the French proposals, I have reference to no other documents upon the subject than the Confidential Despatches of the Secretary of State to my Predecessor, dated 17th August, 1852, and 19th August, 1853, respectively, with their enclosures, and I am therefore, of course, unaware whether any concessions of national importance, apart from the Newfoundland Fisheries, have been offered by the French to counterbalance the greatly increased advantages they have sought for themselves, in connection with those fisheries; or whether considerations of State Policy may be deemed to render it expedient that such advantages should be yielded without equivalent concessions.

17th.—It would be beyond my province to deal with considerations of that nature, even if any such exist; I can neither surmise what may be the circumstances which constitute the question a difficult and hazardous one, as represented in Mr. Addington's letter to Mr. Merivale of the 26th June, 1853; nor am I acquainted with any differences that have occurred in recent years, connected with the Newfoundland Fisheries, which are calculated to endanger the amicable relations subsisting between Great Britain and France.

18th.—There is certainly one large point of view, in which the whole question presents itself, to which I shall, I trust, be pardoned for adverting.

19th.—A glance at the map shows the position which this Island occupies in the territorial expanse of the British Government, lying considerably nearer to the Mother Country than any other of her Transatlantic possessions, distant, in fact, at the present rate of locomotion, only about 104 hours' steaming from the nearest point of the British Islands; commanding by its situation, the Ocean approaches to those splendid Provinces, whose resources and spirit of enterprise are rapidly bringing them up to a level with States dignified with the name of "Nation;" the effort about to be made, and there is just ground for hoping, made too with success, to place it by means of Electric Communication within a few minutes reach of the Instructions of the Imperial Government; its shores abounding with fine Harbours, and its surrounding Seas with the sources of wealth, while its Inhabitants are a manly and energetic race, derived for the most part

from those portions of the United Kingdom which are nearest to the Colony itself—it may fairly be regarded as being, for all Political and Commercial purposes, in as close connection with the Parent State as Ireland and the Channel Islands were at the close of the last century. Yet the Political position of a Dependency thus favored is such, that a Foreign State enjoys, and cherishes with a full appreciation of its value and importance, a right to the use of at least one half its line of Coast, and avails itself of the right in such a manner as effectually to close that portion of the Coast for all practical purposes, against the people of the State to which the soil of the Colony belongs.

20th.—England possesses an abundance of wealth, which she seems never reluctant to pour out for a truly national object; and the object of redeeming this valuable possession from its present unnatural position, might not be deemed altogether unworthy of the consideration of the Imperial Government and Parliament, while such a consummation would, without violating any principle of Commercial freedom, assuredly augment to an incalculable extent the profits of the National Capital employed in this quarter of Her Majesty's Dominions.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) C. H. D.

The Right Honourable
HENRY LABOUCHERE, M. P.,
&c., &c., &c.

REMARKS upon the Claim of the French to an exclusive Right of Fishery on the Western, Northern, and Eastern Coasts of Newfoundland, so far South as Cape St. John, under the Treaties between France and Great Britain.

The claim of the French to the exclusive right of Fishery upon part of the Coasts of Newfoundland, including all kinds of fish, rests upon the 13th Article of the Treaty of Paris, (30th May, 1814,) which is as follows:—"Article 13th—The French Right of Fishery upon the Great Bank of Newfoundland, upon the Coasts of the Island of that name, and of the adjacent Islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, shall be replaced upon the footing in which it stood in 1792."

The first point for enquiry then is, what was the footing in which the French Right of Fishery stood in 1792?

The Treaty of Versailles, and the Declarations of the Kings of England and France in 1783, established the principles upon which the French Fishery was conducted in 1792, and the view which was taken by either nation of the practical operation of these principles, must be gathered from the Acts and Records of the Responsible Governments, rather than from the claims put forth, asserted, and attempted to be enforced by their subjects.

If it can be satisfactorily shown that the English Government, by their acts and proceedings about the year 1792, acknowledged an exclusive Right on the part of the French, and identical with that which they now claim as a legitimate consequence of the Treaty and Declarations of 1783, we have, I think, a fair exponent of the footing in which the French Right stood in 1792, and which was

fully and indisputably confirmed to them in 1814. First then, with regard to the principles established by the Treaty and Declarations of 1783, the King of Great Britain by the fifth Article of that Treaty assigned to the French "The Fishery from Cape St. John, passing to the North and descending by the Western Coast of Newfoundland to Cape Ray," and assured to the French Fishermen that they shall enjoy the Fishery so assigned to them, as they had the right to enjoy that which was assigned to them by the Treaty of Utrecht.

The Treaty of Utrecht is of no further importance in the question than as it defines the right of Fishery which the French enjoyed under that Treaty; or the mode in which they enjoyed that Right.

The Right which the Treaty of Utrecht confers on the French in this regard, appears to be simply "to catch Fish and dry them on land." Permission being at the same time given to the French to erect "Stages, made of Boards," and "Huts necessary and usual for drying of Fish," and to resort to the said Island for the time "necessary for fishing and drying of fish."

It is at once obvious that this statement in the Treaty of Utrecht, of the Right possessed by the French to enjoy the Fishery, assigned to them by that Treaty, of itself by no means justifies the claim to an exclusive Right.

It clearly only gives permission to take and dry fish upon a specified part of the coast, and could not be interpreted as depriving British subjects of their natural Right to follow the same pursuit, and on the same part of the Coast.

Several Proclamations of the Governors of Newfoundland, between the years 1763 and 1783, warning British subjects against improper interference with the French in the exercise of their Rights, advert to these Rights as right, "in common" or "concurrent" Rights, with those of British subjects.

But, on the part of the French, the claim to an exclusive Right had been set up even before the Treaty of Paris in 1763, and had never, I believe, been expressly abandoned, while it has deliberately asserted just five years before the Treaty of Versailles in 1783, in their Treaty with the United States of 1778, in the following words:—"That the United States, their Citizens and Inhabitants, should never disturb the subjects of the most Christian King in the enjoyment and exercise of the Right of Fishing on the Banks of Newfoundland, nor in the indefinite and exclusive Right which belonged to them on that part of the Coast of that Island which is designated by the Treaty of Utrecht, nor in the Rights relative to all and each of the Isles belonging to His Most Christian Majesty; the whole conformable to the true sense of the Treaties of Utrecht and of Paris."

Now, although the indefinite and inexplicit character of the Treaty of Utrecht, in the points referred to, was by the very terms of the Treaty of Versailles, necessarily communicated to that Treaty also, yet this defect was materially remedied by the language of the British Declaration, accompanying the latter Treaty; and it seems to me impossible to consider that Declaration carefully and impartially without arriving at the conclusion that, although imperfect for the purpose, it was intended to be a practical settlement of this disputed point, and to obviate the recurrence of differences between the subjects of the two nations, which might arise from it.

This Document sets out by declaring that the King of England will not only seek every means which shall ensure the Execution of the Treaty with his accustomed good faith and punctuality; but "will, besides, give on his part all possible efficacy to the principles which shall prevent even the least foundation of dispute for the future."

If it had been possible to employ stronger language than this, that possibility was realized by the adoption in the French copy of the Declaration, of the term

“germe de dispute;” the English equivalent of which may, I believe, be fairly given as “origin or source of dispute.”

“To this end,” the declaration proceeds, “and in order that the Fishermen of the two Nations may not give cause for daily quarrels, His Britannic Majesty will take the most positive measures for preventing his subjects from interrupting in any manner, by their competition, the Fishery of the French during the temporary exercise of it, which is granted to them upon the Coasts of the Island of Newfoundland.”

“For this purpose,” namely: to prevent British subjects from interrupting, in any manner, by their competition, the Fishery of the French, “His Britannic Majesty will cause the fixed settlements which shall be formed there, (namely, on the Coast of Newfoundland) to be removed.”

But removal of British Settlements would not, of itself, afford the French the means of drying their fish, and accordingly His Britannic Majesty next declares, that he will “give orders that the French Fishermen be not incommoded in cutting the wood necessary for the repair of their Scaffolds, Huts, and Fishing Vessels.”

The French seem thus to have acquired the right to cut wood without any restriction as to quality or quantity, or the limits inland from which it might be obtained, so long as it was necessary for the repair of the scaffolds, huts, and vessels used in their fishery; and it is worthy I think of remark, that as this Fishery included any quantity of Fish which the French could catch upon the Banks, as well as upon the Coasts, and find sufficient space upon the Coast for drying, the right of cutting the wood necessary for that purpose is obviously one not intended to be confined to the Coast, and may not unfairly be supposed to extend to any point in the interior whence it might be convenient to obtain it.

The British Declaration next proceeds to prescribe the plan upon which the Fishery shall be carried on upon the Coast of Newfoundland, and which shall not be deviated from by either party, namely, according to the 13th Article of the Treaty of Utrecht, and the method of carrying it on, which has at all times been acknowledged, and defines this method in the following points:—

The French Fishermen shall build only their scaffolds.

Confine themselves to the repair of their Fishing Vessels, and not winter on the Coast. While the English subjects shall not in any manner molest the French Fishermen during their fishing, nor injure their scaffolds during their absence.

Such being the language and terms of the Treaty and Declaration of 1783, the next point for enquiry would seem to be, what interpretation was placed upon those instruments by the British Government upon the Treaty first coming into operation. It appears, then, that in the next year after the conclusion of the Treaty, namely, 1784, a Proclamation was issued by the Governor of Newfoundland, reciting the Articles of the Treaty and terms of the Declaration, and calling upon all British subjects who have fixed Settlements upon the Coast of Newfoundland, between Cape St. John and Cape Ray, to remove them without loss of time, and also upon all others residing or being in any way employed upon the said Coast, between the said Capes, to conform themselves in every particular to the Articles and Declaration.

This Proclamation was probably not sufficiently imperative in its terms, and left too much latitude as to what conformity to the Treaty involved.

It is, I believe, historically true that it failed of its purpose; that British Fishermen continued to compete with and molest French Fishermen, and that the powers of the Local Government were found inadequate to maintain the conditions of the Treaty and Declaration which were so highly favorable to the French. But there is at any rate, no doubt, that in the year 1778, the power of Parliament

was invoked, and the 28 Geo. III., cap. 35, was passed. By this Act His Majesty is empowered to give such orders and instructions to the Governor of Newfoundland or any Officers on the station as should be deemed proper and necessary to fulfil the purposes of the Treaty and Declaration, even "if it shall be necessary to that end to remove or cause to be removed, any Stages, Flakes, Train Vats, or other works whatever, for the purpose of carrying on Fishery, erected by His Majesty's Subjects;" and also, all ships, vessels and boats belonging to His Majesty's subjects, which shall be found within the limits aforesaid, and "in case of refusal to depart from within the limits aforesaid, to compel any of His Majesty's subjects to depart from thence, any law, usage, or custom to the contrary notwithstanding."

The view taken by the British Parliament of the meaning and object of the Treaty seems sufficiently ascertained by this enactment, and without specific reference to the orders which may have been given by His Majesty with the advice of his Council, to the Governor of Newfoundland, it is only necessary to refer to the Proclamation issued by the Governor immediately after the passing of the Act, giving effect to its very stringent provisions in the precise language of the Act itself.

In 1802, after the peace of Amiens, the Governor of Newfoundland again issued a Proclamation, not only directing the destruction of all stages and other works erected by British subjects within the French limits (no doubt during the war terminated by that Treaty), the removal of all ships, vessels, and boats belonging to them, and their own departure therefrom; but "strictly forbidding them to take charge of, preserve, or prepare any boat, stage, flake, or erection whatever, for the purpose of the Fishery, on account of, or for the use of any French citizens for the ensuing Fishing Season."

From these documents it can hardly fail to be concluded, that the Government and Parliament of Great Britain recognised and enforced the exclusive right claimed by the French whenever we were at peace with that nation, from the year 1783 to the date of the last mentioned Proclamation of Governor Gambier in 1802, and therefore that exclusion of the British was clearly acknowledged as the footing in which it (the Right) stood in 1792, and upon which it was replaced by the Treaty of Paris in 1814.

The strong point appears to be, that the Act of Parliament, 28 Geo. III., cap. 35, and the subsequent Proclamation of Governors Elliott and Gambier, not only direct the destruction of works erected on shore, and the removal of ships and boats, but the departure of His Majesty's subjects themselves from the prescribed French limits; and this for the avowed purpose of enforcing the notice to them, that they are not to "interrupt in any manner by their competition" the Fishery of the French within these limits; thus presenting a marked contrast to the language of the predecessors of those Governors already referred to before 1792, which uniformly refer to the French right as being "common" or "concurrent."

As to the practical effect of the measures taken by the British Government for the purpose of excluding their subjects from participating in the Fisheries on the French shore, very little evidence exists, or at least is within my reach, at the present moment.

But as two references I am enabled to make seem conclusive upon the point, it may be desirable briefly to notice them:—

The Report of a Committee of the House of Commons on the state of the Newfoundland Trade, reported by Mr. Dudley Ryder, on the 26th March, 1793, gives the evidence of Mr. William Newman, then as now a leading mercantile name in the Colony; thus Mr. Newman being asked—"If our merchants caught any and what fish in that part of Newfoundland where the French have a right

to fish? He said—they did, but he did not know the quantity; and being asked, if they did now? he said, they did not; and being asked, for what reason they do not? He said, for fear of the boats and ships being taken by the French.”

Again, Mr. Peter Ongier examined before the same Committee, and stating that he was deputed by the Merchants of the county of Devon and the Inhabitants of Newfoundland, to represent their interests, being asked “if he knew anything of the French Trade since the last War, says, that the French possessions in some parts were exchanged much against the interest of the British Fishery, by which means they are in possession of a situation the best in the Island, and we in exchange have got the very worst, inasmuch as that the French Government did assist by Bounty or otherwise; those people carry on fisheries in that former situation which we now possess, and it gives them a preference at the Spanish markets, as that situation produces the largest fish, which is preferred in Spain. The situation of the French Fishermen by the Treaties of Utrecht and Paris were such as put them in a situation so as to envy us in our advantages; since which they have regularly from time to time received encouragement.”

“By the Treaty of Paris they considered themselves as carrying on Fisheries by leave on a British Island; the people of France considered themselves subject to British Laws, when that part of the Island which was common to both was under the direction of Fishing Admirals, this he has seen, and has also seen the advantages of such authority and power; the indulgences given to the French prevented him in 1768, or thereabouts, and many others, from continuing, or rather establishing extensive Fisheries in that part.”

“And, being subsequently asked, ‘if he meant the French have an advantage from their possessions under the last Treaty of Peace, or from our Fishermen being restricted by an Act passed in 1787, forbidding them fishing from Cape Ray to Point Riche? He said, they certainly have an advantage by the Treaty of Peace, but that advantage was greatly increased by the Act of Parliament alluded to;’ and being further asked, ‘should we carry on the fishery there again if that Act was repealed? he said, those in a situation near it would acquire an immediate advantage both in the Salmon Fishery and the Fur Trade. With respect to the Cod Fishery, it would be hazardous from the apprehension of being removed at a returning peace.

“Had that situation been possessed by Great Britain alone in the late peace, he himself had prepared the establishment for a trade there, which, had not the burthens complained of been laid on the fishery, would have gone from Europe and returned again annually.”

That the right conferred must be taken to include all kinds of fish that could be caught upon the coast, seems scarcely to admit of doubt, since the British Fishermen themselves are not permitted to remain on the coast conceded to the French for fishing purposes, during the temporary occupation of it, for those purposes, by the latter.

Such fish, whether Salmon or otherwise, as they might be able to catch during the absence of the French in the winter months, that is, according to the immemorial practice, from about the 10th October to the 15th April, they would seem not to be prohibited from catching, but this remnant of a right, as it may be justly described, would practically be of little importance.

There is one point which perhaps properly belongs rather to a philological discussion than to an enquiry of this nature; but which is still deserving of attention since much stress is laid upon it by the French.

In the British Declaration accompanying the Treaty of Versailles, the French counterpart contains the word “concurrency” as corresponding to the English word “competition.”

The Lexicographical Authorities of 1783 are not within my reach; but in Dictionaries intended for our guidance in these days, I find that the French word "concurrency" bears as a "technical term" the meaning "joint right," "common claim," and Dr. Webster assigns to the word "competition" as its very first meaning, "the act of seeking or endeavoring to gain what another is endeavoring to gain at the same time."

Now, if either of these meanings be accepted, if the declaration ran that Her Britannic Majesty will prevent her subjects from interrupting in any manner the Fishery of the French by their "joint right" or "common claim," or by seeking or endeavoring to gain what the French are "endeavoring to gain" at the "same time," no sort of doubt or degree of ambiguity would exist as to the meaning of the declaration.

His Britannic Majesty would have promised that his subjects should not interrupt the French by the assertion of their "joint right," or "common claim," or by seeking or endeavoring to catch fish on those coasts of Newfoundland, the temporary occupation of which was assigned to the French.

The object in view being to ascertain the footing on which the French right stood in 1792, as recognized by the British Government, and to which it was restored in 1814, it is unnecessary for that purpose to pursue the enquiry further.

It may be remarked, however, that in 1824 the Prince de Polignac appears to have complained of alleged depredations committed since the year 1820 against the French on the East and West Coasts of Newfoundland; and the Governor, Sir C. Hamilton, in replying to a reference made to him by the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies as proof of the efforts he had used, refers to a Proclamation issued by him on the 12th August, 1822, enforcing in the same language as that employed by his predecessors in 1788 and 1802, the removal of vessels, buildings, and persons from the Coast assigned to the French.

In 1824, also, the Act of Parliament, 5 Geo. 4, cap. 51, renewed for five years the full powers of removal originally granted to the Crown by the 28th Geo. 3, cap. 35, adopting the very words of the last named Act.

(Signed,) C. H. D.

20th July, 1856,
Newfoundland.

(Copy.)

NEWFOUNDLAND,

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, St. John's, 28th July, 1856.

(No. 70.—Executive.)

Sir,—I have the honor to report that Mr. P. F. Little, the Attorney General, and Senior Member of the Executive Council, has availed himself of the usual vacation leave for six weeks, and proceeds to England in the "Propontis" steamer, with the present intention of returning to Newfoundland by the "Cleopatra," the first of a line of Steam Vessels advertised to trade directly between St. Johns, Halifax, and the town of Portland, in Maine, United States. The "Cleopatra" is announced to leave England upon the 28th of next month.

2.—Since I had the honor to address you my despatch, No. 66 of the 28th inst., I have communicated its contents to my Council, and I am enabled to state, that they unanimously concur with me in the recommendation I have ventured

to make with respect to further concession of Fishery rights to the subjects of France. I have no doubt that Mr. Little will be found capable of supplying any information on points of detail in which my despatch may seem deficient.

3.—Her Majesty's steam Corvette "Pylades" having been sent by Admiral Fanshawe to replace the "Argus" on this part of the station, with order to the Officer commanding (Captain D'Eyncourt) to visit the principal fishing harbours on the South Coast, I propose to avail myself of the opportunity thus presented to complete the tour of inspection of my Government; and I have arranged accordingly to embark to-morrow, the 29th inst., expecting to be absent from St. John's about ten days. This visit to the South Coast may probably afford me the means of ascertaining with more accuracy than I have hitherto had personal opportunity of doing, the present bearings of the question of the supply of bait to the French.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) C. H. DARLING.

The Right Honorable
H. LABOUCHERE, M. P.,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

NEWFOUNDLAND,

St. JOHN'S, 15th November, 1856.

(No. 96.—Executive.)

Sir,—In compliance with the request of the Members of the Executive Council, I have the honor to transmit herewith, an extract minute of the proceedings of that body, containing an expression of their views in reference to the negotiations which, it is understood, are at present proceeding with the Government of France, on the subject of the fisheries of this Island, and on the coast of Labrador.

2.—Two Members of the Council, the Honorable Lawrence O'Brien and the Solicitor General, were absent from the meeting at which the resolution referred to was adopted; but it is my duty to state, that there is no doubt they would have concurred in it, had they been present.

3.—I understand that some apprehension has been created upon the subject of the resolution by reports brought from the "French Shore" of Newfoundland, to the effect that the French fishermen have expressed their confident expectation of obtaining additional privileges as the result of the pending negotiations; and the Council have, therefore, conceived it to be due to the Colonial interests, to convey to Her Majesty's Government their explicit opinion, upon the inexpediency of granting further concessions of this nature.

4.—You will perceive that I informed the Council, that I was not myself aware of the nature of these negotiations since their resumption; and I have ascertained, in reply to an enquiry made by me in Council upon the point, that the reference to "injurious effects resulting from Imperial Treaties heretofore concluded," in the resolution, is to be understood especially applying to the course pursued at the peace of 1814, when the French right of fishery was restored to the footing on which it stood before the war in 1792, instead of securing to British subjects the extended advantages they had enjoyed during the continuance of the war.

5.—My own views of the probable effect of further concessions upon the interest of the Inhabitants of Newfoundland, have already been respectfully submitted to Her Majesty's Government.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) C. H. DARLING.

The Right Honorable

H. LABOUCHERE, M.P.,
&c. &c. &c.

Extract from Minute of Council of 14th November, 1856.

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WHEREAS the Executive Council have reason to believe that negotiations are proceeding between the Imperial Government and the Government of France in relation to the Fisheries of this Colony : and from the injurious effects resulting from Imperial Treaties heretofore concluded on this subject ;

Resolved,—That in the opinion of the Council it would be most inexpedient and injurious to the interests of this Colony to make any further concession to the French on our coasts, or for the Imperial Government to conclude any treaty on the subject without first obtaining the opinion of the Local Legislature on the particulars thereof, and that His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to communicate this resolution to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

NEWFOUNDLAND,

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

St. John's, August 31st, 1856.

(No. 75.—Executive.)

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit herewith the copy of a letter addressed to me by Captain D'Eyncourt, commanding H. M. S. Corvette "Pylades," informing me of his proceedings upon the Coast of Labrador, and enclosing a copy of a correspondence between himself and Commodore Mazères, commanding the French Naval Squadron on the Coast of Newfoundland, relative to the case of certain French vessels which Captain D'Eyncourt had discovered engaged in fishing off the Labrador, contrary to the stipulations of existing Treaties.

2.—The allusion which is made in Commodore Mazères letter of the 21st instant, to the fact of his having given permission to English vessels to fish in the Bay of St. George, and the supposition that the masters of vessels who were found fishing on the Labrador may have been guilty of that breach of the Treaties under an erroneous belief that they had a right to do so in consideration of the indulgence so granted to English vessels, is quite in concordance with the general principle upon which the views of the French on the question of the Newfoundland Fisheries are based, as adverted to in my despatch No. 66 of the 23rd ultimo. Its tendency is to imply that the fisheries on the Labrador and those in St. George's

Bay are of the same description and value—and that the rights of enjoying these Fisheries respectively, are such as may be fairly exchanged against each other.

3.—I think it necessary therefore to remind Her Majesty's Government, that this "permission" to fish in the Bay of St. George has been for many years habitually given to residents in that Bay by the French Naval Officers; that it confers only the privilege of taking Herring and Salmon during the French Fishing season; that a portion of the catch is frequently given as the price for such permission, and that it does not extend to the Cod Fishery which is not carried on by either English or French in the Bay of St. George, as an export trade, that fish not frequenting the Bay in sufficient abundance for the purpose; on the other hand—the cod are found in considerable numbers on that particular part of the Labrador Coast on which the trespassing vessels were encountered by Captain D'Eyncourt.

4.—With reference to the settlements at the Bay of St. George, the population of which collected from Nova Scotia, Cape Breton and from other quarters, and many of whom are decendants of old French Acadians, now amount to about 1500; it seems proper to mention that there are several persons established in the trade there, who are understood to be natural born subjects of France, and have married women who may be regarded natives of the place. The names of the four of the principal of these are given in the margin;* they chiefly trade with Halifax and Canada, and are not, I believe connected with mercantile establishments in France, but they originally settled in St. George's Bay after deserting from or quitting the "Equipage," of the French fishing fleets some years ago, and their permanent residence may be fairly adduced, as being far more in contravention of Treaties, should a question on that subject arise, than that of the British Colonial Fishermen, by whom they are surrounded and with whom they trade. In fact, there can be no doubt that however little claims the inhabitants of St. George's Bay may have to British protection, as against any alleged infringement of the Treaties which their residence there during the fishing season may seem to justify the French in advancing, yet it cannot be denied that that settlement has been suffered to attain its present extent, and permanent character with the connivance of the French, and so far as I am aware without any effort to obstruct its progress, by a formal appeal and representation to the British government.

5.—This course may have been the results of design or of mere indifference, but the belief that in the present state of the settlement, it is an object with Her Majesty's Government to obtain exclusive possession of the Bay, is, I have no doubt, the ground of the proposals of the French Government, by which they hope to obtain additional fishery privileges of no mean importance.

6.—I feel some confidence that the aggressions on the French fishing grounds by British subjects to which Commodore Mazères alludes, have been committed by persons who are employed by the French to take care of the scaffoldings and building connected with their fisheries during their absence from Newfoundland, but I have deemed it right to request the Commodore to give me more detailed information on the subject † and I have accordingly addressed him a letter of which I have the honor to enclose a copy herewith.

I have, &c.,

C. H. DARLING.

The Right Honorable H. LABOUCHÈRE, M.P.,
&c., &c., &c.

* Francois Frelate. Romaine. Francois Halbert. Lesgrendes.

† No. 2, 30th August, 1856.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's Newfoundland, 30th August, 1856.

(Enclose to the foregoings.)

Sir,—Captain D'Encourt of Her Britannic Majesty's ship "Pylades" having communicated to me the correspondence which recently passed at Croc Harbour, between you and himself upon the subject of the encroachments of certain French vessels upon the fishing grounds on the Coast of Labrador, I have learnt with concern from your letter of the 21st instant, that you think you have reason to complain of similar trespasses committed by British subjects.

I am desirous of exerting the authority of the Colonial Government, to put an end to such irregular practices, of the existence of which I had not before been made aware; and I shall feel much obliged to you accordingly, if you will favor me with such information as it may be in your power to give, with reference to the names and usual places of residence of the persons whom you have thought it necessary to arrest, particularly stating the cases in which those persons may have been employed to take charge during the winter months, of the scaffoldings and other erections used by the subjects of France in the fishing season, an occupation which it is not unnatural they should consider as justifying their participation in the produce of the Coastal Fishing Grounds during the summer.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) C. H. D.

Commander MAZÈRES, Commanding French Naval
Division on Coast of Newfoundland.

(Copy.)

NEWFOUNDLAND,

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
St. John's, 14th October, 1856.

(No. 88.—Executive.)

Sir,—With reference to my Despatch No. 75, of the 31st August last, in which I had the honor to transmit for your information the copy of a letter addressed by me to Commodore Mazère, Commanding the French Naval Squadron on the coast of Newfoundland, relative to the alleged aggressions of British subjects on the French Fishing grounds, I have now the satisfaction to enclose a copy of the reply which I have received from the Commodore.

2.—It will be perceived from Monsieur Mazères' letter, that the conjecture which I had formed (as stated in the 6th paragraph of my Despatch No. 75) as to the nature of the aggressions referred to, and the occupation of the persons by whom they were for the most part committed, was well-founded.

On this point I would remark, that however desirable it might be to extend the protection of law to the property of a friendly people, which is left upon our coast during the winter, notwithstanding that the strict letter of the Treaties guarantees nothing more than that British subjects shall not injure their scaffoldings during their absence, yet it would be impossible to effect that object through our present judicial or police organization, which is necessarily limited by our strictly colonial requirements, nor can the obligations of national comity be fairly

regarded, I conceive, as calling for the interference of the Colonial Government to protect the French against the pilfering and embezzlement of employes selected by themselves, in places to which the Colonial institutions do not practically extend.

3.—I am aware that cases have occurred in which the crews of vessels bound to the Labrador and on sealing voyages have landed and recklessly done injury to buildings and property upon the coast. A representation to this effect was made to me on my recent visit to Cape Bouge Harbour, and I propose to issue at the proper time a Proclamation cautioning the crews of such vessels against the legal consequences of misconduct of this nature being established against them.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) C. H. DARLING.

The Right Honorable H. LABOUCHERE, M. P.,
&c., &c., &c.

(Copy.)

DOWNING STREET, 16th February, 1857.

(No. 4.—Governor Darling.)

Sir,—With reference to former correspondence on the questions so long pending between the British and French Governments respecting the Fisheries of Newfoundland, I have now to transmit to you a copy of a Convention which is prepared, and will, in a few days, be signed. I could have wished that Her Majesty's Government had had the assistance, as was at one time expected, of one of your principal advisers in conducting this negotiation; but I believe that the views of the government and people of Newfoundland have been so fully placed before this department by the Despatches and accompanying documents of yourself and your predecessors, that nothing was wanting to complete the necessary information on this head; and the presence of a gentleman specially entrusted by the French Government with the conduct of the business, rendered it desirable to arrive, if possible, at an understanding without further delay.

You are as well as your advisers, so thoroughly versed in the history of this long-agitated subject, that the several provisions of the convention will be readily understood by you, without any minute explanation on my part. The detail into which I propose to enter is therefore rather with a view to point out the leading principles which have governed Her Majesty's government in this transaction, than merely to remind you of well-known facts. The French rights on the Coast of Newfoundland, under the former Treaties, were the following:—

The exercise during the summer season, of a right of Fishery from Cape Ray, on the South-west, round the Northern point of the Island, to Cape St. John, on the North-east, comprising, therefore, about half the coast of the Island.

And the Crown was bound to take the most positive measures for preventing its subjects from interrupting in any manner by their competition (*concurrency*) the fishery of the French during such temporary exercise. For this purpose the Crown was bound to remove all fixed settlements from the shore.

I will not now recapitulate the discussions which have taken place, at various times, as to whether this grant of fishery rights was "exclusive" as contended by France, or "concurrent" only as contended by ourselves. Suffice it for the present to say, that the conclusion drawn by yourself in the "Remarks" appended

to your despatch of the 23rd July last, is substantially that at which impartial investigation could scarcely fail to arrive. Whether the terms conveying the French right were logically equivalent or not to the term "exclusive," they were at all events practically so, since English fishermen could not interrupt French fishermen by "competition," it was of little importance whether they had in theory, "a concurrent" right, since they would always be warned off by the French.

In point of fact, it appears that the result corresponded to this view. Under the Treaties the Declaration of 1783, the particular stipulations (which I have not thought it necessary to cite) respecting the cutting of wood, &c., and the Proclamations by which the British Government sought from time to time to carry the Treaties into effect, the French enjoyed an exclusive fishery along the so-called "French Shore," and also the exclusive use of that Shore, for fishing purposes, during their season, and they insisted on the legal right to prevent the settlement of Her Majesty's subjects, and the erection of fixed establishments, on any part of that shore.

It would no doubt have been more satisfactory to Her Majesty's Government as well as to the inhabitants of Newfoundland, if the French could have been induced to waive rights exclusive, and likely to be in some respects so inconvenient. But during the many years over which these negotiations have spread, no opportunity has offered itself of attaining in this manner the desired object. The French Government is not disposed to part with, or compromise rights under which a branch of industry, to which it attached considerable value, has grown up. And, in the meantime, not only was great expense entailed on both Governments, by the necessity of maintaining Naval forces to prevent mutual encroachments, but those encroachments could not always be prevented, and the peaceful relations of the two countries have been frequently in danger of interruption from disputes which there was little hope of terminating by decision or intervention, since the very indefinite nature of the rights claimed or enjoyed by France in British soil and waters rendered their constant repetition almost inevitable.

Under these circumstances, Her Majesty's Government had no alternative except that of endeavoring by negotiation to diminish the chances of collision by defining the disputed points; and at the same time to obtain from France such concessions as were most likely to prove permanently serviceable to the interests of Newfoundland at the price of such concessions on our side as were least likely to be felt as onerous.

The concessions made by France in the Convention now forwarded are as follows:—

The "exclusive" right of France to the Fishery is limited entirely to the Northern extremity and North-eastern Coast of Newfoundland, from Cape Norman to Cape St. John, including the portion of the "French Shore" at present chiefly used by the fishermen of that nation, and to five reserved points on the Western Shore to which the French attach a value on account of existing establishments and rights there.

The waters of the entire Western Coast, with these exceptions, are therefore left open to the free concurrence of British fishermen; a concession which, it is hoped, will be of increasing importance as population and industry advance.

Along the little tract of shore between Quirpon Islands and Cape Norman shore, and also at the five reserved points, the French rights of fishery are described as "to the exclusion" of "British subjects." This phrase requires explanation. It need scarcely be said that Her Majesty's Government could entertain no idea of ceding any foreign nation special rights to the exclusion of her own subjects in particular, even on points of such minute geographical importance as these. No such consequences follow here; But the phraseology was

rendered unavoidable by the peculiar position in which this country was placed by former negotiations. In 1818 the British Government concluded the convention of October 20th of that year with the United States, in which it is among other things stipulated, that the inhabitants of the United States shall have liberty to take fish "in common with the subjects of His Britannic Majesty" on the western and northern Coast of Newfoundland, from Cape Ray to the Quirpon Islands. Now, on the assumption that the French right on that Coast is exclusive (which, as has been said, must be practically the case,) the Americans could acquire no right, under this Convention of 1818, during the period of the year occupied by the French Fishery, and it is believed that in point of fact no claim to interfere with the French fishery has ever been sustained by Americans; nevertheless, Her Majesty's Government are of opinion, in order to preserve consistency with the language of the Convention of 1818, it was necessary to declare the French right on points between Cape Ray and the Quirpons to be exclusive "against British subjects," in order to leave no semblance of interference with nominal (although not in fact exercisable) right on the part of the United States. It is very unnecessary to do more than refer you to the more recent fishing treaty with the United States, of 1854, as it does not appear to affect the question now before us.

France also abandons her right to the use of the shore, leaving it exclusively in British occupation, from the South Western point of the Island at Cape Ray, to the point known as "Rock Point," in the Bay of Islands, North of the River Humber, with the exception of such of the five "reserved harbours" as lie within this part of the Coast. To this point Her Majesty's Government attached particular importance, not so much on account of the immediate value of the concession, as with a view to the future advancement of Newfoundland. They had learnt from various sources that the shores of the Bay of St. George appeared to furnish by far the most profitable field for future colonization which the Island affords, and were singularly exempt from the disadvantages of climate which have unavoidably retarded agriculture in the South and South-East of the Island. They felt, therefore, that it was a very serious evil that the French Shore-rights, intended only for the protection of their fishery, had the effect of rendering all settlement of this coast illegal; that the subjects of Her Majesty, who notwithstanding existing prohibitions had established themselves on it, had but imperfect legal protection for their industry or security for their property—they believe that by this concession on the part of France, the whole of the coast which civilization is likely to reach for many years will be rescued from its present subjection to French shore-rights, and rendered available for the increasing population of the Island.

The concessions on the part of Her Majesty's Government (as regards Newfoundland) are simply the following:—

That the traffic in Bait on the South Coast shall be rendered legal. From all the information which has reached this Department, that traffic is already unimpeded in point of fact, and I believe I may add, that whatever assistance it may afford the French in the prosecution of their fisheries the subjects of Her Majesty, who find employment in thus supplying them, would greatly regret the strict enforcement of the existing legal restrictions on this traffic.

The French Government have required, and Her Majesty's Government have conceded a contingent right to supply themselves with this article so indispensable for their purpose, if the supply by purchase should fail. But you will perceive that it depends on the British suppliers of Bait, whether this article shall ever come in force or not, and that it cannot do so without the sanction of the British Naval Officer on the station, whose duty would of course be to communicate with the Government of Newfoundland on such a demand being made by France.

Her Majesty's Government have also acquiesced in the solution favourable to France, of the disputed question respecting the Island of South Belle Isle and Groais.

It will be remembered that although these Islands lie within the waters generally considered as belonging to the French Fishery, yet doubts were entertained whether the shore-rights of France were extended to them, and the Law Advisers of your government were at one time of opinion that English settlement could not be lawfully prevented on these Islands although none, as I am informed, at present exists.

The special articles comprise (it is believed) all the advantages now conceded to France, in respect to the coasts and waters of Newfoundland properly so called. But Her Majesty's Government are willing to purchase the benefit above mentioned for Newfoundland by a concession elsewhere of greater importance, and to which France attached considerably greater value, namely : That of a concurrent right of fishing along about 80 miles of the coast of Labrador (in the Straits of Belle Isle) but without use of the shore ; and similar rights on the coast of North Belle Isle with use (but not exclusive) of the shore.

The remaining stipulations of the Treaty may as I believe, be classed not as concessions or alterations of existing rights, but as an endeavour to put into as definite a shape as the subject admitted the right which usage, founded on the above mentioned Treaties and Proclamations, has already sanctioned. It would have afforded greater satisfaction to Her Majesty's Government, as well no doubt to the inhabitants of Newfoundland engaged in the Fisheries, if the settlement of these questions had been accompanied by an abandonment on the part of France of her system of Fishery Bounties in that quarter. But this is a point in which Great Britain cannot enforce by negotiation its own views on a state in the position of France, possessing already under former Treaties such extensive rights on the coast of your Government. It would not have been politic for this country to make any absolute and irrevocable concession in order to obtain the abolition of a protective system which might be indirectly re-established without its being possible to prove a breach of engagement.

It is most assuredly the belief of Her Majesty's Government that the fundamental impolicy of regulations of this class is becoming daily more and more apparent, in France and elsewhere, and that in the ordinary course of events the industry of Newfoundland, and of Great Britain, will not long have to sustain the unequal competition of, although less unequal in reality than appearances, which they must at present encounter from that of France.

Such are the outlines of the Treaty, which I now transmit to you. Deeply anxious as they are to effect the settlement of questions so complicated and so pregnant with possible mischief to both countries, Her Majesty's Government have nevertheless not thought themselves justified in departing from that rule of Colonial Government which is now so firmly established in British North America. They have thought that in regard to matters affecting the soil and the population of Newfoundland—the concurrence of the Legislature of Newfoundland itself should be sought before any Treaty stipulations could be put into execution and that the aid of Parliament (notwithstanding its paramount constitutional power in questions of Treaty, affecting as these do directly or indirectly, the Empire at large) ought, except in an extreme case, to be reserved for the purpose of completing whatever the Local Legislature may not have strict legal power to effect.

You are therefore instructed to submit this Treaty to the Legislature of Newfoundland for the enactment of the necessary Laws. Your own legal advisers will be better enabled to inform you than myself, what laws may be strictly required ; but it would appear that all local restrictions on the sale of Bait in the specified localities should be removed, and that force of Law should be given to

those provisions of the Treaty, at all events, which relate to the use of the shore in Newfoundland, and authorize the removal of settlements and erections, and those which confer powers on Commissioners. Probably the simplest course would be to recite the Treaty in a single act and give it force of law in the Island as far as this is needed : but this I notice by way of suggestion only. You will observe lastly, that although Her Majesty's Government have expressly submitted the Treaty to the assent of the Newfoundland Legislature they have for their part promised to use their best endeavours to procure the passing of the necessary laws. They are most desirous that these words should be taken as expressing their strong anxiety to effect this arrangement, and the conviction that to miss this opportunity of coming to a settlement will be to cause great inconvenience and probable future loss to Newfoundland. For there can be no doubt that the final failure of a negotiation so long continued will tend to encourage both parties to resort to the full exercise of their existing rights. When the expectation of ultimate agreement upon disputed points is at an end, there will, it must be feared, be little encouragement left for compromise or mutual forbearance.

You are yourself the judge, how seriously mutual enforcement of the powers which each Nation now claims, as against the other, would be felt by various interests in Newfoundland.

Should the necessary laws be passed by the Legislature of Newfoundland in its approaching Session, there will be time to bring the subject under the notice of Parliament for the purpose of removing any difficulties arising on former Imperial Statutes.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) H. LABOUCHERE.

Governor DARLING, &c., &c., &c.,
Newfoundland.

CONVENTION between Her Majesty and the Emperor of the French, relative to the Rights of Fishery on the Coast of Newfoundland and the Neighbouring Coasts.

SIGNED AT LONDON, JANUARY 14, 1857.

RATIFICATIONS EXCHANGED AT LONDON, JANUARY 16, 1857.

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and His Majesty the Emperor of the French, being desirous to remove for the future all cause of misunderstanding between their respective subjects relative to the fisheries on the coast of the Island of Newfoundland and the neighboring coasts, by regulating with exactness the rights and privileges of their said subjects, have resolved to conclude a convention for that purpose, and have named as their Plenipotentiaries, that is to say :—

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Right Honourable George William Frederick, Earl of Clarendon, Baron Hyde of Hindun, a Peer of the United Kingdom, a Member of Her Britannic

Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Her Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; and the Right Honourable Henry Labouchere, a Member of Her Britannic Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, a Member of Parliament, Her Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies;

And His Majesty the Emperor of the French, the Sieur John Gilbert Victor Fialin, Count of Persigny, a Senator, Grand Cross of the Imperial Order of the Legion of Honor, Grand Cordon of the Imperial Order of the Medjidie of Turkey, Grand Cross of the Order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus of Sardinia, Grand Cross of the Order of Denebrog of Denmark, His Ambassador to Her Britannic Majesty;

Who after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon and concluded the following Articles:—

ARTICLE I.—French subjects shall have the exclusive right to fish, and to use the strand for fishery purposes, during the season elsewhere specified (Article VIII), on the east coast of Newfoundland, from Cape John to the Quirpon Islands. They shall also have the right to fish, and to use strand for fishery purposes, during the said season, to the exclusion of British subjects, on the north coast of Newfoundland, from the Quirpon Islands to Cape Norman; and on the west coast, in and upon the five fishing harbours of Port-au-Croix, Small Harbour (or Petit Port,) Port au Port, Red Island, and Cod Roy Island. Such exclusive fishing, from the Quirpon Islands to Cape Norman, shall extend to the distance of three marine miles due north from a straight line joining Cape Norman and Cape Bauld; and as regards the five harbours, shall extend to within a radius of three marine miles in all directions from the centre of each such harbour, but with power to the Commissioners or Umpire elsewhere provided for in this Convention, to alter such limits for each harbour in accordance with the existing practice.

ARTICLE II.—British subjects shall have the right, concurrently with French subjects, to fish on the west coast of Newfoundland, from Cape Norman to Cape Ray, except at the five above-mentioned points; but French subjects shall have the exclusive use of the strand for fishery purposes during the said season, from Cape Norman to Rock Point, in the Bay of Islands, north of the River Humber, in latitude $49^{\circ} 5'$ (about,) in addition to the strand of the reserved harbours.

ARTICLE III.—French subjects shall have the right, concurrently with British subjects, to fish on the coasts of Labrador from Blanc Sablon to Cape Charles, and of North Belleisle, together with liberty to dry and cure fish on any of the portions of the coast of North Belleisle aforesaid, which shall not be settled when this Convention shall come into operation. The British Government, however, retains the right to erect thereon buildings for military or public purposes; and if any settlement for permanent habitation shall be thereafter established on any portion of the coast of the said island, the right of French subjects to dry and cure fish on such portion of the coast shall cease, one season's notice of such settlement having been given beforehand to the French commander on the station.

The said French concurrent right of fishing shall terminate at the embouchures or outlets of rivers and creeks; the place of each embouchure or outlet shall be determined in the manner elsewhere specified in this Convention, by the Commissioners or Umpire.

ARTICLE IV.—From Rock Point in the Bay of Islands to Cape Ray, Great Britain shall have the unrestricted and exclusive use of the shore, except at the points above named in Article I, and within the land limits assigned for those points, Article X.

ARTICLE V.—French subjects shall have the right of purchasing bait, both herring and caplin, throughout the south coast of Newfoundland, including for this purpose the French islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, at sea or on shore, on equal terms with British subjects, without any restriction on the practice of such fishery by British subjects, and without any duty or restriction being imposed either on British or French subjects in respect of such traffic, or upon the export of such bait, on the part of Great Britain or of the Colony.

Should any circumstances whatever restrict, in a notorious manner previously established to the satisfaction of both the British and French naval Commanders on the station, during two seasons, consecutive or not, the said supply by purchase, French subjects shall have the right to fish for bait on the portion of the south coast of Newfoundland comprised between Cape St. Mary and Cape La Hune, during the French fishery seasons: French fishermen not being allowed to use any other nets than those employed for this kind of fishery; but this right shall cease as soon as the causes of the deficient supply shall have disappeared.

ARTICLE VI.—The lateral boundaries of the French rights of fishing toward the sea shall be as follows:—

At Cape Ray, a straight line drawn thence due west-south-west;

At Cape Norman, a straight line thence due north;

At Cape St. Johns, as may be defined by the Commissioners or Umpire on the basis of existing agreements and practice;

At Cape Charles, a straight line thence due east;

At Blanc Sablon, a line as nearly perpendicular to the general direction of the coast as may be the precise line to be determined by the Commissioners or Umpire.

ARTICLE VII.—From Cape St John to Rock Point in the Bay of Islands, the French right of fishing shall extend up all rivers or creeks as high as the salt water. From Rock Point to Cape Ray the right shall be limited to half a marine mile above the embouchure or outlet of each river or creek.

The point hereby limited for each river or creek from Cape St. John to Rock Point, and from Rock Point to Cape Ray, shall be settled in the manner elsewhere provided for by the Commissioners or Umpire.

ARTICLE VIII.—The French season of fishery on the Coast of Newfoundland, Labrador, and North Belleisle, shall extend from the fifth of April to the fifth of October.

ARTICLE IX.—The naval officer of the French Government shall be entitled to enforce the said French exclusive rights of fishing, as defined in Article I, by expulsion of vessels or boats attempting concurrent fishing, in the case of there being no British cruising-vessel in sight, or made known to be present, within a distance of five marine miles.

ARTICLE X.—The strand reserved for French exclusive use for fishery purposes shall extend to one-third of an English mile inland from high-water-mark, from Rock Point to Bonne Bay, inclusive; and at the four reserved harbours south of Bonne Bay; and from Bonne Bay to Cape St. John, to half an English mile inland from high-water mark.

The land lateral boundaries of the reserved harbours shall be settled by the Commissioners or Umpire, in accordance with the existing practice.

The strand shall be laterally bounded, where it reaches the banks of rivers and creeks by straight lines drawn perpendicularly to the direction of the said rivers and creeks at the place where the French river or creek, in the manner elsewhere specified by the Commissioners or Umpire.

ARTICLE XI.—No British buildings or enclosures shall be erected or maintained on the strand reserved for French exclusive use, except for the purposes of military defence or of the public administration, (in which case due notice of the intended erection thereof shall be first given to the French Government); but such existing buildings or enclosures as have stood and been in occupation upon this strand, without objection on the part of the French Government, for a period of five seasons preceding the date of this present Convention, shall not be liable to be removed without equitable compensation to the owners from the French Government, to be agreed on between the Naval Commanders of Great Britain and France on the station, or their respective delegates.

The French Naval Officers or other delegates duly nominated for this purpose by the French officer commanding-in-chief on the station, shall be entitled to take such measures as occasion may require, to put the French fishermen in possession of any portion of the strand, of which their exclusive use for fishery purposes is recognized by the present Convention, in case of there being no British police establishment, cruising-vessel, or other recognized authority within a distance of five English miles.

Such measures may include the removal of buildings or enclosures, in conformity with the above stipulations, fifteen days' notice of any such intended removal having been given to any such British authority as aforesaid, if known to be within twenty English miles. Should there be no such authority within that distance, then the French officer, commander-in-chief, shall, on the earliest opportunity after any such removal shall have taken place, report the same to the English officer commanding in chief.

ARTICLE XII.—No French or other buildings or inclosures shall be erected or maintained for fishery purposes, between Cape St. John and Rock Point beyond the limits hereby recognized as those of the French right to the use of the strand. And it shall be lawful for the British or Colonial Government to remove buildings and erections made beyond the said limits by French subjects, fifteen days' notice of any such intended removal having been given to the officer of any French cruising vessel, or other authority appointed for this purpose by the French officer commanding in chief, if known to be within twenty miles. Should there be no such authority known to be within that distance, then the Government (British or Colonial) so removing shall, on the earliest opportunity after such removal shall have taken place, report the same to the French officer commanding in chief.

But such buildings or enclosures as have stood and been in occupation beyond the said limits, without objection on the part of the British Government, for a period of five seasons preceding the date of this present Convention, shall not be liable to be removed without equitable compensation to the owners from the British Government, to be agreed on between the Naval Commanders of Great Britain and France on the station, or their respective delegates.

ARTICLE XIII.—If any building or erection, British or French, not in conformity with the stipulations of this present Convention, shall at any time have stood and been in occupation undisturbed by the French or British Governments respectively, for five seasons, it shall not be removed without six months' notice to the occupier.

ARTICLE XIV.—The British Government shall give the most positive orders to prevent injury to the French boats and fishery works during the winter; and in order to facilitate the apprehension of offenders in this respect, the French Government shall be allowed to employ British or French subjects for the custody of such boats and works, whether in the summer or winter, not to exceed in number three persons within any mile of coast. Such persons shall be subject in all respects to the local law of Newfoundland.

ARTICLE XV.—French subjects shall be at liberty to use on the strand reserved as aforesaid, to their exclusive use for fishery purposes, any material and instruments they may think proper for their fishery erections and instruments being made and adapted for the drying and curing, or other preparation of fish, and for those purposes only.

ARTICLE XVI.—The privilege of French subjects to cut wood for the repair of their fishery erections and fishing vessels, from Cape St. John to Rock Point, may be exercised as far as required for the purpose, but not on private land without the consent of the occupier.

With respect to the four reserved harbours between Rock Point and Cape Ray, the same privilege shall be exercised on the mainland or elsewhere, within a radius of three marine miles from the centre of each harbour, such centre to be determined by the Commissioners or Umpire, as elsewhere specified.

ARTICLE XVII.—The provisions of the present Convention shall apply to the islands adjacent to the coasts mentioned, as well as to the coasts themselves, except where otherwise specified. The Islands of Groais and South Belleisle shall be regarded as adjacent to the nearest coast.

ARTICLE XVIII.—In order to settle the various points left by this convention to be decided by Commissioners or an Umpire, each of the two Governments shall, on the application of the other, at any time after the passing by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, and by the Provincial Legislature of Newfoundland, of the laws required to carry this Convention into operation, appoint a Commissioner, to enter immediately on his functions.

Whenever a case shall occur in which the said Commissioners may differ in opinion, they shall name some third person to act as an Arbitrator or Umpire therein. If they should not be able to agree in the choice of such a third person, they shall each name a person, and it shall be determined by lot which of the two persons so named shall be the Arbitrator or Umpire. In the event of the death, absence, or incapacity of either of the Commissioners, Arbitrator, or Umpire, or of their or his omitting, declining, or ceasing to act as such Commissioner, Arbitrator, or Umpire, another and different person shall be appointed or named in the manner hereinbefore specified to act as such Commissioner, Arbitrator, or Umpire, in the place and stead of the person so originally appointed or named as aforesaid.

The said Commissioners or Umpire shall frame regulations for the exercise of concurrent rights by the parties to this Convention with a view to prevent collisions: such regulations to be approved by the respective Governments, and until so approved to be in force provisionally; but such regulations shall be subject to revision, with the consent of both Governments.

ARTICLE XIX.—All stipulations of former Treaties shall remain in force so far as they are not superseded or modified by this present Convention.

ARTICLE XX.—The present Convention shall come into operation as soon as the laws required to carry it into effect shall have been passed by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, and by the Provincial Legislature of Newfoundland: Her Britannic Majesty hereby engaging to use her best endeavours to procure the passing of such laws in sufficient time to enable Her to bring the Convention into operation on or before the 1st of January, 1858.

ARTICLE XXI.—The present Convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at London in fifteen days, or sooner, if possible.

In witness whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the same, and have affixed thereto the seals of their arms.

Done at London, the fourteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

(Signed,)

CLARENDON.

HENRY LABOUCHERE.

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F. DE PERSIGNY.

DOCTORS COMMONS, July 7th, 1843.

My Lord,—I am honored with your Lordship's commands, signified in Mr. Addington's letter of the 14th ult., stating that he was directed to transmit to me the enclosed correspondence with the Colonial Office, as noted in the margin, relative to the right claimed by France, to an exclusive fishery in every description of fish within the fishery limits conceded to her by Treaty on the Coast of Newfoundland; also, transmitting a Memorandum upon this subject, drawn up at the Foreign Office, and to request that I would take these papers into consideration, and report to your Lordship at my earliest convenience, my opinion on the claims now advanced by France, to an exclusive right to take Salmon and other fish besides Cod Fish, on the coast in question. In obedience to your Lordship's commands, I have taken the papers into consideration, and have the honor to report, that as the right claimed by France of fishery on certain parts of the coast of Newfoundland, I take leave to refer your Lordship to the reports made by myself and the other Law Officers of the Crown, on the 30th March, 1835, and the 17th April, 1837, from which I see no reason to depart; with respect to the description of fish which the subjects of France are entitled to take, I do not find either in the Treaties or declaration referred to, any limitation whatever.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) J. DODSON.

The Earl of ABERDEEN.

EXTRACT of Governor Darling's Despatch, No. 72, of 19th August, 1856, to Right Honorable H. Labouchere.

NEWFOUNDLAND,

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

St. John's, 19th August, 1856.

Sir,—With reference to my Despatch, No. 70, of the 28th ult., I regret to say that upon my return to St. John's, on the 9th inst., in H. M. S. "Pylades," I found that Mr. Attorney General Little's illness, on account of which he had intended to obtain change of air by the usual vacation leave of absence, had become so serious that he was unable to proceed to England, as proposed in the "Propontis" Steamer.

2.—My absence from the Seat of Government did not exceed twelve days. During that period, I visited the Settlements of Trepassey, St. Mary's, Placentia, Burin, Great St. Laurence, Lamaline, Grand Bank, and Harbor Breton, landing at each, and holding communication with the Magistrates, Clergy, and principal Inhabitants of the several places, and inspecting the Court Houses, Gaols, Churches and Schools, in all cases where such Buildings and Institutions exist, or were in operation.

3.—I was prevented, by dense fog, from proceeding so far to the Westward, as I had intended, being unwilling to incur delay; and from the same cause, I was unable to land either at La Poile, or the Burgeo Islands, off the former of which the "Pylades" lay twenty hours, and off the latter sixteen hours, in hopes of accomplishing that object.

4.—By this visit of inspection, however, in conjunction with my former tour to the Northward, I have been enabled to acquire a personal knowledge of the character of the Settlements upon the whole Coast, whether Mercantile Establishments, or Fishing Villages, which cannot but be useful in leading to just and independent conclusions upon those commercial, and social questions, which the circumstances and pursuits of the Inhabitants of the Colony generally involve.

5.—From information which I personally obtained, and from somewhat minute data which were submitted to me, I am satisfied that the Herring Fishery in the Bay of Fortune alone, is of considerably greater value than that which is usually ascribed to the collective Herring Fisheries of the Colony. The value of Bait sold this year to the French is estimated by a competent authority, who has taken pains to obtain reliable information, at not less than £58,000.

(Copy.)—No. 104.

NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERIES.

DESPATCH from Lord Stanley, of 29th July, 1843, to Governor Sir John Harvey.

DOWNING STREET, 29th July, 1843.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 11th of last November, relative to the claim of the French to the exclusive right of Fishing on those parts of the Island of Newfoundland on which a right of fishing for and curing Cod has been conceded to French subjects by Treaty.

Having referred this despatch for the consideration of the Earl of Aberdeen, I have received two letters in answer, dated the 28th of February, and the 19th of this month, which convey His Lordship's opinion, that Great Britain is bound to permit the Subjects of France to fish during the season in the districts specified by the Treaty and Declaration of 1783, free from any interruption on the part of British Subjects; but that if there be room in these Districts for the fisheries of both nations to fish without interfering with each other, this country is not bound to prevent her subjects from fishing there. It is further His Lordship's opinion that, as there is no limitation in the Treaty as to the description of fish which the

French are entitled to take, their claim to fish for Salmon must also be admitted to its full extent.

As this is a subject of great interest and importance, and one which may be hereafter forced on the attention of yourself or your successors in the Government of Newfoundland, I think it desirable to furnish you with copies of the correspondence which has lately passed between Lord Aberdeen and myself respecting it, and also with copies of the opinions of the Law Officers of the Crown, which are therein referred to, dated the 30th May, 1835, and the 17th April 1837; but you will be careful to preserve this correspondence amongst the confidential records of your Government. Adverting to your despatch of the 13th June, which I have received within the last few days, in which it is remarked that the French Naval Officer has protested against the claims of British subjects to a concurrent right of Salmon fishery within the French limits, merely *pro forma*, and for the object of sustaining the construction by the French of the word "competition," in the Declaration of 1783, I do not see that there is at present any necessity for taking any step which shall revive a discussion as to the description of fish which the French Fishermen are entitled to catch. You will, on all occasions, avoid as much as possible raising any question as to the rights of Great Britain to the fisheries of Newfoundland, on those coasts on which the French are by Treaty entitled to fish, free from interruption by the competition of the British Fishermen; but if a formal and energetic remonstrance be addressed to you by the French Commandant on the Station, I am of opinion that you would have no alternative, except to regulate your conduct by the deliberate opinions expressed in these papers.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) STANLEY.

Lieut. Governor Sir J. HARVEY.

(Copy.)

CONFIDENTIAL.

Enclosure, with No. 104, '43, of 29th July.

DOCTORS' COMMONS, May 30th, 1835.

My Lord,—We are honoured with your Lordship's commands, signified in Mr. Backhouse's letter of the 19th of July last, stating that he was directed to transmit to us the accompanying Letter from the Board of Trade, relative to the right of British subjects to the Fishery on certain parts of the Coast of Newfoundland, where the right is now claimed by the Subjects of France exclusively; and requesting that we would take into our consideration the subject of this Letter, together with the Treaties to which it refers; and that we would report to your Lordship our opinion as to the claim which Great Britain may have to a share of the Fishery in question; and as to the expediency of proposing to the French Government to commence negotiations for the purpose of effecting some amicable adjustment of the respective rights of British and French subjects upon the coast of Newfoundland.

In obedience to your Lordship's commands, we have the honor to report, that having taken into consideration the above mentioned Letter from the Board of Trade, together with the Treaties to which it refers, we are of opinion, that the Subjects of France have the exclusive right of Fishery on the part of the Coast of Newfoundland, specified in the 5th Article of the Definite Treaty, signed at Versailles on the third of September, 1783.

We have, &c.,

(Signed,) JOHN DODSON,
J. CAMPBELL,
R. W. ROLFE,

Viscount PALMERSTON,
&c., &c., &c.

(Copy.)

CONFIDENTIAL.

Enclosure with No. 104, 1843, of 29th July.

DOCTORS' COMMONS, April 17th, 1837.

My Lord,—We are honoured with your Lordship's commands, signified in Mr. Backhouse's Letter of the 1st inst., transmitting two Notes received from Count Sebastiani, the French Ambassador at this Court, and a Copy of Your Lordship's answer to the first of those Notes relative to certain collisions which Count Sebastiani states had occurred between British and French Fishermen on the Coast of Newfoundland, arising out of the interference of the former with the fishery on that part of the Newfoundland Coast on which the French claim to have the exclusive right of Fishing; and in consequence of which collisions Count Sebastiani calls on Her Majesty's Government for a formal disavowal of the claim of British subjects to a right of fishing concurrent with that of the subjects of France upon the Coast in question, and requests that instructions may be given to the British Authorities, and Naval Officers on the Newfoundland station, defining and enforcing the exclusive right of France under the Declaration annexed to the Treaty of September 3rd, 1783.

Mr. Backhouse also encloses a Copy of Prince Talleyrand's Note of 19th May 1831, to which Count Sebastiani refers, in his Note of the 21st October last.

Also, a Copy of a Letter from the Foreign Office to the Colonial Department, referring for Lord Glenelg's consideration a draft of the answer which Your Lordship proposed to return to Count Sebastiani.

2ndly.—The previous Letters therein referred to, on the subject of Mr. George Handley's, received from the Colonial Office and from the Admiralty.

3rdly.—A Letter and its enclosures from the Colonial Office on the subject of Your Lordship's proposed answer to Count Sebastiani, and a second letter of the same date with reference to Mr. Handley's case.

4thly.—The Letter from the Board of Trade in 1834 and the report of the Law Officers of the Crown in 1835, thereupon; which are referred to in the Letter from the Colonial Office above mentioned.

And, 5thly.—A Memorandum prepared in the Foreign Office upon the question of the right of the French to an exclusive Fishery.

And requesting that We would take these papers into consideration, and report to Your Lordship our opinion thereupon.

In obedience to Your Lordship's commands, we have attentively perused and considered the above mentioned papers, and have the honour to report that, in referring to the opinion expressed in our Report of the 30th of May 1835, we think we went further than the circumstances of the case fairly warrant.

Attending to the Treaty of 1783, and the accompanying Declaration, the subsequent Treaties, and the Act of Parliament, we think Great Britain has bound herself to permit the subjects of France to fish, during the season, in the allotted District free from any interruption on the part of British subjects.

If there were really good room within the limits of the District in question, for the fishermen of both Nations to fish without interfering with each other, then we do not think that this Country will be bound to prevent her subjects from fishing there.—It appears, however, from the Report of Admiral Sir P. Halket, that this is hardly practicable and we are of opinion that according to the true construction of the Treaty and Declaration, British subjects are precluded from fishing, if they thereby cause any interruption to the French fishery.

We have, &c.,

(Signed,) J. DODSON.
J. CAMPBELL.
R. W. ROLFE.

Viscount PALMERSTON,
&c., &c., &c.

(Copy.)

NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERIES.

NOTE of Lord Palmerston, of 10th July, 1838, to Count Sebastiani, the French Ambassador.

FOREIGN OFFICE, July 10, 1838.

M. Le Compte,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note of the 7th November, 1836, in answer to that in which, on the 4th of the same month, I expressed a wish that Your Excellency would furnish me with a statement of the particular transactions, or acts of collision, which were referred to you in your note of the 21st of October, as having arisen out of the pretensions of English Fishermen to participate in the Cod Fishery upon that part of the Coast of Newfoundland on which the French Government claim for French subjects an exclusive right of fishing.

Your Excellency states that in consequence of frequent collisions having taken place between the French and English Fishermen off the Coast of Newfoundland, the French Admiral upon that station had been ordered to communicate with the

Governor of the Islands of St. Pierre and Micouelon, with a view to make some arrangement for preventing French vessels from violating the limits of the English fisheries; and that the Governor and Admiral, having met for that purpose, had an interview with Captain Bennett, commanding the British ship-of-war "Rainbow," and invited that officer to exact, on the part of English fishermen, the same respect for treaties which would be required on the part of the French: that at this interview, which took place on the 17th of June, 1836, Captain Bennett officially announced pretensions on the part of the Legislative Assembly of the Island of Newfoundland, which Your Excellency considers as being contrary to the text of the Declaration annexed to the Treaty of the 3rd September, 1783; and it appears that the pretensions above mentioned are comprised in the opinion which the Legislative Assembly entertains, that the phrase in the Declaration, in which the French word "concurrence" is employed, does not take from English subjects the right of fishing in the waters adjoining to the coasts, but only obliges them not to do so in such a manner as thereby to interrupt the French fishermen in their occupations.

Your Excellency then proceeds to state that Captain Bennett supported the opinion of the Legislative Assembly of Newfoundland; but that nevertheless he and the French Officers separated with the understanding that they would exert their efforts in common to preserve peace between the fishermen of the two nations; but that, notwithstanding this agreement, the English fishermen, set on by the Merchants of Newfoundland, and encouraged by the opinion of the Legislative Assembly, had, in the year in which your Excellency's note is written, again visited the points reserved to the French boats, and that collisions had consequently taken place between the fishermen of the two nations before the ships-of-war of the two countries arrived at the station; that the French fishery had been interfered with, particularly in the harbours of Cod Roy and St. George, and that a collision had been the consequence; that thereupon the French agents and Captain Bennett had had a fresh conference, at which Captain Bennett again supported, as on the former occasion, the opinion of the Legislative Assembly in favour of the English right of fishing in those parts.

Your Excellency concludes by expressing your expectation that collisions so injurious to the interests of French commerce will be put a stop to by a faithful interpretation of the Treaty of 3rd September, 1783, on the part of the British Government.

In answer to Your Excellency's representation, I beg, in the first instance, to observe, that the only specific case of collision mentioned by Your Excellency is that which is stated to have taken place in the harbours of Cod Roy and St. George; and that I infer from the manner in which it is mentioned that the case alluded to is that in which a Mr. Handley, an English subject, was concerned, who has stated that his vessels were assaulted, and his fishing occupations forcibly interrupted by the French ship "Furieux," on the 1st June, 1836.

This case had already been brought under the notice of His Majesty's Government, by the British Colonial and Naval authorities, and it had been made the subject of representation to the French authorities by Captain Bennett, at the interview of the 17th of June, to which Your Excellency has referred.

The case, as at first described to the British Government by Mr. Handley, appeared to be an act of unjustifiable interference on the part of the French Naval Officer, and there seemed to be fit ground for making a representation upon the subject to the French Government, and this impression was strengthened by the contents of the letter of the 16th July following, from the Governor of St. Pierre to the Commander of the British sloop-of-war, the "Rainbow." But a further investigation, the result of which has recently been communicated to the British Government, has shown that the cause of the interruption complained of in this case,

was not that the vessels of Mr. Handley were fishing in a place where they had no right to fish, or were interrupting the French fishermen, but that those vessels were fishing in a manner irregular and injurious to the fisheries of both parties, and were using a particular kind of net which is not generally employed at that period of the fishing season when Mr. Handley's vessels were fishing; and further, it appeared that it was at the express request of British as well as of French subjects, that the Commander of the "Furieux" seized the nets of the English vessels, and interrupted their proceedings. These facts appear upon affidavit.

Under these circumstances there appeared to be no just reason for making this case the subject of complaint against the French authorities, and I need not now trouble Your Excellency with any further particulars respecting it, as the French Government are no doubt in possession of the correspondence and of all the facts relating to the case, the Governor of St. Pierre having assured Captain Bennett that he would forthwith transmit the affidavits to France, and report the affair to his government.

The British Government cannot but regret that any such collision should have taken place; but, at the same time, it is satisfactory to know, that on that occasion the greatest harmony subsisted between the English and French inhabitants, and that the most amicable and unreserved communication took place between the British and French Naval Commanders. And I need scarcely add that it is the earnest desire of Her Majesty's Government, while, on the one hand they protect the rights of British subjects, to take care, on the other hand, that the French right of Fishery, as guaranteed by Treaty, shall not be unlawfully obstructed.

I now proceed to answer that part of Your Excellency's note which relates to the conflicting opinions that are entertained as to the true interpretation of the Declaration annexed to the Treaty of the 3rd September, 1783, and in which Your Excellency urges the British Government to disavow the claim of British subjects to a right of fishery upon the Coasts in question concurrent with the right of the subjects of France.

And in the first place, I beg to observe that it does not appear to the British Government that either Your Excellency's representation, or that of Your predecessor, have shown that any specific grievance has been sustained by French subjects, in consequence of the doubts which are said to be entertained upon this question, so as to prove that there is any pressing necessity for the call which the French Government makes in this respect upon that of Great Britain.

But the British Government is, nevertheless, willing to enter into an amicable examination of the matter, with a view to set those doubts at rest, although it is my duty to say that the British Government are not prepared, according to the view which they at present take of the matter, to concede the point in question.

The right of fishing on the Coast of Newfoundland was assigned to French subjects by the King of Great Britain, in the Treaty of Peace of 1783, to be enjoyed by them "as they had the right to enjoy that which was assigned to them by the Treaty of Utrecht."

But the right assigned to French subjects by the Treaty of Utrecht was "to catch fish and to dry them on land," within the district described in the said Treaty, subject to the condition not "to erect any buildings" upon the Island "besides stages made of boards, and huts necessary and usual for drying of fish," and not to "resort to the said Island beyond the time necessary for fishing and drying of fish."

A Declaration annexed to the Treaty of 1783, by which the right assigned to French subjects was renewed, contains an engagement that "in order that the

fishermen of the two Nations may not give a cause for daily quarrels, His Britannic Majesty would take the most positive measures for preventing His subjects from interrupting, in any manner, by their competition, the Fishery of the French during the temporary exercise of it which was granted to them;" and that His Majesty would "for this purpose cause the fixed settlements which should be found there to be removed."

A counter Declaration stated that the King of France was satisfied with the arrangement concluded in the above terms.

The Treaty of Peace of 1814 declares that the French right "of fishery at Newfoundland is replaced upon the footing upon which it stood in 1792."

In order, therefore, to come to a right understanding of the question, it will be necessary to consider it with reference to historical facts, as well as with reference to the letter of the Declaration of 1783; and to ascertain what was the precise footing upon which the French fishery actually stood in 1792.

Now, it is evident that specific evidence would be necessary, in order to show that the construction which the French Government now desire to put upon the Declaration of 1783, is the interpretation which was given to that Declaration at the period when the Declaration was framed; and when the real intention of the parties must have been best known. It would be requisite for this purpose to prove that, upon the conclusion of the Treaty of 1783, French subjects actually entered upon the enjoyment of an exclusive right to catch fish in the waters off the Coast in question; and that they were in the acknowledged enjoyment of the exercise of that right, at the commencement of the war in 1792. But no evidence to such effect has yet been produced. It is not indeed asserted by Your Excellency, nor was it contended by Prince Talleyrand in his note of 1831, to which Your Excellency specially refers, that French subjects were, at the breaking out of the war in 1792, in the enjoyment of such an exclusive right; and, moreover, it does not appear that such right was claimed by France, or admitted by England, at the termination of the war in 1801, or at the peace of 1814.

It is true that the privilege secured to the fishermen of France by the Treaty and Declaration of 1783, a privilege which consists in the periodical use of a part of the shore of Newfoundland for the purpose of drying their fish, has, in practice, been treated by the British Government as an exclusive right during the period of the fishing season, and within the prescribed limits; because from the nature of the case it would scarcely be possible for British fishermen to dry their fish upon the same part of the shore with the French fishermen, without interfering with the temporary establishments of the French for the same purpose, and without interrupting their operations. But the British Government has never understood the Declaration to have had for its object to deprive British subjects of the right to participate with the French in taking fish at sea off that shore, provided they did so without interrupting the French Cod-fishery; and although in accordance with the true spirit of the Treaty and Declaration of 1783, prohibitory proclamations have from time to time been issued, on occasions when it has been found that British subjects, while fishing within the limits in question, have caused interruption to the French fishery; yet in none of the public documents of the British Government, neither in the Act of Parliament of 1783, passed for the express purpose of carrying the Treaty of 1783 into effect, nor in any subsequent Act of Parliament relating to the Newfoundland Fishery; nor in any of the instructions issued by the Admiralty, or by the Colonial Office; nor in any proclamation which has come under my view, issued by the Governor of Newfoundland, or by the British Admiral upon the station; does it appear that the right of French subjects to an exclusive fishery, either of Cod-fish, or of fish generally, is specifically recognized.

In addition to the facts above stated, I will observe to Your Excellency, in conclusion, that if the right conceded to the French by the Declaration of 1783, had been intended to be exclusive within the prescribed district, the terms used for defining such right would assuredly have been more ample and specific than they are found to be in that document. For in no other similar instrument which has ever come under the knowledge of the British Government, is so important a concession as an exclusive privilege of this description announced in terms so loose and indefinite.

Exclusive rights are privileges which, from the very nature of things, are likely to be injurious to parties who are thereby debarred from some exercise of industry in which they would otherwise engage. Such rights are therefore certain to be at some time or other disputed, if there is any maintainable ground for contesting them; and for these reasons, when negotiators have intended to grant exclusive rights, it has been their invariable practice to convey such rights in direct, unqualified, and comprehensive terms, so as to prevent the possibility of future dispute or doubt.

In the present case, however, such forms of expression are entirely wanting, and the claim put forward on the part of France is founded simply upon inference, and upon an assumed interpretation of words.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) PALMERSTON.

His Excellency Count Sebastiani:

REPORT of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Proposed Concession of Fishing Privileges to the French.

Presented by the Hon. the Attorney General, and laid upon the Table, 26th February, 1857.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

Committee Room, 26th February, 1857.

The Select Committee appointed by this House to take into consideration the Convention with France, signed on the 14th January, 1857, at London, beg to report that they have taken evidence on the subject, which with certain Resolutions, and a Memorial passed thereon, they most respectfully submit.

- P. F. LITTLE, Chairman.
- J. KENT.
- R. PROWSE.
- W. H. ELLIS.
- H. W. HOYLES.
- R. J. PARSONS.

1. Resolved,—That the British Coastal Fisheries, within the jurisdiction of our Colonial Government, although common and free to all British Subjects, are yet, in a peculiar manner, the undoubted property of the people of Newfoundland: and while they are subject to the Sovereignty of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen and her legal prerogatives, they cannot be alienated or shared with any Foreign Power, without the consent of the Local Legislature.

2. Resolved,—That the property in the Territory subject to the Government of this Colony, having been transferred to the Local Government, and become the subject of Legislative enactment, no part thereof can, according to the laws of the land, be granted to any Foreign Power, without the passing of a law by the Local Legislature for that purpose.

3. Resolved,—That in making the Convention with France, in January 1857, dependent for validity upon the concurrence of the Local Legislature, the Imperial Government have in the most unqualified manner, recognized our rights, as declared in the preceding Resolutions.

4. Resolved,—That in pursuance of the said recognized Constitutional right, we deem it our duty, in the most emphatic manner, to refuse our assent to the said Convention, giving, as it does, to the subjects of France, such farther concessions of our fisheries, as would virtually vest exclusive privileges in them, to the sacrifice of the rights and interests of our constituents, and the ultimate ruin of this Colony as a British possession.

5. Resolved,—That the concessions made to the French, in former Treaties, of the most valuable Coastal Fisheries of this Island have operated to the detriment of British interests, and have been a source of grave dissatisfaction to the inhabitants of this Colony.

6. Resolved,—That the French Newfoundland Fisheries being the nucleus of the French Naval power, and sustained by large bounties, no British or Colonial Fishermen have been able to compete on any of the Fishing Grounds or Banks, Common to the subjects of both nations,—the British Bank Fishery has been, therefore, annihilated, and our Shore Fishery greatly damaged, while the produce of this Colony has had to sustain an unequal Competition in Foreign markets with that of the French.

7. Resolved,—That the necessary withdrawal of our Fishermen from the banks obliges them to rely mainly on the Labrador Fishery, which gives most lucrative employment to large numbers of our Fishermen.

8. Resolved,—That the concession of a concurrent right of fishing, to the French on that part of Labrador lying between Blan Sablon and Cape Charles, and in the Straits at Belle Isle, would practically confer on them the exclusive Fishery in these places, and many of the inhabitants of this and of the neighboring Colonies, beside other British subjects, would thus be deprived of a most valuable source of livelihood, while the British capital invested in the establishments on that part of the Coast, would be lost, and the fishery for a considerable distance North of Cape Charles, would be injured by the use in the Straits of Belle Isle, of the immense seines and bultows usually employed by French.

9. Resolved,—That the contingent permission to the French to take Bait between Cape St. Mary's and Cape La Hune, would destroy our Western Fishery, and ultimately depopulate that portion of the Colony.

10. Resolved that the power given to the French to expel British subjects from their homes, and deprive them of the rights they have acquired on the the North-east and Western coast of this Island, and to settle three Frenchmen to every mile of coast in their stead, would be a cruel injustice to our fellow colonists, and transfer to the French their valuable Salmon and Seal Fisheries.

11. Resolved,—That in our opinion no equivalent for those great sacrifices are given to our subjects by the Convention—that the enjoyment by France, of the exclusive fishery from Cape John to Cape Norman, and at the five principal fishing stations on the Western Coast of this Island, secures to them the only valuable Cod Fishery on the French shore, and the concurrent right, which would amount to an exclusive one, if there were any fishery of value on the remaining part of the Western Coast, is worthless to British Fishermen.

12. Resolved,—That this Colony relies solely upon its Fisheries for the support of its population, and that Agricultural pursuits are merely resorted to as a slender auxiliary, and are subordinate to the chief avocation of the people.

13. Resolved,—That the settlement of St. George's Bay, for Agricultural purposes, is of little importance, even if practicable, to the general population of the Colony—and that we do not take it to be a concession to allow the settlers who have resided there for nearly a century, to retain undisturbed possession of their homes, as British subjects have a right to settle on any portion of the French Shore where they would not interrupt the French in the prosecution of their fisheries.

14. Resolved,—That although the Assembly cannot anticipate that, after the unqualified recognition, by the Imperial Government, of the rights of the Local Legislature upon this subject, any attempt will be made to carry into effect, by Imperial authority alone, the terms of this Convention, yet as it is the duty of this Assembly to adopt every constitutional means to arrest such a calamity, the Speaker be authorized to communicate with the Assemblies of the neighbouring Colonies, some of which are in interest, and all of which are in principle, equally concerned therein with ourselves, and to request their co-operation in the vindication of our rights.

15. Resolved,—That Addresses to the right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and to both Houses of the Imperial Parliament be adopted, embodying the foregoing views.

16. Resolved,—That Delegates be appointed from the Assembly, to proceed to London; to promote the object of the Assembly as expressed in the foregoing Resolutions.

ADDRESS to the Right Honourable Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Sir,—We, Her Majesty's Loyal Subjects, the Commons of Newfoundland, in General Assembly convened, beg leave to address you on the subject of the Convention entered into on the 14th January, by Great Britain and France, in relation to the Fisheries of Newfoundland and the Labrador.

In 1853 the people of this Colony had learned, from unofficial sources, that some negotiations were on foot between England and France on the subject of our Fisheries.

They were altogether ignorant as to what had been proposed on either side; but, confident in the assurance that without their knowledge nothing would be done by the Imperial Government by which their rights could be lessened or their interests affected, they did nothing for their protection in this respect, be-

yond the repeated adoption of addresses, protesting against further concessions to the French, and soliciting protection against their flagrant encroachments on our shores, and they were therefore wholly unprepared for the information received by the last mail, through His Excellency Governor Darling, that a Convention had been actually signed and ratified at London, by which, if it were carried into effect, the people of this Colony would be deprived of the most valuable of their fisheries for the benefit of the subjects of France.

The surprise, anxiety, and alarm which this news occasioned in this country, cannot be described. In some degree to allay the excitement which agitated the public mind, we thought it necessary immediately to pass a resolution declaring our strong disapproval of its provisions, and subsequent discussion, enquiry, and consideration, having fully confirmed the opinions we at first entertained, we now beg leave to submit the reasons which influence in withholding our consent to this measure.

That our observations upon the present convention may be better understood, it is necessary to take a short review of the history and of the present state and condition of our Fisheries.

The Treaty of Utrecht gave the French a concurrent right of fishery on the shores of Newfoundland, from Point Riche around the North-West Coast to Cape Bonavista on the Eastern Coast; this right restricted to Cape St. John, instead of Cape Bonavista on the Eastern Coast, and extended to Cape Ray on the West, was continued to them by the Treaty of Versailles, with the additional advantage conferred by the declaration of His Britannic Majesty, that means should be taken to prevent injury to the French fishery by the exercise of their concurrent right by British subjects. Proclamations from time to time issued in Newfoundland in conformity with the declaration and under the authority of the 28th Geo. 3rd cap. 15th, and the practice of the French permitted by the British Government of forcibly preventing British subjects from fishing at the French stations within the above limits, practically converted the concurrent Fishery into one exclusively French, and the Colony was thus, by the act of the parent state, deprived of the fairest portion of its fishery grounds. The consequences of this act, however, were not immediately felt. The operation of the Treaty being suspended by the wars which shortly followed, the British fisheries prospered, and in the year 1815, not fewer than four hundred sail of British ships, of which a very large proportion were fitted out from St. Johns and the adjacent ports, fished upon the Banks, and not fewer than one hundred thousand quintals of fish were exported by British subjects to France alone. After the peace of 1815, the French resorted to the Banks and to the Coast of Newfoundland in great numbers, and being supported by enormous bounties, the quantity of British caught fish rapidly lessened, and its prices in Foreign and Colonial Markets fell. The British and Colonial Bank fishery consequently declined, and in 1845 became extinct, and the fishery on our eastern shore, once so productive, was so much injured by the French Bank fishery, that the greater part of those engaged in it have of late years been obliged to fish at the Labrador, or on the south coast of the Island. At present, therefore, excluded by force from the fishery between Cape Ray and Cape St. John, and driven from the Banks by French bounties, we have but two Cod Fisheries that are of any importance to us—that carried on on our South Coast from Cape Race Westward, and known as the Western Fishery, and that carried on at the Labrador, between Blanc Sablon and Cape Harrison, and it is these that the terms of the present convention will principally affect.

The first article of the Convention that materially alters our existing rights, is the third, which gives to the French a concurrent right of fishery with British subjects on the Labrador coast, between Blanc Sablon and Cape Charles, with

the right also of occupying Belle Isle North for fishery purposes, and of fishing in its neighbourhood.

The effects of this concession, it may be shortly stated, will be the total loss to British subjects of the fishery between Blanc Sablon and Cape Charles, and round Belle Isle, the sacrifice of the British establishments in the Straits, and certain and increasing injury, if not positive ruin, to the Labrador fishery north of Cape Charles, as will appear from the following considerations:—

The French carry on their fishery by means of large seines and bultows; with the former, which are generally two hundred fathoms and upwards in length, by thirty-five or forty in depth, they sweep the ground where they are used; taking and destroying great quantities of fish;—with the bultows also (which are lines moored in the water, each sometimes a mile in length, and containing several hundred baited hooks, which, except when lifted at stated intervals to take off the fish, continue in the water day and night,) they attract and detain the fish in the locality where they are placed, and take great numbers of them. Large seines and numerous bultows, however, can only be tended and handled where there are large crews. These the French, by means of their bounties, can command. British fishermen, without such support, can use only the hook and line, and at best small Cod Seines of one hundred fathoms long by eleven deep; the result must inevitably be that the French will, within the same space, take a much larger quantity of fish than our men can; and these being taken from a locality where at present we can hardly find enough for ourselves, we shall be compelled to abandon that part of the coast altogether. The same observations apply to a concurrent fishery at Belle Isle; and that they are founded not merely in theory, is shown by the history of our Bank fishery, and can be confirmed by the experience of our oldest fishermen.

By the aid of their large bounties, in short, the French are enabled to carry on their fisheries in a manner that speedily gives them the command of the whole ground to which they may resort, and in a short time, makes a nominally concurrent fishery exclusively their own.

The loss of the Straits' fishery, however, is not the only injury we shall sustain by the Concession, we are now considering; we shall suffer further injury in this way.

The Fish which supply the Straits and the Labrador fisheries consist for the most part of two large shoals, one of which entering the Gulf at Cape Ray, in April or May, passes through the Straits down to the Labrador Shore, and the other coming from the Eastward somewhat later in the season, strikes Belle Isle and proceed onward in the same direction. If therefore, the French be permitted to sweep their large seines and spread their bultows round Belle Isle, it cannot be doubted that the effect which we too surely know has by such means been produced elsewhere on our coast will be reproduced here—both shoals of fish will be intercepted on their way to the Labrador, to the great injury, if not the entire destruction of our fisheries on that shore.

The Concession next in importance, though not in order, is the permission given to the French to purchase Bait, and in the event of a certain contingency, to take it for themselves on the South Coast of Newfoundland between Capes La Hune and St. Mary's.

It cannot be denied that of late years many of the inhabitants of the South Coast have been in the habit of selling Caplin and Herring bait to the French Bankers at St. Peter's, but it is also true that such practice is a violation of our Local Laws, and only exists by reason of the inability of the Local Government to maintain a force sufficient to prevent it.

It is a practice, moreover, which, as may be inferred from our Local Legislation, is exceedingly injurious to our fisheries—not only because it deprives our fishermen of what they require for themselves—but because by its means, the French are enabled to prosecute their fisheries on the Banks, and thus to prevent the fish from coming to the shore.

To require that we should consent to legalize a traffic so suicidal to our interests seems most unreasonable; and if a well-founded objection exists to the sale of bait by any of our people, such objection applies with much greater force to a permission to the French to take it for themselves. The terms of the Convention, as to what shall entitle the French to this right, are somewhat ambiguous; but, it is easy to perceive that by many devices such right may be obtained—once obtained it cannot be withdrawn without their consent, and they will thus obtain advantages in this respect which, while they will contribute largely to increase the French catch and diminish the expense of the French outfits, will inevitably destroy our Western fishery.

Besides these two main particulars of the Treaty, there are others of a minor character, which are highly objectionable. The exclusive right to the strand from Cape St. John to the Bay of Islands—the extension of the fishing season to the 5th of April, the right of settling three French subjects to every mile upon that shore, and the right to the Rivers, as far as the salt water flows, will take from the British settlers, of whom there are about 2,000, between Cape St John and the Bay of Islands alone, a valuable net Seal and Salmon Fishery, by which they now support themselves in comfort and independence. The concurrent fishery in the Straits, from the number of boats which the French employ in its prosecution, and which will drive the seal, at all times a shy and timid animal, into deep water, will, in all probability destroy a very extensive net Seal fishery, which, in May and June is carried on on that shore, and will materially interfere with a valuable Herring Fishery, conducted by British subjects in that locality. The extension of the fishing season—the right to colonize the French Shore, and the exclusive possession of the Groais Island and Belle Isle South, will enable the French to carry on a Ship Seal Fishery—a branch of industry which has always been exclusively ours, and without which our Cod Fisheries would not support our present population; and the power given to the French, of removing by force the British settlers on those parts of the Coast ceded to them, may become the occasion of much suffering and loss to those over whom it may be exercised.

Such are the evils to which we shall certainly be exposed by the operation of this Treaty. We beg now to offer a few observations on the value of the concessions offered to us in return for the advantages of which we are to be deprived.

In considering this Convention, any one acquainted with our fisheries cannot but be struck with the extensive and accurate local knowledge displayed by those who negotiated it on behalf of the French, as well as with the skill exhibited by them in turning this knowledge to their own advantage; and nothing more clearly illustrates the truth of this observation, than an examination of the character and value of the so-called equivalents; these are two in number:—

1st.—We are to have concurrent fishery with them on the north-western coast, (with the exception of five points, which the French have reserved for themselves,) from Cape Norman to Cape Ray. We have already shown, that as between unaided individual enterprise on the one side, and the efforts of a wealthy and powerful nation on the other—a concurrent fishery can exist only in name—a principle, sufficient proof of which, if any are wanted, is found in the Report of a Committee of the House of Commons, in 1817, upon the subject of our fisheries. But assuming as true that which all experience contradicts, that such a fishery may be carried on to the profit of both parties, the concurrent fishery here offered is

entirely worthless,—because independently of the consideration that there is no Cod Fishery in St. George's Bay, and that a floating fishery, without the use of the strand between Cape Norman and the Bay of Islands, would, in any case, be of little advantage, the Treaty reserves to the French the only fishing stations that are of any value on the whole north-western coast.

Secondly,—We are to have the exclusive use of the strand, from Rock Point, in the Bay of Islands, to Cape Ray.

Upon this point, it is sufficient to state, with reference to the observations we have before made, as to the information displayed by the parties who negotiated this Treaty, that the coast between the reserved Harbors, in the Bay of Islands and the reserved Harbors at Cod Roy contains no Harbor or place except Red Island where the fishery can be carried on; and that although there is in St. George's Bay, a large extent of strand, there is no Cod Fishery there, for the prosecution of which it can in any way be made available.

It may be said that if this Treaty be permitted to take effect, the French will not, as they have once heretofore done, interfere with the Herring fishery in St. George's Bay; but it is to be observed that the Herring Fishery is not within the Treaty of Versailles—that if it were the French do not prosecute it there, and that therefore we cannot be legally obstructed, (there being in the words of the Treaty no competition) in carrying it on; and that, in any case, the comparatively trifling interest that could be thus affected, ought not to be weighed against the paramount interests of the whole population.

In thus briefly detailing what, in our judgment, will be the operation of this Convention, we have confined ourselves to its immediate effects upon our fisheries—we have had no regard to any damage we might sustain by an increased quantity of French fish being thrown into Foreign Markets, which, hitherto, we have supplied, because if deprived of our fisheries altogether, any decrease in the value of their produce would be of no importance, and we have not, fearing to venture beyond our province, considered the matter in relation to Imperial interests, although we cannot forbear reminding you that the time has been when the Newfoundland fisheries contributed largely to England's Naval Supremacy, and were wisely regarded by her ablest statesmen as a source of her national power; nor should it be forgotten, that a great rival like France possessing Newfoundland, as she would naturally do under the Convention, could command the whole Trade of the St. Lawrence and the Western Atlantic. We invite your attention to the evidence by which our statements are supported, and we respectfully ask, if we assume too much when we allege that the certain consequences of giving the force of law to this Convention will be the destruction of our fisheries, the annihilation of our trade, the loss not only of the fixed property employed in the fisheries, but also in a very great degree of all other fixed property in the island—the abandonment of Newfoundland by the greater part of the present population, and the conversion of a British Colony into a mere French fishing station.

It may be urged that by the continuance of things in their present state, under the operation of the old Treaties, the peaceful relations between France and England may be endangered; but to this we reply, that under the existing state of things, any fear of collision between the fishermen of the two nations is altogether chimerical, the right of each being practically well defined, and an unarmed schooner at Labrador, and a boat's crew at Cape St. John, being found quite sufficient to keep the peace and protect the boundaries between the two parties from encroachment; and further, that the danger of collision under the present Convention will be increased tenfold, not only by the increase in the points of contact, but by reason of the feeling which the Convention has produced among

our fishermen, and which, we regret to say, has found expression in an avowed determination of resisting by force any intrusion on their present rights; nor is it likely that the fishermen of the United States, who, in the exercise of their right, frequent the Labrador shore in considerable numbers, would be inactive spectators in such conflicts; on the contrary, they would doubtless unite in resisting the common intruder.

It may further be said, that having conceded a full participation in our fisheries to the Americans, a like concession to the French can do us but little injury; but we submit that no comparison can fairly be made between a concession to a people like the Americans, who, for obvious reasons, cannot avail of it to our disadvantage, and a similar concession to a nation like the French, who, by means of their bounties, can turn it to our destruction.

It may be urged, that something is due to the worth of a noble Ally, who, during a long and severe conflict, so bravely supported the arms of the British Empire; but while we acknowledge the weight of this consideration, and desire to see the friendly relations now subsisting between the two countries cemented as closely as possible, we cannot consent to purchase this result at so high a price as the subsistence of our people. And we are sure that the British Government would not desire to pay their debt of gratitude with the property of the most ancient, although the weakest of Her Majesty's North American Colonies, nor would the British people care to see their own children sacrificed to promote the interests of a foreign state.

While we duly appreciate the recognition in the Convention of our Constitutional right to the exercise of our free will on this important subject, we deem it our duty most respectfully to protest in the most solemn manner against any attempt to alienate any portion of our Fisheries, or of our Soil, to any Foreign Power, without the assent of the Local Legislature. As our Fishery and Territorial rights constitute the basis of our Commerce and of our social and political existence, as they are our birthright and the legal inheritance of our children, they naturally form the most legitimate objects of our solicitude in the constitutional management of our internal affairs. We feel, therefore, that we may with confidence appeal to you, and to the paramount power of the Imperial Parliament, for an approval of our conduct, and a confirmation of our resolution on this vital question.

In conclusion, while we deeply regret that we cannot coincide in the opinions contained in your Despatch of the 16th January, we must repeat that we cannot, under any circumstances, assent to the terms of this Convention; and we therefore earnestly entreat that the Imperial Government will take no steps to bring this Treaty into operation, but will permit the fishing privilege that remain to us to continue unimpaired.

R E T U R N

To an Address of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 5th March, 1857; for a copy of the Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the administration of the Trustees of the Quebec and Point Levy Turnpike Roads.

By Command.

T. LEE TERRILL,

Secretary.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Toronto, 23rd April, 1857.

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To His Excellency Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General, and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c.

The undersigned Commissioners, duly appointed under Commissions, dated at Toronto, the 14th day of July last, to investigate into the general state of the finances of the Quebec Turnpike Trust, and into all matters having reference to the management of the affairs of the said Trust, and to enquire more particularly into the following points,—that is to say,—whether the Trustees, in the first instance, made such roads as were most required, and likely to prove most remuner-

ative, instead of making them where they would yield but little revenue, whether they made their road according to specifications, plans, proposals and agreements ; whether they caused the contracts made by them to be duly fulfilled, otherwise, why did they not do so ; whether any of the Contractors have abandoned or neglected to fulfil their contracts thoroughly, and within the time specified, otherwise, why they have not done so ; whether the Trustees have caused their Contractors to furnish due security for the proper performance of their Contracts, and have taken strict measures to cause the work to be completed ; whether payments for work have been made according to the Contracts, if not, why the conditions thereof have not been complied with ; and whether any deviation from the Contracts either with reference to payments or to works, has debarred the Trustees from their recourse against the sureties of the Contractors ; whether the Trustees have undertaken any works without contracts, at what times, and in what localities ; whether they have made payments beyond the value of the works done and under what circumstances ; whether they have retained in their hands a sum sufficient to complete the works to be done ;—also to ascertain the state of the roads and bridges on both sides of the St. Lawrence, whether they have been commenced and carried on according to specification, tenders and agreements, otherwise, in what particulars they deviate from such system, whether the moneys and debentures have been employed for the completion of the roads for which they were appropriated by law ; whether the £40,000 in debentures, or in money appropriated for the making of roads on the South side of the St. Lawrence have been employed for that purpose ; otherwise how much of that amount has been expended on such roads, and to what purpose the balance has been employed ; and whether it is true that £6,000, or any other portion of the amount referred to has been employed in the repair of roads on the north side of the St. Lawrence, otherwise, what moneys have been so applied ; also, whether £3,000 or any part of the same fund has been expended upon the Suspension Bridge at the Falls of Montmorency, otherwise from what fund such expenditure was made, and how much has been expended in the repairs and improvements of these roads—what roads in general have been repaired and improved and the nature of such repairs and improvements,—whether the Trustees received instructions, and when to discontinue the services of Mr. Rankin as their Engineer ; and whether the said Mr. Rankin in the course of last year, and at what time was a partner of Mr. Walker, one of the Contractors, and in what contracts or other things ? and also whether payments were made to Mr. Walker, upon certificates from Mr. Rankin : Whether any and what roads should be abandoned ; whether the roads which have been commenced should be completed prior to delivering them up, and what would be the probable cost of completion, whether it would be advantageous or not that two separate and distinct Commissions should be appointed,—one for the North, and the other for the South side of the St. Lawrence ; and whether the system of managing Turnpike roads by Trustees should be continued, or some other mode substituted, calculated to afford greater satisfaction to the public,—have the honor to submit the following Report :—

Your Commissioners, before entering into the history and analysis of the transactions of the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Trust, beg leave to submit a brief historical sketch of the Trust from the time of its foundation in 1841. They also transmit a Map which they have had executed under their immediate inspection, giving as well, all the roads about Quebec and Point Levy on the North and South shores of the St. Lawrence, as those under the control of the Trustees.

The operations of the Trust may be divided into two periods ; the first up to 1849, and the latter since that date, as, prior to the year 1849, the Government in virtue of the power granted by the Provincial Ordinances, assumed the payment of the interest on the Debentures issued by the Trust, while, after that year

it is distinctly stated in each of the Acts "that no money shall be advanced out of the Provincial funds to pay such interest."

The Quebec Turnpike Road Trust was created by an Ordinance of 1841, (4 Vic. cap. 17,) and on the 18th of February, of the same year, the Honorable Louis Panet, and W. Sheppard, together with Messrs. James Gibb, A. C. Buchanan and R. W. Gardiner, were appointed by the Government to be the Trustees.

At the first meeting of the Trustees, held on the 1st March, 1841, Mr. Porter, of Quebec, was appointed Secretary and Treasurer, the duties of which offices he still performs.

By this Ordinance the Trust was empowered to raise, by way of loan a sum of money, not exceeding in the whole £25,000, Currency, which £25,000 were to be applied to the improvement of 31½ miles of road about the City of Quebec.

Table No. 1.

	Miles.	Chains.	Links.
1.—The Cove Road	3	48	0
2.—The St. Louis Road	7	35	41
3.—The Kilmarnock Road .....	.....	38	50
4.—The Saint Foy Road	4	51	0
5.—The Suede Road	2	45	74
6.—Champigny West Road	1	68	80
7.—The St. Charles South Road	4	52	57
8.—Beauport Road	6	40	65
Total	31	60	17

On the 18th September, 1851, another Act (4 and 5 Vic., cap. 72,) was passed by which the Trustees were authorised to improve a certain road on the North side of the river St. Charles, "including two bridges namely Scott's bridge and Commissioners' bridge :—

Table No. 2.

Length of Road.	Miles.	Chains.	Links.
St. Charles, North	3	50	18
Span of Scott's Bridge over the three openings			180 feet.
Span of Commissioners' Bridge			50 do.

No provision was made in the Act for money to construct these works, but it was specified that they would be added to the 31½ miles of road detailed in the first Act, and would be built together with them out of the loan of £25,000.

Under these Ordinances the Trustees in the Summer of 1841, commenced the improvement of five roads, namely :—

Table No. 3.

1841.—The Cove Road.
do. —The St. Lewis Road.
do. —The St. Foy Road.
do. —The St. Charles, South.
do. —The Beauport.

In the Summer of 1842, two other roads were begun, and in 1843, one, namely:—

Table No. 4.

In 1842.—The Suède Road.
do. —The St. Charles North Road.
In 1843.—The Kilmarnock Road.

About the time these first works were made, that is during the years 1842 and 1843, the finances of the Trust became much embarrassed. The whole loan of £25,000, was expended during the first year, (1841,) all the roads were begun, but few, if any, were completed. Most of them were broken up and left by the Trustees for want of funds in a very bad condition. These delays in completing the works caused at the time great dissatisfaction in the public mind.

As soon as the works were fairly commenced in 1841, five turnpike gates were erected on the City boundary line, and at each of these gates tolls were immediately levied.

In 1844 a toll gate was erected on the Kilmarnock road, and it yielded in

Table No. 5.

	£	s.	d.
In 1844.....	4	8	2
In 1845.....	90	10	2
In 1846.....	51	9	7
	£ 146	7	11
LESS—Cost of collection.....	186	7	6
Difference.....	£ 10	0	5

This toll gate was taken down in June 1846, under the provision of the 8th Vic. cap. 68.

The rates of toll collected in 1841 were fixed by ordinance, 4 Vic. cap. 17.—(See Appendix "A.")

In March 1845 the rates of toll were diminished by Act of Parliament, 7 Vic., cap. 55, (See Appendix "B.") and, in June 1846, they were still further reduced by 8 Vic., cap. 68, (See Appendix "C.")

In 1843 the finances of the Trust had received a check by the passing of an Act, 4 and 5 Vic., cap. 14, which provided:—

1st. That vehicles laden solely with manure brought from Cities and Towns of this Province should be exempt from toll at Turnpikes within twenty miles of such Cities and Towns.

2ndly. That no tolls should be collected for going on a Turnpike from one part of a person's land to another, within half a mile; and on the 30th of May,

1849, an Act (9 Vic. cap. 25,) was passed, enacting that all Naval or Military Officers on duty, with their horses and wagons should be exempt from toll on Turnpike roads.

Under these gradually diminishing tariffs the total revenue derived from the gates did not augment with the population and increased travel.

There were received at the gates :—

Table No. 6.

	£	s.	d.
In 1841 & 1842.....	3770	11	6
In 1843.....	2914	11	6
In 1844.....	2851	18	10
In 1845.....	2975	14	6
In 1846.....	2919	2	1
In 1847.....	2910	18	2
In 1848.....	2963	18	3
In 1849.....	2851	8	1

Each year as soon as the money was received from the gates, it was immediately expended by the Trustees with the view of effecting the completion of the roads, if possible, without a further loan, until at last in 1845, after several communications with the Government, and an estimate had been furnished by the Trustees of how much money would be required to finish the roads, another loan was authorized, (7 Vic. cap. 55.)

This loan was of £8,882, and was to finish the roads already begun, and also to improve the Champigny hill road. This road is now known and is indicated on the Map attached to this Report by the name of Champigny East.

The Champigny hill road, or Champigny East was commenced in May 1848, and finished in December, 1849.

Up to this time all the roads brought under the control of the Trust were main routes and important highways with the exception of the St. Charles, North.

This road runs in a line parallel to the St Charles South, and comprises three expensive bridges, (Commissioners', Scott's, and Gagnon's Bridges). Its length as already stated is $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and its total cost was £6,207.

This heavy expenditure contributed much to the embarrassment of the finances of the Trust at this period.

After the issue of the loan of £8,882, the affairs of the Trust were some years in a comparatively prosperous condition. The revenue of the gates was sufficient to meet the expense of maintaining the roads both during the Summer and the Winter, and also to pay the few officials necessary to the working of the system.

The whole sum of the Debentures issued up to 1849, was £33,882. The interest on these Debentures, as authorised by the provisions of the Ordinances of 1841 and 1845, (4 Vic. cap. 17, and 7 Vic. cap. 55,) was paid semi-annually by Government until 1853, when the capital was advanced and paid out of the Provincial funds.

All roads and bridges built previous to 1849, were made by day labourers paid directly by Mr. Porter, the Secretary of the Trust.

Table of the Roads built before 1849, showing the cost of their construction and maintenance from 1841 to the end of 1849 :—

Table No. 7.

	Miles.	Chains.	Links.			
				£	s.	d.
Portion of Cove Road.....	3	8	0	6127	16	5
Kilmarnock Road	0	38	50	458	11	0
St. Lewis Road	7	35	41	12101	13	6
St. Poy Road	4	37	33	5437	17	2
Suède Road	2	45	74	3813	18	6
Champigny West Road.....	1	77	30	1524	2	5
Champigny East Road	2	29	7	1639	7	6
St. Charles North Road	3	50	18	6207	2	11
St. Charles South Road.....	4	52	57	6922	11	11
Dorchester and Beauport Road	6	48	22	7253	19	9
Total	37	23	32	£51487	1	1

Cap Rouge Bridge.

In the year 1839, as appears by an Ordinance passed in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign, the sum of £1000, currency, was appropriated to enable Her Majesty to purchase from the Seigneur of the Seignior of Cap Rouge, in the District of Quebec, the right of Toll over the River Cap Rouge, and a further sum of £1,000, currency, to defray the expense of building a bridge over the said River; and in the third year of Her Majesty's Reign, a further sum of £185 8s., currency, was appropriated to defray the expense of building the said bridge.

The Cap Rouge Bridge was immediately built, and the right of toll purchased, according to the provisions of the above Ordinances; and by another Ordinance passed in the fourth year of Her Majesty's Reign, cap. 21, certain tolls were regulated to be levied on all persons using the said Bridge, to provide means for keeping it in repair.

For the rates of toll fixed upon by this Ordinance, and to be levied at Cap Rouge Bridge, see Appendix D.

Under the 4 Vic. cap. 21, the Governor appointed the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Road Trust to be Commissioners for carrying the Ordinance into effect, and it was provided that during the time the Trustees should act as such Commissioners, the said bridge should be held to be part of the roads and bridges under the control and management of the Trust, and that the tolls levied on the bridge should form part of the funds at the disposal of the said Trustees for general purposes.

Dorchester Bridge.

On the 22d of April, 1789, the King's Letters Patent were granted by Lord Dorchester, then Governor in Chief of this Province, to Nathaniel Taylor, John Coffin, and others, for constructing a bridge over the St. Charles River, with the power, during the term of fifty years, of collecting and receiving certain tolls for passing over the said bridge; and it was expressed that at the end of fifty years the said bridge should be delivered up to Her Majesty free of cost and expense.

On the 14th of April, 1808, however, another Act (48 Geo. III. cap. 10.) was passed, enacting that the bridge over the St. Charles River, called the Dorchester Bridge, should be vested in the proprietors thereof, as tenants in common for ever, provided always that at the expiration of fifty years from the date of the Letters Patent, but not sooner, it would be lawful for His Majesty to assume the possession of the said bridge, upon paying to the proprietors thereof the value which the same might, at the time of such assumption, bear and be worth.

In April, 1819, an Act (59 Geo. III. cap. 28.) was passed, authorizing Anthony Anderson, Charles Smith, and others, to remove the Dorchester Bridge from the position it then occupied, and to rebuild it on a line formed by the prolongation of Craig Street, and over the St. Charles River.

As the River St. Charles, at this point, is navigable, it was provided that this bridge should have a draw having at least fifty feet between the pillars, and the gate of this drawbridge was to be raised within a reasonable time, not exceeding one hour, without any toll, to afford a free passage to all vessels and craft having immovable masts, and navigating on the River St. Charles.

The tolls to be levied on this bridge were the same as those previously authorized, and it was again stipulated that it would be lawful for His Majesty, after the expiration of 50 years from the date of the original Letters Patent, to assume the possession of the bridge and toll house upon payment to the proprietor by His Majesty of the full and entire value of the Bridge at the time of such assumption.

For tariff of tolls authorised to be levied on this Bridge, (see Appendix "E.")

In 1849 the original Letters Patent granting the construction of the Dorchester Bridge in 1789 had been issued sixty years, and the Parliament availing itself of the clause above referred to, making it lawful for Her Majesty to assume the possession of the bridge upon paying to the proprietors the full value thereof, passed an Act (9 Vic. cap. 65.) by which the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Trust were expressly authorized and required, as soon as possible after the passing of the Act, to acquire and assume the possession and property of Dorchester Bridge.

Difficulties arose between the Trustees and the Proprietors of the Bridge, but these difficulties were brought summarily to a close by an Act 13 and 14 Vic. cap. 102) passed on the 10th of August, 1850, by which it was provided, that if at the expiration of two months from and after the passing of the Act, the said Trustees had not purchased the said Dorchester Bridge, they should immediately proceed to the construction of one or more drawbridges over the river St. Charles.

In consequence of this Act, the Trustees on the 1st October, 1850, purchased this bridge for the sum of £7,000, and from that day assumed all the responsibilities imposed by the Acts in force relative to it.

In February, 1849, the Board of Trustees was increased from five to nine by the appointment of Messrs. J. E. DeBlois, W. H. Lemoine, John Rowley and D. W. McCallum. (See appendix "F.")

Later, in July, 1853, when the control over the roads on the South shore was added to the duties of the Trust, the number of Trustees was increased from nine to twelve, by the nomination of Messrs. Octeau, Etienne, Dalaire, and J. B. Carrier.

The Montmorency Bridge.

In May, 1812, an Act (52 Geo. III. cap. 17.) was passed, authorizing François Huot and Joseph Jacob to build a toll-bridge over the River Montmorency, above

the Falls bearing that name. The rates of toll were fixed by the Act (see Appendix G,) and the bridge was built immediately after the passing of the Act.

It having become desirable afterwards to place the Montmorency Bridge under the control of the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Road Trust, in August, 1851, by the 14 & 15 Vic. cap. 133, the Trustees were authorized to purchase and to rebuild it; and it was further enacted that if the Trustees came to a satisfactory agreement with the proprietors of the bridge, and effected the purchase, they would be invested with and have all the rights and privileges vested in the proprietors thereof heretofore.

It was also provided by the same Act, that if by reason of the refusal of the proprietors to sell, or of their demanding too high a price for the said bridge, the said Trustees should not be able to purchase the same within six months after the passing of this Act, then the said Trustees should apply the sum intended to effect the purchase of this bridge, to the improvement and completion of the Chateau Richer Road.

The different Acts of Parliament giving Authority to the Trustees.

From 1849 to the close of 1856, there have been passed six Acts relative to the affairs of the Quebec Turnpike Road Trust.

The first of these Acts was passed on the 30th of May, 1849 (9 Vic. cap. 115.) By this the Trustees were authorised—

1st.—To raise, by way of loan, £25,000.

2ndly.—As explained in the historical sketch of Dorchester Bridge, to purchase and rebuild the said bridge.

3rdly.—To improve the following roads:—

Table No. 8.

	Miles.	Chains.	Links.
1.—The Charlesbourg Road.....	3	40	0
2.—The Ange Gardien Road.....	5	11	72
3.—The St. Joseph Road.....	4	68	80
4, 5, & 6.—L'Ornière Road.....	4	24	46
7.—The St. Foy Road.....	2	28	81
8.—Route de l'Eglise.....	1	42	0
9.—Cove Road.....	1	40	0
10.—Charlesbourg and St. Pierre Road.....	1	40	0
11.—The Champigny West Road.....	1	0	0
Total.....	25	55	79

The second was passed on the 10th of August, 1850, (13 & 14 Vic. cap. 102,) and is already alluded to as the one authorizing the Trustees to construct a new bridge over the River St. Charles.

The third Act referred to, is one passed on the 3rd August, 1851, (14 & 15 Vic. cap. 132.) By this Act the Trustees were authorized,

1st.—To raise, by way of loan, £15,000.

2ndly.—To complete the roads already commenced, and to improve the following:—

Table No. 9.

	Miles.	Chains.	Links.
1.—The Charlesbourg and St. Pierre Road	2	62	0
2.—The Stoneham Road	4	40	0
3.—The Lake Beauport Road	2	0	0
4.—The St. Gabriel Road.....	1	7	35
5.—The Misère Road	3	51	0
6.—The Charlesbourg and Lorette Road.....	2	52	0
Total.....	16	52	35

The fourth Act was also passed on the 30th August, 1851, (14 & 15 Vic. cap. 133,) and by it it was provided that the Trustees should be authorized to raise, by way of loan, for the purpose of buying and rebuilding Montmorency Bridge, the sum of £5,000.

The fifth Act referred to was passed in June, 1853, (16 Vic. cap. 235.)

As by this Act two loans are authorized, and several roads are placed under the Trust for the first time, some on the south shore of the St. Lawrence; since that time the roads about Quebec, under the Trust, are called the North Shore Roads, and the money borrowed to be expended on them is called the North Shore Loan, while the roads about the Village of Point Levi, and the Southern bank of the St. Lawrence are called the South Shore Roads, and the money expended the South Shore Loan.

This Act authorises the Trustees; 1st, to raise by way of loan to be expended on the North shore £30,000
 To be expended on the South shore 40,000

£70,000

2ndly. To complete the roads commenced, and to improve, on the North Shore, the following roads:

Table No. 10.

	Miles.	Chains.	Links.
1.—The Valcartier Road	9	0	0
2.—The Cove or Beach Road	3	50	0
3.—The St. Augustin Road	5	0	0
4.—The Belvidère Road	0	34	54
5.—Holland Road	1	7	0
6.—The St. Claire Road	3	12	0
7.—Bourg Royal Road	2	0	0
8.—Laval Road	3	0	0
9.—St. Richard Road	0	45	50
10.—St. Charles and Charlesbourg Road	1	56	0
11.—Chateau Richer Road.....	4	20	0
12.—Route de l'Eglise.....	1	20	0
Total.....	35	5	4

- 3rdly. To build a Toll Bridge over the Valcartier River.
 4thly. To improve, on the South Shore, the following roads :

Table No. 11.

	Miles.	Chains.	Links.
1.—The Beaumont Road	10	40	0
2.—The St. Henri Road	13	40	0
3.—The St. Nicholas Upper Road.....	7	71	0
4.—The St. Nicholas Lower Road.....	3	60	0
Total.....	35	51	0

5thly. To build a toll-bridge over the Chaudière River.

The fifth and last Act passed, with reference to the affairs of the Quebec Turnpike Road Trust, was assented to in May, 1855, (18 Vic. cap. 160).

By this Act it is provided that the power of the Trustees shall extend to the Bridge over the Etchemin river on the South shore, and that the said Trustees shall be invested with all the rights and privileges hitherto enjoyed by Her Majesty with respect to the said Bridge.

Your Commissioners have not before them any information respecting the original rights and privileges, or Letters Patent, under which the Etchemin Bridge was built; they cannot therefore state the precise conditions under which the property is held by the Trustees.

The Trust took possession of the bridge immediately after the passing of the Act, and having found a certain list of tolls affixed to the bridge, they continued to charge the same tolls up to the 30th of May, 1855, when the rates of toll on this bridge, in common with all the other bridges under the Trustees, were increased.

For rates of toll on this bridge, see Appendix H.

Chaudiere Bridge.

Your Commissioners cannot give more information respecting the Chaudière Bridge than they can concerning the Etchemin Bridge. An old structure was there up to the year 1852, when it fell, or rather was pulled down, and the ruins sold by order of Government. It has not since been rebuilt.

Summing up the Acts passed with reference to the affairs of the Quebec Turnpike Road Trust, since April, 1849, the Trustees, were empowered to raise by way of loan bearing six per cent. interest, by the Acts bearing date :—

Table No. 12.

	£	s.	d.
May 30, 1849.....	25000	0	0
August 30, 1851.....	15000	0	0
do do	5000	0	0
June 14, 1853.....	30000	0	0
do do, do	40000	0	0
Total.....	£ 115000	0	0

And on the other hand, they were obliged :—

- 1st.—To maintain $37\frac{1}{4}$ miles of road together with the bridges built before 1849.
- 2ndly.—To maintain and keep in repair the Cap Rouge Bridge.
- 3rdly.—To purchase Dorchester Bridge.
- 4thly.—To rebuild Dorchester Bridge.
- 5thly. To improve or make new, and then maintain in repair, $77\frac{3}{8}$ miles of road on the North Shore.
- 6thly. To improve or make new, and then maintain in repair, $35\frac{1}{2}$ miles of road on the South Shore.
- 7thly. To purchase Montmorency Bridge.
- 8thly. To rebuild Montmorency Bridge.
- 9thly. To build and maintain Valcartier Bridge.
- 10thly. To maintain and keep in repair Etchemin Bridge.
- 11thly, and lastly. To build and maintain the Chaudière Bridge.

Historical Sketch of the Construction of the Works.

Table No. 13.

Of the 113 miles put under the control of the Trustees, by the different Acts passed since 1849 :—

$44\frac{1}{8}$	Miles have not been made, and are still unimproved.
$\frac{7}{8}$	Of a mile are finished, and were made by day labour.
$37\frac{3}{8}$	Miles are finished, and were made under contract.
$29\frac{3}{8}$	Miles are unfinished, being either in progress of construction or abandoned.
113	Miles.

Table No. 14.

Table of roads and portions of which the construction is authorised by law, but which are not commenced.

	Miles.	Chains.	Links.
Portion of the Cove Road	3	10	0
St. Richard Road.....	0	45	50
Portion of the Route de l'Eglise	1	20	0
Misère Road.....	3	51	0
Charlesbourg and Lorette Road.....	2	52	0
Stoneham Road	4	40	0
Bourg Royal Road	2	0	0
St. Nicholas Lower Road.....	3	60	0
Portion of St. Augustin Road	2	40	0
Portion of St. Augustin abandoned by Plamondon.....	1	0	0
Portion of Valcartier Road.....	6	0	0
Portion of St. Henri Road	3	0	0
Portion of St. Nicholas Upper Road.....	2	31	0
Portion of Beaumont Road	3	40	0
Lake Beauport Road.....	2	0	0
Laval Road	3	0	0
Total.....	44	69	50

In the above Table of unmade roads, your Commissioners have included two, viz., the Lake Beauport and the Laval, on each of which small sums of money have been expended, but which have since been abandoned. A portion of the money thus spent was for the purchase of broken stone, which was subsequently taken away and used elsewhere by the Trustees.

Table No. 15.

	£	s.	d.
Amount expended on the Lake Beauport Road	289	5	0
do do on the Laval Road	308	16	8
Total	£ 598	1	8

Table No. 16.

Table of the length and cost of roads now finished and made by day labour since 1849:—

—	Miles.	Chains.	Links.	—		
				£	s.	d.
Portion of Cove Road	0	40	0	1096	10	11
Belvidère Road	0	34	54	461	14	8
	0	74	54	£1558	5	7

Table No. 17.

Table of the length and cost of roads now finished and made by Contractors since 1849:—

—	Miles.	Chains.	Links.	—		
				£	s.	d.
Portion of Cove Road	1	40	0	1455	0	0
Portion of Route de l'Eglise	1	42	0	1339	5	7
St. Foy Road	2	28	81	1867	0	0
St. Gabriel Road	1	7	35	1601	12	11
Comière Road	4	24	46	3734	14	1
Portion of St. Augustin and Champigny Road ..	2	40	0	2364	7	10
St. Joseph Road	4	68	80	4765	9	9
Valcartier Road	3	0	0	4159	19	1
Charlesbourg Road	7	62	0	9415	12	7
Ange Gardien Road	5	11	72	5166	15	8
Chateau Richer Road	3	26	50	4127	18	0
Total	37	31	64	£39997	15	6

Table No. 18.

Table of the roads commenced, but not finished :—

	Miles.	Chains.	Links.
Holland Road	1	7	0
St. Claire Road.....	3	12	0
Charlesbourg and St. Charles Road	1	50	0
Chateau Richer Road	0	73	50
St. Henry Road	10	40	0
St. Nicholas Road	5	40	0
Beaumont Road	7	0	0
Total	29	68	50

It will be noticed, in the course of the few observations which follow, referring to the several unfinished roads named in the above Table, that several contracts were rescinded; and, although the subject will be again mentioned in this report, your Commissioners deem it necessary to explain, that in the years 1855 and 1856, the Trustees found the revenue derived from the toll-gates not sufficient to meet the expense of the summer and winter maintenance, and also the interest upon the capital due. And as they conceived it to be of the utmost importance that the interest upon the debentures should be paid punctually, they resolved to use a portion of the capital for the payment of interest due on the loans. But another difficulty arose, the whole capital was appropriated to certain works, and these were all contracted for, and in progress of construction. To liberate a portion of the capital, it therefore became necessary to check the progress of the works, and to relieve from their obligations such contractors as would consent to give up their contracts. Other reasons were also adduced supporting the measure of annulling some of the contracts, and these were made to apply especially to Walker's contracts.

Walker had several contracts and agreements with the Trustees, amounting altogether to £32,520, and it was generally conceded that they were low, being in the aggregate some £7,000 below the next tenders above him. It also happened that after Walker had signed his contracts, there was a sudden and great increase in the value of labour and material, accounted for by the excessive demand for labourers caused by the construction of the Grand Trunk Railway and the large amount of shipping in 1854.

The wages of common labourers rose from 5s. to 10s. and 12s. 6d. per diem. When Walker signed his contracts, the debentures of the Trust were sold at a discount of only four per cent., and were agreed to be taken by Walker in payment for all his contracts at par value.

Interest at the rate of six per cent was payable semi-annually on these Debentures, and when in January 1855 the payment of interest by the Trustees was delayed for one month, and when about the same time there occurred a depreciation of twenty per cent in the value of the Debentures, it was argued by Walker that the depreciation was caused mainly by the failure of the Trustees to meet the interest; and he complained, that in consequence of the Trustees having broken their contract with him by not paying the interest, he was only in reality receiving eighty per cent. of the price he had agreed upon. After a long struggle Walker became insolvent, and the Trustees considering that if the matter was

brought before a Court of Justice a length of time must elapse before the transaction could terminate, during which time all the roads abandoned by Walker, although in a nearly impassable state, would have to be left as they were; and moreover, being assured by Mr. Rankin, their Engineer, that Mr. Walker had not in any of his works received a greater proportion of money than the proportion of work done would warrant, decided upon relieving Mr. Walker from the obligations imposed upon him by several of the contracts, and on the 23rd January, 1856 passed an agreement with Walker to that effect.

In June 1855, a paper was submitted by Mr. Rankin purporting to be an estimated amount of work to be done to complete Mr. Walker's contracts on the South Shore roads, in which it was stated that the total amount required to finish the St. Nicholas road was£3,524 0 0
and to finish St. Henry Road 2,777 10 0

£6,301 10 0

While the balance in the hands of the Trustees on these roads was £6,934 0 0 The plans and sections of these works were made in such an incomplete and hurried manner that it is difficult to say what in reality were the details of Mr. Walker's contracts on these roads, or how much of the works executed since the date of the above statement would not have been classed as extras, and a wide field was left in consequence for extra charges, of which the contractor might avail himself.

The contracts rescinded by the agreement above referred to, as passed on the 23rd of January 1856, were as follows :—

Table No. 19.

- 1.—The St. Charles and Charlesbourg Road.
- 2.—The St. Claire Road.
- 3.—The St. Nicholas Upper Road.
- 4.—Portion of St. Henry Road, (Davidson's Hill.)
- 5.—Portion of St. Henry Road, (Point Levi Hill, and Nollet's Road.)
- 6.—Portion of St. Henry Road, (3rd & 4th sections.)
- 7.—Portion of St. Henry Road, (5th section.)

The prosecution of work on six other roads was stopped in consequence of the following Resolution, passed by the Trustees on the 10th June, 1856.

“ Resolved,—That pending the action of the Government and Legislature from the state of the funds of the Trust and the several immediate demands upon them, it is most prudent to stop most of the contract works in progress, the funds destined for the completion of these works being the only remaining means at the disposal of the Trustees to pay the interest falling due, and other pressing demands, and that the contract works now in progress to be stopped as above mentioned shall be the following, viz. :—

Table No. 20.

- 1.—The Beaugmont Road.
- 2.—The St. Pierre Road, (Charlesbourg.)
- 3.—The St. Augustin Road.
- 4.—The Valcartier Road.
- 5.—The Holland Road.
- 6.—The St. Claire Road.

That these roads be stopped on Saturday next, and that the contractors be immediately notified of the same.

According to this Resolution, a circular was sent to the several contractors on the roads mentioned in the resolution, viz. :—

Table No. 21.

E. Lagneux, Contractor for the	Beaumont Road.
J. Bourbeau, do	do Valcartier Road.
L. J. Parker, do	do St. Pierre Road.
H. Plamondon, do	do St. Augustin Road.
J. O'Brien, do	do Holland Road.
J. Dugal, do	do St. Claire Road.

The following is a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Lagneux, contractor for the Beaumont Road :—

“ QUEBEC, 14th June, 1856,

“ E. Lagneux, Esq.

“ Sir,—I have been directed by the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Roads to request that you will stop the works on the Beaumont road. I have further to inform you that the Trustees will cause the said works to be visited, with a view to ascertain what will be due to you, under your contract, up to the present time.

“ I am, &c.,

“ (Signed,) J. PORTER,
“ Sec. Q. T. R. T.”

Referring to the table of roads commenced but not finished, there is,

1st.—The Holland Road.

The Holland Road, as stated, is one mile and seven chains in length; and in this distance is included the precipitous hill lying between the St. Foy and the St. Charles South roads.

Sixty chains, or three-fourths of a mile of this road, are on level ground, and were contracted for, on the 28th of August, 1855, by J. O'Brien, for the sum of £853, the whole to be completed on the 30th July, 1856. The work was not finished on the 30th July, 1856, and the Trustees, wishing to appropriate the capital to the payment of interest, offered, by the Resolution of the 10th June, to relieve the contractor of his contract; but he refused, protested, and has ever since been slowly going on with his work, up to this date. He has received £600, leaving £253 to complete the contract.

The remaining 27 chains, or one-third of a mile of this road, were commenced to be made by day-work, in January, 1854, and are still far from being completed. The sum of £1027 14s. 11d. has been expended on this portion.

It is estimated, that including the £253 to be paid to O'Brien, it would cost £2,100 to finish this road.

Total amount paid on Holland Road up to this day :—

Table No. 22.

	£	s.	d.
Paid to O'Brien	600	0	0
Paid for day labour	1027	14	11
Paid for fencing	184	0	0
Total	£ 1811	14	11

Secondly.--The St. Clair Road.

The St. Clair Road is three miles and twelve chains in length, and its construction was contracted for in April, 1854, by T. A. Walker, for the sum of £3,500, to be completed in June, 1855.

Walker was allowed to give up this contract, by the agreement passed on the 23rd of January, 1856, already referred to, and up to that day had received on account of the works done upon this road—

Table No. 23.

	£	s.	d.
The sum of	2545	9	8
Plus—Extra Bills granted in 1854	322	5	0
When Walker, in January, 1856, gave up all his Contracts, with the exception of Montmorency Bridge, the Trustees allowed him £250 to pay labourers' wages, one-half chargeable to the North Shore	125	0	0
Total	£ 2992	14	8

It has been estimated by the Officers of the Trust, whom your Commissioners have examined on this subject, that this road could be finished for £1,000.

For the manner in which the sum of £2,867 14s. 8d., was made up by Mr. Rankin, the Engineer, in his periodical certificates of work performed by Mr. Walker, see Appendix I.

3rdly.--The Charlesbourg and St. Charles Road.

The length of the Charlesbourg and St. Charles road is, as stated, 1 mile and 56 chains. Mr. Walker contracted for its construction in September, 1854, and undertook to have it completed by October, 1855.

Table No. 24.

	£	s.	d.
The price to be paid, was:—			
For bridging and grading	1450	0	0
For macadamizing	1050	0	0
Total	£ 2500	0	0

This road was abandoned by Walker in consequence of the agreement of the 23rd of January, 1856, but it was admitted then that the first portion of the contract, relating to the grading and bridging was nearly finished. Of the £1450,

agreed upon as the price of this part of the work, Mr. Walker received £1345 19s. 8d.

For details on the sum of £1345 9s 8d., made up from the certificates given from time to time by the Engineer, see Appendix J.

4thly.--The Chateau Richer Road.

The length of the portion of the Chateau Richer road referred to here is 73½ chains and extends from the foot of the hill known as "Cote de l'Eglise du Chateau Richer," to the bridge over the Sault à la Puce.

This contract was entered into with the Trustees by Charles Réaume, a farmer residing at Chateau Richer, on the 5th of February, 1856.

By this contract, Mr. Réaume obliged himself to complete this portion of road together with the bridge over Sault à la Puce on or before the 1st September, 1856, for the following prices:—

Table No. 25.

	£	s.	d.
For making and macadamizing the Road	1800	0	0
For building, in Stone, 428 feet lineal of "retaining Wall."	127	10	0
For a Bridge over Sault à la Puce	525	0	0
Total	£ 1952	10	0

There was inserted in this contract a peculiar clause, by which it was intimated that no funds were at the time at the disposal of the Trustees, but that Mr. Réaume should be paid for work done under this contract, out of the first sum of money voted by the Legislature for the purpose of improving the roads in that locality, the contractor (Mr. Réaume) taking upon himself the risk of such monies not being appropriated by the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Réaume commenced operations under this contract immediately after its signature, and has executed a considerable quantity of work in furnishing and breaking stones, and also at the bridge over Sault à la Puce. It is surprising that the Trustees should have entered into such an agreement, causing Réaume to expend his means on the making of a road when the payment depends on a contingency which may never arise; he probably had a deep local interest in the matter, but your Commissioners consider the conduct of the Trustees is much to be regretted.

5thly.--The St. Henri Road.

The length of this road is 10½ miles, and in 1854 five contracts were made for five different portions of this road, namely:—

Table No. 26.

	£	s.	d.
1st.—For the improvement of that portion of the Road extending from Lauzon Hotel A, (see Map attached to this Report,) in Point Levi, to D, the top of Labadie's hill, passing by Commissioner's and Davidson's, a Contract was made by the Trustees with T. A. Walker, on the 26th June, 1854, the work to be completed on the 1st of November, 1854, for the sum of.....	1150	0	0
Extra Bills were subsequently granted, to the Amount of	49	0	0
On this Contract, Mr. Walker received.....	£ 1199	0	0
	1118	6	8
Leaving a Balance of.....	£ 85	18	9

This portion of the road extends over a length of about 28 chains of 80 to the mile, and the works upon it are looked upon as finished, but they never were received as such by the Trustees.

For details made up from Mr. Rankin's certificates of work for the sum of £1,113 6s. 3d., paid to the Contractor, see Appendix K.

2ndly,—For the improvement of that portion of the road extending from the last named point D, (top of Labadie's hill) to another point H, (see Map)* a distance of $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, a contract was entered into with T. A. Walker, on the 26th June, 1854. The work was to be finished on the 1st of November, 1855, for the sum of :—

Table No. 27.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
From D. to H.				2800	0	0
From H. to K.				1660	0	0
			£	4460	0	0
On the first portion of this Contract, namely, from D. to H., for which were to have been given				2800	0	0
Plus Extra Bills granted by resolutions of 30th October, 1855.				214	5	0
			£	3014	5	0
Under the following certificates from Mr. Rankin, viz. :—						
For moving fencing and clearing	10	0	0			
840 cubic yards embankment, at 4s.	168	0	0			
2969 cubic yards excavation in rock, at 6s.	890	14	0			
	£	1068	14	0		
There was paid to Walker the sum of				1068	0	5
Leaving a balance of				£	1951	4
						7

For details of extra Bills for £214 5s., see Appendix L.

Table No. 28.

	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought down</i>	1951	4	7
The excavations above described were all made in Point Levi Hill, but a certain portion which had never been commenced by Walker, extending from the top of Point Levi Hill to the foot of the Road turning up to St. Henri, a distance of 30 chains and 10 links, was subsequently, in May, 1856, contracted for, and made by Joseph Begin, for the sum of.....	510	0	0
Leaving to complete Point Levi Hill	£	1441	4
			7

* A distance of about 3,940 feet, and again from the points H to K.

Table No. 29.

	£	s.	d.
On the distance from H. to K., for which the Trustees were to give.....	1660	0	0
Plus—Extra Bills, by resolution of 30th October, 1855	20	0	0
	£ 1680	0	0
There has been paid to Walker	1866	1	0
	£ 318	19	0
Leaving in the hands of the Trustees.....			

For details of the sum of £1366 1s 0d., and extra bills as made up from certificates, see Appendix M.

3rdly,—For the improvement of those portions of the road designated as the 3rd and 4th sections; the 3rd section commencing at the point K, and the 4th section terminating near the 6th mile post; a contract was made by T. A. Walker, and signed on the 11th of April, 1854. The work was to be completed on the 30th of November, 1854.

Table No. 31.

	£	s.	d.
For the sum of.....	4180	0	0
The improvement of another division of this Road, extending from the 6th mile post to St. Férol Road, was contracted for by Walker on the 15th March, 1854, to be completed on the 1st August, 1855, at certain rates per mile:—			
For the first mile	£1011	0	0
For the second mile	1000	0	0
For the third mile, at the rate of.....	1350	0	0
The distance not being 3 miles, the total amount of this Contract, as made out by Mr. Rankin, the Engineer, in a paper submitted to the Trustees, to be....	2380	0	0
Sum of both Contracts, when completed.....	£ 7060	0	0
Extra Bills allowed by resolution of 30th October, 1855	661	4	0
do do do, in 1854.....	125	0	0
	£ 7846	4	0

Table No. 32.

	£	s.	d.
On this sum of.....	7846	4	0
When Walker abandoned these Contracts, there had been paid to him by the Trustees, upon the faith of Certificates for work done, given by Mr. Rankin, the Engineer, the sum of.....	5432	16	6
And upon Certificates given by Mr. Carrier, one of the Trustees—a resident on the road—and approved by Mr. Rankin, the sum of	1700	0	0
	£ 7182	16	6
Leaving in the hands of the Trustees to complete this road.....	£ 713	7	6

The details of the sums of £7,132 16s. 6d., and £661 4s., on extra bills, may be seen on referring to Appendix N.

When Walker abandoned these works, in January, 1856, they were far from being completed.

Table No. 33.

	£	s.	d.
A Contract was entered into in February, 1856, with James Vear to continue and to complete a certain portion of this work, left unfinished by Walker, for the sum of.....	1684	0	0
At a later day, in 1856, another Contract was proposed to be entered into, and is now prepared, but not signed, with John Galna, to continue and complete another portion of this road not completed by Walker, for the sum of.....	730	0	0
In addition to the work now being made under Vear's Contract, and by Galna, there still remains on this road unfinished, and as estimated by Mr. Carrier, one of the Trustees, based upon Tenders to finish the work, to the value of about	1800	0	0
Total	£ 3714	0	0

When Walker abandoned his contracts, in January, 1856, £250 were paid to him. One quarter of this sum should be charged to the St. Henri Road.

5thly,—For the improvement of that portion of the road commencing at the St. Féréol road, and terminating at the Chapel near St. Henri Church, a contract was entered into with Joseph Fournier, on the 4th July, 1854. The work was to be completed in September, 1855, for the sum of£2219 0 0

Mr. Fournier completed his contract and was paid the amount.

RECAPITULATION of the monies actually expended on the St. Henri Road:—

Table No. 34.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Paid to Walker upon 1st Contract.....	1113	6	3			
do do 2nd Contract.....	1063	0	5			
do do on the same	1366	1	0			
do do 3, 4 & 5 sections	7132	16	6			
do Allowed Walker, in 1854, for extra work.....	125	0	0			
				10800	4	2
do Begin, on his Contract.....				510	0	0
do Vear, on account of his Contract of £1884.....				1400	0	0
do Galna, on account of his proposed Contract				100	0	0
do Begin, on account of a small Contract of £100 for repairing the Road				75	0	0
do Fournier, the amount of his Contract				2219	0	0
do for land at different parts of the Road.....				1053	1	9
do One-fourth of the £250 allowed to Walker when he abandoned his Contracts.....				62	10	0
Total Expenditure on St. Henri Road	£			16219	15	11

6thly.—The St. Nicholas Road.

The 6th road mentioned in the table, of roads commenced, but not finished, is the St. Nicholas upper road, stated to be $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles long.

Table No. 35.

	£	s.	d.
On the 11th of April, 1854, T. A. Walker signed a Contract with the Trustees, binding himself to improve and macadamize this Road for a length of $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles, at the rate of £1,200 per mile; total	6600	0	0
Extra bills allowed by resolution of 30th October, 1855, (for details of which see Appendix O.)	819	17	6
Allowed the amount paid to Overseer, for receiving Stones	5	6	3
	£ 7425	3	9
When Walker, by agreement of January 7, 1856, abandoned this Contract, he had received upon it	5411	6	0
Leaving with the Trustees	£ 2018	17	9

For details on the sum of £5,411 6s., as made up from the certificates of Mr. Rankin and Mr. Dalaire, see Appendix P.

When Walker left this road it was not finished. Two of the $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles had little or nothing done on them, with the exception of a considerable quantity of stone delivered but not broken, and some slight rock excavation. Neither had Walker completed the remaining $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles, or more precisely 3 miles and 48 chains, when he left them. They were finished at a later day in the Summer of 1856 by Galna, per contract signed on the 24th of June, 1856, and to whom was paid, for such completion, the sum of.....£699 14 0

One-fourth of the £250 allowed to Walker when he abandoned his contract should be charged to the road..... 62 10 0

RECAPITULATION of the monies actually expended on the St. Nicholas Road:—

Table No. 36.

	£	s.	d.
Paid to Walker	5411	6	0
do to Galna, the amount of his Contract	699	14	0
do for Land	877	14	2
One-fourth of the £250 allowed to Walker, as above	62	10	0
Total	£ 7051	4	2

7thly.--The Beaumont Road.

The 7th and last road mentioned in the table of Roads commenced, but not finished, is the Beaumont road.

Length seven miles.

On the 11th of April, 1854, Edouard Lagneux entered into a contract with the Trustees, to improve &c, seven miles of the Beaumont road, at the rate of £1,300 per mile. Total amount of contract

£9,100 0 0

The whole work to be finished on the 1st November, 1855.

In the month of December, 1855, it was agreed between Lagneux and the Trustees that he, the contractor, should abandon the sixth mile, on condition that he should be paid for the value of work already done on this mile—

Table No. 37.

	£	s.	d.
The sum of	750	0	0
The total amount of Lagneux's Contract, was, therefore, changed from	9100	0	0
To	8350	0	0
On this, Mr. Lagneux has received, up to this day	5975	0	0

Mr. Lagneux suspended the works on this road in consequence of the resolution passed by the Trustees on the 10th of June, 1856. He, however, refused to accept the proposals made by the Trustees, and served them with a protest in August, 1856. By this protest he stated that if he were forced to give up his contract and abandon the road, in its present condition, he would consider himself entitled to a compensation of £1500, while, if they allowed him to proceed with the works, he would reduce his claim to compensation for damages, occasioned by loss of time, to £500.

On the other hand the Trustees, finding that Mr. Lagneux would not come to what they considered satisfactory terms, served a protest upon him, and have since, in 1856, sued him for breach of contract, because his work was not completed according to engagement on the 1st November, 1855; which action is still pending in the Superior Court.

RECAPITULATION of the monies actually expended upon the Beaumont road:—

Table No. 38.

	£	s.	d.
Paid to Lagneux, on account of his Contract of £8,350 the sum of	5975	0	0
do Robitaille, for certain repairs made to Begin's Hill, and charged against Lagneux in default of his repairing the same	12	12	4
do for land	641	16	9
Total	£ 6629	9	1

Dorchester Bridge.

Purchase of Dorchester Bridge by the Trustees, from W. H. Anderson, Esq., and others, according to deed signed on the 1st of October, 1850:—

Table No. 39.

	£	s.	d.
For	7000	0	0
On the 19th July, 1851, a Contract was made between the Trustees and Simon Peters, for the re-building of Dorchester Bridge, with quantities of certain portions, to be subsequently established by measurement.—Net Amount paid	2950	0	0
In September, 1851, another Contract was entered into between the same parties for the construction of a temporary bridge over the River St. Charles, near the Dorchester bridge, for £100. The Amount of this Contract was paid	100	0	0
Besides the costs of arbitration, amounting to	61	7	1
Carried over	£ 10111	7	1

Table No. 39.—(Continued.)

	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought over</i>	10111	7	1
On the 10th of July, 1856, an agreement was entered into between the Trustees and T. A. Walker, under the name of Charles Walker, his brother, for the construction of a new "draw" to the Dorchester Bridge, for the sum of	500	0	0
The above agreement was rather an engagement to re-build the then existing draw-bridge than to construct an entirely new one. It was understood, that the timber and the iron work of the old bridge should be used in the building of the new one. The timber, however, was found defective; and as the Trustees ordered Mr. Walker to employ new material in one of the draws, they allowed him, over and above the price of his Contract, the sum of.....	25	0	0
Total sum paid on Dorchester Bridge.....£	10636	7	1

Montmorency Bridge.

Purchase of the old Montmorency Bridge from Louis Bureau and others, by Deed, bearing date the 3rd of April, 1852:—

Table No. 40.

	£	s.	d.
For	2000	0	0
On the 28th July, 1854, a Contract was signed by the Trustees and T. A. Walker, for the construction of a Wire Suspension Bridge of 327 feet span, for the following prices, viz:—			
For the masonry.....£	4200	0	0
For the superstructure.....	3000	0	0
	7200	0	0
After the Contract was signed, the distance between the points of suspension was increased by Mr. Rankin from 327 to 342 feet, namely, 15 feet. Notwithstanding this, it would seem the length of the platform was only increased by 13 feet, for we find among the papers left by Mr. Rankin, the following notes, with reference to this:—			
13 feet additional span.....£	253	10	0
84 stays	488	10	0
Bolts to connect trusses with roadway	14	0	0
	701	0	0
£	7901	0	0
Allowed to Walker for making approaches to the Suspension Bridge	500	0	0
Allowed Walker, by resolution of the 30th August, 1855, for extra excavation...	112	8	0
Voted Walker, to pay expenses in trying to save the cables after the fall of the Bridge.....	100	0	0
Total.....£	8613	8	0

Mr. Walker became insolvent; and it being impossible for him to proceed with the construction of Montmorency Bridge, the Trustees resolved to complete the work at Walker's expense. Mr. Rankin was requested to see that the workmen were actually paid; and his certificates were changed, from certificates of work done, to the following:—

"I certify that the sum of _____ will be required to pay the men at Montmorency Bridge."

Table No. 41.

Under the above heads, there has been paid to Walker, and charged against his Contract for the construction of Montmorency Bridge—including the money paid to him on account of the £100 voted to defray the expenses of an attempt to save the Cables, &c., after the fall of the Bridge, £8880 1s. 9d.

The amount of contracts and extras, compared with the sum paid for this work, appears in another portion of this report, where the total amount of all Walker's contracts, together with the sums paid on them, are arranged in tabular form. (See Table No. 65.)

Table No. 42.

Total amount expended on Montmorency Bridge and its dependencies:—

	£	s.	d.
Purchase of old Bridge	2000	0	0
Paid Walker	8880	1	9
Paid for land	286	10	0
Total	£ 11166	11	0

This Suspension Bridge was built on the edge of the cataract; and on the 30th of April, 1856, from some defect in its construction, it fell.

For several days after the accident, the ruins of the superstructure were hanging in the Falls; but, notwithstanding the many efforts to save them, they were carried away, and no vestige of them has ever been since seen.

In the execution of the duty imposed on your Commissioners, they have deemed it advisable to answer *seriatim* the questions submitted, in the order proposed in the commission, after having first, as enjoined on them, investigated into the general state of the finances of the Quebec Turnpike Trust, and into all matters having reference to the management of the affairs of the said Trust.

It has already been shown, that the loans authorized since 1849 are:—

Table No. 43.

	£	s.	d.
By the Act of 30th of May, 1849.....	25000	0	0
do do 30th of August, 1851.....	15000	0	0
do do 30th of August, 1851.....	5000	0	0
do do 14th of June, 1853.....	30000	0	0
do do 14th of June, 1853.....	40000	0	0
Total	£ 115000	0	0

The whole of this capital (£115,000,) has been in different ways appropriated and expended by the Trust.

NOTE.—To avoid unnecessary confusion in their observations upon the subject of finances, your commissioners have acted as if a capital of £115,000, the precise sum of the loans, was expended, and debentures to that amount issued.

This is not strictly correct; for several of the contractors have balances due them, and others have cases still pending in the courts of justice.

Table No. 44.

	£	s.	d.
Of the £80,000 North Shore Loan, there was still unissued, on the 15th of December, 1856	1551	0	0
Of the £40,000 South Shore Loan, there was still unissued, on the 15th of December, 1856	815	0	0
Of the £5,000 Montmorency Bridge Loan, unissued on the 15th December	400	0	0
Total amount unissued	£ 2766	0	0

These unissued Debentures are to meet the following debts :—

Table No. 45.

	£	s.	d.
To E. Lagneux, should he complete his Contract for the Beaumont Road, there will be due	2375	0	0
Balance which will be due to R. Plamondon, when the part of the St. Augustin Road—which he says is completed—shall have been received as such by the Trustees	300	0	0
Balance which will be due to J. Bourbeau, when the portion of the Valcartier Road—which he says is completed—shall have been received as such by the Trustees	150	0	0
Amount which will be due to James O'Brien, when the portion of Holland Road which he is now making shall be completed, and received by the Trustees.	253	0	0
Amount which will be due to James Vear, when his Contract on the St. Henri Road, Point Levi, shall be completed	284	0	0
Balance which will be due Galna, when his unsigned agreement with the Trustees, for work on the St. Henri Road, shall have been fulfilled	630	0	0
Balance due to Begin, on his Contract for repairs to the St. Henri Road	25	0	0
Total liabilities of Trustees	£ 4017	0	0
Deduct, Debentures unissued	2766	0	0
	£ 1251	0	0

leaving liabilities of the Trustees to the amount of £1251, beyond their capital.

In explanation of this it is stated by the Trustees, that Mr. Edward Lagneux abandons his contracts and thus liberates £2375; Mr. Lagneux, on the other hand, says he does not abandon, but only suspends the execution of his contract, and if forced to abandon the work he must be liberally compensated.

The matter is now before a Court of Justice. (End of Note.)

The different loans were effected by the sale of Debentures, redeemable a certain number of years after their issue. In all cases the contractors were paid not in money but with debentures. They were always taken at "par" value by the Contractor, and were afterwards realized by him in the Quebec money market.

Whenever a decrease occurred in the value of the debentures, a corresponding increase was made by the Contractors in their tenders for work.

In consequence of the enactments of the several Acts, the Trustees could not negotiate the sale of their debentures after their fall below par. The Contractors who received these debentures, not being men of capital, were obliged to force their sale, and as considerable sums were sometimes taken into the market, advantage was taken of this, and they were sold under par.

The discount on the Debentures of the Trust has reached in many cases 20 per cent., and is now as much as 25. per cent.

Table No. 46.

Table of the different Loans, shewing in what number of years after their issue, the Debentures will become redeemable:—

The Loan of £25,000, redeemable 10 years after issue.					
do of 15,000,	do	10	do	do.	
do of 5,000,	do	15	do	do.	
do of 30,000,	do	15	do	do.	
do of 40,000,	do	15	do	do.	

The debentures on which the several loans were made, having been issued for a number of small sums, all bearing different dates, and redeemable a certain number of years after issue, it becomes impossible to fix a precise date to either of the loans; but tables have been prepared, showing the amount of capital issued at fixed periods, and also showing in what years these loans will become redeemable. (See Table No. 47, following.)

Table No. 47.

Table showing the amount of Debentures issued between the several periods of January to June, and July to December, of each year since 1849, indicating the progress of the works.

Year.					Column shewing the total debt at semi-annual periods.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1850	To the 31st of December	8000	0	0	8000	0	0
1851	From 1st January to 1st July	1900	0	0	9900	0	0
	From 1st July to 31st December	8506	0	0	18406	0	0
1852	From 1st January to 1st July	4250	0	0	22656	0	0
	From 1st July to 31st December	8859	0	0	31515	0	0
1853	From 1st January to 1st July	2000	0	0	33515	0	0
	From 1st July to 31st December	2810	0	0	36325	0	0
1854	From 1st January to 1st July	7725	0	0	44050	0	0
	From 1st July to 31st December	25250	0	0	69300	0	0
1855	From 1st January to 1st July	13684	0	0	82984	0	0
	From 1st July to 31st December	17075	0	0	100059	0	0
1856	From 1st January to 1st July	8265	0	0	108324	0	0
	From 1st July to 1st December	3910	0	0	112234	0	0

Table No. 48.

Table showing the locality and works to which the capital has been appropriated:—

	£	s.	d.
Expended on the unmade Roads of Laval and Beauport, (see Table No. 15.)	598	1	8
On 74 chains 54 links of finished Road made by day labour, (see Table No. 16).	1558	5	7
On the construction of 37 miles 31 chains and 64 links of finished Roads made by Contract, (see Table No. 17)	39997	15	6
THE UNFINISHED ROADS.			
Total Expenditure on St. Henri Road	16219	15	11
do do on St. Nicholas Upper Road	7051	4	2
do do on Beaumont Road	6629	9	1
do do on Holland Road	1811	14	11
do do on St. Claire Road	2992	14	8
do do on Charlesbourg and St. Charles Road	1845	19	8
do do on Dorchester Bridge	10686	7	1
do do on Montmorency Bridge	11166	11	9
do do on Cap Rouge Bridge	70	11	9
Contingencies charged to Capital	780	8	3
	£ 100859	0	0
To the Receiver General, in February, 1855	3000	0	0
In pledge with Bank of Montreal	3000	0	0
In pledge with the Bank of Quebec	5375	0	0
Total amount of Debentures issued	£ 112234	0	0

Table No. 49.

Table showing when the debentures for the several loans named in Table No. 46, will become redeemable, and their order of preference.

Description of Loan.	Under what Act.	Orders of preference.	When redeemable.	Amount.			Total Amount issued.		
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Dorchester Bridge and New Road Loan	12 Vic. cap. 115 ..	1st preference.	{ 1860	8000	0	0	25000	0	0
			{ 1861	10406	0	0			
			{ 1862	6594	0	0			
New Road Loan	14 & 15 Vic. cap. 122	2nd preference	{ 1862	4515	0	0	15000	0	0
			{ 1863	4810	0	0			
			{ 1864	4425	0	0			
			{ 1865	1250	0	0			
Montmorency Bridge Loan	14 & 15 Vic. cap. 133	2nd preference	{ 1867	2000	0	0	4600	0	0
			{ 1868	300	0	0			
			{ 1869	1600	0	0			
			{ 1871	700	0	0			
North Shore Loan	16 Vic. cap. 235 ..	3rd preference.	{ 1869	9000	0	0	28449	0	0
			{ 1870	14334	0	0			
			{ 1871	5115	0	0			
South Shore Loan	16 Vic. cap. 235	{ 1869	19250	0	0	89185	0	0
			{ 1870	13575	0	0			
			{ 1871	6360	0	0			
				£ 112234	0	0			

Table No. 50.

	£	s.	d.
On all the Loans, there will be due in the year 1860	8000	0	0
do do do in the year 1861	10406	0	0
do do do in the year 1862	11109	0	0
do do do in the year 1863	4810	0	0
do do do in the year 1864	4425	0	0
do do do in the year 1865	1250	0	0
do do do in the year 1867	2000	0	0
do do do in the year 1868	300	0	0
do do do in the year 1869	29850	0	0
do do do in the year 1870	27909	0	0
do do do in the year 1871	12175	0	0
Total	£112234	0	0

The rate of interest on the debentures is six per cent., payable semi-annually; and the days on which the interest becomes due are the 1st of January and the 1st of July, of each year.

Table No. 51.

	£	s.	d.
Interest paid on the six months, ending on 1st July, 1851	139	15	5
do do do, ending on 1st January, 1852	660	7	9
do do do, ending on 1st July, 1852	571	19	9
do do do, ending on 1st January, 1853	879	18	5
do do do, ending on 1st July, 1853	949	9	1
do do do, ending on 1st January, 1854	1054	6	8
do do do, ending on 1st July, 1854	1141	19	7
do do do, ending on 1st January, 1855	1732	7	10
do do do, ending on 1st July, 1855	2147	5	7
do do do, ending on 1st January, 1856	2888	13	1
do do do, ending on 1st July, 1856	3056	13	11
Calculated Interest, up to 1st January, 1857	3471	12	10

The yearly expenditure of the Trust may be divided into three items:—

1st. The payment of interest.

2nd. The summer and winter maintenance of the roads and bridges.

3rd. The payment of officials, and expenses necessary to the working of the system.

The maintenance of the roads and bridges during the summer and winter seasons form a very considerable proportion of the expenditure incurred by the Trust.

Table No. 52.

	£	s.	d.
From the 1st of May, 1851, to the end of 1855, there was paid for Summer Maintenance	9945	10	10
do do do, Winter Maintenance	5741	5	0

The summer maintenance comprises the repairs to bridges, the re-metalling and clearing of the roads, and increases considerably as the roads and bridges are getting older.

Table No. 53.

Average cost per mile of summer maintenance of roads. (This average does not comprise the repairs done to the large bridges):—

	No. of Miles Maintenance.	Average Cost per Mile.		
		£	s.	d.
Summer of 1850.....	41	16	14	0
do of 1851.....	41	23	0	0
do of 1852.....	45½	24	17	0
do of 1853.....	50	20	9	0
do of 1854.....	58	19	0	0
do of 1855.....	66	52	6	0

Average cost per annum of maintaining Dorchester bridge, for the last five years, from 1851 to the end of 1855.....£286.

Average cost per annum of maintaining Cap Rouge Bridge, for the last six years.....£22.

Table No. 54.

Average cost per mile of winter maintenance of roads:—

	Miles.	Average Cost per Mile.		
		£	s	d.
Winter of 1849 and 1850 ..	38	10	15	0
do of 1850 and 1851 ..	41	12	0	0
do of 1851 and 1852 ..	50	12	18	0
do of 1852 and 1853 ..	57	14	17	0
do of 1853 and 1854 ..	63	17	4	0
do of 1854 and 1855 ..	101	22	18	0
do of 1855 and 1856 ..	101	22	2	0
do of 1856 and 1857 ..	101	11	4	0

The maintenance of the roads during the winter is generally given out to contractors at fixed prices per mile, and according to the specifications attached to these contracts, the roads are to be kept open, level, and well-beaten, fifteen feet wide, at the sides as well as in the centre of the said fifteen feet, in such a manner that travelling be equally good, and travellers may easily meet on any part of the said track, upon its whole length and width, without sinking.

The expense of maintaining the roads during Winter has been much reduced for the Winter of 1856 and '57 by the Trustees having modified the specifications.

The gradual increase in the expense of maintaining the roads from 1849 to 1856 must also, in a considerable measure, be attributed to the increase which has occurred since then in the price of labour.

The third and last item of expenditure which your Commissioners will notice in this part of their report, is made up of the salaries paid to the Officials, and sums of money paid for the tools, &c., necessary to the working of the system.

Table No. 55.

In 1855, the amounts returned in the accounts under these heads, were :

	£	s.	d.
For Salaries	2578	7	10
For tools and implements	129	8	7
For office rent, stationery, and law expenses	204	0	8
Contingent and incidental	351	8	9
Cost of working the system, for the year 1855.....£	3268	5	10

During the year 1856, the working expenses have been to a certain extent diminished, from the fact that the Engineer's services have been dispensed with, and that a number of Overseers, who were heretofore entrusted with the duties of forcing the Contractors to keep the Winter roads open, have been discharged.

Table No. 56.

	£	s.	d.
The Salaries, for 1856, are thus :—			
To the Secretary, Engineer, temporary Clerk, and Messenger	498	10	0
Toll Collectors on the North Shore	496	8	7
do on the South Shore.....	289	16	0
Overseers on the North Shore	458	15	0
do on the South Shore	148	0	0
Total.....£	1886	9	7

The Revenue.

If the few miles of road which are partly made but unfinished, were completed the total length of the macadamized and plank roads, (two miles of the Cove road are planked) under the Trust, to be maintained by them summer and winter, would be about 105½ miles.

Of these 82½ miles are on the North shore and 23 are on the South shore.

When from time to time great additions were made to the number of roads under the management of the Trust, it does not appear that at the same time provisions were made to augment the revenue in proportion to the increased expenditure.

It will be noticed in the following list of gates at which tolls are now collected in 1857, that only one has been added to the list of those erected before 1849, and it (the Valcartier gate,) does not much more than pay the expense of collection.

Table No. 57.

List of Toll Gates and Bridges from which revenue is derived :—

NORTH SHORE	The Cove Gate. The St. Lewis Gate. The St. Foy Gate. The St. Charles Gate. The Dorchester Bridge, combining also the Charles- bourg and Beauport Gates. The Valcartier Gate. The Montmorency Bridge. The Cap Rouge Bridge.
SOUTH SHORE	The Beaumont Gate. The St. Henri Gate. The St. Nicholas Gate. The Etchemin Bridge.

The same low tolls fixed in 1845, and again reduced in 1846, were the only ones levied up to the 30th of May, 1855, when by the 18 Vic. cap. 160, a new scale of tolls was established.

The rates were about doubled.

Your Commissioners would refer to Appendix Q for a comparative table of the different rates of toll levied under the four Acts of Parliament passed between 1841 and 1855.

Up to the 31st May, 1855, the revenue of the gates was leased at certain prices per annum; but since then the tolls are collected directly by the Trustees themselves, through a paid agent or collector stationed at each gate.

Table No. 58.

Table of Total Revenue derived from gates and bridges :—

Years.	North Shore			South Shore			Total Revenue.		
	Gates.			Gates.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1850.....	3817	15	9	0	0	0	3817	0	0
1851.....	3818	17	10	0	0	0	3818	0	0
1852.....	4453	8	10	0	0	0	4453	0	0
1853.....	4639	19	10	0	0	0	4639	0	0
1854.....	5024	2	3	192	17	2	5217	0	0
1855.....	7718	18	0	1275	6	6	8994	0	0
1856.....	8484	12	8	1616	18	8	10101	0	0

From the year 1849 to the year 1855, the revenue had always been sufficient to meet the expenditure of the Trust, comprising the payment of interest, the maintenance of the roads, salaries, contingencies, &c.; but on the 1st of January of that year (1855), the Trustees had to declare their inability to pay the interest.

There were at that time debentures issued to the amount of over £69,300; and the announcement of the fact that the Trustees could not meet the interest, caused the debentures to fall from 4 to 20 and 25 per cent. discount, as stated in a paper laid by the Trustees before your Commissioners.

These facts were immediately laid before the Government of the day; and the Receiver General in February, 1855, purchased Quebec Turnpike Debentures to the value of £3,000.

The debentures issued on this occasion, and given to the Receiver General, were of those classed as the South Shore loan of £40,000.

On the 1st of July, 1855, the same difficulties existing (the want of funds), £3,000 were taken again from the South Shore loan, and deposited in the Montreal Bank. Upon this security of £3,000, the Bank advanced to the Trustees the sum of £2,500, and with this the interest was paid.

To meet the engagements due on the 1st of January, 1856, debentures to the amount of £5,375 had to be pledged at the Banks.

Table No. 59.

	£	s.	d.
The Debentures issued on this occasion were :—			
On the North Shore Loan of £30,000	1875	0	0
do South do of £40,000	4000	0	0
	£	5375	0 0
On this, the Quebec Bank advanced		3700	0 0
Leaving with the Bank, as security	£	1675	0 0

The interest due in July, 1856, was met without a further loan than the above.

For the payment of the interest due on the 1st of January, 1857, it is calculated there will be a deficit of £1,250.

Under the existing regulations, and with the present enlarged system of works under the management of the Trustees, it would be impossible to continue the affairs of the Trust and meet the expense of maintenance and interest of the debentures.

The last accounts rendered to the Government on these matters were for the year 1855, and, when analysed, present the following result :—

Table No. 60.

Table of Expenditure and Revenue for 1855 :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Interest.....				3929	18	5
Summer maintenance				3871	5	8
Winter maintenance				2262	5	2
Working Expenses				3268	5	10
			£	13326	9	8
REVENUE.						
North Shore Gates and Bridges	7718	18	0			
South Shore Gates and Bridges	1275	8	6			
				8994	4	6
Deficit for 1855			£	4332	5	2

The year 1855 was not one on which correct estimates for the future expense of management can be based. There were several very extensive repairs carried on in that year in the way of re-metalling considerable portions of road, and again the maintenance of the winter roads was carried to a very high degree of perfection.

Though on the one hand the amount of expense per mile would be considerably diminished for the years 1857 and 1858, yet, on the other hand the greater number of miles of road to be maintained would in a degree nullify this diminished expenditure.

Up to this period, (1857,) the Trustees have always had a great length of road under construction, necessitating the employment of Engineers and Inspectors to look over the Contractors, while many items, which, under ordinary circumstances, would have been charged to the maintenance, were, during the construction of these roads, entered to the account of original construction.

In order to appreciate the exact position of the finances of the trust, it is desirable to know what relation there would be between the revenue and expenditure at the end of each year, now that the works are supposed to be finished, and supposing them to continue under the same management.

Table No. 61.

Table of the estimated expenditure and revenue of the Trust under the present regulations, with the control over 100 miles of road for the year 1857:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Interest on £115,000, at 6 per cent	6900	0	0	6900	0	0
Maintaining 100 miles during the Summer, at £30	3000	0	0	3000	0	0
Maintaining 100 miles during the Winter, at £20	2000	0	0	2000	0	0
SALARIES IN FORCE.						
To the Secretary	350	0	0			
To 1 General Overseer	157	0	0			
3 Overseers on the North Shore	225	0	0			
1 Overseer on the South Shore	100	0	0			
6 Toll Collectors on North side	468	0	0			
5 Toll Collectors on South side	270	0	0			
Tools and implements	50	0	0			
To Office Rent, Advertizing, Stationery, &c.	150	0	0			
Contingent Expenses	150	0	0			
				1565	0	0
				£		
				13815	0	0
Revenue from Toll Gates and Bridges, taken to be the same as in 1856				10101	0	0
Deficit, each year			£	3714	0	0

Your Commissioners will now proceed to answer seriatim the questions put to them in the Commission :

Whether the Trustees, in the first instance, made such roads as were most required and likely to prove most remunerative, instead of making them where they would yield but little revenue ?

It has been stated in tables Nos. 7 and 13, that the Trust was authorized to improve 150 miles of road, and also, in another part of this report, that the sum of £148,882 was allowed to be raised and expended upon their improvements. It has also been shewn that instead of 150 miles, the Trustees have only made 105, leaving 40 in an unimproved state, and the question proposed to your Commissioners is to enquire if the 105 miles of improved road have been judiciously selected out of the 150 authorized, and whether the most remunerative of these roads were made in the first instance.

The answer to this question becomes the more important, from the fact, that upon it your Commissioners intend to base their recommendation to retain or abandon certain roads under the Trust, according to the relative importance of these roads in point of locality and as sources of revenue.

The 82½ miles of road made on the North Shore (Tables Nos. 62, 63, 64), may be subdivided into three classes, viz: the main roads leading out of Town; the parallel roads leading to points already reached by the main roads, and the cross roads leading from one main road to the other.

Table No. 62.

The Main Roads, radiating from the Town, are six in number:—

	Miles.	Chains.	Links.
The Cove or Beach Road	5	8	0
The St. Lewis or Cap Rouge Road	7	35	41
The St. Foy to St. Augustin Road	11	40	70
The St. Charles to Valcartier Road	11	77	3
The Charlesbourg to Stoneham and Lake Beauport Roads	7	62	0
The Beauport to Chateau Richer Road	15	79	94
Total	59	68	8

Table No. 63.

The parallel roads running in the same direction as the main roads, and to the points already reached by the same are:—

	Miles.	Chains.	Links.
Portion of St. Foy beyond the Suede	2	28	81
The St. Charles Road, North	9	50	18
The Champigny Road, East	2	29	7
The St. Gabriel Road	1	7	35
The St. Claire Road	3	12	0
Total	12	47	41

Table No. 64.

The cross roads leading from one main road to another one, are:—

	Miles.	Chains.	Links.
The Route de l' Eglise	1	42	0
Kilmarnock	0	38	50
Belvidère	0	34	54
St. Joseph	4	68	80
Holland Road	1	7	0
Charlesbourg and St. Charles Road	1	56	0
Total	10	6	84

The streets of Quebec, from its peculiar site, are uneven and hilly, so much so that no extended pleasure drive can be found within its limits; and the turnpike roads for the first few miles outside of the city, are, during the summer months, crowded with pleasure carriages.

Some roads are very much travelled over by visitors, such as Beauport to the Montmorency Falls; the St. Charles, to the Indian village of Lorette; and the St. Lewis to the Plains of Abraham and Cap Rouge.

The St. Charles North, a parallel road, is said to be useful chiefly in this, that it prevents the opening of a road upon the River St. Charles, in winter, upon which all the country people of the surrounding parishes would go to Quebec and avoid paying toll.

The Western end of the St. Foy and Champigny East were made to complete circles for pleasure carriages. Several of the cross roads, such as the Route de l'Eglise, the Belvidère, and the St. Joseph, were made with the same object in view, in addition to the general benefit intended to the residents on these roads.

The Kilmarnock gives the farmer access to a very extensive market at the Coves, on the Beach road.

The Holland road opens a most useful communication between two sections of country, divided from each other by a precipitous declivity.

Although acknowledging the usefulness of several of these parallel and cross roads, your Commissioners are of opinion that those at a distance from the city limits are not remunerative.

It is difficult to understand why such roads as the St. Gabriel, the St. Claire, or the Charlesbourg and St. Charles Junction, were ever made; or why the Charlesbourg and Lorette, the Misère, the Laval, or Bourg Royal, were included in the Acts.

The St. Gabriel road leads to no important place; the St. Claire does not lessen the distance to the town from any part of the country; but, when opened, would permit the residents on the St. Joseph road, and neighboring country, to cross the River St. Charles, over Scott's Bridge, where no tolls are collected, and thus avoid Dorchester Bridge, where higher tolls are taken than at the Gates.

It is stated that the Charlesbourg and St. Charles road was made so as to allow the inhabitants on the Beauport and Charlesbourg roads to cross the River St. Charles, at Scott's Bridge, in case any accident should happen to Dorchester Bridge.

With the exception of these three last mentioned, your Commissioners are of opinion that the roads selected by the Trustees were the most useful and the most remunerative which could be chosen about Quebec; and the only point on which they differ from the Trustees is in the extent of the improvements made upon the parallel and cross roads.

As to whether the Trustees did not make too well, or spend too much money upon certain unimportant roads, will be found more fully discussed in the answers to the question in the commission, inquiring into the nature of the repairs and improvements made upon the several roads.

At Point Levi there are three main routes—the Beaumont, the St. Henry, and the St. Nicholas upper and lower roads.

The St. Nicholas lower road runs from Point Levi towards St. Nicholas, along the beach, through the Timber Coves, and has not been made by the Trustees; whilst the Upper St. Nicholas road ascends the Point Levi Cliffs, immediately opposite Quebec, and runs towards St. Nicholas, over the heights, among the farmer's houses, and has been macadamized to the extent of $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles.

The improvements on the St. Nicholas lower road were not commenced when the other roads at Point Levi were made; because the location of the Grand Trunk Railway, along the foot of the Point Levi Cliff, had not yet been fixed upon, and that the location of the turnpike would have to be made subservient to that of the railway.

Your Commissioners are of opinion that only one road to St. Nicholas should be macadamized, and that if the improvements had been made on the lower road, they would have been more remunerative.

Whether they made their roads according to specifications, plans, proposals, and agreements; whether they caused the contracts made by them to be duly fulfilled; otherwise, why they did not do so? Whether any of the contractors have abandoned or neglected to fill their contracts thoroughly and within the time specified; otherwise, why they have not done so?

All the roads built before Mr. Rankin's appointment, as Engineer to the Trust, in August, 1853, were not built according to prepared plans and detailed specifications. The specification generally was verbal, and the basis of the agreement was, that the contractor should improve and macadamize the road to be made, so as to be as good and as well made as some one other specified road already improved, and also to the full satisfaction of the Trustees.

A gross amount per mile was agreed upon, and a notarial contract was entered into between the parties. Further details on this subject are given in the answer to the question as to the nature of the improvements made by the Trustees.

After Mr. Rankin was engaged in 1853, plans and specifications were made for all the roads to be built; but all these plans and sections, from motives of economy and from the desire of immediately proceeding with the works, were so hurriedly made, that they were of little assistance; and so many deviations followed, that extra bills to the amount of several thousand pounds had to be paid.

The Trustees have not caused all the contracts they have entered into to be duly fulfilled; and some of the contractors have abandoned and neglected to fulfil their contracts within the time specified.

Your Commissioners will here remark, that in the course of their researches into the affairs of the Trust, they have met with several cases of slight deviations from the original contracts, or extension of time for completion, and again others where certain small contracts have been completely abandoned by mutual consent. But, as all these cases have been adjusted and as they are of slight importance, your Commissioners have thought it advisable to confine their remarks on this subject principally to Walker's and Lagneux's contracts.

Why Walker and Lagneux did not fulfil their contracts is fully explained in another portion of this report.

Whether the Trustees have caused their contractors to furnish due security for the proper performance of their contracts, and have taken strict measures to cause the works to be completed? Whether payments for Works have been made according to the contracts, if not why the conditions thereof have not been complied with, and whether any deviation from the contracts, either with reference to payments or to works, have debarred the Trustees from their recourse against the sureties of the Contractors?

Your Commissioners are of opinion that the Trustees, in all cases where contracts were duly entered into, caused the contractors to furnish proper security.

Since 1849, omitting the roads made by day work, (see Table 16,) all the important works were made by contract, with the exception of certain expensive repairs to Dorchester Bridge, consisting in the re-construction of the draw by Walker for £500, and also for certain repairs upon St. Henri road by Galna.

Although Mr. Walker, Mr. Lagneux, and other Contractors have not completed their contracts, it does not appear that the Trustees have, in any instance, taken action against the sureties of any Contractor for making or improving roads.

The Trustees urge with reason, that after the failure on their part to pay the interest on the first of January, 1855, they were not in a position to do so.

The payments for work were not made in all cases according to the Contracts.

By the Contracts payments were to be made in Quebec Turnpike Debentures, on which interest was payable half-yearly, viz: on the 1st of January and the 1st of July.

When, on the 1st of January 1855, the Trustees declared their inability to pay the interest due and thereby depreciated the value of the Debentures, their engagements with their Contractors were broken in a most important particular.

The failure of the Trustees, by which the value of the Debentures was reduced from 96 to 80, and 75, per 100, inflicted on the Contractors a loss of 20 per cent. upon the balance of their contracts.

Under such circumstances your Commissioners are of opinion that the Trustees were justifiable in relieving Mr. Walker from his contracts, without endeavouring to enforce the liability of the sureties.

In other respects payments were generally made according to the stipulations of the contracts, but on the South Shore works a most important deviation took place.

With the exception of a portion of the St. Henri Road, contracted for by Mr. Walker, on the 26th of June, 1854, all payments were to be made to him on the

completion of each half mile upon the Engineer's or Superintendent's certificate to that effect.

Instead of this being done, Mr. Walker was paid upon the certificate of the Engineer, for the work in general as it progressed, and for the value of the materials furnished by him; and also upon the certificates of Messrs. Delaire and Carrier, two of the Trustees, with regard to portions of the St. Henri and St. Nicholas roads, the former to the extent of £856, and the latter £1,700.

To this deviation may, in a great measure, be attributed the discreditable condition of the roads, and in so far the failure of the Trust to give satisfaction on the South Shore.

Had Mr. Walker not been paid until each half mile was complete, so much of a good road would have been secured; whereas a large surface having been broken up at once, it became almost impassable, and a positive nuisance.

It will also be observed that the Engineer's certificates do not seem to have been based on the prices contained in the contracts; and (as is more fully detailed in another portion of this report,) your Commissioners believe that from this change Mr. Walker has, in some instances, received more money than the proportion of work done under his contracts, warranted. No good reason has been given for this change; it was stated that Messrs. Dalairé & Carrier were empowered by resolution, dated 4th July, 1855, to grant certificates, because complaints had been made that the Engineer, Mr. Rankin, had certified for greater amounts than the value of the work done. It is surprising that the Trustees, having thought proper to act on these complaints, did not then further investigate into them; but allowed Mr. Rankin to continue the superintendence of other works including the construction of the Montmorency Suspension Bridge, as if enjoying their entire confidence; and also acted on his certificates in paying the contractors; and your Commissioners must remark that it is established, that Mr. Carrier paid Mr. Walker's men employed in making the roads, for which he, as a Trustee, certified in favor of Mr. Walker, in his own shop, in store-pay, a practice highly reprehensible both with regard to the mode of payment and the position of Mr. Carrier, as Trustee.

It has been stated before your Commissioner, in defence, by Mr. Carrier, that the works on the St. Henri road were completely suspended, and that Walker paid his men so irregularly that no one would work for him. That it being desirable the works should be proceeded with, a resolution was passed by the Board, with Mr. Walker's consent, authorizing him, Mr. Carrier, to hire men, and to pay them with money received from the Trustees, and charged to Walker's account, to the extent of £1,700.

Mr. Carrier also states that these £1,700 were raised by the sale of Debentures, and that it often happened much time was lost in their sale; and he found himself without money to pay the men,—that it was under these circumstances, when without money, that he offered to advance goods out of his store, and actually paid some of the men in that way.

It is needless to inquire as to how far these deviations would have discharged the sureties for the works on the roads; for by deed passed on the 23rd of January, 1856, between the Trustees and Mr. Walker, he and his sureties are discharged from all liability.

Deviations were also made, with the Engineer's consent, in the execution of the plan for the Montmorency Suspension Bridge, to which, in a great measure, its fall may be attributed, the full particulars of which have been reported to your Excellency by the Commissioners, who investigated into the causes of its destruction; an action is now pending against the sureties of the contractor, in

the Superior Court at Quebec, at the instance of the Trustees, on the ground of breach of contract of the builder.

The Commissioners have no evidence before them to show that these deviations were made with the knowledge and consent of the Trustees. Should this be shown, they are of opinion that the sureties will not be liable.

Whether the Trustees have undertaken any works without contracts; at what times and in what localities; and whether they have made payments beyond the value of the works done, and under what circumstances; or whether they have retained in their hands a sum sufficient to complete the works done?

As already stated, up to the year 1849 the works were for the greater part done by day labour, and since then, with scarcely any exceptions, by contract.

A portion, however, of Holland farm road, on which £1,200 were expended, and also works detailed in Table No. 16, were made by day labour.

Draw-bridges were also constructed by Mr. Walker, in 1856, without the contract having been executed, in consequence of Mr. Walker having failed to furnish drawings. There are therefore no sureties for the stability of the work which has been received by the Trust. As by law Contractors and their sureties are liable for a certain number of years for certain defects of construction and materials in Public Works of importance, sureties should always be required.

A small portion of the St. Henri road is now in the hands of Mr. Galna. He has received part payment, and the contract was not completed in consequence of a misunderstanding with him as to the terms.

In the case, especially of Walker's contracts, he has received more than the actual amount due to him at the contract prices, with the exception of one contract in which it was agreed that he should be paid as the work progressed.

As already stated, he was to be paid when each half mile of road was completed, upon the Engineer's or Superintendent's certificate. But he was paid upon the Engineer's certificates for the work done irrespective of being finished, and the prices allowed appear not to be based upon the rates which the Contracts would justify, but at the market value when certificates were given.

Table No. 65.

WALKER'S CONTRACTS.

NAMES OF CONTRACTS.	Original Contract.		Extra Bills Granted.		Total Amount paid Walker.		Since expended on the Roads.		What it would yet cost to finish them, including balance due on present Contract.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
ST. CLAIRE ROAD.										
Original Contract	3500	0 0	322	5 0	2877	14 8			1000	0 0
½ of £250 allowed, 26th January, 1856.			126	0 0						
CHARLESBOURG & ST. CHARLES ROAD.										
Grading	1450	0 0			1345	19 8				
ST. HENRI ROAD.										
Davidson's Hill	1150	0 0	49	0 0	1113	6 3				
Point Levy Hill	2800	0 0	214	5 0	1063	0 5	510	0 0	1200	0 0
Nollet's Road	1660	0 0	20	0 0	1366	1 0				
3rd. & 4th Sections	7060	0 0	661	4 0	7192	16 6	1400	0 0	2214	0 0
½ of £250			125	0 0			100	0 0		
			62	10 0	62	10 0				
ST. NICHOLAS ROAD.										
Original Contract	6600	0 0	819	17 6	5411	6 0	699	14 0	1800	0 0
½ of £250			5	6 3						
			62	0 0	62	10 0				
Carried over	24220	0 0	2466	7 9	20425	4 6	2709	14 0	6214	0 0

Table No. 66.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
From the above Table, it would appear that Walker's Contracts amounted in all to				36000	0	0
That, on all his works, he has received in Debentures the sum of				29955	0	0
Leaving in the hands of the Trustees, when he abandoned his Contracts, a balance of			£	6045	0	0
Paid to others, in continuance of his Contracts, since he abandoned them	2709	14	0			
Estimated cost of completion	6214	0	0			
	£ 8923	14	0			
Deduct 20 per cent discount on Debentures, which present Contractors charge upon all works for the Trust.....	1785	0	0	7188	0	0
Cost to complete Walker's Contracts over what was kept back on them			£	1098	0	0

Mr. Rankin and Mr. Walker have both left Canada, and in their absence your Commissioners have encountered certain difficulties in arriving at the details upon which the £29,955 were paid to Walker; and they are willing to admit that if Mr. Rankin had been here, he might have explained many things probably not laid before your Commissioners. Certain memoranda of extra works to be allowed to the contractor have been found among Mr. Rankin's papers, and do not appear among those furnished to the Trustees.

It may be remarked that Walker undertook to make a great number of miles of road in the short space of a few months, and had the stipulations of his contracts been strictly followed, compelling him to finish each half mile before he received any money, his limited means would only have allowed him to work on half a mile at a time. Under such restrictions, the execution of the work within the time specified, would have been impossible.

It should also be noticed that the Trustees, by their failure in paying the interest and thereby reducing the value of nearly all the debentures paid to Walker, actually reduced the sum of £29,955, paid to him, by several thousands.

While admitting the above, your Commissioners are still of opinion that it was Mr. Rankin's duty to have followed the letter of the contracts, and that his conduct in certifying to Walker's work, in detail, instead of each completed half mile, as specified in the contracts, was in the highest degree reprehensible, and that he ought to have notified to the Trustees that they had entered into contracts impossible of execution.

We consider it highly imprudent in the Trustees to have departed from the terms of the agreements. When it became evident that these works could not be carried out as proposed, the wiser course would have been to have cancelled the contracts, and to have called for new tenders. We may, however, observe in justice to Mr. Walker, that the diminished value of the debentures involved him in pecuniary difficulties which existed to the time of his departure from Canada, and to this may, in a great part, be attributed the unworkmanlike appearance of his works.

To ascertain the present state of the roads and bridges on both sides of the St. Lawrence; whether they have been commenced and carried on according to specifications, tenders, and agreements; in what particular they deviate from such a system,—

Your Commissioners have visited all the roads and bridges under the control of the Trust, and they are of opinion that, with the exception of the unfinished roads, Holland, St. Clair, and Charlesbourg and St. Charles, the roads on the North shore are in a good condition.

At Point Levi the finished portions of the road are also good. On the Beaumont, four miles are said by the contractor to be finished. Three other miles are unfinished and abandoned. Travelling over these unfinished portions is dangerous, especially during the night. Piles of broken stone have been left by the contractor, and at one place an excavation of some length, and of half the width of the road, has been left unfenced and unprotected, and no precaution taken to save the traveller from falling into this excavation during the night.

On the St. Henri road, when visited by your Commissioners, there were over two miles in an almost impassable state, and that by day; and it must have been absolutely impossible during the night for any one to have found his way through the deep ruts, broken ditches, piles of stones, and accumulation of mud on this portion of the road.

Several witnesses have testified that a great number of accidents have occurred on this short distance; fractured limbs and injury to the person were suffered on some occasions; upsets, injury to goods, and broken carriages were of frequent occurrence, and although this state of things has continued for over two years, it does not appear that the Trustees ever thought it necessary to take notice of these accidents, or ever ordered any temporary repairs to be made before the Fall of 1856, when they expended £100 on the road.

On the St. Nicholas there is also a place where an excavation in the road was left open, and where several accidents of a grave nature have occurred, and your Commissioners are not aware that the Trustees have done anything to prevent their recurrence.

The roads through New Liverpool to St. Nicholas, are in a much worse condition than when received by the Trustees, and since Mr. Walker commenced the execution of his contracts for their improvement, being positively dangerous at night.

A resident on Point Levi Hill, whose business calls him to St. Nicholas, a distance of about ten miles, leaves Point Levi, and travels for three miles on a very good macadamized road, sixteen and eighteen feet wide, and the remaining seven over piles of stones, mud, and broken culverts. For the use of the three miles of macadamized road and the Etchemin bridge, the traveller, if in a wagon, pays the Trustees one shilling and threepence, and three shillings and fourpence to the Chaudière ferryman, being in all for each trip four shillings and seven pence.

The present state of the Dorchester Bridge.

The Dorchester Bridge is in good repair. Two light draw bridges placed side by side one for each track were built upon it in 1856 by T. A. Walker.

These draw bridges are on the suspension principle. They were made of second hand material out of the remains of the old draws, for the sum of £250 each, and are probably good enough for the money, although there are in each of them many defects in the workmanship. These bridges have borne very heavy weights

without yielding. Yet your Commissioners are of opinion that there is not yet that positive safety which they conceive should exist in a bridge over which hundreds of persons pass daily, and your Commissioners wrote to the Trustees on the 15th of October last, drawing their attention particularly to the condition of these drawbridges.

Messers. G. R. Baldwin, Baillargé and Stavely, Engineers, have given written opinions on this structure, (see Appendix R).

As soon as the credit of the Trust shall be re-established on a firm footing, these draw-bridges should be rebuilt, on a better plan, and so as to meet the exigencies of trade.

There are several ship-yards on the banks of the river St. Charles, above Dorchester Bridge, and during last Summer there were 19 ships launched above the bridge. Several of the proprietors of these yards have deposed in evidence before your Commissioners that the present location of the draw in the bridge is the cause of great loss to them. They assert that the draw is not placed over the channel, and that to force a ship of 900 tons to pass through the draw requires the united strength and manœuvres of three steamboats, that even with this assistance, the passage can only be successfully accomplished at high water, and that should any delay occur accidentally in the launching, and the tide have been falling for many minutes, it is impossible to get the ship through at all, and she has to be left aground above the bridge until next tide. It is stated that since 1853, damages to the extent of £13,000 have been suffered by ship-builders of that locality in the launching of their ships, and so great are the dangers attending these launches, increased as they are by the position of the draw, that no insurance whatever can be effected on ships until they are out of the St. Charles.

The Trustees are not responsible for the present position of the draw. When they caused the superstructure of this bridge to be rebuilt in 1851 under the superintendence of Mr. Rubidge, they did not feel authorized to incur the comparatively large expenditure of building the new piers which the placing of the draw over the channel would have necessitated.

Present state of Montmorency, Cap Rouge and Etchemin Bridges.

The Wire Suspension Bridge over the Montmorency river fell in April, 1856. The stone towers on each side remain and have been but little damaged.

The old Montmorency bridge is a wooden structure, very much worn and decayed, and which will have to be replaced at a very early day.

Your Commissioners cannot recommend the reconstruction of the suspension bridge over Montmorency river until the present depression in the Debentures of the Trust shall have passed away.

The Cap Rouge bridge is also an old bridge, worn and on the point of falling. Very extensive repairs will have to be made to it in 1857.

The Etchemin Bridge, with proper repairs, can be used for several years yet. The latter part of the question, as to whether the works have been commenced and carried on according to specifications, tenders and agreements, and in what particular they deviate from such a system, has already been answered in another part of this report.

Whether the moneys or Debentures have been employed for the completion of the roads for which they were appropriated by law? Whether the £40,000 in debentures or in money appropriated for the making of roads on the South side of the St. Lawrence has been employed for that purpose; otherwise, how much of that amount has been expended on such roads, and to what purpose has the balance been employed? Whether it is true that £6,000 or any portion of the amount referred to, (£40,000,) has been employed in the repair of roads on the North side of the St. Lawrence; otherwise, what monies have been so applied? And whether £3,000, or any part of the same fund, £40,000, have been expended upon the Suspension Bridge at the Falls of Montmorency; otherwise, from what funds such expenditure was made, and how much has been expended in the repairs of these roads?

With the exception of a certain portion of the £40,000 in Debentures specially appropriated for the making of the roads on the South Shore, and a sum of £3,166 paid for Montmorency Bridge in North Shore Debentures, we are of opinion the funds were applied as required by law.

It may be well, however, to observe that by the 14th and 15th Vic., cap. 133, the power of the Trustees to spend £5,000 in the purchase of Montmorency Bridge, was limited to six months, failing which that sum was appropriated to the improvement of the Chateau Richer Road. The Bridge was only purchased eight months after, but this seems to have been sanctioned by the 16th Vic., cap. 235, which granted a further sum of £3,000 towards the erection of a bridge over the Montmorency river.

The £40,000, in Debentures, authorised by the 16th Vic., cap. 235, section 10, to be issued for the construction of roads, bridges and improvements on the South side of the St. Lawrence, mentioned in the said Act, have not all been so applied.

From the evidence of the Secretary, and from the examination of the records of the office, we find they have been used as follows:—

Table No. 67.

Table showing to whom the £40,000 have been paid :

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Walker, for South Shore Works.....	16086	10	2			
To other Contractors, for South Shore Works.....	12085	0	0			
To Prevost, Notary, for South Shore Works.....	200	0	0			
Total Amount on South Shore.....				28371	10	2
To Barbeau and Harvey, for North Shore Works.....	800	0	0			
To Walker, for North Shore Works.....	13	9	10			
				813	9	10
To Receiver General.....	3000	0	0			
Deposited in Montreal Bank.....	3000	0	0			
Deposited in Quebec Bank.....	4000	0	0			
				10000	0	0
Debentures unissued.....				815	0	0
Total.....				£ 40000	0	0

As above shewn, £800 of South Shore Debentures were issued for North Shore works; but, on the other hand, £1,200 North Shore debentures for South Shore works were given to Messrs. Begin, Galna, Lagneaux, and Fournier.

Table No. 68.

The actual Account, as between both sides of the St. Lawrence, stands thus:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Expended on the Beaumont Road, including construction, Winter maintenance, &c				7114	6	1
Expended on St. Henri Road, including Balance due to Contractors, construction, Winter maintenance, &c., &c., &c. 1/4 of £250 paid to Walker on 26th January, 1856	16918	14	4			
	62	10	0	16981	4	4
Expended on St. Nicholas Road, including Winter maintenance, &c	7835	1	11			
1/4 of £250 allowed Walker	62	10	0	7897	11	11
Expended on Etchemin Bridge				5	0	0
Paid Interest on South Shore Debentures up to 1st July, 1856				3028	3	5
Proportion of Contingencies chargeable to Point Levi				836	16	3
Half Salary of Secretary				508	10	9
Half Salary of Engineer				339	16	2
Salaries to Toll Collectors, Overseers, and Employés, on the South Shore, up to the end of 1856				1260	16	9
			£	37972	5	8
Unissued Debentures				815	0	0
			£	38787	5	8
Deduct—South Shore Tolls received up to the end of 1856, and damages recovered				3158	8	9
			£	35633	16	11
Balance in favour of South Shore				4866	8	1
			£	40000	0	0
Total			£	40000	0	0

There is no evidence before your Commissioners to show that £3,000, or any portion of the £40,000, to be expended on the South Shore of the St. Lawrence, was spent on the Montmorency Bridge.

The amount paid for that bridge and its dependencies, beyond the purchase of the old bridge for £2,000, is £9,166 11s. 9d., of which £4,600 were raised by debentures under 14 & 15 Vic. cap. 132, and 16 Vic. cap. 235, specially authorized to be issued for that purpose. The remainder was paid in debentures taken from the funds of the North Shore Trust, and without any authority of law save as to that part £500 paid for the approaches, which may be considered as an improvement to the highway.

What roads in general have been repaired and improved, and the nature of such repairs and improvements?

The names and length of the several roads which have been repaired and improved about Quebec, are stated in Tables Nos. 7, 15, 16, 17, and 18.

- On the North Shore..... 82 1/2 miles.
- On the South Shore..... 23 miles.

In order that the nature of the repairs and improvements made by the Trust should be better understood, it is necessary to describe the condition of the roads about Quebec when placed under the Trust.

They were then narrow, crooked, badly drained, cut up into deep ruts, and almost impassable for laden vehicles after rainy weather. The surface of this

portion of the country is broken and undulating, the water during the rains of spring and fall washing away the earth, and forming in many places deep ditches and gullies.

On some of the roads there were a great number of streamlets cutting away the road to a depth of some twelve or fifteen feet, and forming a sudden descent and rise to the surface.

In some cases roads were made very crooked to avoid slight obstacles, such as large boulders; whilst others were carried over hills fifty and sixty feet high, apparently for no good reason.

It was by no means uncommon, when proprietors renewed their road fences, to encroach on the highway abutting on their properties, and so reduce its width. Notwithstanding the efforts of the Trustees, there are several narrow roads about Quebec even at this day. The Cove road is in many places not much wider than the breadth of two carriages.

The great number of changes which the Trustees had to make in the location of the roads, affecting, as they did, the individuals whose houses were on those roads, was the original cause of many petitions to the Government against the Trustees.

Before the Beauport and the road below it were made, persons living at Ange Gardien and Chateau Richer, some ten miles from Quebec, spent a whole day in coming to town. In these parishes the inhabitants entered spiritedly into the enterprise for changing the location of the road. Gardens, orchards, and buildings were readily sacrificed and given up to the Trustees.

Respectable farmers, from all parts of the country, and also citizens, have appeared before your Commissioners, and expressed their readiness to pay tolls, in order that good roads may be maintained; but there appears to be a general feeling throughout the community that the Trustees have been too liberal with their money, and that a great many useless works have been made.

The people near the town maintain that the extremities of the main roads are useless, and cite the revenue at the Valcartier Gate, to prove that they pay nothing, whilst the farmers residing at a distance assert that the revenue is wasted by the maintenance and interest paid upon the cost of certain useless parallel and cross roads in the immediate neighbourhood of Quebec.

It is the above question, whether the amount expended upon certain roads is in proportion to the travelling upon them, which your Commissioners propose to discuss in their answer to the question in the Commission as to the nature of the repairs and improvements made upon the several roads about Quebec.

The Trustees urge, with apparent reason, that they were not free in the choice of what roads they should make, and that they had no control over the rates of toll; that new acts and lists of roads were passed by Parliament; that the country people seeing the tolls were not augmented with the addition of new roads, readily imagined that the increased travelling caused by good roads augmented the revenue in proportion to the increased expenditure, and that the legislative enactments enforcing the expenditure of large sums of money, with no alternative to pay the interest than to borrow upon the capital, gave the affairs of the Trust that appearance of prosperity which invited the people to petition for new roads without perceiving the necessity of increased taxation.

They maintain, that when new works were added, if the tolls had been immediately raised, it would have been a patent and intelligible notice to the people that if they desired further improvements to be made, the tolls must be increased.

It is also stated that they notified the Government, as early as July, 1853, that unless the tolls were raised, the revenue from the gates would not be sufficient to meet both the interest and the maintenance; that in their letter to the Govern-

ment, on the 27th of October, 1854, they pointed out that if the statutes in force were carried out, there would be a yearly deficit of £5,899 in the affairs of the Trust, and that the answer which they received to their letter of July, 1853, from the Government of the day was understood by them to be an order to proceed.

For these letters see Appendix S.

From the year 1841 to the present time, the Trustees, in all the repairs and improvements made to the roads had been their own Engineers. It is true that Mr. Buchanan was employed in '41 for a few months as Engineer, and that from 1853 to 1856 Mr. Rankin was engaged as Engineer to the Trust, but it does not appear that Mr. Rankin was ever requested to report upon any of the leading Engineering questions which came up from time to time before the Trustees respecting the roads.

The Trustees with the assistance of Mr. Porter, their Secretary, from motives of economy, did everything themselves, and certainly gave much time and attention to carrying out the vast number of details into which they entered. Each Trustee was expected to superintend generally the roads in his immediate neighborhood, and at each meeting to report to the other Trustees. In the earlier days of the Administration of the Trust, when the improvement of a road was to be made, and when it had been decided upon to do it by contract, it was customary for the Trustees to go over the road to be improved, and to point out to the Contractor their views upon the proposed improvements. Several prices were proposed and after arriving at a proper understanding, an agreement was entered into with the Contractor, who bound himself to make the road for a certain fixed price, and to the entire satisfaction of the Trustees. When the road was finished, the Trustees in a body again went over it, and if they found it good and to their entire satisfaction they paid the Contractor and discharged him from his obligations. Mr. Rankin seems to have been engaged altogether with a view of his performing the operative duty of measuring work and drawing. The Trustees furnished him with details, the scale to which his plans were to be drawn, and the color in which they were to be tinted were pointed out to him by resolution of the Board.

After Mr. Rankin's engagement, however, Contractors had profiles of the roads to be improved to guide them, and it was supposed to be possible for them to know the exact number of feet or inches to be excavated or filled in at each point along the road, but in this it seems sufficient time was not always allowed to Mr. Rankin.

All the roads about Quebec and Point Levi are made according to the same specification. They are generally 36 feet wide and judiciously graded. They have good wooden bridges and culverts; are formed with apparent attention to the rules of road making, and covered with macadamized or broken stone for a width of 16 feet and to a depth of 9 inches. The only exception which can be taken to these roads is the drainage, and even this is explained by the limited space in a width of 36 feet.

While the Trustees were attending to the numerous detail duties which they had imposed upon themselves, and which in the opinion of your Commissioners should have been attended to by one individual, great errors were made in the management of the system as a whole.

There is but little doubt that had the opinion of a practical engineer been taken, many of the roads such as the St. Gabriel, the St. Claire, Charlesbourg and St. Charles, the Laval and the Lake Beauport, would not have been included in the Acts of Parliament, and even after having been placed under the Trust many parallel and cross roads, and also the extremities of main lines would have been made on a less expensive scale than the Grand arteries close to the City.

There are under the Trust 82½ miles of road on the North Shore, and had 40 miles been macadamized to a width of 8 or 9 feet instead of 16 the reduction of expense would have been £10,000 on this item alone.

If correct plans and estimates had been laid before them, the Trustees would never have consented to such expenditure upon the works at Point Levi. Roads in that locality cost nearly £1,800 per mile, which, in the opinion of your Commissioners, is double what should have been laid out upon them.

Even to this moment the few remaining hundred pounds left of the loan are all being laid out by the Trustees in the completion of about one mile of the St. Henri road with the same care and minuteness as if it were at the entrance to Quebec.

The macadam on this road alone costs £800 per mile, and when this money shall have been all expended, there will still remain between the finished portions a gap of nearly two miles in the same horrible condition it was in last autumn.

The Trustees have bestowed considerable care and study of detail in the maintenance of winter roads. This maintenance, during winter, is a serious undertaking. It is no uncommon thing to find snow banks twelve and fifteen feet deep; and the average depth of snow in the fields, during the months of February and March, is four and five feet.

The winter roads have all been maintained fifteen feet wide, and in 1855 the sum expended upon them reached £22 8s. per mile.

Your Commissioners are of opinion that upon certain roads less than the above sum should have been expended.

It is questionable as to whether the width of roads in Lower Canada (36 feet French,) established by law, is sufficient to allow a good road to be made. Supposing two ditches 2 or 2½ feet deep, and 8 feet wide at the top, to be made within a strip of land 36 feet wide, the actual width of the roadway would only be twenty feet. Such a road would be dangerous, and to avoid this, roads in Lower Canada are generally made without ditches, and are consequently of expensive summer maintenance.

During the winter, when the snow is blown about by the wind, it collects in large quantities along the fences, and when two fences are close together, as in a road, high snow banks are formed between them. In many localities the fences are removed every autumn; but in the neighborhood of Quebec, where expensive permanent fences have been made, this cannot be done.

Great difficulties were encountered by the Trustees in their first attempts to maintain wide roads during the winter. The snow-plough was found to be useless, for it was ascertained that the surface of the hard road must be level with the general surface of the snow. The reverse of the action of the snow plough was adopted. The snow was allowed to collect in the middle of the road, and was then beaten down by dragging a heavy wooden roller over it. This useful instrument was introduced by M. E. J. DeBlois, one of the Trustees. After a fall of snow, this roller is merely drawn over the road, and the next morning the track is hard and good.

The snow cutter is also a valuable instrument, perfected by the Trustees.

Whether the Trustees received instructions, and when to discontinue the services of Mr. Rankin; and whether the said Mr. Rankin, in the course of last year, and at what time, was a partner of Mr. Walker, one of the contractors, and

in what contracts or other things? And also, whether payments were made to Mr. Walker on the certificates of Mr. Rankin?

The Trustees were not instructed to discontinue the services of Mr. Rankin; but immediately after the fall of the Montmorency Suspension Bridge, in April last, they did so. There is nothing to establish that at any time Mr. Rankin was a partner of Mr. Walker in any work or contract. By the terms of the contracts Mr. Walker was to be paid on the certificates of the Engineer or Superintendent, and he accordingly received large sums of money on Mr. Rankin's certificates, as already mentioned.

Whether any, and what roads should be abandoned?

Your Commissioners are of opinion that the following roads should be taken from the control of the Trust and returned to the Municipalities:—

Table No. 69.

Table of roads to be returned to Municipalities; the following unmade roads:—

	Miles.	Chains.	Links.
Portion of route de l' Eglise	1	20	0
Portion of St. Augustin	3	31	0
Portion of Valcartier	6	0	0
The Misère Road	3	51	0
The Charlesbourg and Lorette Road.....	2	52	0
The Stoneham Road	4	40	0
Lake Beauport Road.....	2	0	0
Bourg Royal Road.....	2	0	0
Laval Road	3	0	0
St. Nicholas, Lower Road	3	60	0
Portion of St. Nicholas, Upper Road.....	2	31	0
Portion of St. Henri	3	0	0
Portion of Beaumont.....	3	40	0
Total unmade Roads	41	5	0

Table No. 70.

Also, the following unfinished Roads which, however, should be made passable before given to the Municipalities:—

The St. Claire Road	3	12	0
Charlesbourg and St. Charles Road.....	1	56	0
Total unfinished Roads.....	4	68	0
Total unmade and unfinished Roads.....	45	73	0

Table No. 71.

Also, the following finished Road :—

	Miles.	Chains.	Links.
The St. Gabriel Road	1	7	85
Total unmade and unfinished Roads	45	73	0
Total number of miles of Road to be returned to the Municipalities	47	0	85

Your Commissioners would incline to the opinion that other roads, viz : the St. Charles North, the Holland, the St. Augustin, the Suede and parts of the Charlesbourg and Chateau Richer on the North side, and also portions of the St. Nicholas upper and Beanmont on the South Shore should be returned to the Municipalities. But as their Summer maintenance during the next few years will cost little in comparison with the capital expended on them, and as the same staff will be required for the other roads under the Trust, they would recommend that the Trustees should have the option of returning these and any other roads, with the sanction of the Governor in Council. One more effort should be made before risking the chance of such roads returning under Municipal management into their former bad condition.

The limited number of Winter roads (as proposed by your Commissioners, in Table No. 76,) to be maintained by the Trust, will cause the country people to open a number of new roads through the fields and the whole map of Winter communication about Quebec will be changed. It will therefore be still more necessary that some discretion should be given to the Trustees in the choice of what roads it may be advantageous at any given time to resume either in Summer or Winter, in order to make the system more remunerative, or to counteract any extensively organized system of avoiding the toll-gates.

We therefore recommend that the roads mentioned in the following Tables Nos. 72, '3, '4, and '5,) should remain under the control of the Trust, with power to cut off or resume any of the present roads in Winter or Summer, with the sanction of the Governor in Council, and with similar sanction to alter the site of the present toll-gates and to remove wholly the Valcartier gate.

Table of roads to be left under the control of the Trust :—

Table No. 72.

The following Roads, with the recommendation that they should be kept Macadamized to a width of 16 feet, as they are at present :—

	Miles.	Chains.	Links.
The Cove Road	5	8	0
The St. Lewis Road	7	85	41
The St. Foy to the Church	4	40	0
The St. Charles, South	4	52	57
Dorchester Bridge Road	0	7	59
The Beauport Road	6	40	65
The Charlesbourg to the Church	3	40	0
Total	31	64	20

Table No. 73.

The following roads, with the recommendation that they should be kept macadamized to a width of nine feet only:—

	Miles.	Chains.	Links.
The Kilmarnock Road.....	0	88	50
The Belvidere Road.....	0	34	54
Portion of Route de l'Eglise.....	1	42	0
Portion of St. Foy Road.....	2	26	14
The St. Charles North Road.....	3	50	18
La Suède Road.....	2	45	74
Champigny West Road.....	1	77	30
St. Augustin Road.....	2	40	0
Champigny East Road.....	2	29	7
L'Ormière Road.....	4	24	46
The Valcartier Road.....	3	0	0
St. Joseph Road.....	4	68	80
Charlesbourg Upper Road.....	4	22	0
Ange Gardien Road.....	5	11	72
Chateau Richer Road.....	4	20	0
Total.....	43	50	45

Table No. 74.

The following roads to remain under the Trust, and to be made by the Trustees at some future day, when in funds:—

	Miles.	Chains.	Links.
Portion of the Cove Road.....	3	10	0
The St. Richard Road.....	0	45	50
The Holland Road.....	1	7	0
Total.....	4	62	50

Table No. 75.

On the South Shore, with the recommendation that such parts as are maintained should be kept to a macadamized width of nine feet:—

	Miles.	Chains.	Links.
The St. Henri Road.....	10	40	0
The St. Nicholas Upper Road.....	5	40	0
The Beaumont Road.....	7	0	0
Total.....	28	0	0
Total length of Road to remain under Trust.....	108	17	15

The following roads are recommended as those to be kept under the Trust during the winter, the others to be returned to the Municipalities, with power given to the Trustees to resume any of them:—

Table No. 76.

ON THE NORTH SIDE.

	Miles.	Chains.	Links.
The Cove Road	5	8	0
The St. Lewis Road	4	35	41
The St. Foy Road	4	40	0
The St. Charles South Road	4	52	57
The Charlesbourg Road	3	40	0
The Beauport and Dorchester Road	6	48	22
The Ange Gardien Road	3	0	0
Total	31	64	20

Table No. 77.

ON THE SOUTH SHORE.

	Miles.	Chains.	Links.
The St. Henri Road	10	40	0
The St. Nicholas Road	3	40	0
The Beaumont Road	5	0	0
Total	19	0	0

We would also recommend that the Cap Rouge Bridge should be returned to the Municipality, and that the power of the Trustees to build bridges over the Valcartier and Chaudière rivers should cease.

The Etchemin Bridge connecting portions of the St. Nicholas road to be managed by the Trust, should also be retained, and no amount beyond the tolls received there, applied to its maintenance. The tolls should be made sufficient for the purpose.

Whether the roads which have been commenced should be completed prior to delivering them up, and what would be the probable cost of completion?

There are on the North Shore but two roads which have been commenced, and which are recommended to be delivered up—one new, the Charlesbourg and St. Charles, in length 1 mile and 56 chains; the other, the St. Claire, an old road, 3 miles and 12 chains long. The state of the funds of the Trust do not justify their completion before delivery. We advise, however, that the first should be made passable, and the other should be returned in as good a condition as when received. The probable cost would be £500.

On the South side, two miles of the St. Nicholas road, though classed as commenced, have in fact been scarcely touched,—one part has been left in a dangerous state by the Contractor. We are of opinion that before surrender they should be put in a passable condition, this, we think, might be done for £250.

Whether it would be advantageous or not that two separate and distinct Commissions should be appointed, one for the north and the other for the south side of the St. Lawrence. And whether the system of managing Turnpike roads by Trustees should be continued, or some other mode substituted calculated to afford greater satisfaction to the public?

The witnesses examined are unanimous in advising a separation of the North and South Shore roads, which are divided by the St. Lawrence, nearly three quarters of a mile in width. The interests of these roads are distinct, and though the union has been highly injurious to the North Shore, there is on the South a dislike to the present system. The opinion is there general that they have not been fairly dealt with, and the evasion of tolls seems fast increasing. Indeed, at present, persons are permitted to pass over the property of Mr. Delaire, one of the Trustees for the South Shore. In consequence of which the Toll Gate on the St. Henri road is avoided. When a Trustee acts in this manner, that private individuals should try to escape payment is not very surprising.

We therefore advise a separation, hoping that by leaving the whole management of the South Shore to a distinct Board, public confidence may be restored, and that the immoral practice of defrauding the revenue will cease.

It is to be regretted that the £40,000 in debentures issued for the South Shore were not made payable solely from the revenues on that side of the river, in which case the settlement of the debt between the roads would have been of easy solution. But as the Bondholders are secured on the whole revenue of the Trust, we have been obliged to recommend another method, which will be found under the head of "The future state of the finances."

As respects the present management by Trustees, it will be remembered that when first adopted there were but few main roads to be made, and the appointment of a gentleman on each to watch the local interests answered well, but gradually it spread into a large and unwieldy net work of main, cross and by-roads, and the first principle of guarding local interests worked injuriously against a uniform system. The Trustees were also increased to twelve, a number too large for prompt action and undivided responsibility.

The Trustees had many difficulties to encounter, and it must in justice be admitted, that under their orders excellent roads on the North Shore were made. In the first instance they overcame unpopularity and prejudice, and their success itself became hurtful, for the universal cry for more roads and the peremptory action of the Legislature by depriving them of free agency, and by making insufficient provision for the additional expense, while conferring the benefit of the system, rendered its failure to meet its pecuniary engagements certain. Possibly when the Trustees considered themselves obliged to act against their judgment they should have resigned. They have freely given a considerable portion of their time from their private occupations to the affairs of the Trust, and though there has been great neglect in the management of the South Shore roads and the Montmorency Suspension Bridge, the recommendation to modify the system is made to remove what we consider inherent vices in the present arrangement. We have found the books and records kept with great accuracy and care; and we could refer with ease and celerity to any of the transactions of the Trust, though voluminous, and spreading over many years. We have pleasure thus in hearing testimony to the valuable services of the Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Porter, who has, unassisted, performed the duties of his office with much benefit to the public.

We are of opinion, therefore, that there should be a Board wholly separate for each side of the River, consisting of three Trustees. As the Bondholders are deeply interested in a prudent administration of the affairs, we would allow them to name one of each Board, provided that holders to an amount sufficient to mani-

fest the consent of the general body, say £25 000, took part in the nomination, failing which, these Trustees should be appointed by Your Excellency.

To save expenses and preserve uniformity we would have but one office at Quebec, with the present Secretary, assisted by a book-keeper, who should keep two sets of books. The Trustees, in our opinion, should not carry out details, but should confine themselves to laying down rules, accepting tenders, making appropriations, and the general duties of a Board of Control, leaving with the Secretary the responsibility of execution and superintendence. The benefit of undivided action with still some popular supervision will thus be obtained in a cheap form.

THE FUTURE STATE OF THE FINANCES.

Had it been possible, your Commissioners would have advised a complete separation of the affairs of the North and South shores, with distinct offices and officers, and the assumption by each of its due proportion of the general debt.

But no amount of tolls which could be raised under any practicable tariff would, in the opinion of your Commissioners, enable the South Shore to pay its share of the yearly disbursements for interest and maintenance.

In corroboration of this view of the case, they submit the following table of expenditure and revenue on the South Shore under an independent trust with the present liability.

Table of expenditure of revenue of a separate Trust for the South Shore, with its present debt :

TABLE NO. 78.

Interest on £36,000, debentures.....	£2.160	0	0
Summer maintenance of 20 miles of road, at £20.....	400	0	0
Winter maintenance, at £15.....	300	0	0
Four Toll Collectors, at £75.....	300	0	0
Secretary and Office expenses,	250	0	0
Contingencies	50	0	0

£3,460 0 0

Present revenue £1,616, but calculated with a gate at St. Henri and increased tariff to be, say	2,289	0	0
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Deficit..... £1,171 0 0

It being therefore useless to recommend a total separation of affairs between the North and South shores, your Commissioners are of opinion that this division should be carried as far as practicable, leaving it to be completed at some future day.

With this end in view they have recommended the naming of two Boards of Trustees, each with its minutes, accounts and books distinct, but from motives of economy, the use of the same office with the same Secretary in Quebec.

To define this division more distinctly, Your Commissioners are of opinion that the expended capital of £115,000 should be divided in proportion to the capabilities of the two localities to contribute to the revenue.

Taking the actual revenue of the gates, with the addition of another gate at St. Henri, as a representative of the means of either side, and dividing the debt in that proportion, the debt assumed by the North Shore would be £95,000, while the portion assumed by the South side would be £20,000.

To this the inhabitants of the North Shore will object that they are to be bur-

dened with the interest upon £16 000 expended upon the South Shore, but it should be noted that this division adds no new liability, for the North shore is at this moment responsible and actually paying every year more than the interest on £16,000 for the support of the Point Levi Trust.

There is in Point Levi a disposition to escape the Toll Gates encouraged by the inhabitants, which would be checked if the people of the locality were to understand that no improvements would be made upon their roads until they had first paid the interest of £20,000, and the expenses of collection.

It is more prudent to fix an amount for the South to pay, within its means, than to leave upon paper a nominal debt to crush the South Trust and present an unreliable state of the assets of the North Shore.

On the other hand it is urged by the inhabitants of the South Shore that in not spending the £40,000 permitted to be raised by debentures on the roads on that side, injustice has been done them by the North Shore Trustees.

It must, however, be remembered that these £40,000 were not a sum of money voted by the Province, but only a permission granted to the Trustees to issue debentures or bonds which were to be paid, both principal and interest, by the revenue of the roads.

No doubt these debentures ought not to have been applied to any other than the purposes mentioned in the Act of Parliament, but those interested in the South Shore should not forget that more than £35,000 have been expended there, and that the tolls are insufficient at present to give more than one per cent. interest, without any provision towards taking up the capital.

Supposing that a new loan of £5,000 was effected by the North Shore to complete the unfinished works at Point Levi before giving them up to the South Shore Trust, and also to repair the unfinished roads and the old Montmorency Bridge, &c., on the North, the debt would be:—

TABLE 79.

For the North Shore.....	£100,000
For the South Shore.....	20,000

The Trustees should be advised to expend the following sums, if no more, upon the following roads:—

TABLE No. 80.

To render the St. Claire and Charlesbourg and St. Charles passable..	£500
To complete the St. Henri Road	800
To improve the St. Nicholas.....	250
To repair the Montmorency Bridge and for other general purposes...	3,450
	£5,000

TABLE No. 81.

Table of the estimated expenditure on the North Shore as it would be under the new administration:—

Interest on £100,000.....	£6,000
<i>Summer Maintenance.</i>	
32 miles at £30.....	£960
44 miles at £20.....	880
	1,840

Winter Maintenance.

32 miles at £20.....	640
Maintenance of large Bridges	500

Working expenses.

Secretary for both Boards of Trustees, including travelling expenses	£450	
Assistant Secretary and Book-keeper, acting for both Boards	150	
Present salary to six Toll Collectors.....	463	
Office rent, stationery, advertising.....	150	
Contingent expenses.....	150	
		1,363
		<u>£10,343</u>
Under the present Tariff of Tolls the revenue of the North Shore is only.....		8,394

Leaving a deficit of..... £1,949

As your Commissioners see but two means by which the interest on the debentures can be met, by Provincial aid or by increased Tolls; in the event of the latter course being decided upon, they beg leave to submit a new list of tolls. (See Table No. 85.) Before describing the new Tariff, however, it will be necessary to show what class of vehicles contribute to the present revenue.

REVENUE OF 1856, ON THE NORTH SHORE.

TABLE No. 82.

Table showing from what class of vehicles the present revenue is derived.

There have passed during the year 1856, through the Cove, the St. Lewis, the St. Foy, and the St. Charles Gates, the following vehicles:—

13,163 four wheeled vehicles, drawn by one horse, at 9d.....	£493 12 3
2,284 “ “ drawn by two horses, at 1s.....	114 4 0
1,848 Omnibusses, at 2s. 6d.....	231 0 0
3 “ at 3s. 4d.....	0 10 0
29,387 two wheeled cabs and caleches drawn by one horse, at 8d..	979 11 4
60,965 “ vehicles, drawn by one horse, at 6d.....	1,524 1 6
126 “ “ drawn by two horses, at 9d.....	4 14 6
59,949½ tolls on sleighs and traines drawn by one horse, at 6d.....	1,498 14 9
1,713 sleighs and traines drawn by two horses, at 9d.....	64 4 9
3,873 horses carrying riders, at 4d.....	64 11 0
3,240 heads of neat cattle, at 2d.....	27 0 0
25 score of sheep, hogs, <i>u.c.</i> , at 10d.....	1 0 10
<u>176,576½</u>	<u>£5,003 5 11</u>

Over Dorchester Bridge.

3,456 four wheeled vehicles, drawn by one horse.....	194 8 0
2,885 “ “ drawn by two horses, at 1s. 6d....	216 7 5
7,917 cabs and caleches, drawn by one horse, at 11d.....	364 4 9
61,944 two wheeled vehicles other than caleches, drawn by one horse, at 6½d.....	1,677 13 6
32,692 sleighs and traines, drawn by one horse, at 4½.....	612 19 6
185 sleighs drawn by two horses, at 6½d.....	5 0 3
848 horses carrying riders, at 4½d.....	15 18 0
2,150½ tolls on neat cattle, at 2d.....	17 18 5
<u>112,107½</u>	<u>£3,104 9 5</u>

Over Montmorency Bridge.

1,371 four wheeled vehicles, drawn by one horse, at 6½d.....	£37 2 7
156 " " drawn by two horses, at 1s. 3d...	8 10 0
28 caleches drawn by two horses, at 4d	0 9 4
6,821 carioles drawn by one horse, at 3d	85 5 3
10,609 carts drawn by one horse, at 3d	132 12 3
7,894 persons on foot, at ½d.....	16 8 11
171½ tolls on saddle horses, at 2d.....	1 8 7
676 heads of neat cattle, at 1½d.....	4 4 6
110 sheep, hogs, u.c., at 1d.....	0 9 4

27,816½

£286 10 9

The revenue from Valcartier Road and Cap Rouge Bridge is not given in the above, nor have the costs of collection or maintenance of Cap Rouge been estimated in table 81 of yearly expenditure.

If the Valcartier Road be returned as recommended to the Municipality, the Toll Gate should be removed. It yielded under lease in 1856, £60 6s. 7d.

TABLE No. 83.

Lease.....	£75 0 0*
Rent of Cap Rouge Bridge.....	30 0 0
Cost of repairs.....	22 0 0
Nett Revenue	£8 0 0

RECAPITULATION.

TABLE No. 84.

From the Cove, St. Lewis, St. Foy and St. Charles Gates. £5,003 5 11
From Dorchester Bridge..... 3,104 9 5
From Montmorency Bridge..... 286 10 9
£8,394 6 1

In revising the Tariff of Tolls now in force your Commissioners have observed that charges upon the several sorts of vehicles in use about Quebec are based upon the supposed greater wealth of persons using four wheeled than those using two wheeled carriages. A considerable premium is thereby offered to persons who use vehicles with two wheels instead of four, although it is well known the first with the same weight, wears a macadamized road more than the latter, and had the funds admitted of any reduction in the tolls they would have classed four wheeled and two wheeled vehicles drawn by one horse under the same head.

At Dorchester Bridge with the same length of road beyond it as outside the other gates, the toll on a two-wheeled vehicle is only 6½d, while at the other gates it is 6d., only one half-penny being charged to go over the bridge.

In the scale of tolls which your Commissioners submit they have based the rates upon the following proportions:

On a given sum to be charged at all the gates for vehicles drawn by one horse, add fifty per cent. for every additional horse. For the use of Dorchester Bridge add half another toll, and for Montmorency add a quarter of a toll. The per centage added upon the bridges corresponds nearly with the expenditure for interest and maintenance upon those Bridges.

*The lease of this gate only runs since the 16th of June last, at £75 per annum.

TABLE No. 85.—Proposed Tariff of Tolls.

	North Shore Gates.	Dorchester Bridge.	Montmor- ency Bridge	South Shore Gates.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1. For every four wheeled vehicle drawn by one horse	0 0 9	0 1 2	0 1 0	0 0 9
2. For each additional horse	0 0 5	0 0 7	0 0 6	0 0 5
3. For every two wheeled vehicle drawn by one horse	0 0 8	0 1 0	0 0 10	0 0 9
4. For each additional horse	0 0 4	0 0 6	0 0 5	0 0 5
5. For every sleigh or train drawn by one horse	0 0 6	0 0 6	0 0 0	0 0 6
6. For each additional horse	0 0 3	0 0 3	0 0 3	0 0 3
7. For every omnibus carrying over six passengers	0 2 6	0 3 9	0 3 0	0 0 0
8. For every horse or beast carrying a rider.	0 0 4	0 0 6	0 0 5	0 0 4
9. For every horse, mule, ass, ox, cow or head of neat cattle	0 0 2	0 0 2	0 0 2	0 0 2
10. For score of sheep, hogs, swine, &c.....	0 0 10	0 0 10	0 0 10	0 0 10

The above tolls to be paid, one-half passing, and the other half re-passing.

ESTIMATED REVENUE OF THE NORTH SHORE.

TABLE No. 86.

TABLE showing the Revenue as it would be if the number of vehicles named in Table No. 82, as having passed through the Cove, the St. Lewis, the St. Foy, and St. Charles Gates, were rated according to the proposed tariff:

1,848	Omnibuses at 2s. 6d	231	0	0
3	do at 3s. 4d.	0	10	0
13,163	Four wheeled vehicles drawn by one horse at 9d...	493	12	3
2,284	Four wheeled vehicles drawn by 2 horses at 1s. 2d.	133	4	8
90,352	Two wheeled vehicles drawn by one horse at 8d...	3011	14	8
126	Two wheeled vehicles drawn by two horses at 1s...	6	6	0
59,949½	Sleighs and trains drawn by one horse at 6d.....	1498	14	9
1,713	Sleighs and trains drawn by two horses at 9d.....	64	4	9
3,873	Horses carrying riders at 4d	64	11	0
3,240	Heads of neat cattle at 2d	27	0	0
25	Score of sheep, hogs, &c., at 10d.....	1	0	10
<u>176,576½</u>		<u>£5531 18 11</u>		

Over Dorchester Bridge.

3,456	Four wheeled vehicles drawn by one horse at 1s. 2d.	201	12	0
2,885	Four wheeled vehicles drawn by 2 horses at 1s 9d	252	8	9

69,891	Two wheeled vehicles drawn by one horse at 1s...	3404	11	0
32,692	Sleighs and trains drawn by one horse at 6d.....	8.7	6	0
185	Sleighs drawn by two horses at 9d.....	6	18	9
848	Horses carrying riders at 6d	21	4	0
2,150½	Tolls on neat cattle at 2d.....	17	18	5
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<u>112 107½</u>		<u>£4,811</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>11</u>

Revenue from Montmorency Bridge under new Tariff.

	£	s.	d.
685½ Four wheeled vehicles drawn by one horse at 1s...	34	5	6
68 Four wheeled vehicles drawn by two horses at 1s. 6d.	5	2	0
5,304½ Two wheeled vehicles drawn by one horse at 10d...	221	0	5
14 Two wheeled vehicles drawn by two horses at 1s. 3d.	0	17	6
3,410½ Sleighs and carioles drawn by one horse at 6d.....	85	5	3
86 Tolls on horses carrying riders at 5d	1	15	10
338 Head of neat cattle at 2d	2	16	4
56 Sheep, hogs, &c., at ½d.	0	2	4
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	<u>£351</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>

In addition to the above your Commissioners are of opinion that the 4th and 5th Vic., cap. 14, by which vehicles solely laden with manure are exempt from toll at Turnpike Gates should be repealed as far as it applies to the Quebec Turnpikes. The end proposed by this exemption was encouragement to the farmer, but this has not been attained. Manure is worth a certain fixed sum per load to the farmer, and what he saves by not paying toll he pays extra to the citizen for the manure, and though somewhat unfair towards the latter the decrease to him will not be much, and the state of the funds has left Your Commissioners but little choice in the selection of remedies.

Certain rights of commutation should also, in the opinion of your Commissioners, be modified. By the 7th Vic., cap. 55, it is enacted that the tolls on vehicles used for pleasure could be commuted for by payment of 100 tolls, while if the vehicle is not used for pleasure, the commutation can be effected by payment of 60 tolls. The line of demarcation is too indistinct. The merchant or the lawyer who comes to his office cannot be distinguished from the gentleman who drives for pleasure. It would therefore be advisable to fix the commutation on all vehicles to the payment of 100 tolls.

TABLE No. 87.

RECAPITULATION of the estimated future Revenue on the North Shore.

	£	s.	d.
From the four first Gates.....	5,531	18	11
From Dorchester Bridge.....	4,811	18	11
From Montmorency Bridge.....	351	5	2
Estimated increase should the Manure Act and the different commutations be repealed.....	300	0	0
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	<u>£10,995</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>
Estimated expenditure, see Table No. 81.....	<u>10,343</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Though the higher rates of Toll may to a certain extent prevent many people who now drive for pleasure from passing the Gates, and the revenue may not

reach the above estimate, yet from the increasing population of both the Town and neighborhood of Quebec with prudent management of the sums to be expended, the Trust ought to be able to meet its yearly expenditure for maintenance and interest

Your Commissioners wish the funds of the trust could be brought to such a state as to enable the Trustees to set aside £1,000 yearly as a sinking fund. The necessity for establishing such a fund is urgent. In 1860 the first payment upon the capital will have to be made, when debentures to the amount of £8,000 will fall due, and it is all important that the credit of the Trust should be firmly established before that year, in which case the creditors, having a due regard for their own interest, would not press for the liquidation of their claims by the Trust, and in the market these debentures would rise considerably in value.

The sum proposed by your Commissioners to be paid to the sinking fund, should there be a surplus of revenue when the proposed tariff shall have been in force one year, is £500, per annum, and to be increased to £1,000, as soon as the revenue will permit it, but should there be no surplus revenue, the Trustees should be empowered to raise the winter tolls from 6d. to 8d., provided they obtained the sanction of the Governor in Council to such an increase.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF SOUTH SHORE TRUST.

TABLE No. 88.

TABLE of the estimated expenditure on the South Shore as it would be under the new administration.

Interest on £20,000.....	£1,200	0	0
Summer maintenance of 20 miles of road, at £20.....	400	0	0
Winter maintenance of 20 miles of road, at £15.....	300	0	0
Salaries of four toll collectors.....	300	0	0
	<u>£2,200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

REVENUE OF 1856 ON THE SOUTH SHORE.

TABLE No. 89.

TABLE showing from what Class of Vehicles the present revenue is derived.

	£	s.	d.
2,805½ Four wheeled vehicles, drawn by one horse, at 9d	105	4	1½
43 Four wheeled vehicles, drawn by two horses at 1s.	2	3	0
3 Omnibuses, at 2s 6d.....		7	6
5,920 Cabs and Calches drawn by one horse, at 8d ..	197	6	8
32,033 Two wheeled vehicles not running for hire, at 6d	800	16	6
15,075½ Sleighs and Trains drawn by one horse, at 6d..	376	17	9
11 Additional horses to sleighs, at 3d.....		2	9
904 Horses carrying riders, at 4d.....	15	1	4
1,871½ Heads of neat cattle, at 2d	15	11	11
19 Score of sheep and hogs, at 10d.....		15	10
	<u>£1,514</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4½</u>
53,685½			

Over the Etchemin Bride.

	£	s.	d.
141 Carts and wagons, drawn by two horses, at 9d.....	5	5	9
3,657 Carts and wagons, drawn by one horse, at 6d.....	91	8	6
7 Extra yoke of Oxen, at 3d.....	0	1	9
334 Saddle Horses, at 1½d.....	2	1	9
356 Heads neat cattle, at ¾d.....	1	2	3
12 Pigs, sheep, &c, at ¼d.....	0	0	3
204 Extra Horses, at 3d.....	2	11	3
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4,711	£102	11	3
Cost of Collection.			

RECAPITULATION.

TABLE No. 90.

	£	s.	d.
From the gates of Beaumont, St. Henri and St. Nicholas.	1514	7	5
From the Etchemin Bridge.....	102	11	3
	£1616	18	8

As your Commissioners propose that Etchemin Bridge should be maintained separate from the roads, they have not included the revenue derived from it in the following estimate :

ESTIMATED REVENUE ON THE SOUTH SHORE.

TABLE No. 91.

TABLE showing the Revenue as it would be, if the number of vehicles named in Table 89, as having passed through the Beaumont, St. Henri and St. Nicholas Gates, were rated according to the Tariff proposed for the South Shore.

	£	s.	d.
2,805½ Four wheeled vehicles drawn by one horse, at 9d.	105	4	1½
43 Four wheeled vehicles drawn by two horses, at 1s. 2d.....	2	10	2
37,053 Two wheeled vehicles drawn by one horse at 9d.	1,423	4	9
15,075½ Sleighs and trains drawn by one horse, at 6d..	376	17	9
11 Additional horses to sleighs, at 3d.....	0	2	9
3 Omnibuses, at 2s. 6d.....	0	6	0
905 Horses carrying riders, at 4d.....	15	1	4
1,871½ Heads of neat cattle, at 2d.....	15	11	11
19 Score of sheep, hogs, &c., at 10d.....	0	15	10
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58,685½	£1,939	16	1½
Estimated receipt at additional gate on the St. Henri road	350	0	0
	£2,289	16	1
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Estimated expenditure, see Table No. 88.....	£2,200	0	0

In concluding this portion of their report, your Commissioners must state that, even with the comparatively high tolls proposed by the new tariff, the most prudent and economical management will be required to re-establish the credit of the Trust. Injustice to the Trustees it must be observed that with the present tolls no management, however wise, and no economy, however close, could have enabled the Trustees to meet their liabilities, and the citizens of Quebec and the inhabitants of the District have to attribute the difficulties of the Trust and the prospect of increased taxation to imprudent legislation.

In conclusion, your Commissioners have the honor to make the following recommendations:

1st. That the Act giving the present Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Roads the management of the Roads on both sides of the St. Lawrence, be in so far repealed, and that two Boards be created; the one for the management of the Roads on the South Shore, and the other for the management of those on the North Shore of the St. Lawrence—to consist each of three persons—two to be appointed by the Governor, and the third by the holders of Turnpike Debentures, representing £25,000. Failing which, that the third also be named by the Governor; that all be removable at pleasure, and six months continuous absence from the Province to vacate office. Each Board to have uncontrolled management of their affairs, but one office in Quebec, with one Secretary who shall also be Treasurer, and a Book-keeper, but with two distinct sets of books and records. The Trustees to act as Boards of Control and general supervision, leaving details and execution to Secretary and other officers, and that the salaries of Secretary and Book-keeper be as in Table No. 81, *Page* 148, and be paid by North Shore Board.

2ndly. That a further sum of Debentures, to the amount of £5,000, be authorised to be applied specially to the following purposes:

£800 to rendering passable the St. Henri Road.

£250 to rendering passable the St. Nicholas Road.

£500 to rendering passable the St. Claire and the Charlesbourg, and St. Charles; and the remainder to the repairs of the Montmorency Bridge; the payment of Charles Réaume, Contractor on the Chateau Richer Road, and to meet any other pressing demands on the North Shore; that said sum be expended in the order herein mentioned, and that the whole debt of £120,000, including the above £5,000, as between both sides of the River, be borne—£100,000 by the North Shore, and £20,000 by the South.

3rdly. That the revenue of both Boards be yearly applied in the following order:

1st. To pay salaries, office expenses, costs of collection and contingencies.

2ndly. £6,000 from tolls of North Shore, and £1,200 from tolls of South Shore, to pay the interest on debentures.

3rdly. Balance of South Shore revenue to pay summer and winter maintenance, and the residue of the North Shore funds to be applied: 1st. To the maintenance of summer and winter roads; and, 2ndly. to the formation of a sinking fund, reaching, if possible, £1,000 per annum; that the Trustees be advised not to exceed the amounts for summer and winter maintenance, estimated in Table No. 81, page 157, as the necessity of a sinking fund is urgent; and that a general statement of the financial affairs of the Trust be yearly published, during one week, in two English and two French papers.

4thly. That the Roads and Bridges on the North Shore, at present under the control of the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Roads, with the exceptions hereafter mentioned, to be under the sole control of the Board of North Shore Trustees, hereafter to be created; and the Roads and Bridges on the South Shore, with the same exceptions, shall be under the control of the South Shore Trustees, but that the roads mentioned in Tables No. 69, 70, 71, page 139, forming a total length of

47 miles, be wholly withdrawn from the control of the Trustees, and returned to the Municipalities in which they are situate; and that during winter, all the roads, with the exception of those mentioned in Tables Nos. 76, 77, be also returned to the Municipalities, and be kept up by them.

5thly. That the Trustees of each Board be also permitted to abandon to the Municipalities any of the other roads under their control, either in winter or summer, and to resume any of the summer or winter roads hereby recommended to be surrendered with the sanction of the Governor in Council.

6thly. That if the Valcartier Road be delivered up as recommended, the Gate there be removed; and that the Board do cause toll to be collected on the St. Henri Road; and that either Board be, with the said sanction of the Governor, permitted to alter the sites of the present toll-gates, and place new ones, provided the tolls shall be so apportioned as not thereby to be increased; and that the Trustees, in their discretion, may place locked gates wherever tolls are evaded in winter—giving the keys thereof to the proprietors of the properties, so as to avoid the cost of check gates.

7thly. That the Cap Rouge Bridge, with the right of toll thereon, be given up to the Municipality of the County of Portneuf, and that the powers of the Trustees to build bridges over the Valcartier and Chaudière Rivers shall hereafter vest in the Municipalities.

8thly. That should the Government decline to pay any of the debentures, the interest on which the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Roads are now unable to meet, the summer tolls contained in Table No. 85, page 164, be collected instead of the present rates, with power to the Trustees, with the said sanction of the Governor, to increase the winter rates one-third, from 6d. to 8d.; and also should the revenue hereafter justify it, to reduce the tolls.

9thly. That the exemption from toll of carts drawing manure, be removed; and that there be but one rate of yearly commutation, viz., 100 tolls instead of two rates; the first of 100, and the second of sixty tolls, as at present.

10thly. That if some of the debentures be not taken up, considering the stringent enactments of the various Acts of Parliament respecting the improvement of the roads, and the remonstrances of the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Roads, and their representations to the Government of the pecuniary difficulties which have necessarily accrued, the Provincial Government do purchase, under the authority of 4 Vict., cap. 17, section 26, debentures from the Trustees, to the amount of £10,000, including the sum of £8,375, now pledged and held by the Montreal and Quebec Banks, or do advance out of the Provincial funds the sum of £5,000, to assist the Trust in paying the interest due, and to become due in July, 1857, and to give this proposed system an opportunity of being fairly tried.

A draft of a Bill containing these proposed amendments will be found in Appendix T.

The whole respectfully submitted.

Quebec, 21st February, 1857.

(Signed,)

CHARLES ALLEYN,
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APPENDIX A.

TOLLS AUTHORIZED BY 4 VIC., C. 17.

On the St. Louis or Grand Allée Road.

For every wagon, cart or other wheel carriage for the transportation of *h*, the wheels whereof have tires or tracks of breadth

of 5 inches or upwards, English measure, drawn by one or two horses or other beasts, if the same be loaded in whole or in part, the sum of...	0	6
And if the same be not loaded, the sum of.....	0	4
And for every such wagon, wain or cart, with wheels the tires or tracks whereof shall have a breadth less than 5 and not less than two and a quarter inches English measure, drawn as aforesaid, if loaded in whole or in part the, sum of.....	0	8
And if not loaded, the sum of.....	0	6
And for every such wagon, wain, or cart, with wheels, the tires or tracks whereof shall have a breadth less than two and a quarter inches, drawn as aforesaid, if loaded in whole or in part, the sum of.....	1	0
And if not loaded, the sum of.....	0	8
And for every other additional horse or beast to any such waggon, wain or cart hereinbefore mentioned the further sum of.....	0	4
For every coach, stage coach, gig, caleche, deauct spring cart, or other wheel carriage (other than wagons, wains and carts hereinbefore mentioned) having wheels with tires of the breadth of two and a quarter inches or upwards, drawn by 1 horse, the sum of.....	0	8
And for every such coach, stage coach, gig, caleche, deauct, spring cart or other wheeled carriage (other than wagons, wains and carts, of the description hereinbefore mentioned) having wheels with tires or tracks less than two and a quarter inches English measure in breadth, drawn as aforesaid, the sum of.....	1	0
And for every additional horse to such stage coach, gig, caleche, deauct, spring cart, or other wheeled carriage, the further sum of.....	0	4
For every sleigh, train, drag, beolin, cariole, or other winter vehicle whatsoever, drawn by one horse or other beast, the sum of.....	0	4
And for every additional horse the further sum of.....	0	2
For every horse, mare, or gelding, with a rider, the sum of.....	0	4
For every horse, mare, gelding, ass, mule, ox, cow, and head of other neat cattle not drawing, the sum of.....	0	5
For sheep hogs, swine, at the rate per score of.....	0	2

And upon all the several roads described in the 9th Section of the said 4 Vict, cap. 17, other than the St. Louis Road, or La Grande Allée the tolls, or rates to be so demanded, levied, exacted and received as aforesaid, for every wagon, wain, cart, or other wheel carriage for the transportation of loads, and for every coach, stage coach, gig, caleche, deauct, spring cart, or other wheel carriage, and for every winter vehicle, and for every horse, mare, and gelding, with or without a rider, and every ass, mule, ox, cow, and other head of neat cattle, and for every sheep, lamb, hog or swine, passing on and using the said several roads, other than the said St. Louis road, shall be regulated and governed in amount by the said tolls and rates hereinbefore established and authorised to be taken upon the said St. Louis road, according to the proportion which the said several roads respectively bear in length to the said St. Louis road, subject in all respects to the rules, classifications, scale and degrees hereinbefore provided for in relation to the said St. Louis road, and the tolls and rates to be therein taken, that is to say, the tolls and rates to be demanded, exacted, levied and received by the Turnpike Trustees, upon each of the said several roads other than the said St. Louis road, shall bear the same proportion in amount to the said tolls and rates hereinbefore specified as the length of such roads bears to the length of the said St. Louis road, from the said boundary of the said City and Town to the said Cap Rouge Bridge, unless in ascertaining such proportion in reference to any of the said several roads the result shall exhibit a fractional part of a half penny, in which case such fractional part of a half-penny shall be deducted, and the sum remaining after such deduction, shall be the rate and toll upon such road.

APPENDIX B.

Showing the Reduction of Tolls to be effected by the 7th Vict., cap. 55.

And be it enacted that so much of 10th section of the 4 Vict., cap. 17, as establishes the rates of toll to be taken on the said roads, and so much of the said section as empowers the said Trustees to lower the tolls, with the consent of the Governor of this Province, and again to raise the same, shall be and is hereby repealed, upon, from and after the 1st day of May the next, (1846,) and thenceforth the tolls mentioned in the Schedule annexed to this Act (7 Vict., cap. 55,) shall be the tolls to be levied at each Turnpike Gate, on the several vehicles, animals, and things therein mentioned, and one half of such tolls shall in each case be payable for each time of passing, except in cases of exemption from the payment of more than one full toll in a day, in which case such half toll shall be payable only for the first time of passing, and the first time of repassing on the same day.

Provided always, that except where it is herein otherwise provided, all the provisions of the said ordinance (4 Vict., cap. 17.) with regard to the tolls thereby authorised, and all matters and things thereunto relating, shall apply unto the use levied under the authority of this Act, (7 Vict., cap. 55,) and to all matters and things thereunto relating.

Schedule of Tolls in force on the 1st of May, 1846.

For every coach or other 4 wheel close covered private carriage, or half covered and open, drawn by two horses or other beasts.....	0	8
For every additional horse or beast.....	0	2
For every 4 wheel private carriage not covered, drawn by 2 horses or other beasts.....	0	6
Every additional horse or beast.....	0	2
For every gig, caleche, deanet, spring cart, or other private two wheel carriage, drawn by 1 horse or beast.....	0	5
Every additional horse or beast.....	0	2
For every wagon, wain, cart, or other carriage for loads, and not for hire, with 4 wheels, and drawn by two horses or other beasts.....	0	4
Every additional horse or beast.....	0	1
For every such cart or other two wheel carriage for loads and not for hire, drawn by 1 horse or beast, comprising all two wheel vehicles belonging to <i>habitants</i> or common farmers.....	0	3
For every sleigh, train, drag, beolin, or other winter vehicle, drawn by 1 horse or other beast.....	0	2
Every additional horse or beast.....	0	1
For every horse, mare, gelding, ass, mule, ox, cow, and head of other neat cattle not drawing.....	0	1
For every horse, mare, gelding, ass, or mule, with a rider.....	0	2
For every score of sheep, lambs, hogs or swine.....	0	5
For every stage coach, diligence, van, caravan, stage wagon, or other stage carriage for the conveyance of passengers, with four wheels, and drawn by one horse or beast of draught.....	0	6
Every additional horse or beast.....	0	2
For every gig, caleche, deanet, spring cart, or other carriage for passengers, with two wheels, and drawn by one horse or other beast of draught.....	0	5
Every additional horse or beast.....	0	1

For every wagon wain, cart, or other carriage, for passengers or goods, and carrying for hire, or conveying stones, with four wheels, and drawn by two horses or other beasts of draught.....	0	5
For every cart or other carriage for passengers or goods, or conveying stones, with two wheels, and drawn by one horse or other beast of draught	0	4
Every additional horse or beast	0	1

The said tolls to be paid, one half on passing and the other half on re-passing, as provided for by the said 7 Vict., cap. 55.

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APPENDIX C.

(8TH VIC., CAP. 68.)

New Schedule repealing the Schedule of Tolls passed by 7 Vic., cap. 55.

For every four-wheeled carriage drawn by one horse or other beast.....	0	6
For each additional horse or other beast.....	0	2
For every gig, caleche, cab, or two-wheeled omnibus, drawn by one horse or other beast.....	0	5
For each additional horse or beast.....	0	2
For every spring cart, cart, or other two-wheeled vehicle other than those above mentioned, drawn by one horse or other beast.....	0	3
For each additional horse or beast.....	0	2
For each sleigh, train, drag, boolin, or other winter vehicle, drawn by one horse or other beast	0	2
For every additional horse or other beast.....	0	1
For every horse, mare, gelding ass, or mule, with a rider.....	0	2
For every horse, mare, gelding, ass, mule, ox, cow, and head of neat cattle	0	1
For every score of sheep, lambs, hogs, or swine.....	0	5

The said tolls to be paid, one half on passing and the other half on re-passing.

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APPENDIX D.

Rates of Toll authorized by 4 Vic., cap. 21, to be levied on the Cap Rouge Bridge :

For each four-wheeled carriage, drawn by three or, four horses, or other beasts of draught.....	0	10
For each such carriage drawn by two horses or other beasts of draught..	0	6
For each such carriage drawn by one horse or other beast of draught....	0	5
For each two-wheeled carriage drawn by two horses or other beasts of draught, tandem.....	0	5
For each such carriage, drawn by two horses or other beasts of draught, abreast	0	4
For each such carriage drawn by one horse or other beast of draught....	0	3
For each winter carriage or vehicle, without wheels, drawn by three or by four horses or other beasts of draught.....	0	8
For each such carriage or vehicle drawn by two horses or other beasts of draught, tandem.....	0	5
For each such carriage or vehicle drawn by two horses or other beasts of draught, abreast	0	4
For each such carriage or vehicle drawn by one horse or other beast of draught	0	3

For each mare, horse, mule or ass, and any rider mounted thereon.....	0	1½
For each horse, mare, mule, or ass, without a rider, and for each bullock, bull, cow, or head of horned or neat cattle.....	0	1
For each hog, goat, sheep, calf, or lamb	0	1
For each person passing over the said bridge on foot, and for each person over five in any carriage drawn by four horses or other beasts, or over three in a carriage drawn by a less number than four such horses or beasts	0	0½

APPENDIX E.

Tolls levied on the Dorchester Bridge previous to its purchase by the Trustees.

For every four-wheeled carriage drawn by one horse.....	1	0
For every four-wheeled carriage drawn by two horses.....	1	4
Gig, caleche, cab, or two-wheeled omnibus, drawn by one horse.....	0	8
Gig, cal che, &c., drawn by two horses.....	1	0
Cart, spring cart, or other two-wheeled vehicle, drawn by one horse, other than those before mentioned.....	0	8
Carts, &c., drawn by two horses.....	10	
Sleigh, train, drag, or beolin, drawn by one horse	0	8
Sleigh, &c, drawn by two horses.....	1	0
Horse, or other beast carrying rider.....	0	4
Horse, mule, ass, ox, cow, or head of neat cattle.....	0	4
For every sheep, lamb, hog or swine.....	0	1

Frederick Mimée, of Quebec, keeper of the Dorchester Bridge, being duly sworn, saith that the above tariff is, to the best of his recollection, that authorised to be levied during the years that he was the keeper or guardian of the Dorchester Bridge.

(Signed,) **FREDERICK MIMÉE.**

Sworn before the Commissioners the 16th February, 1856.

APPENDIX F.

LIST OF TRUSTEES, &c

	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	PERIOD OF SERVICE TO Dec. 1, 1856.	DATES OF RESIGNATION.
Hon. Louis Panet, N. P. Residence: St. Charles Road, South.....	18 Feby., 1841	1,246 days.	Oct. 22, 1841.
Hon. William Shepherd, Merchant. Residence: St. Louis Road.....	“ “	6 years 2 months.	April, 1847.
R. H. Gaudner, Advocate, Beauport Road.....	“ “	8 years 226 days.	Oct. 2, 1844.
Ed. Desbarats, Advocate, St. Charles Road, South.....	29 Nov., 1842	6 years.	Deceased, Nov., 1848.
James Douglas, Physician, Beauport Road.....	30 May, 1845	8 years 7 months.	Dec., 1853.

LIST OF PRESENT BOARD.

	DATE OF APPOINTMENT.	PERIOD OF SERVICE TO DEC. 1, 1856.
James Gibb (Chairman), Merchant. Residence: St. Louis Road.....	Feb. 18, 1841.	15 years 286 days.
A. C. Buchanan, Chief Agent for Emigration, Quebec....	“ “	“ “
L. J. McPherson, Notary, St. Charles Road, North.....	Nov. 1, 1844.	12 years 30 days.
J. E. Deblois, Advocate, Beauport Road.....	Feb. 13, 1849.	7 years 291 days.
W. H. Lemoine, Gentleman, Chateau Richer.....	“ “	“ “
John Roukey, Physician, Ormière Road.....	“ “	“ “
D. McCallum, Merchant, Champigny Road, East.....	“ “	“ “
H. Gowen, Gentleman, Charlesbourg Road.....	Nov. 2, 1850.	6 years 29 days.
S. Octeau, Merchant, Point Levi.....	July 2, 1853.	3 years 152 days.
Etienne Dalaire.....	“ “	“ “
J. B. Carrier.....	“ “	“ “
F. Z. Nault, Physician, Quebec.....	Dec. 12, 1853.	2 years 354 days.

APPENDIX G.

Tolls authorized by 52 Geo. III. to be levied on Montmorency Bridge.

For every coach or other four-wheeled carriage, loaded or unloaded, with the driver and four persons or less, drawn by two or more horses, or other beasts of draught.....	1	3
For every chaise, caleche, chair with two wheels, or cariole, or other such carriage, loaded or unloaded, with the driver, or two persons or less, drawn by two horses or other beasts of draught.....	0	4
And if drawn by one horse or other beast of draught.....	0	3
For every cart, sled, or other such carriage, loaded or unloaded, drawn by two horses, oxen, or other beasts of draught with the drivers.....	0	4
And if drawn by one horse or other beast of draught.....	0	3
For every person on foot.....	0	0½
For every horse, mare, gelding, mule, or other beast of draught, laden or unladen.....	0	2½
For a horse and his rider.....	0	2
For every bull, ox, cow, and all other horned or neat cattle, each.....	0	1½
For every hog, sheep, calf, and lamb.....	0	1

APPENDIX H.

Tariff of Tolls levied on Etchemin Bridge, under authority of 18 Vic., cap. 160.

For every carriage, wagon, cart, or caleche, drawn by four horses.....	1	6
“ “ carriage, wagon, cart, or caleche, drawn by two horses.....	0	9
“ “ carriage, wagon, cart, or caleche, drawn by one horse..	0	6
“ “ cart or wagon, drawn by two oxen.....	0	6
“ “ extra yoke of oxen.....	0	3
“ “ saddle horse.....	0	1½
“ “ cow, ass, colt, quadruped without shoes.....	0	0¼
“ “ goat, sheep, or pig.....	0	0¼
For extra horses.....	0	3

APPENDIX I.

THE ST CLAIR ROAD.

Amount of work done under Mr. Walker's contracts, on this Road ; made up from the certificates given from time to time by Mr. Rankin, the Engineer.

7,500 c. yards of excavation, at 1s. 6d.....	£562	10	0
3,200 “ “ at 1s.....	160	0	0
600 “ of stone removed, at 3s.....	90	0	0
85 arpents of road formed, at £5.....	425	0	0
*100 lineal acres of fence moved, at 15s.....	75	0	0
2 culverts, at £10	20	0	0
Breaking 3,246 boxes of stone, at 6d.....	81	3	0
3,784 boxes of stone delivered not broken, at 2s.....	378	8	0
Breaking 282 boxes of stone, at 9d.....	10	11	6
Laying stone on 4,350 lineal feet of road, at £4 per 100	174	0	0
On 6,550 feet of road finished. at £9 per 100.....	589	10	0

£2,576 2 6

Extra Bill allowed by the Trustees.

2,455 c. yards of excavation, on the St. Clair Road, extra to the quantity shown on section (requiring powder) at 2s. 6d.	£307	5	0
One culvert put on to divert course of water on top of hill	10	0	0
Cutting out fall.....	5	0	0

£2,888 7 6

On the above the Trustees have paid..... £2,867 14 8

APPENDIX J.

THE CHARLESBOURG AND ST. CHARLES ROAD.

Amount of work done under Mr. Walker's contract on this Road ; made up from the certificates given from time to time by Mr. Rankin, the Engineer.

9,620 c. yards of excavation, at 1s. 2d.....	£561	3	4
500 “ “ at 1s.....	25	0	0

* The "acre" used as a lineal measure by Mr. Rankin, in his estimates, is supposed to be the French lineal arpent, of 180 French feet.

67 chains of road forming, at £3.....	201	0	0
13 chains of chopping and grubbing, at £5.....	65	0	0
670 yards of deep ditching, at 1s.....	33	10	0
25 acres of fencing, delivered, at 50s.....	92	10	0
On account of fencing.....	250	0	0
On three culverts.....	45	0	0
On account of bridges.....	110	0	0
		£1,353	3 4
On the above the Trustees have paid.....	£1,345	19	8

APPENDIX K.

ST. HENRI ROAD.

Davidson's Hill.

Amount of work done under Mr. Walker's contract on this road, made up from the certificates given from time to time by Mr. Rankin, the Engineer:

3,100 cubic yards of work excavated, at 4s.....	£620	0	0
900 boxes of stone excavated, at 2s. 6d.....	110	10	0
350 cubic yards of masonry, at 15s.	262	10	0
Advance on balance of contract	75	0	0

£1,070 0 0

Extra bill allowed by the Trustees:

280 cubic yards of excavation to widen the road from 24 to 30 feet French, at 3s. 6d.	£49	0	0
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£1,119 0 0

Mr. Walker received on this contract the sum of..... £1,113 6 3

APPENDIX L.

FROM D TO H ON ST. HENRI ROAD, NAMELY, POINT LEVI HILL.

Extra bill certified by Mr. Rankin and allowed to Mr. Walker by the Trustees on this work: 1 culvert.....

1,110 cubic yards rock excavated, at 8s. 6d.	£20	0	0
	194	5	0

£2,145 5 0

APPENDIX M.

ST. HENRI ROAD POINT LEVI.

Nollett Division.

Amount of work done under Mr. Walker's contracts on this road, and made up from certificates given from time to time by Mr. Rankin, the Engineer.

1,360 cubic yards excavation, at 1s. 2d.....	£79	6	8
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3,230 yards of ditching, at 6s.....	80	15	0
Moving 30 acres of fencing, at 7s. 6d.....	11	5	10
40 acres new fence, at £4.....	160	0	0
Forming 30 acres lineal of road, at £5.....	165	0	0
4 culverts, at £20.....	80	0	0
750 boxes of stone, delivered at 2s.....	75	0	0
700 feet lineal of stone delivered and spread, at £7 per 100....	49	0	0
500 feet lineal of road finished, at £15 per 100.....	75	0	0
4,200 feet lineal of road finished at £14 per 100.....	588	0	0
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	£1,373	6	8
Extra bill granted by Trustees.....	20	0	0
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	£1,393	6	8
On the above there has been paid to Mr. Walker.....	£1,366	1	0

APPENDIX N.

THE ST. HENRI ROAD.

Third and Fourth Sections.

Extra bills allowed to Walker :

On the 5th of December, 1854, the following account was certified by Mr. Rankin :

For a bridge built over the Riviere des Dames, shown as 4 feet culvert,.....

£130 0 0

The Board allowed on this :.....

125 0 0

In 1856 the following extra bill was presented :

8 culverts, at £20.....

£160 0 0

1 bridge, built with three openings of 20 feet, instead of one 12 feet.....

100 0 0

8,455 cubic yards of excavation, at 1s.....

422 15 0

£682 15 0

On the 30th Oct., 1855, there was deducted by resolution of the Board, £21 11s., and the balance was allowed as extra, deduct.....

21 11 0

£661 4 0

Amount of works done under Mr. Walker's contracts, and extra bills on this road as made up from the certificates given from time to time by Mr. Rankin, the Engineer :

14,475 cubic yards excavated, at 1s.

£723 15 0

Allowed on culvert.....

165 0 0

150 acres of fence made.....

56 5 0

40 acres of new fence.....

160 0 0

Allowed on bridge.....

460 0 0

16,700 yards ditching, at 6d.

417 10 0

27 acres of forming new road, at £5..

135 0 0

2,400 boxes, (1 box 12 cubic feet) broken stone, at 3s.....

360 0 0

29,300 boxes of stone delivered but not broken, at 2s.....

2,730 0 0

200 boxes of stone in quarry, at 1s. 3d.....

12 10 0

Breaking 3,000 boxes of stone, at 10d.....

125 0 0

Allowed on certificates by Mr. Carrier, one of the Trustees.	1,700 0 0
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Allowed on extra bill for bridge over Rivière des Dames.	£7,045 0 0 125 0 0
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On the above certificates there was paid	£7,170 0 0 7,132 16 6

(Copy of note by Mr. Rankin.)

As some of the gentlemen of the Trust seem to be of opinion that there has been nothing done on the St. Henri road since Mr. Carrier took it in hand, I have made out the following estimate of the same

7 culverts at £7 10s.	£52 0 0
1 " £12 10s.	12 10 0
1 " £30	30 0 0
4,120 feet of road nearly finished.	412 0 0
7,100 feet of road with one coat.	497 0 0
2,700 boxes of stone, broken, at 1s.	135 0 0
Excavation.	250 0 0
Loss on debentures	340 0 0
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Total.	£1,728 10 0

(Signed,) WM. RANKIN,

22nd October. 1855.

APPENDIX O.

THE ST. NICHOLAS ROAD.

Extra work as certified to by Mr. Rankin :

A bridge of 180 feet was built in place of a culvert of 10 feet over Amiot's brook	£250 0 0
700 cubic yards of excavation at the Amiot's bank, at 2s. 6d.	87 10 0
381 cubic yards rock excavation, at Dussault's, at 4s.	76 4 0
1680 cubic yards of rock excavation, at Etchemin, at 4s.	336 0 0
470 cubic yards of earth excavation, at Dussault's at 1s.	23 10 0
10 acres of fencing at Dussault's, at £5.	50 0 0
11 acres of fencing at Amiot's brook, at £5.	55 0 0
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	£878 4 0

On the 30th October, 1855, the Board deducted, by resolution, the sum of £58 6s. 6d. from the above, and allowed the balance as extra to the contract : deduct.	58 6 6
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	£819 17 6

APPENDIX P.

ST. NICHOLAS ROAD.

Amount of work done under Mr. Walker's contracts on this road, made up from the certificates given from time to time by Mr. Rankin, the Engineer of the works :

9,462 cubic yards of excavation, at 1s.	£473 2 0
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3,600 cubic yards of rock excavation, at 4s	720	0	0
6,070 boxes of broken stone, at 3s.....	910	10	0
10,302 boxes stone delivered but not broken, at 2s.....	1,030	4	0
Breaking 1750 boxes of stone, at 1s.....	87	10	0
Allowed on 24 culverts.	480	0	0
25 acres of road forming, at £5.....	125	0	0
10 acres new fence, at £4.....	40	0	0
Laying stone ditches. &c.	208	0	0
1700 yards of ditches, at 6d.	42	10	0
Allow on Silk River bridge.....	150	0	0
Allow on Rivière a la ——— bridge.....	55	0	0
Allow on bridge over Amiot brook	50	0	0
Allow on 1500 feet timber, at 1s. 6d.....	112	10	0
Mr. Rankin's certificates to 11 chains of 100 feet of finished at 30s.....	16	10	0
9 chains do. at £10.....	90	0	0
Mr. Delaine certified to part of the above, and also to 7,912 feet of road finished.....	856	0	0
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	£5,446	16	0
From among the first estimates out of which the above is made, Mr. Rankin deducted	12	2	0
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	£5,434	14	0
On the above there was paid Mr. Walker	£5,411	6	0

APPENDIX Q.

TABLE of Tolls levied by the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Roads under the Statutes hereinunder stated :

	4 Vict. c. 17, 1841.		8 Vict. c. 55, Mar. 27, 1845.		9, Vict. c. 68, June 9, 1846.		18 Vic. c. 160, May 30, 1855.		8 Vict. c. 55, Mar. 29, 1845, 18 Vic. c. 160, May 30, 1855.		Dorches- ter Bridge.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Four wheels drawn by one horse.....	0	6	0	6	0	6	0	6	0	9	1	0½
do do do covered	0	8	0	8	0	8	1	0	1	0	1	6
Every additional horse	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	3	0	3	0	4½
Four wheels private, two horses, not covered	0	8	0	8	0	6	1	0	0	9	1	1½
Every additional horse	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	3	0	3	0	4½
Four wheels private, one horse	0	6	0	5	0	5	0	6	0	4½	0	6
Every additional horse	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	3	0	3	0	4½
Four wheels, wagon, private, two horses, for loads	0	6	0	4	0	8	1	0	1	0	1	6
Every additional horse	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	3	0	4½
Two wheels, cart for loads, <i>habitant</i>	0	6	0	3	0	3	0	5	0	4½	0	6
Sleigh, train, one horse	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	6	0	3	0	4½
Every additional horse	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	1½	0	2
Every cow, horse, &c.	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1½	0	2
Every horse with a rider.....	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	3	0	4½
Score of sheep, hogs, &c.	0	2	0	5	0	5	0	10	0	7½	0	11
Each one horse, four wheels	0	6	0	6	0	6	0	9	0	9	1	1½
Every additional horse.....	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	3	0	3	0	4½
Every calèche for passengers, one horse.....	0	6	0	5	0	5	0	8	0	7½	0	11
If an omnibus carrying more than 6 and as many as 16	0	8	0	8	0	6	2	6	0	9	1	1½
Over 16 passengers	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0
Every additional horse	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	3	0	4½
Wagon by two horses for passengers or goods, and for hire or stone.....	0	6	0	5	0	8	1	0	1	0	1	6
Cart, one horse, passengers, goods or stone.....	0	6	0	4	0	3	0	6	0	4½	0	6
Every additional horse.	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	3	0	4½

	4 Vict. c. 21.		1841.		18 Vic. c. 160.		1855.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Tolls levied on Cape Rouge Bridge.								
Four wheeled carriage drawn by three or four horses.....	0	10	1	3				
Four wheeled carriage drawn by two horses.....	0	6	0	9½				
Four wheeled carriage drawn by one horse.....	0	3	0	7½				
Two wheeled carriage drawn by two horses tandem.....	0	5	0	7				
Two wheeled carriage drawn by two horses abreast.....	0	4	0	6½				
Two wheeled carriage drawn by one horse.....	0	3	0	4				
Winter carriage drawn by three or four horses.....	0	8	1	0½				
Winter carriage drawn by two horses tandem.....	0	5	0	7				
Winter carriage drawn by two horses abreast.....	0	4	0	6				
Winter carriage drawn by one horse.....	0	3	0	4½				
Horse with a rider.....	0	1½	0	2				
Horse, cow, &c., each.....	0	1	0	1½				
Each hog, sheep, &c.....	0	1	0	1½				
Each person on foot, and each person over five in carriage drawn by four horses, or over three in any carriage drawn by less than four horses.....	0	0½	0	0½				

APPENDIX R.

Mr. Baldwin's Letter on Dorchester Bridge.

QUEBEC, 10th November, 1856.

SIR,—In obedience to the request of the Quebec Turnpike Commissioners, as expressed in your note of the 6th instant, which was accompanied by a copy of a letter from the Parliamentary Commission of 15th ultimo, I beg leave to state that I find some marks of derangement about the two draw-bridges that indicate imperfections, both of design and execution. I discover that some of the wires of the braces of the west draw are falling out of their supporting saddles, placed over the suspension posts; others from the same points are seen projecting from their proper positions in the stays, as if ruptured by undue tension, or cut by the other wires in the saddles; the saddles being permanently attached to the cap of the suspension posts, any strain tending to slip the wires through or over the saddles might cause the wires to break or be displaced in the manner described.

I also find the wood work in both draws has been compressed at the points where the back stays are secured to the extremities of the main stringers of the platform of the draw. The yielding of the stays at these points must have caused a slight slipping of the wires through their saddles, or have strained forward the suspension posts. The effects of both these actions are apparent in the west draw, by the disturbance of the wires and the bent position of the wooden braces set upon the main stringers in front of the wheels, and fastened at top to the sides of the suspension posts. In the east draw the wires in their saddles do not exhibit derangement, but the front part of the draw has subsided below its proper level; so much so, that on opening the draw, the main stringers come in contact with the rails on which the draw wheels traverse—crow bars being occasionally used to assist the men at the crabs. This latter inconvenience could be obviated by the application of adjusting links to the ends of the several wire braces, where they are attached to the main stringers, in a manner similar to their application on the west draw. It should, however, be observed that a portion of this subsidence of the front part of the draw might arise from a derange-

ment of the rails, or of the bearings of the six central wheels on which this east draw moves. The fact, that at certain points along the rails, the driving wheels, the middle ones on either side of the platform slip round on the rails, without advancing the draw, shows that the rails are out of adjustment.

The wood-work exhibits at places bad material, bad arrangements, and some deficiency of stability in the joints.

The design may be faulty in some respects. It appears to me to be based upon Dredge's principle of Suspension Bridge building; one-half only of his space being taken, without tying it to the solid part of the main bridge, on the southerly side of the draw opening or water way. And again, without anchoring the back stays to the solid part of the bridge, on the northerly side of the opening, after the draw had been shut on each passage of a vessel. The former is not so very essential in this case, but the latter fastening I consider important, unless ballast in sufficient quantity to compensate is added to that now placed at the back end of the platform. Calculation may show that wire enough has been used in the braces to carry any reasonable load passing over the draws. But owing to the omission of a sufficient (which now I assume to be an insufficient) load of ballast, on a firm connexion with the solid wharf-work of the main bridge, they could not be strained to their full tension (within the limits of safety,) by any passing load that might otherwise cause a strain above the limits of safety. The trussed railings erected along the sides of the draw therefore, would, in such a case, be brought to bear, and have to carry the excess of the load if they proved to be strong enough. Should the railing fail under the trial, the stringers and floor of the platform might subside, the ballasted end rise, and the entire weight of bridge and load would be thrown upon the forward pair of wheels and wooden braces, and the result might be the destruction of the draw-bridge.

Not having measured the draws in detail, or made any careful computations of the loads they could carry, the observation contained in the last paragraph should only be considered as explanatory of the strains and effects that would take place, supposing the draws subjected to a load of extraordinary weight.

Although I consider the draws in their present state sufficiently safe for the moment for the lighter traffic they are now exposed to, I would suggest the immediate application of means to make them more satisfactory in the state of their repairs, and prevent, as far as possible, the transit of extraordinary loads, such as heavy anchors, timbers, &c., across them, until something is done to increase their stability.

Strong gates should be placed to close the whole breadth of the main bridge, at a point of about sixteen feet from the present position of the gates, the hinge posts to be at the railing, the gates to swing from the railing on the draw side of the hinge-posts, and meet in the middle of the roadway, where they could be fastened to each other, or otherwise secured. The landing flaps attached to the back or northerly ends of the draws should be raised so high as to effectually bar the entrance on that side.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) GEO. R. BALDWIN.

To

John Porter, Esq.,
Secretary Turnpike Trust,
Quebec.

QUEBEC, 23rd May, 1856.

To John Porter, Esq.,

Secretary Quebec Turnpike Trust.

SIR,—The undersigned having, at the desire of the Commissioners of the Quebec Turnpike Trust, made a careful examination of the new draw at Dorchester Bridge, constructed by Mr. Walker, beg to report that they find the materials of which it is composed, of sound timber, and of scantling sufficiently strong to sustain any ordinary weight (say from one to three tons,) that may be taken over; for instance, a ship's anchor of large size, loads of stone, or heavy logs of timber.

They do not apprehend any danger, by reason of holes existing in some of the cross-bearers, made of timbers taken from the Bridge previously constructed there; they being larger than would have been required if such holes had not existed, to compensate for any weakness supposed to be caused by them.

We have based our calculations on the strength of the bridge as above stated on its weakest points, which are the 9 x 3 bearers put in between the larger ones before alluded to; the breaking weight of which, supposing it to be applied to the centre, and no part of the strain to be taken off by the intermediate and three inch flooring, would be equal to five tons nearly.

Taking into consideration, however, that the weight to be borne by the bearers will be disposed more at the sides than in the centre of the roadway, and assigning to the three inch flooring before mentioned, its proportion of supporting power, we consider the breaking weight may safely be put down at 9 or 10 tons.

Now as it is considered safe in all cases to allow one-third of the breaking weight as a maximum, we consider that no apprehension need be entertained as to the strength of the structure for general purposes.

We beg to state that we find the suspension rods sufficiently strong and properly secured to the lower chord to allow them to be tightened at pleasure.

We suggested to Mr. Walker the propriety of introducing braces and knees at each upright to give additional stiffness to the structure, which he stated it was his intention to do.

As to the liability of the bridge sagging in some parts from the probable unequal tension of the suspending wires, and as to whether it is properly balanced and will work equal to Mr. Walker's expectations we are not now in a position to say, it not being yet in a working order

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

(Signed,)

EDWARD STAVELEY,

Architect.

CHARLES BAILLARGE,

Civil Engineer.

Quebec, 30th May, 1856.

J. PORTER, Esq.,

Secretary Turnpike Trust.

SIR,—Having at your request again visited the new draw at Dorchester Bridge now open at least for a time to public use, with a view to ascertaining to what extent the actual traffic upon the bridge would bear us out in the conclusions arrived at in our previous report, as to the weight which might safely be allowed on and transported over the said draw bridge, we beg to report as the result of our ex-

aminations, that during our visit of yesterday, which lasted about two and a half hours, we saw several heavy loads of broken stone follow one another in close succession and proximity across the bridge, to say nothing of numerous heavy and unwieldy loads of iron castings, lumber, &c., and though a slight tremor or vibration consequent upon all occasions of the kind was observable, there was nothing in our opinion to cause the least alarm as to the strength and stability of the bridge for the ordinary period of duration of such structures.

We must, however, remark, that the appearance of the bridge is rather unsatisfactory on account of the old work which has been made use of, and also from the fact of the truss work not being so neatly put together as might have been done.

We are then confirmed in our previous opinion that the bridge will sustain the weight, answer the practical and general purposes of traffic alluded to in our report of Friday last, for a time of four or five years for instance.

We will further remark that having had occasion on Monday last to pass over the Bridge, Mr. Walker then and there in our presence opened and shut the draw—imperfect though the machinery then was—in a minute and a half each way.

We are Sir,

Your obedient servants,

(Signed,)

EDWARD STAVELEY,
CHARLES BAILLARGE,
Civil Engineers.

Quebec, 13th August, 1856.

JOHN PORTER, Esq.,

Secretary Quebec Turnpike Trust.

SIR,—In conformity with the instructions contained in your note of the first instant, we have examined the second draw of Dorchester Bridge constructed by Mr. Walker, and having compared the work with the drawings and specifications submitted to us, beg to report that we found the whole in strict accordance with said drawings and specifications, both as regards workmanship and materials, and consider it may be satisfactorily received by the Trustees.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity of stating that we find the draw now reported on, superior in many respects to the one previously constructed, and would have no hesitation in trusting much heavier weights over it than recommended in our report as being allowed on the other.

During our examination we directed the new draw to be passed over, and found the time occupied in so doing did not exceed two minutes and a half. At the same time we observed the one we reported on in May last, required more men to open and shut it than we found necessary at that time, notwithstanding that it is much less weight which we attribute to the gearing not having been properly oiled and kept in good working order, and also to accumulation of mud and dirt on the roadway by the rails where the flanges of the wheels run, by which the friction is considerably augmented.

We may observe incidentally that we noticed some improvements in the construction and position of the new gearing which unquestionably entails on the contractor an additional expense.

We are Sir,

Your obedient servants,

(Signed,)

EDWARD STAVELEY,
CHARLES BAILLARGE,
Civil Engineers.

APPENDIX S.

(Copy of letter written by the Trustees to Hon. A. N. Morin, Secretary, &c.)

QUEBEC, 23rd July, 1853.

SIR,—The Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike roads beg leave to represent that they find great difficulty in carrying out the 5th section of the Turnpike Act passed during the last Session of the Provincial Parliament, intituled, "An Act to authorise the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike roads to issue Debentures to a certain amount, and to place certain roads under their control," serious difficulties also standing in the way of the completion of certain roads not yet contracted for, but authorised by an Act of the preceding Session, because no provision has been made for the payment of the interest to accrue on Debentures authorised to be issued for the construction of the roads in question, and there will be no funds at the disposal of the Trustees to pay such interest as it might fall due.

A large issue of Debentures by the authority of the new law the Trustees beg respectfully to submit would, under such circumstances, lead to the destruction of the credit of the Trust, and to the suspension of all its operations, as there could be no doubt that all the holders of new road Debentures, upon default of payment of the interest, would prosecute their claims, and after obtaining judgment in the Courts of law would seize upon the revenues of the Trust and have them distributed to pay the debts so incurred.

The Trustees only apprehend difficulty in relation to the roads mentioned in the fifth section of the new Statute, and the roads not yet contracted for as above mentioned, but not in relation to the other roads and improvements, because with regard to them, some provision has been made for the payment of the interest to accrue upon the Debentures to be issued for their construction.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

J. PORTER,
Secretary to the Trustees.

(Letter received from Hon. A. N. Morin in answer to the above.)

QUEBEC, 10th August, 1853.

SIR,—In answer to your letter of the 13th ult., on behalf of the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike roads, exposing certain anticipated difficulties in the carrying out of the provisions of the Act 16 Vict. cap. 235, I have the honor to state that the Legislature having enacted that certain roads should be placed under the control of the Trustees and improved, it is for them to consider of the best means of giving effect to that provision as soon as practicable. There is in that respect no difference between the roads mentioned in the fifth clause of the said Act, and those described in the other clauses.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

A. N. MORIN,
Secretary.

JOHN PORTER, Esq.,
&c., &c.

[Letter of Trustees to Hon. P. J. O. Chauveau, Secretary.]

QUEBEC, 27th Oct., 1854.

SIR,—The Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Roads beg leave to submit, for the consideration of the Government, the following observations upon the present state of

their affairs in reference to the roads on the North side of the River St. Lawrence, in the neighborhood of Quebec, in order that should His Excellency the Governor General see fit, the opportunity of the present Session of Parliament may be made available, and such means recommended as will enable them to complete the works they have in hand, and to raise a sufficient revenue to pay the interest on the several loans and charges incident to the Trust.

The Trustees beg to state that the roads and works latterly made, and now under contract, will absorb the whole of the last loan of £30,000, and that there will still remain 31 miles of road, of the several roads named in the last Statute, to be made, and that to make these remaining 31 miles, it will require a further loan of £40,000 or thereabouts.

The interest on the several loans on the completion of the roads now under contract, and the 31 miles remaining to be made, together with the charges of the Trust, will amount to the yearly sum of £11,260, as will appear by the following statement :

Dorchester Bridge road loan	£25,000	0	0
New road loan.....	15,000	0	0
Montmorency Bridge loan.....	5,000	0	0
North Shore road loan, 1853	30,000	0	0
Further loan	40,000	0	
		£115,000	0 0
Interest at 6 per cent	£ 6,900	0	0
Summer and Winter maintenance of North Shore roads.....	3,000	0	0
Salaries and contingencies	1,300	0	0
		£11,200	0 0
While the revenue of the current year, terminating on 31st			
May next amounts to no more than.....	£ 5,301	0	0
Leaving a deficiency of.....	£ 5,890	0	0

The foregoing remarks only apply to the roads on the North Shore. On the Point Levi side the tariff of Tolls is 50 per cent. higher, and as the Toll gates are only just now put up, the Trustees have no positive experience of what they will yield, although there is every reason to expect the revenue will suffice for the requisite purpose.

To remedy the apprehended deficiency in the revenue of the North Shore roads, the Trustees would recommend that the summer tolls should be equalized with those of the South Shore, and that the present winter toll should be doubled, which, along with the revenue expected from the new Montmorency Bridge, they consider will be sufficient to meet the yearly interest and charges.

The Trustees would also recommend that heavy stages carrying large numbers of passengers, which from the great number they accommodate tend to draw off from the revenue, while in consequence of their weight they cause great wear and tear, particularly on the Cove Plank road, should pay a much heavier toll than is now imposed upon them.

They would also suggest that power be given them to change the sites of the several Toll gates, both on the North and South side of the St. Lawrence, from time to time, to such points or places as may be necessary to secure the revenue of the Trust.

In consequence of the great increase of ship-building in the River St. Charles since Dorchester Bridge was rebuilt, requiring the frequent opening of the draw-bridge, its present construction is found to be objectionable, and the Trustees are of opinion that it would greatly convenience the public, and very much economise

their revenue, if they were empowered to make the necessary change in the draw-bridge, for which purpose they have ascertained that the sum of about £1,000 would suffice.

The Trustees also beg to represent that they found it impracticable to contract for the Montmorency Suspension Bridge at a less rate than will involve the expenditure of about £2,500, over and above the amount authorized by the last Act, and they pray that authority may be given to them to borrow a further sum of £2,500, to enable them to finish that very necessary work.

The Trustees beg to draw attention to the dangerous practice of racing which prevails upon all the turnpike roads, and which there is not sufficient power in the law as it now exists to prevent.

They would finally suggest some alterations in the provisions of the last Turnpike Act with reference to the building of the Chaudière and Valcartier Bridges. They cannot, under the present law be commenced until the respective roads leading to them are macadamized, which is found to be a very great inconvenience to passengers, and in the case of the Chaudière Bridge drives nearly all the traffic off the St. Nicholas road.

I have, &c.,

[Signed,]

J. PORTER,

Secty. T. T.

Hon P. J. O. Chauveau,
Secretary.

APPENDIX T.

An Act amending the Acts concerning the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Roads.

Whereas it is necessary to amend the Acts respecting the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike roads, be it enacted :

I. That from the passing hereof the powers of the Trustees shall cease, and all the powers heretofore vested in said body corporate, on and over the roads and bridges on the North side of the River St. Lawrence shall attach and belong to three Trustees, to be called "The Quebec Turnpike Trustees," and the powers heretofore vested in said Trustees on and over the roads and bridges on and over the South shore of the St. Lawrence, shall attach and belong to three Trustees to be called "The Point Levi Turnpike Trustees," which said Quebec Turnpike Trustees, and Point Levi Turnpike Trustees shall be bodies corporate, and shall have all and every the same power, rights and authority which the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Roads had before the passing of this Act, and in all particulars on that side of the River St. Lawrence for which the Quebec Turnpike Trustees and the Point Levi Turnpike Trustees shall be appointed and not beyond, and over all matters and things arising out of, and touching the same; Provided always, that no suits at present pending shall abate in consequence but shall be continued in the name of the Quebec Turnpike Trustees, and all the liabilities of the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Trustees shall continue in full force against both said corporations.

II. That two Trustees of each body shall be appointed by his Excellency the Governor General, and that the remaining Trustees shall be appointed by the holders of debentures of the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Roads, and the holders of debentures issued under this Act as hereinafter provided; that the said bodies shall be independent and separate in all things, save only that there shall be but one Secretary who shall act as Treasurer of both Boards, and who shall keep a separate set of books and minutes for each, and that there shall be but one office at Quebec; and all the Trustees shall hold office during pleasure, provided always

that six months continuous absence from the Province shall render the office of any Trustee vacant.

III. That immediately after the passing of this Act it shall be the duty of the present Secretary to call by advertisement, inserted during a fortnight in two English and two French papers published in Quebec, a meeting of the holders of debentures of the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Roads to elect the said two Trustees, one for each Board, and the said holders shall then and there proceed to said elections; Provided always, that the votes may be given either in person or by proxy; and that for every debenture for one hundred pounds one vote may be given, and each holder shall have two votes, one for each Trustee; Provided always, that if at said meeting votes representing in amount twenty-five thousand pounds, currency, are not given, the said two Trustees shall be appointed also by the Governor, and the same formalities shall be followed with regard to subsequent elections, and the same conditions must be fulfilled by the debenture holders.

IV. That after this Act shall come into force, and until the appointment of Trustees as aforesaid, all and every the powers to be vested in said two Boards, shall vest in and be exercised by the present Secretary of the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Trustees.

V. That the roads mentioned in Schedule A to this Act are hereby returned to the Municipalities in which they are respectively situate, to be maintained by them throughout the year, and the road mentioned in Schedule B hereunto annexed shall be the only roads retained by the respective Boards during winter, and all the other roads are hereby returned to their respective Municipalities from the first of December to the twentieth day of April of each year, and shall be maintained by them: Provided always, that all or any of the said roads and bridges connecting the same either in summer or in winter may be resumed by the proper Board of Trustees, and that any of the said roads still remaining under these respective Boards with the bridges depending thereon, may be returned to their Municipalities with the sanction of the Governor General.

VI. That the Toll-gate on the Valcartier road be forthwith removed, and the power heretofore vested in the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Roads to build bridges over the Valcartier and Chaudière Rivers shall henceforth vest in the Municipalities in which are the roads adjoining the sites of said Bridges, and that Cap Rouge Bridge, with the right of toll thereon, shall henceforth vest in the Municipality of the County of Portneuf. That the tolls on the Etchemin Bridge shall be specially applied to its maintenance, deducting cost of collection, and if insufficient may be raised with the consent of the Governor to rates not exceeding those taken at a Toll gate on the South shore.

VII. That the tolls contained in Schedule C to this Act shall henceforth be charged at the Toll gates and bridges during summer, and either Board may, with the sanction of the Governor General, increase within their local limits the rate of winter tolls paid before the passing hereof, one third, and with the same sanction reduce any toll; and may remove, alter, or change the situation of the present toll gates, and increase the number thereof; provided however, that the tolls shall be so apportioned as not to be increased thereby; that full tolls shall be taken at the St. Henri Toll gate; and it shall be also lawful for them to place gates wherever persons attempt to evade the payment of winter tolls, and to lock the same, giving the key to the proprietors of the properties on which the gates shall be placed, who shall be bound under a penalty not exceeding ten pounds, to be recovered before a Justice of the Peace, to permit said gates to be placed and remain locked; That vehicles drawing manure shall not be exempt from toll, and there shall be but one yearly rate of commutation of one hundred tolls.

VIII. That the said Quebec Turnpike Trustees shall and may issue debentures to the extent of five thousand pounds currency, which shall rank after those already issued, and the proceeds thereof shall be applied as follows; £800, to render pass-

able the St. Henri road ; £250, the St. Henri road ; £250, the St. Nicholas road ; £500, the St. Claire road, the Charlesbourg and St. Charles road, and the remainder to repair the Montinorency Bridge, to pay Charles Rheaume, contractor on the Chateau Richer road, and to discharge any pressing demands against the said last mentioned Trustees and not otherwise.

IX. That the revenues of the said roads and bridges, with the above exception of the Etchemin Bridge, on both sides of the St. Lawrence, shall be applied yearly,

1st. To costs of collection, salaries, rent and contingencies.

2nd. The sum of £1200 from the revenues of the south side ; and the sum of £6,000 from the revenues of the North side shall be taken to pay the interest on the debentures of the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Roads, and the debentures authorised to be issued by this Act.

3rd. The remainder of the revenue of the South shore shall be applied to the summer and winter maintenance of the roads and bridges on that side of the river St. Lawrence, and the remainder of the revenue of the North Shore shall be applied :—

1st. To the summer and winter maintenance of the roads and bridges under the control of the Quebec Turnpike Trustees ; and

2ndly. Towards the formation of a sinking fund ; and the salaries of the Secretary and Treasurer, and of the Book-keeper and office expenses, shall be defrayed by the Quebec Turnpike Trustees ; and in the event of any departure from the above order of payment without the consent of the Governor General, any person damnified thereby shall during one year have an action personally against the Trustees who ordered the same, but not against any Trustee recording his dissent in the minutes of the Board, or who shall be absent when such order was made.

X. That all persons racing or driving at a rate dangerous to persons or property on any Turnpike road under either of said Boards, shall incur a fine not exceeding ten pounds, or suffer imprisonment not exceeding fifteen days for the first offence ; and a fine not less than ten pounds, and not exceeding twenty-five pounds or imprisonment not less than fifteen days, and not more than three months for the second or any subsequent offence, to be enforced by summary process and conviction before any Justice of the Peace.

XI. That all and every Act and portions of Acts contrary, repugnant to, or inconsistent with the provisions hereof, are hereby repealed, and with the above limitation all and every the powers, rights, duties and authority vested heretofore in the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike roads, are hereby within the local limits of each trust respectively vested in the Quebec Turnpike Trust, and the Point Levi Turnpike Trustees.

SCHEDULE A.

TABLE of roads to be returned to the Municipalities, and to be kept by them throughout the year :

	M.	L.	Ch.
Portion of route de l'Eglise.....	1	20	0
Portion of St. Augustin	3	31	0
Portion of Valcartier.....	6	0	0
Misère road.....	3	51	0
Charlesbourg and Lorette.....	2	52	0
Stoneham.....	4	40	0
Lake Beauport road.....	2	0	0
Bourg-royal road.....	2	0	0
Laval road.....	3	0	0
St. Nicholas, lower.....	3	60	0
Portion of St. Nicholas, upper.....	2	31	0
Portion of St. Henry.....	3	0	0
Portion of Beaumont.....	3	40	0
St. Clair road.....	3	12	0
Charlesbourg and St. Charles.....	1	56	0
St. Gabriel.....	1	7	35
	47	0	35

SCHEDULE B.

TABLE of roads to be kept by the Trustees during Winter.

On the North Side.	M.	L.	C.
The Cove road.....	5	8	0
St. Lewis road.....	4	35	41
St. Foy road.....	4	40	0
St. Charles South.....	4	52	57
Charlesbourg.....	3	40	0
Beauport and Dorchester.....	6	48	22
Ange Gardien.....	3	0	0
	31	64	20
On the South Shore.			
St. Henry.....	10	40	0
St. Nicholas.....	3	40	0
Beaumont.....	5	0	0
	19	0	0

SCHEDULE C.
Proposed Tariff of Tolls.

	North Shore Gates.	Dorches- terBridge.	Mont- morency Bridge.	South Shore Road.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
For every four wheeled vehicle drawn by one horse.....	0 9	1 2	1 0	0 9
Each additional horse.....	0 5	0 7	0 6	0 5
For every two wheeled vehicle drawn by one horse.....	0 8	1 0	0 10	0 9
Each additional horse.....	0 4	0 6	0 5	0 5
For every sleigh or train drawn by one horse.. ..	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6
Each additional horse.....	0 3	0 3	0 3	0 3
For every omnibus carrying over six passengers.....	2 6	3 9	3 0	0 0
For every horse or beast carrying a rider....	0 4	0 6	0 5	0 4
For every horse, mule, ox, cow, and head of neat cattle.....	0 2	0 2	0 2	0 2
For every score of sheep, hogs, swine, &c.	0 10	0 10	0 10	0 10

The above tolls to be paid, one half on passing, and the other on re-passing.

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R E T U R N

To an Address from the Legislative Assembly, of the 26th ultimo, for the Report of the Commission of Inquiry, with reference to Returning Officers, together with the Accounts of the said Returning Officers, and all other Papers, and Documents, relative to the said Inquiry.

By Command.

T. LEE TERRILL,

Secretary.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Toronto, 24th April, 1857.

To His Excellency Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

Your Excellency having been pleased to appoint us Commissioners, to inquire into and report upon the accounts of all Returning Officers of Canada, in relation to any election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, furnished since the commencement of the year One thousand eight hundred and forty-eight; We beg to submit to Your Excellency the following report of our proceedings as such Commissioners, up to the present date, taking leave, also, respectfully to state, that owing to the time required for the discharge of duties appertaining to the other offices which we hold, respectively, under Your Excellency's Government, we have not been able to proceed with the inquiry directed by the Commission, with that despatch, which under other circumstances it would be proper to expect.

Among the accounts of Returning Officers which we now return to the Department of the Honorable Provincial Secretary, are several which we found to be correct, and which we have endorsed accordingly. Those found to be incorrect, and respecting which certain depositions hereto annexed have been taken, are as follows, *viz* :—

FIRSTLY.—The accounts of H. T. Charlebois, Returning Officer at the election held for the County of Vaudreuil, in the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-one; and at the election held for the County of Vaudreuil, in the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and Registrar for the County of Vaudreuil.

SECONDLY.—The accounts of D. K. Lighthall, Returning Officer at the election held for the County of Beauharnois, in the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-one; and at the election held for the County of Chateauguay, in the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and Registrar for the County of Chateauguay.

THIRDLY.—The accounts of R. H. Norval, Returning Officer at the election held for the County of Beauharnois, in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

FOURTHLY.—The accounts of Owen Lynch, Returning Officer at the election held for the County of Beauharnois, in the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

FIFTHLY.—The accounts of G. F. Bowen, Returning Officer at the election held for the Town of Sherbrooke, in the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and Sheriff at the District of St. Francis.

SIXTHLY.—The accounts of W. H. Webb, Returning Officer at the election held for the United Counties of Sherbrooke and Wolfe, in the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

SEVENTHLY.—The accounts of Frederic Filteau, Returning Officer at the election held for the County of Champlain, in the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and Registrar for the County of Champlain.

EIGHTHLY.—The accounts of G. H. Ryland, Returning Officer at the election held for the County of Montreal, in the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-one; and for the County of Hochelaga, in the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and Registrar for the County of Montreal.

NINTHLY.—The accounts of J. O. Bastien, Returning Officer for the County of Vaudreuil, in December, One thousand eight hundred and forty-seven: accounts furnished in January, One thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

TENTHLY.—The accounts of E. Bouchard, Returning Officer for the County of Napierville, at the election held in the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and Registrar for the County of Napierville.

ELEVENTHLY.—The account of R. Trudel, Returning Officer for the County of Champlain, at the election held in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

TWELFTHLY.—The accounts of B. Lupien, Returning Officer for the County of Nicolet, at the election held in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

THIRTEENTHLY.—The accounts of Joseph Jutras, Returning Officer for the County of Nicolet, at the election held in the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and Registrar for the County of Nicolet.

In detailing the several false charges discovered, we shall refer to the accounts in the above order.

H. T. Charlebois.—The first item in Mr. Charlebois' accounts, which we inquired into, was that of mileage.

In this account of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, is charged four hundred and fifty (450) miles travelled in posting Proclamations in the ten parishes, at sixpence (6d.) per mile, amounting to the sum of eleven pounds five shillings (£11 5s.), and four hundred and fifty miles

travelled in delivering Poll Books and Commissions to Deputy Returning Officers, at sixpence (6d.) per mile, amounting to the sum of eleven pounds five shillings (£11 5s.)

In the account of One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, appears a charge of "three hundred and seventy-five miles travelled in posting Proclamations," at sixpence (6d.) per mile, nine pounds seven shillings and sixpence (£9 7s. 6d.)

And again, three hundred and seventy-five miles travelled in delivering Poll Books and Commissions to Deputy Returning Officers, at sixpence (6d.) per mile, the sum of nine pounds seven shillings and sixpence (£9 7s. 6d.), making a total of one thousand six hundred and fifty miles (1650), amounting to the sum of forty-one pounds five shillings, currency (£41 5s.)

These charges appearing extravagant, we examined, under oath, the following parties, all residents of the County of Vaudreuil, and practically well acquainted with the distances from parish to parish, in order to ascertain, as nearly as possible, the number of miles which it would be necessary to travel in the performance of the duties referred to, viz. :—

Reverend P. L. Archambault, *Curé* of the Parish of St. Michel de Vaudreuil.

Honorable Robert U. Harwood, Seigneur of the Seigniorie of Vaudreuil.

Doctor H. Cartier, for more than sixteen years a medical practitioner in the County of Vaudreuil.

Antoine Laprés and John Fletcher, Bailiffs.

The probable mileage sworn to by these parties, and which appears in the depositions annexed, marked from A to E, inclusive, varies but slightly, and would show that in the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-one (1851), when the County consisted of ten parishes, the route, giving the largest allowance, that of the Reverend Mr. Archambault, would not comprise more than one hundred and seven miles (107), while in the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, (1854), when the County was limited to five parishes, it could not have been more than eighty miles (80.) These distances being doubled respectively, in order to allow for the two journeys at each election, give a total of three hundred and seventy-four miles (374), which, as compared with the total, in Mr. Charlebois' account, viz., one thousand six hundred and fifty miles (1650), show an overcharge of one thousand two hundred and seventy-six miles (1276) amounting to the sum of thirty-one pounds eighteen shillings (£31 18s.)

Our attention was next directed to the changes made by Mr. Charlebois in the names of his deputies. The usual and proper practice is for Returning Officers to transmit to the Government the accounts furnished to them by their deputies.

Mr. Charlebois acted differently. He suppressed the accounts furnished by the Deputy Returning Officers, and fabricated others of larger amounts, with the intention, as the evidence proves, of being himself the sole gainer by the fraud.

The deposition of E. L. Normandin, Deputy Returning Officer, for St. Michel de Vaudreuil, at each of the elections of the years one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, shews that the amounts charged in his name for mileage, and for Hustings, and House-rent, being for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one (1851) the sum of four pounds twelve shillings, (£4 12s.) and for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, five pounds nineteen shillings (£5 19s.) were not authorized by him; that he did not travel the distance stated, his residence being in the village of Vaudreuil; that no hustings were erected at either Election, and that no house-rent was paid, the Poll having been held in *la Salle Publique*, for the use of which no charge was made, and that he never received these sums, nor any part of them. This deposition is annexed marked F.

The deposition of the Reverend Mr. Archambault referred to above as marked A, corroborates that of Mr. Normandin in reference to the charge for House rent. Mr. Archambault, as Treasurer of *la Fabrique*, to which body the control of *la Salle Publique* belongs, states that "he never asked, and never had the intention of asking any remuneration for the use of the hall."

On the evening previous to the arrival of the Commissioners at Vaudreuil, Mr. Charlebois sent to the Reverend Mr. Archambault a *Bon* or promissory note for the amount charged in the two accounts as Rent for *la Salle Publique*, viz.: (£9) which *Bon* was handed to the Commissioners by Mr. Archambault, and will be found attached to the Reverend Gentleman's deposition. This circumstance speaks for itself.

The depositions of Joseph D'Acoust, Moïse Garraud, Pierre Toupin and Paul Denis, marked herewith from G to K inclusive, establish that the charge amounting to the sum of twenty pounds six shillings and three-pence (£20 6s. 3d) made by Mr. Charlebois for the erection of Hustings, and for House-rent, in the Parishes of St. Clet, Isle Perrot, Ste. Magdelaine de Rigaud, and in the Township of Newton, are false, to the extent of nineteen pounds six shillings and three-pence, no hustings having been erected, and no part of the sum entered as House-rent having been paid, with the exception of one pound (£1).

These depositions also shew over-charges to the amount of ten pounds eighteen shillings (£10 18s.) for mileage.

The depositions of Francis Hughes, Louis Adam, Olivier St. Prieur and Eleazard Hayes, marked from L to O inclusive, shew over-charges for mileage, for Hustings and House-rent, amounting to fourteen pounds, (£14) say for mileage six pounds twelve shillings and sixpence, (£6 12s. 6d.) and cost of hustings and house-rent, seven pounds seven shillings and sixpence (£7 7s. 6d.)

The amount thus established to have been fraudulently obtained from the Government by Mr. Charlebois, in his capacity of Returning Officer, is eighty-six pounds thirteen shillings and three-pence, (£86 13s. 3d.) viz.: by means of false charges for mileage, fifty pounds nineteen shillings and sixpence (£50 19s. 6d.) and for the erection of Hustings and rent of Polling place, thirty-five pounds thirteen shillings and nine-pence (£35 13s. 9d.)

D. K. Lighthall.—In the case of D. K. Lighthall, it will be seen by the evidence of William Cross, Merchant; Archibald McEachern, County Superintendent, twenty years a resident of the County; and William Barrett, Land Surveyor, who has also resided in the County, nineteen years, that the charges for mileage are wrong to the extent of one thousand and sixty-four miles (1064) or twenty-six pounds twelve shillings (£26 12s.). The account of eighteen hundred and fifty-one (1851) has five hundred and eighty miles (580) travelled to post proclamations, and five hundred and eighty (580) miles to transmit Poll books, warrants and circulars.

In the account of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four (1854), is charged two hundred and fifteen miles (215) to post proclamations, and two hundred and fifteen " (215) to transmit Poll Books, Warrants and Commissions."

These make an aggregate of one thousand five hundred and ninety miles (1590) amounting at sixpence (6d.) per mile, to thirty-nine pounds fifteen shillings (£39 15s.), whilst the depositions referred to, marked herewith P, Q, R, establish, at most, five hundred and twenty-six (526) miles, viz.: one hundred and seventy-four (174) miles, for each of the journeys in one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one (1851), and eighty-nine miles (89) each, for those of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, (1854.)

It also appears that of the sum of Fourteen pounds ten shillings; (£14 10s.,) charged by Mr. Lighthall, for the erection of Hustings, viz., seven pounds,

(£7,) for the election of One thousand eight hundred and fifty one, (1851,) and seven pounds ten shillings, (£7 10s.) for One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, (1854,) he did not disburse more than about two pounds five shillings, (£2 5s.)

The deposition of William McNaughton, Carpenter and Joiner, states in reference to the Hustings erected at Durham, in One thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, (1851.)

“I furnished no material for the erection of Hustings, and was paid by Mr. Lighthall, fifteen shillings, for my labour.”

“I believe the cost of material in the erection of the Hustings referred to, must have been about fifteen shillings.

In reference to the Hustings of One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, (1854,) Mr. LeBrun. ‘See depositions marked S, T, swears:—

“For the erection of Hustings at Ste. Martine, in 1854, I, at the request of Mr. Lighthall, arranged with Mr. Joseph Levesque, of Ste. Martine, Joiner, whose charge was ten shillings for his labour, the material used for the Hustings, having been furnished without charge by Marc A. Primeau, Esquire; Mr. Lighthall, added the sum of five shillings, to Mr. Levesque’s charge, and accordingly handed me the sum of fifteen shillings which I paid to Mr. Levesque.”

The Act 12 Vic. cap. 27, sec. 66, requires that the Returning Officer shall “distribute” the monies to which the Deputy Returning Officers may be entitled, but provides no remuneration for such service. Nevertheless, Mr. Lighthall in paying seven of his Deputies, retained sums varying from two shillings and sixpence, (2s. 6d.) to one pound, (£1.) amounting in all to three pounds eight shillings and sixpence, (£3 8s. 6d.) viz. :—from William Cross, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Malachie d’Ormstown, two shillings and sixpence, (2s. 6d.); Charles LeBrun, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of Ste. Martine, seven shillings and sixpence, (7s. 6d.); William Cantwell, Deputy Returning Officer for Russelltown, seven shillings and sixpence, (7s. 6d.); Louis Desparois, Deputy Returning Officer for St. Joachim de Chateauguay, seven shillings and sixpence, (7s. 6d.); Josime Peltier, Deputy Returning Officer for Ste. Philomène, fifteen shillings, (15s.); Doctor Verity, Deputy Returning Officer for Hemmingford, twenty shillings, (20s.); Jean B. Scott, Deputy Returning Officer for Ste. Timothée, eight shillings and sixpence, (8s. 6d.). See depositions marked U, V, W, X, Y.

It would also appear that he withheld from Louis Desparois, the sum of two pounds fourteen shillings and sixpence (£2 14s. 6d.), alleging “that the Government would not pay a charge for damage and repairs at the Poll unless “a Voucher were produced.”

It is not shewn that the Government objected to any item of Mr. Desparois’ account, and it is clear that if Mr. Lighthall conceived it right to make a deduction, it should have been on behalf of the Government, and not for his own benefit.

The Deposition of Moise Brauchand, Deputy Returning Officer for St. Clement, in One thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, (1851,) contains an admission that the sum of five pounds, (£5,) which he charged for a Railing, (*estrade*,) and for rent of House, “still remains in his hands with the exception of ten shillings, (10s.) paid to a Carpenter.” It is further admitted that “the Poll was held in “the *Salle Publique*, without asking permission to do so, and without making an agreement to pay for it.” “Mr. Branchand’s deposition marked Z.” It is evident from these admissions, that the charge in question was made not in the interest of *la Salle Publique*.

The amount shewn by the evidence referred to above, to have been unjustly charged by Mr. Lighthall in his account as Returning Officer, is thirty-eight pounds twelve shillings (£38 12s.) viz.:—for hustings, twelve pounds five shillings (£12 5s.); for mileage, twenty-six pounds twelve shillings (£26 12s.), to which is to be added, three pounds eight shillings and sixpence (£3 8s. 6d.) abstracted from the amount which he was bound to pay to the Deputy Returning Officers, and two pounds fourteen shillings and sixpence withheld from Mr. Desparois.

Mr. Lighthall produced no evidence in *rebuttal*; but some days subsequently to the close of the inquiry, he handed to the Commissioners a document of much length, which is submitted herewith.

We have failed to discover in the reasoning of this paper, any ground upon which the distinct evidence of Messieurs Cross, McEachern and Barrett, in reference to the mileage, and of Messieurs McNaughton and LeBrun, as to hustings, could be set aside.

The statement that in One thousand eight hundred and fifty-one (1851), Mr. Lighthall was obliged "to lengthen his route in posting Proclamations, &c., "because of the state of the roads at that particular season of the year," is met by Mr. Barrett, who affirms "that in making these calculations of mileage respecting "both elections, I have taken the season of the year in which each election was "held into account, and the probable state of the roads at each period respectively."

All that can be said of Mr. Lighthall's "protest against the use of any evidence "against him, which shows the mileage taken from place to place, and not each "time returning to Durham, as a common centre for each place of polling" (see fourth paragraph of his paper) is, that it appears to us to be in direct contradiction to the law (12 Vic. cap. 27, sec. 66), which allows only "for each mile "actually and necessarily travelled for attending the place of election for posting "Proclamations or notifications, and for transmitting commissions to deputies "and election clerk, and poll books."

R. H. Norval.—The account of R. H. Norval, Returning Officer for the County of Beauharnois, in One thousand eight hundred and forty-eight (1848), exhibits a similar overcharge for mileage, but not to the same extent as that made by Mr. Lighthall. There are three items, making nine hundred and forty-two miles, each item consisting of a charge for "going and returning." According to the deposition taken, that of Toussaint Champeau, Bailiff, who assisted in posting the Proclamations, &c., for Mr. Norval, the route was probably not more than one hundred and eighty-three miles (183), which would make a total in the performance of the several duties of five hundred and forty-nine miles (549), or three hundred and ninety-three miles (393) less than that charged.

The sum charged for hustings in Mr. Norval's account is established to be correct by the depositions of Robert Cairnes, James Cairnes, and J. W. McClintock, the parties who erected the hustings, and who received each two pounds (£2) for the service.

See depositions AA, AB, AC, AD.

Owen Lynch.—Owen Lynch, Returning Officer for the County of Beauharnois, in One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four (1854), received from the Government ten pounds (£10) for mileage, and ten pounds (£10) as cost of hustings. The correctness of these charges have been enquired into. It is shown that the latter sum was paid to Charles David French, who swears that he erected the hustings, and stated the cause, apparently a good one, for the amount being so high. See his deposition, marked AE.

The amount charged for mileage is not so well borne out. It is evident from the depositions in reference to it, that one hundred (100) miles would be a liberal allowance. Three of Mr. Lynch's deputies, viz.:—F. X. Poitras, Deputy Returning Officer for St. Timothée; John Symons, Deputy Returning Officer for St. Louis de Gonzague; and Henry Bogue, Deputy Returning Officer for St. Clement, appear to have made false charges for polling places. Mr. Bogue charged as much as twelve pounds (£12) for House-rent, Preparations, and Cleaning House. From this the Deputy Inspector General deducted seven pounds ten shillings (£7 10s.), and still too much was allowed. Mr. Duncan, the owner of the house in which the Poll was held, deposes that he did not receive more than three pounds (£3) for the use of his house, and that he never authorized an application to the Government for any larger amount.

Mr. Bogue admits that Mr. Duncan's statement is correct, and further acknowledges that the sum of one pound (£1), charged in his account for the services of two (2) constables was not paid.

F. X. Poitras admits that the sum of three pounds (£3), which he charged as Rent of *La Salle Publique* has not been paid by him, that he made no engagement to pay it, and that *La Fabrique* has never applied to him for it. John Symons also charged ten pounds (£10) for "Rent of House, Preparation, and Cleaning," from which five pounds ten shillings (£5 10s.) was deducted by the Deputy Inspector General.

It is now acknowledged by Mr. Symons that the balance was not paid for the use of the School House in which the Poll was held, that he had made no arrangement with the School Commissioners to that effect, and that the original charge was made with the view of re-imbursing him for arrangements made for the Polling, and for trouble and expense he was put to in preparing to maintain peace and good order during the election. See Depositions "AE," to "AL," inclusive.

George F. Bowen.—Mr. Sheriff Bowen, upon being questioned relative to the charge of five pounds ten shillings (£5 10s.) for Hustings and Fuel in his account as Returning Officer at an election held in the Town of Sherbrooke, in One thousand eight hundred and fifty-one (1851), and relative to a charge of two pounds ten shillings (£2 10s.) in his account as Returning Officer, in One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three (1853), admitted that these sums were not disbursed, that on both occasions the election was held in the Court House, and that the charges were made from a belief on his part that they were allowed to Returning Officers as perquisites.

W. H. Webb.—The account of W. H. Webb, Returning Officer for the United Counties of Sherbrooke and Wolfe, in One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four (1854), contains a series of items for mileage in posting proclamations and communicating with Deputies, amounting in all to the sum of fifty one pounds sixteen shillings (£51 16s.) The depositions of John Main, County Superintendent, and Patrick Daly, Land Surveyor, differ as to the proper charge in such a case, the former allowing eight hundred miles (800) for each journey, the latter three hundred and sixty-one miles (361).

Mr. Daly states, however, in cross-examination, that his *route* would probably be shorter than that of a person of less experience in travelling in that locality, and that one having less knowledge of the roads might follow the course given by Mr. Bain.

It would consequently seem fair to allow Mr. Webb the full benefit of Mr. Main's reckoning, in which case the overcharge on the part of Mr. Webb would be limited to about eleven pounds sixteen shillings. The charge for Hustings in Mr. Webb's account was found to be correct. The receipt of the party who

erected the Hustings, George Hamel, who also appeared before the Commission, is transmitted herewith. The depositions of Messieurs Main and Daly, together with a letter addressed to the Commissioners, from Mr. Webb, marked "AM," "AN," "AO," are also transmitted.

Ferdinand Filteau.—In the case of Ferdinand Filteau, Returning Officer for the County of Champlain, in the years one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one (1851), and one thousand eight hundred and fifty four (1854), certain depositions have been taken marked.

Mr. Filteau finding as the evidence progressed, that the correctness of the accounts which he had furnished to the Government was being impeached tendered written admissions of a series of fraudulent charges made in his own name, and in the names of several of his Deputies.

These admissions the Commissioners conceived it consistent with their duty to receive, and accordingly waived the more tedious and expensive process of examining under oath a number of witnesses.

The papers containing Mr. Filteau's admissions, and signed by him, are transmitted with this Report, marked "AP," "PO."

The exhibit overcharges to the very disgraceful extent of fifty-seven pounds nineteen shillings and one penny £57 19s 1d.)

G. H. Ryland.—The accounts of G. H. Ryland, Returning Officer, at the Elections held for the County of Montreal, in one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one (1851), and for the County of Hochelaga, in one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four (1854), each contains a charge of seven pounds ten shillings (£7 10s.) for providing Hustings, into the correctness of which inquiry has been made.

Respecting the charge in the account for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty four (1854) three (3) depositions were taken, viz. :—from Bazile Piché, Jeremie Meilleur and Hyacinthe Guerin, marked "AR," "AS," "AT."

All of which go to prove that no Hustings was erected for the opening of the Election, but, that for the purpose of the close, a platform or Hustings was constructed which could not have cost the sum charged. Indeed Mr. Meilleur states that he loaned the necessary materials free of charge, and it is affirmed by Mr. Guerin, that as Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *Sault au Recollet*, he, by the authority of Mr. Ryland, constructed the platform; that he borrowed the necessary wood, that he did not disburse more than six dollars (\$6) "*pour faire construire et de fair cette plateforme,*" and that Mr. Ryland re-imbursed him in the six (\$6) dollars.

Mr. Ryland addressed a letter to one of the Commissioners, marked herewith "AU," in which it is asserted that he paid Mr. Guerin three pounds (£3), and in which other statements are made, purporting to shew that he disbursed even more than the amount in question.

Several of the accounts of Mr. Rylands' Deputies contain charges which have not been satisfactorily accounted for.

Rouer Roy, Deputy Returning Officer at *Rivières des Prairies*, in one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one (1851), being called upon for an explanation of the two (2) items in his account, viz. :—"for work by a carpenter in fixing polling place, three pounds nineteen shillings and two-pence (£3 19s. 2d.) and for rent of stall, two (2) days, five pounds (£5), replied, that he paid a sum for preparing the polling place, but does not remember how much it was, or to whom it was paid; that the sum charged for rent of Hall, was intended to be paid for the benefit of *La Fabrique*, but has not been paid, and that he holds himself indebted to *La Fabrique*, in that amount.

Mr. Roy also stated that he did not remember having paid the amount, one pound (£1), charged for constables.

Joseph Lenior, Deputy Returning Officer at Pointe Claire, in One thousand eight hundred and fifty-one (1851), states, in reference to his charges "for a journey to Pointe Claire to provide a polling place, and other legal expenses, three pounds (£3), and for rent of house, in which the poll was held, two pounds ten shillings (£2 10s.)

That the first was made in consideration of his loss of time; that the second sum was paid to the man whose house he occupied, and whose receipt he thought he could produce.

Bernard Devlin, Deputy Returning Officer for St. Geneviève, replied to a question respecting his charges for fixing a polling place, and for rent, amounting to eight pounds twelve shillings and sixpence (£8 12s. 6d.); "that the sum was not all paid; that he did not know how much was paid, and could produce no receipt."

J. A. Hawley, Deputy Returning Officer at Lachine, in One thousand eight hundred and fifty-one (1851), handed to one of the Commissioners the following statement, in writing, purporting to show that he fully disbursed the amount of six pounds five shillings (£6 5s.), which appears in his account under head of "reasonable and actual expenses incurred in providing polling place, including travelling, rent of a house, stove, wood, carpenter's work, &c., viz. :—

"The items of six pounds five shillings, mentioned in my account as Deputy Returning Officer in 1851, includes expenses actually incurred by me as such, for house-rent, the putting up of a stove, purchase of firewood, carpenter's work, stationery, &c.

"I cannot now remember what proportions these expenses bear to each other, but I believe you may have them entered as follows :—

" House rent	£2 10 0
" Stove and fuel	1 15 0
" Carpenter's work, &c.	1 5 0
" Stationery	0 15 0

"£6 5 0"

(And marked "A V.")

Leon Doutre, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of Montreal, in One thousand eight hundred and fifty-one (1851), declined to state how the cost of erecting a polling place, viz., three pounds (£3) charged in his account was incurred, neither would he afford any information relative to the items, "travelling to provide said polling place, &c., &c., fifteen shillings," and for "reasonable and actual expenses for polling place, as fuel, paper, candles, preparing and cleaning the polling room, one pound five shillings (£1 5s.)."

Charles Edward Schiller, being called upon to show that he disbursed the sum of five pounds (£5), allowed him as "rental of poll-booth," handed to one of the Commissioners a statement, in writing, transmitted herewith, A W, of which the following is a copy :—

"With reference to the charge made for a hustings or polling place, it was, I believe, generally made in the same manner by all the Deputies at the said election. They were very inadequately remunerated for their services, and it was looked upon as a perquisite attached to the office of Deputy Returning Officer, and so considered by all of them. In fact the only service I really rendered for this charge was going to Pointe aux Trembles, to make the arrangements necessary for holding the poll. This was deemed necessary, as

“considerable excitement prevailed among political parties at the time. It cost me something to make these preparations for tables, chairs, cleaning and sweeping, &c., and for travelling expenses. I cannot precisely say how much I paid, but it could not have exceeded about two pounds ten shillings, as usual during elections, carters could only be obtained at exorbitant prices.”

A letter was written to W. H. Ryland, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of Montreal, in one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four (1854), requesting him to attend before the Commissioners, the object being to hear his explanations of a charge of six pounds (£6), as “expenses for poll-booth”. Mr. Ryland neither appeared as requested, nor replied to the letter, but the Commissioners ascertained that the poll was held, on the occasion referred to, in a building on Notre Dame Street, belonging to the Government. It is therefore probable that all the amount charged was not expended.

Mr. G. C. Dessaulles, Deputy Returning Officer at Ste. Anne, in one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one (1851), also declined to comply with the request of the Commissioners to appear before them, in consequence of which the deposition of Joseph Grenier was taken in reference to Mr. Dessaulles’ charges of two pounds ten shillings (£2 10s.), “incurred in procuring a place of poll,” and three pounds ten shillings (£3 10s.), as rent of an apartment in which to hold the poll. Mr. Grenier swears that the poll was held in his house, and that his charge for rent, for the use of chairs, &c., and for fuel, was one pound five shillings, which amount, and no more, he received from the Deputy Returning Officer. He also states, that as he provided all that was necessary for holding the Poll, he does not believe that Mr. Dessaulles incurred any further expense than the amount so paid to him. This would show an over charge on Mr. Dessaulle’s part of four pounds fifteen shillings (£4 15s.). See deposition “AX.”

Adelard J. Boucher, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of Longue Pointe, in one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four (1854), stated in reference to the sum of five pounds (£5), which he received as rental of premises including necessary arrangements, &c., “that the Poll was held in *La Salle Publique*, which was also used as a School House.

That he paid to J. B. Morin, *procureur*, whose receipt he produced, the sum of one pound (£1) for the use of the Hall two (2) days, and that he charged the amount which appears in his account, because of having been informed, that such sums were allowed as perquisites. Mr. Boucher also admitted that the sum of twenty shillings (£1), which he received for the services of two (2) constables was not paid, no constable having acted; but added that he had taken precautions for preserving the peace, which he considered entitled him to that sum.

Dr. H. Guerin, Deputy Returning Officer for *Sault au Recollet*, in one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four (1854), also acknowledged that his charge of five pounds (£5), as rent of “place for holding the Poll” was not correct, the Poll having been held in *La Salle Publique*, the use of which was given gratuitously, that in making the charge, he believed it was a perquisite attached to the office of Deputy Returning Officer, and that he lost more than this sum, by absence from his professional duties. He further alleged that he made sundry small disbursements for putting the polling place in order, and that he paid a carter for bringing Poll Books to Montreal, none of which items he charged.

In the account of Leon Doutre, as Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *Ste. Joseph la Rivière des Prairies*, for one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four (1854), appear the following items, viz. :—

“Payé à Theophile Jannot pour avoir construit une place de Poll. .£ 7 10 0

"Payé à Joseph Desjardins pour l'occupation de son terrain pour
"y'tenir le Poll £3 15 0"

Annexed to Mr. Doutré's accounts are two receipts, purporting to have been given by Theophile Jannot and Joseph Desjardins, for the above sums respectively, and to have been witnessed by Treffle Couvrette and Theophile Collard.

The Commissions having received intimation that these charges were not correct, subpoenaed the above-named parties, viz.:—Theophile Jannot, Joseph Desjardins, Treffle Couvrette, and Theophile Collard, whose depositions were accordingly taken, and are submitted herewith, marked "AY," "AZ," "BB," "BC."

It will be seen by these depositions that Theophile Jannot and Joseph Desjardins deny the receipt of the sums charged, as having been paid to them respectively, as well as the affixing of their crosses to the said receipts; and Treffle Couvrette and Theophile Collard deny having witnessed the same.

Joseph Octave Bastien, Returning Officer for the County of Vaudreuil, in December, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven (1847), account furnished to the Government in January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight (1848.)

In this case appear three separate charges for mileage, viz.:—

Posting Proclamations, going and returning, one hundred and two leagues (102), or 306 miles, at one shilling per league.....	£5 2 0
Transmitting Commissions to Deputies, and returning two hundred and thirty-three miles (233), at 6d. per mile.....	5 16 6
Transmitting Precepts and Poll Books, going and returning, two hundred and thirty-three miles (233).....	5 16 6
	£16 15 0
Making a total of 772 miles.....	£16 15 0

In the accounts of Returning Officers generally, "transmitting Commissions, Precepts, and Poll Books to Deputy Returning Officers," make but one item of mileage, that is,—these instruments and books are stated to have been all delivered at one time.

Mr. Bastien, in explanation of his double charge, informed the Commissioners that "the only way in which the books could be dispatched simultaneously with the Commissions, would be by purchasing them before it could be known whether a contest would take place, and in case of no contest, this would involve the loss to him, Mr. Bastien, of the amount paid for the books." This view can scarcely be regarded as correct.

The Act 6 Vic. cap. 1, under authority of which the election was held, requires (sec. 10) "that in the event of a poll being demanded, the Returning Officer shall appoint some day, not less than four, nor more than eight thereafter, for taking such poll;" in accordance with which Mr. Bastien, as it appears directed that the polling should take place on the sixth day from the day of nomination, a period within which, as it would seem to us, Poll Books could be procured sufficiently early to admit of their being despatched simultaneously with the Commissions and Precepts.

Mr. Bastien's mileage, as tested by the evidence taken in the case of Mr. Charlebois, who was Returning Officer for the same County in the years One thousand eight hundred and fifty-one (1851), and One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four (1854), would appear to be wrong to the extent of four hundred and fifty-one (451) miles, the total in Mr. Bastien's account being seven hundred and seventy-two (772) miles for the three journeys, whilst the evidence in Mr.

Charlebois' case would not authorize more than three hundred and twenty-one (321) miles, or one hundred and seven (107) miles for such route. Mr. Bastien admitted that in calculating his mileage, he adopted the too common rule of reckoning, in every instance, from Vaudreuil, the starting place, and back; and in a letter which he addressed to the Commissioners, marked herewith, BD, he states that he charged these distances with the advice of Felix Fortier, Esquire, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, and that he believed they were authorized by law. The law here referred to is the now repealed Act 5 Geo. 4, cap. 33, the sixth section of which enacted, that "one shilling per league be allowed for "sending to fix up notifications, in each parish or township, both going and "returning." This language may not be considered as definite as that of the present law (12 Vic cap. 27), which allows "for each mile actually and necessa- "rily travelled," but there can be no doubt that the intention of the Legislature in both cases was the same.

Attached to the letter of Mr. Bastien referred to above (BD) are receipts, well authenticated, from the several Deputy Returning Officers who acted under Mr. Bastien, for the sums to which they were respectively entitled.

Ephraim Bouchard, Returning Officer for the County of Napierville, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

The charge of one pound made for the service of two Constables in this account, is admitted not to have been paid; and of the sum of five pounds seventeen shillings and sixpence (£5 17s. 6d.) for erecting a hustings at St Edouard, "*et voyage à cet effet*," not more than six or seven dollars was disbursed according to Mr. Bouchard's further admission.

In reference to the charge for Constables, Mr. Bouchard stated that he procured the attendance, during the election, of two men, whom he named as Joseph Trudeau and Hilaire Nolette, and who it would seem acted for him as friends, and he added that although he did not pay these parties directly, he endeavoured since to serve them to an equal extent. Respecting the balance of the sum charged for hustings Mr. Bouchard considered himself entitled to it to meet his expenses in travelling to St. Edouard to superintend the erection of the Hustings.

The accounts of the Deputy Returning Officers who acted at this election being embodied in Mr. Bouchard's account, it was thought proper to examine the several deputies relative to the charges so made.

The depositions taken with this view are marked "B," "E," "BF," "BG," "BH," and "BI."

Pierre Benoit, Deputy Returning Officer for Ste. Remi, deposes that he requested Mr. Bouchard to prepare his account, and at the same time informed him that he had not had the services of Constables, yet Mr. Bouchard charged one pound for two Constables.

Mr. Benoit states that the sum he received from the Returning Officer was either four pounds nineteen shillings (£4 19s.) or five pounds four shillings (£5 4s.) The amount which the latter charged in Benoit's name, and received from the Government, was five pounds fourteen shillings (£5 14s.)

It will be seen by the deposition of Joseph Pepin, Deputy Returning Officer for St. Michel Archange, that he furnished his own account, in which he charged for one Constable for the first day of the election, and for the services of two on the second day of the election, ten shillings (10s.), and that his charge for preparing a polling place was two shillings (2s.) In the account written by Mr. Bouchard in Mr. Pepin's name, two Constables for each day are charged for, twenty shillings (20s.), and the sum for preparation at polling place is five shillings.

Mr. Pepin states that Mr. Bouchard paid him for his services as Deputy Returning Officer, four pounds eighteen shillings (£4 18s.) The amount received by the latter from the Government was five pounds four shillings (£5 4s.)

At the close of this enquiry Mr. Bouchard handed to the Commissioner, by whom it was conducted, a statement in French, of which the following is a translation:—

“I made several journeys, and did more for which I have not been paid, nor re-imbursed in my expenses. I would cite a journey to Montreal, the expense of which amounted to twenty-five shillings; another the first day of polling from parish to parish in the County, as far as St. Michel d’Archange, for the purpose of aiding some of the Deputy Returning Officers in opening and conducting the poll. I wrote notes of one hundred and fifty words each (150) to the Deputy Returning Officers respectively, upon the manner of keeping the poll books; prepared the oaths taken before and after the poll by several of the Deputies and Clerks, and several other necessary papers. Also other duties appertaining to the Commission of Returning Officer, for which I made no charge in my account. To indemnify myself for this work, and for my travelling expenses, I may have slightly increased certain items charged in my account, and in those of my Deputies. If, however, this is not justifiable, I am ready to re-imburse for the overcharges.”

R. Trudel, Returning Officer for the County of Champlain, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight (1848.) The only error discovered in the account of Mr. Trudel is in the charges for mileage, arising as in other cases, from his interpretation of the words of the then law, “going and returning.” Three hundred and forty (340) miles are charged, whilst it was ascertained that about one hundred and eighty-four (184) was the number travelled.

Bazile Lupien, Returning Officer for the County of Nicolet, in the year One thousand eight hundred and forty-eight (1848.)

The inquiry in this case has elicited a singular fact, as to the means by which payments of erroneous accounts against the Government is obtained, and serves also to shew the difficulty with which heads of departments have to contend in their endeavors to control efficiently the expenses of the Public Service.

Mr. Lupien deliberately informs the Commissioner who communicated with him that he first presented an account, which he conceived to be correct, as it consisted of items allowed by law, and others for expenses actually incurred; that Mr. Felix Fortier, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, who acted *as his agent*, soon after informed him, that certain charges in his account, amounting to more than twenty pounds, had been deducted by the Deputy Inspector General, as not being authorized; that thereupon he, Lupien, withdrew this account, and prepared a second, in which he so increased the amounts charged, in the names of his Deputies, as to secure to himself a sum equal to that which had been deducted by the Deputy Inspector General from the first account. Without assuming that Mr. Fortier intentionally promoted the views of Mr. Lupien, it is yet plain, if the statement of the latter be true, that certain information communicated by him led to an act by which the correct auditing of the account was defeated; and as this is not the only instance in which it has come to our knowledge that Mr. Fortier was concerned in the drafting of the accounts of Returning Officers, we would take occasion to express a doubt as to the propriety of officers, or clerks, in the public departments, being allowed to act as the agents of parties who may have such claims against the Government, as those we have been commissioned to inquire into.

The amount improperly obtained from the Government by Mr. Lupien would be, according to his own admissions, some twenty four pounds (£24), and as it

appeared upon a careful examination of the account, that the overcharges did not, at least to any considerable extent, exceed that amount, it was thought advisable to adopt Mr. Lupien's statement, rather than extend an inquiry, which at this distance of time, and owing to the difficulty and expense of procuring evidence, might lead to no better result.

Joseph Jutras, Returning Officer for the County of Nicolet in the years one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one (1851), and one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four (1854.)

The account furnished by Mr. Jutras for his services in one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four is correct. His charge for mileage in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one (1851), being three hundred and four (304) miles more than that of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, he was called upon to explain the difference, and at once admitted, that on the former occasion he adopted the prevailing view that double mileage was allowed by law.

Having thus detailed, we trust with sufficient accuracy, the errors discovered, so far, in the accounts transmitted to us for examination and report, it would seem proper for us to suggest such a change in the mode of furnishing and authenticating such accounts, as would, in our judgment, prevent similar imposition for the future; but as this is not a final report, we conceive it better to reserve our views in that regard. Meanwhile we would observe that duly attested vouchers for the many charges, such as hustings, polling-places, and mileage, which the proper officer cannot be expected otherwise to audit correctly ought to be more rigidly demanded, than would seem to have been hitherto the practice.

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted.

DUNBAR ROSS,
A. M. DELISLE,
MATTHEW RYAN.

MONTREAL, 28th November, 1856.

No. 1.

VAUDREUIL, 18th December, 1851.

Sir,—You will receive in this enclosure my account of expenses for the election of the County of Vaudreuil, and in the same account will be found the distribution among the different officers and persons employed in the said election, which I beg you will transmit to His Excellency, Lord ELGIN, Governor General, &c.

I have, &c., &c.,

(Signed,) H. F. CHARLEBOIS.

Honorable J. LESLIE,
Provincial Secretary, Quebec.

No. 1.—The GOVERNMENT of CANADA *Dr.* to F. CHARLEBOIS,
Returning Officer of the County of Vaudreuil.

1851.		£	s.	d.
December..	To attendance the day of opening the Election.....	2	0	0
	To do closing do	2	0	0
	Poll Clerk, two days, at 20s.....	2	0	0
	Two Constables, two days, at 5s.....	1	0	0
	To 20 copies Proclamation of Election, 10 French, 10 English, at 2s. 6d.	2	10	0
	To Commission appointing E. L. Normandie, Poll Clerk	0	2	6
	To 10 Commissions of Deputy Returning Officers, at 2s. 6d.....	1	5	0
	To 10 Warrants authorising Deputy Returning Officers to hold a Poll. Two Indentures, at 5s.	1	5	0
	To 450 miles travelled to Post Proclamations in ten Parishes and Townships in the County, at 6d. a mile	0	10	0
	450 miles travelled to convey the 10 Commissions of the 10 Return- ing Officers, and the Poll Books, at 6d a mile.....	11	5	0
	10 Poll Books at 5s	11	5	0
	10 Copies of 10 Poll Books, at the rate of 3d per sheet of 100 words, making 50200 words	2	10	0
	Expenses of sending to Montreal for Poll Books.....	6	5	6
	4 miles travelled by Returning Officer, the day of nomination and the close of the Poll	1	5	0
	To the Deputy Returning Officer of the Parish of St. Michel de Vaudreuil, for two days holding the Poll.....	0	2	0
	Poll Clerk's Commission	2	0	0
	do 2 days at 10s	0	2	6
	To 20 miles travelled by Deputy and Clerk to and from the Poll, and to take the legal oaths	1	0	0
	2 Constables, 2 days at 5s.....	0	10	0
	4 miles travelled to convey Poll Book and report to Returning Officer	1	0	0
	To expenses incurred for expenses of hustings, including hire of house	0	2	0
	To the Deputy Returning Officer of the Parish of Ste. Magdeleine de Rigaud, for holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s.....	4	0	0
	Poll Clerk's Commission	2	0	0
	do Fees, 2 days	0	2	6
	20 miles travelled by Deputy and Poll Clerk to and from the Poll, and to take the oaths required by law.....	1	0	0
	2 constables 5s. each, 2 days.....	0	10	0
	42 miles travelled to convey Poll Book, and report to Returning Officer	1	0	0
	Cost of Hustings and hire of House	1	0	6
	To the Deputy Returning Officer, Township of Newton, holding Poll 2 days, at 20s	3	0	0
	Poll Clerk's Commission	2	0	0
	do two days, at 10s.....	0	2	6
	80 miles travelled going to Poll and returning to take oath.....	1	0	0
	2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s. each per diem	2	0	0
	72 miles travelled to convey Poll Book and Report to Returning Of- ficer	1	0	0
	Cost of Hustings and hire of House.....	1	16	0
	To Deputy Returning Officer of St. Marthe, holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s. Poll Clerk's Commission	3	0	0
	do Fees, at 10s.....	2	0	0
	60 miles travelled by the Deputy Returning Officer and Poll Clerk going to Poll and returning, to take the oaths required by law. 2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s. each	0	2	6
		1	0	0
		1	0	0
	<i>Carried over</i>	£	79	3
				6

No. 1.—The GOVERNMENT of CANADA *Dr.* to F. CHARLEBOIS, Returning Officer of the County of Vaudreuil.—(*Continued.*)

1851.		£	s.	d.
	<i>Brought over</i>	79	3	6
December..	60 miles travelled to convey Poll Book, and report to the Returning Officer	1	10	0
	Cost of Hustings and Rent of House	3	0	0
	To Deputy Returning Officer of St. Clet, 2 days holding Poll.....	2	0	0
	Poll Clerk's Commission	0	2	6
	do Clerk	1	0	0
	70 miles travelled by Deputy Returning Officer, and his Clerk, going to poll and returning, to take the oaths required by law	1	15	0
	2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s.	1	0	0
	40 miles travelled to convey the Poll Book, and make report to Returning Officer.....	1	0	0
	Cost of Hustings, including hire of House.....	3	15	0
	To Deputy Returning Officer of St. Ignace du Côteau du Lac, 2 days holding poll	2	0	0
	Poll Clerk's Commission.....	0	2	6
	do Clerk.....	1	0	0
	60 miles travelled by Deputy Returning Officer and Clerk, going to Poll and returning, to take the oaths required by law.....	1	10	0
	2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s. each per diem	1	0	0
	40 miles travelled, to convey Poll Book, and make report to Deputy Returning Officer	1	0	0
	Cost of Hustings, including House Rent.....	5	0	0
	To Deputy Returning Officer of St. Polycarp, 2 days holding poll ...	2	0	0
	Poll Clerk's Commission	0	2	6
	do Clerk, 2 days	1	0	0
	50 miles travelled by said Deputy Returning Officer, and his Clerk, going to the poll and returning, to take the oaths required by law	1	5	0
	2 Constables, at 5s. each per diem	1	0	0
	40 miles travelled to convey Poll Book, and report to Returning Officer	1	0	0
	Cost of Hustings, including hire of house	4	0	0
	To Deputy Returning Officer of St. Zotique, for 2 days holding the poll	2	0	0
	Poll Clerk's Commission	0	2	6
	do Clerk, holding poll.....	1	0	0
	40 miles travelled going to poll and returning, to take the oaths required by law	1	0	0
	2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s. each	1	0	0
	60 miles travelled to convey Poll Book, and report to the Returning Officer	1	10	0
	Cost of hustings including hire of house.....	3	5	0
	To Deputy Returning Officer of Soulanges, holding poll, 2 days ...	2	0	0
	Poll Clerk's Commission	0	2	6
	Poll Clerk, 2 days at 10s.	1	0	0
	45 miles travelled going to poll, and returning, to take the oaths required by law	1	2	6
	2 constables, 2 days at 5s. each	1	0	0
	30 miles travelled to convey Poll Book, and report to Returning Officer	0	15	0
	Cost of hustings including hire of house.....	3	2	6
	To Deputy Returning Officer of St. Jeanne de l'Isle Perrot, for 2 days holding Poll.....	2	0	0
	Poll Clerk's Commission	0	2	6
	<i>Carried forward</i>	£ 137	8	6

No. 1.—The GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to F. CHARLEBOIS,
Returning Officer of the County of Vaudreuil.—(*Continued.*)

1851.		£	s.	d.
	<i>Brought forward</i>	137	8	6
December..	2 days to Clerk holding Poll.....	1	0	0
	60 miles travelled, going to Poll and returning, to take oaths.....	1	10	0
	20 miles travelled, to convey Poll Book and report to Returning Officer.....	0	10	0
	Cost of hustings, including hire of house.....	8	1	3
	Total.....	£ 143	14	9

The whole humbly submitted, certified to be true, at Vaudreuil, this 18th day of December, 1851.

(Signed,) H. F. CHARLEBOIS.

(Correct.)

(Signed,) JOS. CARY,
Deputy Inspector General.

[*Translation.*]

VAUDREUIL, 14th August, 1854.

Dear Sir,—In conformity with your request I send you, herewith enclosed, the accounts of my Deputies, and my own.

As I forgot two items in the account which I transmitted you, and the amount is no longer the same, I send you, also herewith enclosed, a new power of attorney.

Be so good as to send me this money, without delay.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your very humble Servant,

(Signed,) H. F. CHARLEBOIS.

FELIX FORTIER, Esquire.

No. 1.—The GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to F. H. CHARLEBOIS,
Returning Officer for the County of Vaudreuil.

1854.		£	s.	d.
July.....	For assistance on the day of the opening of the Election.....	2	0	0
	For assistance on the day of the close of the Election.....	2	0	0
	For assistance of his Election Clerk on each of these 2 days.....	2	0	0
	For 2 Constables on each of these 2 days, at 5s.....	1	0	0
	For 10 copies of the Proclamation of Election, 5 in French and 5 in English, at 2s. 6d.....	1	5	0
	For the Commission appointing Mr. E. N. Normandin Clerk of the Election.....	0	2	6
	For 5 Commissions of Deputy Returning Officers, at 2s. 6d.....	0	12	6
	For 5 Warrants requiring the Deputy Returning Officers to hold the Poll, at 2s. 6d.....	0	12	6
	For 2 Indentures, at 5s.....	0	10	0
	For 375 miles travelled over to post up the Proclamations in the Parishes and Township of the County, at the rate of sixpence per mile.....	9	7	6
	For 375 miles gone over in taking the Deputies' Commissions and Poll Books, at the rate of sixpence per mile.....	9	7	6
	For 5 Poll Books, at 5s.....	1	5	0
	For 5 copies of the 5 Poll Books, at the rate of three-pence per folio of 100 words, being 50,000 words.....	6	0	0
	Expenses incurred in sending to Montreal for the Poll Books.....	8	15	0
	For 4 miles gone over by the Returning Officer on the day of the Nomination, and at the close of the Election.....	0	2	0
	For 4 miles gone over by the Clerk of the Election on the day of the Nomination, and of the closing of the Election.....	0	2	0
	For 36 miles gone over by the Returning Officer for taking the oath.....	0	18	0
	For 4 miles gone over by the Clerk of the Poll, to be sworn.....	0	2	0
	ST. MICHEL.			
	To the Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Michel de Vaudreuil, for 2 days holding the Poll, 20s.....	2	0	0
	For the Commission appointing his Clerk of the Poll.....	0	2	6
	For 2 days to the Clerk of the Poll, at 10s.....	1	0	0
	For 30 miles travelled over by the Deputies and the Clerk of the Poll, respectively in going to, and returning from the Poll, and taking the oaths required by law.....	0	15	0
	For two Constables, 2 days, 5s. each.....	1	0	0
	For 8 miles gone over in transmitting the Poll Book, and making their Report to the Returning Officer.....	0	4	0
	For expenses incurred in cost of Hustings, including House Hire...	5	0	0
	STE. MAGDELEINE.			
	To the Deputy Returning Officer of the Parish of Ste. Magdeleine de Rigaud, 2 days holding the Poll, at 20s.....	2	0	0
	For Commission appointing a Clerk of the Poll.....	0	2	6
	For 2 days to the Clerk of the Poll, 10s.....	1	0	0
	For 72 miles travelled over by the Deputy and the Clerk of the Poll, in going and returning, and for taking the oaths required by law.....	1	16	0
	For 2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s. each.....	1	0	0
	For 42 miles gone over to convey the Poll Book, and report to the Returning Officer.....	1	1	0
	For Cost of Hustings, including house hire.....	4	10	0
	<i>Carried forward</i>£	62	12	6

No. 1.—The GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to F. H. CHARLEBOIS,
Returning Officer for the County of Vaudreuil.—(Continued.)

1854.		£	s.	d.
	<i>Brought forward</i>	62	12	6
	STE. MARTHE.			
July	To the Deputy Returning Officer of St. Marthe, for 2 days holding the Poll	2	0	0
	For the Commission appointing a Clerk of the Poll	0	2	6
	To the Clerk of the Poll, for 2 days.....	1	0	0
	For 75 miles travelled over by the Deputy Returning Officer and the Clerk, in going to and returning from the Poll, and for taking the oaths required by law	1	17	6
	For 2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s.	1	0	0
	For 2 Constables required to preserve order, at 5s.	1	0	0
	For 75 miles gone over by the Deputy Returning Officer, to transmit the Poll Book and Report to the Returning Officer	1	17	6
	For expenses and costs of Hustings including House Hire	5	10	0
	STE. JEANNE			
	To the Deputy Returning Officer of the Parish of Ste. Jeanne de l'Isle Perrot, for 2 days holding poll, 20s.....	2	0	0
	For the Commission appointing a Clerk	0	2	6
	For 2 days, the Clerk holding the Poll, 20s.....	1	0	0
	For 70 miles travelled over in going to and returning from the Poll, and taking the oaths required by law	1	15	0
	For 70 miles gone over to transmit the Poll Book, and for the Return	1	15	0
	For expenses, and cost of Hustings, including House Hire.....	4	10	0
	NEWTON.			
	To the Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of Newton, for 2 days holding the Poll.....	2	0	0
	For the Commission appointing a Clerk of the Poll	0	2	6
	For 2 days, the Clerk of the Poll	1	0	0
	For 120 miles travelled over by the Deputy and the Clerk, in going and returning, and for taking the oaths required by law	3	0	0
	For 2 Constables, 2 days	1	0	0
	For 80 miles gone over by the Deputy Returning Officer, to transmit the Poll Book to the Returning Officer	2	0	0
	For expenses, and cost of the hustings, including House Hire	5	10	0
	Total	£ 102	15	0

The whole humbly submitted, and certified correct, at Vaudreuil, the thirty-first day of July, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

(Signed,) H. F. CHARLEBOIS,
Returning Officer.

No. 1.—H. F. CHARLEBOIS, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Vaudreuil, *Dr.* to E. L. NORMANDIN, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Michel de Vaudreuil.

1854.		£	s.	d.
July	For holding the Poll 2 days in the Parish of St. Michel de Vaudreuil, at 20s. per diem	2	0	0
	For the Commission appointing a Clerk of the Poll	0	2	6
	For a Clerk of the Poll, two days, at 10s	1	0	0
	For 30 miles travelled over by the Deputy and Clerk of the Poll, respectively, in going to and returning from the Poll, and taking the oaths required by law in similar cases	0	15	0
	For 2 Constables during the two days polling, at 5s. each.....	1	0	0
	For 8 miles duly gone over in transmitting the Poll Books, and reporting to the Returning Officer	0	4	0
	For cost of Hustings, including hire of house for holding the Poll ..	5	0	0
	£	10	1	6

No. 1.—H. F. CHARLEBOIS, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Vaudreuil, *Dr.* to JEAN BLAIN, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of Ste. Jeanne de l'Isle Perrot.

1854.		£	s.	d.
July	For holding a Poll in the said Parish of Ste. Jeanne de l'Isle Perrot, during 2 consecutive days, at 20s. per diem	2	0	0
	For the Commission appointing a Clerk of the Poll	0	2	6
	For Fees of the Clerk of the Poll	1	0	0
	For 70 miles duly travelled over, in going to and returning from the Poll, to take the oaths required by law, at 6d.	1	15	0
	For 70 miles duly travelled over by my Clerk of the Poll, in going to and returning from the Poll, to take the oaths required by law, at 6d.	1	15	0
	For 70 miles necessarily gone over, to transmit the Poll Books and Returns, at 6d.	1	15	0
	For expenses and cost of Hustings, including hire of a House during the two days	4	10	0
	For 2 Constables, employed during two days in preserving order, at 5s. each per diem	1	0	0
	£	13	17	6

No. 1.—H. F. CHARLEBOIS, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Vaudreuil, *Dr.* to PAUL ST. DENIS, Deputy Returning Officer for that part comprising the Township of Newton.

1854.		£	s.	d.
July	For 2 days holding the Poll	2	0	0
	For the Commission appointing a Clerk of the Poll	0	2	6
	For 2 days, the Clerk of the Poll	1	0	0
	<i>Carried forward.</i>	£	3	2
			6	

No. 1.—H. F. CHARLEBOIS, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Vaudreuil, *Dr.* to PAUL ST. DENIS, Deputy Returning Officer for that part comprising the Township of Newton.—(Continued.)

1854.		£	s.	d.
	<i>Brought forward</i>	3	2	6
July	For 120 miles travelled over by the Deputy and Clerk, in going and returning, and for taking the oaths required by law	3	0	0
	For 2 Constables, 2 days	1	0	0
	For 80 miles gone over in transmitting the Poll Book to the Returning Officer	2	0	0
	For expenses and cost of Hustings, including House-hire	5	10	0
	£	14	12	6

No. 1.—H. F. CHARLEBOIS, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Vaudreuil, *Dr.* to M. GARAND, Deputy Returning Officer of the Parish of Ste. Magdeleine de Rigaud.

1854.		£	s.	d.
July	For 2 days holding the Poll, at 20s	2	0	0
	For the Commission appointing a Clerk of the Poll	0	2	6
	For 2 days to the Clerk of the Poll at 10s	1	0	0
	For 72 miles travelled over by the Deputy Returning Officer and the Clerk of the Poll, in going and returning, and for taking the oaths required by law	1	16	0
	For 2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s. per diem	1	0	0
	For 42 miles gone over to transmit the Poll Book, and report to the Returning Officer	1	1	0
	For costs of Hustings, including House hire	4	10	0
	£	11	9	6

No. 1.—H. F. CHARLEBOIS, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Vaudreuil, *Dr.* to D. OLLIER, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of Ste. Marthe.

1854.		£	s.	d.
July	For 2 days holding the Poll	2	0	0
	For the Commission appointing a Clerk of the Poll	0	2	6
	For 2 days to the Clerk of the Poll	1	0	0
	For 75 miles travelled over by the Deputy and the Clerk, in going to and returning from the Poll, and taking the oath required by law	1	17	6
	For 2 Constables, 2 days at 5s.	1	0	0
	For 2 other Constables, found necessary to preserve order, at 5s. each per diem	1	0	0
	For 75 miles gone over by the Deputy, to transmit the Poll Book, and report to the Returning Officer	1	17	6
	For expenses and cost of Hustings, including House hire	5	10	0
	£	14	7	6

No. 1.—The GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to F. H. CHARLEBOIS, Returning Officer for the County of Vaudreuil.—(Continued.)

1854.		£	s.	d.
	<i>Brought forward</i>	102	15	0
July	DEDUCT—From Returning Officers charges, Expense incurred in sending for Poll Books from Montreal, not provided for .. £3 15 0			
	From the Deputy of Ste. Marthe, 2 special Constables.... 1 0 0			
		4	15	0
	For allowance.....£	98	0	0

The issue of a Warrant for £98 is recommended, £4 15s. being deducted as within noted.

(Signed,) JOS. CARY,
Deputy Inspector General.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
15th August, 1854.

No. 2.

HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to DOW K. LIGHT-HALL, Registrar for the County of Beauharnois, and, *ex-officio* Returning Officer for the County of Chateauguay.

			£	s.	d.	
July	19, 1854	.. To 1 day's attendance at Nomination of Election	2	0	0	
do	do, do	.. To travel, 15 miles to and 15 miles from Ste. Martine	0	15	0	
do	do, do	.. To 1 day's attendance of Election Clerk at do.....	1	0	0	
do	do, do	.. To travel, 15 miles to, and 15 miles for Election Clerk	0	15	0	
do	do, do	.. To 2 Constables, 1 day each, at 5s.	0	10	0	
do	do, do	.. To posting 30 Proclamations, English, at 2s. 6d.....	3	15	0	
do	do, do	.. do 30 do French, at do	3	15	0	
do	do, do	.. To travel and mileage to post Proclamations, 215 miles, at 6d.	5	7	6	
do	21, do	.. To Commission of Election Clerk, and 7 Warrants to hold Poll, at 2s. 6d.....	1	0	0	
do	do, do	.. To do of 7 Deputy Returning Officers.....	0	17	6	
do	do, do	.. To furnishing 7 Poll Books, at 5s.	3	15	0	
do	do, do	.. To travel and mileage to transmit Poll Books, &c., with Warrants, Deputy Returning Officers' Commissions, &c., at 6d.....	5	7	6	
			£	28	17	6
		<i>Carried forward</i>£	28	17	6	

No. 2.—HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to DOW K. LIGHTHALL, Registrar for the County of Beauharnois, and *ex-officio* Returning Officer for the County of Chateauguay.—(Continued.)

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>					28	17	6
July	28, 1854 ..	To accounts of Deputy Returning Officers for holding Poll, per Vouchers of Account herewith forwarded, viz. :—					
		1st.—To William Cross, of St. Malachie d'Ormstown, Deputy Returning Officer, per Voucher	6	12	6		
		2nd.—Louis Desparois, Deputy Returning Officer for St. Joachim de Chateauguay, per Voucher	12	19	6		
		3rd.—Jos. Peltier, Deputy Returning Officer for Ste. Philomène, per Voucher.....	7	15	0		
		4th.—Chs. M. Lebrun, Deputy Returning Officer for Ste. Martine, per Voucher...	6	17	6		
		5th.—Chas. Bedard, Deputy Returning Officer for St. Urbain, per Voucher	7	5	0		
		6th.—Alexr. Ross, Deputy Returning Officer for St. Jean Chrysostôme, per Voucher.	8	9	6		
		7th.—William Cantwell, Deputy Returning Officer for Russeltown, per Voucher....	6	7	6		
					56	6	6
July	31, 1854..	To 1 day of Returning Officer, closing Election					
do	do do ..	To travel to and from Ste. Martine, do do, 30 miles.....					
do	do do ..	To 1 day of Election Clerk, do do do					
do	do do ..	To travel to and from Ste. Martine, do do					
do	do do ..	To 2 Constables, 1 day each, at 5s.					
do	do do ..	To Indentures, in duplicate.....					
do	do do ..	To copying 7 Poll Books, 50, 200 folios, at 3d.....					
August	9, do ..	To transmitting of Poll Books to Clerk of Crown in Chancery —say postage					
do	do do ..	To expenses of Hustings, and fixtures for general Election, erection, removal, materials, nails, &c.....					
					7	10	0
					£	105	19 6
DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON FOREGOING ACCOUNT.							
		£	s.	d.			
DEDUCT—7 Poll Books, at 5s., charged.....		3	15	0			
Should be		1	15	0			
Deduct		2	0	0			
Three extra Constables, not provided for....		1	0	0			
					3	0	0
For allowance		£			102	19	6

No. 2.—D. K. LIGHTHALL, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Chateauguay, *Dr.* to W. CROSS, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Malachie.

	£	s.	d.
To holding the Poll at Durham, the 26th and 27th days of July, instant.....	2	0	0
Commission, Poll Clerk.....	0	2	6
Poll Clerk, 2 days.....	1	0	0
Two Constables, 2 days, at 5s.....	1	0	0
Poll booth and expenses.....	2	10	0
	£	6	12
			6

No. 2.—D. K. LIGHTHALL, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Chateauguay, *Dr.* to LOUIS DESPAROIS, Esquire, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Joachim, on the 26th and 27th July, 1854.

	£	s.	d.
Commission for Poll Clerk.....	0	2	6
To the Deputy and Clerk for administering oath, 8 miles—32 for the two.....	0	16	0
To the Deputy, 2 days' service.....	2	0	0
Poll Clerk, do.....	1	0	0
Constables, do.....	1	0	0
For rent of Poll, and arranging room, &c.....	3	15	0
Damages to room.....	2	0	0
Oath administered after close of Poll.....	0	16	0
Return of Poll Book, going and returning, 80 miles each way.....	1	10	0
	£	12	19
			6

No. 2.—D. K. LIGHTHALL, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Chateauguay, *Dr.* to JOSEME PELTIER, Deputy Returning Officer for Ste. Philomène.

	£	s.	d.
26th and 27th July.—Services of Deputy, 2 days, at 20s.....	2	0	0
Commission for Poll Clerk.....	0	2	6
Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s.....	1	0	0
Deputy going to and returning from Poll.....	0	4	0
Travelling expenses to take oath, 17 miles at 6d.....	0	8	6
Two Constables, 2 days, at 5s.....	1	0	0
Rent of Poll, at 20s. per diem.....	2	0	0
To Deputy, for distance going to and returning from Durham, to return the Poll Book, 40 miles.....	1	0	0
	£	7	15
			0

No. 2.—D. K. LIGHTHALL, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Chateauguay, *Dr.* to CHARLES M. LEBRUN, Esquire, Deputy Returning Officer for Ste. Martine.

	£	s.	d.
Holding Poll, 2 days	2	0	0
Commission for Clerk.....	0	2	6
Poll Clerk, for 2 days.....	1	0	0
2 Constables, do	1	0	0
Rent of Poll and for arranging, &c	2	0	0
30 miles of travelling	0	15	0
	£	6	17
			6

No. 2.—Account of the Deputy Returning Officer for St. Urbain.

	£	s.	d.
Commission for Poll Clerk.....	0	2	6
Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s	1	0	0
do 8 miles travel to and from Poll	0	4	0
Deputy Returning Officer for holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s.....	2	0	0
Deputy Returning Officer, 1 mile travel to and from Poll	0	0	6
Deputy Returning Officer, 36 miles travelled in making returns to Returning Officer	0	18	0
Rent of Poll, at 20s. per diem	2	0	0
2 Constables, at 5s. per diem.....	1	0	0
	£	7	5
			0

No. 2.—D. K. LIGHTHALL, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Chateauguay, *Dr.* to ALEXANDER ROSS, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Jean Chrysostôme.

	£	s.	d.
To holding Poll at St. Jean Chrysostôme on the 26th and 27th July, 1854	2	0	0
Poll Clerk Commission	0	2	6
Travel to Justice of the Peace for to attest going and coming 5 miles.....	0	2	6
Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 20s	1	0	0
2 Constables, 2 days, each 5s. per diem	1	0	0
44 miles travel going and coming to return Poll Books.....	1	2	0
	£	5	7
Polling House fixings and expenses attending the same.....	2	0	0
	£	7	7
Travel to Justice of the Peace and return, for attending to Poll Book and returns, 5 miles	0	2	6
	£	7	9
			6
<i>Carried over</i>	£	7	9
			6

No. 2.—D. K. LIGHTHALL, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Chateauguay, *Dr.* to ALEXANDER ROSS, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Jean Chrysostôme.—(Continued.)

	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought over</i>	7	9	6
As it was to be feared that from information had, a disturbance at the Poll would actually take place, 3 extra Constables were sworn in—say for their fees.	1	0	0
£	8	9	6

I, the undersigned, hereby would consider it just to allow to Mr. Ross the above amount for his 3 Constables as above, as extra.

D. K. LIGHTHALL,
Returning Officer.



RUSSELLTOWN, July 27th, 1854.

No. 2.—D. K. LIGHTHALL, Returning Officer for the County of Chateauguay, *Dr.* to W. CANTWELL, Deputy Returning Officer for Russeltown.

	£	s.	d.
To holding the Poll at Russeltown, the 26th and 27th days of July, instant, at 20s. per day	2	0	0
To Commission for appointing Poll Clerk	0	2	6
For Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s. per day	1	0	0
For 2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s. per day	1	0	0
For use of a place for holding the Poll, 2 days, at 15s. per day	1	10	0
Incidental expenses for travelling, for transmitting Poll Book back and forward, 30 miles, at 6d	0	15	0
£	6	7	6

No. 2.—HER MAJESTY'S PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to D. K. LIGHTHALL, Registrar and Returning Officer for the County of Beauharnois.

	£	s.	d.
December 1, 1851.. To 1 day's attendance, Election nomination	2	0	0
do do, do .. To 1 day do, do do Clerk	1	0	0
do do, do .. To 2 days, Constables, 5s. each	0	10	0
do do, do .. To Posting 50 Proclamations (English)	6	5	0
do do, do .. To do 50 do (French).....	6	5	0
do do, do .. To travel mileage, to post Proclamations, 580 miles.....	14	10	0
<i>Carried forward</i>	80	10	0

No. 2.—HER MAJESTY'S PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT of CANADA,
Dr. to D. K. LIGHTHALL, Registrar and Returning Officer for the
 County of Beauharnois.—(Continued.)

		£	s.	d.	
<i>Brought forward</i>		30	10	0	
December 1, 1851..	To 14 Warrants to Deputy Returning Officers and Election Clerk	1	17	6	
do do, do ..	To 14 Poll Books to Deputy Returning Officers, at 5s	3	10	0	
do do, do ..	To travel mileage, to transmit Poll Books and Warrants, and Circulars personally, to Deputy Returning Officers, 580 miles	14	10	0	
do 9 & 10, do ..	To M. Brauchaud, Deputy Returning Officer, St. Clement, as per account rendered	11	16	0	
do do, do ..	To J. Baptiste Scott, St. Timothée, Deputy Returning Officer, amount of account rendered	18	18	6	
do do, do ..	To C. M. LeBrun, Ste. Martine, Deputy Returning Officer, do do	6	6	6	
do do, do ..	To G. A. Beaudry, St. Urbain Prémiér, do do	8	9	6	
do do, do ..	To Alexander Ross, St. Jean Chrysostôme, do do	6	2	6	
do do, do ..	To John Symons, St. Louis d'Gonzague do do	6	1	6	
do do, do ..	To F. S. Verity, Hemmingford, do do	13	17	6	
do do, do ..	To F. Ames, Russeltown, do do	5	15	0	
do do, do ..	To Richard Charles, Elgin, do do	6	10	6	
do do, do ..	To David Baker, Dundee, do do	7	13	6	
do do, do ..	To R. B. Somerville, Godmanchester, do do	7	18	3	
do do, do ..	To Thomas Brown, St. Anicet, do do	1	13	6	
do do, do ..	To James Reid, Hinchinbrooke, do do	8	0	6	
do do, do ..	To Wm. Cross, St. Malachie d'Ormsdown, do do	7	5	0	
do 13, do ..	To 1 day attendance, Declaration at Durham	2	0	0	
do do, do ..	To 1 day do, Election Poll Clerk	1	0	0	
do do, do ..	To 2 Constables, 1 day each, at 5s	0	10	0	
do do, do ..	To Duplicate Copies of Indentures, at 5s	0	10	0	
do do, do ..	To Copying 14 Poll Books, 80600 words, 3d. per folio	10	1	6	
do do, do ..	To Hustings for General Election at Durham	7	9	0	
do do, do ..	To expenses incurred for transporting Poll Book from Beauharnois to Quebec, to Clerk of Crown	16	10	0	
—		£	204	7	3
DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON FOREGOING ACCOUNT.					
DEDUCTION—From Returning Officer's Account.—Expenses to Quebec with Returns, &c., as not necessary,—might have been Mailed		£	s.	d.	
		16	10	0	
From DEPUTIES.—For S. Clement, over on travel, 12s., 1 day to return Poll Book, 20s.. St. Chrysostôme,—Interpreter		1	12	0	
Hemmingford,—Oath to Poll Book £0 5 0 3 days to Durham 3 0 0 Interpreter 0 10 0		0	5	0	
		3	15	0	
St. Malachie,—Interpreter		1	0	0	
St. Timothée,—Damages to Poll House		5	10	0	
		28	12	0	
Allow further for conveying Returns, &c., from Durham to Montreal, and returning to transmit the same to Quebec		£	175	15	3
		2	10	0	
		£	178	5	3

No. 2.—HER MAJESTY'S PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT of CANADA,
Dr. to D. K. LIGHTHALL, Returning Officer for the County of
Beauharnois.—(Continued.)

		£	s.	d.	
December 1, 1851..	To 1 day's attendance, Election Nomination	2	0	0	
do 13, do ..	To 1 do do do Closing Declaration	2	0	0	
do do, do ..	To 2 Indentures, Electing O. LeBlanc, Esquire	0	10	0	
do do, do ..	To Election Clerk, 2 days, William F. Lighthall.....	2	0	0	
do do, do ..	To 2 Constables, Lucus and Finn, 2 days each, at 5s.....	1	0	0	
do do, do ..	To 28 Proclamations in French and English	3	10	0	
do do, do ..	To travel to post Proclamations, 172 miles	4	6	0	
do do, do ..	To 14 Deputy Returning Officers' Commission and Election Clerk	1	17	6	
do do, do ..	To 14 Warrants to Deputy Returning Officer to hold Polls.....	1	15	0	
do do, do ..	To 28 Poll Books, 14 furnished and 14 copies, at 5s.....	7	0	0	
do do, do ..	To travel to transmit Poll Books to Deputy Returning Officers, 172 miles	4	6	0	
do do, do ..	To travel and expenses to Montreal, 90 miles to procure Poll Books	2	10	0	
do do, do ..	To 80600 Folios of 100 words, at 3d. per folio	10	1	6	
do do, do ..	To Hustings to hold Election, Plank, Joist, &c, paid McNaughton	5	0	0	
do do, do ..	To going to Montreal for Proclamations, £2 10s., do to Quebec £11 10s.....	14	0	0	
		£	61	16	0
		£	s.	d.	
To M. Brauchaud, Deputy Returning Officer, St. Clement, account		11	16	0	
To J. B. Scott, Deputy Returning Officer, St. Timothée, account		18	8	6	
To C. M. LeBrun, Deputy Returning Officer, Ste. Martine, account		6	6	6	
To G. A. Beaudry, Deputy Returning Officer, St. Urbain		8	9	6	
To Alexander Ross, Deputy Returning Officer, St. Jean Chrysostôme, account..		6	2	6	
To John Symons, Deputy Returning Officer, St. Louis de Gonzague, account.....		6	1	6	
To F. S. Verity, Deputy Returning Officer, Hemmingford, account		18	17	6	
To Fisher Ames, Deputy Returning Officer, Russeltown, account		5	15	0	
To Richard Charles, Deputy Returning Officer, Elgin, account.....		6	10	6	
To Dundee David Baker, Deputy Returning Officer, account		7	13	6	
To R. B. Somerville, Deputy Returning Officer, Godmanchester, account.....		7	18	3	
To Thomas Brown, Deputy Returning Officer, St. Anicet, account.....		6	13	6	
To James Reid, Deputy Returning Officer, Hinchinbrooke		8	0	6	
To William Cross, Deputy Returning Officer, St. Malachie.....		7	5	0	
		116	8	3	
		£	178	4	3

No. 3.

HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to R. H. NORVAL, Returning Officer for the County of Beauharnois.

		£	s.	d.	
December 10, 1847	Endorsement of Writ of Election	0	5	0	
do do	Acknowledgement of the same	0	5	0	
do 22	Oath of Returning Officer	0	5	0	
do do	Do. of Election Clerk	0	5	0	
January 1, 1848	Proclamations at Church doors, 48 in English, 86 in French, 84 at 5s.	21	0	0	
do do	Messengers sent with the same 189 miles going, the same returning, at 1s.	9	9	0	
do 13	Travelling to Durham to attend the Nomination, 14 leagues	1	10	0	
do do	My own Fees, on day of Nomination	1	5	0	
do do	Election Clerk, do do	1	0	0	
do do	Two Constables, do do, at 10s.	1	0	0	
do do	Poll Books and Copies	4	0	0	
do 14	Messengers with Warrants, Precepts, and Poll Books to Deputy Returning Officers, going and returning, 156 miles, at 1s.	7	16	0	
do 17	do do do, a second time, 126 miles, at 1s.	6	6	0	
do do	Paid for Hustings at Durham, at the Nomination, per Account No. 1	6	0	0	
do 22	Travelling to Durham to receive returns and make Proclamation	1	10	0	
do do	My own Fees on that day	1	5	0	
do do	Election Clerk do	1	0	0	
do do	Two Constables do, at 10s.	1	0	0	
do do	Special return of the Writ of Election	1	0	0	
do 24	Travelling to Montreal with the same, Poll Books, &c.	2	10	0	
		£	68	11	0
do do	Deputy Returning Officers' Accounts:—				
	No. 2.—John McMartin	£	s.	d.	
	No. 3.—Alexr. Clark	7	5	0	
	No. 4.—James Wright	7	5	0	
	No. 5.—Robert Stewart	10	0	0	
	No. 6.—Thomas Wilson	10	0	0	
	No. 7.—M. W. Harrison	10	0	0	
	No. 8.—John McIntosh	11	15	0	
	No. 9.—John McGibbon	9	4	0	
	No. 10.—George McCoy	8	18	0	
	No. 11.—John Knox	10	0	0	
	No. 12.—Donald McFee	8	5	0	
		10	10	0	
			103	2	0
		£	171	13	0

E. E.

R. H. NORVAL.

BEAUHARNOIS, 24th January, 1848.

No. 3.—HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to R. H. NORVAL,
Returning Officer for the County of Beauharnois.—(Continued.)

DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON FOREGOING ACCOUNT.

MONTREAL, 7th February, 1848.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
R. H. Norval, Esquire, renders an Account of his Fees and Allowances, as Returning Officer at the late Election for the County of Beauharnois, amounting to (currency).....							171	18	0
From which it is recommended that there shall be deducted the Returning Officer's charges for 84 Notices, or Proclamations, in English and French, at 5s. each	21	0	0						
Allow 64, that being 14 more than charged for in 1844	16	0	0						
Deduct				5	0	0			
Travelling 378 miles, to post up said Notices, is charged at 6d per mile.....	9	9	0						
The allowance for the service, under the Act 5 Geo. IV., is 1s. per league, viz.: 126 leagues, at 1s.....	6	6	0						
Deduct				3	3	0			
Special return of the Writ				1	0	0			
				£	9	3	0		
DEDUCTIONS FROM THE DEPUTIES' ACCOUNTS :—									
Ste. Martine.—Interpreter, 2 days, at 10s.....				1	0	0			
St. Malachie d'Ormstown.—13 Special Constables, at 5s.....				8	5	0			
St. Anicet.—Qualification Oath of Deputy, a Poll Clerk				0	10	0			
Dundee.—From time spent to get qualified by a Justice of the Peace				1	0	0			
Total deduction				£	14	18	0		
Recommended for allowance, currency.....				£	156	15	0		

For which sum it is recommended that a Warrant may issue in his favor, as provided by law.

No. 3.—HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to R. H. NORVAL,
Returning Officer for the County of Beauharnois.—(*Continued.*)

No. 1.

ROBERT H. NORVAL, Esquire, Returning Officer, County of Beauharnois,
Dr. to JAMES CAIRNS, JOHN McCLINTOCK and ROBERT
CAIRNS.

	£	s.	d.
To erecting the Hustings at Durham and for to pay John O'Donald.....	6	0	0

DURHAM, January 22nd, 1848.

We, the undersigned, acknowledge to have received the above amount from
R. H. Norval, Esquire.

ROBERT CAIRNS,
JAMES CAIRNS,
JOHN McCLINTOCK.

DURHAM, 7th May, 1856,

Signed in presence of

J. DUHAMER.

No. 2.

R. H. NORVAL, Esquire, Returning Officer, County of Beauharnois, *Dr.* to
JOHN McMARTIN, Deputy Returning Officer.

	£	s.	d.
To 2 days' attendance at Poll	2	0	0
To Poll Clerk do	2	0	0
To 2 Constables, 2 days, at 10s. per day	2	0	0
To travelling to Durham with Poll Book	1	5	0
	£	7	5
			0

BEAUHARNOIS, 22nd January, 1848.

No. 3.—HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to R. H. NORVAL,
Returning Officer for the County of Beauharnois.—(*Continued.*)

No. 3.

R. H. NORVAL, Esquire, Returning Officer, County of Beauharnois, *Dr.* to
ALEXANDER CLERK, Deputy Returning Officer, Parish of St.
Timothée.

	£	s.	d.
To 2 days' attendance at Poll	2	0	0
To Poll Clerk do	2	0	0
To 2 Special Constables, 2 days, at 10s.	2	0	0
To travelling to Durham with the Poll Book.	1	5	0
	£	7	5
			0

ST. TIMOTHÉE, 24th January, 1848.

No. 4.

R. H. NORVAL, Esquire, Returning Officer, County of Beauharnois, *Dr.* to
JAMES WRIGHT, Deputy Returning Officer, Parish of Ste. Martine.

	£	s.	d.
To James Wright, Deputy Returning Officer, Parish of St. Martine, 2 days, at 20s. per diem	2	0	0
To Charles M. Lebrun, Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 20s. per diem	2	0	0
To François Gagnier, Junior, Interpreter, 2 days, at 10s. per diem	1	0	0
To John McLennan, Constable, 2 days, at 10s. per diem	1	0	0
To Joseph Vincent, Constable, 2 days, at 10s. per diem	1	0	0
To House-rent and Fuel	2	0	0
	£	9	0
To travelling to Durham with Poll Book	1	0	0
	£	10	0
			0

(Signed,) CHARLES M. LEBRUN,
Poll Clerk.

“ JAMES WRIGHT,
Deputy Returning Officer.

ST. MARTINE, 20th January, 1848.

No. 3.—HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to R. H. NORVAL,
Returning Officer for the County of Beauharnois.—(*Continued.*)

No. 5.

ROBERT H. NORVAL, Esquire, Returning Officer, County Beauharnois, *Dr.*
to ROBERT STEWART, Deputy Returning Officer, Parish St. Jean
Chrysostôme.

	£	s.	d.
To 2 days' attendance at Poll, at 20s.....	2	0	0
To attendance at Durham, with Returns	2	0	0
To 2 days' services, A. Larush, as Poll Clerk, at 20s.....	2	0	0
To 2 do 2 Special Constables, at 10s.	2	0	0
To Rent of House for Polling Booth	2	0	0
	£ 10	0	0

ST. JEAN CHRYSOSTOME,
21st January, 1848.

No. 6.

ROBERT H. NORVAL, Esquire, Returning Officer, County of Beauharnois,
Dr. to THOMAS WILSON, Deputy Returning Officer, Russeltown.

	£	s.	d.
To 2 days' attendance at the Poll	2	0	0
To 1 day at Durham, making Return.....	2	0	0
To 2 days' services, William Cantwell, as Poll Clerk, at 20s.....	2	0	0
To 2 Special Constables, 2 days each, at 10s	2	0	0
To Rent of House for Polling Booth	2	0	0
	£ 10	0	0

RUSSELTOWN,
21st January, 1848.

No. 3.—HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to R. H. NORVAL,
Returning Officer for the County of Beauharnois.—(Continued.)

No. 7.

R. H. NORVAL, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Beauharnois,
Dr. to MATHEW W. HARRISON, Deputy Returning Officer, for
the Parish of St. Malachie d'Ormstown.

	£	s.	d.
To 2 days' attendance at Poll.....	2	0	0
To 2 days' services, D. K. Lighthall, Poll Clerk.....	2	0	0
To Rent of House for Polling Booth.....	2	0	0
To 2 Constables, 4 days at 10s per diem.....	2	0	0
To 13 Special Constables, at 5s. do.....	3	5	0
To travelling to Durham with Poll Book... ..	0	10	0
	£	11	15 0

No. 8.

R. H. NORVAL, Esquire, Returning Officer, County of Beauharnois, *Dr.* to
JOHN McINTOSH.

	£	s.	d.
To 2 days' services as Deputy Returning Officer of the 18th and 19th January, 1848, for the Parish of St. Anicet.....	2	0	0
To do do Clerk.....	2	0	0
To do do House for Polling.....	1	10	0
To do do 2 Constables, 10s. per day.....	2	0	0
To do Travelling Expenses to Durham and returning, 48 miles, at 6d.....	1	4	0
Returning Officer and Clerk for Qualification Oath.....	0	10	0
	£	9	4 0

No. 9.

GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to JOHN McGIBBON, Deputy Return-
ing Officer for the Township of Dundee.

	£	s.	d.
January 21, 1848 .. To my services, for 2 days, at the Poll of Dundee.....	2	0	0
do do, do .. To Poll Clerk at do do.....	2	0	0
do do, do .. To 2 Peace Officers.....	2	0	0
do do, do .. To travel and time spent to get qualified by a Justice of the Peace.....	1	0	0
do do, do .. To travel from Dundee to Durham, with Poll Book, 30 miles going and 30 miles returning.....	1	10	0
do do, do .. To preparing Poll House and firewood.....	0	8	0
	£	8	18 0

No. 3.—HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to R. H. NORVAL,
Returning Officer for the County of Beauharnois.—(*Continued.*)

No. 10.

ROBERT H. NORVAL, Returning Officer, County of Beauharnois, *Dr.* to
GEORGE McCOY, Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of
Hinchinbrooke.

	£	s.	d.
To 2 days' attendance at Poll, at 20s.	2	0	0
To attendance at Durham, with Returns, 40s.	2	0	0
To 2 days' services, John Davidson, Poll Clerk, at 20s.	2	0	0
To 2 do of 2 Special Constables.	2	0	0
To Rent of House for Polling Booth ...	2	0	0
	£	10	0

HINCHINBROOKE, 21st January, 1848.

No. 11.

R. H. NORVAL, Returning Officer, of Beauharnois, *Dr.* to JOHN KNOX, the
Deputy Returning Officer of the Township of Godmanchester.

	£	s.	d.
January 20, 1848.. To 2 days' taking votes, at 20s.	2	0	0
do do, do .. To 2 days' Poll Clerk for do, at 20s.	2	0	0
do do, do .. To 2 Constables, 2 days, at 10s each.	2	0	0
	£	6	0
do do, do .. Polling Booth and Firewood	1	10	0
do do, do .. Travelling to Durham with returns	0	15	0
	£	8	5

No. 12.

R. H. NORVAL, Returning Officer for the County of Beauharnois, *Dr.* to
DONALD McFEE, Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of
Hemmingford.

	£	s.	d.
To 2 days' attendance at Poll, at 20s. per diem	2	0	0
To Travelling expenses to Durham, with Poll Book	2	10	0
To 2 days' services of Poll Clerk	2	0	0
To 2 Special Constables during the Poll	2	0	0
To Rent of House for Polling Booth	2	0	0
	£	10	10

HEMMINGFORD, January 20th, 1848.

No. 4.

St. TIMOTHÉE, 4th September, 1854.

I, the undersigned, Election Clerk for the County of Beauharnois, do hereby certify that the Returning Officer, O. Lynch, Esquire, appointed for the County of Beauharnois, has been to the Registry Office of the said County, with the Copies of the Poll Books for the last Election.

CHARLES T. CHAMPEAU.

OWEN LYNCH, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Beauharnois,
Dr. to CHARLES T. CHAMPEAU.

	£	s.	d.
For copying Poll Books, and qualification demanded by one Elector.....	9	10	0

I certify that the charge above-mentioned is a correct charge, according to law; if found incorrect, I request to be allowed the tariff awarded by law, at the rate of three-pence for every hundred words.

CHARLES T. CHAMPEAU.

St. TIMOTHÉE, 28th August, 1854.

No. 4.—OWEN LYNCH, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Beauharnois, *Dr.* to CHARLES FRENCH, for furnishing Materials and Labour, as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
To 80 Pine Boards, inch, 12 foot long.....	3	10	0
To 25 Plank do, 2 do, for flooring.....	1	15	0
To 25 do do, 3 do, for scantling.....	2	12	6
To 10 Pine Rafters, at 3s. 6d. each.....	1	15	0
To 12 lbs. Cut Nails.....	0	4	0
To 4 7-inch Plank, for Stairs.....	0	6	8
To 4 days of 2 Carpenters, at 10s.....	4	0	0
To Table.....	1	0	0
Removing the same.....	2	7	6
	£	17	10
			8

I certify that the above account is a correct statement of my charges.

CHARLES FRENCH.

St. TIMOTHÉE, September 1st, 1854.

No. 4.—(Continued.)

St. TIMOTHY, 6th September, 1854.

Sir,—I remit you the vouchers you required from me, in support of my account, and I enclose you a letter from the Returning Officer of the Parish of St. Clement, and the other two Returning Officers refused to furnish any vouchers.

Yours respectfully,

OWEN LYNCH,
Returning Officer for the County of Beauharnois.

BEAUHARNOIS, 2nd September, 1854.

Dear Sir,—I received your favor, with remarks on my account for the last Election, as Deputy Returning Officer for this Parish, and asking for vouchers for the same.

I inform you that if the Government finds that I have been extravagant in my charge, they may treat it as they think proper; but for me, I will not descend to give any vouchers—my charge is correct.

You will forward this as a voucher.

I have the honor to be, dear Sir,
Yours very truly,

H. BOGUE.

O. LYNCH, Esquire,
Returning Officer for the County of Beauharnois,
St. Timothy.

The PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to F. X. POITRAS, Deputy
Returning Officer.

	£	s.	d.
Rent of House for holding Poll	3	0	0
Repairing Fixtures in House	1	5	0
4 Constables, 2 days	2	0	0
25 Special Constables' battons, in case, should be required, at 1s.....	1	5	0
My own time, 2 days at Poll	2	0	0
Poll Clerk, 2 days	1	0	0
Commission to Poll Clerk	0	2	6
Sweeping and cleansing Poll House	0	5	0
	£ 10	17	6

F. X. POITRAS.

St. TIMOTHÉE, 2nd August, 1854.

No. 4.—(Continued.)

The PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to JOHN SYMONS.

	£	s.	d.
For Rent of a House for holding Poll, 2 days.....	6	0	0
For preparations on interior of the house.....	4	0	0
For Sweeping and Cleaning the house.....	0	10	0
For 6 Constables, at 5s. per day, each.....	3	0	0
For my own Salary, 2 days, at 20s.....	2	0	0
For Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s.....	1	0	0
For Poll Clerk, Travel and Qualification.....	0	5	0
For Commission to Poll Clerk.....	0	2	6
	£	16	17 6

ST. LOUIS DE GONZAGUE, 3rd August, 1854.

The PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to HENRY BOGUE.

	£	s.	d.
For rent of a House, for holding the Poll, for 2 days.....	7	10	0
For preparations on the interior of the House.....	4	0	0
For Sweeping and Cleaning the House.....	0	10	0
For 10 Constables, at 5s. per day.....	5	0	0
For Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s. per day.....	1	0	0
For my own Salary, 2 days, at 20s. per day.....	2	0	0
For travel with Poll Books, 18 miles, at 6d.....	0	9	0
For Commission to Poll Clerk.....	0	2	6
	£	20	11 6

BEAUHARNOIS, 31st July, 1854.

ST. TIMOTHÉE, 15th September, 1854.

Sir,—In reply to yours of the 11th ultimo, I send you a statement for copying Poll Books; it is not quite so large an item as is in my account;—the allowance made by the Act suited the time, when it became a law,—it is not a sufficient allowance for the present time.

STATEMENT.

No. 4.—(Continued.)

STATEMENT.

	£	s.	d.
45754 words, at 3d per 100	5	14	4½
8 Warrants, at 2s. 6d. each	0	7	6
1 Indenture, 5s.	0	5	0
8 Books for Copies, at 5s. each	0	15	0
8 Oaths of Deputy, at 2s. 6d. each	0	7	6
8 Oaths of Poll Clerks, at 2s. 6d. each	0	7	6
1 Oath of Election Clerk, 2s. 6d.	0	2	6
General Returning Officer's Oath, 2s. 6d.	0	2	6
Qualification of Member, 2s. 6d.	0	2	6
Demand of Qualification, 2s. 6d.	0	2	6
	£	8	6 10½

I could not answer you any sooner, as I was under the necessity to go to the Registry Office to examine the copies of Poll Books.

Yours respectfully,

OWEN LYNCH,
Returning Officer for the County of Beauharnois.

JOSEPH CARY, Esquire,
 Deputy Inspector General,
 Quebec.

HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT for the PROVINCE of CANADA,
Dr. to OWEN LYNCH, Returning Officer for the County of Beauharnois.

	£	s.	d.
To 50 Copies of Proclamation, in English and French	6	5	0
Posting up the same throughout the County in the different Parishes, Mileage, 400 miles, at 6d	10	0	0
For attendance at opening Election	2	0	0
For Poll Clerk do do	1	0	0
2 Constables do do	0	10	0
For erecting Covered Hustings, and Railings and Stairs and Tables, and moving the same, after closing the Election	17	10	0
Commission of Election Clerk	0	2	6
8 Commissions to Deputy Returning Officers	0	7	6
8 Warrants to Deputy Returning Officer	0	7	6
8 Poll Books for do do	0	15	0
8 Bottles of Ink	0	8	9
1 Quire Blotting Paper	0	7	6
<i>Carried over</i>	£	39	8 9

No. 4.—(Continued.)

HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT for the PROVINCE of CANADA,
Dr. to OWEN LYNCH, Returning Officer for the County of Beauharnois.—(Continued.)

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
<i>Brought over</i>	30	8	9				
Mileage and transferring Poll Books to Deputies, 88 miles, at 6d.....	0	19	0				
1 day attending the closing of the Election	2	0	0				
1 day, Poll Clerk.....	1	0	0				
2 Constables.....	0	10	0				
2 Indentures.....	0	10	0				
For Copying Poll Books, Oaths, Indentures, Warrants, Qualification of Member and demand of Qualification by one Elector	9	10	0				
Mileage to Registry Office, Durham, 45 miles, at 6d	1	2	6				
My own day going to Registry Office, with Copies of Poll Books.....	2	0	0				
Deputy Returning Officer's account, F. X. Portras, amount of.....	10	17	6				
Deputy Returning Officer, John Symons.....	16	17	6				
Deputy Returning Officer's account, Henry Bogue.....	20	11	6				
	£	105	6	9			
DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON FOREGOING ACCOUNT.							
<i>Amount brought down</i>				105	6	9	
DEDUCTIONS. —3 Bottles of Ink				0	3	9	
1 Quire Blotting Paper				0	7	6	
For Copying Poll Books and charged	9	10	0				
Allow for Copying 45754, at 3d. per 100 words....	5	14	4				
Deduct the rest as not being provided for, see kind of Detail in Returning Officers reply to remarks of 15th September, 1854.....				3	15	8	
My own day going to Registry Office with Copies of Poll Book, the mileage being already charged for that service.....				£	4	6	11
				2	0	0	
FROM DEPUTIES. —St. Timothée—2 Extra Constables, 2 days, at 5s	1	0	0	£	6	6	11
25 Constables' Battons, at 1s.....	1	5	0				
				2	5	0	
St. Louis de Gonzague—Rent of Polling Place	10	10	0				
Allow	5	0	0				
	£	5	10	0			
4 Extra Constables	2	0	0				
				7	10	0	
Beauharnois—Rent of Polling Place ....£12 0 0							
Allow.....	5	0	0				
	7	0	0				
8 Extra Constables	4	0	0				
				11	0	0	
The charge for the Hustings is considered high, at £17 10s. 3d., therefore deduct the value of the Boards, Planks and Tables after the use thereof, at							
				£	27	1	11
				78	4	10	
				7	10	0	
For Allowance.....	£	70	14	10			

HER MAJESTY'S PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, in account with WIL-
LIAM RITCHIE, Registrar, Returning Officer for the County of
Sherbrooke. Dr.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
March, 1850 ..	For attendance on the day of opening the Election	2	0	0			
	For do on the day appointed for closing the Election	2	0	0			
	For do on the adjourned day for closing the Election, the Poll Books not being all returned	2	0	0			
	For use of Hustings, firewood, &c., on those days	1	5	0			
	For attendance of Election Clerk, each of those 3 days, at 20s.	3	0	0			
	For do of 2 Constables, each of those three days, at 5s. each	1	10	0			
	For Proclamations, posted at each of the Churches, and at least one other place in each of the Townships of Shipton, Melbourne, Brompton, Windsor, Orford, Dudswell, Weedon, Stoke, Hereford, Clifton, Auckland, Bury, Westbury, Lingwick, Compton, Eaton, Newport, Dilton, Clinton, and Ascot—88 in number, at 2s. 6d. each	11	0	0	22	15	0
	For actual and necessary travel to post Proclamations, forward Poll Books to Deputies, &c., as follows:—						
	To Brompton, to post Proclamations, 10 miles, at 6d.	0	5	0			
	To Windsor, to post Proclamations, 5 miles, at 6d.	0	2	6			
	To Shipton, to post Proclamations, 10 miles, at 6d.	0	5	0			
	To Darwille (East part of Shipton), to post Proclamations, 12 miles, at 6d.	0	6	0			
	To Melbourne, to post Proclamations, 12 miles, at 6d.	0	6	0			
	To Brompton Gore, to post Proclamations, 16 miles, at 6d.	0	8	0			
	To Sherbrooke, from Brompton Gore, to post Proclamations, 40 miles, at 6d.	1	0	0			
	To Compton, to post Proclamations, 15 miles, at 6d.	0	7	6			
	To Hereford, to post Proclamations, 28 miles, at 6d.	0	14	0			
	To Clifton, to post Proclamations, 16 miles, at 6d.	0	8	0			
	To Newport and Auckland, to post Proclamations, 8 miles, at 6d.	0	4	0			
	To Eaton Corner, to post Proclamations, 14 miles, at 6d.	0	7	0			
	To Lingwick and Bury, to post Proclamations, 24 miles, at 6d.	0	17	0			
	To Sherbrooke, from Lingwick, to post Proclamations, 40 miles, at 6d.	1	0	0			
	Carried over	6	10	0	22	15	0

HER MAJESTY'S PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, in account with WILLIAM RITCHIE, Registrar, Returning Officer for the County of Sherbrooke.—(Continued.)

		£	s	d.	£	s.	d.
March, 1850 ..	<i>Brought over</i>	6	10	0	22	15	0
	For actual and necessary travel to post Proclamations, &c.—(Continued.)						
	To Westbury, Stoke, and Dudswell, and Weedon, to post Proclamations, 38 miles, at 6d.	0	19	0			
	To Sherbrooke from Wedon, to post Proclamations, 38 miles, at 6d.	0	19	0			
	To Bonnaliés, in Orford, to post Proclamations, 18 miles, at 6d.	0	9	0			
	To Sherbrooke, from Bonnaliés, to post Proclamations, 18 miles, at 6d.	0	9	0			
	To Lingwick, and return, to forward Poll Book to Deputy Returning Officer, 80 miles, at 6d.	2	0	0			
	To Compton, to forward Poll Book to Deputy Returning Officer, 40 miles, at 6d.	1	0	0			
	To Sherbrooke, from Shipton, to transmit Poll Book to Returning Officer, 64 miles, at 6d.	1	12	0			
	To Sherbrooke from Melbourne, to transmit Poll Book to Returning Officer, 50 miles, at 6d.	1	5	0			
					15	3	0
	For Commissions to Deputy Returning Officers and Election Clerk, 11 in number, at 2s. 6d.	1	7	6			
	For Warrants to Deputy Returning Officers, 10 in number, at 2s. 6d.	1	5	0			
	For Poll Books, furnished to Deputy Returning Officers, 10 in number, at 5s. ...	2	10	0			
	For copies of Poll Book deposited in Sherbrooke County Registry Office, containing 33,000 words, at 3d. per centum.	4	2	6			
					9	5	0
	For Deputy Returning Officer of Shipton. Expenses of Shipton Poll, as follows:—						
	For attendance of Deputy at Poll, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
	For do of Clerk at Poll, 2 days, at 10s.	1	0	0			
	For Commission to Clerk.	0	2	6			
	For attendance of 2 Constables at Poll, 2 days, at 5s. each.	1	0	0			
	For actual and necessary travel of Deputy and Clerk to Polling place, and returning, in all 40 miles.	1	0	0			
	For use of Polling place, firewood, &c.	0	10	0			
					5	12	6
	For Deputy Returning Officer of Melbourne. Expenses of Melbourne Poll, as follows:—						
	For attendance of Deputy at Poll, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
	For do of Clerk at Poll, 2 days, at 10s.	1	0	0			
	<i>Carried forward</i>£	8	0	0	52	15	6

HER MAJESTY'S PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, in account with WIL-
LIAM RITCHIE, Registrar, Returning Officer for the County of
Sherbrooke.—(Continued.) Dr.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
March, 1850 ..	<i>Brought forward</i>	8	0	0	52	15	6
	Expenses of Melbourne Poll.—(Continued.)						
	For attendance of 2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s. each	1	0	0			
	For Commission to Poll Clerk	0	2	6			
	For Fuel, &c.	0	1	8			
	For actual and necessary travel of Deputy and Clerk to Poll	0	1	8			
	For Deputy Returning Officer of Brompton.				4	5	0
	Expenses of Brompton Poll, as follows:—						
	For attendance of Deputy at Poll, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
	For do of Clerk at Poll, 2 days, at 10s.	1	0	0			
	For do of 2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s each	1	0	0			
	For Commission to Poll Clerk	0	2	6			
	For actual and necessary travel of Deputy to take the oaths, before and after the Poll, 40 miles, at 6d.	1	0	0			
	For actual and necessary travel of Deputy and Clerk to Polling place, 40 miles....	1	0	0			
	For use of Polling place, firewood, &c....	1	0	0			
	For Deputy Returning Officer of Orford. Ex-				7	2	6
	penses of Orford Poll, as follows:—						
	For attendance of Deputy at Poll, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
	For do of Clerk at Poll, 2 days, at 10s.	1	0	0			
	For do of 2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s. each	1	0	0			
	For do of an Interpreter at Poll ..	0	5	0			
	For Commission to Poll Clerk	0	2	6			
	For use of Polling place, fuel, &c.	0	10	0			
	For Deputy Returning Officer of Ascot. Ex-				4	17	6
	penses of Ascot Poll, as follows:—						
For attendance of Deputy at Poll, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0				
For do of Clerk at Poll, 2 days, at 10s.	1	0	0				
For Commission to Poll Clerk	0	2	6				
For attendance of 2 Constables, at Poll, 2 days, at 5s. each	1	0	0				
For actual and necessary travel of Deputy and Clerk, to and from Poll, in all 28 miles, at 6d	0	14	0				
For Fuel and attendance	0	5	0				
For Deputy Returning Officer of Compton.				5	1	6	
Expenses of Compton Poll, as follows:—							
For attendance of Deputy at Poll, 2 days, at 20s	2	0	0				
<i>Carried over</i>	2	0	0	74	2	0	

HER MAJESTY'S PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, in account with WIL-
LIAM RITCHIE, Registrar, Returning Officer for the County of
Sherbrooke.—(Continued.) Dr.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
March, 1850 ..	<i>Brought over</i>	2	0	0	74	2	0
	Expenses of Compton Poll.—(Continued.)						
	For attendance of Clerk at Poll, 2 days, at 10s	1	0	0			
	For do of 2 Constables at Poll, 1 day, at 5s. each	0	10	0			
	For do of 5 Constables at Poll, 1 day, at 5s.....	1	5	0			
	For Commission to Poll Clerk	0	2	6			
	For actual and necessary Travel of Deputy to take the oath, 4 miles, at 6d	0	2	0			
	For do do of Deputy to attend Poll, &c., 36 miles, at 6d	0	18	0			
	For do do of Deputy to return Poll Book to Returning Officer, 38 miles, at 6d	0	19	0			
	For use of Polling Place, Firewood, &c ..	1	0	0			
	For Deputy Returning Officer of Eaton.				7	16	6
	Expenses of Eaton Poll, as follows:—						
	For attendance of Deputy at Poll, 2 days, at 20s	2	0	0			
	For do of Clerk at Poll, 2 days, at 10s	1	0	0			
	For do of 2 Constables at Poll, 2 days, at 5s	1	0	0			
	For Commission to Poll Clerk	0	2	6			
	For use of Polling Place	2	0	0			
	For actual and necessary travel of Deputy to take the Oaths, attend Poll, and transmit Poll Books to Returning Officer, in all 64 miles, at 6d	1	12	0			
	For Deputy Returning Officer of Bury.				7	14	6
	Expenses of Bury Poll, as follows:—						
	For attendance of Deputy at Poll, 2 days, at 20s	2	0	0			
	For do of Clerk at Poll, 2 days, at 10s	1	0	0			
	For do of 2 Constables at Poll, 2 days, at 5s. each.....	1	0	0			
	For Commission to Poll Clerk	0	2	6			
	For Use of Private Dwelling House as a Polling place, 2 days	2	10	0			
	For actual and necessary travel of Deputy to take the oaths and transmit Poll Book to Returning Officer, 114 miles.....	2	17	0			
	For do do of Poll Clerk to take the Oaths, 30 miles	0	15	0			
	For Deputy Returning Officer of Dudswell.				10	4	6
	Expenses of Dudswell Poll, as follows:—						
	For attendance of Deputy at Poll, 2 days, at 20s	2	0	0			
	For do of Clerk at Poll, 2 days, at 10s.	1	0	0			
	<i>Carried forward</i>£	8	0	0	99	17	6

HER MAJESTY'S PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, in account with WIL-
LIAM RITCHIE, Registrar, Returning Officer for the County of
Sherbrooke.—(Continued.) Dr.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
March, 1850	<i>Brought forward</i>	3	0	0	99	17	6
	Expenses of Dudswell Poll.—(Continued.)						
	For attendance of 2 Constables at Poll, 2 days, at 5s	1	0	0			
	For Commission to Poll Clerk	0	2	6			
	For use of Polling place.....	0	5	0			
	For actual and necessary travel of Deputy and Clerk to Poll, and to return Poll Books to Returning Officer, 54 miles ..	1	7	0			
	For Deputy Returning Officer of Hereford.				5	14	6
	Expenses of Hereford Poll, as follows:—						
	For attendance of Deputy at Poll, 2 days, at 20s	2	0	0			
	For do of Clerk at Poll, 2 days, at 10s	1	0	0			
	For do of 2 Constables, at Poll, 2 days, at 5s. each	1	0	0			
	For Commission to Poll Clerk	0	2	6			
	For use of Polling place, Firewood, &c ..	1	10	0			
	For actual and necessary travel of Deputy to Polling place, and to return Poll Books to Returning Officer, 106 miles, at 6d ..	2	13	0			
	For Indentures executed in duplicate, at 5s. each				8	5	6
	One hundred and fourteen pounds seven shillings and sixpence, currency				0	10	0
				£	114	7	6

HER MAJESTY'S PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, in account with WIL-
LIAM RITCHIE, Registrar, Returning Officer for the County of
Sherbrooke. Dr.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
December, 1851.	For attendance on the day of opening the Election	2	0	0			
	For do on the day of closing the Election	2	0	0			
	For an Election Clerk on each of those 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
	For 2 Constables on each of those 2 days, at 5s. per diem each	1	0	0			
	For use of Hustings, firewood, &c.....	2	10	0			
	For Proclamations posted at the Churches, and at least one other place in each of the Townships of Shipton, Melbourne, Windsor, Brompton, Orford, Ascot, Dudswell, Stoke, Weedon, Hereford, Clifton, Auckland, Bury, Westbury, Lingwick, Stratford, Whilton, Garthby, Compton, Eaton, Newport, Dilton, and Clinton, 104 in number, at 2s. 6d.	13	0	0			
					22	10	0
	<i>Carried over</i>			£	22	10	0

HER MAJESTY'S PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, in account with WILLIAM RITCHIE, Registrar, Returning Officer for the County of Sherbrooke.—(Continued.) Dr.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
<i>Brought over</i>.....		.....	.....	.....	22	10	0
December, 1851.	For actual and necessary travel to post Proclamations, as follows:—							
	To Brompton, 10 miles, at 6d.....	0	5	0				
	To Windsor, 5 miles, at 6d.....	0	2	6				
	To Shipton, 11 miles, at 6d.....	0	5	6				
	To Danville, in East part of Shipton, 12 miles, at 6d.....	0	6	0				
	To Melbourne, 12 miles, at 6d.....	0	6	0				
	To Brompton Gore, 16 miles, at 6d.....	0	8	0				
	To Sherbrooke from Brompton Gore, 40 miles, at 6d.....	1	0	0				
					2	13	0	
	To Waterville, West part of Compton, 14 miles, at 6d.....	0	7	0				
	To Richardson's Mills, Compton, 7 miles, at 6d.....	0	3	6				
	To Hereford, 26 miles, at 6d.....	0	13	0				
	To Sherbrooke, from Hereford, 42 miles, at 6d.....	1	1	0				
					2	4	6	
	To Clifton, 30 miles, at 6d.....	0	15	0				
	To Newport, 20 miles, at 6d.....	0	10	0				
	To Auckland, Dilton, and Clinton, 10 miles, at 6d.....	0	5	0				
	To Eaton Corner, 13 miles, at 6d.....	0	6	6				
	To Westbury (East part), 10 miles, at 6d..	0	5	0				
	To Dudswell, 28 miles, at 6d.....	0	14	0				
	To Lingwick, 16 miles, at 6d.....	0	8	0				
	To Stratford, 25 miles, at 6d.....	0	12	6				
	To Whilton, 20 miles, at 6d.....	0	10	0				
	To Sherbrooke, from Whilton, 60 miles, at 6d.....	1	10	0				
					5	16	0	
	To Westbury (West part), 11 miles, at 6d.	0	5	6				
	To Bishop's Mills, Dudswell, 20 miles, at 6d.	0	10	0				
	To Weedon, 16 miles, at 6d.....	0	8	0				
	To Garthby, 40 miles, at 6d.....	1	0	0				
	To Sherbrooke from Garthby, 60 miles, at 6d.....	1	10	0				
					8	13	6	
	Stoke, 15 miles, at 6d.....	0	7	6				
	To Sherbrooke, from Stoke, 15 miles, at 6d.	0	7	6				
					0	15	0	
	To Bonnalliés, Orford, 18 miles, at 6d....	0	9	0				
	To Sherbrooke, from do, 18 miles, at 6d..	0	9	0				
					0	18	0	
	For actual and necessary travel to transmit Poll Books to Deputies, as follows:—							
	To Melbourne, 25 miles, at 6d.....	0	12	6				
	To Shipton, 12 miles, at 6d.....	0	6	0				
	To Sherbrooke from Shipton, 37 miles, at 6d.	0	18	6				
	To Windsor, and return, 30 miles, at 6d..	0	15	0				
	To Compton, and return, 30 miles, at 6d..	0	15	0				
	To Eaton, and return, 28 miles, at 6d....	0	14	0				
	<i>Carried forward</i>	£	4	1	0	38	10	0

HER MAJESTY'S PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, in account with WILLIAM RITCHIE, Registrar, Returning Officer for the County of Sherbrooke.—(Continued.) Dr.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
December, 1851.	<i>Brought forward</i>	4	1	0	38	10	0
	For actual and necessary travel, to transmit Poll Books to Deputies.—(Continued.)						
	To Lingwick, and return, 80 miles, at 6d..	2	0	0			
	To Dudswell, and return, 42 miles, at 6d..	1	1	0			
	To Weedon, 8 miles, at 6d.....	0	4	0			
					7	6	0
	For Commissions to Election Clerk and to Deputy Returning Officers (2 for Weedon) 15 in number, at 2s. 6d.....	1	17	6			
	For Warrants to Deputies (2 for Weedon), 14 in number, at 2s. 6d.	1	15	0			
	For Poll Books furnished to Deputies, 13 in number, at 5s.	3	5	0			
	For Copies of Poll Books, 38,000 words, at 3d. per folio	4	15	0			
	For Indentures in duplicate, at 5s.	0	10	0			
					12	2	6
	For Deputy Returning Officer Shipton. Expenses of Shipton Poll, as follows:—						
	Holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s.....	2	0	0			
	Commission to Poll Clerk	0	2	6			
	Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s.....	1	0	0			
	2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s.....	1	0	0			
	Use of Polling place, firewood, &c.....	1	2	6			
	Actual and necessary travel for self and Clerk, to attend Poll, and to return the Poll Book, in all, 46 miles, at 6d.....	1	3	0			
					6	8	0
For Deputy Returning Officer Melbourne. Expenses of Melbourne Poll, as follows:—							
Holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s.....	2	0	0				
Commission to Poll Clerk	0	2	6				
Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s.....	1	0	0				
2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s... ..	1	0	0				
Use of Polling place, firewood, &c.....	0	18	9				
Actual and necessary travel, to return Poll Book, 25 miles, at 6d.	0	12	6				
				5	13	9	
For Deputy Returning Officer Brompton. Expenses of Brompton Poll, as follows:—							
Holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s.....	2	0	0				
Commission to Poll Clerk	0	2	6				
Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s.....	1	0	0				
2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s.....	1	0	0				
Use of Polling place, firewood, &c.....	1	7	6				
Actual and necessary travel for Self and Clerk to take the oaths, attend the Poll, and return the Poll Book, in all 80 miles, at 6d.....	2	0	0				
				7	10	0	
For Deputy Returning Officer Orford. Expenses of Orford Poll, as follows:—							
Holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s.....	2	0	0				
Commission to Poll Clerk.....	0	2	6				
<i>Carried over</i>	£	2	6	77	10	3	

HER MAJESTY'S PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, in account with WIL-
LIAM RITCHIE, Registrar, Returning Officer for the County of
Sherbrooke.—(Continued.) Dr.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
December, 1851.	<i>Brought over.....</i>	2	2	6	77	10	8
	Expenses of Orford Poll.—(Continued.)						
	Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s.....	1	0	0			
	2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s.....	1	0	0			
	Use of Polling place, firewood, &c.....	2	0	0			
	Actual and necessary travel to take the oaths and return the Poll Book, 28 miles, at 6d.....	0	14	0	6	16	6
	For Deputy Returning Officer, Ascot. Ex- pense of Ascot Poll, as follows:—						
	Holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s.....	2	0	0			
	Commission to Poll Clerk.....	0	2	6			
	Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s.....	1	0	0			
	2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s. each.....	1	0	0			
	Use of Polling place, Firewood, &c.....	1	0	0			
	Actual and necessary travel for self and Clerk to attend the Poll, and return the Poll Book, in all 32 miles, at 6d.....	0	16	0	5	18	6
	For Deputy Returning Officer, Compton. Expenses of Compton Poll, as follows:—						
	Holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s.....	2	0	0			
	Commission to Poll Clerk.....	0	2	6			
	Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s.....	1	0	0			
	2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s each.....	1	0	0			
	Use of Polling place, Firewood, &c.....	1	0	0			
	Actual and necessary travel, to return Poll Book, 30 miles, at 6d.....	0	15	0	5	17	6
	For Deputy Returning Officer, Eaton. Ex- penses of Eaton Poll, as follows:—						
	Holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s.....	2	0	0			
	Commission to Poll Clerk.....	0	2	6			
	Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s.....	1	0	0			
	2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s.....	1	0	0			
	Use of Polling place, Firewood, &c.....	2	0	0			
	Actual and necessary travel, self and Clerk, to take the oaths, attend the Poll, and to return the Poll Book, in all 64 miles, at 6d.....	1	12	0	7	14	6
	For Deputy Returning Officer, Lingwick. Expenses of Lingwick Poll, as follows:—						
	Holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s.....	2	0	0			
	Commission to Poll Clerk.....	0	2	6			
	Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s.....	1	0	0			
	2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s. each.....	1	0	0			
	Use of Polling place, Firewood, &c.....	0	10	0			
	Actual and necessary travel, self and Clerk, to take the oaths, attend the Poll, and to return the Poll Book, in all, 120 miles, at 6d.....	3	0	0	7	12	6
	<i>Carried forward.....</i>			£	111	9	9

HER MAJESTY'S PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, in account with WILLIAM RITCHIE, Registrar, Returning Officer for the County of Sherbrooke.—(Continued.) Dr.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>					111	9	9
December, 1851.	For Deputy Returning Officer, Dudswell. Expenses of Dudswell Poll, as follows:—						
	Holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s	2	0	0			
	Commission to Poll Clerk	0	2	6			
	Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s	1	0	0			
	2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s each	1	0	0			
	Use of Polling place, Firewood, &c	0	5	0			
	Actual and necessary travel, for self and Clerk, to attend the Poll, and to return Poll Books, 58 miles	1	9	0			
	For Deputy Returning Officer, Hereford. Expenses of Hereford Poll, as follows:—				5	16	6
	Holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s	2	0	0			
	Commission to Poll Clerk	0	2	6			
	Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s	1	0	0			
	Two Constables, 2 days, at 5s. each	1	0	0			
	Use of Polling place, Firewood, &c	1	10	0			
	Actual and necessary travel, self and Clerk, to attend the Poll and to return the Poll Book, in all 138 miles, at 6d	3	9	0			
	For Deputy Returning Officer, Windsor. Expenses of Windsor Poll, as follows:—				9	1	6
	Holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s	2	0	0			
	Commission to Poll Clerk	0	2	6			
	Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s	1	0	0			
	2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s. each	1	0	0			
	Use of Polling place, Firewood, &c	1	0	0			
	Actual and necessary travel to take the oaths, and to return the Poll Book, in all 85 miles, at 6d	0	17	6			
	For Deputy Returning Officer, Bury. Ex- penses of Bury Poll, as follows:—				6	0	0
	Holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s	2	0	0			
	Commission to Poll Clerk	0	2	6			
	Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s	1	0	0			
	2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s. each	1	0	0			
	Use of Polling place, Firewood, &c	3	0	0			
	Actual and necessary travel to attend the Poll, and to return the Poll Book, in all 68 miles, at 6d	1	14	0			
	For Deputy Returning Officer, Weedon. Ex- penses of Weedon Poll, as follows:—				8	16	6
	Holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s	2	0	0			
	Commission to Poll Clerk	0	2	6			
	Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s	1	0	0			
	2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s. each	1	0	0			
	Use of Polling place, Firewood, &c	2	0	0			
	<i>Carried over</i>	6	2	6	141	4	3

HER MAJESTY'S PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, in account with WILLIAM RITCHIE, Registrar, Returning Officer for the County of Sherbrooke.—(Continued.) Dr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
December, 1851. <i>Brought over</i>	6	2	6	141	4	8
Expenses of Weedon Poll.—(Continued.)						
Actual and necessary travel, self and Clerk, to take the Oaths, attend the Poll, and to return the Poll Book, in all 180 miles, at 6d	4	10	0			
One hundred and fifty-one pounds sixteen shillings and nine pence, currency.....			£	10	12	6
				151	16	9

The account is correct, the issue of a Warrant for £151 16s. 9d. is recommended.

JOSEPH CARY,
Deputy Inspector General.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
January, 1852.



HER MAJESTY'S PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, in account with WILLIAM RITCHIE, Registrar, Returning Officer for the County of Compton, Dr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
July 24, 1854. For attendance opening Election.....	2	0	0			
August 5, do.. For do closing Election	2	0	0			
For an Election Clerk, each of those two days, at 20s.....	2	0	0			
Actual and necessary travel for Self and Clerk, to attend the Hustings, 36 miles, twice, each 36s.....	3	12	0			
For 2 Constables, 2 days, 5s. each per day ..	1	0	0			
For expense in preparing Hustings	2	10	0			
For Proclamations posted in French and English, of the Churches, and at least one other place in each of the Townships of Compton, Eaton, Hereford, Auckland, Clifton, Linkwick, Bury, Westbury, Hampden, Marston, Winslow, Whitton, Newport, Dilton, Chesham, and Clinton, 56 in number, at 2s. 6d.....	7	0	0	20	2	0
For actual and necessary travel to post Proclamations, as follows:—						
To Waterville Church, 11 miles	0	5	6			
To Brookville Church, 7 miles	0	3	6			
<i>Carried forward</i>£	0	9	0	29	2	0

HER MAJESTY'S PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, in account with WILLIAM RITCHIE, Registrar, Returning Officer for the County of Compton.—(Continued.)

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
August 5, 1854.	<i>Brought forward</i>	0	9	0	20	2	0
	For actual and necessary travel to post Proclamations.—(Continued.)						
	To Compton Centre, 4 miles.....	0	2	0			
	To West Clifton, 8 miles.....	0	4	0			
	To East Clifton, 21 miles.....	0	10	6			
	To East and West Hereford, 43 miles.....	1	1	6			
	To South Newport, Dilton, and Clinton, 20 miles.....	0	10	0			
	To Eaton Corner, 8 miles.....	0	4	0			
	To Cookshire, 3 miles.....	0	1	6			
	To North Newport and Chesham, 7 miles.....	0	3	6			
	To Bury Village, 15 miles.....	0	7	6			
	To East Church, in Bury, 5 miles.....	0	2	6			
	To North Church, in Bury, 10 miles.....	0	5	0			
	To Lingwick and Hampden, 12 miles.....	0	6	0			
	To Whitton and Marston, 8 miles.....	0	4	0			
	To Winslow, 26 miles.....	0	13	0			
	To Sherbrooke from Winslow, 63 miles.....	1	11	6			
	To South Westbury, 7 miles.....	0	3	6			
	To North Westbury and return, 24 miles.....	0	12	0			
	For actual and necessary travel to transmit Poll Books to Deputies, in all, 180 miles.....	4	10	0			
					12	1	0
	For Commissions to Clerk and Deputies, 9 at 2s. 6d.....	1	2	6			
	For Warrants to Deputies, 8 at 2s. 6d.....	1	0	0			
	For 8 Poll Books, at 5s.....	2	0	0			
	For Copies of Poll Books, 22,000 words, at 3d. per 100.....	2	15	0			
	For Indentures in duplicate, at 5s.....	0	10	0			
					7	7	6
	For Deputy Returning Officer, Compton. Expenses of Compton Poll, as follows:—						
	Holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s.....	2	0	0			
	Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s.....	1	0	0			
	2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s. each.....	1	0	0			
	Commission to Poll Clerk.....	0	2	6			
	Use of Polling place, &c.....	2	0	0			
	Actual travel to return Poll Books, 26 miles.....	0	13	0			
					6	15	6
	For Deputy Returning Officer, Eaton. Expenses of Eaton Poll, as follows:—						
	Holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s.....	2	0	0			
	Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s.....	1	0	0			
	2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s. each.....	1	0	0			
	Commission to Poll Clerk.....	0	2	6			
	Use of Polling place, &c.....	1	0	0			
	Actual travel to return Poll Book, 7 miles.....	0	3	6			
					5	6	0
	For Deputy Returning Officer, Newport. Expenses of Newport Poll, as follows:—						
	Holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s.....	2	0	0			
	Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s.....	1	0	0			
	<i>Carried over</i>£	8	0	0	51	12	0

HER MAJESTY'S PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT in account with WILLIAM RITCHIE, Registrar, Returning Officer for the County of Compton.—(Continued.) Dr.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
August 5, 1854.	<i>Brought over</i>	3	0	0	51	12	0
	Expenses of Newport Poll.—(Continued.)						
	2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s. each	1	0	0			
	Commission to Poll Clerk	0	2	6			
	Use of Polling place, &c.....	1	5	0			
	Actual travel to attend Poll, 8 miles.....	0	4	0			
					5	11	6
	For Deputy Returning Officer, Lingwick.						
	Expenses of Lingwick Poll, as follows:—						
	Holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s.....	2	0	0			
	Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s.....	1	0	0			
	2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s. each	1	0	0			
	Commission to Poll Clerk.....	0	2	6			
	Use of Polling place, &c.....	1	0	0			
	Travel for Self and Clerk to take oath and attend Poll, 43 miles.....	1	1	6			
					6	4	0
	For Deputy Returning Officer, Hereford.						
	Expenses of Hereford Poll, as follows:—						
	Holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s	2	0	0			
	Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s	1	0	0			
	2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s. each	1	0	0			
	Commission to Poll Clerk	0	2	6			
	Use of Polling Place	1	2	6			
	Travel to and from the Poll, for self, 86 miles	2	8	0			
	do do do for Clerk 80 miles	2	0	0			
					9	8	0
	For Deputy Returning Officer, Clifton. Expenses of Clifton Poll, as follows:—						
	Holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s	2	0	0			
	Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s	1	0	0			
	2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s. each	1	0	0			
	Commission to Poll Clerk	0	2	6			
	Travel of self and Clerk to take Oaths, attend Poll, and return Poll Book, 94 miles in all	2	7	0			
	Use of Polling place, &c.....	2	0	0			
					8	9	6
	For Deputy Returning Officer, Bury. Expenses of Bury Poll, as follows:—						
	Holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s	2	0	0			
	Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s	1	0	0			
	2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s each	1	0	0			
	Commission to Poll Clerk	0	2	6			
	Use of Polling place, &c	2	10	0			
	Travel to take the oath, attend Poll, and return Poll Book, in all 68 miles	1	14	0			
					8	6	6
	For Deputy Returning Officer, Winslow. Expenses of Winslow Poll, as follows:—						
	Holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s	2	0	0			
	Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s	1	0	0			
	2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s. each	1	0	0			
	<i>Carried forward</i>£	4	0	0	89	11	6

HER MAJESTY'S PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT in account with WILLIAM RITCHIE, Registrar, Returning Officer for the County of Compton.—(Continued.) Dr.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
August 5, 1854.	<i>Brought forward</i>	4	0	0	89	11	6
	Expenses of Winslow Poll.—(Continued.)						
	Commission to Poll Clerk	0	2	6			
	Use of Polling place, &c	2	0	0			
	Actual travel to take oaths, attend Poll, and return Poll Book, in all 78 miles.....	1	18	0			
					8	0	6
	Total.....			£	97	12	0

No. 1.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, on the twenty-ninth day of May, instant, personally came and appeared, Charles W. Whitcher, of Sherbrooke, District of Saint Francis, Deputy Sheriff, age forty years, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner, appointed to inquire into and report upon, the accounts of all Returning Officers of Canada, in relation to any Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, furnished since the commencement of the year One thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, who, after having been duly sworn, doth depose and say:—I am not aware that I am interested in the result of this Inquiry.

I know William Ritchie, Esquire, Registrar for Sherbrooke, and I am aware that an Election was held for the Return of a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament, in the year 1850, for the County of Sherbrooke, at which Election the said William Ritchie was Returning Officer. Having examined the account exhibited to me by the Commissioners, which was furnished to the Government, by Mr. Ritchie, for his services as Returning Officer, at said Election, I do not hesitate to state, that it was requisite to post Proclamations in the several places mentioned in said account, and that the several charges for mileage made by Mr. Ritchie are in my opinion correct, and are such as in a similar case I would have made myself. I am aware that Mr. Ritchie was Returning Officer in 1851, for the County of Sherbrooke, and having examined Mr. Ritchie's account for mileage, in posting Proclamations upon that occasion; I observe that there is a difference of two hundred and sixty-eight miles between this latter charge for mileage, and that which appears in Mr. Ritchie's account of the year 1850, but I believe that this difference arose from the fact of three new and distant Townships having in the mean time been settled, in which new settlements proclamations had to be posted in various places.

I am a native of the District of St. Francis and have acted as Bailiff and Deputy Sheriff, for the last sixteen years, and am consequently well acquainted with the travelled roads throughout the District of St. Francis.

And further deponent saith not, and hath signed,

(Signed) C. W. WHITCHER.

Sworn before me, at Sherbrooke,
on this 29th May, 1856.

MATTHEW RYAN, Commissioner.

No. 5.

STATEMENT of Expenses incurred by GEORGE FREDERICK BOWEN, Esquire, Returning Officer for the COUNTY of SHERBROOKE, at the Election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, for the said County.

TOWNSHIP OF ORFORD.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1.—Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
2.—Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
3.—2 Constables, each 10s. per diem, 2 days	2	0	0			
4.—Hire of Room, 2 days, with fuel, at 20s. per diem.	2	0	0	8	0	0
TOWNSHIP OF ASCOT.						
1.—Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
2.—Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
3.—2 Constables, 10s. per diem, 2 days.	2	0	0			
4.—Hire of Room, 2 days, with fuel, at 20s.	2	0	0			
5.—Messenger, with Poll Book, 12 miles, at 6d.	0	6	0	8	6	0
TOWNSHIP OF SHIPTON.						
1.—Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
2.—Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
3.—2 Constables, 2 days, 10s. each	2	0	0			
4.—Hire of Room, with fuel, 2 days, at 20	2	0	0			
5.—Messenger to return Poll Book, 48 miles, at 6d.	1	4	0	9	4	0
TOWNSHIP OF MELBOURNE.						
1.—Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
2.—Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
3.—2 Constables, 2 days, each at 10s.	2	0	0			
4.—Hire of Room, with fuel, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
5.—Messenger to return Poll Book, 48 miles, at 6d.	1	4	0	9	4	0
TOWNSHIP OF BRAMPTON.						
1.—Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
2.—Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
3.—2 Constables, 2 days, each at 10s.	2	0	0			
4.—Messenger to nearest Magistrate to attend the opening of the Poll, to swear in Deputy Returning Officer and Poll Clerk, 3 miles and back, at 6d.	0	3	0	6	3	0
5.—Hire of room, 2 days, 12s. 6d. 6.—Fuel and attendance, 6s. 3d.	1	11	3			
7.—Messenger to second Magistrate, the first mentioned being absent from home, 6½ miles and back	0	6	6			
8.—Messengers returning Precept and Poll Book, 20 miles, at 6d.	0	10	0	2	7	9
TOWNSHIP OF COMPTON.						
1.—Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
2.—Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
<i>Carried forward</i>	£			48	4	9
	4	0	0			

No. 5.—STATEMENT of Expenses incurred by GEORGE FREDERICK BOWEN, Esquire, Returning Officer for the COUNTY of SHERBROOKE, &c.—(Continued.)

TOWNSHIP OF COMPTON.—(Continued.)

Brought forward

- 3.—2 Constables, at 10s. each, 2 days
- 4.—Hire of Polling place, and fuel
- 5.—Messenger returning Poll Book, going 13 miles, same returning, at 6d.

For the UNITED TOWNSHIPS of EATON, DILTON, CLINTON, and NEWPORT.

- 1.—Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.
- 2.—Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 20s.
- 3.—2 Constables, at 10s. each, 2 days
- 4.—Hire of Polling place, with fuel, 2 days
- 5.—Messenger returning Poll Book and Precept, 16 miles going, same returning.

For the UNITED TOWNSHIPS of CLIFTON, HEREFORD, and AUCKLAND.

- 1.—Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.
- 2.—Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 20s.
- 3.—Hire of Polling place, 2 days, with fuel
- 4.—2 Constables, at 10s. each, 2 days
- 5.—Messenger returning Poll Book, going 40½ miles, same returning

For the UNITED TOWNSHIPS of WINDSOR, STOKES, DUDSWELL, and WEEDON.

- 1.—Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.
- 2.—Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 20s.
- 3.—2 Constables, 10s. each, 2 days
- 4.—Hire of Polling place, 2 days, with fuel
- 5.—Messenger returning Poll Book and Precept, going 26 miles, same returning.

For the UNITED TOWNSHIPS of BURY, WESTBURY, and LINGWICK.

- 1.—Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.
- 2.—Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 20s.
- [There being no person fit to be appointed Deputy Returning Officer, but one or two influential persons, strong partizans, and refusing, the Returning Officer was compelled to send a Deputy from Sherbrooke.]
- 3.—Same, 1 day in advance to prepare Poll place, at 20s.
- 4.—Travelling from Sherbrooke to Bury, 25 miles, and returning, at 6d.
- 5.—Poll Clerk travelling for the same reason, 25 miles going, same returning
- 6.—2 Constables, at 10s. each, 2 days
- 7.—Hire of Room, and materials furnished

Carried over

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>	43	4	9			
3.—2 Constables, at 10s. each, 2 days	2	0	0			
4.—Hire of Polling place, and fuel	2	0	0			
5.—Messenger returning Poll Book, going 13 miles, same returning, at 6d.	0	13	0	8	13	0
For the UNITED TOWNSHIPS of EATON, DILTON, CLINTON, and NEWPORT.						
1.—Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
2.—Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
3.—2 Constables, at 10s. each, 2 days	2	0	0			
4.—Hire of Polling place, with fuel, 2 days	2	0	0			
5.—Messenger returning Poll Book and Precept, 16 miles going, same returning.	0	16	0	8	16	0
For the UNITED TOWNSHIPS of CLIFTON, HEREFORD, and AUCKLAND.						
1.—Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
2.—Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
3.—Hire of Polling place, 2 days, with fuel	2	0	0			
4.—2 Constables, at 10s. each, 2 days	2	0	0			
5.—Messenger returning Poll Book, going 40½ miles, same returning	2	0	6	10	0	6
For the UNITED TOWNSHIPS of WINDSOR, STOKES, DUDSWELL, and WEEDON.						
1.—Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
2.—Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
3.—2 Constables, 10s. each, 2 days	2	0	0			
4.—Hire of Polling place, 2 days, with fuel	2	0	0			
5.—Messenger returning Poll Book and Precept, going 26 miles, same returning.	1	6	0	9	6	0
For the UNITED TOWNSHIPS of BURY, WESTBURY, and LINGWICK.						
1.—Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
2.—Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
[There being no person fit to be appointed Deputy Returning Officer, but one or two influential persons, strong partizans, and refusing, the Returning Officer was compelled to send a Deputy from Sherbrooke.]						
3.—Same, 1 day in advance to prepare Poll place, at 20s.	1	0	0			
4.—Travelling from Sherbrooke to Bury, 25 miles, and returning, at 6d.	1	5	0			
5.—Poll Clerk travelling for the same reason, 25 miles going, same returning	1	5	0			
6.—2 Constables, at 10s. each, 2 days	2	0	0			
7.—Hire of Room, and materials furnished	2	5	0			
<i>Carried over</i>	11	15	0	80	0	8

No. 5.—STATEMENT of Expenses incurred by **GEORGE FREDERICK BOWEN**, Esquire, Returning Officer for the COUNTY of **SHERBROOKE**, &c.—(Continued.)

UNITED TOWNSHIPS of BURY, WESTBURY, and LINGWICK.— (Continued.)		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought over</i>		11	15	0	80	0	3
8.—Return of Poll Book, saved by the same, being brought back by Poll Clerk. Interpreter of Gaelic, 2 days; all the voters at Bury, but 5 or 6, being Gaelic, at £1 5s. per diem		2	10	0	14	5	0
MESSENGERS' EXPENSES, &c.				£	94	5	3
1.—Messengers' expenses to fix up Notifications of the time and place of holding the Election, in each Township, going 200 miles, returning same, at 6d.		10	0	0			
2.—Engaging 24 different individuals to post the same on as many Churches and places of Worship, and reading the same at the issue of Divine Service, at 5s. each.		6	0	0	16	0	0
3.—Letters were sent at the same time to 10 different gentlemen to act as Deputy Returning Officers, in case of a contest, and 3 refusing in Shipton, Compton, and Ascot, 3 additional letters had to be sent to other gentlemen in those Townships, who consented; messages 37 miles going, the same returning		1	17	0			
4.—Messengers taking Poll Books to Deputy Returning Officers, where opportunities did not offer; Dudswell, 26 miles, and back		1	6	0	3	8	0
5.—Having sent the Poll Book and Precept for taking the Poll for the Township of Hereford by private opportunity, and there being no communication from Hereford, the Returning Officer was obliged to proceed there himself, as no messenger would go in the existing state of the roads for the remuneration allowed by Government; it took him 2 days and the whole of Christmas night to get there and back, 40 miles each way, £2. Reasonable allowance for his time £2, having established the Poll and appointed a Deputy and Clerk		4	0	0			
6.—There being no Magistrate at Hereford, it became necessary to obtain the services of the nearest Magistrate not engaged at the opening of other Polls to attend there, residing at Hatley, 35 miles distant, who had to leave his home on the 28th, in order to be at the opening of the Poll on the 29th, and to save the expense of the Deputy Returning Officer and Poll Clerk coming out to be sworn by a Magistrate, after the closing of the Poll, remained there until the close, on the 30th, at 5 o'clock, and returned home on the 31st ultimo, 4 days, at 20s; travel 35 miles, and same back		5	15	0			
RETURNING OFFICER, &c.							
December 10, 1847. 1.—Drawing oath of Returning Officer.		0	5	0			
2.—Drawing Certificate		0	5	0			
3.—Indorsing Receipt of Writ.		0	5	0			
4.—January 3, 1848. Drawing up Return of Writ.		0	5	0			
<i>Carried forward</i>	£	10	15	0	113	8	3

No. 5.—STATEMENT of Expenses incurred by GEORGE FREDERICK BOWEN, Esquire, Returning Officer for the COUNTY of SHERBROOKE.—(Continued.)

RETURNING OFFICER, &c —(Continued.)		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>		10	15	0	113	8	3
December 11.	5.—Drawing up 35 Proclamations, or Notifications of the time and place of holding Election, in English, 5s. each, same in French, at 5s. each	17	10	0			
December 21.	6.—Attendance on day of opening Election	1	5	0			
	7.—Election Clerk, same day	1	0	0			
	8.—2 Constables, same day, 10s. each	1	0	0			
					31	10	0
	9.—Preparing 10 Poll Books, at 40s. each	20	0	0			
	10.—Drawing 10 Precepts for taking Polls, at 5s. each	2	10	0			
	11.—Drawing 10 Warrants to Deputy Returning Officers, at 5s. each	2	10	0			
	12.—Drawing 10 Warrants to Poll Clerks, at 5s. each	2	10	0			
	13.—Writing 10 letters to gentlemen to act as Deputy Returning Officers, at 5s. each	2	10	0			
	14.—3 refusing it, required 3 others, at 5s. each	0	15	0			
	15.—Necessary writings, 10 letters, to request the attendance of as many Magistrates at the opening of the Polls, at 5s. each	2	10	0			
	16.—The Returning Officer was furnished by the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery with 10 copies of the Act 6 Vic. cap. —, and 9 copies of the Act 10 Geo. and cap. 50, in neither of which Acts is the oath No. 1 required by the Act 5 Geo. IV, cap. 33, to be taken by voters; consequently it became necessary to transcribe the oath No. 1 for each of the Deputy Returning Officers, at 5s. each	2	10	0			
					35	15	0
	17.—And the oath No. 3 in 10 Geo. IV, cap. 50, by reason of 9 only being sent on, at 5s.	0	5	0			
	18.—The oath to be administered to interpreters also had to be written out and forwarded to the Deputy Returning Officers, at 5s.	2	10	0			
	19.—Attendance on day of closing the Election	1	5	0			
	20.—Election Clerk, same day	1	0	0			
	21.—2 Constables, same day, 10s. each	1	0	0			
	22.—Drawing Indentures, 5s. each	0	10	0			
	23.—Preparing 10 Poll Books, to keep	20	0	0			
	24.—Paid Clerk for copying Poll Books	5	0	0			
	25.—Messenger with letter to Magistrate at Hatley, to attend the opening of the Poll at Hereford, 20 miles, and back ..	1	0	0			
					32	10	0
	Total amount			£	213	3	3
	26.—Appointment of Election Clerk Warrant, 5s.				0	10	0
	27.—Oath of Election Clerk						
	Total			£	213	13	3

G. F. BOWEN.

SHERBROOKE, 8th January, 1848.

No. 5.—HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to GEORGE FREDERICK BOWEN, Esquire, Returning Officer for the Town of Sherbrooke, on the Election of A. T. Galt, Esquire.

		£	s.	d.	
July	14, 1854 ..	Attendance on the day of opening the Election	2	0	0
		For an Election Clerk	1	0	0
		For 2 Constables, at 5s. each	0	10	0
		For 25 Copies of Proclamations to be distributed in the most public places in the new Electoral limits of the Town of Sherbrooke, comprising the whole of the Township of Orford and Ascot, in English 25, at 2s 6d.	3	2	6
		In French, 25, at 2s. 6d.	3	2	6
		Travel through these Townships to post Proclamations to the Bonallic district, 19 miles	0	9	6
		To Hunting's Mill, Village, 12 miles	0	6	0
		Other smaller distances, 14 miles	0	7	0
		Commission appointing Election Clerk	0	2	6
		Use of Polling place	0	10	0
		2 Indentures, at 5s. each	0	10	0
		£	12	0	0.

Examined for £12 0s. 0d.

JOSEPH CARY,
Deputy Inspector General.

No. 5.—GEORGE FREDERICK BOWEN, Esquire, Sheriff of the District of St. Francis, Returning Officer for the Town of Sherbrooke, To

GREETING :

WHEREAS, a Requisition in writing has been made to me by certain Electors of the Town of Sherbrooke, to swear in so many Special Constables as I shall deem necessary, to prevent any breach of the Peace, which they have reason to apprehend may be made on the 13th and 15th instant, the Polling days for the Town of Sherbrooke, and that the Electors may be prevented from freely recording their votes. I hereby, in accordance with the said Requisition, and in obedience to the requirements of the Electoral Law, summon you to attend at my office, at the Court House, in the Town of Sherbrooke, between the hours of one and five o'clock in the afternoon, on Friday the 12th instant, to be sworn by me as a Special Constable, to act as such during the said 13th and 15th instant, for the preservation of the peace and good order.

This you will by no means omit under the penalty of the Law.

Given under my hand at Sherbrooke, this 10th day of December, 1851.

G. F. BOWEN.

No. 5.—BILL of FEES, Allowances and Disbursements due by HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT to GEORGE FREDERICK BOWEN, Esquire, Sheriff of the District of St. Francis, as Returning Officer for the Town of Sherbrooke.

	£	s.	d.
For Election Hustings, Fuel	5	10	0
For attendance on day of opening Election	2	0	0
For attendance on day of closing Election	2	0	0
For an Election Clerk, on each of those two days, at £1	2	0	0
Travel of Election Clerk on each of those 2 days, 14 miles	0	14	0
For two Constables on each of those two days, 5s. each	1	0	0
For 20 Copies of Proclamations of Election, in English, 2s. 6d.	2	10	0
For 20 Copies of Proclamations of Election, in French, 2s. 6d.	2	10	0
For 16 miles of travel to post the same, at 6d	0	8	0
For Commission appointing Deputy	0	2	6
For Commission appointing Election Clerk	0	2	6
For Warrant to Deputy to take the Polls.	0	2	6
For 2 Poll Books, at 5s.	0	10	0
For Copy of Poll Book, 6000 words, at 3d. per folio, 100	0	15	0
Paid Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s	2	0	0
For his Commission for Poll Clerk	0	2	6
For Polling Hustings	5	0	0
For his Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s	1	0	0
For 2 Constables, at 5s. each, for 2 days	1	0	0
Fuel 2 days, at 5s	0	10	0
Transmitting Return of Writ and Poll Book to the Clerk of the Court of Chancery	0	10	0
	£	30	7 0
Paid for Printing Extracts from Election Laws	£	0	12 6
Distributing and posting the same along the line of Railroad works. . .	2	10	0
150 Summons to Special Constables, and swearing in, at 2s.	15	0	0
Travel to serve Subpœnas, on 150 Special Constables	7	10	0
		25	12 6
	£	55	19 6

G. F. BOWEN,
Returning Officer.

SHERBROOKE, 23rd December, 1851.

No. 5.—BILL of FEES and Disbursements due and made by GEORGE FREDERICK BOWEN, Esquire, Sheriff of the District of Saint Francis, as Returning Officer for the Town of Sherbrooke, in February and March, 1852.

	£	s.	d.
For attendance on the day of opening the Election	2	0	0
For an Election Clerk do do	1	0	0
For 2 Constables do do at 5s.	0	10	0
For 25 copies of Proclamation of Election, in English, at 2s. 6d. each	3	2	6
For do do in French, do	3	2	6
<i>Carried over</i>	£	9	15 0

No. 5.—BILL of FEES and Disbursements due and made by GEORGE FREDERICK BOWEN, Esquire.—(Continued.)

	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought over</i>	9	15	0
Commission appointing Election Clerk	0	2	6
For 2 Indentures, at 5s. each	0	10	0
Milceage, and expenses of posting Proclamations	0	10	0
Transmitting Return to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, and posting the same, under receipt of Post Master	0	5	0
Hustings £2 10s.	2	10	0
	£ 13	12	6

G. F. BOWEN,
Returning Officer.

WE, the undersigned, certify that we do verily believe that the measures adopted by George Frederick Bowen, Esquire, the Sheriff of the District of St. Francis, Returning Officer for the Election at the Town of Sherbrooke, for the preservation of the peace, in publishing and posting extracts from the Election Law, and summoning and swearing in Special Constables, were absolutely required, and that if such measures had not been taken by him, riot and bloodshed would have been the consequence.

We beg to recommend that he should be authorized to add the expenses incurred by him in preserving the peace to his Election Bill.

EDWARD SHORT, M.P.P.
WILLIAM HITCHIE, N.P.
E. CLARK, High Constable.
HOLLIS SMITH, Ex-Mayor.
A. G. WOODWARD, Mayor.
J. L. SANBORN, M.P.P.

WE, the undersigned, electors of the Town of Sherbrooke, do hereby certify that we have reason to apprehend that the peace will be disturbed on the polling days for the Town Election, and that an attempt will be made, by force, to prevent the electors from freely recording their votes upon those days, by means of laborers upon the work of the Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad, and we hereby require you to swear in a sufficient number of Special Constables, which we think should not be less than one hundred,—and adopt other precautionary measures sufficient to prevent such disturbance, and secure the preservation of the peace on the thirteenth and fifteenth instant—the polling days for said Town Election of Sherbrooke.

GEORGE BARNARD,
HIRAM MOE.

SHERBROOKE, 8th December, 1851.

Received 8th December, 1851.

G. F. BOWEN,
Returning Officer.

No. 5.—Extract from the Election Law, 12th Vic., cap. 27.

CLAUSE 50.—Each Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer is made a Conservative of the Peace, and may arrest or cause to be arrested by verbal order, and place in custody for such time as in his discretion he shall deem expedient, any person who shall disturb the peace and good order, or cause such person to be imprisoned, under an order signed by him, until any period not later than the final closing of the Election, or of the Polls respectively; which order all persons shall be bound to obey without delay, under a penalty of five pounds.

CLAUSE 52.—The Returning Officer or his Deputy, during any part of the days wherever any Election shall be to be begun, holden, or proceeded with, to demand and receive, from any person whomsoever, any offensive weapon, such as fire arms, swords, staves, bludgeons, or the like, which any person shall have in his hands, or personal possession, and upon refusal be fined five pounds, or imprisonment for three months, or both.

CLAUSE 53.—Any person convicted of a battery committed during any part of the election, or polling days, within two miles of the polling place, shall be deemed guilty of an aggravated assault, and shall be punished accordingly.

CLAUSE 59.—Party ensigns, flags, standards, &c., not to be carried during any Election, or within eight days before, under a penalty of twenty-five pounds, or imprisonment not exceeding six calendar months, or both.

CLAUSE 60.—Party badges, ribbons, labels, or other favors, not to be used or worn during any Election, or for eight days before, under a penalty of twenty-five pounds, or imprisonment not exceeding six calendar months, or both.

CLAUSE 62.—Persons who shall steal, or destroy, injure, or obliterate, any writ, return, poll-book, indenture, certificate, or affidavit, &c., relating to an Election, shall be guilty of felony, and being convicted thereof, to be imprisoned at hard labor in the Provincial Penitentiary for any term not exceeding seven years, nor less than three, or to be imprisoned in any other place of confinement for any term not exceeding two years.

G. F. BOWEN,
Returning Officer.



No. 5.—STATEMENT of Expenses incurred by GEORGE FREDERICK BOWEN, Esquire, Returning Officer for the COUNTY of SHERBROOKE, &c.—(Continued.)

MONTREAL, 24th January, 1848.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
George F. Bowen, Esquire, renders an account of his Fees and allowances, as Returning Officer for the County of Sherbrooke, held during the present month, amounting to, Currency							218	13	3
From which it is recommended that there be deducted as unprovided for, viz:—For the charges made by the Deputy Returning Officer, at Brompton, for a Message to a Magistrate to attend the Poll	0	3	0						
<i>Carried over</i>	£	0	3	0			218	13	3

No. 5.—STATEMENT of Expenses incurred by GEORGE FREDERICK BOWEN, Esquire, Returning Officer for the COUNTY of SHERBROOKE, &c.—(Continued.)

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
<i>Brought over</i>	0	3	0	.....	.....	.....	213	13	3
Paid to a second Magistrate for same purpose.....	0	6	6							
From the Townships of Bury, Westbury and Lingwick, sending a Deputy from Sherbrooke and travelling from that place to Bury.....	1	5	0							
One day in advance, to prepare the Poll place	1	0	0							
Travelling of Poll Clerk from same place	1	5	0							
Interpreter of Gaelic, 2 days, at 25s.....	2	10	0							
				6	0	0				
MESSENGERS' EXPENSES, &c.										
Engaging 24 different individuals to post the Notices, at 5s. (The usual allowance being charged.)	6	0	0							
Sending 13 Letters to gentlemen to act as Deputy Returning Officers	1	17	0							
Proceeding to Township of Hereford with Poll Book..... £4 0 0										
Allow for travelling 80 miles, at 6d..... 2 0 0	2	0	0							
Securing the attendance of a Magistrate at the Poll, and travelling expenses of the same	5	15	0							
				15	12	0				
From the Returning Officer's charges, 10 Poll Books..... £20 0 0										
Allowed 1 Book and Copy	4	0	0							
	16	0	0							
10 Precepts for taking Polls, at 5s.	2	10	0							
10 Warrants to Deputy Returning Officers.....	2	10	0							
10 do to Poll Clerks	2	10	0							
Writing 13 Letters to gentlemen to act as Deputy Returning Officers	3	5	0							
Writing 10 Letters to request the attendance of as many Magistrates, at 5s.....	2	10	0							
Transcribing 11 Copies of the oath, No. 1 and 3, under Act 5th Geo., 4th cap. 33 and 40, at 5s.....	2	15	0							
Transcribing 10 Copies of the oath to be admitted to the Interpreter, at 5s.	2	10	0							
Preparing 10 Poll Books, to keep	20	0	0							
Paid Clerk for copying the same	5	0	0							
				59	10	0				
Total deductions	£	81	11	6
Sum allowed, Currency	£	182	1	9

For which reduced sum it is recommended that a Warrant may issue, as provided by Law.

No. 6.

UNITED COUNTIES OF SHERBROOKE AND WOLFE.

1854.—BILL OF COSTS DUE RETURNING OFFICER.

	£	s.	d.
1.—Travelling from Melbourne to Garthby, and Stratford, to post Proclamations, 108 miles	5	4	0
1.—To do do appointment of Deputies, and delivering Poll Books	5	4	0
2.—To do do Proclamations (Ham and S. Ham)	3	8	0
To do do Appointing Deputies, 88 miles	3	8	0
3.—To do do Dudswell and Stoke	2	10	0
To do do Proclamations	2	10	0
To do do Deputies			
4.—To do do Wotten, 100 miles	2	10	0
To do do Proclamations and Deputies	2	10	0
5.—To do do Weedon, 140 miles	7	0	0
6.—To do do Brompton, 40 miles	2	0	0
7.—To do do Shipton, 48 miles	4	8	0
8.—To do do Windsor, 44 miles	2	4	0
9.—To do do Melbourne and Brompton Gore	3	0	0
To do do to file copy of Poll Books with Register, 50 miles	1	5	0
10.—To do do Wolfestown, 120 miles, Proclamations and Deputy	6	0	0
To 73 Notices in 12 Townships, including Villages and Augmentations	18	5	0
To 10 Poll Books	2	10	0
To 10 Copy Books ..	3	5	0
To Constables	1	0	0
To erecting Hustings	6	0	0
To 10 Warrants	1	5	9
To 10 Commissions	1	5	0
To 2 Indentures	1	0	0
To 2 days' attendance, Nomination and Declaration	4	0	0
To do Election Clerk	2	0	0
	£	98	15 0
Deputy Returning Officers' Accounts, as enclosed :—			
1.—Melbourne	£ 5	2	6
2.—Windsor	5	4	6
3.—Dudswell	10	2	6
4.—Wotten	6	16	6
5.—Stratford and Garthby	9	16	6
6.—Weedon	16	6	6
7.—Brompton	7	0	0
8.—Ham	7	14	6
9.—Shipton	5	7	6
10.—Wolfestown	10	12	9
		84	8 9
Total	£	177	18 9

W. H. WEBB,
Returning Officer.

MELBOURNE, 15th August, 1854.

No. 6.—L. E. MORRIS, Deputy Returning Officer for Weedon, *Dr.* to E. T. BROOKS, Poll Clerk.

	£	s.	d.
To 40 miles travel, from Sherbrooke to place of Poll	1	0	0
To 40 miles return travel	1	0	0
To 2 days' keeping Poll Book	1	0	0
	£	3	0

No. 6.—W. H. WEBB, Esquire, Returning Officer for the United Counties of Sherbrooke and Wolfe, *Dr.* to L. E. MORRIS, Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of Weedon.

	£	s.	d.
1854.. To paid expenses of Hustings and Polling place in Weedon *	3	0	0
do .. 27 miles travel to Melbourne, to take Oath, &c., 13s. 6d.; return, 13s. 6d.	1	7	0
do .. 40 miles travel to Poll in Weedon	1	0	0
do .. 2 days' attendance at Poll	2	0	0
do .. Paid Interpreter	1	0	0
do .. Stationery, &c., &c.	0	10	0
do .. 2 Constables, at 5s. each per diem	1	0	0
do .. Commission of Poll Clerk	0	2	6
do .. Travel from Weedon to Melbourne to return Poll Book, distance 67 miles, £1 13s. 6d.; return do, 67 miles, £1 13s. 6d.	3	7	0
	£	13	6
Clerk's Bill, as per annexed	3	0	0
	£	16	6

* The Polling was held in a private house, and this sum was paid for the occupancy thereof, for two days. L. E. M.

No. 6.—W. H. WEBB, Esquire, Returning Officer, *Dr.* to A. G. CREPEAU.

	£	s.	d.
July 24 & 25, 1854.. Holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
Commission for Poll Clerk	0	2	6
Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s.	1	0	0
Returning Poll Books, 48 miles	1	4	0
For Hustings and Poll	1	0	0
Rent of Poll	1	10	0
	£	6	16

WALTON, 31st July, 1854.

(Signed,) G. CREPEAU.

No. 6.—W. H. WEBB, Esquire, Returning Officer, *Dr.* to JOHN MAIN.

	£	s.	d.
To 2 days' attending Poll	2	0	0
To 100 miles travel	2	10	0
To Commission to Poll Clerk	0	2	6
To 1 Constable	0	10	0
To School House for Polling place	1	10	0
To 2 days' Poll Clerk	1	0	0
To 100 miles travel	2	10	0
	£	10	2
			6

No. 6.—SOUTH HAM, 25TH JULY, 1854.

THE GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to ISRAEL BELL (or Reeve),
Deputy Returning Officer.

	£	s.	d.
For expenses of the Poll at the Election :—			
For the Deputy Returning Officer	2	0	0
For the Commission appointing a Poll Clerk	0	2	6
For the Poll Clerk	1	0	0
For 2 Constables, at 5s. per day	1	0	0
For travelling for qualification	0	7	0
For travelling for returning Poll Book, 68 miles, at 6d.	1	14	0
For the Polling House	1	10	0
	£	7	14
			6

No. 6.—GARTHBY, 26TH JULY, 1854.

W. H. WEBB, Returning Officer, *Dr.* to J. P. LABEL, Deputy Returning
Officer.

	£	s.	d.
Holding Poll, 2 days, at 20s	2	0	0
Commission for Poll Clerk	0	2	6
Poll Clerk, at 10s. per diem	1	0	0
Rent of Poll	1	10	0
Return of Poll Books, 108 miles	5	4	0
	£	9	16
			6

No. 6.—TOWNSHIP OF WOLFSTOWN, JULY 27th, 1854.

The Expenses taking the Votes in said Township, on the 24th and 25th of July, instant.

	£	s.	d.
To 8 miles travelled to the Post Office, to take the Poll Book, and returning to the Township of Halifax, 24 miles	0	12	0
To 8 miles to place of Poll and back, 2 days' of Polling	0	16	0
To Commission to the Clerk	0	2	6
To 2 Constables, for 2 days	1	0	0
To 2 days' taking votes	2	0	0
To Clerk's Fees, 2 days	1	0	0
To Clerk's travelling to the place of Polling, 22 miles, 2 days	0	12	6
To Returning Poll Book 120 miles	3	0	0
To place of keeping Poll	1	10	0
Total amount	£ 10	12	0

JOHN McNALLY,
Deputy Returning Officer.

No. 6.—BROMPTON.

	£	s.	d.
To Fees for Polling, dues for Deputy Returning Officer	2	0	0
To do for Clerk	1	0	0
To 40 miles travelling	2	0	0
Clerk travelling	0	8	0
Constable	0	10	0
Commission	0	2	6
To use of School House	1	0	0
Total	£ 7	0	6

JOSEPH RANKIN,
Deputy Returning Officer.

BROMPTON, 25th July, 1854.

No. 6.—TOWNSHIP OF WINDSOR.

	£	s.	d.
To 2 days' attending Poll	2	0	0
To 2 days', Poll Clerk	1	0	0
To 44 miles travelling, delivering Poll Book, &c.	1	2	0
Commission to Poll Clerk	0	2	6
To 2 Constables	1	0	0
Total	£ 5	4	6

C. E. MARTELL,
Deputy Returning Officer.

WINDSOR, 26th July, 1854.

No. 6.—REMARKS on the ACCOUNT rendered by W. H. WEBB, Esquire, Returning Officer for the UNITED COUNTIES of SHERBROOKE and WOLFE.

	Currency.			ANSWERS.
	£	s.	d.	
Travelling from Melbourne to Garthby and Stratford, to post Proclamations, 108 miles, charged	5	4	0	<p>The charges were made, supposing the Act to allow 6d. per mile both ways of travel; in fact, with respect to settling as to Deputies and Polling places, in some case I had to attend town three times. For posting Proclamations, in almost all cases I paid other parties for the travel, and supposed their accounts to be correct.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">W. H. WEBB.</p> <p>Same remarks as on other side; but of course you must construe the Act in my case as in other cases.</p> <p>I take it the Act allows 5s. for each Proclamation; now I had by law to post up 2 in each place, 1 in English and 1 in French—that there were 73 Notices in French and 73 in English.</p> <p>I did not count the words, and as I have recorded with the Register the copies have no means of doing so, but were they counted, they would come to more than the charge, I think. The Registrar's Office is about 25 miles from this, which would make 50 miles to travel.</p>
The allowance is 6d. per mile.....	2	14	0	
£	2	10	0	
The same overcharge in transmitting appointments of Deputies and Poll Books, say	2	10	0	
Travelling with Proclamations to Ham and South Ham, 68 miles, charged 1s.	3	8	0	
And with appointment of Deputies	3	8	0	
£	6	16	0	
The allowance by the Act is 6d., deduct.....	3	8	0	
£	3	8	0	
Travelling to Weedon, 140 miles, charged, 1s....	7	0	6	
Should be 6d.....	3	10	0	
And to Brompton, 40 miles, at 1s.....	2	0	0	
Should be 6d.....	1	0	0	
Travelling to Shipton, 48 miles, charged.....	2	8	0	
Should be	1	4	0	
Travelling to Windsor, 44 miles charged	2	4	0	
Should be 6d.....	1	2	0	
Travelling to Melbourne and Brampton Gore, charged	3	0	0	
The miles are not stated. 36 miles from Melbourne and back.				
73 Notices in 12 Townships, including Villages and Augmentation, charged	18	5	0	
The allowance for each Proclamation by law is 2s. 6d.....	9	2	6	
10 copies Poll Books	8	5	0	
(It is necessary to state the number of folios of 100 words each, copied.)				

No. 6.—REMARKS on the ACCOUNT rendered by W. H. WEBB, Esquire, Returning Officer for the UNITED COUNTIES of SHERBROOKE and WOLFE.—(Continued.)

—	Currency.			ANSWERS.
	£	s.	d.	
2 Indentures, charged	1	0	0	} Error in charge 5s. each correct.
The Act allows but 2, at 5s. each	0	10	0	
Inadmissible	0	10	0	
DEPUTIES' ACCOUNTS.				
STRATFORD AND GARTHY.				
For conveying the Poll Book from Garthby to Richmond, 108 miles, charged	5	4	0	} Appears to have been under the same error as myself.
The Act allows but 6d a mile	2	14	0	
WEEDON.				
An Interpreter	1	0	0	} I find no provision in the Act for this charge.
For Stationery	0	10	0	
Not provided for by the Act.				
HAM.				
Travelling for Qualification	7	0	0	} According to your calculations £3 10s. should be the charge as far as I can ascertain.
The mileage not given.				
BROMPTON.				
The Clerk's transmitting, charged	0	8	0	} The Brompton Clerk lives about 5 miles from the Polling place.
Mileage not stated.				
The travelling to Post Proclamations and transmitting Commissions to Deputies, appears to be charged from Melbourne to each Polling place, whereas several of the Polling places seem to be on the same line of travel				} With respect to a few miles travel this may be the case, but it was impossible to make arrangements so as to meet all the Deputies, and make arrangements over so large a section of Country, in so short a time, by one direct travel, and at the same time.

DAVID A. ROSS,
1st Clerk.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
QUEBEC, 15th September, 1854.

No. 7.

QUEBEC, 30th December, 1851.

HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to FERDINAND FILTEAU, Esquire, Returning Officer, for Fees and Expenditure, in the Election of a Member to Represent the County of Champlain, in the Legislative Assembly, in obedience to Her Majesty's Writ, dated 6th November, 1851.

1851.		£	s.	d.
November 17..	Transport, going to take the oath of Office, at Three Rivers, and returning to St. Geneviève de Batiscan, 60 miles	1	10	0
	For having Posted up 100 Proclamations in the English Language, as required, in 10 Parishes, at 2s. 6d	12	10	0
	do in the French Language, at 2s. 6d	12	10	0
	Transport, going to post up the Proclamations in the Parish of St. Maurice, 66 miles, at 6d.....	1	18	0
	do to the Parish of St. Prospère, 15 miles, at 6d.....	0	7	6
	do to St. Anne, 18 miles, at 6d	0	9	0
	do to the Cap, 48 miles, at 6d.....	1	4	0
	do to Champlain, 27 miles, at 6d	0	18	6
	do to Batiscan, 15 miles, at 6d	0	7	6
	do to St. Narcisse, 18 miles, at 6d.	0	9	0
	do to St. Stanislas, 15 miles, at 6d	0	7	6
	do to St. Juste, 48 miles, at 6d ...	1	4	0
	do to St. Geneviève, 15 miles, at 6d.....	0	7	6
	Commission of a Polling Clerk.....	0	2	6
December 1..	Assistance at the Hustings, on the day of Nomination	2	0	0
	do do of an Election Clerk	1	0	0
	10 Commissions to the Deputy Returning Officers, at 2s. 6d ..	1	5	0
	10 Writs for opening and holding a Poll in each Parish, at 2s. 6d.. ..	1	5	0
	10 Poll Books, at 5s.	2	10	0
December 2 & 3	For transmitting Commission to the Deputy Returning Officer at St. Maurice, 66 miles, at 6d	1	18	0
	do to St. Prospère, 15 miles, at 6d.....	0	7	6
	do to St. Anne, 18 miles, at 6d.....	0	9	0
	do to the Cap, 48 miles, at 6d	1	4	0
	do to Champlain, 27 miles, at 6d	0	18	6
	do to Batiscan, 15 miles, at 6d	0	7	6
	do to St. Narcisse, 18 miles, at 6d.....	0	9	0
	do to St. Stanislas, 15 miles, at 6d	0	7	6
	do to St. Juste, 48 miles, at 6d	1	4	0
December 4 & 5	For transmission of Writ to the Deputy Returning Officer of St. Juste, 48 miles, at 6d	1	4	0
	do of St. Stanislas, 15 miles, at 6d.....	0	7	6
	do of St. Narcisse, 18 miles, at 6d	0	9	0
	do of Batiscan, 15 miles, at 6d	0	7	6
	do of Champlain, 27 miles, at 6d	0	18	6
	do of Cap, 48 miles, at 6d.....	1	4	0
	do of Ste. Anne, 18 miles, at 6d.....	0	9	0
	do of St. Prospère, 15 miles, at 6d.....	0	7	6
	do of St. Maurice, 66 miles, at 6d	1	18	0
December 7 & 8	Transmission of the Poll Books to St. Juste, 48 miles, at 6d. ...	1	4	0
	do to St. Stanislas, 15 miles, at 6d	0	7	6
	do to St. Narcisse, 18 miles, at 6d.....	0	9	0
	do to Batiscan, 15 miles, at 6d.	0	7	6
	do to Champlain, 27 miles, at 6d.....	0	18	6
	<i>Carried forward.....</i> £	58	6	6

No. 7.—HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to FERDINAND FILTEAU, Esquire, Returning Officer, for Fees and Expenditure, in the Election of a Member to Represent the County of Champlain, &c.—
(Continued.)

1851.		£	s.	d.
	<i>Brought forward</i>	58	6	6
December 7 & 8	Transmission of the Poll Books to the Cap, 48 miles, at 6d ..	1	4	0
	do to Ste. Anne, 18 miles, at 6d.....	0	9	0
	do to St. Prospère, 15 miles, at 6d.....	0	7	6
	do to St. Maurice, 66 miles, at 6d.....	1	13	0
	8 days, the Returning Officer, for transmitting the Commissions, Writs, and Poll Books, and swearing in the Deputies and Clerk of the Poll, at 30s	12	0	0
	For erection of Hustings at the <i>chef lieu</i> of the County, for Workmen, Timber, and Sawing.....	6	17	4
December 13..	Assistance of the Returning Officer on the day of the close of the Election.....	2	0	0
	do of an Election Clerk	1	0	0
	do 2 Constables, 2 days, each at 5s.	1	0	0
	2 Indentures, 5s.....	0	10	0
	Copies of 10 Poll Books, deposited in the Office of the Registrar of the County of Champlain, 24,600, at 3d.....	8	1	6
	Transmission of the return of Writ and Poll Books to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, at 6d.....	3	1	0
	6 days for journey of the Returning Officer to Quebec, carrying the said Writ, Poll Books, and accompanying papers, &c. at 30s	9	0	0
	Fees and outlay of the Deputy Returning Officers, for opening and holding the Polls in the following Parishes:—			
	STE. GENEVIEVE.			
	Commission of a Poll Clerk.....	0	2	6
	2 days' hire of a house for holding the Poll, at 30s.....	3	0	0
	Paid Joiners for making Hustings	2	17	6
	2 days, the Deputy receiving votes at the Poll, at 20s.....	2	0	0
	do Clerk of the Poll, at 10s.....	1	0	0
	Distances gone over by the Deputy and Clerk of the Poll, 6 miles	0	3	0
	2 Constables, for 2 days, at 5s.....	1	0	0
	PARISH OF St. MAURICE.			
	2 days' holding the Poll, at 20s.	2	0	0
	Commission of a Clerk of the Poll.....	0	2	6
	2 days, Clerk of the Poll, at 10s.	1	0	0
	House hire, and cost of Hustings.....	2	0	0
	2 Constables, 2 days each, at 5s.	1	0	0
	38 miles of distance gone over by the Deputy Returning Officer, at 6d.....	0	19	0
	do of the Clerk of the Poll	0	19	0
	PARISH OF St. NARCISSE.			
	Commission of Poll Clerk	0	2	6
	2 days, the Deputy, at 20s.....	2	0	0
	Transport, going to the hustings.....	0	0	0
	do of a Clerk, 18 miles, at 6d.	0	9	0
	2 days' registering the votes.....	1	0	0
	<i>Carried over</i>	£ 122	18	10

No. 7.—HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to FERDINAND FIL-
TEAU, Esquire, Returning Officer, for Fees and Expenditure, in the
Election of a Member to Represent the County of Champlain, &c.—
(Continued.)

1851.	PARISH OF ST. NARCISSE.—(Continued.)	£	s.	d.
	<i>Brought over</i>	122	13	10
December —	Report of the Return to the Returning Officer, 21 miles	0	10	6
	2 Constables, 2 days each, at 5s.	1	0	0
	House-hire, and cost of erecting Hustings.	3	10	0
	ST. PROSPERE.			
	Commission of a Poll Clerk.	0	2	6
	Erection of Hustings, including House-hire and fuel.	3	13	4
	2 days, for a Deputy, at 20s.	2	0	0
	do for a Poll Clerk, at 10s.	1	0	0
	Transport, going to take the oath and returning, to and from the Hustings, by the Clerk of the Poll	0	3	0
	2 Constables, 2 days each, at 5s.	1	0	0
	To the Deputy, for conveying the Poll Book to the Returning Officer, 18 miles, at 6d.	0	9	0
	STE. ANNE.			
	2 days, for the Deputy, at 20s.	2	0	0
	Commission of Poll Clerk.	0	2	6
	2 days, for the Poll Clerk, at 10s.	1	0	0
	do 2 Constables, at 5s.	1	0	0
	For transmitting the Poll Book to the <i>chef-lieu</i>	0	4	6
	Hire of a house and cost of Hustings	1	7	6
	BATISCAN.			
	2 days holding the Poll, at 20s.	2	0	0
	Commission of a Poll Clerk.	0	2	6
	36 miles gone over by the Deputy for the erection of a Hustings, and for receiving the votes during 2 days, at 6d.	0	18	0
	Paid for the erection of a Hustings and rent of a House with Fuel	3	18	0
	2 days, a Clerk of the Poll, at 10s.	1	0	0
	30 miles travelling of a Clerk of the Poll.	0	15	0
	2 Constables, for 2 days, at 5s.	1	0	0
	To the Deputy for conveying the Poll Book to the Returning Officer	0	4	9
	ST. JUSTE.			
	Commission of a Clerk of the Poll.	0	2	6
	2 days, the Deputy, at 20s.	2	0	0
	Outlay for erection of Hustings and lease of a House.	3	18	0
	2 days, of a Clerk of the Poll, at 10s.	1	0	0
	60 miles travelling, at 6d.	1	10	6
	2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s.	1	0	0
	To the Deputy, for going to be sworn in at the hustings, and taking the Poll Book to the Returning Officer, 60 miles, at 6d.	1	10	0
	<i>Carried forward</i>£	162	15	5

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TEAU, Esquire, Returning Officer, for Fees and Expenditure, in the
Election of a Member to Represent the County of Champlain, &c.—
(Continued.)**

		£	s.	d.
1851.	<i>Brought forward</i>	162	15	5
	CHAMPLAIN.			
December —	Commission of Clerk of the Poll	0	2	6
	2 days, the Deputy, at 20s.	2	0	0
	do the Clerk of the Poll, at 10s.	1	0	0
	do 2 Constables, at 5s.	1	0	0
	Distance gone over by the Deputy and Clerk of the Poll, 36 miles, at 6d.	0	18	0
	Hustings, and hire of the Public Hall	1	0	0
	CAP.			
	Commission of Clerk of the Poll	0	2	6
	2 days, the Deputy.	2	0	0
	do Clerk of the Poll.	1	0	0
	do 2 Constables.	1	0	0
	Hustings and House-hire	1	5	0
	Distance gone over by the Deputy in going to and returning from the Hustings	0	4	0
	Clerk of the Poll, 8 miles, at 6d.	0	4	0
	Taking the Poll Book to the Returning Officer, 48 miles, at 6d..	1	4	0
	do to the Clerk of the Poll, for taking the oath	1	4	0
	ST. STANISLAS.			
	Commission of Clerk of the Poll	0	2	6
	Hustings	2	4	0 ¹ / ₂
	2 days, House-hire and fuel, at 22s. 6d.	2	5	0
	Distance gone over by the Deputy Returning Officer to take the oath, and get to the Hustings, 25 miles	0	12	6
	2 days' receiving the votes, at 20s.	2	0	0
	do Clerk of the Poll, at 10s.	1	0	0
	do 2 Constables, at 5s.	1	0	0
	To the Deputy, for transmitting the Poll Books, 24 miles, at 6d.	0	12	0
	do for Clerk of the Poll, and taking the oath after the close of the Poll	0	12	0
		£	188	17
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**No. 7.—HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to FERDINAND FIL-
TEAU, Returning Officer for the County of Champlain, for Fees and
Expenditure at the Election of a Member to represent the County of
Champlain, at the Legislative Assembly, in obedience to Her Majesty's
Writ, dated the 23rd June, 1854, that is to say:—**

		£	s.	d.
1854..	Distance gone over to take the Oath of Office, 60 miles, at 6d.	1	10	0
	Preparation of 50 Proclamations in the English language, at 2s. 6d.	6	5	0
	Preparation of 50 Proclamations in the French language, at 2s. 6d.	6	5	0

**No. 7.—HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, Dr. to FERDINAND FIL-
TEAU, Returning Officer for the County of Champlain, &c.—
(Continued.)**

	£	s.	d.
1854.. Distance gone over to post them up in the different Parishes, at the places prescribed by law, 288 miles, at 6d.	7	4	0
Commission of Election Clerk.....	0	2	6
Distance gone over to take the oath, 38 miles, at 6d.	0	19	0
Expenses incurred in putting up a Hustings at the <i>chef-lieu</i>	12	10	0
Assistance of the Returning Officer on the day of the Nomination.....	2	0	0
do of the Election Clerk.....	1	0	0
54 miles gone over in travelling to, and returning from the hustings, at 6d.	1	7	0
10 Deputy Returning Officers' Commissions.....	1	5	0
Transport to convey the Commission to the Election Clerk, 54 miles, at 6d.	1	7	0
10 Writs for holding the Polls, at 2s. 6d.	1	5	0
10 Poll Books, at 5s.	2	10	0
Distances gone over in carrying the Poll Books, Commissions, and Writs to the Deputy Returning Officers, 288 miles, at 6d.	7	4	0
Assistance of the Returning Officer on the day of the closing of the Election.....	2	0	0
Assistance of the Election Clerk.....	1	0	0
Distance gone over in going to the Hustings, 54 miles, at 6d.	1	7	0
2 Constables, 2 days, each at 5s.	1	0	0
2 Deeds of Indenture, at 5s.	0	10	0
Copies of the Poll Book, 39,000 words, at 3d.	4	17	6
Transmission of the Return of the Writs, Poll Books, and other proceedings to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, at Quebec, 144 miles, at 6d.	3	12	0
ACCOUNTS OF THE DEPUTIES AT			
SAINTE GENEVIEVE.			
Commission of a Clerk of the Poll.....	0	2	6
2 days' House-hire, at 30s.	3	0	0
Paid for Cost of Hustings.....	3	9	0
Assistance of the Deputy during two days at the Poll.....	2	0	0
do of the Clerk of the Poll, at 10s.	1	0	0
2 Constables, 2 days each, at 5s.	1	0	0
Distance gone over by the Deputy and Clerk of the Poll, in travelling to the Hustings, 28 miles, at 6d.	0	14	0
Commission of a Clerk of the Poll.....	0	2	6
Hire of House, two days, at 30s.	3	0	0
Cost of erecting Hustings.....	2	5	6
To the Deputy Returning Officer, for distance gone over to take the oath of Office.....	0	9	0
Distance to convey the Commission to the Clerk of the Poll.....	0	7	6
Assistance of the Deputy Officer during two days, at 20s.	2	0	0
Do do of the Clerk of the Poll, at 10s.	1	0	0
To the Deputy Returning Officer, distance travelled over in going to take the oath, and taking the Poll Book to the Returning Officer, 18 miles, at 6d.	0	9	0
To the Clerk of the Poll, distance to go and take the oath, 18 miles, at 6d.	0	9	0
Distance going to and returning from the Hustings, 14 miles, at 6d.	0	7	0
SAINT STANISLAS.			
Commission of a Clerk of the Poll.....	0	2	6
Hire of House.....	3	0	0
Cost of Hustings.....	2	5	0

**No. 7.—HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, Dr. to FERDINAND FIL-
TEAU, Returning Officer for the County of Champlain, &c.—
(Continued.)**

SAINT STANISLAS.—(Continued.)

	£	s.	d.
1854.. Distance gone over by the Deputy to take the oath of Office, 18 miles, at 6d	0	9	0
do by the Clerk of the Poll, 18 miles, at 6d.....	0	9	0
To the Deputy, 2 days' receiving Votes at the Hustings, at 20s.....	2	0	0
To the Clerk of the Poll, 2 days, at 10s.....	1	0	0
2 Constables, 2 days each.....	1	0	0
To the Deputy, distance travelled over in going to the Hustings, 18 miles, at 6d.....	0	9	0
To the Clerk of the Poll, distance gone over to take the oath, 18 miles, at 6d.....	0	9	0
To the Poll Clerk, to get to the Poll, 6 miles, at 6d.....	0	3	0
To the Deputy, for distance gone over in taking the Poll Book to the Returning Officer	0	9	0

SIE. ANNE LAPARADE.

To the Deputy Returning Officer, distance gone over to take the oath, 18 miles, at 6d	0	9	0
To take the Commission to the Clerk of the Poll, 18 miles, at 6d.....	0	9	0
To the Clerk of the Poll, to take the oath of Office, 18 miles, at 6d.....	0	9	0
Hire of a House to hold the Poll, 2 days, at 20s.....	2	0	0
Expenditure for Hustings	1	12	10
Assistance of the Deputy, 2 days, to receive the Votes, at 20s.....	2	0	0
To the Clerk of the Poll, 2 days, at 10s.....	1	0	0
2 Constables, 2 days each	1	0	0
Distance gone over in transmitting the Poll Book to the Returning Officer, 18 miles	0	9	0

BATISCAN.

Transport of the Deputy to take the oath of Office, 15 miles, at 6d	0	7	6
Commission of a Clerk of the Poll	0	2	6
Distance gone over in taking the Commission to the Clerk of the Poll, 12 miles, at 6d	0	6	0
Hire of a house, 2 days, at 15s	1	10	0
Cost of Hustings	1	12	6
To the Deputy, distance gone over to and from the Hustings, 12 miles, at 6d	0	6	0
To the Clerk of the Poll, 9 miles, at 6d	0	4	6
Assistance of the Deputy, 2 days, receiving Votes, at 20s	2	0	0
To the Clerk of the Poll, 2 days, at 10s.....	1	0	0
To the Clerk of the Poll, distance gone over to take the oath after the close of the Poll, 15 miles, at 6d	0	17	6
2 Constables, 2 days each, at 5s.....	1	0	0
To the Deputy, for transmission of the Poll Book, and Return, to the Returning Officer, 15 miles, at 6d.....	0	7	6

SAINT JUSTE.

To the Deputy Returning Officer, distance gone over to take the oath of Office, 80 miles, at 6d	1	10	0
For Commission of Clerk of the Poll	0	2	6
For transmitting the Commission to the Clerk of the Poll, 80 miles, at 6d.....	0	15	0
To the Clerk of the Poll, 80 miles gone over, to take the oath, at 6d.....	1	10	0
To the Deputy, distance, in getting to the Hustings, 60 miles, at 6d.....	1	10	0
To the Clerk of the Poll, do do at 6d.....	1	10	0

**No. 7.—HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, Dr. to FERDINAND FIL-
TEAU, Returning Officer for the County of Champlain, &c.—
(Continued.)**

SAINT JUSTE.—(Continued.)		£	s.	d.
1854.	Paid for hire of House, 2 days, at 25s.	2	10	0
	Cost of Hustings.	2	0	0
	Assistance of the Deputy, during 2 days, in receiving votes, at 20s.	2	0	0
	2 days, Clerk of the Poll, at 10s.	1	0	0
	60 miles gone over by the Deputy in transmitting the Poll Book and taking the oath.	1	0	0
	2 Constables, 2 days, each at 5s.	1	0	0
ST. NARCISSE.				
	To the Deputy, distance gone over to take the oath of office, 22 miles, at 6d.	0	11	0
	do to transmit the Commission of the Clerk of the Poll, 24 miles, at 6d.	0	12	0
	To the Clerk of the Poll, distance gone over to take the oath, 26 miles, at 6d.	0	13	0
	Commission of Clerk of the Poll.	0	2	6
	Distance to carry this Commission to the Clerk of the Poll.	0	11	0
	To the Deputy, for distance in going to the Hustings, 32 miles, at 6d.	0	16	0
	To the Clerk of the Poll, do do do.	0	16	0
	Hire of a House, 2 days, at 30s., for Polling.	3	0	0
	Paid for preparing Hustings.	2	7	6
	To the Deputy, 2 days, receiving Votes.	2	0	0
	To the Clerk of the Poll, 2 days, at 10s.	1	0	0
	2 Constables, 2 days each, at 5s.	1	0	0
	To the Deputy and Clerk of the Poll, distance gone over to take the oath at closing, and transmission of the Poll Book to the Returning Officer, 44 miles, at 6d.	1	2	0
CHAMPLAIN.				
	To the Deputy, to take the oath, 18 miles, at 6d.	0	9	0
	Commission of Clerk of the Poll.	0	2	6
	Hire of House.	1	2	6
	Assistance of the Deputy, 2 days, receiving Votes, at 20s.	2	0	0
	To the Clerk of the Poll, 2 days, at 10s.	1	0	0
	To the Clerk of the Poll and the Deputy, to take the oath after closing, and transmit the Poll Book and Report to the Returning Officer, 36 miles, at 6d.	0	18	0
	2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s. each.	1	0	0
ST. MAURICE.				
	To the Deputy, for holding the Poll during 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
	Commission of a Clerk of the Poll.	0	2	6
	Fees of the Clerk of the Poll, 2 days, at 10s.	1	0	0
	Fees of the Deputy, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
	Cost of Hustings.	2	5	0
	60 miles distance gone over to take the oaths required by law, at 6d.	1	10	0
	72 miles gone over in transmitting the Poll Book to the Returning Officer, at 6d.	1	16	0
	To the Clerk of the Poll, 24 miles, to take the oath, at 6d.	0	12	0
	Hire of a house, for 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
CAP DE LA MADELEINE.				
	To the Deputy, 2 days' holding the Poll, at 20s.	2	0	0

No. 7.—HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, Dr. to FERDINAND FILTEAU, Returning Officer for the County of Champlain, &c.—
(Continued.)

CAP DE LA MAGDELEINE.—(Continued.)		£	s.	d.
1854..	Commission of Clerk of the Poll	0	2	6
	60 miles gone over by the Deputy, to take the oaths required by law, at 6d.	1	10	0
	2 days, Clerk of the Poll, 10s.	1	0	0
	Cost of Hustings	2	5	0
	Hire of House for holding the Poll, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
	To the Deputy for distance travelled in going to the Hustings, 24 miles, at 6d.	0	12	0
	To the Clerk of the Poll, 24 miles, at 6d.	0	12	0
	To the Returning Officer, distance travelled in transmitting the Poll Books and Return to the Returning Officer, 60 miles, at 6d.	1	10	0
	2 Constables, 2 days each, at 5s.	1	0	0

(Signed,) FERDINAND FILTEAU,
Returning Officer.

ST. GENEVIÈVE BATISCAN,
31st July, 1854.

No. 7.—RECAPITULATION OF THE ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Amount of the Returning Officer's Fees, and Deputies' Accounts				67	0	0
St. Geneviève	11	5	6			
St. Stanislas	11	15	6			
St. Prosper	10	9	6			
St. Anne de la Paroisse	9	8	10			
Batiscan	9	4	6			
St. Juste	16	7	6			
St. Narcisse	14	11	0			
Champlain	6	12	0			
St. Maurice	13	5	6			
Cap de la Magdeleine	12	11	6			
				115	10	10
Total claims			£	182	10	10
DEDUCTION FROM RETURNING OFFICER:—						
For transmitting of Poll Clerk's Commission, 54 miles, at 6d.	1	7	0			
Transmitting the Poll Books to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, 144 miles, at 6d.	3	12	0			
[Have been sent by mail.]						
	£	4	19	0		
Deputy, for 2 days' attendance at St. Maurice; of Deputy, twice charged, at 20s.—off	2	0	0			
				6	19	0
For allowance			£	175	11	10

No. 8.

MONTREAL, 12th December, 1851.

THE GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to G. H. RYLAND, Esquire,
Returning Officer for the County of Montreal.

	£	s.	d.
For 250 Proclamations, posted up in the Town and different Parishes of the County of Montreal	30	5	0
Paid Viger for posting up do, as per Account	7	10	0
10 Poll Books furnished Deputies	2	10	0
Blank Forms of Commissions, &c.	5	0	0
10 Commissions appointing Deputies	1	5	0
For Hustings, &c.	7	10	0
For attendance on days of Nonination and close	4	0	0
For Election Clerk	2	0	0
Commission appointing do.	0	2	6
For 2 Constables	1	0	0
Carter, as per Mr. Delisle's account for taking out do.	0	15	0
For two Indentures	0	10	0
For 28 miles travelled on days of opening and closing Poll	0	14	0
For 90 miles travelled in transmitting Poll Books	2	5	0
For 150 Proclamations for preservation of the Peace, at instance of Candidates, <i>et alias</i> (see A.)	18	15	0
For Printing do	1	18	9
Paid for Posting up do. in the Parish of Montreal and Lachine	0	15	0
For 180 miles travelled during Election days	7	10	0
For reasonable necessary incidental expenses, stationery, and of Returning Officer and Election Clerk	7	10	0
For 10 Bibles furnished the Deputy Returning Officers, at 7s. 6d. each	3	15	0
For 10 blank Poll Books, furnished under section 27, at 5s. each	2	10	0
For transcribing contents of originals therein, and depositing same, as required by law, in the Office of the Registrar of Deeds	5	0	0
For transmitting Return and Poll Books to Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, at 6d per mile	9	0	0
	£	0	3
Amount of Accounts of Deputy Returning Officers	114	9	10
Total	£	237	10 11

This is my bill.

(Signed,) G. H. RYLAND,
Returning Officer.

No. 8.—AMOUNT OF ACCOUNTS OF DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICERS.

	£	s.	d.
J. A. Hawly, Deputy Returning Officer, Lachine	11	19	6
G. C. Dessaulles, do, St. Annes	12	10	6
B. Piché, Sault au Recollet	5	12	0
Carried forward	£	30	2 0

No. 8.—THE GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Montreal.—(Continued.)

AMOUNT OF ACCOUNTS OF DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICERS.—(Continued.)

	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>	30	2	0
A. C. DeCelles, St. Laurent	9	10	6
J. Lenoir, Pointe Claire	11	8	6
B. Develin, Ste. Geneviève.....	17	2	6
Leon Doutre, Parish of Montreal	9	17	6
LaBreche Viger, Pointe au Trembles	12	18	2
J. R. Berthelot, La Longue Pointe	6	7	6
R. Roy, Rivière des Prairies	17	1	2
	£ 114	7	10

Vide Accounts annexed.

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MONTREAL,

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G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, *Dr.* to D. KINNEAR & Co., for the following Advertisements, &c.

	£	s.	d.
December 4, 1851.. Printing 150 Copies Committal Notices	1	18	9
do 150 do for the maintenance of the Peace	1	18	9
	£ 3	17	6

MONTREAL, 8th December, 1851.

G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, Returning Officer, *Dr.* to P. GENDRON, Typ.

	£	s.	d.
To Printing 250 Proclamations	4	5	0
do and Binding 10 Poll Books.....	2	10	0
do Blank forms of Oath, Commission, &c., &c	5	0	0
	£ 11	15	0

No. 8.—THE GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Montreal.—(Continued.)

MONTREAL, 17th and 18th November, 1857.

G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, Registrar and Returning Officer for the County of Montreal, *Dr.* to ANTOINE VIGER, Bailiff of the Superior Court for Lower Canada, for the District of Montreal.

	£	s.	d.
For the carriage into the ten Parishes composing the County of Montreal, and the expnses attending the same, of 212 Proclamations and the posting thereof in each of the said ten Parishes	7	10	0

(This amount was previously agreed upon between the said G. H. Ryland and myself.)

MONTREAL, 21st November, 1851.

A.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } JOSEPH ALLARD, of the Parish of Lachine, in the
 DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } District of Montreal, Esquire, Justice of the Peace
 for the District of Montreal, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that he is credibly informed, hath reason to believe, and doth verily and in his conscience believe that serious disturbance will take place in the Village of Lachine on Friday and Saturday next, the 5th and 6th days of December, instant, and that serious injuries to the persons and properties of the inhabitants of that Village will be occasioned, unless precautions for the preservation of the public peace on these days is taken. That this Deponent has received certain information that it is the intention of certain individuals to destroy the properties of persons resident in the Village, and this Deponent and other persons have been threatened with personal violence should they be present at the election: Wherefore, this Deponent prays that precautions may be taken for the preservation of the public peace at the said Village of Lachine on the above-mentioned days.

(Signed,) JOSEPH ALLARD, Esquire.

Sworn before me, at the City of Montreal,
 this 2nd day of December, 1851.

(Signed,) R. B. JOHNSON, J.P.

No. 8.—THE GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Montreal.—(*Continued.*)

MONTREAL, 12th December, 1851.

RECEIVED from BENJAMIN DELISLE, High Constable in and for the District of Montreal, the sum of seven shillings and sixpence, currency, for having driven two Constables to the Parish of St. Laurent, by order of George H. Ryland, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Montreal, to remain with the said Returning Officer during the Poll.

his
DAVID \times MUNIER.
mark.

Witnesses,

(Signed,) L. D. RENÉ COTRET,
“ C. E. SHILLER.

MONTREAL, 1st December, 1851.

RECEIVED from BENJAMIN DELISLE, High Constable in and for the District of Montreal, the sum of seven shillings and sixpence, currency, for having driven two Constables to the Parish of St. Laurent, by order of George H. Ryland, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Montreal.

his
DAVID \times MUNIER.
mark.

Witnesses,

(Signed,) ED. GAGNON,
“ WM. HANDS.

GEORGE H. RYLAND, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Montreal,
Dr. to BENJAMIN DELISLE, High Constable.

		£	s.	d.
December 1, 1851..	To paid David Munier, carter, to convey Constables William Moore and Joseph Rousseau, as per Voucher No. 1.....	0	7	6
do 12, do ..	To do do No. 2.....	0	7	6
do do, do ..	To 2 days for the same Constables, during the Poll, at 5s. per day to each.....	1	0	0
		£	1	15
			0	0

(Signed,) BENJAMIN DELISLE,
High Constable.

MONTREAL, 12th December, 1851.

No. 8.—THE GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Montreal.—(Continued.)

No. 1.

J. A. HAWLEY, Deputy Returning Officer, *Dr.* to AD. CHERRIER, Poll Clerk.

	£	s.	d.
For Services as Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s.	1	0	0
For travelling expenses to and from the Polling place, 18 miles, at 6d.	0	9	0
For do for taking oaths required by law	0	2	0
	£	1	11 0

MONTREAL, December 11th, 1851.

G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, Registrar, Returning Officer, *Dr.* to J. A. HAWLEY Deputy, &c.

	£	s.	d.
For holding the Poll at Lachine, 2 days, at £1	2	0	0
For the Commission appointing a Poll Clerk	0	2	6
For travelling to and from the place of Polling, twice each way, in all 36 miles, at 6d.	0	18	0
For do for taking the oaths required by law	0	2	0
For do for transmitting Poll Books and Returns to Returning Officer	0	1	0
For 2 Constables for 2 days, at 5s. per diem, for each	1	0	0
For reasonable and actual expenses incurred in providing Polling place, including travelling, rent of a House, Stove, Wood, Carpenter's work, &c.	6	5	0
	£	10	8 6
Add	1	11	0
	£	11	19 6

MONTREAL, December 11th, 1851.

No. 2.

G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Montreal, *Dr.* to G. C. DESSAULES, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Anne,

	£	s.	d.
December 2, 1851.. Expenses incurred to procure myself a Polling place.....	2	10	0
do 4, do .. Paid carriage to go to St. Anne, to hold the Poll and return, 48 miles, at 6d.	1	4	0
	£	3	14 0
Carried forward			

No. 8.—THE GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Montreal.—(Continued.)

G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Montreal, *Dr.* to G. C. DESSAULES, &c.—(Continued.)

		£	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>		8	14	0
December 6, 1851..	Hire of a Room to hold the Poll, 5th and 6th of December, at £1 15s. per diem.....	3	10	0
do do, do ..	Paid 2 Special Constables, at 5s. per diem	1	0	0
	Travelling expenses of Clerk to go and come	1	4	0
	Clerk's Fees	1	0	0
	Fees of Clerk's Commission.....	0	2	6
	Own Fees, as Deputy Returning Officer	2	0	0
£		12	10	6

MONTREAL, 9th December, 1851.

No. 3.

GEORGE H. RYLAND, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Montreal, *Dr.* to BASILE PICHE, Esquire, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of Sault au Recollet, in the County of Montreal.

		£	s.	d.
	Journey to take oath and return Poll Book, 28 miles, at 6d.....	0	14	0
	Commission as Poll Clerk	0	2	6
	Fee as Deputy Returning Officer	2	0	0
	Fee as Poll Clerk.....	1	0	0
	2 Special Constables	1	0	0
	Other expenses for Polling place, firewood, and sundries.....	0	15	6
£		5	12	0

No. 4.

THE RETURNING OFFICER of the County of Montreal, *Dr.* to A. C. D. DECELLES, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Laurent.

		£	s.	d.
November 27, 1851.	Cost of erecting Hustings	3	0	0
	Travelling to and from Montreal for the purpose of taking the oaths, 14 miles, at 6d.....	0	7	0
<i>Carried over</i>£		3	7	0

No. 8.—THE GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Montreal.—(*Continued.*)

THE RETURNING OFFICER of the County of Montreal, *Dr.* to A. C. D. DECELLES, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Laurent.—(*Continued.*)

		£	s.	d.
<i>Brought over</i>		8	7	0
November 27, 1851..	Commission for Clerk of the Poll, travelling 2 miles to take his oath	0	2	6
December 5 & 6..	Attendance at Polling place for 2 days' Polling Votes, at 20s.	2	0	0
	For Poll Clerk, at 10s. per diem	1	0	0
	2 Constables, at 5s. each, per diem	1	0	0
	For reasonable and actual expenses for Polling place, as Fuel, Paper, Candles, preparing and cleaning the Polling Room, &c	1	10	0
	Mileage, paid to a Justice of the Peace for taking the oath of the Deputy Returning Officer, 6 miles, at 6d. per mile	0	3	0
December 8, 1851..	Travelling to and from the Polling place to Montreal, for transmitting the Poll Book and returns to the Returning Officer, 14 miles, at 6d. per mile	0	7	0
£		9	10	6

No. 5.

GEORGE H. RYLAND, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Montreal, *Dr.* to JOSEPH LENOIR, Esquire, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of Point Claire, same County.

		£	s.	d.
Journey to Point Claire, to procure a Polling place, and other legal expenses ...		8	0	0
Hire of Poll-house in said Parish, 2 days, at 25s. per diem		2	10	0
Journey from Montreal to Point Claire, 18 miles, at 6d. per mile, and return....		0	18	0
Fee as Deputy Returning Officer		2	0	0
Commission of Poll Clerk		0	2	6
Poll Clerk's Fee		1	0	0
Poll Clerk's journey to and from Point Claire, 18 miles, at 6d. per mile		0	18	0
£		11	8	6

MONTREAL, 9th December, 1851.

No. 8.—THE GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Montreal.—(*Continued.*)

No. 6.

STATEMENT of EXPENSES and SALARIES due to BERNARD DEVLIN, as Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Geneviève, County of Montreal, for the 5th and 6th days of December, 1851.

		£	s.	d.
December —, 1851..	Fee for the 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
	Poll Clerk's Fee, at 10s.	1	0	0
do 4, do ..	Journey to prepare the Poll, going and coming, 40 miles, at 6d	1	0	0
do 5, 6, do ..	Going to hold the Poll and return, 40 miles, at 6d.	1	0	0
	do to make report of Book, 40 miles, at 6d.	1	0	0
	do to Poll Clerk	1	0	0
	Expenses of establishing Polling place, and Carpenter's work	3	12	6
	Hire of Room for the 2 days.	5	0	0
	2 Constables.	1	0	0
	Wood to warm the hall	0	7	6
		£	17	2 6

His Account.

(Signed,) B. DEVLIN,
Deputy Returning Officer.

MONTREAL, 9th December, 1851.

No. 7.

G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Montreal, *Dr.* to LÉON DOUTRE, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of Montreal.

1851.		£	s.	d.
December 4th...	Cost of erecting a Polling place	3	0	0
do do	Travelling for providing the said Polling place, &c., &c....	0	15	0
do do	$\frac{1}{2}$ Cord of Wood	0	15	0
do 5th....	2 Constables, at 5s. per day	1	0	0
do 6th....	For reasonable and actual expenses for Polling place, as Fuel, Paper, Candles, preparing and cleaning the Polling room	1	5	0
do do	Commission of Clerk of Poll	0	2	6
do do	Clerk of the Poll, 10s. per day	1	0	0
	As Deputy Returning Officer	2	0	0
		£	9	17 6

No. 8.—THE GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Montreal.—(Continued.)

No. 8.

POINTE AUX TREMBLES, 6th December, 1851.

LOUIS LABRECHE VIGER, Deputy Returning Officer, *Dr.* to the MUNICIPALITY of ST. SCHOLAIRE de la POINTE AUX TREMBLES.

	£	s.	d.
2 days use of the Village School-house, at £2 10s. per diem	5	0	0
A quarter of a cord of wood, at 20s.	0	5	0
	£ 5	5	0

G. H. RYLAND, *Dr.* to LOUIS LABRECHE VIGER, as Deputy Returning Officer.

	£	s.	d.
Expenses of going to choose a Polling place. 1st December, Carter	0	10	0
do do do Toll	0	0	8
do do do Time	1	0	0
Hire of School-house, as per account	5	0	0
Wood	0	5	0
20 miles, going and coming, first day	0	10	0
do do second day	0	10	0
Special Constables	1	0	0
Deputy's Fees	2	0	0
	£ 10	15	8
Poll Clerk, 20 miles going and coming, first day	0	10	0
do do do second day	0	10	0
Fees	1	0	0
Drawing up Clerk's Commission	0	2	6
	£ 12	18	2

MONTREAL, 6th December, 1851.

No. 8.—THE GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Montreal.—(*Continued.*)

No. 9.

G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, Returning Officer, County of Montreal, *Dr.* to JULES BERTHELOT, Esquire, D.O.R.C.M.

1851.		£	s.	d.
December 5 & 6..	Two days, as Deputy Returning Officer, at Long Point, at 20s.	2	0	0
	Going to and returning from Poll, and going to take oath, Tolls paid.....	0	10	0
	Commission appointing Poll Clerk	0	2	6
	Hire of House, Stove, Wood, Table, Chairs, &c., for to hold Poll, at Long Point	1	5	0
	Paid Mr. Meilleur, Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s.....	1	0	0
	To the same, going to and from Poll, to Montreal, to take oath, Tolls paid	0	10	0
	Paid Charles Morin, Constable, at 5s. per diem	0	10	0
	do Joseph Yamot, Constable, at 5s. do	0	10	0
		£	6	7
				6

MONTREAL, 6th December, 1851.

No. 10.

STATEMENT of EXPENSES and SALARIES due to ROUER ROY, Esquire, as Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of Rivière des Prairies, County of Montreal, for the 5th and 6th days of December, 1851.

		£	s.	d.
	Fees for the 2 days, at 20s.....	2	0	0
	Poll Clerk's Commission	0	2	6
	Fees of Poll Clerk, at 10s.....	1	0	0
December 2, 1851..	Journey to prepare the Poll, going and coming, 36 miles, at 6d	0	18	0
do 5 & 6, do ..	do to report the Book, 36 miles, at 6d.....	0	18	0
	do of Poll Clerk, 36 miles, at 6d.....	0	18	0
	Expenses of getting up Polling place, and Carpenter's work.	3	19	2
	Hire of a room, 2 days	5	0	0
	2 Constables	1	0	0
	Wood to warm Hall.....	0	7	6
		£	17	1
				2

. My Account.

(Signed,)

ROUER ROY,

Deputy Returning Officer.

MONTREAL, 9th December, 1851.

No. 8.—REMARKS on the ACCOUNT rendered by G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, for his Fees, &c., as Returning Officer at the late Election for the COUNTY of MONTREAL.

Answers or Explanations to be given opposite each Remark, and this paper returned. J. C.

REMARKS.	Currency.			ANSWERS.
	£	s.	d.	
No. 1.—ITEM. Paid Viger for Posting Proclamations..... 6d. per mile is provided by the Act for this service. The number of miles travelled should be stated.	7	10	0	<p>No. 1.—The price hitherto paid for posting up Proclamations through the County and Parish of Montreal, was £10. The undersigned agreed with Viger for £7 10s. The work occupied him and other 3 days and 2 nights. The number of miles represented by him as travelled, is attached.</p> <p>No. 2.—This is the Printer's Bill, and as I had to furnish forms to the Deputies and Clerks of Poll, I conceived that I was justified in having them Printed. G. H. R.</p> <p>No. 3.—Mr. Delisle furnished the Constables, who of course could not be expected out of an allowance of 5s. each, to pay a carter to take them to the place of nomination.</p> <p>No. 4.—In forwarding the explanations required by the Inspector General, on this head, the undersigned would respectfully submit that unless certain discretionary powers were vested in the Returning Officer, whose responsibility is very great, of incurring on an emergency expenses not directly set forth in the tariff, the effect would be to cripple his movements, and prevent his discharging his duty with the vigour and effect necessary to preserve the public peace, when large antagonistic masses are collected together.</p> <p>On this occasion the undersigned, acting in his official capacity, for the first time, as Returning Officer, maintains that he was borne out as regards the Proclamations for the preservation of the peace, by an express provision in the law,—see secs. 50-51,—and having been called upon by one of the Candidates and two Electors, (the affidavit of one of which is attached to his account,) earnestly urging the necessity of some protective measure, to prevent an expected riot; he does not think he would have been justified in acting otherwise than he did.</p>
The undermentioned items charged, are not provided for by the Act, viz. :—				
No. 2.—Blank forms of Commissions ..	5	0	0	
No. 3.—Carter taking out Constables ..	0	15	0	
No. 4.—150 Proclamations for the preservation of the Peace, &c.....	18	15	0	
For Printing do	1	18	9	
Posting do	0	15	0	

No. 8.—REMARKS on the ACCOUNT rendered by G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, for his Fees, &c., as Returning Officer at the late Election, for the COUNTY of MONTREAL.—(Continued.)

REMARKS.	Currency.			ANSWERS.
	£	s.	d.	
No. 5.—180 miles travelling, during Election days	7	10	0	The undersigned therefore took upon himself the responsibility of swearing Special Constables, and in issuing the Proclamations in question It rests with the Government to admit or reject his claim on this head, and they will rule the future conduct of the Returning Officers for the City and County of Montreal, as in other parts of the Country in discharging the onerous and responsible duty forced upon them. No. 5.—This charge, with the exception of £1 5s. travelling personal expenses, is the amount charged by the carters, who, during the period of a contested Election, will not convey 2 persons into the country at 6d. per mile, when they can earn three times as much by staying in town.
At 6d. per mile.....	4	10	0	
Overcharge.....£	3	0	0	
No. 6.—Reasonable, necessary, and incidental expenses, &c.....	7	10	0	No. 6.—This item includes case for books, expenses of Election Clerk attending during the absence of Returning Officer; 16 Special Constables at Lachine, during the 5th and 6th of December, sleighs conveying ditto, tolls, &c.
No. 7.—For 10 Bibles, at 7s. 6d.....	3	15	0	No. 7.—The Deputy Returning Officers made a demand for Bibles, in the event of parties requiring to be sworn, and cheap ones were accordingly provided them. The Undersigned is aware that there is no allowance for this in the Tariff, but he submits that it was a reasonable and necessary outlay.
No. 8.—For 10 Blank Poll Books..... Those required for the Deputies are previously charged, being all that are allowed for.	2	10	0	No. 8.—It is true, Poll Books for the Deputies are charged, but the law also requires Copies of Poll Books to be lodged with the Registrar. These books cost 4s. 6d. each! Is this to be paid out of the Returning Officer's own pocket?
No. 9.—For transcribing contents of original Poll Books..... 3d. per folio of 100 words is allowed for this service, the number of folios is required.	5	0	0	No. 9.—As regards transcribing, each Poll Book, with the certificates, oaths, &c., was averaged at 4,000 words, and allowed accordingly to the party employed in transcribing—hence the charge on 10 books of £5.

No. 8.—REMARKS on the ACCOUNT rendered by G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, for his Fees, &c., as Returning Officer at the late Election, for the COUNTY of MONTREAL.—(Continued.)

REMARKS.	Currency.			ANSWERS.
	£	s.	d.	
No. 10.—For transmitting Return and Poll Books to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, at 6d. per mile. The expenses actually incurred is required to be stated for this service.	9	0	0	{ No. 10.—The expense actually incurred is £9, as charged, and as will be testified by the Clerk of Elections, who has gone down expressly in charge. (Signed,) G. H RYLAND.
AMOUNTS OF DEPUTIES.				
G. C DESSAULLES, PARISH OF STE. ANNE				} This being an error of the Deputy Returning Officer, will have to be deducted.
Rent of room to hold the Poll in, on the 5th and 6th December, at £1 15s. per diem, charged.....	3	15	0	
Should be	3	10	0	
Overcharged	0	5	0	
LOUIS LABRECHE, AT POINTE AUX TREMBLES, overcharged 2s.—an error in addition.	}			do do do

(Signed,) JOSEPH CARY,
Deputy Inspector General.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Quebec, 16th December, 1851.

TRAVELLED by ANTOINE VIGER, Posting Proclamations.

Travelled from Montreal to Longue Pointe, its Concessions, and other public places....	30 miles.
do to Pointe aux Trembles, its Concessions, and public places.....	30 do.
do to Bout de l'Isle, Rivière des Prairies, its Concessions, and public places	46 do.
do to Sault au Recollet, its Concessions, and public places.....	30 do.
do to St. Laurent, &c. do do	30 do.
do to Ste. Anne, &c do do	30 do.
do to Ste. Geneviève, &c. do do	30 do.
do to Lachine, &c. do do	30 do.
do in Montreal and Parish of Montreal, including Rivière St. Pierre, Tanneries des Rollands, Côte St. Luc, Côte St. Antoine, Côteau St. Pierre, Petite Côte de la Visitation, Hochelaga, &c., &c., &c., Tanneries des Belaire, Mile End.....	50 do.
	300 miles.
300 miles, at 6d. £7 10s. 0d.	

No. 8.—THE GOVERNMENT of CANADA, Dr. to G. H. RYLAND,
Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Montreal.—(Continued.)

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, 15th December, 1851.

Referred to the Honorable Inspector General for report.

By Command.

(Signed,) E. PARENT,
Assistant Secretary.

DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE FOREGOING ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Total amount of Account</i>							236	10	1
DEDUCT—is not provided for, item, Blank forms of Commissions				5	0	0			
150 Proclamations for preserving the Peace				18	15	0			
Considering the apparent necessity for those Proclamations, the expense of printing (£1 18s. 9d) and posting (15s) are allowed.									
180 miles Travelling during Election days, charged ...	7	10	0						
Allow 6d. per mile	4	10	0						
Reasonable necessary expenses, &c				3	0	0			
10 Bibles, at 7s. 6d.				3	15	0			
For 10 blank Poll Books				2	10	0			
For transmitting Poll Books to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.....	9	0	0						
Allow one half.....	4	10	0						
				4	10	0			
From the account of the Deputy Returning Officer, Parish of St. Anne, overcharge on Rent of Polling place				0	5	0			
From ditto at Point aux Trembles—error in addition ..				0	2	0			
							45	7	0
For allowance							£ 191	8	1

The issue of a Warrant for £191 3s. 1d. is recommended in payment of this account.

(Signed,) JOSEPH CARY,
Deputy Inspector General.
INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
13th January, 1852.

[Advised.]

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
QUEBEC, 14th January, 1852.

Ordered, that a Warrant do issue, as recommended by the Deputy Inspector General.

By Command.

(Signed,) E. PARENT,
Assistant Secretary.

No. 8.—GEORGE H. RYLAND, Esquire, Registrar and Returning Officer, Hochelaga Riding, County of Montreal, *Dr.* to CHARLES EDWARD SCHILLER, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of Pointe aux Trembles.

			£	s.	d.	
July	20,	1854 .	To travelling expenses from Montreal to Pointe aux Trembles, to secure and fit up premises as a Poll Booth, and return, 18 miles, 9s ; toll, 1s.....	0	10	0
do	do,	do ..	To Commission for Poll Clerk.....	0	2	6
do	21,	do ..	To travelling expenses from Montreal to Pointe aux Trembles, and return, 18 miles, 9s. ; toll, 1s.....	0	10	0
do	do,	do ...	To Poll Clerk, travelling expenses from Montreal to Pointe aux Trembles, 9 miles, 4s. 6d. ; toll, 1s	0	5	6
do	do,	do ..	Stationery	0	2	6
do	22,	do ..	To travelling expenses from Montreal to Pointe aux Trembles, and return, 18 miles, 9s. ; toll, 1s.....	0	10	0
do	do,	do ..	To Poll Clerk, travelling expenses from Pointe aux Trembles to Montreal, 9 miles, 4s 6d. ; toll, 1s.....	0	5	6
do	do,	do ..	To opening and attendance at Poll for 2 days, 21st and 22nd July, 1854, at 20s. per day	2	0	0
do	do,	do ..	To Poll Clerk, ditto, at 10s. per day	1	0	0
do	do,	do ..	To 2 Constables, for 2 days each, 21st and 22nd July, 1854, at 5s. per day each.....	1	0	0
do	do,	do ..	To Rental of Poll Booth.....	10	0	0
do	do,	do ..	To transmission of Poll Book to the Returning Officer, 9 miles, 4s. 6d. ; toll, 6d.	0	5	0
			£	16	11	0

No. 8.—GEORGE H. RYLAND, Esquire, Registrar and Returning Officer, Hochelaga Riding, County of Montreal, *Dr.* to W. H. RYLAND, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of Montreal.

			£	s.	d.	
Two days' attendance at Poll.....			2	0	0	
Two Constables during the same			1	0	0	
Poll Clerk do do			1	0	0	
Commission to Poll Clerk			0	2	6	
Expenses for Poll Booth.....			6	0	0	
Travelling expenses for the purpose of taking oaths prescribed by Act 12 Vic., and transmitting Poll Books to Returning Officer.....			1	0	0	
			£	11	2	6

No. 8.—G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, Registrar and Returning Officer for the County of Montreal, *Dr.* to ADÉLARD J. BOUCHER, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of Long Point.

			£	s.	d.
July	20, 1854..	To travelling expenses, going to Long Point to secure and fit up premises as Poll, and return, 6s.; toll-gate, 6d.	0	6	6
do	do, do ..	To Clerk's Commission	0	2	6
do	21, do ..	To travelling expenses, going and returning from Long Point, 6s.; toll-gate, 6d.	0	6	6
do	do, do ..	To Clerk's travelling expenses, going to Long Point, 3s.; toll-gate, 6d.	0	3	6
do	do, do ..	To opening, and attendance at the Poll	1	0	0
do	do, do ..	To Poll Clerk	0	10	0
do	do, do ..	To 2 Constables, at 5s.	0	10	0
do	do, do ..	To rental of Premises, including necessary arrangements ..	5	0	0
do	22, do ..	To Stationery	0	2	6
do	do, do ..	To travelling expenses, going to and returning from Long Point, 6s.; toll-gate, 6d.	0	6	6
do	do, do ..	To opening and attendance at the Poll	1	0	0
do	do, do ..	To Poll Clerk	0	10	0
do	do, do ..	To 2 Constables, at 5s.	0	10	0
do	do, do ..	To rental of Premises as Poll	5	0	0
do	do, do ..	To Clerk's travelling expenses, returning from Long Point, 3s.; toll-gate, 6d.	0	3	6
do	do, do ..	To transmission of Poll Books to the Returning Officer, 9 miles, 4s. 6d.; toll-gate, 6d.	0	5	0
			£	15	16
					6

LONG POINT, 22nd July, 1854.

Received from Adélar J. Boucher, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of Long Point, the sum of (£1) one pound, currency, being for the use of the Public Hall, as a Polling place, on the 21st and 22nd instant.

(Signed,) J. B. MORIN,
Attorney.

LONG POINT, 23rd September, 1856.

Sir,—I, the undersigned, certify to have received from the bearer of these presents, J. B. Morin, Esquire, for the hire of the Public Hall, of the Parish of Long Point, the sum of 20s., during the two days of Election, in 1854.

I received the above 20s. on the 25th July, 1854. Urgent business, connected with my ministry, prevented my complying with your request, having received the notice too late.

I have the honor, &c.,

J. B. DRAPEAU,
Priest.

A. M. DELISLE, Esquire.

No. 8.—THE GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Montreal.—(Continued.)

POINTE AUX TREMBLES, 17th September, 1856.

I, the undersigned, Secretary-Treasurer for the School Municipality of Point aux Trembles, certify that at the time of the Election of eighteen hundred and fifty-one, the sum of five pounds, currency, was paid to the Commissioners, by the Deputy Returning Officer, at the Election of this year, for the hire of the Village School-house, as a Polling place.

(Signed,) PIERRE DUBRIEUIL,
Secretary-Treasurer.

POINTE AUX TREMBLES, 17th September, 1856.

I authorise Mr. Dubreuil to give to Mr. Louis Labreche Viger all necessary discharge for the sum paid in 1851 or 1852, for the hire of the Village School house, as a Polling place, for registering votes.

(Signed,) FR. P. PORLIER,
C. Priest.

THE GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to H. GUERIN, Esquire, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of Sault au Recollet, County of Hochelaga.

	£	s.	d.
Journey to bring the Books....	0	9	0
Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
Going to take oath and returning	0	9	0
Room for holding Poll, at £5 per diem	10	0	0
Journey to and from Poll.....	0	18	0
2 Constables, at 5s. each, 2 days	1	0	0
Going to take the oath, at the close of the Poll, and returning	0	9	0
Poll Clerk's Commission.....	0	2	6
do at 10s. per diem, 2 days	1	0	0
Going to take oath	0	9	0
Going to Poll and returning.....	0	18	0
Going to take oath at the close of the Poll.....	0	9	0
For sundry expenses for the holding of the Poll.....	0	10	0
For making my return	0	9	0
	£	19	2 6

This is my Account.

(Signed,) H. GUERIN,
Deputy Returning Officer.

No. 8.—THE GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Montreal.—(Continued.)

MONTREAL, 24th July, 1854.

ACCOUNT of LEON DOUTRE, as Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Joseph de la Rivière des Prairies, to hold the Poll the 21st and 22nd July instant, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.
Going to prepare Poll, 36 miles, at 6d..	0	18	0
Opening the Poll, 36 miles, at 6d	0	18	0
Poll Clerk, 36 miles, at 6d	0	18	0
Two Constables, at 5s. per diem	1	0	0
Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s.	1	0	0
do, Commission	0	2	6
Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days	2	0	0
Paid Theophile Jannot for putting up Polling Booth	7	10	0
Paid Joseph Desjardins for occupying his land to hold the Poll	3	15	0
	£	18	1 6
Going to Returning Officer's to deposit the book and be sworn, 9 miles, at 6d. ...	0	4	6
	£	18	6 0

RIVIÈRE DES PRAIRIES, 21st July, 1854.

Received from Leon Doutre, Deputy Returning Officer of the Parish of St. Joseph de la Rivière des Prairies, the sum of Seven pounds ten shillings, for putting up Polling Booth.

THEOPHILE ^{his} JANNOT.
mark.

Witnesses,

(Signed,) TREFLE COUVRETTE,
" THEOPHILE COLLANE.

RIVIÈRE DES PRAIRIES, 22nd July, 1854.

Received from Leon Doutre, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of Rivière des Prairies, the sum of Three pounds fifteen shillings, for the use of the passage leading to the yard of my house, for holding a Poll two days.

JOSEPH ^{his} DESJARDINS.
mark.

Witnesses,

(Signed,) THEOPHILE COLEAU,
" TREFLE COUVRETTE.

No. 8.—THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT of CANADA, Dr. to G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, Returning Officer for Hochelaga Riding, County of Montreal.

	£	s.	d.
For 200 Proclamations in French, and the like number in the English language, at 2s. 6d.	50	0	0
For posting up Proclamations throughout the Riding, and the City of Montreal..	7	0	0
For expenses incurred in providing Hustings, &c., &c.	7	10	0
6 Commissions to Deputy Returning Officers and Clerk of Election	1	10	0
For attendance on day of opening Election	2	0	0
For 15 miles travelled on the same day	0	7	6
5 Warrants to Deputy Returning Officers	0	12	6
2 Constables, 2 days, each at 5s.	1	0	0
Cab for taking them out.	1	0	0
For Election Clerk, 2 days.	2	0	0
For 50 miles travelled in transmitting Commissions, and Warrants, &c., to Deputies.	1	5	0
5 Poll Books for Deputies.	1	5	0
For 96 miles travelled during the Election—visiting Polls	2	8	0
For attendance on day of closing Election	2	0	0
For 15 miles travelled in proceeding to place fixed by Proclamation for closing Election	0	7	6
For 2 Indentures, at 5s. each.	0	10	0
For copies of 5 Poll Books, furnished and deposited in Registry Office, Montreal, under 27th sec., page 15, and 6th section (<i>vide</i> Tariff) 12th Vic., cap. 27 ..	1	5	0
For expenses in transmitting Writ of Election, Poll Books, and other documents, to Clerk of Crown in Chancery, at Quebec	3	10	0
	£	85	10 6

This is my Bill. E.E.

(Signed,) G. H. RYLAND,
Returning Officer.

MONTREAL, 25th July, 1854.

No. 8.—RECAPITULATION AND GENERAL ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Returning Officer	85	10	6
Deputy Returning Officer for Parish of Montreal	11	2	6
do do for Parish of Long Point.	15	16	6
do do for Parish of Pointe aux Trembles.	16	11	0
do do for Parish of Rivière des Prairies.	18	6	0
do do for Parish of Sault au Recollet	19	2	6
	£	166	9 0

No. 8.—THE GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Montreal.—(Continued.)

REMARKS OF DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL CARY.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
<i>Amount of account brought forward</i>.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	166	9	0
The charge for 200 Proclamations, £50, is excessive. The last Election, which was for the whole County of Montreal, was for 125, only £37 10s. Now, when the County is divided into two Ridings, the charge is considerably more. Unless the Returning Officer will specify the particular Churches and Chapels, or other public places, where they were posted, not more than 100 can be allowed therefor.										
DEDUCTION FROM DEPUTIES.										
For Parish of Montreal, from charge for Polling Booth, unless Voucher is furnished				1	0	0				
For Parish of Long Point, unless Voucher is produced, for Poll House.....				5	0	0				
For Parish of Pointe aux Trembles, unless Voucher is produced, for Poll House.....				5	0	0				
For Parish of Rivière des Prairies (Nil)										
For Parish of Sault au Recollet, from charge for Poll House				5	0	0				
And from divers expenses not provided for.....				0	10	0				
			£	16	10	0				
From Returning Officers therefore deduct.....	25	0	0							
The last item for transmitting Writ of Return and Poll Books to Clerk of Crown in Chancery, cannot be admitted, as the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery has informed the Deputy Inspector General that he instructed all the Returning Officers to transmit their Return and Poll Books by mail.	3	10	0							
				28	10	0				
							45	0	0	
							£	121	9	0

Recommended, that a Warrant may issue for £121 9s., in payment of this amount, £45 being deducted, as noted within.

(Signed,) JOS. CARY,
Deputy Inspector General.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
20th July, 1854.

[Advised.]

Let a Warrant issue as recommended by the Deputy Inspector General.

By Command.

(Signed,) E. PARENT,
Assistant Secretary.

26th July, 1854.

No. 8.—THE GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Montreal.—(*Continued.*)

MONTREAL, 28th July, 1854.

Sir,—The Returning Officer for the Division of Hochelaga, County of Montreal, having informed me that he had received a communication from you, stating that five pounds having been deducted from my account, owing to the want of voucher for the Poll-booth rented by me, I beg to refer you to my account, to which you will find that the regular voucher is attached.

The mistake, on your part, is evidently owing to your having taken my name for Mr. Guerin, the Deputy Returning Officer for Sault au Recollet, in whose account I perceive there is a charge of ten shillings for purposes not specified or provided by law.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed,) LEÓN DOUTRE,
Deputy Returning Officer for Rivière des Prairies.

JOSEPH CARY, Esquire,
Deputy Inspector General.

No. 9.

HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to A. T. O. BASTIEN, Returning Officer for the County of Vaudreuil.

		£	s.	d.
December 10, 1847..	Indorsing Writ of Election	0	5	0
	Returning Officer's oath	0	5	0
	Poll Clerk's oath	0	5	0
	20 Notices, in French and English, at 5s.....	5	0	0
	Travelling expenses for posting Proclamations, 51 leagues going, 51 leagues returning.....	5	2	0
	Proclamation, and posting Proclamation at Vaudreuil.....	0	5	0
	Returning Officer on day of Nomination	1	5	0
	Poll Clerk	1	0	0
	2 Constables	1	0	0
	Messengers to the Deputy Returning Officers, with Commissions, 233 miles, going and coming, at 6d.....	5	16	6
	To drawing up Commissions for Deputy Returning Officers, at 5s.....	2	0	0
	To drawing up 8 do for Poll Clerks, at 5s.....	2	0	0
	Returning Officer on the day of closing the Poll.....	1	5	0
	Poll Clerk, 20s.; 2 Constables, 20s.	2	0	0
	Messengers with, and Poll Books, 233 miles, at 6d.....	5	16	6
	Return of execution of Writ	0	5	0
	2 Indentures	0	10	0
	<i>Carried forward</i>	£ 34	0	0

No. 9.—HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to A. T. O. BASTIEN,
Returning Officer for the County of Vaudreuil.—(Continued.)

	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>	34	0	0
POLL OF VAUDREUIL.			
December 10, 1847.. Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days	2	0	0
Poll Clerk, do	2	0	0
2 Constables, do	2	0	0
Paid for Hustings.....	0	10	0
POLL OF ISLE PERROT.			
Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days	2	0	0
Poll Clerk, do	2	0	0
2 Constables, do	2	0	0
Messengers carrying returns, 18 miles, at 6d.....	0	9	0
POLL OF SOULANGES.			
Messengers conveying returns, 18 miles, at 6d.....	0	9	0
Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days	2	0	0
Poll Clerk, do	2	0	0
2 Constables, do	2	0	0
POLL OF ST. IGNACE.			
Messenger to convey returns, 21 miles, going and coming, at 6d.....	0	10	6
Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days	2	0	0
Poll Clerk, do	2	0	0
2 Constables, do	2	0	0
Paid for Hustings and House.....	1	1	0
Messenger conveying returns 36 miles, at 6d.....	0	18	0
POLL OF ST. POLYCARP.			
Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days	2	0	0
Poll Clerk, do	2	0	0
2 Constables, do	2	0	0
Messenger conveying returns, 42 miles, at 6d.....	1	1	0
Hustings, &c.....	0	10	0
POLL OF NEWTON.			
Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days	2	0	0
Poll Clerk, do	2	0	0
2 Constables, do	2	0	0
Paid for Hustings and House	1	0	0
Messenger conveying returns, 60 miles, at 6d.....	1	10	0
POLL OF ST. MARTHE.			
Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days	2	0	0
Poll Clerk, do	2	0	0
2 Constables, do	2	0	0
Paid for Hustings	0	10	0
Messengers conveying returns, 45 miles, at 6d.....	1	2	6
<i>Carried over</i>	£ 85	11	0

No. 9.—HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to A. T. O. BASTIEN,
Returning Officer for the County of Vaudreuil.—(Continued.)

		£	s.	d.
<i>Brought over</i>		85	11	0
December 10, 1847..	Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days	2	0	0
	Poll Clerk, do	2	0	0
	2 Constables, do	2	0	0
	Messenger conveying returns, 36 miles, at 6d.	0	18	0
	Conveying Poll Books to Montreal, 60 miles, going and coming, at 6d.	1	10	0
£		99	10	0

No. 9.—DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT.

Montreal, 29th January, 1848.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
T. O. Bastien, Esquire, renders an account of his Fees and Allowances as Returning Officer for the County of Vaudreuil, at the election held during the present month, amounting to, currency				99	10	0
From which it is recommended that there be deducted, as not being provided for by law, 8 Commissions for the Deputy Returning Officers, at 5s.	2	0	0			
8 Commissions for Poll Clerks	2	0	0			
Total deductions				4	0	0
Sum allowed, Currency			£	95	10	0

No. 10.

ACCOUNT of the FEES, EXPENSES, and DISBURSEMENTS, granted and made in July, 1854, for the Election of a Member to represent the COUNTY of NAPIERVILLE, in obedience to Her Majesty's Warrant, dated the 23rd June, 1854, to and by E. BOUCHARD, Returning Officer.

	£	s.	d.
Attendance at opening of Poll, 1st day	2	0	0
do closing do	2	0	0
Poll Clerk, 2 days	2	0	0
2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s. each	1	0	0
<i>Carried forward</i>	£	7	0

No. 10.—ACCOUNT of the FEES, EXPENSES, and DISBURSEMENTS, granted and made in July, 1854, for the Election of a Member to represent the COUNTY of NAPIERVILLE, &c., to and by E. BOUCHARD, Returning Officer.—(Continued.)

	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>	7	0	0
50 copies of Proclamation, or Notices of Election, at 2s. 6d. each.....	6	5	0
6 Commissions; 1 to Poll Clerk, 5 to Deputy Returning Officers, at 2s. 6d. each.....	0	15	0
5 Warrants, authorizing the Deputy Returning Officers to hold the Poll, at 2. 6d. each.....	0	12	6
2 Indentures, at 5s.	0	10	0
5 Poll Books furnished the Deputy Returning Officer, at 5s. each.....	1	5	0
Copies of Poll Books, at 6d. the hundred words, for 15,300 words.....	1	18	6
For putting up the Hustings at St. Edwards, and journey for that purpose.....	5	17	6
For 80 miles travelled to post 50 Proclamations in the different Parishes of the County, viz., 15 at St. Cyprian, 12 at St. Remi, 10 at St. Edwards, 7 at St. Michel, and 6 at Sherrington, at 6d. per mile.....	2	0	0
Conveyance of Poll Books 60 miles, Commissions and Warrants to the Deputy Returning Officer, at 6d. per mile.....	1	10	0
40 miles travelled by the Returning Officer and the Poll Clerk, going to the place of Election (St. Edouard), the days of Nomination and Proclamation, making a total of 80 miles, at 6d. per mile....	2	0	0
For 60 miles travelled, going to Montreal to purchase Poll Books, at 6d. per mile.	1	10	0
JOSEPH BRUNEL, Deputy Returning Officer.			
Fees for holding the Poll during the 2 days.....	2	0	0
Clerk's Fees, 2 days.....	1	0	0
2 Constables, 2 days.....	1	0	0
Poll Clerk's Commission.....	0	2	6
To 1 mile going and 1 mile returning for the Deputy Returning Officer and Poll Clerk, respectively, each Polling day, from their residence to the Poll....	0	4	0
Deputy Returning Officer going to take oath before and after the Poll.....	0	2	0
Clerk do do.....	0	2	0
Preparing place for Poll.....	0	10	0
Journey to transmit Poll Book.....	0	0	6
PIERRE BENOIT, Deputy Returning Officer.			
Fees for holding the Poll, 2 days.....	2	0	0
Poll Clerk, 2 days.....	1	0	0
2 Constables, 2 days.....	1	0	0
Poll Clerk's Commission.....	0	2	6
Deputy Returning Officer, going to take oath before and after the Poll.....	0	2	0
Poll Clerk do do.....	0	2	0
32 miles travelled to transmit the Poll Book, at 6d. per mile.....	0	16	0
Preparing Polling place.....	0	7	6
JOSEPH PAPIN, Deputy Returning Officer.			
Fees for holding Poll, 2 days.....	2	0	0
Fees to Clerk, 2 days.....	1	0	0
2 Constables, 2 days.....	1	0	0
Poll Clerk's Commission.....	0	2	6
10 miles travelled during the 2 days, going to and from Poll, by the Deputy Returning Officer and Poll Clerk, respectively, 20 miles, at 6d. per mile....	0	10	0
14 miles travelled to transmit Poll Book, at 6d.....	0	7	0
Preparing Poll.....	0	5	0
<i>Carried over</i>	£	46	19
			0

No. 10.—ACCOUNT of the FEES, EXPENSES, and DISBURSEMENTS, granted and made in July, 1854, for the Election of a Member to represent the COUNTY of NAPIERVILLE, &c., to and by E. BOUCHARD, Returning Officer.—(Continued.)

	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought over</i>	46	19	0
JOSEPH CREPEAU, Deputy Returning Officer.			
Fees for holding Poll, 2 days.....	2	0	0
Fees for Poll Clerk, 2 days.....	1	0	0
2 Constables, 2 days.....	1	0	0
Poll Clerk's Commission.....	0	2	6
Deputy Returning Officer going to take oath, before and after Poll.....	0	2	0
Poll Clerk do do do.....	0	2	0
20 miles travelled, going to and from Poll, during the 2 days, by the Deputy Returning Officer and Poll Clerk, 40 miles, at 6d. per mile.....	1	0	0
To transmitting Poll Book.....	0	0	6
GEORGE BUSBY, Deputy Returning Officer.			
Fees for holding Poll, 2 days.....	2	0	0
Clerk, 2 days.....	1	0	0
2 Constables, 2 days.....	1	0	0
Poll Clerk's Commission.....	0	2	6
Deputy Returning Officer, going to take oath, before and after Poll, and going to and from Poll.....	0	2	0
Poll Clerk do do do.....	0	2	0
14 miles travelled, to transmit Poll Book, at 6d. per mile.....	0	7	0
Preparing Poll Place.....	1	10	0
	£	58	18 6

Done and delivered at St. Cyprien, by the undersigned.

(Signed,) E. BOUCALRD,
Returning Officer.

DEDUCTION.

	£	s.	d.
<i>Amount of account brought down</i>	58	18	6
Travelling to Montreal, 60 miles, to procure Poll Books, not provided by the Act.....	1	10	0
For allowance.....	£	57	8 6

No. 11.

ST. GENEVIEVE DE BASTICAN, 16th January, 1848.

HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to R. TRUDEL, Returning Officer for the County of Champlain, for Fees, Disbursements, and Expenses in the present Election of a Member for the County of Champlain, to wit:—

	£	s.	d.
1.—Endorsement of Writ of Election	0	5	0
2.—Drawing up 14 Proclamations, 7 in English and 7 in French, for the 7 Parishes of the County of Champlain, at 5s. each	3	10	0
3.—1 Proclamation in English and 1 in French, for the Town of Three Rivers, at 5s. each	0	10	0
4.—Conveyance of said Proclamations to St. Stanislas, 12 miles, at 6d.	0	6	0
5.—To St. Anne de la Pérade, 18 miles, at 6d.	0	9	0
6.—To St. François-Xavier de Batican, 18 miles, at 6d.	0	9	0
7.—To Champlain, 18 miles, at 6d.	0	9	0
8.—To Cap de la Magdeleine, 40 miles, at 6d.	1	0	0
9.—To St. Maurice, 42 miles, at 6d.	1	1	0
10.—To Three Rivers, 44 miles, at 6d.	1	2	0
11.—To posting and publishing the said Proclamations in the 8 respective places, at 2s. 6d. each place	1	0	0
12.—Cost of Hustings at St. Geneviève, for opening and closing the Poll	4	0	0
13.—To 7 Commissions to Deputy Returning Officers, at 5s.	1	15	0
14.—To 7 other Commissions for 7 Poll Clerks, at 5s.	1	15	0
15.—Orders addressed to Deputy Returning Officers, requiring them to enregister the votes of Election of each Parish, at 5s. each.	1	15	0
16.—Conveyance of Warrants, Poll Books, and other documents, to St. Stanislas, 12 miles, at 6d.	0	6	0
17.—To St. Anne de la Pérade, 18 miles, at 6d.	0	9	0
18.—To St. François-Xavier de Batican, 18 miles, at 6d.	0	9	0
19.—To Champlain, 18 miles, at 6d.	0	9	0
20.—To St. Maurice, 42 miles, at 6d.	1	1	0
21.—To Cap de Magdeleine, 40 miles, at 6d.	1	0	0
22.—Attendance of Returning Officer at the opening of the Poll	1	6	0
23.—do do at the close of the Poll	1	6	0
24.—Poll Clerk, 20s. each attendance.	2	0	0
25.—2 Constables, 10s. each, each attendance.	2	0	0
26.—7 Poll Books, at 40s. each	14	0	0
27.—7 copies of Poll Books, at 40s. each	14	0	0
28.—2 Indentures, at 5s. each	0	10	0
Registration of the Votes of the Electors for the PARISH OF ST. GENEVIEVE DE BASTICAN.			
29.—Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
30.—Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
31.—2 Constables, 2 days, at 10s. each per diem.	2	0	0
32.—Poll House and Fuel, at 15s per diem.	1	10	0
33.—Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
34.—Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
35.—2 Constables, at 10s. each, per diem	2	0	0
36.—Poll House and Fuel, 2 days, at 10s.	1	0	0
37.—Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
38.—Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
<i>Carried over</i>	£	76	12
			0

No. 11.—HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to R. TRUDEL, Returning Officer for the County of Champlain, &c.—(*Continued.*)

	£	s.	d.
PARISH OF ST. GENEVIEVE DE BATISCAN.—(<i>Continued.</i>)			
<i>Brought over</i>	76	12	0
39.—2 Constables, 2 days, at 10s. per diem	2	0	0
40.—Poll House, 2 days, at 10s.	1	0	0
41.—Conveyance of Deputy Returning Officer to report proceedings to Returning Officer, 18 miles, at 6d.	0	9	0
42.—Conveyance of Deputy Returning Officer of St. Stanislas, to make report of proceedings to Returning Officer, 12 miles, at 6d.	0	6	0
PARISH OF ST. FRANÇOIS-XAVIER DE BATISCAN.			
43.—Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
44.—Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
45.—Two Constables, 2 days, at 10s. each	2	0	0
46.—Poll House, 2 days, at 10s.	1	0	0
47.—Conveyance of Deputy Returning Officer to report proceedings, 18 miles, at 6d.	0	9	0
PARISH OF CHAMPLAIN.			
48.—Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
49.—Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
50.—Two Constables, 2 days, at 10s. each	2	0	0
51.—Poll House, 2 days, at 10s.	1	0	0
52.—Conveyance of Deputy Returning Officer to report proceedings to Returning Officer, 18 miles, at 6d.	0	9	0
PARISH OF CAP DE LA MAGDELEINE.			
53.—Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
54.—Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
55.—Two Constables, 2 days, at 10s. per diem each	2	0	0
56.—Poll House, 2 days, at 10s.	1	0	0
57.—Conveyance of Deputy Returning Officer to report proceedings to Returning Officer, 40 miles, at 6d.	1	0	0
PARISH OF ST. MAURICE.			
58.—Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
59.—Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 20s. per diem	2	0	0
60.—Poll House, 2 days, at 10s.	1	0	0
61.—Conveyance of Deputy Returning Officer to report proceedings to Returning Officer, 42 miles, at 6d.	1	1	0
62.—Drawing up this account	0	5	0
	£	109	9 0

(Signed,) R. TRUDEL,
Returning Officer.

January 16th, 1848.

No. 11.—HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to R. TRUDEL, Returning Officer for the County of Champlain, &c.—(Continued.)

DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
R. Trudel, Esquire, renders an account of his Fees and Allowances, as Returning Officer at the late Election for the County of Champlain, amounting to, currency							109	9	0
From which it is recommended that there be deducted:—									
Travelling 192 miles for posting up Proclamations, at 6d. per mile,	4	16	0						
The allowance under Act 5, Geo. 4, is 1s. per league, —i.e., 64 leagues	3	4	0						
Deduct				1	12	0			
For posting and publishing the said Notices in 8 different Parishes, at 2s. 6d				1	0	0			
[This charge is covered by the mileage above]									
7 Warrants for Deputies, at 5s.				1	15	0			
7 do for Clerks, at 5s.				1	15	0			
7 Orders addressed to the Deputies respecting the enregistering of Votes, at 5s.				1	15	0			
7 Poll Books are charged at 40s.	14	0	0						
7 copies of the same, at 40s.	14	0	0						
£ 28 0 0									
Allow 1 book and 1 copy	4	0	0						
Deduct				24	0	0			
Preparing the present account				0	5	0			
Total Deductions							32	2	0
Recommended for allowance							77	7	0

No. 12.

(Copy.)

NICOLET, January, 1848.

THE GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to BASIL LUPIEN, Returning Officer for the County of Nicolet.

	£	s.	d.
To the Endorsing of the Writ of Election	0	5	0
To a Letter announcing the receipt thereof	0	5	0
Production of the Writ in writing.	0	10	0
do of my Commission in writing	0	10	0
<i>Carried over</i>	£ 1	10	0

No. 12.—THE GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to BASIL LUPIEN,
Returning Officer for the County of Nicolet.—(Continued.)

	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought over</i>	1	10	0
My oath of Office	0	5	0
Certificate on do	0	5	0
44 Notices in English, through the County, at 5s.	11	0	0
44 do in French, do do	11	0	0
Distributing, putting up, and reading of the same—going 60 leagues, at 1s.	3	0	0
do do do 60 do returning, at 1s.	3	0	0
The day of preliminary assembly	1	5	0
To my Clerk for do	1	0	0
To 2 Constables, at 10s.	1	0	0
To my Proclamation, fixing the Polling Day at ditto for the final Proclamation ..	0	5	0
To my Messenger travelling through the County to find out the different Deputies and Clerks—113 miles going and 113 miles coming—226 miles, at 6d. ...	5	13	0
8 Commissions to Deputies, at 5s.	2	0	0
8 do to Clerks, at 5s.	2	0	0
Fixing and posting up Notices in my Parish, at 5s.	0	5	0
8 letters of Instruction to my Deputies, under my hand and seal, at 5s.	2	0	0
To my Messenger for forwarding the Commissions of Deputies and Clerks, 113 miles going, at 6d.	2	16	6
do do do 113 miles returning, at 6d. ...	2	16	6
To my Messenger for distributing the Poll Books, 113 miles, at 6d.	2	16	6
do do do 113 miles returning, at 6d. ...	2	16	6
To return of Writ of Election, declaring Dr. Thomas Fortier elected	0	5	0
To the day of Proclamation	1	5	0
To my Clerk do	1	0	0
To 2 Constables, at 10s.	1	0	0
To 2 Indentures, at 5s.	0	10	0
	£	60	14 0

POLL OF ST. PIERRE LES BECQUETS.

	£	s.	d.
J. W. Demers, Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
G. Suprien, Clerk, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
Expenses for Hustings	1	7	6
For Poll Books and Copy thereof	2	0	0
To registering the 2 Oaths of Office, at 5s.	0	10	0
To Messengers, 15 miles going and returning, 30 miles, at 6d.	0	15	0
2 Constables, 2 days, at 10s.	2	0	0
4 extra do the second day, at 10s.	2	0	0
To forwarding the Poll Books to Bécancour, 18 miles going, at 6d.	0	9	0
do do do 18 miles coming, at 6d.	0	9	0
		13	10 6

POLL OF BECANCOUR.

	£	s.	d.
To T. A. Lambert, Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
To L. S. Rivard, Clerk, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
Expenses for Hustings	1	17	6
2 Constables, 2 days, at 10s. per diem	2	0	0
For Poll Book and Copy thereof	2	0	0
Registering 2 Oaths of Office, at 5s.	0	10	0
6 extra Constables the second day, at 10s.	3	0	0
		12	7 6

Carried forward

£	86	12	0
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No. 12.—THE GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to BASIL LUPIEN,
Returning Officer for the County of Nicolet.—(Continued.)

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>				86	12	0
POLL OF ST. GREGOIRE.						
To And. Busson, Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
To F. Coté, Clerk, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
To expenses for Hustings and Poll Book	7	10	0			
To registering 2 Oaths of Office, at 5s.	0	10	0			
2 Constables, at 20s.	2	0	0			
8 do required the second day, at 10s.	8	0	0			
To Messenger to Bécancour and then to Nicolet, and to Colonel Hanson, for a Justice of the Peace, to swear the Deputy and Clerk, 15 miles going and 15 miles coming—30 miles at 6d.	0	15	0			
And being disappointed, had to send again to Nicolet for a Magistrate, and his travelling expenses	0	15	0			
Forwarding the Poll Books, 15 miles, at 6d.	0	7	6	23	17	6
POLL AT STE. GERTRUDE.						
To B. Rivard, Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
To G. Quesnel, Clerk, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
Hustings Expenses and Poll Book	6	17	6			
Registering 2 oaths of office, at 5s.	0	10	0			
Travelling Expenses of self and Clerk, 15 miles going	0	7	6			
do do do do, 15 miles coming	0	7	6			
To 2 Constables, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
To travelling expenses, a Magistrate to swear the Deputy and Clerk	0	15	0			
Messenger, 2 days, 15 miles going and 15 miles coming—30 miles, at 6d.	0	15	0			
Forwarding the Poll Books, 10 miles, at 6d.	0	5	0	15	17	6
POLL OF GENTILLY.						
J. Golette, Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
P. Poisson, Clerk, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
Hustings Expenses and Poll Books	7	10	0			
Registering 2 oaths of office, at 5s.	0	10	0			
Messenger, 10 miles going, at 6d.	0	5	0			
do, 10 miles coming, at 6d	0	5	0			
2 Constables, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0			
8 do, the second day, at 10s	4	0	0			
Forwarding the Poll Book to Bécancour, 10 miles, at 6d	0	5	0	18	15	0
POLL AT ST. MONIQUE.						
Joseph LeCompte, Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days.	2	0	0			
L. A. Beaubien, Clerk, do 2 days.	2	0	0			
Hustings Expenses and Poll Books	6	17	6			
To his travelling expenses and Clerk, 15 miles going and 15 coming—30, at 6d.	0	15	0			
Registering 2 oaths on Poll Books.	0	10	0			
4 Constables, 2 days	4	0	0			
Forwarding the Poll Book to Bécancour, 17 miles going, at 6d. do do do, do coming, at 6d.	0	8	6			
	0	8	6	16	19	6
<i>Carried over</i>			£	162	1	6

No. 12.—THE GOVERNMENT of CANADA, Dr. to BASIL LUPIEN,
 Returning Officer for the County of Nicolet.—(Continued.)

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought over</i>				162	1	6
POLL OF BLANFORD.						
P. Bruneau, Deputy Returning Officer	2	0	0			
G. Gers, Clerk	2	0	0			
Hustings expenses and Poll Books	5	10	0			
2 Constables	2	0	0			
Registering 2 oaths of office on Poll Books	0	10	0			
Messenger, 10 miles, sending for Justice of the Peace, at 6d. ..	0	5	0			
do, 10 miles coming, at 6d.	0	5	0			
Forwarding Poll Books to Bécancour, 30 miles, at 6d.	0	15	0			
do do, 30 miles coming, at 6d ..	0	15	0			
				14	0	0
POLL OF NICOLET.						
To C. Giroux, Deputy Returning Officer	2	0	0			
To Louis C. Beauchemin, Clerk	2	0	0			
Hustings expense and Poll Book	7	10	0			
Registering 2 oaths of office	0	10	0			
2 Constables, 2 days	2	0	0			
10 do, second day, at 10s.	5	0	0			
Messenger, 10 miles going and 10 miles coming, 20 miles, at 6d.	0	10	0			
Forwarding the Poll Books to Bécancour, 15 miles going, at 6d.	0	7	6			
do do, 15 miles coming, at 6d.	0	7	6			
				20	5	0
To my taking the Poll Books, &c., to Montreal, 82 leagues, at 1s. 6d.	2	8	0			
82 leagues returning, at 1s. 6d	2	8	0			
				4	16	0
			£	201	2	6

**No. 12.—RECAPITULATION of the Proclamations for the Election for the County
 of NICOLET, by BASIL LUPIEN, Returning Officer.**

		£	s.	d.
NICOLET	For 8 Proclamations in English and 6 in French, and having them posted and read at the Church doors.	4	0	0
ST. MONIQUE	6 Proclamations in English and 6 in French, posted and read at the Church doors	3	0	0
ST. GREGOIRE	6 Proclamations do do do, posted and read at the Church doors.	3	0	0
BECANCOUR	6 do do do	3	0	0
ST. GERTRUDE	6 do do do	3	0	0
GENTILLY	5 do do do	2	10	0
BLANDFORD	3 do do do	1	10	0
ST. PIERRE LES BECQUETS. 4	do do do	2	0	0
		£	22	0

No. 12.—THE GOVERNMENT of CANADA, Dr. to BASIL LUPIEN,
 Returning Officer for the County of Nicolet.—(Continued.)

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Montreal, 5th February, 1848.

REPORT of the Deputy Inspector General to a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONORS,

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bazile Lupien, Esquire, renders an account of his Fees and Allowances as Returning Officer at the late Election for the County of Nicolet, amounting to (currency).....							201	2	6
From which it is recommended that there be deducted:—									
88 Notices in English and in French, is charged at 5s. Allow one half, as reasonable, that being 28 more than charged in 1844.....	22	0	0						
	11	0	0						
Deduct.....				11	0	0			
[Unless the Returning Officer can establish that a greater number were required by law.]									
Messenger travelling 226 miles to find out the Deputies and Clerks, at 6d.....				5	18	0			
16 Commissions to do do at 5s.....				4	0	0			
8 Letters of Instructions to Deputies.....				2	0	0			
DEDUCTIONS FROM DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICERS' ACCOUNTS.				£ 22	18	0			
ST. PIERRE LES BECQUETS.									
Registering 2 oaths.....	0	10	0						
4 extra Constables, at 10s.....	2	0	0						
Poll Book and Copy.....	2	0	0						
				4	10	0			
[The allowance for Poll Book and Copy being allowed to the Returning Officer.]									
BECANCOUR.									
Poll Book and Copy.....	2	0	0						
Registering 2 oaths.....	0	10	0						
6 extra Constables, at 10s.....	3	0	0						
				5	10	0			
STE. GERTRUDE.									
Registering 2 oaths.....	0	10	0						
Travelling expenses for self and Clerk.....	0	15	0						
do of Magistrate to swear Deputy and Clerk.....	0	15	0						
Poll Books.....	2	0	0						
				4	0	0			
<i>Carried over</i>				£ 36	18	0	201	2	6

No. 12.—THE GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to BASIL LUPIEN,
Returning Officer for the County of Nicolet.—(*Continued.*)

REPORT of the Deputy Inspector General, &c.—(*Continued.*)

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought over</i>				36	13	0	201	2	6
GENTILLY.									
Registering 2 oaths.....	0	10	0						
8 extra Constables, at 10s.....	4	0	0						
Poll Book.....	2	0	0						
				6	10	0			
STE. MONIQUE.									
Poll Book..	2	0	0						
Travelling expenses of self and Clerk.....	0	15	0						
Registering 2 oaths.....	0	10	0						
2 extra Constables.....	2	0	0						
				5	5	0			
BLANDFORD.									
Poll Book.....	2	0	0						
Registering 2 oaths.....	0	10	0						
				2	10	0			
NICOLET.									
Poll Book.....	2	0	0						
Registering 2 oaths.....	0	10	0						
10 extra Constables.....	5	0	0						
				7	10	0			
ST. GREGOIRE.									
Registering 2 oaths.....	0	10	0						
8 extra Constables.....	8	0	0						
Poll Book.....	2	0	0						
				10	10	0			
Total deductions.....						£	68	18	0
Recommended for allowance.....						£	136	4	6

For which sum it is recommended that a Warrant may issue in his favor, as provided by Law.

No. 13.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, DISTRICT OF QUEBEC.

THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNMENT of this PROVINCE, *Dr.* to JOSEPH
JUTRAS, Returning Officer for the County of Nicolet.

	£	s.	d.
Attendance at opening of Election.....	2	0	0
do close of do	2	0	0
Poll Clerk, at opening and closing.....	2	0	0
2 Constables, each day.....	1	0	0
100 copies of Proclamation in English.....	12	10	0
100 do do in French.....	12	10	0
9 Commissions for Deputy Returning Officers.....	1	2	6
Poll Clerk's Commission.....	0	2	6
Warrants for 9 Deputies.....	1	2	6
Indenture in duplicate.....	0	10	0
36 miles travelled to post Proclamations at St. Pierre les Becquets.....	0	18	0
18 do posting do at Gentilly	0	9	0
60 do do do at Blandford	1	10	0
22 do do do at St. Gertrude.....	0	11	0
48 do do do at St. Monique	1	4	0
30 do do do at Nicolet	0	15	0
18 do do do at St. Gregoire	0	9	0
28 do do do at St. Celestin	0	14	0
24 do do do at Port St. Francis.....	0	12	0
12 do do do at the traverse, opposite Three Rivers...	0	6	0
36 do conveying Commission of Deputy Returning Officer of St. Pierre les Becquets	0	18	0
18 do do do to Gentilly	0	9	0
75 do do do to Blandford	1	17	6
30 do do do to Nicolet	0	15	0
30 do to Nicolet, for the Deputy of St. Monique	0	15	0
18 do do to Deputy of St. Gregoire	0	9	0
18 do do to St. Gregoire for the Deputy of St. Celestin	0	9	0
36 do do to convey Poll Book to Deputy of St. Pierre les Becquets...	0	18	0
75 do to Deputy of Blandford	1	17	6
18 do do of Gentilly.....	0	9	0
30 do do of St. Monique.....	0	15	0
30 do do of Nicolet.....	0	15	0
18 do do of St. Gregoire	0	9	0
18 do do of St. Celestin	0	9	0
9 Poll Books to Deputies	2	5	0
9 copies of Poll Book, containing 20,000 words.....	2	10	0
For 1 Poll at Gentilly	1	0	0
do at St. Gertrude	1	0	0
Travelling expenses to convey Poll Books and reports to Clerk of the Crown in Chancery	10	0	0
Total Returning Officer's Account	70	5	6
Carried over	70	5	6

No. 13.—THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNMENT of this PROVINCE, Dr. to JOSEPH JUTRAS, Returning Officer for the County of Nicolet.—
(Continued.)

RECAPITULATION OF RETURNING OFFICER'S and his DEPUTIES' ACCOUNTS.

		£	s.	d.
<i>Brought over</i>		70	5	6
Amount of Account of Deputy Returning Officer of St. Pierre les Becquets.....		3	15	6
do do of Gently		5	3	0
do do of St. Gregoire		6	0	6
do do of St. Celestin		5	15	0
do do of St. Monique.....		7	5	6
do do of Nicolet		5	17	6
do do of Blandford.....		9	1	6
do do of Bécancour		4	10	0
do do of St. Gertrude		5	4	6
		£	122	18
				6

MEMO. FOR DEDUCTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
From the charge of 200 Proclamations, at 2s. 6d.; the previous Elections not more than 88 being allowed for this County; allow 100, and deduct 100, at 2s. 6d., equal to.....	12	10	0
And mileage of sending Poll Books and Warrants to Deputies. The same travelling being charged for sending Commissions, as there does not appear to be any reason why all might not be sent at once.....	5	12	6
From the charge of £10 for transmitting Poll Books and Returns to Clerk of Crown in Chancery, which might be transmitted by mail, allow 200 miles, at 6d.....	5	0	0
Deduct			
		23	2
			6
Recommended for Allowance.....		£	99
			16
			0

No. 13.—JOSEPH JUTRAS, Esquire, Returning Officer, for the County of Nicolet, Dr. to FELIX BEDARD, Deputy Returning Officer, for the Parish of St. Pierre les Becquets, County of Nicolet.

	£	s.	d.
2 days holding Poll, at 20s.....	2	0	0
Poll Clerk's Commission.....	0	2	6
Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s.....	1	0	0
Posting Proclamations, 3 miles, at 6d.....	0	1	6
Transmitting Poll Books and oaths to Returning Officer, 18 miles, at 6d.....	0	9	0
Preparing Polling place at St. Pierre	0	2	6
	£	3	15
			6

ST. PIERRE LES BECQUETS, 11th December, 1851.

No. 13.—JOSEPH JUTRAS, Esquire, Returning Officer, for the Election of the County of Nicolet, *Dr.* to B. MAURALT, Deputy Returning Officer, for Gentilly.

	£	s.	d.
Commission of Poll Clerk and distance travelled to swear him—1 mile, at 6d....	0	8	0
Attendance of self and Poll Clerk	3	0	0
Two Constables	1	0	0
Going to and from Poll, self and Clerk, 12 miles.....	0	6	0
Expenses incurred, in preparing polling place, and putting in the necessary furniture	0	5	0
Conveying Poll Book, 18 miles, at 6d.	0	9	0
	£	5	3 0

PROVINCE OF CANADA, COUNTY OF NICOLET.

No. 13.—THE GOVERNMENT OF THIS PROVINCE, *Dr.* to ANTOINE BUISSON, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Gregoire le Grand.

1851.		£	s.	d.
December 9 & 10.	Attending Poll, 2 days, at 20s.....	2	0	0
do 9	Poll Clerk's Commission	0	2	6
do 9 & 10.	Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s.....	1	0	0
do do .. do	12 miles of travel, going to Poll, and returning, at 6d.—Ferry 2s.....	0	8	0
	2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s. each per diem	1	0	0
do 12	15 miles to convey Poll Books to Returning Officer	0	7	6
do 9 & 10.	Hire of Poll-House, 2 days, at 10s.	1	0	0
	Firewood and other expenses.....	0	2	6
		£	6	0 6

PROVINCE OF CANADA, COUNTY OF NICOLET.

No. 13.—THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE, *Dr.* to SIMON HEBERT, Deputy Returning Officer for that part of the Parish of St. Celestin, lying within the County of Nicolet.

1851.		£	s.	d.
December 9 & 10.	Attending Poll, 2 days, at 20s. per diem.....	2	0	0
do 9	Poll Clerk's Commission	0	2	6
do 9 & 10.	do attendance at Poll, at 10s.—2 days	1	0	0
do 9	Ten miles travelled, going and coming by Deputy and Clerk, each, at 6d. per mile	0	10	0
	Same distance by Deputy and Clerk, 2nd day of Poll	0	10	0
	Hire of house to hold Poll, 2 days, at 12s. 6d.	1	5	0
	15 miles to convey Poll Book to Returning Officer, at 6d.....	0	7	0
		£	5	15 6

No. 13.—THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNMENT of this PROVINCE, Dr. to JOSEPH JUTRAS, Returning Officer for the County of Nicolet.
(Continued.)

ACCOUNT of L. A. BEAUBIEN, Deputy Returning Officer.

	£	s.	d.
Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
18 miles going to and from Poll.	0	9	0
Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s.	1	0	0
do travelling 18 miles, to and from Poll, at 6d.	0	9	0
Poll Clerk's Commission.	0	2	6
2 Constables, 2 days, at 5s. each.	1	0	0
Distance travelled to convey Poll Books, 30 miles, at 6d.	0	15	0
Hire of House and warming.	1	10	0
	£	7	5
			6

ACCOUNT of T. T. R. LECOMPTE, Deputy Returning Officer.

	£	s.	d.
Deputy, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s.	1	0	0
Poll Clerk's Commission.	0	2	6
2 Constables, at 5s.	1	0	0
Transmitting Poll Book.	0	15	0
Hire, 10s. per diem.	1	0	0
	£	5	17
			6

PROVINCE OF CANADA, COUNTY OF NICOLET.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THIS PROVINCE, Dr. to CHARLES HEON, Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of Blandford, in said County of Nicolet.

1851.		£	s.	d.
December 9 & 10.	Attendance at Poll, 2 days, at 20s.	2	0	0
	Poll Clerk's Commission.	0	2	6
	Poll Clerk, 2 days, at 10s.	1	0	0
	12 miles travelled to take oath as Deputy Returning Officer, at 6d. per mile, going and coming.	0	12	0
do 9 & 10	3 miles travelled by said Returning Officer, to and from Poll.	0	3	0
	33 miles travelled to convey Poll Book to Returning Officer, at 6d. a mile, going and coming.	1	13	0
	21 miles, by Poll Clerk, going and returning from Gentilly to Blandford, at 6d a mile.	1	1	0
	Hire of house, for 2 days of Poll, at 15s. per diem.	1	10	0
	2 Constables, each 5s. per diem.	1	0	0
		£	9	1
				6

No. 13.—THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNMENT of this PROVINCE, *Dr.* to
JOSEPH JUTRAS, Returning Officer for the County of Nicolet.—
(Continued.)

DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICER'S ACCOUNT FOR BECANCOUR.

	£	s.	d.
2 days as Deputy Returning Officer, at 20s.....	2	0	0
2 days as Poll Clerk, at 10s.	1	0	0
2 Constables, 2 days each, at 5s.	1	0	0
Clerk's Commission	0	2	6
Firewood, Candles and Carpenter's work	0	7	6
	£	4	10
			0

BECANCOUR, December, 1851.

ACCOUNT OF DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICER FOR THE PARISH OF
ST. GERTRUDE.

	£	s.	d.
2 days at the Poll, at 20s. per diem	2	0	0
Poll Clerk's Commission.....	0	2	6
Poll Clerk, 10s. per diem	1	0	0
To Deputy and Clerk, 11 miles travelled going to Poll	0	11	0
2 Constables, at 5s. per diem, each	1	0	0
Deputy and Clerk, 11 miles, from Poll.....	0	11	0
	£	6	4
			6

(Signed,) BENJAMIN RIVARD,
Deputy Returning Officer.

A.

[Translation.]

PROVINCE OF CANADA, }
 DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } I N the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, on the twenty-sixth day of February, instant, personally came and appeared, the Reverend PAUL LOUP ARCHAMBAULT, Priest and *Curé* of the Parish of St. Michel de Vaudreuil, County of Vaudreuil, District of Montreal, before us, Alexander Maurice Delisle, Esquire, and Matthew Ryan, Esquire, two of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the accounts of the Returning Officers of Lower Canada, for all and every the elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly from the beginning of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and to report thereon; who, after being duly sworn, doth depose and say:—I am not interested in the result of this inquiry. I know Hyacinthe Fabien Charlebois, Esquire, Registrar of the County of Vaudreuil, and Notary, residing in the said parish. I know that in his capacity of Registrar of the County of Vaudreuil he acted as Returning Officer at the two elections for the election of a Member of the Provincial Parliament, for the years one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four. In my capacity of *Curé* of the said parish, I have performed the duties of Secretary-Treasurer of the *Fabrique* of the said parish for the last thirty-nine years. The opening of the election for the two said years took place on the court, before the church-porch, and the poll for the registration of the votes of electors was held in the public hall, in the neighborhood of the parish church.

The residence of the said H. F. Charlebois is nearly opposite the church, and the public hall is only separated therefrom by a road of about thirty-six or forty feet in width. There was no hustings erected for the close or the opening of the elections which I have just mentioned.

The *Fabrique* of the said parish has never received, in any shape whatever, the sum of four pounds from the said Mr. Charlebois for the rent of the said public hall, for the election held in one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one; nor the sum of five pounds for the election in one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

The *Fabrique* of the said parish had never exacted, nor had the intention of doing so, any remuneration for the use of the said hall on the occasions which I have just mentioned.

I think it right to add, that yesterday, the twenty-fifth of February, instant, between one and two o'clock in the afternoon, Mr. H. F. Charlebois sent me his son, who presented me with a receipt in blank for the sum of nine pounds, currency, for the occupation, or lease, of the public hall, used by the electors of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, for registering the votes of the electors, and he also sent me a *bon*, payable on demand, for the sum of nine pounds, dated the twenty-third of February, instant, in favor of the said *Fabrique*, for the use of the public hall at the two said elections. I here produce this *bon*, which is annexed to the present deposition. I then signed the receipt which Mr. Charlebois had sent me by his son. In one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, the County of Vaudreuil was composed of parishes and townships, named as follows:—St. Michel de Vaudreuil, Ste. Magdeleine de Rigaud, the Township of Newton, the Parishes of Ste. Marthe, St. Clet, Ste. Jeanne de l'Isle Perrot, St. Ignace, St. Polycarpe, St. Zotique, Soulanges. And in one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, the said County having been divided, was composed of only the following parishes and townships:—St. Michel de Vaudreuil, Ste. Magdeleine de Rigaud, Ste. Marthe, Ste. Jeanne de l'Isle Perrot, and a part of the Township of Newton.

I have been a resident at Vaudreuil for more than thirty-nine years. I believe that I have a tolerably exact idea of the distances between the parishes mentioned above. The distance between Vaudreuil and Isle Perrot is nearly ten miles and a half by the ordinary and usual route. From Vaudreuil to Rigaud, the distance is eighteen miles. From Rigaud to Ste. Marthe, the distance is nine miles. From Ste. Marthe to Newton is about six miles. From Newton to St. Polycarpe is six miles. From Ste. Marthe to St. Polycarpe is thirteen miles and a half. From St. Polycarpe to St. Zotique is ten miles. From St. Zotique to St. Ignace is eight miles. From St. Ignace to St. Clet eight miles. From St. Clet to Soulanges nine miles. From Soulanges to Vaudreuil is nine miles.

In stating these distances, I believe they are correct, but I only give them to the best of my knowledge.

[Cross-examined by Mr. Hyacinthe F. Charlebois.]

It is I who receive the monies of the *Fabrique* of the said parish, as Secretary-Treasurer.

The *Fabrique* has accounts to settle with Mr. Charlebois, some of which are in dispute, and were so before eighteen hundred and fifty-one. The *Fabrique* disputed the entire sum claimed by Mr. H. F. Charlebois.

It was never intended to require any payment for the use of the public hall at the time of the elections.

The *Fabrique* did not at any time declare, by resolution, that they would give the use of the said hall for holding polls during the two elections mentioned above.

The Circuit Court occupied the said hall, and the polls were held there without any remuneration being ever required. I believe that the *Fabrique* might, optionally, have exacted payment for the use of the said hall, if they had wished to do so.

I cannot say that the *Fabrique* will not exact it in future.

The receipt which I gave for the sum of nine pounds, which I spoke of above, and for the *bon* in favor of the *Fabrique*, which was left in my hands, is to the effect that this sum and the *bon* were for making use of the hall, at the elections of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

This *bon* was received by me, as Secretary-Treasurer, in payment of the sum of nine pounds, being for the occupation of the halls in question.

If the *bon* in question is valid, the *Fabrique* will have the right of exacting payment for it.

And further the said deponent saith not: the present deposition having been read to him, he declares it contains the truth, persists therein, and hath signed.

(Signed,) P. L. ARCHAMBAULT,
Priest.

Sworn, taken, and acknowledged before us,
on the day, month, and year, first above mentioned.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
" MAT. RYAN,
Commissioners.

VAUDREUIL, 23rd February, 1856.

£9 Os. 0d.

Good to the *Fabrique* of Vaudreuil for the sum of nine pounds, currency, the same being for the occupation of the Public Hall at the elections in 1851 and 1854, payable on demand.

(Signed,) H. F. CHARLEBOIS.

B.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the twenty-eighth day of February,
instant, personally came and appeared before us, Alexander Maurice Delisle,
Esquire, and Matthew Ryan, Esquire, two of the Commissioners appointed to
inquire into the accounts of all the Returning Officers for Lower Canada for the
election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly in the years one
thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and one thousand eight hundred and fifty-
four, the Honorable ROBERT UNWIN HARWOOD, Esquire, Seigneur of the
Seignior of Vaudreuil, District of Montreal, who, being sworn, deposeth and
saith :—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know Hyacinthe Fabien Charlebois, Esquire, Notary Public and Registrar
of Vaudreuil, and have for several years past.

I am aware that Mr. Charlebois acted as Returning Officer at the election of
1851 and 1854, for the said County of Vaudreuil.

No hustings was erected at either of the said elections in the Village of
Vaudreuil on the opening of the said elections, nor do I believe any were erected
at the close of the same.

In 1851 the election aforesaid was open at the church door, where it was also
open in 1854.

The Poll was kept at the Presbytery, near the Church, in the room called "*La
Salle Publique.*"

The residence of Mr. Charlebois, from the front of the Church, where the
election was open, and the said *Salle Publique* may be about eighty feet, more
or less.

I have a pretty accurate knowledge of the various distances between the
different parishes of the County. In my opinion the distance from Vaudreuil to
Rigaud, is eighteen miles. From Rigaud to Newton, nine miles. From Newton
to Ste. Marthe, nine miles; it may be a little more. From Ste. Marthe to St.
Clet, ten miles. (I speak of the distance as it was in 1851, but I believe there is
a shorter road presently.) From St. Clet to St. Polycarpe, about twelve miles.
St. Polycarpe to St. Zotique, about six miles. St. Zotique to St. Ignace, about
four miles. St. Ignace to Soulanges, seven miles. Soulanges to Vaudreuil,
about eight miles. Vaudreuil to l'Isle Perrot, about ten miles.

For speaking of those distances, I take as my guide the churches as a point of
departure.

[Cross-examined by H. F. Charlebois, Esquire.]

I believe that bailiffs generally charge any fraction of a mile as a whole mile. I believe that the distance from Vaudreuil to Newton is about twenty-seven miles. The distance from Vaudreuil to Ste. Marthe is about eighteen miles. From Vaudreuil to St. Clet, about twelve miles. From Vaudreuil to St. Polycarpe, eighteen miles. From Vaudreuil to St. Zotique, about twenty-one miles. From Vaudreuil to St. Ignace, sixteen miles. Vaudreuil to l'Isle Perrot, ten miles, and further Deponent saith not. The present deposition having been read to him, he declares it contains the truth, persists therein, and hath signed.

(Signed,) R. U. HARWOOD.

Sworn and acknowledged before us,
on the 28th day of February, 1856.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
" MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioners.

C.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the twenty-sixth day of February,
instant, personally came and appeared before us, HENRY CARTIER, M.D., of
St. Michel de Vaudreuil, County of Vaudreuil, District of Montreal, Province of
Canada, Esquire,—Alexandre Maurice Delisle and Matthew Ryan, two of the
Commissioners appointed to inquire into the accounts of all the Returning
Officers for Lower Canada, for the election of Members to serve in the Legisla-
tive Assembly, from the beginning of the year one thousand eight hundred and
forty-eight, who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know Hyacinthe Fabien Charlebois, Esquire, Notary Public and Registrar,
of Vaudreuil.

I am aware that in One thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four there were elections in the County of Vaudreuil to elect a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament. The voting took place in the public hall belonging to the *Fabrique* of St. Michel de Vaudreuil. I can state positively, that in 1851 there was no hustings erected for the opening of the poll, and I do not think there was any in 1854, because I passed several times near the poll during the elections and I did not see any.

The residence of Mr. Charlebois, at the time of these two elections, was at the distance of about half an arpent or an arpent from the front of the church, and from the public hall where the said election was opened, and the votes of the electors taken.

I have a tolerably exact idea of the distance between the different Parishes of the County, having practised therein as Physician for more than sixteen years.

There may be, from Vaudreuil to the Village of Isle Perrot, about nine or ten miles. From Vaudreuil to Rigaud, eighteen miles. From Rigaud to Ste. Marthe, nine or ten miles. From Ste. Marthe to St. Polycarpe, I have always understood the distance to be fourteen or fifteen miles. From St. Polycarpe to St. Zotique, six or seven miles, and about the same distance between St. Zotique and St. Ignace.

I have made the last mentioned journey several times, and speak from my own knowledge. From St. Ignace to St. Olet, the distance is six miles. From St. Olet to Soulanges, between nine and ten miles, and from Soulanges to Vaudréuil it is full ten miles.

I am not aware that any payment has been asked for the use of the public hall when meetings were held there.

I have been Mayor of the County six years past, and I am now Prefect.

[Cross-examined by H. F. Charlebois.]

I have always understood that the distance from Vaudréuil to St. Polycarpe, was eighteen miles. It is fifteen from Vaudréuil to the Côteau du Lac, and thence to St. Zotique is six miles. From Vaudréuil to St. Olet is twelve miles.

I have been Commissioner for the Census, and was paid at so much per day, but I received about £80 for myself.

And further Deponent saith not: the present deposition having been read to him, he declares it contains the truth, persists therein, and hath signed,

(Signed,) H. CARTIER, M.D.

Sworn and acknowledged before us,

on the day, month, and year first above mentioned.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
 “ MATTHEW RYAN,
 Commissioners.

D.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
 DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the twenty-sixth day of February,
 instant, personally came and appeared, ANTOINE LAPRES, Bailiff, of the
 Parish of St. Polycarpe, County of Vaudréuil, District of Montreal, before us,
 Alexandre Maurice Delisle and Matthew Ryan, Esquires, two of the Commis-
 sioners appointed to inquire into the accounts of all the Returning Officers for
 Lower Canada, for the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly,
 from the beginning of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and
 to report thereon; who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know Hyacinthe Fabien Charlebois, Registrar and Notary Public of Vaudréuil. I recollect that there was an election in one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

I have served as Bailiff for the last three years in the county, and have a tolerably exact idea of the distances between the different Parishes of the County. The distance from Vaudréuil to Rigaud, is eighteen miles. From Rigaud to Ste. Marthe, nine miles. From Ste. Marthe to the polling place at Newton, at Stackhouse's, the distance is thirteen miles and a half. From Stackhouse's to St. Polycarpe, nine miles. From St. Polycarpe to St. Zotique, six or seven miles. From St. Zotique to St. Ignace, six miles. From St. Ignace to St. Olet, five

miles and a half. From St. Clet to Soulanges, twelve miles, and from Soulanges to Vaudreuil, twelve miles.

The distances which I have stated above, are those which I charge for signification of writs, and other summonses, which I perform in my capacity of bailiff.

I do not know the distance from Vaudreuil to Isle Perrot, but I have always understood that it was nine miles.

[Cross-examined by Hyacinthe F. Charlebois, Esquire.]

The distance from Vaudreuil to Ste. Marthe, is twenty miles. From Vaudreuil to Newton, at Stackhouse's, twenty-seven miles. From Vaudreuil to St. Polycarpe, eighteen miles. From Vaudreuil to St. Zotique, twenty-one miles. From Vaudreuil to St. Ignace, fifteen miles. From Vaudreuil to St. Clet, fourteen miles. From Vaudreuil to Soulanges, twelve miles.

And further deponent saith not: the present deposition having been read to him, he declares it contains the truth; persists therein, and hath signed.

(Signed,) ANTOINE LAPRÈS.

(Taxed, at 15s.)

Sworn and acknowledged before us,
on the day and year first above mentioned.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
" MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioners.

E.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the twenty-fifth day of February,
instant, personally came and appeared, JOHN FLETCHER, Bailiff, of Ste. Magdeleine de Rigaud, County of Vaudreuil, District of Montreal, before us, Alexandre Maurice Delisle, Esquire, and Matthew Ryan, Esquire, two of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the accounts of all the Returning Officers for Lower Canada, for the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly from the beginning of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and to report thereon; who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know Hyacinthe Fabien Charlebois, Esquire, Registrar and Notary Public, of the County of Vaudreuil.

As Bailiff for the last fourteen years for the County of Vaudreuil, I have a tolerably exact idea of the respective distances of the parishes which compose the said County of Vaudreuil. The distance between Vaudreuil and Rigaud is eighteen miles. Between Rigaud and Vaudreuil twelve miles. Between Newton and Ste. Marthe, nine miles. Between Ste. Marthe and St. Clet, six miles. Between St. Clet and St. Polycarpe, nine miles. Between St. Polycarpe and St. Zotique, six miles. Between St. Zotique and St. Ignace, three miles. Between St. Ignace and Soulanges, eight miles. Between Soulanges and Vaudreuil, nine miles. Between Vaudreuil and Isle Perrot, ten miles. The distance in a direct

line, between Vaudreuil and each of the said parishes, is as follows, that is to say:—to Rigaud, eighteen miles: Newton, thirty miles: Ste. Marthe, twenty-one miles: St. Clet, twelve miles: St. Polycarpe, eighteen miles: St. Zotique, eighteen miles: St. Ignace, fifteen miles: Soulanges, nine miles, and Isle Ferrot, ten miles.

And further deponent saith not: the present deposition having been read to him, he declares that it contains the truth, persists therein, and hath signed.

(Signed,) JOHN FLETCHER.

(Taxed, at £1 7s. 6d.)

Sworn and acknowledged before us,
the 27th day of February, 1856.

(Signed,) A. M. LELISLE,
MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioners.

F.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the twenty-seventh day of February,
instant, personally came and appeared, ELIE LOUIS NORMANDIN, Esquire,
Notary Public for the Parish of St. Michel Archange, County of Napierville,
District of Montreal, Province of Canada, before us, Alexandre Maurice Delisle,
Esquire, and Matthew Ryan, Esquire, two of the Commissioners appointed to
inquire into the accounts of all the Returning Officers for Lower Canada, for the
election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly, from the commence-
ment of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and to report
thereon; who, being sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know Hyacinthe Fabien Charlebois, Esquire, Registrar and Notary Public
of the County of Vaudreuil.

I have acted as Deputy Returning Officer in the County of Vaudreuil, for 1851
and 1854. On each of these two occasions I performed the duties of Election
Clerk. I have acted as Deputy in the Parish of Vaudreuil. I have received in
full, from Mr. H. F. Charlebois, for my services in my double capacity of Deputy
and Clerk, for 1851, the sum of five pounds. I was a clerk with H. F. Charle-
bois at the time of this election, and I have not furnished him with an account
for my services. It was Hyacinthe F. Charlebois, Esquire, Returning Officer,
who drew up my account against the Government: I myself copied it, as well as
every other account furnished to the Government by the said Returning Officer,
which account is that at the present moment shewn to me. During the said two
elections I boarded and lodged at the house of Mr. Charlebois.

The opening and closing of the said two elections took place in front of the
church. The house of Mr. Charlebois was half an arpent from the place where
the opening, as well as the closing, of the said election took place. The poll was
held during the two said elections in the public hall, belonging to the *Fabrique*
of St. Michel de Vaudreuil. There was no hustings erected at the time of the
opening or the closing of the said two elections, nor any house or room-rent paid,
so far as I know.

I have not paid the sum of four pounds, charged in my name by Mr. Charlebois for expenses of hustings and house-rent; nor have I been paid it. I have not gone over twenty miles, as stated in the said account, to take the oath, neither has my clerk.

Neither have I gone over four miles for the transmission of the poll books, as stated in the said account (1851).

In reference to my account of 1854, I did not supply Mr. Charlebois with a copy, but he himself drew it up.

I received for the year 1854, for myself, as Deputy, and as Election Clerk of Mr. Charlebois, altogether the sum of six pounds currency, in full. I did not go over thirty miles, with my clerk, in going and returning to and from the poll to take the oaths required by law, nor did I go over eight miles in transmitting the poll books and making my report to the Returning Officer. Nor were there any constables sworn at this latter election: nor did I receive the sum of one pound, charged in my name, for this service. I did not incur any cost or expense for hustings or house-rent for this election: nor did I authorize the charge of five pounds, made in my name, for hustings, expenses, and house-rent, at this election.

There were no hustings at the latter election: the opening and closing of the said election taking place in the open air, on the steps of the said church. The voting took place in the public hall belonging to the *Fabrique* of the said parish. I went to the public hall without troubling myself whether there was anything to pay for the use of the said hall, but I always understood that the said hall was given gratuitously.

I have never given a *don* to the *Fabrique* of the Parish of Vaudreuil for nine pounds, in payment of the use of the said hall; nor did I ever authorize any person whatever to do so in my name. It was, however, well understood between Mr. Charlebois and myself, that if there was anything due, it was Mr. Charlebois who was to pay it.

I believe that Mr. Charlebois took his oath of office in 1854, in the Village of Vaudreuil, but I am not certain of it.

It was myself, who, in 1854, went to get the poll books at Montreal.

I left Vaudreuil by steamboat, in the afternoon, for Montreal, to get the poll books; and I returned by steamboat on the morning of the following day, at four o'clock. I did not on this occasion spend a pound in travelling expenses.

I am aware that there were justices of the peace in 1851 and 1854, in the Parish of Montreal.

I do not recollect that two constables were sworn for the opening and close of the said two last elections.

I am aware that several deputies at the said last elections had their accounts made up by Mr. Charlebois, and that others have sent them to him, but I do not know at what time.

During the two days of voting at the two elections of 1851 and 1854, at Vaudreuil, Mr. Charlebois did not leave the Village of St. Michel de Vaudreuil.

[Cross-examined by H. Fabien Charlebois, Esquire.]

I did not make two trips to prepare and to obtain the poll books at Montreal; I made but one.

I was absent in 1854 when the Proclamations were issued, but it was myself who prepared them and put them up for Mr. Charlebois, at the door of every church in the County, excepting at Isle Ferrot, in 1851.

I posted them at the door of every church in these parishes, and as there was

no church in the Township of Newton, I posted one at the door of a shop. I also put up one at the door of a tavern at Côteau Landing.

I was three days employed in posting these proclamations; and I travelled from parish to parish by the usual and ordinary routes.

I cannot say that there have been no other proclamations posted, but I think not, always excepting at Isle Perrot.

In 1854 there was no Constable sworn; the Returning Officer instructed me to do so, because there had been some trouble at the poll, but I did not think it expedient to do so.

The presence of the Returning Officer was necessary twice or thrice at the poll, and I sent for him; though, in fact, he was always almost there.

And further deponent saith not: the present deposition having been read to him, he declares that it contains the truth, persists therein, and hath signed.

(Signed,) E. L. NORMANDIN.

(Taxed, £2 15s.)

Sworn and acknowledged before us,
the 27th day of February, 1856.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioners.

G.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL, } and fifty-six, on the twenty-sixth day of February,
instant, personally came and appeared, JOSEPH D'AOUST, Esquire, Seigneur
of Isle Perrot, County of Vaudreuil, District of Montreal, and Province of
Canada, before us, Alexandre Maurice Delisle and Matthew Ryan, two of the
Commissioners appointed to inquire into the accounts of all the Returning
Officers for Lower Canada, for the election of Members to serve in the Legisla-
tive Assembly, from the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred
and forty-eight, and to report thereon, who, being duly sworn, doth depose and
say:—

I know Hyacinthe Fabien Charlebois, Esquire, Notary Public, and Registrar
for the County of Vaudreuil.

I am aware that there were elections in 1851 and 1854, and that a poll was
held at each of the said elections in the public hall, belonging to the *Fabrique* of
Isle Perrot. I voted at the said two elections, and I am not aware that there
was any hustings or platform erected at any of them. The distance from St.
Michel de Vaudreuil to Isle Perrot, is about nine or ten miles. I am at present
one of the churchwardens of the said parish, and I am not aware that payment
has ever been required for the use of the public hall.

[Cross-examined by H. F. Charlebois, Esquire.]

I believe that the *Fabrique* would be justified in exacting payment for the use
of the public hall at the time of the elections in question. I think that the
Fabrique will never make any claim for payment for such use, but I am not
certain.

And further deponent saith not: the present deposition having been read to him, he declares that it contains the truth, and hath signed.

(Signed,) JOS. D'AOUST.

(Taxed, 10s.)

Sworn, taken, and acknowledged,
this 26th day of February, 1856.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
" MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioners.

H.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six; on the twenty-seventh day of February,
instant, personally came and appeared, MOISE GARAUD, Esquire, Notary
Public, of the Parish of St. Louis de Gonzague, County of Beauharnois, District
of Montreal, Province of Canada, before us, Alexandre Maurice Delisle and
Matthew Ryan, Esquires, two of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into
the accounts of all the Returning Officers for Lower Canada, for the election of
Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly, from the commencement of the
year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and to report thereon; who,
being duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know Hyacinthe Fabien Charlebois, Esquire, Registrar and Notary Public,
of the County of Vaudreuil.

I was Deputy Returning Officer in 1851 for the Parish of St. Clet. I do not
exactly remember the sum I received for my services, and those of my clerk,
but it was about five pounds, to the best of my recollection—it might be some-
thing more or less. To the best of my knowledge I did not receive more than
six pounds, but I may have received less than five. On this occasion I presented
an account to Mr. Charlebois, Returning Officer, for my own services and those
of my clerk, and, to the best of my knowledge, he paid me the entire sum.

To the best of my knowledge, this account did not exceed six pounds.

I am positive in saying that during the holding of the poll by me in the above-
mentioned parish, the Returning Officer did not visit the said poll during the
two days of the voting.

The account which I furnished to the Returning Officer, Mr. Charlebois, on
this occasion, did not contain an item conceived in these terms—"For expenses
of hustings incurred, including the hire of the house, three pounds fifteen shil-
"lings," and this said sum of three pounds fifteen shillings was never paid me.

I received from the Returning Officer one pound for house-hire, which I paid
to a certain Thomas Leroux, whose house was occupied during the two days of
the election, but this pound was included in the sum of five or six pounds, men-
tioned above, as having been paid me for my services, and those of my clerk, by
the Returning Officer.

Nor was there, in the account which I furnished to the Returning Officer, a
charge "for seventy miles" gone over by myself and my clerk, in going to and

returning from the poll, to take the oaths required by law, amounting to seven dollars.

Nor was there a charge for forty miles gone over for transmission of the poll book, and making my report to the Returning Officer.

I had previously, when the poll was held on this occasion, rented the house of the said Thomas Leroux at the rate of ten shillings per day for the two election days.

The charge which I made in my account of services at the election in question was for twelve miles, the distance between the said Parish of St. Clément and St. Michel de Vaudreuil, being in all twenty-four miles for going and coming.

I filled the same office of Deputy Returning Officer in 1854, for the Parish of St. Magdeleine de Rigaud, under Mr. H. F. Charlebois. I received for my services on that occasion, and those of my clerk, from the Returning Officer, the sum of five pounds twelve shillings and sixpence, to the best of my knowledge.

On that occasion I also presented an account for my services, and those of my clerk, amounting to five pounds twelve shillings and sixpence, currency, the sum paid to me.

I am positive in stating that during the holding of the poll at this last election of 1854, the Returning Officer did not visit the said poll during the two days of the voting.

The account now exhibited to me, and which I am told was furnished by the Returning Officer to the Provincial Government, amounting to the sum of eleven pounds nine shillings and sixpence, in my name, is not that which I presented to the Returning Officer after the said election. This account contains several items which are not in the account furnished by me to the Returning Officer. The account now exhibited to me contains an item of seventy-two miles gone over by me and my clerk, in going to and returning from the poll to take the oaths exacted by law, whereas my own account contained but one charge of thirty-six miles for the same service, and two shillings for myself for having gone to take the oath, and one shilling for my clerk.

To the best of my knowledge, I was sworn at the Village of St. Michel de Vaudreuil, and I think it was before the Returning Officer. The account furnished by Mr. Charlebois to the Government, in my name, contains a charge for forty-two miles gone over for the transmission of the poll book and making my report to the Returning Officer, while the charge in the account which I furnished to the Returning Officer, was only for eighteen miles. The item which is found in the account furnished to the Government by the Returning Officer, expressed in these terms, "For expenses of hustings and including house-rent, £4 10s.," was not in the account which I furnished at all, for the reason that there was nothing paid for hustings or house-rent, inasmuch as the election and voting took place in the public hall of the said Parish of Ste. Magdeleine, which was given gratuitously.

The distance from the Parish of St. Michel de Vaudreuil to Ste. Magdeleine de Rigaud, is estimated at eighteen miles.

I did not receive the balance of my account from Mr. H. F. Charlebois, amounting to three pounds ten shillings, until about eight months after last election. I spoke to Mr. H. F. Charlebois frequently, and he put me off from day to day.

The two accounts which are now at this present moment exhibited to me as having been furnished in my name to the Government, after the two elections in question, are not those which I furnished to Mr. Charlebois, and I never authorised any one to make them in their present shape.

At the time of the said elections there were Justices of the Peace residing in the Village and Parish of Vaudreuil.

I was at the Village of St. Michel de Vaudreuil at the time of the opening and closing of the said two elections.

The opening and closing of the said two elections took place in front of the church.

I am positive in saying that there was no hustings at the said village at the time of the said two elections.

The distance between the church and the residence of Mr. Charlebois is only about an arpent, or three-quarters of an arpent.

[Cross-examined by H. F. Charlebois, Esquire.]

I am the brother-in-law of François de Sales Bastien.

I have been absent from the Parish of St. Michel de Vaudreuil since 1853.

At the time of the election of 1854, I was living at St. Remi, one of the parishes of the County of Napierville. I went to St. Michel de Vaudreuil, to the best of my knowledge, twice or thrice since that time. I have never had any conversation with Messieurs Bastien and Gédéon Ouimet, excepting with my brother-in-law, respecting the charge of H. F. Charlebois, as Registrar, and other charges.

I spoke of the evidence I was about to give in this inquiry yesterday evening to my two brothers-in-law, Mr. Bastien and Mr. Fournier; they never gave me any instructions relative to the testimony which I am now giving.

I have assisted at the present inquiry solely in virtue of an order signified to me on the part of the Commission.

In the former election of 1851, I appointed two constables, whom I paid, or caused to be paid, by Mr. Charlebois.

I cannot say whether receipts were given for the services of these two constables.

In the year 1854 I did not appoint any constables for the Parish of Ste. Magdeleine de Rigaud. I was Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish of Ste. Magdeleine de Rigaud.

I am not aware whether the churchwardens of Ste. Magdeleine de Rigaud will claim, or are entitled to claim, payment for the hire of the public hall at the time of the said election in 1854.

I am not aware that the costs of hustings and house-hire were payable by the Returning Officer. I do not recollect that the matter was ever discussed between us. I have never heard that the electors complained of the account of the Returning Officer. I am not aware that any of the electors in question has ever seen the said account.

The oaths required from the Deputy Returning Officer and his clerk were taken before Mr. Charlebois, the Returning Officer, but it is possible that these oaths may have been taken before Mr. Bastien, as Justice of the Peace for the election in 1851. And in 1854, I believe that I was sworn before H. F. Charlebois, Esquire, Returning Officer.

My clerk, in 1851, was a certain Mr. Joseph Lusier.

I am not quite certain whether it was Mr. Charlebois or myself who paid Mr. Thomas Leroux for the hire of the house, but I can state positively that this payment for the said Leroux's house was deducted from my account.

In 1854 my clerk was a certain Dumouchel, a young man whose baptismal name I do not recollect: he resided at Rigaud.

And further Deponent saith not: the present deposition having been read to him, he declares that it contains the truth, persists therein, and hath signed.

(Signed,) M. GARAUD.

(Taxed, 50s.)

Sworn, taken, and acknowledged before us,
the 27th day of February, in the year 1856.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioners.

I.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the twenty-sixth day of February,
instant, personally came and appeared, PIERRE TOUPIN, Esquire, Cultivator,
of Isle Perrot, County of Vaudreuil, before us, Alexander Maurice Delisle, Es-
quire, and Matthew Ryan, Esquire, two Commissioners appointed to inquire into
the accounts of all Returning Officers in Lower Canada, in relation to the elec-
tions of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly, furnished since the year
one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and to report thereon; who, being
duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know Hyacinthe Fabien Charlebois, Registrar and Notary Public for the
County of Vaudreuil.

I am aware that there have been two elections in the County, one in 1851, and
the other in 1854. The poll in 1851, for the registration of the electors' votes, as
also in 1854, was held in the public hall belonging to the said parish.

There was no hustings erected at either of these two elections. I gave my vote
at each of them. I was churchwarden in office, at the time of the election in
1851, and as such I received all monies due to the *Fabrique* of the parish. There
was nothing paid to the *Fabrique* of the said parish for the use of the said pub-
lic hall, employed as the polling place for the said election of 1851. Since then,
I have kept, and still keep, the accounts of the *Fabrique*, and nothing has been
paid for the use of the hall, which was lent gratuitously. The poll, at the elec-
tion of 1854, was held in the same place, and nothing was paid to the *Fabrique*
for the use of the said hall. Nor was there any hustings erected there in 1854.

We estimate the distance from St. Michel de Vaudreuil to Isle Perrot at nine
miles.

[Cross-examined by H. F. Charlebois, Esquire.]

I do not think, nor is it to my knowledge, that the *Fabrique* has ever passed a
resolution declaring that the use of the public hall had been, or should be, given
gratuitously.

I cannot say whether the *Fabrique* will exact any thing for the use of the said
hall.

It is not to my knowledge, nor am I aware, that Mr. Charlebois has an account
current with the *Fabrique* of Isle Perrot.

I have come here to give my testimony, in virtue of a subpoena served upon me.

I have had conversations with Mr. D'Aoust and Mr. Ouimet on the inquiry now going on, and no one has instructed me as to the testimony I had to give, and I have given my evidence in answer to the questions submitted to me by the Commissioners.

And further Deponent saith not: the present deposition having been read to him, he declares that it contains the truth, and hath signed.

(Signed,) P. TOUPIN.

(Taxed, 10s.)

Sworn, taken, and acknowledged before us,
the 26th day of February, 1856.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
" MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioners.

K.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the twenty-sixth day of February,
instant, personally came and appeared, PAUL DENIS, Gentleman, of Vaudreuil,
County of Vaudreuil, District of Montreal, Province of Canada, before us, Alexander Maurice Delisle and Matthew Ryan, Esquires, two Commissioners appointed to inquire into the accounts of all Returning Officers in Lower Canada, in relation to the elections of the Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly, from the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and to report thereon: who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know Hyacinthe Fabien Charlebois, Esquire, Notary and Registrar of the County of Vaudreuil. I am aware that there have been two elections, one in 1851, and the other in 1854.

I acted as Deputy Returning Officer in the election of 1851 for the Parish of Isle Perrot, and in 1854 for the Township of Newton.

In 1851 I furnished Mr. Charlebois with an account for my services in the said Parish of Isle Perrot: this account did not contain an item "for expenses of hustings, including house-hire, of three pounds one shilling and three-pence." I never received this sum of three pounds one shilling and three-pence, inasmuch as it was not due me, and I had not charged it in my account.

I made out my account myself and presented it to Mr. Charlebois on that occasion: he should have it.

I inserted in my account only that which I thought legitimately due to me. As to the items of sixty miles, charged as gone over in travelling to the poll and returning, to take the oaths required by law, and the twenty miles charged as gone over for the transmission of the poll books, and for making my report to the Returning Officer, they may or may not be found in my account.

In 1854 I furnished an account to the Returning Officer for my services as Deputy for the Township of Newton. This account did not comprise an item of

five pounds ten shillings for expenses and costs of hustings, including house-hire: only the sum of fifteen shillings was given me by Mr. Charlebois before my departure for the Township of Newton.

Mr. Charlebois never paid me five pounds ten shillings for expenses of hustings and house-hire; but, being at Newton, the proprietor of the house where the poll was held, requested payment of me for the use of his house. I told him that this did not concern me, and that he should apply to Mr. Charlebois.

Respecting the other charges in the account which I furnished to Mr. Charlebois, I cannot say whether they are correct, and I do not recollect the distances charged as having been gone over in the said election. Nevertheless, I made out my account from the best information which I could obtain, and with the assistance of the clerks in Mr. Charlebois' office—in the office itself.

I cannot state the exact sums which I received in these two elections, because I was principally paid in goods, which I took from time to time, at the store of Mr. Charlebois.

The account now exhibited to me, of fourteen pounds twelve shillings and sixpence, as due to myself and my clerk, is not in my hand-writing; but is the writing of Mr. Jean Blain at that time student with the said H. F. Charlebois; although the account with which I supplied the latter was in my own hand-writing: this said account may have been drawn up in the first instance, wholly or in part, by one of Mr. Charlebois' two clerks, whom I had requested to make it up. When I was Deputy for the Parish of St. Jeanne de l'Isle Perrot in 1851, I am positive in saying that I was sworn in the Village of St. Michel de Vandreuil, where I was residing. In 1854, I believe that I was sworn before the Returning Officer at the Village of St. Michel de Vandreuil, but I am not certain; it is possible that I was sworn elsewhere. I know that in 1851 and 1854 there were Justices of the Peace residing in the Village of Vandreuil.

[Cross-examined by H. F. Charlebois, Esquire.]

I have never heard the Deputy Returning Officers complain of not having been paid for their services, excepting a Mr. Garaud, who had served as Deputy for the Parish of Rigaud. I have never heard any complaints made by the electors respecting the accounts of the Returning Officer for the elections of 1851 and 1854.

I say that Mr. Charlebois has enemies; I do not know it of myself: I know something of it.

The public appeared to be well satisfied with the able manner in which the Returning Officer fulfilled the duties of his office.

The Churchwardens of St. Jeanne de l'Isle Perrot may, I think, exact payment for the use of the public hall of Isle Perrot, if this payment has been previously required. There can be no difficulty about this.

And further Deponent saith not: the present deposition having been read to him, he declares that it contains the truth, and hath signed.

(Signed,) PAUL DENIS.

(Taxed, 10s.)

Sworn, taken, and acknowledged,
in the year of our Lord, 1856.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioners.

L.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty six,
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } on the twenty-eighth day of February instant, personally came and appeared, FRANCIS HUGHES, Esquire, Farmer, of the Parish of St. Marth, County of Vaudreuil, District of Montreal, before us, Alexander Maurice Delisle, Esquire, and Matthew Ryan, Esquire, two Commissioners appointed to inquire into the accounts of all Returning Officers in Lower Canada, in relation to the elections of the Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly, furnished since the year eighteen hundred and forty-eight, and to report upon the same; after having been duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know Hyacinthe Fabien Charlebois, Esquire, Notary Public and Registrar, of the County of Vaudreuil.

Mr. Charlebois, I am aware, acted as Returning Officer for the said County, in the year 1851.

I acted as his Deputy in the said Parish of St. Marth that year.

Mr. Charlebois did not visit my poll during the two days of polling at the said election. After the election in question was over, I furnished an account to Mr. Charlebois, for my services and those of my clerk. I cannot now recollect the amount due to me personally; but I recollect receiving, from Mr. Charlebois, the sum of three pounds or three pounds ten shillings, currency.

I did not charge sixty miles in my account, as having been travelled by me and my clerk, to go and return to take the oaths required by law; the charge I made was only for two or three miles, travelled by me to take the oath of office, which was administered to me by Donald McMilan, Justice of the Peace, at Rigaud.

The distance from St. Marth to Vaudreuil, is, by the usual road, about twenty-one miles.

My clerk at that election was Emery Labré, of St. Magdeleine de Rigaud. I believe there were Justices of the Peace residing then in the Parish of Rigaud. Mr. Labré told me he had come to Vaudreuil to take his oath of office.

The distance from Rigaud to Vaudreuil is about eighteen miles. I brought the poll book to Mr. Charlebois, at Vaudreuil, after the election, and on examining the distances accurately, I find that I must have travelled fifty-four miles, going and returning; but the charge of sixty miles, charged by Mr. Charlebois for me in my name for that service, may be conformably to my own account, but not having that account, nor a copy of it, I cannot speak with certainty.

I made no charge for the hustings in my account. The only charge for rental was for the occupation of the house belonging to Francis Rouleau, where I held my poll; and the price agreed, as I understood it, was to be six dollars for the occupation of the said house. I did not pay the said Rouleau, but he told me that he had been paid by Mr. Charlebois.

[Cross-examined by Mr. H. F. Charlebois.]

When I brought in my poll books, to make my return to Mr. Charlebois, my clerk accompanied me.

My clerk told me that he had been paid by Mr. Charlebois for his services. My clerk subsequently told me that he had received from Mr. Charlebois a larger sum than I had got myself.

I don't know that any portion of the money received by Mr. Labré was for damages done to the poll-house; there was no fighting nor rioting at my poll, and I am not aware of any cause by which the house could have sustained any damages.

I did not go to Vaudreuil at any time during the election for advice from the Returning Officer, nor am I aware that Mr. Labré did so.

And further deponent saith not: the present deposition having been read to him, he declares it contains the truth, persists therein, and hath signed.

(Signed,) FRANCIS HUGHES.

(Taxed, 20s.)

Sworn and acknowledged before us,
on the 28th day of February, 1856.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
" MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioners.

M.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the twenty-ninth day of February,
instant, personally came and appeared, LOUIS ADAM, Esquire, Notary Public,
of St. Ignace du Côteau du Lac, County of Vaudreuil, District of Montreal,
before us, Alexander Maurice Delisle and Matthew Ryan, two of the Commis-
sioners appointed to inquire into the accounts of all Returning Officers of Lower
Canada, in relation to the election of Members to serve in the Legislative As-
sembly, from the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred and
forty-eight, and to report thereon: who, being duly sworn, doth depose and
say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know Hyacinthe Fabien Charlebois, Esquire, Registrar and Notary Public,
of the County of Vaudreuil.

I acted as Clerk of the Poll at St. Ignace during the election of 1851, on the
ninth and tenth of December, in that year. Joseph Amable Charlebois, Esquire,
Notary Public, brother of the Returning Officer, acted as Deputy Returning
Officer.

I am not aware that the Returning Officer visited the poll during the two days
of the election. I believe that the Deputy Returning Officer came to take the
oath of office at St. Michel de Vaudreuil.

I believe that I myself took my oath of office at the Côteau du Lac de St.
Ignace, before the said Joseph A. Charlebois.

I am not aware that there were constables sworn for the said election, at St.
Ignace; at least if there were any, I did not know of it; and no one acted as
such.

The distance from Vaudreuil to St. Ignace is fifteen miles.

I think it was the Deputy Returning Officer himself who brought the poll
book to Vaudreuil.

The poll was held on this occasion in the hall for the use of the Commissioners' Court, and there was no hustings erected.

Eight dollars was the charge in full for the use of the said hall, for warming and for the furniture. This hall belonged to me, and I agreed with the Returning Officer for eight dollars, for the use of the said hall, furniture, and fuel.

On the entire amount of my account, three pounds two shillings, to the best of my knowledge, the Returning Officer deducted ten shillings.

No other building, besides the public hall, was employed for the said election at St. Ignace. I think I was paid my account on the 21st February, 1852. I made three journeys to obtain payment of my account.

I am informed that Mr. J. A. Charlebois is now absent from the Parish, and is gone to Montreal.

As to the dates and particulars which I have just given, I have taken them from a journal which I keep, and which I believe to be correct.

[Cross-examined by Hyacinthe Fabien Charlebois, Esquire.]

To the best of my knowledge, the Returning Officer told me that he had come to Vaudreuil to obtain information, and look for papers, before the two polling days, and when he was already appointed Returning Officer.

I do not think that constables could have been sworn, and have acted at the said election without my being aware of it.

I believe that I took my oath of office at St. Ignace, either before Mr. Charlebois or before Mr. Beaudette, but I am not positive. In any case, I assert positively that I made no journey out of the parish to take the oath of office.

And further deponent saith not: the present deposition being read to him, he declares that it contains the truth, persists therein, and hath signed.

(Signed,) L. ADAM.

(Taxed, £1 10s.)

Sworn, taken, and acknowledged before us,
the 29th day of February, 1856.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,

“ MATTHEW RYAN,

Commissioners.

N.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the twenty-ninth day of February,
instant, personally came and appeared, FRANÇOIS PRIEUR, Esquire, Mer-
chant, of the Parish of St. Zotique, County of Vaudreuil, District of Montréal,
before us, Alexander Maurice Delisle, Esquire, and Matthew Ryan, Esquire, two
of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the accounts of all the Returning
Officers of Lower Canada, relative to the election of Members of the Legislative
Assembly, from the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred and
forty-eight, and to report thereon; who, being duly sworn, doth depose and
say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know Hyacinthe Fabien Charlebois, Esquire, Notary Public and Registrar, of the County of Vaudreuil.

It was a Mr. DeMontigny, then a merchant at St. Zotique, who acted as Deputy Returning Officer in that parish for the election of 1851, and I myself performed the duties of Clerk of the Poll, under Mr. DeMontigny. In 1853, Mr. DeMontigny left the Parish of St. Zotique to settle in one of the northern parishes, and I do not know where he is at present.

Mr. DeMontigny then told me he had taken his oath of office at St. Michel de Vaudreuil. I took my oath of office at the Côteau Landing, before Mr. Parent, J.P., to which place the distance from my own residence is about three miles.

There was only one person who acted as constable at the said election, that I knew; but I cannot say whether this person was sworn.

The person who then acted as constable was the Returning Officer. I do not know how the poll books were transmitted to the Returning Officer after the election, but Mr. DeMontigny told me it was the Returning Officer who had sent for them.

The distance of St. Zotique to Vaudreuil is about twenty miles. The polling took place at the house of Mr. DeMontigny.

It was I who made up the account for the said election, and, to the best of my knowledge, there was charged four dollars a day for the two election days for the use of the house.

I think that the account of the Deputy Returning Officer was paid within the space of one month after the said election.

The Deputy told me that there had been some deductions made on his account, but I do not recollect the amount.

The Returning Officer, Mr. Charlebois, did not visit the poll at St. Zotique during the said election.

[Cross-examined by Hyacinthe Fabien Charlebois, Esquire.]

I do not recollect whether, in the Deputy Returning Officer's account, furnished to Mr. Charlebois, a charge was made for two constables.

I cannot say whether Mr. DeMontigny, after having taken the oath of office, went off to Vaudreuil to obtain information. As a general rule, the bailiffs, for a fraction of a mile, generally charge the entire mile.

I cannot say whether the road of St. Zotique was chained by a sworn surveyor.

And further deponent saith not: the present deposition having been read to him, he declares that it contains the truth; persists therein, and hath signed.

(Signed,) OL. F. PRIEUR.

(Taxed, at 30s.)

Sworn, taken, and acknowledged before us,
the year, month, and day first above written.

(Signed,)

A. M. DELISLE,

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MATTHEW RYAN,

Commissioners.

O.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the twenty-ninth day of February,
instant, personally came and appeared, ELZEAR HAYS, Esquire, Notary
Public of the Parish of St. Joseph de Soulanges, District of Montreal, before us,
Alexandre Maurice Delisle and Matthew Ryan, Esquires, two of the Commis-
sioners appointed to inquire into the accounts of all the Returning Officers of
Lower Canada, relative to the elections of Members to serve in the Legislative
Assembly, since the beginning of the year one thousand eight hundred and
forty-eight; and to report thereon: who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know Hyacinthe Fabien Charlebois, Registrar and Notary Public of Vau-
dreuil. My late father, Elzear Hays, Esquire, was Deputy Returning Officer
for the said Parish of Soulanges at the election of 1851, and I was his clerk of
the poll. The distance from Soulanges to Vaudreuil is about nine miles. On this
occasion my father took his oath of office before Mr. Roy, Justice of the Peace,
at the Village of Soulanges, and I was also sworn in before the same Mr. Roy,
at the same time.

The residence of my father was about three miles from that of Mr. Roy, the
said Justice of the Peace, and my own residence about twelve arpents.

It was my father and myself who conveyed the polling books to the Returning
Officer at St. Michel de Vaudreuil, and in going from my father's house we met
one of Mr. Charlebois' assistants, who was sent to get the poll books.

The poll was held in the public hall, appertaining to the presbytery, and there
was no hustings erected for the said election in the said parish.

The use of the hall was given gratuitously, and, as there was no furniture, I
myself furnished what was necessary, and made, in consequence, a charge of six
dollars for the two days of the said election.

Mr. Charlebois paid me the full amount of my account, less the sum of eight
shillings, which he deducted. I made three or four journeys to Vaudreuil to
obtain payment, and eventually my money was sent to me at my father's house,
in the month of February, 1852. It was one of Mr. Charlebois' clerks, named
Sanderson, who brought me the money.

The Returning Officer did not visit the poll at all during the two days of the
election. I do not know what amount was paid to my late father.

[Cross-examined by Hyacinthe Fabien Charlebois, Esquire.]

I was present when Mr. Charlebois' clerk paid the money to my late father.
I cannot say whether the receipt was given at the foot of the account, or whether
a private receipt was given. I cannot say what sum of money was given to my
late father.

And further deponent saith not: the present deposition having been read to
him, he declares that it contains the truth, and hath signed.

(Signed,) E. HAYES.

(Taxed, £1 9s.)

Sworn, taken, and acknowledged before us,
the 29th day of February, 1856.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
MATTHEW RYAN,

Commissioners.

P.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the twenty-third day of April, instant, personally came and appeared, WILLIAM CROSS, of the Parish of Saint Malachie d'Ormastown, County of Chateauguay, Esquire, Merchant, aged thirty-seven years, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner, appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the accounts of all Returning Officers of Canada, in relation to any election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, furnished since the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight: who, after having been duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know D. K. Lighthall, Esquire, Registrar, and I am aware that he was Returning Officer at the elections held in the year 1851, in the County of Beauharnois, and in 1854, in the County of Chateauguay. I was Deputy Returning Officer on each occasion, for the Parish of Saint Malachie d'Ormastown. I have no record of the account furnished for my services in the year 1851, but I believe that the sum I received from the Returning Officer, Mr. Lighthall, was six pounds two shillings and sixpence. I believe that at the election of 1851, two Constables were sworn to serve, and actually did serve, at the poll which I conducted. The poll was held in a house in the village belonging to Mr. William McNaughton.

Upon reflection, I am satisfied that the item of two pounds for room and fuel, and the item of 2s. 6d. for fixtures, (two shillings and sixpence,) which appear in a copy of my account for 1851, as handed now to Commissioner, and by Mr. Lighthall, was not paid to me. The sum of two shillings and sixpence was also retained by Mr. Lighthall when he paid me my account, and I understood from him that he retained this sum as his charge for my commission as Deputy Returning Officer.

I am acquainted with the several distances from place to place, in the County of Beauharnois, as it was in the year 1851, and believe that the mileage which it was necessary to travel in reaching the several places in which polling was held in that County, in that year, was about one hundred and seventy-one miles, that is:—in going to St. Louis de Gonzague and St. Timothée, would be about eighteen miles (18 miles); Ste. Martine and St. Clement, twenty-two miles (22); Saint Remi and Saint Urbain, sixteen miles (16); St. Jean Chrysostôme, twenty miles (20); Russelltown and Hemmingford, twenty-eight miles (28); Hinchinbrooke, Godmanchester and Elgin, Dundee and Saint Anicet, sixty-two miles (62); and Saint Malachie d'Ormastown to the parish church, five miles (5); these distances are as the road runs, and not as the crow flies.

For my services as Deputy Returning Officer at the election for the County of Chateauguay, held in the year 1854, I furnished to the Returning Officer the account now exhibited to me by the Commissioner, and which amounts to the sum of six pounds twelve shillings and sixpence, which amount was paid to me by the Returning Officer, less the sum of two pounds ten shillings, charged for poll booth and expenses. At this election, as in the year 1851, the poll which I conducted was held in a house in the Village of Durham, belonging to Mr. William McNaughton, commonly designated the public hall.

My account for each election was made up by myself, and without any communication on the subject with the Returning Officer.

The amount which I charged in each case for the use of a house, as a poll booth, was charged by agreement with the owner of the house, Mr. McNaughton.

and was intended by me to be paid to him. The Returning Officer stated to me, in withholding these sums, that he would himself pay Mr. McNaughton.

I have a general knowledge of the distance from place to place in the County of Chateauguay, and believe the mileage which was necessary to travel to reach the several places at which polling was held in the County, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, was about eighty two miles:—that is, in going to St. Martin and Chateauguay, twenty-six miles (26); St. Jean Chrysostome, twenty miles (20); Russelltown, sixteen miles (16); St. Urbain and St. Philomene, twenty miles (20). These distances are as the road runs.

[Cross-examined by D. K. Lighthall, Esquire, Registrar, &c.]

When Mr. Lighthall paid my accounts as Deputy Returning Officer respectively, it was mutually agreed that the amounts for the use of Mr. McNaughton's house, as a polling place, should be handed to Mr. McNaughton by Mr. Lighthall, and not by me.

To the best of my recollection, the sum deducted from my account for 1851 by Mr. Lighthall, and kept by him as a charge for my commission as Deputy Returning Officer, was, as I have already stated, two shillings and sixpence, and not sixpence only.

It is possible that when the roads are bad the more convenient way to travel to St. Timothée from Durham would be by Beauharnois, which would make a distance of thirty-three miles, and not eighteen, as I have before stated. At some seasons of the year the road to St. Timothée, by St. Louis de Gonzague, is almost impassable.

And further deponent saith not: the present deposition having been read to him, he declares it contains the truth, persists therein, and hath signed.

(Signed,) W. CROSS.

Sworn before me, at Durham,
this 23rd day of April, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

Q.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the twenty fourth day of April, instant, personally came and appeared, ARCHIBALD McEACHEREN, of the Parish of Ste. Malachie d'Ormistown, County of Chateauguay, Esquire, Superintendent of the said County of Chateauguay, aged thirty-seven years, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the accounts of all Returning Officers of Canada, in relation to any election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, furnished since the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight: who, after having been duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know D. K. Lighthall, Esquire, Registrar for the County of Beauharnois. I have resided in this neighbourhood for upwards of twenty years. I am at present Superintendent of Roads and Bridges, for the County of Chateauguay. I have

a general knowledge of the distances from place to place by the travelled roads in this county. I was also acquainted, in a similar way, with the distance in the former County of Beauharnois. I am aware that there was a general election held in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and that a Member was elected in that year to serve in Parliament, for the then County of Beauharnois. I am also aware that a similar election, for the County of Chateauguay, was held in eighteen hundred and fifty-four. Had it been my duty to post proclamations, to deliver poll books and warrants, in the several places in which polling was held, for the election in the County of Beauharnois, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, I consider that the mileage in so doing would have been in or about one hundred and sixty-eight miles, that is to say:—the distance from Durham to Ste. Martine, would be about fourteen miles (14); from Sainte Martine to Saint Urbain, six miles (6); from Saint Urbain to Saint Jean Chrysostôme, ten miles (10); from Saint Jean Chrysostôme to Hemmingford, fourteen miles (14); from Hemmingford to Russelltown, sixteen miles (16); from Russelltown to Hinchinbrooke, twelve miles (12); from Hinchinbrooke to Elgin, nine miles (9); from Elgin to Dundee, fifteen miles (15); from Dundee to Saint Anicet, twelve miles (12); from Saint Anicet to Godmanchester, twelve miles (12); from Godmanchester to Durham, eleven miles (11); from Durham to Saint Louis de Gonzague, nine miles (9); from Saint Louis de Gonzague to Saint Timothée, eighteen miles (18); from Saint Timothée to Beauharnois, ten miles (10); I state eighteen miles from Saint Louis de Gonzague to Saint Timothée, supposing it to have been necessary, at that season of the year, to travel by Beauharnois, in consequence of the bad state of the roads.

Had I been required to post Proclamations, to deliver poll books and warrants at the several places at which polling was held in the County of Chateauguay, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, my charge for mileage would be about fifty-eight miles. That is from Durham to Russelltown, about sixteen miles (16); from Russelltown to Saint Jean Chrysostôme, ten miles (10); Saint Jean Chrysostôme to Saint Urbain, ten miles (10); St. Urbain to Sainte Martine, six miles (6); Sainte Martine to Saint Philomene, eight miles (8); Saint Philomene to Chateauguay, eight miles (8). I would add to this twenty-seven miles, as my travel from Chateauguay back to my starting point, Durham, which would make a total of eighty-five miles.

And further deponent saith not: the present deposition having been read to him, he declares it contains the truth, and hath signed.

(Signed,) A. McEACHEREN.

Sworn at Durham, before me,
on this 24th day of April, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

R.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the twenty-eighth day of April,
instant, personally came and appeared, WILLIAM BARRETT, of Hemmingford, County of Huntingdon, Esquire, Provincial Land Surveyor, aged fifty-three years, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner appointed to inquire

into and report upon the accounts of all Returning Officers of Canada, in relation of any election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, furnished since the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight: who, after having been duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know D. K. Lighthall, Esquire, Registrar for the County of Beauharnois. I have resided in Hemmingford during the last nineteen years; during that time I have been engaged a good deal, professionally, in surveying roads and land in the Seigniorship of Beauharnois and the Townships of Hemmingford, Hinchinbrooke, Elgin, Godmanchester, and Dundee. I remember that an election for a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament was held in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-one, for the then County of Beauharnois. Mr. Lighthall was Returning Officer at that election. Had it been my duty to travel from Durham to the several places in which polling was held during that election, in order to post Proclamations, to distribute poll books and warrants, as required by law, my probable charge for mileage would have been one hundred and seventy-four miles (174), that is to say:—from Durham to Sainte Martine, fourteen miles (14); from Sainte Martine to Saint Clement, seven miles (7); from Saint Clement to Saint Timothée, nine miles (9); from Saint Timothée to Saint Louis de Gonzague, six miles (6); from Saint Louis de Gonzague back to Durham, ten miles (10). I would then start anew from Durham to Godmanchester, which would be fifteen miles (15); from Godmanchester to Saint Anicet, twelve miles (12); from Saint Anicet to Dundee, sixteen miles (16); from Dundee to Elgin, eighteen miles (18); from Elgin to Hinchinbrooke, four miles (4); from Hinchinbrooke to Russelltown, twelve miles (12); from Russelltown to Hemmingford, twenty miles (20); from Hemmingford to Saint Jean Chrysostôme, thirteen miles (13); from Saint Jean Chrysostôme, to come back to Durham, and thus complete the journey, eighteen miles (18). I am aware that an election was held for the County of Chateauguay in the year 1854, at which D. K. Lighthall, Esquire, was also Returning Officer. Had I been required to post the necessary Proclamations, deliver poll books and warrants upon that occasion, my probable charge for mileage would have been eighty-nine miles, that is to say:—my charge from Durham to Saint Martine would have been fourteen miles (14); from Saint Martine to Saint Philomène and Chateauguay, seventeen miles (17); from Chateauguay to Saint Urbain, eighteen miles (18); from Saint Urbain to Saint Jean Chrysostôme, eleven miles (11); from Saint Jean Chrysostôme to Russelltown, nine miles (9); from Russelltown to Durham, twenty miles (20). In making these calculations of mileage, respecting both elections, I have taken the season of the year in which each election was held into account, and the probable state of the roads at each period, respectively. In both cases I also allowed for the return to Durham, the starting place. D. K. Lighthall declines to cross-examine the witness.

And further deponent saith not: the present deposition having been read to him, he declares it contains the truth, and hath signed.

(Signed,) WILLIAM BARRETT.

Sworn at Durham, before me,
this 28th day of April, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

S.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the twenty-third day of April, instant, personally came and appeared, WILLIAM McNAUGHTON, of the Parish of Saint Malachie d'Ormstown, County of Chateauguay, Carpenter and Joiner, aged forty-seven years, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the accounts of all Returning Officers of Canada, in relation to any election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, furnished since the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight: who, after having been duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know D. K. Lighthall, Esquire, Registrar for the County of Beauharnois. Mr. Lighthall employed me, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-one, to erect a husting in the Village of Durham, necessary then for the purposes of the election of a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament, for the then County of Beauharnois. I furnished no materials for the erection of the hustings, and was paid by Mr. Lighthall fifteen shillings for my labour. I was also paid the sum of two pounds two shillings and sixpence, for the use of my house as a polling place, and for fuel and fixtures, for said election. I believe the cost of material in the erection of the hustings referred to, must have been about fifteen shillings. My house was also used as a polling place at the election of a Member of Parliament, for the County of Chateauguay, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and I received in payment, from the Returning Officer, Mr. Lighthall, the sum of two pounds.

[Cross examined by D. K. Lighthall, Esquire, Registrar, &c.]

I am satisfied that I only charged two pounds for the use of my house, for the election of eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

And further Deponent saith not; the present deposition having been read to him, he declares it contains the truth, persists therein, and hath signed.

(Signed,) WILLIAM McNAUGHTON.

Sworn before me, at Durham,
this 23rd day of April, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

T.

[DEPOSITION OF CHARLES M. LEBRUN, ESQUIRE, STE. MARTINE.]

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the twenty-fourth day of April, instant, personally came and appeared, CHARLES MENTOR LEBRUN, Esquire, Notary Public, of the Parish of Sainte Martine, County of Chateauguay, age forty-

ty-four years, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner, appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the accounts of all Returning Officers of Canada, in relation to any election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, furnished since the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight: who, after having been duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know D. K. Lighthall, Esquire, Registrar for the County of Beauharnois. I am aware that an election was held for a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-one, for the then County of Beauharnois. I also know that a similar election was held for the County of Chateauguay in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four. I was Deputy Returning Officer at each of these elections for the Parish of Sainte Martine, and I am aware that on both elections D. K. Lighthall, Esquire, was Returning Officer. The amount I received for my services in eighteen hundred and fifty-one, was six pounds six shillings and sixpence. I do not remember that Mr. Lighthall deducted any part of this amount, and I believe that I received the whole of it. Upon the occasion of the first election, the two constables, for whose services I charged, were sworn and did serve. The sum of twenty shillings, which I charged for the use of the school-house in which the poll was held, was placed to the credit of the School Commissioners in my book, I having an account with these Commissioners as a Notary. For my services as Deputy Returning Officer in eighteen hundred and fifty-four, I furnished an account to Mr. Lighthall, amounting to six pounds seventeen shillings and sixpence, of which amount Mr. Lighthall retained seven shillings and sixpence, alleging that he had paid that sum to an agent at Quebec for receiving the money from the Government. At the latter election, the two constables charged for in my account were sworn, and did serve. Of the sum of two pounds, charged in my account for eighteen hundred and fifty-four, for the place to hold the poll, and for fuel and fixtures, I placed one pound to the credit of the School Commissioners, as in the case of the previous election—the other pound having been disbursed for the fuel, &c. For the erection of hustings at Sainte Martine in eighteen hundred and fifty-four, I, at the request of Mr. Lighthall, arranged with Mr. Joseph Levesque, of Sainte Martine, joiner, whose charge was ten shillings for his labor, the material used for the hustings having been loaned without charge by Marc. A. Primeau, Esquire. Mr. Lighthall added the sum of five shillings to Mr. Levesque's charge, and accordingly handed me the sum of fifteen shillings, which I paid to Mr. Levesque.

And further deponent saith not: the present deposition having been read to him, he declares it contains the truth, and hath signed.

(Signed,) CHS. M. LEBRUN.

Sworn at Durham, before me,
on this 24th day of April, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

U.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } fifty-six, on the twenty-fourth day of April, instant,
personally came and appeared, WILLIAM CANTWELL, of Russelltown, County

of Chateaugnay, Esquire, Merchant, age fifty-one years, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner, appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the accounts of all Returning Officers of Canada, in relation to any election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, furnished since the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight: who, after having been duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know D. K. Lighthall, Esquire, Registrar of the County of Beauharnois. I am aware that an election was held in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, for a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament, for the County of Chateaugay, at which election Mr. Lighthall was Returning Officer. I was the Deputy Returning Officer for Russelltown. I furnished an account to Mr. Lighthall, for my services as Deputy Returning Officer, and the account now exhibited to me, I believe to be that which I furnished, with the exception of the item "for the use of a place for holding the poll, two days, at 15s. per day, £1 10s." which item, I am under the impression, was originally written ten shillings, that is, "for the use of a place for holding the poll, two days, at 5s. per day, 10s." The figure one (1) before the five making fifteen shillings (15), and the figure one (1) placed in the column for pounds, to make one pound ten shillings, would appear to me to have been subsequently added; whether these additions were made by Mr. Lighthall, without my concurrence or with it, or made by me at his instance to meet contingencies which could not, according to the Tariff, be specified, I cannot positively state. My impression is, that the figures to which I have referred as appearing to me to have been added, were made by Mr. Lighthall with my concurrence, after a conversation relative to the contingencies which could not legally be entered in my account. I recollect Mr. Lighthall, in paying me my account, withheld the sum of seven shillings and sixpence, alledging that he incurred that amount of expense in getting the money from the Government, at Quebec. The two Constables, for whose attendance at the polls I charged the sum of one pound, were duly sworn, and did serve as stated. My impression is, that the sum paid for a place for holding the poll, was not more than ten shillings.

And further Deponent saith not: the present deposition having been read to him, he declares it contains the truth, and hath signed.

(Signed,) WILLIAM CANTWELL.

Sworn before me, at Durham,
on this 24th day of April, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

V.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the twenty-fifth day of April, in-
stant, personally came and appeared, LOUIS DESPAROIS, of the Parish of
Saint Joachim de Chateaugay, County of Chateaugay, Esquire, Notary Public,
aged thirty-eight years, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner, appointed
to inquire into and report upon the accounts of all Returning Officers of Canada,
in relation to any election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, furnished

since the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight: who, after having been duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know D. K. Lighthall, Esquire, Registrar for the County of Beauharnois. I am aware that he was Returning Officer at an election held in eighteen hundred and fifty-four for a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament. I was Deputy Returning Officer at that election for the Parish of Saint Joachim de Chateauguay. The account now exhibited to me by the Commissioner, amounting to twelve pounds nineteen shillings and sixpence (£12 19s. 6d.), is that which I furnished to Mr. Lighthall, but I received only ten pounds five shillings, Mr. Lighthall having retained the sum of two pounds fourteen shillings and sixpence, for the reason, as he stated, that the Government would not consent to pay my charge for damage and repairs at the polling place, unless I could procure a voucher and affidavits in support of said charge. The poll was held in the *Salle Publique*. I paid nothing for the use of the *Salle Publique*; and I paid to Joseph Boulé, joiner, the amount paid to me by Mr. Lighthall for arranging the polling place, and for repairing the damage referred to. Mr. Lighthall also deducted from my account, and retained, either ten shillings or seven shillings and sixpence, for, as he stated, his expense of going to Quebec to receive the money from the Government. The two constables, for whose services I charged, were sworn, and did serve, as stated.

[Cross-examined by D. K. Lighthall, Esquire.]

Mr. Lighthall said, when he paid me the ten pounds five shillings, that he would give me the balance upon my producing a voucher for the charge for damage, as required by the Government. I have never furnished that voucher, and have not received or applied for the balance referred to. Mr. Lighthall, or his son, who was his Deputy Returning Officer, came to my house in person to appoint me as Deputy Returning Officer, to furnish me with a poll book and the necessary notices, and to pay me the money, which I received, which made three journeys from Durham to my place of residence in Saint Joachim de Chateauguay.

And further deponent saith not: the present deposition having been read to him, he declares it contains the truth, and hath signed.

(Signed,) LOUIS DESPAROIS.

Sworn at Durham, before me,
this 25th day of April, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

W.

[Translation.]

PROVINCE OF CANADA, }
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL, } ON the sixteenth day of April instant, in the year of
our Lord 1856, appeared JOSEME PELLETIER,
Esquire, of the Parish of St. Philomene, in the County of Chateauguay, Notary
Public, aged forty years, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner, appointed
to inquire into, and report upon, the accounts of all Returning Officers of
Canada, in relation to any election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, fur

nished since the commencement of the year 1848 : who, after having been duly sworn, doth depose and say :—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know D. K. Lighthall, Esquire, Registrar for the County of Beauharnois. I know that an election was held in the year 1854, in the County of Chateauguay, for a Member of the Legislative Assembly. Mr. Lighthall was appointed Returning Officer for the County, and I was appointed Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Philomène. After the election, I transmitted an account to Mr. Lighthall, a true copy of which is now shewn me by the Commissioner. My account amounted to seven pounds fifteen shillings, but I only received seven pounds; fifteen shillings were retained by the Returning Officer for his travelling expenses to Quebec, to receive the amount of his and his Deputies' expenses. I do not know whether the Constables, for whose services I charged one pound, were sworn, but I am quite certain I paid them, and that they served for the two days of the election. The two pounds for rent of the house in which the poll was held, were paid to Benjamin Couseneau, proprietor, less five shillings, which the Commissioners' Court of Chateauguay allowed me, in consideration of the fifteen shillings which had been retained from me, as before mentioned.

[Cross-examined by Mr. Lighthall.]

I only received seven pounds from the Returning Officer, and gave a receipt therefor.

And further the Deponent saith not : and this deposition having been read to him, he declares that it contains the truth, persists therein, and hath signed.

(Signed,) J. PELLETIER.

Sworn before me, at Durham,
this 16th April, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

X.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, }
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } [IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, on the twenty-eighth day of April, instant, personally came and appeared, FREDERICK STEELE VERITY, of Hemmingford, County of Huntingdon, Esquire, M.D., aged forty-two years, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the accounts of all Returning Officers of Canada, in relation to any election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, furnished since the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight : who, after having been duly sworn, doth depose and say :—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know D. K. Lighthall, Esquire, Registrar for the County of Beauharnois. I remember that an election was held in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-one, for the return of a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament, for the then County of Beauharnois. D. K. Lighthall, Esquire, was Returning Officer at that election, and I was Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of Hemmingford. I furnished an account to Mr. Lighthall for my services on that occasion, but I

have now no record of that account; but I believe that the statement now exhibited to me by the Commissioner, and which he says was handed to him by Mr. Lighthall, as a copy of my account, is correct. My impression is, that I received from Mr. Lighthall the amount of that account, which was thirteen pounds seventeen shillings and sixpence, less, the sum of three pounds fifteen shillings, as deducted by the Government. The two constables, for whose services I charged the sum of one pound, were sworn and did serve. The sum of three pounds, which I charged as hire of a poll house, and expense of fitting, was paid to John and Peter McNaughton, and to John Henderson; the latter received that part of the amount which was for the use of the school house, in which the poll was held, and the former, Messieurs McNaughton, were paid for the "fitting." My impression is, that John Henderson, who was a School Commissioner, received one pound five shillings of the sum referred to. I remember, that soon after having received from Mr. Lighthall the amount which I understood to have been allowed by the Government for my services, as Deputy Returning Officer, he, Mr. Lighthall, applied to me to return to him the sum of one pound, alledging, that he had over paid me in that amount. My impression is, that Mr. Lighthall stated that this sum of one pound was paid to me by mistake. I returned the amount to Mr. Lighthall, as required.

[Cross-examined by D. K. Lighthall, Esquire, &c., &c.]

I remember that D. K. Lighthall paid me no more than ten pounds two shillings and sixpence; and my recollection is, that the reason given by him for demanding a return to him of one pound was, that he had paid me one pound more than he had been allowed by the Government. Upon my hesitating to give back this sum of one pound, D. K. Lighthall said that he "ought not to be a loser; that he had been at Quebec, had taken a good deal of trouble, and "had got me money quick," or words to that effect. D. K. Lighthall, in demanding this sum, did not give as a reason that he had overpaid it to me, in consequence of a mistake in counting the money.

And further deponent saith not: the present deposition having been read to him, he declares it contains the truth, and persists therein, and hath signed.

(Signed,) FREDERICK STEELE VERITY, M.D.

Sworn at Durham, before me,
on this 28th day of April, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

Y.

[Translation.]

PROVINCE OF CANADA, }
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL } ON the twenty-eighth day of April, in the year of
our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-
six, appeared, JEAN BAPTISTE SCOTT, Esquire, Notary Public, aged forty
years, of the Parish of St. Timothée, in the County of Beauharneis, before
Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner, appointed to inquire into and report
upon the accounts of all Returning Officers of Canada, in relation to any election
of Members of the Legislature, furnished since the commencement of the year

one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight: who, after having been duly sworn, depose as follows:—

I am not interested in the result of this investigation.

I know D. K. Lighthall, Esquire, Registrar for the County of Beauharnois. I know that in 1851, an election was held in the County of Beauharnois of a Member for the Legislative Assembly. D. K. Lighthall was appointed Returning Officer, and I was appointed Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Timothée. After the election I rendered an account for my services to D. K. Lighthall; I have not kept a copy of it, but the amount, as nearly as I can remember, was thirteen pounds eighteen shillings and sixpence. The Government deducted from my account five pounds ten shillings, which I had charged for damages done to my house, in which the poll was held, and D. K. Lighthall sent me by mail the sum of eight pounds. The balance, eight shillings and sixpence, was, if I remember right, paid afterwards. The poll was held in the *Salle Publique*, and as the amount charged for damages was not paid me, the *Fabrique* allowed me the two pounds charged for the rent, on condition that I made the necessary repairs. The two constables, for whose services I charged one pound, were sworn in, served, and were paid.

And further deponent saith not: and this deposition having been read to him, he declares that it contains the truth, persists therein, and hath signed.

(Signed,) J. B. SCOTT.

Sworn at Durham,
this 28th day of April, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

Z.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the twenty-eighth day of April instant, personally came and appeared, MOISE BRAUCHARD, of the Parish of Saint Clement, County of Beauharnois, Esquire, Advocate, aged —, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner, appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the accounts of all Returning Officers of Canada, in relation to any election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, furnished since the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight: who, after having been duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know D. K. Lighthall, Esquire, Registrar for the County of Beauharnois. I am aware that an election was held in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-one, for the return of a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament, for the then County of Beauharnois. D. K. Lighthall was Returning Officer at that election, and I was Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of Saint Clement. I furnished an account to D. K. Lighthall, for my services. I have no record of that account, but I believe that the statement now exhibited to me, by the Commissioner, as having been handed to him as a copy of my account, by D. K. Lighthall, is correct. I received from D. K. Lighthall, by post, the amount of my account, which was eleven pounds sixteen shillings, less, the sum of one pound twelve shillings

which had been deducted by Government. The amount that I received was about ten pounds. The sum of five pounds charged in my account, for making a railing (*estrade*) fifty shillings, and for rent of a house for poll, fifty shillings, is still in my hands. The polling was held in the *Salle Publique*, and I have not been applied to for payment for the use of the hall on that occasion. I have always intended to pay for the use of the *Salle Publique*, and I have been told by Henry Bogue that I would be called upon for payment, and I have made no secret of having received from the Government the amount which I charged.

I held the poll in the *Salle Publique*, without asking permission to do so, and without making any agreement to pay for it. I have said that the whole of the sum of five pounds, charged for railing and for rent of the house, still remained in my hands, but, upon recollection, I am enabled to say that I paid ten shillings to a carpenter for the railing. I paid ten shillings for firewood used during the polling, and did not charge more than seven shillings, or seven shillings and sixpence in my account. I also paid my poll clerk, Mr. Charles Daoust, at least five shillings more than I charged for. I thought it necessary to accompany Mr. Daoust to Durham to deliver up the poll books, and his expenses and mine, including carter's expenses, all of which I paid, was not, to the best of my recollection, less than one pound ten shillings. The amount charged in my account for the services of two constables, namely, one pound, was paid, and the constables were in attendance, but were not sworn. D. K. Lighthall declines to cross-examine the witness.

And further deponent saith not: the present deposition having been read to him, he declares it contains the truth, and persists therein, and hath signed.

(Signed,) M. BRAUCHARD.

Sworn at Durham, before me,
this 28th day of April, 1856.

MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

Explanations and Affidavits given by D. K. Lighthall, Esquire, in his own Inquiry.

The undersigned, Dow K Lighthall, Esquire, Registrar of the County of Beauharnois, in respect to alleged overcharges in election accounts for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-one, for the County of Beauharnois, and of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, for the County of Chateauguy, hereby makes and adheres to the following statement, and statements in defence, hereby, nevertheless, especially reserving to himself the right to make any further defence, as also any explanations he may seem fit, and, furthermore, reserving all his rights and privileges, without exception or reserve.

With respect to the preliminary examinations of the undersigned upon said alleged overcharges, made before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner, &c., at the City of Montreal, the sixteenth day of April now last, the undersigned adheres to the same, and in explanation thereof, and in defence, states:—

1st.—That with respect to said election held in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-one, and charges made for mileage to post Proclamations, as also to send

poll books to deputies, the undersigned, while admitting that the statements made by William Cross, A. McEachren, and William Barrett, in their depositions taken before Mr. Ryan, before named, at Durham, are nearly correct, yet the undersigned alleges, declares, and affirms all these statements are rather under than over the actual distances from one place to another, as taken in circuit by them.

2nd.—That the season of the year when these Proclamations, &c., &c., were required for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-one, November and December (a season when nearly all country roads in Canada are impassable). The undersigned had to lengthen his route upon various roads—instance, going from Durham to St. Louis, mentioned in the deposition of William Cross; going from Dundee to Russelltown, mentioned in the deposition of James Reid, Esquire; and going to Hemmingford, mentioned in the deposition of Frederick Steele Verity, M.D., and all of whom shew these routes to be much lengthened.

3rd.—That the mileage charged for said purposes by the undersigned is much less than that charged by any former Returning Officer for the said County; instance the mileage charged by R. H. Norval, Esquire, Returning Officer in eighteen hundred and forty-eight [viz., 1. Elgin; 2. St. Urbain; 3. St. Louis de Gonzague], who had at least three polls less to hold than the undersigned.

4th.—The undersigned claimed, and is entitled to receive mileage and travel for the aforesaid purposes each time for a travel to and from his office at Durham to and from each place to which he was bound or required to go in the execution of any of the aforementioned duties, and the undersigned most energetically declares and says, that his mileage is not more, taken upon such a basis, than he ought to receive and be paid, and, consequently, protests against the use of any evidence against him which shows the mileage taken from place to place, and not each time returning to Durham, as a common centre for each place of polling.

5th.—The undersigned furthermore alleges, states, and declares, that in consequence of the short time given for holding each of said elections and for the return of the writ to the Government, he or his deputy was obliged to go at once, upon receipt of the writ, to Montreal (the nearest place where he could get any printing done), a distance of from forty to fifty miles, besides returning, with the loss of three days' time, besides cost of travel and expenses, in order to get the necessary Election Proclamations printed, for which outlay and disbursements the undersigned had no means to recover or have payment.

6th.—The undersigned, moreover, alleges, states, and declares, that immediately after the day of opening of each of said elections, or nomination day, he or his deputy, after a poll had been granted in each case, according to law, was obliged to repair to the City of Montreal a second time, to make the same journey and expense as before mentioned, and lose the same time, in order to supply printed poll books, printed commissions, warrants, and other requisites necessary to the holding of said elections, and also for which outlay and disbursements the undersigned had no means to recover or have payment.

7th.—The undersigned moreover alleges, states, and declares, that wishing and being willing to freely and frankly state his reasons in every case, and motives for acting as he had done, and especially in reply to the questions put by the said Matthew Ryan, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the election accounts, to the undersigned, "Why the undersigned, or his deputy, was obliged to go in person to post up the Proclamations, and again to go in person the second time to Deputy Returning Officers to deliver their warrants, poll books, instructions, documents, &c., at each election?" and also, "Why could the undersigned not send a special messenger or bailiff?" that with regard to those questions, the undersigned or his deputy was obliged to go

person, because at the nomination from the hustings the Returning Officer is obliged to proclaim (when a poll has been duly demanded and granted before the close of his proceedings) the place, viz., the house, at which the poll book shall be opened in each place where the poll has to be held (see Sec. 16 of Act 12 Vic. cap. 27), and it became necessary to find and procure a house in the most convenient locality, and to make arrangements which cannot be enumerated here in detail; that with regard to the second part of the first question, "to go in person the second time," &c., the undersigned or his deputy could not ascertain who might be appointed Deputy Returning Officers; oftentimes persons of capacity refusing to act, or being hot partizans of either candidate, besides which Section 7 of the above recited Act, 12 Vic. cap. 27, contains many exemptions of the most intelligent and capable of the community; and even in cases where no exemption could be claimed, the party nominated has refused to act, preferring to pay the penalty; and as no time could be lost to oblige the refractory, the undersigned was obliged to appoint others. Moreover, and besides which, in the election of eighteen hundred and fifty-one, before mentioned, these Proclamations were posted in an awful snow storm in November, the deputy of the undersigned riding night and day to fulfil his duty.

8th.—The undersigned moreover alleges, states, and declares, that he hath had much extra travel, trouble, and expense, besides that already mentioned, which he could not charge for, nor have compensated to him, there being no means to include the same in his election account, nor is any provision made by law for the payment thereof. And, moreover, that if the undersigned has made any overcharge on mileage not in accordance with the tariff, which the undersigned especially denies that he has, yet any overplus would not, by a great deal, compensate for extra travel, trouble, or expense, as meant by the Statute, besides which the charges of the various Deputy Returning Officers for returning the poll books to Durham to the undersigned for mileage, amounts to nearly the same as charged by the undersigned in his general account, as their vouchers will testify.

9th.—The undersigned moreover alleges, states, and declares, that all the foregoing statements (except where especially referred to) for the election of eighteen hundred and fifty-one, are true and correct with respect to the election held in the County of Chateauguy, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

10th.—That in reference to the charge (of seven pounds, currency) made for hustings in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-one, the undersigned would state that he employed Mr. William McNaughton to do the necessary work in the erection thereof, as stated by him in his deposition, that the undersigned was obliged to purchase and pay for materials, nails, &c., together with cartage and other expenses, and the undersigned considers the sum charged as a small remuneration for time, expense, material, labor, nails, and trouble, in proof of which assertion the undersigned would refer to the account of Mr. Norval for eighteen hundred and forty-eight (before mentioned and referred to), it having been proven in Mr. Norval's case, by the evidence of James Cairns, Robert Cairns, and John McClintock, that each hustings cost six pounds, currency, the difference being that the hustings had by Mr. Norval, and used by him, was the frame of a building already erected, for the use of which nothing was paid, the six pounds being charged for a couple of poles laid across from plate to plate of the frame, and for laying a flooring and building a stairs, while the undersigned was obliged to make the frame, floor it, build stairs, hand-rail, and complete it for use.

11th.—The undersigned, in reference to the charge (of seven pounds, currency) for a hustings in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, would allege, state, and declare, that, notwithstanding the statement made by Mr. LeBrun in his deposition, and admitting its truth, which the undersigned is not fully prepared to

admit, yet the deputy of the undersigned was specially charged by the undersigned to go to Sainte Martine, a distance of nearly eighteen miles from the office of the undersigned, besides returning, and that he being there, went and saw his colleague notary, Mr. LeBrun, who, after conversing a short time, promised to get proper hustings erected, and to send by mail a letter stating the cost. That the hustings were erected, taken down, and paid for by the undersigned; and that with his own cost and trouble, including that of his deputy, his loss of time, travel, and expense, which the undersigned has paid to his deputy, he states, alleges, and declares, the charge aforesaid made by him to be honest, just, and true, and would not, according to the words of the herebefore recited and mentioned statute, be more than "the reasonable expenses incurred by him "in providing hustings."

12th.—The undersigned, in reference to deductions or amounts detained from his Deputy Returning Officers' accounts, states, alleges, and declares, that in many cases in both elections referred to, of eighteen hundred and fifty-one, and eighteen hundred and fifty-four, the whole amounts of the Deputies' respective accounts were paid to them by himself, as soon as possible after such election; accounts were audited and settled by Her Majesty's Government, and that should any deductions have been made or retained by the undersigned, it has only been the proportionate share of the expense attendant upon getting and receiving the same from Her Majesty's Government.

13th.—That in order to have the accounts of the undersigned settled with Her Majesty's Government, either him or his Deputy was obliged to go personally to Quebec upon each occasion, the first time in mid-winter, travelling for days and nights in a covered stage, and either to go personally or to appoint an Attorney, as the undersigned was requested by one of the Officers of the Government, and pay a large percentage, for the undersigned had no acquaintance or friends at Quebec to receive the same, and that the undersigned went personally as he was required by Her Majesty's Government, or sent the share of monies coming to each Deputy Returning Officer, and only retained—and this even in some cases only—a small proportion of the expenses incurred by him in obtaining the same; nor can the undersigned see or understand how Her Majesty's Government can possibly require him to be at an extraordinary outlay and expense to obtain these payments and monies for others, and be at the whole cost and loss himself.

14.—The undersigned also alleges, states, and declares, in respect to collusion between him and his Deputy Returning Officers in making out their accounts against Her Majesty's Government and for elections, he has at times refused to accept of some of the Deputies' accounts on the occasion of both elections before referred to, alleging to them that he could not receive payment therefor from Her Majesty's Government for the same, and that these accounts would hinder honest and fair accounts from being so promptly paid. That upon other occasions the undersigned has caused the Deputy Returning Officers to make anew their accounts, so that they might do justice to themselves and to Her Majesty's Government. And the undersigned furthermore alleges, states, and declares, that upon all occasions and at all times, with his own and with all his Deputy Returning Officers' accounts, he hath acted honestly, uprightly, and in the best faith, willing to render to every man his due, and not to defraud any of them of Her Majesty's Government to the fraction of a half-penny.

15th.—The undersigned furthermore states, alleges, and declares, that in his election account for eighteen hundred and fifty-four, he omitted to charge for his election proclamations in french, which he ought to have done, and is entitled by law to have got and received, and which was allowed by Her Majesty's Government to every Returning Officer in Lower Canada, and which he considers he ought still to receive and get.

16th.—The undersigned moreover states, alleges, and declares, that he and his Deputy have had a great deal of expense, postages, letters to write and answer, for the space of about forty days during each election, which required incessant labour (besides the ordinary duties of his office, which were carried on as usual), and which he has had no remuneration or payment for, other than that allowed to him by Her Majesty's Government for the payment of his election expenses, and which allowance has not by a great deal compensated or paid him.

17th.—That it was, the undersigned verily and truly believes, and was so said and understood at the time, the intention of the Legislature, in providing by law that Registrars of Counties in Lower Canada, should be *ex-officio* Returning Officers for their respective Counties, to, in some measure, form an adequate and reasonable salary for such Registrars, without raising their fees, which was then known and acknowledged, after repeated representations to the Legislature, to be inadequate to the duties and responsibilities of their offices; and that for this reason Her Majesty's Government ought to allow and remunerate, in the most ample manner, such services as the Registrars might so render, and without which ample remuneration, and for all the reasons and causes hereinbefore alleged and stated, the undersigned must, instead of having his inadequate salary increased as was intended, would be uncompensated and unpaid for services rendered, and rewards which he merited and ought to have.

(Signed,) D. K. LIGHTHALL.

REGISTRY OFFICE, COUNTY OF BEAUHARNOIS,
Durham, Ormstown, this 14th day of May, 1856.

The above named and signed Dow K. Lighthall, Esquire, appeared before me this day, and declared upon oath that the contents of the foregoing, are true and correct.

Dated at St. Louis,
this 14th day of May, 1856.

(Signed,) JOHN SYMONS, J.P.

William Francis Lighthall, Esquire, Notary Public, and Deputy Registrar, appeared before me this day, and after being duly sworn, declared to have read the foregoing, and that all statements made therein, referring to him as "Deputy," or otherwise, are strictly true and correct, and he hath signed.

(Signed,) W. F. LIGHTHALL.

Dated at Montreal,
this 23rd day of May, A.D., 1856.

Sworn before me,

(Signed,) J. A. LABADIE, J.P.

AA.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, }
 DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } I N the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, on the seventh day of May, instant, personally came and appeared, TOUSSAINT CHAMPEAU, of the Parish of St. Clement, County of Beauharnois, Bailiff, age fifty-eight years; before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner, appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the accounts of all Returning Officers of Canada in relation to any election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, furnished since the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight: who, after having been duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not aware that I am interested in any way in the result of this inquiry.

I am aware that an election was held in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, in the then County of Beauharnois, for a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament for said county.

I remember that Robert H. Norval, Esquire, of the Parish of St. Clement, was Returning Officer at that election.

Mr. Norval employed me to post the necessary proclamations upon that occasion; and I caused these proclamations to be posted by John Bryson, a Bailiff, not having been able at the time to attend myself. I was also employed to deliver poll books and warrants to the several Deputy Returning Officers, and said books and warrants were accordingly delivered by myself and John Bryson, whom I employed to assist me. I do not remember how much I was paid for these services, or how many journeys I made; but I believe that the mileage could not have exceeded one hundred and eighty-three miles each time; that is to say, in posting proclamations, the distance from Beauharnois to St. Timothée would be nine miles (9); from St. Timothée to Ste. Martine, eighteen miles (18); from St. Martine to St. Jean Chrysostôme, eighteen miles (18); from St. Jean Chrysostôme to Russelltown, twelve miles (12); from Russelltown to Huntingdon, fifteen miles (15); from Huntingdon to St. Anicet, twelve miles (12); from St. Anicet to Dundee, nine miles (9); from Dundee to Hinchinbrooke, twenty-one miles (21); from Hinchinbrooke to Hemmingford, twenty-one miles (21); from Hemmingford to Ormstown, twenty-seven miles (27); from Ormstown back to Beauharnois to complete the journey, twenty-one miles (21).

And further Depouent saith not, and hath signed.

(Signed,) TOUSSAINT CHAMPEAU.

Sworn before me, at the Village of Beauharnois,
 this seventh day of May, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
 Commissioner.

AB.

ON this eleventh day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, personally came and appeared before me, Alexander Graham, Justice of the Peace, ROBERT CAIRNS, of the Parish of Saint Malachie d'Ormstown, in the County of Chateauguay, Farmer, who doth depose and say:—

That he knows that an election was held in the County of Beauharnois, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-eight, for the return of a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament for said county. That for the purpose of said election, he assisted with James Cairns, his brother, and John McClintock, both of the said Parish of St. Malachie d'Ormstown, Farmers, in the erection of a hustings in Durham d'Ormstown, for which erection he charged to R. H. Norval, Esquire, Returning Officer for the said county, the sum of six pounds, from which six pounds he received for his share the sum of two pounds.

That he does not know who wrote the account charged for the erection of the hustings, but is quite sure that he required some one to write it, and that the sum charged was six pounds, which was paid, to wit, two pounds to him, two pounds to John McClintock and two pounds to James Cairns, his brother. That the said two pounds were paid to him by R. H. Norval, Esquire, himself.

And further Deponent saith not: the present deposition being read to him, he declares it contains the truth, and hath signed.

(Signed,) ROBERT CAIRNS.

Sworn at Durham, before me,
this 7th day of May, 1856.

(Signed,) ALEXANDER GRAHAM, J.P.

AC.

ON this seventh day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, personally came and appeared before me, Alexander Graham, Esquire, Justice of the Peace, JAMES CAIRNS, of the Parish of Saint Malachie d'Ormstown, Esquire, Farmer, who doth depose and say:—

That an election was held in the County of Beauharnois, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-eight, for the return of a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament, for said county. That for the purpose of said election, he assisted with Robert Cairns, his brother, and John McClintock, both of the parish above mentioned, farmer, in the erection of a hustings in said parish, for which hustings the sum of six pounds was charged, and that he received for his share the sum of two pounds. That he does not know who wrote the account charged for the erection of said hustings, but he is sure that required some one to write it, and that the sum charged was six pounds, which was paid, to wit, two pounds to himself, two pounds to Robert Cairns and two pounds to John McClintock. That the said two pounds were paid to him by R. H. Norval, Esquire.

And further Deponent saith not: the deposition having been read to him, declares it contains the truth, and hath signed.

(Signed,) JAMES CAIRNS.

Sworn at Durham d'Ormstown,
before me, this 7th day of May, 1856.

(Signed,) ALEXANDER GRAHAM, J.P.

AD.

ON this seventh day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, personally came and appeared before me, Alexander Graham, Esquire, Justice of the Peace, JOHN McCLINTOCK, of the said Parish of St. Malachie d'Ormstown, in the County of Chateaugay, Farmer, who doth depose and say:—

That an election was held in the County of Beauharnois in the year eighteen hundred and forty-eight, for the return of a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament for said county; that for the purpose of said election he assisted Robert Cairns, James Cairns, both of the above mentioned parish, Farmers, in the erection of a hustings in said parish, for which hustings the sum of six pounds was charged, and he received for his share the sum of two pounds. That he does not know who wrote the account charged for erection of said hustings, but he is sure that some one was required to write it, and that the sum of six pounds was paid by R. H. Norval, Esquire, himself, in the following manner, to wit:— Two pounds to Robert Cairns, two pounds James Cairns, and two pounds to the present witness.

And further Deponent saith not: the present deposition having been read to him, he declares it contains the truth, and hath signed.

(Signed,) JOHN McCLINTOCK.

Sworn at Durham d'Ormstown, before me,
on this 7th day of May, 1856.

(Signed,) ALEXANDER GRAHAM, J.P.

AE.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty six, on the ninth day of May instant, personally came and appeared, CHARLES DAVID FRENCH, of the Parish of St. Cecile, County of Beauharnois, Clerk, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner, appointed to inquire into and report upon the accounts of all Returning Officers of Canada, in relation to any election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, furnished since the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight: who, after having been duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I am aware that an election was held in the County of Beauharnois in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, for the return of a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament for said county. Owen Lynch, Esquire, was Returning Officer, and at that election he employed me to erect a hustings in St. Timothée for the purpose of that election.

I erected said hustings, and I furnished an account in my own hand-writing to Mr. Lynch, for the expense of so doing. The amount of that account was seventeen pounds ten shillings and three-pence; but I received from Mr. Lynch only ten pounds. In making out my account for the erection of said hustings, I charged the full value of the materials used, as I did not intend to take back the material or any part of it; and did not, in fact, take possession again of it. The

hustings was first erected adjoining the property of Julian Sauvé, but Mr. Sauvé having objected to its being there, it was removed to another site, which removal caused two days' additional work for two carpenters and myself; and consequently, caused my account to be higher than it would otherwise have been. I have resided in the County of Beauharnois as it formerly stood, and now stands, more than fifteen years; and I know the distances by the travelled road from place to place in said county. Had I been required to post proclamations, deliver poll books, &c., at the last election, my charge for mileage, in making a journey for either of these purposes, would not have been more than twenty-nine miles; that is to say: my charge for going from St. Timothée to Bauharnois would have been nine miles (9); from Beauharnois to St. Louis de Gonzague, twelve miles (12); from the last mentioned place back to St. Timothée, eight miles (8).

[Cross-examined by Owen Lynch, Esquire.]

I am not aware that at the time of the election referred to, it was impossible to travel by St. Louis de Gonzague direct from St. Timothée. Upon reflection, I must state, that a proclamation had, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, to be posted at the extreme end of the Parish of St. Timothée, a place now called St. Cecile. The mileage would probably be twenty miles more than that stated in my examination in chief.

And further Deponent saith not, and hath signed.

(Signed,) C. D. FRENCH.

Sworn at St. Timothée, before me,
on the 9th day of May, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

AF.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, }
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } [IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, on the ninth day of May, instant, personally came and appeared, GEORGE B. DUNCAN, of St. Clement, County of Beauharnois, Esquire, Brewer, aged thirty years, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner, appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the accounts of all Returning Officers of Canada, in relation to any election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, furnished since the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight: who, after having been duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I am aware that an election was held in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, for the return of a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament for the County of Beauharnois, and that Owen Lynch, Esquire, was Returning Officer at that election. A poll was held on that occasion in a house belonging to me, situated in the Village of Beauharnois. For the use of said house for two days, I previously agreed with Mr. Lynch to take a sum not exceeding three pounds. I cannot now speak positively as to the amount agreed upon, but I am certain that I did not receive more than three pounds, and am positive that I never authorized Mr. Henry Bogue, the Deputy Returning Officer at Beauharnois, or

the Returning Officer, Mr. Lynch, to apply to the Government for more than this sum on my account.

And further Deponent saith not, and hath signed.

(Signed,) G. B. DUNCAN.

Sworn at St. Timothée, before me,
this 9th day of May, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

AG.

[Translation.]

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } I and fifty-six, on the ninth day of May, before Mat-
thew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner, appointed to inquire into, and report upon,
the accounts of all Returning Officers of Canada, in relation to any election of
Members of the Legislative Assembly, furnished since the commencement of the
year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, personally came and appeared,
FRANÇOIS XAVIER POITRAS, of the Parish of St. Cecile, in the County
of Beauharnois, Carpenter: who, having been duly sworn, deposes as follows:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know that there was an election of a Member of the Legislative Assembly, for the County of Beauharnois, in one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and that Mr. Owen Lynch was Returning Officer for the said county. I was Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Timothée, and in that capacity I sent in an account for my services to Mr. Owen Lynch. The poll was held in the public hall of the said parish, and the amount I charged for the rent of the said hall has not yet been paid, because the *Fabrique* have not sent in any account. I made no previous arrangement for the hire of the said room, but a Churchwarden told me that I would be bound to pay for the use of the house, but he mentioned no amount. The Constables, for whose services I charged two pounds, were sworn in and served during the said election. I have lived in the County of Beauharnois for seventeen or eighteen years. I know the distances from one place to another in the said county. If I had myself been Returning Officer, in order to issue the proclamations and distribute the poll books, I should have had to travel the distances following:—from St. Timothée to St. Clement (to the proper places), sixteen miles; from St. Clement to St. Louis de Gonzague, ten miles; but as it is altogether impossible to reach the said last place by the ordinary route on account of the badness of the road, I should be obliged to return to St. Clement to get back to St. Timothée, a distance of twenty miles; now from St. Timothée to St. Cecile, or Valley Field, is eight miles, and the same distance returning. I forgot to say, that the distance from St. Louis de Gonzague to St. Louis de Kadra, is ten miles, and the same returning. The total of these distances is eighty-two miles. I give these distances to the best of my knowledge.

[Cross-examined by Owen Lynch, Esquire.]

From what Mr. Lynch has just said, I think the Returning Officer should have travelled the further distance of sixty-one miles, as it is absolutely necessary that the proclamations should be posted at the most known and frequented places in

the different concessions of St. Louis de Gonzague, St. Clement, St. Louis de Kadra, St. Cecile, and Grand Isle, also in the school houses.

And further Deponent saith not, and hath signed.

(Signed,) F. X. POITRAS.

Sworn before me, at St. Timothée,
this 9th day of May, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

AH.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the ninth day of May, instant, personally came and appeared, CHARLES F. CHAMPEAU, Tavernkeeper of Saint Cecile, County of Beauharnois, aged thirty-three years, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner, appointed to inquire into and report upon the accounts of all Returning Officers of Canada, in relation to any election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, furnished since the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight: who, after having been duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I am aware that an election was held in the year 1854, for the return of a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament, for the County of Beauharnois, and that Owen Lynch, Esquire, was Returning Officer, at that election. I acted as Poll Clerk at the poll, held in the Village of Saint Timothée, and I also assisted the Returning Officer, Mr. Lynch, in copying poll books and translating proclamations. I have resided at least thirty years in the County of Beauharnois, as it was formerly constituted, and as it is now. I have held a Commission as Bailiff, for the Superior Court, for the last four or five years. I am acquainted with the distances by the travelled roads from place to place in the said county, and I consider that the mileage which it would be proper to charge for posting proclamations in the several places where polling was held during the election referred to, would, as I understand that duty, be about eighty-five miles.

[Cross-examined by O. Lynch, Esquire.]

In calculating the distances given in my examination in chief, I had in view the posting of proclamations at the most prominent points in theseveral parishes in the county, such as at the doors of the parish churches. Were it necessary also to post proclamations at the doors of shool houses in the several concessions, the mileage would of course be larger, but I cannot speak with certainty as to the difference.

And further Deponent saith not, and hath signed,

(Signed,) CHAS. T. CHAMPEAU.

Sworn at Saint Timothée, before me,
this 9th day of May, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

AI.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the tenth day of May, instant, personally came and appeared, HENRY BOGUE, of the Parish of Saint Clement, County of Beauharnois, Postmaster, aged forty years, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner, appointed to inquire into and report upon the accounts of all Returning Officers of Canada, in relation to any election of Members of the Legislative Assembly furnished since the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight: who, after having been duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not aware that I am interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know that an election was held in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, for the return of a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament, for the County of Beauharnois. Mr. Owen Lynch was Returning Officer at that election, and I acted as Deputy Returning Officer at that election, at the Village of Beauharnois.

I furnished to Mr. Lynch for my services on that occasion the account now exhibited to me by the Commissioner, amounting to the sum of twenty pounds eleven shillings and sixpence, and I received in payment about one-half of that amount; certain deductions having, as I understood, been made by the Government. Out of the money which I received in payment for my account, I returned to Mr. Lynch at least two pounds, it might have been more, but not more than three pounds, to enable him to pay Mr. George B. Duncan for the use of his house as a polling place during the two days of the election. The agreement for the use of the said house was made with Mr. Duncan by Mr. Lynch, and I am at a loss to state why the charge of seven pounds ten shillings for the use of the said house appears in my account. The two constables, for whose services the Government allowed me the sum of one pound, were in attendance, but not having been sworn, and having performed no duty, I have not paid them, neither have they applied for payment.

And further Deponent saith not, and hath signed.

(Signed,) HENRY BOGUE.

Sworn at St. Timothée, before me,
this 10th day of May, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

AK.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the tenth day of May, instant, personally came and appeared, WILLIAM KILGOWER, of St. Clément, County of Beauharnois, joiner and carpenter, aged fifty-one years, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner, appointed to inquire into and report upon the accounts of all Returning Officers of Canada, in relation to any election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, furnished since the commencement of the year one

thousand eight hundred and forty-eight: who, after having been duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know that an election was held in the County of Beauharnois in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, for the return of a Member of Parliament for said county, Owen Lynch, Esquire, was Returning Officer at that election, and Mr. Henry Bogue was Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Clément de Beauharnois. I furnished to Mr. Bogue on that occasion a certain quantity of materials necessary for fixtures in the polling house. The materials which I furnished consisted of plank and board, and I received in payment a sum not exceeding four dollars, it might have been less. I do not know how much more material than that which I furnished was required for fixtures in the polling house, nor do I know what further expense was incurred in connection with these fixtures, but it must have cost Mr. Bogue more or less, for at least one man's time and labor, and for nails, &c., to put the house in the necessary order.

And further Deponent saith not, and hath signed.

(Signed,) WILLIAM KILGOWER.

Sworn at St. Timothée, before me,
this 10th day of May, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

AL.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the tenth day of May instant, personally came and appeared, JOHN SYMONS, of St. Louis de Gonzague, County of Beauharnois, Merchant, aged fifty years, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner, appointed to inquire into and report upon the accounts of all Returning Officers of Canada, in relation to any election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, furnished since the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight: who, after having been duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not aware that I am interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know that an election was held in the County of Beauharnois in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, for the return of a member to serve in the Provincial Parliament for said county. Owen Lynch, Esquire, was Returning Officer at that election, and I was Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Louis de Gonzague. I furnished to Mr. Lynch for my services on that occasion, the accounts now exhibited to me by the Commissioner, amounting to the sum of sixteen pounds seventeen shillings and sixpence. I received in payment some eight or nine pounds, the Government having, as I was told by Mr. Lynch, made certain deductions from my account. I held the poll in a building then in course of erection by me, and intended for a school-house. I made no agreement with the School Commissioners for the use of this building, and the charge of ten pounds ten shillings which appears in my account, for rent (£6), for preparation on interior of the house (£4), for sweeping and cleaning the house (10s.), from which the Government deducted five pounds ten shillings, was intended to re-

imburse me for expense of necessary arrangements for the polling and for trouble and expense which I was put to in preparing to maintain peace and good order during the election. The charge of one pound, which the Government allowed me for the services of two Constables, was paid, and the Constables were sworn in and did serve as stated. I have resided in the County of Beauharnois as it was formerly and is now constituted, and I have a general knowledge of the distances from place to place in the county by the travelled road. I consider that in posting proclamations necessary at the election referred to, Mr. Lynch or his Agent could not have travelled more than one hundred and ten miles. In making this calculation, I have allowed for travelling into the several concessions of the county, as well as for going to the several Parish Churches.

And further Deponent saith not, and hath signed.

(Signed,) JOHN SYMONS.

Sworn at St. Timotheé, before me,
on this 10th day of May, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

AM.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the eighth day of September, instant, personally came and appeared, JOHN MAIN, residing in the Village of Richmond, in the United Counties of Sherbrooke and Wolfe, Harness-maker, aged forty-one years, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the accounts of all Returning Officers of Canada, in relation to any election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, furnished since the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight: who, after having been duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I have resided in the Township of Melbourne, in the District of St. Francis, nearly twenty-two years, and am at present County Superintendent for the County of Richmond. I know William H. Webb, Esquire, Advocate; and further know that he was Returning Officer at the election of a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament of the United Counties of Sherbrooke and Wolfe, held in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four. I was a Deputy Returning Officer on that occasion, and am aware that there were ten polling places, viz:—Garthby and Stratford, (1); Ham and South Ham, (2); Dudswell and Hope, (3); Wotton, (4); Weedon, (5); Brompton, (6); Shipton, (7); Windsor, (8); Melbourne and Brompton Gore, (9); Wolfstown, (10). I also know, that for the purposes of the election it was necessary to post proclamations in each of these places. Had it been my duty to post such proclamations, I believe my charge for mileage would be probably for seven hundred and fifty or eight hundred miles, to wit:—I would first travel from Melbourne to Shipton, a distance of twelve and a-half miles (12½); from Shipton to Wotton, also twelve and a-half miles (12½); from Wotton to Ham, 15 miles (15); from Ham to South Ham, 15 miles (15); from South Ham back again to Ham, fifteen miles, (15); from Ham back to Melbourne, forty-five miles (45); from Melbourne, to Brompton Gore, thirty miles (30); from Brompton Gore back again to Melbourne, twelve miles (12);

from Melbourne to Windsor, twelve miles (12); from Windsor back again to Melbourne, twelve miles (12); from Melbourne to Brompton, twenty miles (20); from Brompton to Dudswell, thirty miles (30); from Dudswell to Weedon, twelve miles (12); from Weedon to Sherbrooke, *en route* to Stoke, forty-five miles (45); from Stoke to Garthby and Stratford, one hundred and sixteen miles (116); from Garthby and Stratford to Dudswell, fifty miles (50); from Dudswell to Wolfestown, ten miles (10); from Wolfestown back to Dudswell, ten miles (10); from Dudswell to Melbourne, fifty miles (50); which would complete the journey. In computing these distances, I have had in view going only to one point in each Township; and as I am aware that it is necessary to post proclamations in several conspicuous places, viz:—churches, school-houses, &c., &c., I think there would be additional travel, say an average of twenty miles for each of the above-named thirteen (13) Townships.

The above declaration having been read to John Main, declares the same to contain the truth, and hath signed.

(Signed,) JOHN MAIN.

Sworn this eighth day of September,
in the year of our Lord 1856, before me,

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

AN.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the ninth day of September, instant,
personally came and appeared, PATRICK DALY, residing in the Township of
Melbourne, in the United Counties of Sherbrooke and Wolfe, Provincial Land
Surveyor, aged fifty years, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner ap-
pointed to inquire into, and report upon, the accounts of all Returning Officers
of Canada, in relation to any election of Members of the Legislative Assembly,
furnished since the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred and
forty-eight: who, after having been duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I have resided in this locality, viz:—in the former Counties of Drummond and
Sherbrooke, and in the now United Counties of Sherbrooke and Wolfe, twenty-
one (21) years; during which time I have been regularly engaged in my profes-
sion as land surveyor. I am aware that an election was held for the return of
a Member to serve in Parliament for the United Counties of Sherbrooke and
Wolfe, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, at which election
William K. Webb, Esquire, acted as Returning Officer. I know the distance
from the Village of Melbourne to the several places in which I am told polling
was held for the purposes of said election, that is to say:—

I have a general knowledge of these distances from having travelled by the
usual roads. Had it been my duty to visit these several places for the purpose
of posting proclamations or notices, my probable charge for mileage would be
about two hundred and seventy-three (273) miles, my route would be as follows,
to-wit:—from Melbourne to Shipton, twelve (12) miles; from Shipton to Wotten

fourteen (14) miles; from Wotton to South Ham, fourteen (14) miles; from South Ham to Ham, fourteen (14) miles; from Ham to Wolfstown, sixteen (16) miles; from Wolfstown to Garthby, twelve (12) miles; from Garthby to Stratford, eight (8) miles; from Stratford to Dudswell, sixteen (16) miles; from Dudswell to Weedon, sixteen (16) miles; from Weedon to Stoke, sixteen (16) miles; from Stoke to Windsor, seventeen (17) miles; from Windsor to Brompton, eight (8) miles; from Brompton to Brompton Gore, through Melbourne, twenty (20) miles; from Brompton Gore back to Melbourne Village, twelve (12) miles. To the above distances which make a total of one hundred and ninety-five (195) miles, I think right to add seventy-eight (78) miles for travelling in the above-mentioned thirteen (13) Townships, to the places where it would be proper to post notices or proclamations, that is, an average of six (6) miles to each Township, making the mileage altogether, two hundred and seventy-three (273) miles, as above stated.

[Cross-examined by Mr. Webb.]

With reference to the evidence given above, from my long experience as Land Surveyor in the abovementioned places, I have made a much shorter travelling than would probably any person less experienced than myself in those localities, and a person having less knowledge of the roads than myself, would probably follow the same course as stated by witness Main. Understanding that it is necessary to post proclamations on the different churches and school houses throughout the Townships, I desire to correct my statement above made, as to the average mileage in posting proclamations, and to say that I consider it would be necessary to travel at least fifteen (15) miles in each Township. I make the correction, because I was under the impression during my examination, in belief that it was not necessary to post proclamations on all the school-houses in the back settlements. I was obliged to travel thirty or forty miles on horseback, on the roads, in my examination in chief.

The above having been read to Deponent, he declares the same to contain the truth, and hath signed.

(Signed,) PATRICK DALY.

Sworn before me, at Melbourne,
this 9th day of September,
in the year of our Lord, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

AO.

MELBOURNE, 15th April, 1856.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 14th instant, which has reference to the charges made by me as Returning Officer for the United Counties of Sherbrooke and Wolfe for the year 1854, and in answer thereto would beg to state, that with respect to the charges made for travelling, in the first place for posting Proclamations previous to the day for the nomination of Candidates, and afterwards, when it was ascertained there would

be a contest for the appointment of Deputy Returning Officers, and making the necessary arrangements for polling places, and were charged in accordance with the duty performed by me, or by others, whom I paid for the same; the two counties are large, and the townships far distant from my domicile. Each township had to be visited twice, and the greater part of it travelled over, and in some cases I had to go or send three times before I could make the necessary arrangements to carry out, in a newly and thinly settled county like Wolfe, the requirements of the Election Act. Wolfe County settlements are much scattered, and the roads very bad, which added greatly to the expense and trouble in posting notices, &c., &c., in each place. The time of my appointment as the Returning Officer for the United Counties, either myself, or some person on my behalf, was on the road at a great expense, until the election terminated, and I think now as I did at the time the account was rendered, that the charges barely remunerated me for all the trouble and expense I was put to in the premises. It was the first time I had ever filled such an office, and for many reasons I was very anxious that all the requirements of the Act should be legally and properly carried out, and, as a matter of course, had I to perform such duties again in these Counties, I could do so with much less trouble and expense. It is also true that could I have made one general tour, and could have made all the arrangements then and there, so much extra travelling would have been unnecessary; but at the time I could not effect this, nor did I think it required of me that I should leave my own business, and remain from home until I had effected the arrangements above referred to. At the time I transmitted my accounts to Quebec, I supposed that if the Government considered the charges were too high, or if they were not in accordance with what was usually paid for the performance of such duties, they would have, at that time, stated their objections, when I feel assured that I could have convinced them that my charges were not unreasonable.

I reside about (by railroad) twenty-five miles from the Registry Office, the copy of the poll books required to be filed with the Registrar, hence my charge of this item. The sum charged for the erection of the hustings was paid to George Hamel, of this place, who erected the same, altogether new, for the purposes of the election. The sum charged for a constable was also paid to one who acted as such at the time of nomination.

The above explanations have reference to my own charges as Returning Officer. The accounts of the Deputy Returning Officers I forwarded to Quebec, the originals, as they were filed with me. I considered the distances charged were not too high, neither did I consider at the time that it was my duty, nor had I a right, to interfere with their accounts, but merely to send them to the Government, and if allowed (as they were), I was only the medium through which they were to be paid; and I, immediately on the receipt of the amount, paid each Deputy his account in full, as paid me by the Government, without even charging them the expense I was put in receiving the amount of their accounts from Quebec. This can be verified by an application to the Deputies. In two cases, from being disappointed in making the appointments when in the Townships (Weedon and Dudswell), I had to send the Deputies and Clerks from this place and Sherbrooke, hence the charges as made by them. In making up my account for travelling expenses, generally speaking, I took the distances from the Deputies' accounts, thinking as they were scattered over the country, they were better able to judge of the distance from the different places, than myself. But few of the roads have been measured, and in some cases the number of miles may even be greater than charged, and some less. And in conclusion, I would beg to add, that had the River Saint Lawrence been passable, I would have attended at the

Commission, in Montreal, to give such information as they may require, and will still be happy to do so should the Commissioners deem it necessary.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed,) W. H. WEBB.

To MATTHEW RYAN, Esquire,
Montreal.

AP.

Besides the deductions already made by the Inspector General of Accounts, I think it necessary to make the following in my accounts of 1854, as Returning Officer, from the items below; these deductions being overcharges which have found their way into my account, and into those of my Deputies.

	£	s.	d.
I have charged in the item of distances gone over to post the Proclamations, 288 miles; I deduct 98 miles, at 6d.	2	9	0
I think it right to deduct the 19s. charged for 38 miles gone over, not recollecting for what subject.	0	19	0
In the item where £12 10s. is charged for the erection of hustings at the <i>chef-lieu</i> , as this seems exorbitant, I deduct	5	10	0
In like manner, I deduct the sum of £1 7s. for 54 miles travelled over, in going to the hustings and back.	1	7	0
In the item where £7 4s. is charged for conveyance of Commissions, Warrants, &c., I deduct 98 miles, at 6d.	2	9	0
I deduct also the distance travelled over in getting to the hustings, 54 miles, at 6d. I deduct 19s. for the construction of a hustings in the house where the polling was held, at St. Geneviève	1	7	0
I take off also the sum of 14s. charged for the distance gone over by the Deputies and Clerk, in travelling to the hustings and back, in the Parish of St. Geneviève	0	14	0
I think the charge of £1 for house hire, should be deducted from the account of the Deputy Returning Officer of the Parish of St. Prosper	1	0	0
I deduct the sum of £2 5s. 6d., charged for the erection of a hustings in the same parish	2	5	6
In the item where 7s. 6d. is charged for distance travelled over, in carrying the Commission to the polling Clerk; I deduct	0	5	0
I deduct, also, from the account of the Deputy Returning Officer for St. Stanislas, 80s. for house hire	1	10	0
I deduct also, in the same parish, 45s. for cost of constructing hustings	2	5	0
I deduct also the distance travelled by the Deputy Returning Officer, in going to the poll in the same parish, 9s.	0	9	0
I deduct in like manner from the Clerk of the poll, for the same object, and in the same parish	0	8	0
I deduct from the account of the Deputy Returning Officer of the Parish of Ste. Anne, 9s. for the distance travelled over by the Clerk of the poll, to be sworn in	0	9	0
I deduct also from the same a similar sum for the transmission of the Commission	0	9	0

AP.—(Continued.)

	£	s.	d.
I deduct 20s. for expenses incurred in the construction of a hustings in the same parish	1	0	0
I deduct 3s. for the distance of 6 miles gone over by the Deputy Returning Officer at Batiscan, for transmitting the Commission to the Polling Clerk	0	3	0
I deduct the sum of £1 12s 6d. for the construction of a hustings in the same parish	1	12	6
I deduct from the Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Juste, 20s. for distance travelled over, to take the oath	1	0	0
I deduct the distance of 30 miles for transmitting the Commission to the Clerk of the poll	0	15	0
I deduct also 30s. charged in the accounts, for the swearing in of the clerk of the poll, for distance gone over	1	10	0
I deduct the sum of 6s. for distance travelled over by the Deputy Returning Officer in going to the hustings	0	6	0
I make the same deduction on the same item, for the Clerk of the poll	0	6	0
I deduct house hire in the same parish	1	0	0
I deduct £2 for the erection and preparation of the hustings in the same parish	2	0	0
I deduct also 6s. in the Deputy's account for distance travelled over by him for taking the oath, and transmission of the poll book	0	6	0
I deduct 11s. for distance gone over by the Deputy Returning Officer to be sworn. Also, 12s. for transmitting his Commission to the Clerk of the poll	0	11	0
I deduct 11s. for the distance charged for transmitting his Commission to the Clerk of the poll	0	12	0
I deduct 11s. for the distance charged for transmitting his Commission to the Clerk of the poll	0	11	0
I deduct 7s. from the Deputy Returning Officer for distance travelled over in going to the hustings	0	7	0
I deduct also £2 for the erection and preparation of hustings	2	0	0
I deduct also for the Deputy Returning Officer and poll clerk of the same parish, 4s., for the transmission of the poll book and taking the oath	0	4	0
I deduct 2s. 6d. for house-hire at Champlain	0	2	6
In place of £13 5s. 6d. charged by the Deputy Returning Officer of St. Maurice, I paid him only £10 5s. 9d., which makes a deduction of £2 19s. 9d.	2	19	9
[See the account and Receipt of the Deputy, M. La Barre, hereto annexed, and marked AB.]			
I deduct from the account of the Deputy Returning Officer, of the Parish of Cap de la Magdeleine, £1 15s. having paid but £10 16s. 6d., as appears by the Receipt of Mr. Dumoulin, marked O	1	15	0

I feel it incumbent on me to add, that in using the term "hustings," in the accounts of the Deputies, I meant the necessary preparations made in the interior of those buildings where the poll was held.

(Signed,) FERD. FILTEAU.

STE. GENEVIÈVE DE BATISCAN,
25th July, 1856.

PO.

Besides the Deductions already made by the Inspector General of Accounts, I believe it incumbent on me to make the following in my Accounts of 1851, as Returning Officer, on the items detailed below; these Deductions being overcharges which have found their way into my Account and into those of my Deputies.

	£	s.	d.
November 7, 1851.. Transport to take the oath of Office at Three Rivers, and returning to Ste. Geneviève de Batiscan, 60 miles, on which I deduct 12 miles, at 6d.....	0	6	0
[In the absence of Mr. Trudel, Justice of the Peace at Batiscan, I went to take the oath at Three Rivers, at 8 leagues from here, making 48 miles.]			
Transport to post up the proclamations at the different parishes of the county; I have charged for this service one journey for going to, and returning from, each parish; taking as a point of departure, St. Geneviève, forming altogether 285 miles. I made the charge in this manner because it was usual to do so; although I think that this item may be reduced to 95 miles, at 6d	2	7	6
I have charged for transmitting the Commissions to the Deputy Returning Officers in the different parishes, distinct and separate roads for each service, which makes 270 miles. I think that these items may be reduced to 80 miles	2	0	0
[The Inspector of Accounts having allowed me but one journey to transmit the Commissions, Warrants, and Polling books, it follows that the overcharges which had been made are already deducted.]			
I have charged for the erection of a hustings at the <i>chef-lieu</i> , £6 17s. 4d. I think there is an overcharge of £1 17s. 4d.....	1	17	4
I have made a charge of £3 10s. for house-hire and cost of erecting a hustings at St. Narcisse. This item is an overcharge of	0	10	0
In the item, for house-hire and fuel in the Parish of St Prosper, of £3 18s. 4d., I paid the sum of £2 for rent to the proprietor of the house, by name Norbert; as to the balance, £1 18s. 4d., I am positive that I have paid a part of it, but I cannot recollect to whom, or for what.....	0	16	0
I have charged, for the Deputy of Batiscan, for the erection of a hustings, and house-hire and fuel, £3 18s. The election was held in the Public Hall, and I paid only one pound for the hire of this Hall, and about 7s. 6d. for washing and fuel. This item, therefore, is overcharged £2 10s. 6d.....	2	10	6
In the item of £3 18s. 0d. for expenses of erecting a hustings, and hire of a house at St. Juste, I paid only £1 10s. 0d.; this item is therefore overcharged	2	8	0

PO.—(Continued.)

		£	s.	d.
November 7, 1851..	In the item charged for the same Deputy, for 60 miles travel twice over, from St. Juste, making 120 miles, there is an overcharge of 72 miles, making	1	16	0

I have paid the Deputy Returning Officer for St. Stanislas, £10 9s. 3½d., the Amount of the Account produced by him, as appears by his receipt, which I have filed with these presents, marked A.

(Signed,) FERD. FILTEAU.

STE. GENEVIÈVE,
25th July, 1856.

AR.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the twenty-third day of September,
instant, personally came and appeared, BAZILE PICHE, gentleman, of the
Parish of Sault aux Recollets, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner,
appointed to inquire into the accounts of all the Returning Officers of Lower
Canada, relative to the elections of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly,
from the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight,
and to report thereon: who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I am Secretary and Treasurer of the *Fabrique* of the said parish, and have been so since the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-two. I am aware that there were elections for the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly in 1848, 1851, 1854, in the same parish. The said elections were held, and the votes were enregistered in the public hall. Nothing has ever been paid to the *Fabrique*, nor have I received anything for the use of the said hall at the said elections. In 1854, the election was opened by the Returning Officer on the gallery of the said hall, and no expense was incurred for any preparation; the only expense incurred was on the day of closing the poll, for the erection of a platform, or hustings, on the public road leading to the bridge, near the church of the said parish, where the close of the said election took place. This platform may have cost, at most, the sum of four or five dollars. I was present when the said platform was built, and I know that it was constructed in the space of about two hours by two men.

And the present deposition having been read to him, has signed.

(Signed,) BAZILE PICHE.

(Taxed, £1 5s.—Paid.)

Sworn at Montreal,
on the 23rd of September, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

AS.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the twenty-fourth day of September,
instant, personally came and appeared, JEREMIE MEILLEUR, Cultivator, of
the Parish of Sault au Recollet, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner,
appointed to inquire into the accounts of all the Returning Officers of Lower
Canada, in relation to the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assem-
bly, from the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-
eight, and to report thereon: who, after being duly sworn, doth depose and
say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I recollect that there were elections in the said parish, of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the said Province, which took place in the said parish in 1851 and 1854. The opening of the said election, in 1854, took place in the said parish, and the poll, for taking the votes at the said two elections, was held in the public hall, at the village of the said parish. There was no hustings or building of any kind constructed for either of the said two elections, with the exception of a platform or hustings for the day of the closing of the election, in 1854. This platform was constructed by Mr. Guerin, the Deputy Returning Officer, near the church, on the road leading to the bridge of the Village of Sault au Recollet.

It was I who lent Dr. Guerin the planks and wood necessary for the erection of the said platform: and as these planks and timber had received no damage, I charged him nothing for the use of them. I even furnished him gratuitously with the nails and spikes employed in the said construction. I assisted, with several others, in the erection of the said platform, which was completed in the space of a couple of hours. I received nothing for my services, nor do I believe that the others, who assisted with me, were paid either; at least I am not aware of it. I have some experience in wood-work, and am myself employed in carpentry. From my own experience, I am convinced that two carpenters could construct the said platform, as it was built, in half a day. I therefore value the work performed, in erecting and taking down the said platform, at fifteen or twenty shillings. On this occasion, also, I lent Dr. Guerin a small stool, to serve as a step to the said platform, for which I received nothing. I consider the distance from the Church of the Sault au Recollet to the City of Montreal, to be about eight miles.

And Deponent being unable to write, has made his mark: the foregoing deposition having first been read to him.

JEREMIE ^{his} MEILLEUR.
mark.

(Taxed, 12s. 6d.—Paid.)

Sworn at Montreal,
the 24th of September, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

AT.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, }
 DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } [IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, on the twenty-fourth day of September, instant, personally came and appeared, HYACINTHE GUERIN, Esquire, Physician, of the Parish of Sault au Recollet, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner, appointed to inquire into the accounts of all the Returning Officers of Lower Canada, in relation to the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly since the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and to report thereon: who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I have resided at Sault au Recollet since the year 1845. There were elections in the County of Montreal, and in that of Hochelaga, for the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly during the years 1851 and 1854.

I acted as Deputy Returning Officer for the election of 1854. There was no hustings built at the Sault au Recollet, for the election of 1851, and it was not necessary to erect any, insomuch as the opening and close of the said election took place at the Village of St. Laurent, 1851. In 1854, the nomination or opening of the election took place at Sault au Recollet, where I acted as Deputy Returning Officer. There was no hustings erected for the opening of the election in 1854. I caused to be constructed, with the approval of Mr. Ryland, Returning Officer, a platform or hustings for the close of the said election of 1854, situate near the church. I borrowed all the wood necessary for this platform or hustings, which did not cost Mr. Ryland or myself anything, and I expended only six dollars in putting up this platform and taking it down. Mr. Ryland reimbursed me the said six dollars.

And has signed, after the same being read to him.

(Signed,) HTHE. GUERIN.

(Taxed, 25s.—Paid.)

Sworn, at Montreal,
 the 24th September, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
 Commissioner.

AU.

REGISTRY OFFICE,

Montreal, 29th October, 1856.

Sir,—With reference to the item "Expenses incurred in procuring hustings, &c., &c.," in my account as Returning Officer for the County of Hochelaga, in 1854, I think I ought to mention, that previous to the election I made arrangements with a Carpenter, at Sault au Recollet, to erect the necessary hustings there; but finding on the day of nomination that nothing had been done, and being further informed by the man, in presence of all the electors, among whom was Mr. Delisle, who will doubtless remember the circumstance, for it caused a great sen-

sation, that he would not trust the Government, but must have the money in his hands before he did any thing; we proceeded to hold the meeting in the school house, and immediately on my return to town, I purchased wood and materials, with a view of having a hustings constructed at St. Catharines, and carted out to Sault au Recollet.

Two days after, Dr. Guerin called on me with a kind of apology for what had occurred, saying that he had wood, and would get the work performed at a trifling cost. I accepted his offer, got rid of the materials I had purchased at a loss of three pounds ten shillings, and, if my memory does not fail me for I took no receipt, I afterwards paid Dr. Guerin in my own hands, at St. Catharines, twelve dollars, instead of six which he acknowledges to have received.

My expenses, then, under this head, stood about as follows, viz. :—

Carriage hire in proceeding to Sault au Recollet, before day of nomination, to arrange for hustings, and again on the day previous to election, to see arrangements completed	£2 10 0
Loss on materials, &c	3 10 0
Dr. Guerin	3 0 0
	£9 0 0

Being informed that no vouchers would be required, if my charge for hustings did not exceed that of the previous election, I thought it best to submit to a trifling loss, and in making a charge of seven pounds ten shillings, I worded the item, as you will perceive, in such a way as would enable me to furnish any proof that might be required.

Had I taken the hustings out from Montreal, as in a moment of excitement I at first contemplated, the charge would have amounted to twenty or twenty five pounds.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed,) G. H. RYLAND.

M. RYAN, Esquire,
&c., &c., &c.

AV.

MONTREAL, 26th September, 1856.

Dear Sir,—The item of six pounds five shillings, mentioned in my account as Deputy Returning Officer in 1851, includes expenses actually incurred by me as such, for house rent, the putting up of a stove, purchase of firewood, carpenter's work, stationery, &c.

I cannot now remember what proportions these expenses bear to each other, but I believe you may have them entered as follows:—

House rent	£2 10 0
Stove and fuel	1 15 0
<i>Carried forward</i>	£4 5 0

	<i>Brought forward</i>	£4 5 0
Carpenter's work, &c.....		1 5 0
Stationery.....		0 15 0
		<hr/> £6 5 0 <hr/>

Should you require further information, please say so.

Yours truly,

(Signed,) J. A. HAWLEY.

M. RYAN, Esquire,
&c., &c., &c.

A W.

With reference to the charge made for a hustings or polling place, it was, I believe, generally made in the same manner by all the Deputies at the said election. They were very inadequately remunerated for their services, and it was looked upon as a perqui-ite attached to the office of Deputy Returning Officer, and so considered by all of them. In fact, the only service I really rendered for this charge was going to Pointe aux Trembles to make the arrangements necessary for holding the poll. This was deemed necessary, as considerable excitement prevailed among political parties at the time. It cost me something to make those preparations, for tables, chairs, cleaning, and sweeping, &c., and for travelling expenses. I cannot precisely say how much I paid, but it could not have exceeded about two pounds ten shillings. As usual during elections carters could only be obtained at exorbitant prices.

(Signed,) C. E. SHILLER.

MONTREAL, 17th September, 1856.

A X.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the eighteenth day of November,
instant, personally came and appeared, JOSEPH GRENIER, Carrier, of the
Parish of Ste. Anne du Bout de l'Isle, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commis-
sioner, appointed to inquire into the accounts of all the Returning Officers of
Lower Canada, relative to the election of Members to serve in the Legislative
Assembly, from the beginning of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-
eight, and to report thereon: who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I know there was an election in the County of Montreal, for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one. The Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish of St.

Anne held the poll for the said election at my house; for the hire of which, during the two days of the election, I asked, and received, the sum of one pound five shillings, currency. I furnished the chairs, table, fuel, and whatever was necessary for the use of the poll, without charging more than the sum above mentioned. I do not think the Deputy Returning Officer can have incurred any other expense in obtaining a polling place.

There was no opposition in electing a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Division of Jacques Cartier, in which is situate the Parish of Ste. Anne du Bout de l'Isle, for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four. There was no hustings erected; and the Member was declared unanimously elected at the church-door.

The present deposition having been read, the Deponent declares that it contains the truth, persists therein, and hath signed.

(Signed,) JOSEPH GRENIER.

Sworn before me, at Ste. Anne du Bout de l'Isle,
this 18th day of November, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

AY.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the fifteenth day of September, instant, personally came and appeared, THEOPHILE JANNOT, *alias* THEOPHILE JANNOT *dit* LACHAPELLE, Joiner, of the Parish of St. Joseph de la Rivière des Prairies, in the District of Montreal, being of the full age of thirty-two years, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner, appointed to inquire into the accounts of all the Returning Officers of Lower Canada, relative to the elections of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly from the beginning of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and to report thereon: who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I am known under the two designations of Theophile Jannot and Theophile Jannot *dit* Lachapelle, and answer to both the said designations. It is now fully twelve years since I first lived in the Parish of St. Joseph de la Rivière des Prairies. It is four leagues from the village of St. Joseph, above-mentioned, to the City of Montreal. I am aware that there were elections in the County of Montreal to elect a Member for the Legislative Assembly for the years one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one and one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four. I am also aware that there was a poll in the village of St. Joseph, aforesaid, for the elections of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one and one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four. The poll was held for the two above-mentioned elections in the public hall of the presbytery, in the Parish of St. Joseph, aforesaid. I do not know who acted as Deputy Returning Officer at the Village of St. Joseph, aforesaid, for the election of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four. I received no money for the construction of a building or polling place at the said Village of St. Joseph, for the election of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-

four. I never signed the receipt, or document in the form of a receipt, now exhibited and read to me. The said receipt being thus worded:—

“RIVIÈRE DES PRAIRIES, 21st July, 1854.

“Received from Léon Doutre, Esquire, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Joseph de la Rivière des Prairies, the sum of seven pounds ten shillings, for the construction of a building or polling place.

“THEOPHILE ^{his} JANNOT.
mark.

“Witnesses,

“TREFFLÉ COUVRETTE,
“THÉOPHILE COLLARD.”

I never gave my authorization or consent to the affixing of my mark to the receipt now exhibited and read to me, and written as above. I do not know Léon Doutre, Esquire. I have never had, and do not recollect to have had, any transactions with Léon Doutre, Esquire, during the election of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

[Léon Doutre, Esquire, here present, and representing G. H. Ryland, Esquire, refuses to cross-examine the witness.]

And further Deponent saith not: the present deposition having been read to him, he declares that it contains the truth, persists therein, and declares that he is unable to sign.

THEOPHILE JANNOT ^{his} dit LACHAPELLE.
mark.

(Taxed, £1 5s.)

Sworn, taken, and acknowledged before me,
the 15th day of September, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

AZ.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the thirteenth day of September,
instant, personally came and appeared, JOSEPH DESJARDINS, Cultivator,
of the Parish of St. Joseph, Rivière des Prairies, in the said District of Montreal,
aged forty-two years, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner, appointed to
inquire into the accounts of all the Returning Officers of Lower Canada, relative
to the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly, from the
beginning of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and to report
thereon: who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I have lived all my life at St. Joseph. I am aware that there were two elections
for a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament for the County of Montreal,

for the years one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one and one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and that there was a poll in the aforesaid parish for each of the elections abovementioned.

My residence is thirty arpents from the place where the poll was held. There was no passage from my residence to the poll for the occupation of which I could have demanded a sum of money; and I have never received from the Deputy Returning Officer any sum of money whatever, as a remuneration for the occupancy of a passage from my house to the place where the polling was held. The paper now exhibited and read in my presence, being a receipt in my name, for the sum of three pounds fifteen shillings, currency, dated the twenty-second day of the month of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and worded as follows:—

“ RIVIÈRE DES PRAIRIES,
“ 22nd July, 1854.

“ Received from Léon Doutré, Esquire, Deputy Returning Officer for the
“ Parish of the Rivière des Prairies, the sum of three pounds fifteen shillings for
“ the occupation of the passage leading to the yard of my house, for holding the
“ poll there during two days.

his
“ JOSEPH X DESJARDINS.
mark.

“ Witnesses,

“ THEOPHILE COLLARD,
“ TREFFLÉ COUVRETTE.”

Was never given by me; and that which appears there as my mark was affixed without my knowledge, authorization, or consent. I had no other transaction with Léon Doutré, Esquire, during the election of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, than that of giving my vote in his presence as Deputy Returning Officer.

[Examined by Léon Doutré, Esquire, Deputy Registrar for the County of Montreal, acting for, and in the name of, G. H. Ryland, Esquire, Registrar for the County of Montreal, at this moment absent from Montreal.]

It was yesterday evening that I heard, for the first time, that I was to appear before the Commissioner; and I appeared before him without being legally summoned to appear. I did not know Léon Doutré, Esquire, before to-day; and I do not recollect having ever seen the said Léon Doutré, or of having had anything to do with him.

And further Deponent saith not: the present deposition having been read to him, he declares that it contains the truth, persists therein, and has declared that he is unable to sign.

his
JOSEPH X DESJARDINS.
mark.

(Taxed, £1 5s.—Paid.)

Sworn, taken, and acknowledged, before me,
the 13th day of September, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

BB.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the thirteenth day of September, instant, personally came and appeared, TREFFLE COUVRETTE, Burgess, of the Parish of St. Joseph, Rivière des Prairies, in the District of Montreal, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commissioner, appointed to inquire into the accounts of all Returning Officers of Lower Canada, relative to the elections of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly, from the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and to report thereon: who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I have lived fifteen years in the Parish of St. Joseph, aforesaid. I am aware that there were two elections for a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament, for the County of Montreal, for the years one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and that there was a poll in the aforesaid parish for each of the elections above mentioned. It is fifteen miles from the City of Montreal to the said Village of St. Joseph, where there was a poll for the said elections. I am aware that Rouer Roy, Esquire, was Deputy Returning Officer at St. Joseph, aforesaid, for the election of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and the poll was held in the public hall, which is near the presbytery of the said parish. I am also aware that Léon Doutre, Esquire, was Deputy Returning Officer at St. Joseph above mentioned, for the election of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and that the poll was held for this election in the same public hall, and in the same presbytery as for the election of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one. I am not aware that a hustings or building was constructed for the poll at St. Joseph, aforesaid. The paper now exhibited to me, being a receipt from Theophile Jannot, for the sum of seven pounds ten shillings, currency, dated the twenty-first day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and worded as follows:—

“RIVIÈRE DES PRAIRIES, 21st July, 1854.

“Received from Léon Doutre, Esquire, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Joseph de la Rivière des Prairies, the sum of seven pounds ten shillings, for having constructed a building or place for holding the poll.

his
“THEOPHILE X JANNOT.
mark.

“Witnesses,

“TREFFLÉ COUVRETTE,
“THEOPHILE COLLARD.”

Was not signed or given in my presence, and that which appears to be my signature as witness, was not written by me, is not my signature, and was written there without my knowledge, authorization, or consent. Another paper which is now exhibited to me, being a receipt from Joseph Desjardins for the sum of three pounds fifteen shillings, dated the twenty-second day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and worded as follows:—

“RIVIÈRE DES PRAIRIES,
“22nd July, 1854.

“Received from Léon Doutre, Esquire, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of Rivière des Prairies, the sum of three pounds fifteen shillings, for the

“ occupation of the passage leading to the yard of my house, for having held the
“ poll there during two days.

his
“ JOSEPH X DESJARDINS.
mark.

“ Witnesses,

“ THEOPHILE COLLARD,
“ TREFFLÉ COUVRETTE.”

Was not signed or given in my presence, and that which appears thereon as being my signature as witness, was not written by me, is not my signature, and was written there without my knowledge, authorization, or consent.

[Examined by Léon Doutre, Esquire, Deputy Registrar for the County of Montreal, acting for and in the name of G. H. Ryland, Esquire, Registrar for the County of Montreal, at this present time absent from Montreal.]

When a receipt was exhibited to me, bearing the name of Trefflé Couvrette as witness, the only answer which I gave concerning the said receipt was:—“ I do not know what that means ; that is not my signature.” But after the same had been read over to me once or twice, the answers which I am reported to have given, respecting the subject-matter of the questions asked me by the Commissioner, are the truth and nothing but the truth.

And further Deponent saith not: the present deposition having been read to him, he declares that it contains the truth, persists therein, and hath signed.

(Signed,) TREFFLÉ COUVRETTE.

(Taxed, £1 5s.—Paid.)

Sworn, taken, and acknowledged before me,
the 13th day of September, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

BC.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the fifteenth day of September,
instant, personally came and appeared, THEOPHILE COLLARD, Bailiff, of
the Village of St. Joseph de la Rivière des Prairies, in the District of Montreal,
of the full age of twenty-nine years, before Matthew Ryan, Esquire, Commis-
sioner, appointed to inquire into the accounts of all the Returning Officers of
Lower Canada, relative to the elections of Members to serve in the Legislative
Assembly from the commencement of the year one thousand eight hundred and
forty-eight, and to report thereon: who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I have resided all my life in the Parish of St. Joseph de la Rivière des Prairies. It is five leagues from the Village of St. Joseph above-mentioned to the City of Montreal. I am aware that there was an election in the County of Montreal for a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four. There was a poll held in the Village of

St. Joseph aforesaid for the said election, and during this election the poll was held in the public hall, in the Presbytery of the Parish of St. Joseph above-mentioned. I am not aware who acted as Deputy Returning Officer at St. Joseph aforesaid for the election of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four. I do not know Léon Doutre, Esquire. I have never signed as witness, nor authorised, or consented to, any other person's signing for me, the document or written paper in the form of a receipt, which document or receipt is now exhibited to me, and which I have read; the said document being worded as follows:—

“RIVIÈRE DES PRAIRIES,

“21st July, 1854.

“Received from Léon Doutre, Esquire, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Joseph de la Rivière des Prairies, the sum of seven pounds ten shillings, for having constructed a building or place for holding the poll.

“THEOPHILE ^{his} JANNOT.
mark.

“Witnesses,

“TREFFLÉ COUVRETTE,
“THEOPHILE COLLARD.”

I have never signed as witness, nor have I authorised or consented that any one should sign for me any other document or written paper, purporting to be a receipt, dated the twenty-second day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and worded as follows:—

“RIVIÈRE DES PRAIRIES,

“22nd July, 1854.

“Received from Léon Doutre, Esquire, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of Rivière des Prairies, the sum of three pounds fifteen shillings, for the occupation of the passage leading to the yard of my house, for holding the poll there during two days.

“JOSEPH ^{his} DESJARDINS.
mark.

“Witnesses,

“THEOPHILE COLLARD,
“TREFFLÉ COUVRETTE.”

The house of Joseph Desjardins, of the parish of St. Joseph de la Rivière des Prairies, was, at the time of the election of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, situate at the distance of thirty arpents from the place where the poll was held for the said election, and I know of no other passage from the house of the said Desjardins to the poll than the public road.

[Léon Doutre, Esquire, here present and representing G. H. Ryland, Esquire, refused to cross-examine the witness.]

And further Deponent saith not. The present deposition having been read to him, he declares that it contains the truth, persists therein, and hath signed,

(Signed,) THEOPHILE COLLARD.

(Taxed, at £1 5s.)

Sworn, taken, and acknowledged, before me,
the 15th day of September, 1856.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

BD.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } TO the Commissioners appointed to revise the ac-
 DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } counts of the Returning Officers, for the election
 of one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

The undersigned having been appointed Returning Officer for the election of a Member for the County of Vaudreuil, in one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, has the honor to submit the following remarks, relative to the accounts furnished by him to the Government, in his said capacity of Returning Officer, of his fees and expenditure.

The undersigned was then residing, and still resides, at the Village of the Parish of St. Michel de Vaudreuil.

At the time of the said election, the parish of St. Zotique was not yet civilly erected, but still existed as the Village of Coteau Landing, in which an English church is built, and at which place the election proclamations were posted up, together with other placards and public notices relative to the said election.

The distances charged in the account are stated to have been charged for going and returning, in a distinct manner, which thus enabled the Government to admit or refuse this manner of making the charge for the distances, and this having been approved by the Government, it only remains to verify the quantum of distances. The undersigned will observe that the first item of distances, fifty-one leagues, for going and returning, contains an error in his favor, inasmuch as the sum there carried out is less than what the undersigned might have charged.

It was the undersigned, or rather his *employé*, Mr. F. Des Bastiens, who went over the distances charged in the said account, and in those of the Deputy Returning Officers. The distances have of necessity varied according to the residence of the Deputies.

As a means of comparison, the undersigned refers to the verification of the distances established and proved in the inquiry on H. F. Charlebois, Esquire, and the undersigned observes that, although certain distances charged in his account may be greater than those thus approved, others are much less, and that if all the distances charged by the undersigned be added together and compared with those approved, it will be found that the undersigned has charged about ninety miles less than the amount he was entitled to charge. The undersigned would also remark, that he has charged the distances for going and returning in conformity with the opinion of Felix Fortier, Esquire, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery: and that he believes, independently of this, that the charge is authorized by law.

As respects the Deputy Returning Officers, the undersigned has paid them in full what was due them; that is, the amount of their respective accounts, and he refers to the authentic documents hereto annexed, as proof thereof. There is only the account of J. W. Parent, Esquire, at that time Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Polycarpe, for the payment of which the undersigned has no receipt; but the undersigned would observe that this gentleman was paid like all the others, that he is now residing at Bourbonnais, in Illinois; that the undersigned has written to him, and hopes shortly to receive from him the receipt of his account, which he will then consider it his duty to transmit to the Commission.

The undersigned had probably taken receipts from all the deputies; but not foreseeing that after a lapse of eight years he would be called to render an account of his office, he has destroyed or lost them, with the exception of that

of Mr. Beaudet, which he has succeeded in finding, and which is now transmitted by the undersigned.

The undersigned also transmits the receipt of one of the constables employed by him, the other being absent from Vaudreuil.

With these explanations, the undersigned thinks that the commission will be sufficiently enabled to report, without any other investigation.

The undersigned will consider it as a duty and a pleasure to give any other information which may be required of him, and which it may be in his power to furnish.

(Signed,) J. O. BASTIEN.

VAUDREUIL, 8th April, 1856.

THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT,

Dr. to F. DES BASTIENS.

For having been Election Clerk during the election of 1847 or 1848, for the election of a Member of Parliament on the days of the nomination, and of the close of the election £2 0s. 0d.

I, the undersigned, acknowledge to have been paid for the year 1848, immediately after the hereinafter-named had received the money from the Government, from the hands of Joseph Octave Bastiens, Esquire, Returning Officer for that election, the above-stated sum. Moreover, I declare, that I was the messenger employed during the said election, for the transport and delivery of commissions, orders, poll books, and returns of the poll books, &c., being at that time in his employ as notarial student under him. In testimony whereof, these presents are given to serve and take effect as may be required.

(Signed,) F. DES BASTIENS.

VAUDREUIL, 26th March, 1856.

I acknowledge to have received, in January, of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, from Doctor Joseph Octave Bastien, Esquire, of the Parish of St. Michel de Vaudreuil, at that time Returning Officer for the election of a Member for the County of Vaudreuil, the sum of twenty shillings, currency, for my fees, as one of the constables during the said election, from the said M. Bastien; the other was Jean Baptiste Vezina, who was then living at Vaudreuil, aforesaid, and who is now absent, and who, to my knowledge, received the same fees as myself, in his said quality of constable, and I have never given any other receipt to the said Mr. Bastien than this, notwithstanding that I was paid at that time.

(Signed,)

VAUDREUIL, the 26th day of March, 1856.

Received from J. O. Bastien, Esquire, seven pounds one shilling, currency, less the commission of the Government employées, for the cost of the last election of a Member of Parliament, in the Parish of St. Ignace.

(Signed,) G. BEAUDET.

St. IGNACE, 19th April, 1848.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.

THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to GODFROY BEAUDET,
Deputy Returning Officer, for the parish of St. Ignace du Coteau du
Lac, during the Election of 1848.

To the Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days for holding the Poll, the 3rd and 4th January, 1848, at 20s. per diem	£2	0	0
To the Clerk of the Poll, do do do	2	0	0
2 Constables, do do do	2	0	0
Paid for hustings or house	1	1	0
	£7		1 0

In the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, on the twenty-eighth day of March, in the afternoon, before us, the undersigned Notaries Public, of that part of the Province of Canada formerly known as Lower Canada, residing in the District of Montreal, personally came and appeared, LOUIS ADAM, Esquire, Notary Public of the Parish of St. Ignace du Coteau du Lac, and clerk of the poll during the election of 1848 for the Parish of St. Ignace du Coteau du Lac, for the election of a Member of the Provincial Parliament for the County of Vaudreuil:—

Who doth declare and say, that Godfrey Beaudet, Esquire, at that time merchant of the said locality of St. Ignace, was the Deputy Returning Officer for the said parish, and that it is to his personal knowledge that the said Mr. Beaudet, now deceased, was paid, by Joseph Octave Bastien, Esquire, of the Parish of Vaudreuil, at that time Returning Officer during the said election, the sum of seven pounds one shilling, currency, as well for himself (the said Dr. Beaudet), the deponent, as for other officers required by law for the fulfilment of all the duties attached to the abovementioned office of Deputy Returning Officer for the said parish during the said election, and for the cost of house-hire, and fuel, &c., as set forth and detailed in the above account, which account I certify to be conformable, to the best of my knowledge, to that which was presented to the said Mr. Bastien at the time, and which was paid, to my knowledge, to the said Mr. Beaudet, as this latter informed me, in June of the said year, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

The present declaration is intended to serve as a receipt of the time, and to replace that of the said deceased, Mr. Beaudet, in case a receipt should be found for the same object of the above date.

A minute whereof hath been taken and delivered at the said place of St. Ignace, on the day, month, and year abovementioned, and at the residence of the deponent, and this latter hath signed with us, notaries public, after the same having been read.

(Signed,) L. ADAM.
“ F. DES BASTIENS, N.P.

E. HAYES, N.P.

On this twenty-ninth day of the month of March, in the forenoon, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, before us, the undersigned Notaries Public of that part of the Province of Canada formerly called Lower Canada, and residing in the District of Montreal, personally came and appeared, ALEXANDRE ROY, Esquire, Justice of the Peace; and ELZÉAR HAYES, Esquire, Notary Public; both of the Parish of St. Joseph de Soulanges; the former ex-Deputy Returning Officer, and the second ex-Clerk of the poll, for the Parish of St. Joseph de Soulanges, during the election of the year 1847, for the election of a Member of Parliament for the County of Vaudreuil: who declare and say:—

That they were paid by Joseph Octave Bastien, Esquire, at that time Returning Officer, during the above mentioned election, after the Winter of one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight; that is to say:—the said Mr. Roy received the sum of two pounds, currency, for his fees as such Deputy Returning Officer, for two days' polling, and the said Mr. Hayes the sum of four pounds, currency, for his own fees, and that of two constables employed during the said two polling days. The said Mr. Hayes doth moreover declare and say, that he hired a house to hold the said poll of this election; he does not precisely recollect the sum which he charged for the said house-hire; and cannot state whether it was one pound ten shillings or two pounds, currency, for the two polling days; but is quite certain that it was not less than the sum above in the first place cited—one pound ten shillings, currency. That he was, also, paid, as messenger of the said Mr. Bastiens, for the transport of the poll book of this parish, the sum established by law. In fine, the said Deponents declare, that at the time they presented to the said Mr. Bastien a general statement respecting the said election, &c., without deduction, for which they were paid.

This present declaration being for a receipt of the time, and to replace that which may have been given to the said Bastien, in the event of its having been lost.

Done at St. Joseph de Soulanges, at the residence of the first above-named Deponent, on the day, month, and year, above mentioned: and the said Deponents have signed with us, Notaries Public, after the same having been read to them.

(Signed,) ALEXANDRE ROY,
 “ E. HAYES,
 “ F. DES BASTIENS, N.P.

LAPARRE, N.P.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.

THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to JEAN BAPTISTE LE FEBVRE, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of Isle Perrot.

December 9, 1847.—To the Deputy Returning Officer—2 days for holding the poll during this election, at 20s. per diem.....	£2 0 0
Clerk of the Poll, at do do do.....	2 0 0
2 Constables do.....	2 0 0

£6 0 0

In the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, on the twenty-sixth day of March, in the forenoon, before us, the undersigned Notaries Public, of that part of the Province of Canada formerly called Lower Canada, residing in the District of Montreal, personally came and appeared, JEAN BAPTISTE LE-FEBVRE, Esquire, Captain of Militia, of the Parish of St. Michel de Vaudreuil, and ex-Returning Officer during the election of one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, for the election of a Member of Parliament for the County of Vaudreuil;

Who doth declare and say that he was paid by the hands of Joseph Octave Bastien, Esquire, of Vaudreuil, aforesaid, at that time Returning Officer during the said election, in the course of January, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, the sum of six pounds, currency, as well for himself as for the other officers required by law to fulfil the duties attached to the situation of Deputy Returning Officer, above-mentioned, and detailed in the above account, quittance of which is hereby given. The present declaration being to serve as a receipt from this time forth, and to re-place whatever receipt may be found of this date.

Thus done and delivered at the said place of Vaudreuil, on the day, month, and year above-mentioned. And the said Deponent hath signed with us Notaries, after reading being had of the same.

(Signed,) J. BTE. LEFEBVRE,
 " F. DES BASTIENS, N.P.

HENRY LAPARRE, N.P.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.

THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to IGNACE DUMOUCHEL, Deputy Returning Officer for Ste. Marthe, during the last Election.

To the Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, for holding the Poll during the last Election, at 20s.	£2	0	0
To the Clerk of the Poll, do do do	2	0	0
2 Constables, at 20s.	2	0	0
Paid for house-hire	0	10	0
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	£6	10	0

In the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, on the twenty-sixth day of March, in the afternoon, before us, the undersigned Notaries Public for that part of the Province of Canada, formerly Lower Canada, residing in the District of Montreal;

Personally came and appeared, IGNACE DUMOUCHEL, of the Parish of St. Magdeleine de Rigaud, and late Deputy Returning Officer during the election of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, for the election of a Member of Parliament for the County of Vaudreuil; who doth depose and say:—That he was paid by the hands of Joseph Octave Bastien, of the Parish of Vaudreuil, during the abovementioned election, in the course of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, the sum of six-pounds ten shillings currency, as well for himself as for the other officers required by law to perform all the duties attached to his situation of Deputy Returning Officer, as above detailed, and set forth in the account aforesaid. The present declaration being to serve as a re-

ceipt of the time, and to replace it in case a receipt should be found, bearing that date, (including also the costs specified in said account).

Done and passed in the said place of Rigaud, and on the day month, and year above written. And the said Dumouchel has signed with us Notaries, after these presents having been read to him.

(Signed,) IGNACE DUMOUCHEL,
“ E. N. FOURNIER, N.P.

L. ADAM, N.P.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.

THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to LOUIS MICHEL LEFEBVRE, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Michel de Vaudreuil.

December 9, 1847.—To the Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, for having held the poll during this election	£2 . 0 0
To the Clerk of the poll, do do	2 0 0
Two Constables during 2 days	2 0 0
For preparation of seats, tables, &c., during the opening of the poll..	0 10 0
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	£6 10 0

In the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, on the twenty-sixth day of March, in the afternoon, before us, the undersigned Notaries Public of that part of the Province of Canada formerly called Lower Canada, residing in the District of Montreal, personally came and appeared, LUC MICHEL LEFEBVRE, Esquire, Trader, residing at Napierville, and formerly of the Parish of St. Michel de Vaudreuil, and ex-Deputy Returning Officer during the election of one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, for the election of a Member for the County of Vaudreuil, who doth declare and say :—

That he was paid at the hands of Joseph Octave Bastien, Esquire, of Vaudreuil aforesaid, then Returning Officer during the said election, in the course of January, 1848, the sum of six pounds ten shillings, currency, as well for himself as for the other officers required by law, to fulfil all the duties attached to the situation of Deputy Returning Officer, as above set forth in the foregoing account, whereof payment is acknowledged. The present declaration being to serve as a receipt of the time, and to replace it should a receipt be found of this date.

Done on the day, month, and year above written, in due form of law. And the said Lefebvre has signed these presents, with us Notaries, after the same being read to him.

(Signed,) L. M. LEFEBVRE.
“ F. DES BASTIENS, N.P.

L. ADAM, N.P.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.

THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to A. M. G. BARET, Deputy Returning Officer for Rigaud.

December 9, 1847.—Two days to the Deputy Returning Officer for holding the poll during the last election, at 20s.	£2 0 0
To the Clerk of the Poll, do., do., do.	2 0 0
2 Constables, at 20s. each.	2 0 0
	£6 0 0

In the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, on the twenty-sixth day of March, in the afternoon, before us, the undersigned Notaries Public, of that part of the Province of Canada formerly called Lower Canada, residing in the District of Montreal, personally came and appeared, MARTIN GEORGE BARET, Esquire, Notary Public of the Parish of Ste. Magdeleine de Rigaud, and ex-Returning Officer for the election of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, for the election of a Member of Parliament for the County of Vaudreuil, who doth declare and say, that he was paid at the hands of Joseph Octave Bastien, Esquire, of the Parish of Vaudreuil, at that time Deputy Returning Officer during the said election, in the course of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, the sum of six pounds, currency, as well for himself as for the other officers required by law to fulfil all the duties attached to the situation of Deputy Returning Officer, as above set forth in the foregoing account, receipt of which is acknowledged. The present declaration being to serve as a receipt of the time, and to replace whatever receipt may be found bearing the same date.

Done and delivered in due form, at the said place of Rigaud, in the office of Maitre Fournier, one of the undersigned, on the day, month, and year above-written. And the said Baret has signed with us, Notaries, after these presents being read to him.

(Signed,) M. G. BARET,
 “ E. N. FOURNIER, N.P.

L. ADAM, N.P.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.

THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to JOSEPH CYPRIEN CHOLETTE, Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of Newton, during the last election.

To the Deputy Returning Officer, for holding the poll during the election, at 20s.	£2 0 0
To the Clerk of the poll, do do do.	2 0 0
Two Constables, at 20s. each.	2 0 0
Paid for hustings and house.	1 0 0
	£7 0 0

In the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty, on the first day of April, in the afternoon, before us, the undersigned Notaries Public, of that part of the Province of Canada formerly called Lower Canada, residing in the District of Montreal, personally came and appeared, JOSEPH CYPRIEN CHOLETETE, Trader and Merchant, formerly of the Township of Newton, and now of the Parish of Ste. Magdeleine de Rigaud, and ex-Deputy Returning Officer during the election of 1847, for the election of a Member of Parliament for the County of Vaudreuil: who doth declare and say:—

That he was paid, at the hands of Joseph Octave Bastien, Esquire, of the Parish of Vaudreuil, at that time Returning Officer, during the said election in the course of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, the sum of seven pounds, currency, as well for himself as for the other Officers required by law, to perform the duties attached to the situation of Deputy Returning Officer, as above set forth in the foregoing account, receipt of which is acknowledged; the present declaration being to serve as a receipt of the time, and to replace whatever receipt may be found bearing the same date.

Done in due form, in the said place of Rigaud, at the Office of on the day, month, and year, above written. And the said Cholette has signed with us, Notaries, after these presents being read to him.

(Signed,)

J. C. CHOLETETE.

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M. G. BARET, N.P.

HENRY LAPARRE, N.P.

I, the undersigned, J. W. Parent, declare, that in one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, I was living in the Parish of St. Polycarpe, at Coteau Landing, in the County of Vaudreuil, District of Montreal, and that during these years I have filled the office of Deputy Returning Officer for the parish of St. Polycarpe, for the election of a Member of Parliament for the County of Vaudreuil; the fees of which said election, relative to the said Parish of St. Polycarpe, and expenses incurred for holding the poll, as detailed and set forth in the account below, amounting to the sum of six pounds ten shillings, currency, were paid me in the winter of one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, by Joseph Octave Bastien, Esquire, at that time Returning Officer of the said election, and that the present declaration may serve as a receipt; not recollecting whether I then gave one to the said Bastien. Here follows the account:—

To the Deputy Returning Officer, 2 days, for holding the poll.....	£2	0	0
To the Clerk of the Poll.....	2	0	0
2 Constables, do do do	2	0	0
Paid for Hustings, House and Fuel	0	10	0
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	£6	10	0

(Signed,)

J. W. PARENT.

Given at St. Annes,
on the 12th day of April, 1856.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.

THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, *Dr.* to A. J. W. PARENT, Deputy Returning Officer.

2 days holding the Poll during this election, at 20s.....	£2	0	0
To the Clerk of the Poll, do do do	2	0	0
2 Constables, do do	2	0	0
Paid for Hustings, House and Fuel	0	10	0
	£6 10 0		

In the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, on the seventeenth day of April, in the forenoon: Before us, the undersigned Notaries Public, of that part of Canada formerly called Lower Canada, residing in the District of Montreal;

Personally came and appeared, JOSEPH MELLEUR, Esquire, Notary, of the Parish of Sault au Recollet, formerly of the parish of St. Polycarpe, and Clerk of the poll, under the superintendence of Joseph Wilfred Parent, Esquire, absent from this Province, and formerly of St. Polycarpe, aforesaid, ex-Deputy Returning Officer during the election of one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, for the election of a Member of Parliament for the County of Vaudreuil:

Who doth declare and say:—

That it is to his personal knowledge that the said Joseph Wilfred Parent, Esquire, was paid at the hands of Joseph Octave Bastien, Esquire, at that time Returning Officer during the said election, the sum of six pounds ten shillings, currency, in the course of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, as well for himself the said Parent, as for all the other officers required by law to perform the duties attached to his situation of Deputy Returning Officer, and for other expenses, as above-detailed and set forth in the foregoing account.—The present declaration being to serve as a receipt of the time, and to replace whatever receipt may be found bearing the same date.

Done and delivered in due form, at the said place of Montreal, on the day, month, and year above-written, at the Prothonotary's Office.

And the said Deponent hath signed with us, Notaries, after these presents being read to him.

(Signed,) J. MELLEUR, Notary.
 " CHARLES A. TERROUX, N.P.

HENRE LAPARRE, N.P.

No. 1.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
 DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the sixteenth day of May, instant,
 personally came and appeared, FABIEN DESJARDINS, Esquire, Merchant,
 of St. Michel de Vaudreuil, before A. M. Delisle and M. Ryan, Esquires, Com-
 missioners appointed to inquire into the accounts of all Returning Officers in
 Lower Canada, in relation to the election of Members to serve in the Legislative
 Assembly, since the beginning of the year one thousand eight hundred and
 forty-eight, and to report thereon: who, being duly sworn, doth depose and
 say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I recollect that during the winter of eighteen hundred and forty-eight, Joseph Octave Bastien, Esquire, deposited in my hands the sum of seventy-five pounds, currency, and told me that a part of this sum was to be employed in paying the Deputy Returning Officers and other persons employed at the election which took place in the previous autumn. Mr. Bastien instructed me at the same time to pay the amount due to these different parties, on the orders which he would give upon myself. I received a number of orders from Mr. Bastien at the time, in favor of the said Deputy Returning Officers and other persons employed, and I paid them all without distinction.

In the autumn of 1847, there was no public road to communicate between the different places passed over in the Seignior of Vaudreuil, which lengthened the journey on the existing roads by eighteen miles. In the autumn of 1847 the roads were very bad, as they always are at this season of the year. It was Mr. François Bastien who acted as messenger from Mr. Bastien, the Returning Officer, during the said election.

Further Deponent saith not: and hath signed after these presents having been read to him.

(Signed,) F. DESJARDINS.

Sworn before us, at Vaudreuil,
the 16th day of May, 1856.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
MATHEW RYAN,
Commissioners.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the twentieth day of May, instant,
personally came and appeared, FRANÇOIS DE SALLES BASTIEN, Esquire,
Notary Public of St. Michel de Vaudreuil, County of Vaudreuil, aged twenty-eight years, before Commissioner, appointed to inquire into the accounts of all Returning Officers in Lower Canada, in relation to the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly since the beginning of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and report thereon: who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I am aware that Joseph Octave Bastien, Esquire, Notary Public, of St. Michel de Vaudreuil, was Returning Officer for the election which took place in 1847. I was at that time a law student with the said J. O. Bastien, and resided at his house. I was employed by the said J. O. Bastien as messenger to post up the Proclamations in the County of Vaudreuil, and, in the same capacity took the Commissions to the Deputy Returning Officers, and, some days afterwards, the poll books, for registering the votes.

These two last journeys were distinct, for the Returning Officer could not know before the very day of nomination, whether the election would be contested or not; and it was for that reason that he did not procure poll books previously. It was I who went to seek the poll books, at the different Deputy Returning Officers' after the voting, and who transferred them to the Returning Officer himself. At this time; that is, in the autumn of 1847; it was necessary to take the

Vaudrenil public road, to communicate between the Seigniorship of Rigaud and that of New Longueuil. The roads, at that time, were in very bad order.

And further the said Deponent saith not, and hath signed.

(Signed,) F. DES BASTIEN.

Sworn at Montreal,
the 24th day of May, 1856.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
" MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioners.

BE.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the sixth day of September, instant,
personally came and appeared, PIERRE BENOIT, Esquire, Notary, of the Parish of St. Remi, before Alexandre Maurice Delisle, Commissioner appointed to inquire into the accounts of all Returning Officers in Lower Canada, in relation to the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly, since the beginning of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and to report thereon: who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I acted as Deputy Returning Officer, at the election of 1854, for the Parish of St. Remi. It was Mr. Bouchard who, in my absence, but at my request, drew up my account. I did not swear in any constables in my parish, though there is a charge for them in the account furnished to Government, to the amount of one pound; and Mr. Bouchard knew from me that there were none sworn. As to the item of 7s. 6d. for the polling place, I paid two shillings, in money, to one workman; and the rest was for the wood furnished for the hustings. I had not specified the sum to Mr. Bouchard, but told him to claim for the hustings what appeared to him to be just.

I received from Mr. Bouchard, after the said election, twenty-nine dollars, less one shilling, or twenty-one dollars, less one shilling, to the best of my knowledge, in payment of my account. I had, at that time, a small account with Mr. Bouchard, for notices which he had served, and to the best of my knowledge he was paid the amount which I owed him, when my account was settled. As it was but a small sum, I do not recollect the facts with precision. In relation to the charge for Constables, I do not recollect whether I requested Mr. Bouchard to make this charge or not.

And has signed, after the same being read to him.

(Signed,) P. BENOIT.

Sworn before me, at St. Cyprien,
the 6th September, 1856.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
Commissioner.

BF.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } JOSEPH PEPIN, Cultivator, of the Parish of St.
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } Michel Archange, being duly sworn on the Holy
Evangelists, doth depose and say:—

I acted as Deputy Returning Officer in 1854, for the said parish.

I furnished my account myself to Mr. Bouchard. I had only one Constable on the first day of the election, and two on the second. To the best of my knowledge, I charged fifteen shillings for this service, which I paid to these Constables. I also charged two shillings and a penny, or two shillings, for preparing the polling place. I am certain that I did not charge five shillings for this service. I received, altogether, from the Returning Officer, after the election, four pounds eight shillings, to the best of my recollection.

As I had no experience in this sort of accounts, I charged Mr. Bouchard to add or to deduct what seemed to him right.

During the said election Mr. Bouchard drew up the documents emanating from my office, as these matters were strange to me.

In requesting Mr. Bouchard to alter my account as might appear necessary, I did not understand that he was to change what I had myself set down, unless my charges were incorrect, or I had forgotten any thing to which I was entitled. And hath signed.

(Signed,) J. PEPIN.

Sworn before me, at St. Cyprien,
6th September, 1856.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
Commissioner.

BG.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-six, on the sixth day of September, instant,
personally came and appeared, JOSEPH BRUNELLE, Gentleman, of the Parish
of St. Cyprien, before Alexander Maurice Delisle, Commissioner appointed to
inquire into the accounts of all Returning Officers in Lower Canada, in relation
to the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly, since the begin-
ning of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and to report there-
on: who, being duly sworn, doth depose and say:—

I am not interested in the result of this inquiry.

I acted as Deputy Returning Officer at the election of 1854, for the Parish of St. Cyprien. The amount of the charges made in my name by Mr. Bouchard, Returning Officer, was correct, and he paid me the total sum of £5 1s. It was myself who posted up the Proclamations for the said election, to the number of fifty duplicates, in English and French.

I claimed from Mr. Bouchard a journey of eighty miles to post up the said Proclamations, and he paid me the amount, equal to two pounds (£2). To the best of my knowledge, the above charge of eighty miles was correct.

I posted up the Proclamations in the most public places of the different parishes, besides the church doors, and the most distant point from the church where I posted them was in Sherrington, at about twelve miles from the church. At St. Edouard, I only put them up in the village. At St. Michel Archange also, only in the village; and at St. Remi I put up one at the school-house, at about three miles from the church. In St. Cyprien I put up one at more than five miles from the church. And has signed, after the same being read to him.

(Signed,) JOSEPH BRUNELLE.

Sworn before me, at St. Cyprien,
6th September, 1856.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
Commissioner.

BH.

DISTRICT OF } GEORGE BUSBY, Esquire, of St. Patrick of Sherrington, being
MONTREAL. } duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists, doth depose and say:—

That he acted as Deputy Returning Officer for the said parish in 1854.

That the amount of his account for self and clerk was six pounds, three pounds three shillings and sixpence, which was paid him after the election by the Returning Officer, Mr. Bouchard, and hath signed.

(Signed,) GEORGE BUSBY, N.P.

Sworn before me, at St. Cyprien,
this 6th September, 1856.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
Commissioner.

BI.

DISTRICT OF } JOSEPH CRÉPEAU, Baker, of the Parish of St. Cyprien, being
MONTREAL. } duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists, doth depose and say:—I acted as Deputy Returning Officer in 1854 for the Parish of St. Edouard. I requested Mr. Bouchard to draw up my account, and he did so. I had two constables sworn in on the first day of the election, and one on the second, and I think I said so to Mr. Bouchard, but I am not sure.

I see by the account furnished in my name to the Government, that there was charged five pounds seven shillings, and I think I was paid this sum. It is possible that I received a trifle less, but I am not certain.

The persons who acted as constables on the first day, were Louis Hart and Vital Chaperon, and on the second, Louis Hart alone, and hath signed.

(Signed,) J. R. CRÉPEAU.

Sworn before me, at St. Cyprien,
this 6th September, 1856.

Complaints against the Returning Officer of the County of Champlain.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, DISTRICT OF THREE RIVERS.

To Messrs. DUNBAR ROSS, A. M. DELISLE, and MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioners to audit the Accounts of the Returning Officers since
1848.

Complaint against F. FILTEAU, Esquire, Registrar, and Returning Officer, for the two last elections of the County of Champlain; giving a detailed account of the overcharges and contained in his election account of 1854. The said account dated 31st July, 1854.

1st.—He has charged £12 10s. for a hustings which only cost £2 10s.

2nd.—He has charged a distance of 38 miles travelled by the election Clerk, making 19s., to go to make his affidavit, which is a lie, as the election Clerk living with the Returning Officer at the time of the election, was his own Clerk, and not a step to go to take his oath.

3rd.—He has charged 54 miles travelled to go to the hustings the first day of the opening of the poll, and the same distance the day of its closing, making, altogether, 108 miles—£2 14s. This is, also, a lie, and a second prevarication; for this Officer had not four steps to go, living close to the hustings.

4th.—He has charged a distance of 28 miles, as travelled by the Deputy Returning Officer, and the poll Clerk of St. Geneviève de Batiscan, to reach the polling place—14s. This is the third lie; for these two *employés* were not living at thirty paces from the house where the votes were taken.

5th.—He has charged £10 against the Government for the Deputy Returning Officer, and the poll Clerk of St. Just, whereas he only paid them £5.

6th.—He played the same trick to nearly all the other election *employés*.

He obtained 92½ dollars for the hire of houses to take the votes in, while he did not pay a third of this sum, and kept the rest.

8.—He charged £20 2s. 4d. for pretended hustings, which he pretended to have established in the parishes, hustings which never existed, in the greater part of the Parishes, and did not cost ten dollars. These are the principal heads of accusation without reckoning many other overcharges to be met with in this account.

His account for the election of 1851 is as iniquitous as this one.

The Commissioners in the inquiry they are doubtless about to institute, into the conduct of this officer, will be convinced that these accusations are true by taking the testimony of all the Deputy Returning Officers, poll clerks, proprietors of houses, employed to take the votes, and of all the well-known persons of the parish of Geneviève de Batiscan, where he lives.

THREE RIVERS, 29th February, 1851.

Several parties acquainted with the facts, with the accounts before them.

ST. STANISLAS, 9th and 10th December, 1851.

FERDINAND FILTEAU, Esquire, *Dr.* to F. LAFLECHE, Deputy Returning Officer.

Fee to Poll Clerk.....	£0	2	6
Hustings	2	4	9½
2 days' hire of House and fuel, at 22s. 6d.	2	5	0
Travelling allowance to Deputy Returning Officer to make affidavit and go to Hustings, 25 miles, at 6d.....	0	12	6
2 Constables.....	1	0	0
Deputy Returning Officer recording votes, 2 days, at 20s.....	2	0	0
2 days, Poll Clerk, at 10s.	1	0	0
To Deputy going 24 miles to make affidavit after close of Poll	0	12	0
Clerk of the Poll, do do do	0	12	6
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	£10	9	3½

Received from Ferdinand Filteau, Esquire, the sum of ten pounds nine shillings and three-pence half-penny, currency, 30th December, 1851.

(Signed,) F. LAFLECHE.

RETURNING OFFICER, COUNTY of CHAMPLAIN, *Dr.* to D. G. LABARRE, as Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Maurice.

July, 1854.—Holding Poll, 2 days at 20s.....	£2	0	0
Clerk of Poll's Commission	0	2	6
do Fee	1	0	0
Cost of hustings.....	2	5	0
60 miles travelled to make affidavits, according to law.....	1	10	0
72 miles travelled to deposit poll book with Returning Officer.....	1	16	0
24 miles travelled by Poll Clerk, to make affidavit.....	0	12	0
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	£10	5	6

Received from Ferdinand Filteau, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of Champlain, by the hands of Mr. Antoine Thifault, the sum of ten pounds sixteen shillings and sixpence, currency, being the total amount of all my fees and disbursements, for myself and my *employés*, by my office of Deputy Returning Officer, at the last election of the County of Champlain.

(Signed,) J. E. DUMOULIN,
Deputy Returning Officer.

£10 16s. 6d.

THREE RIVERS, 24th October, 1854.

THREE RIVERS, 24th February, 1855.

Received from F. Filteau, Esquire, Registrar of the County of Champlain, the sum of ten pounds five shillings and nine-pence, currency, being the amount of my charges as Deputy Returning Officer of the Parish of St. Maurice.

(Signed,) D. G. LABARRE.

MONTREAL, 1st May, 1856.

Gentlemen,—I went yesterday into the Office of the Clerk of the Peace, for the purpose of coming to an understanding on the subject of examining the accounts, mentioned in your letter of 31st March last, and I was told that you were not in your office, and would only be there on Friday, to-morrow.

I have, therefore, taken upon myself to return home, to carry on my sowing, and will return in a few days to see you.

Your very humble Servant.

(Signed,) FERD. FILTEAU,
formerly Registrar of Champlain.

Messrs. MATHEW RYAN and

A. M. DELISLE,

Commissioners, &c., Montreal.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, }
DISTRICT OF THREE RIVERS, } IN virtue of a Commission from His Excellency
COUNTY OF CHAMPLAIN. } Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor
General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Canada, and Prince Edward's Island, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c., appointing DUNBAR ROSS, ALEXANDER MAURICE DELISLE, and MATHEW RYAN, Esquires, Commissioners charged to inquire into and to report conjointly on the respective accounts of the whole of the Returning Officers in Lower Canada, relative to all and every election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, furnished since eighteen hundred and forty-eight.

To PIERRE LACOURSIÈRE, Husbandman; JOSEPH GERMAIN, Shoemaker; T. B. ROBERTSON, Teacher; ALPHONSE DUVAL, Husbandman; LOUIS MARCHAND, Miller; DOLPHUS TRUDEL, Gentleman; all of the Parish of St. Geneviève:

You and each of you are by these presents summoned and required, in the name of Her Majesty, to be and appear in person before us, the said Commissioners, or any of us, on the 24th day of July instant, at nine o'clock, in the forenoon, in the house of David L'Heureux, in the village of the said parish, then and there to give your testimony concerning the matter under cognizance of the said Commission; and in this fail not on pain of the usual penalties.

Given under my seal, at St. Geneviève, this 23rd day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
Commissioner.

I, François Vermette, the undersigned, certify, upon oath of office, having, on the twenty-third of July, instant, served a copy of the present *subpœna* on Pierre Lacoursière, Joseph Germain, T. B. Robertson, Alphonse Duval, Louis Marchand, and Dolphice Trudel, the witnesses named on the other side, leaving with each, separately, a copy, at their houses, in the Parish of St. Geneviève de Batiscan; that is to say:—on Pierre Lacoursière, on speaking to a reasonable person of his family; and on Joseph Germain, T. B. Robertson, A. Duval, Louis Marchand, and Dolphice Trudel, by speaking to themselves in person.

(Signed,) FRANÇOIS VERMETTE,
B.S.C.

Dated at St. Geneviève de Batiscan,
the 24th day of July, 1856.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN virtue of a commission from His Excellency
DISTRICT OF THREE RIVERS, } Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor
COUNTY OF CHAMPLAIN. } General of British North America, and Captain
General and Governor in Chief, in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova
Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of
the same, &c., &c., &c., appointing DUNBAR ROSS, ALEXANDER MAURICE DELISLE,
and MATTHEW RYAN, Esquires, as Commissioners, charged to inquire into, and
report upon, conjointly or separately, the respective accounts of all the Returning
Officers in Lower Canada, relative to each and every election of Members of the
Legislative Assembly, furnished since one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

To JOSEPH FUJÈRE, Husbandman; AMABLE LACOURSIÈRE, Husbandman; both in the Parish of Batiscan.

You and each of you are, by these presents, summoned and required, in the name of Her Majesty, to be and appear before us the said Commissioners, or any of us, on the 24th July, instant, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in the house of David L'Heureux, in the Village of the Parish of St. Geneviève, to give, then and there, your testimony on the matters under cognizance of the said Commission; and in this fail not on pain of the usual penalties.

Given under my seal, at St. Geneviève, this twenty-third day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLÉ,
Commissioner.

I, François Vermette, the undersigned, certify by my oath of office, to have, on the twenty-third July, instant, served a copy of the present *subpœna* on Joseph Fujère and Amable LaCoursière, mentioned in the *subpœna* on the other side, by leaving a copy thereof at their respective houses, in the Parish of St. François Xavier de Batiscan, namely, on Joseph Fujère, by speaking to a rational person of his family, and on Amable LaCoursière, by speaking to himself in person.

(Signed,) FRANÇOIS VERMETTE,
B.S.C.

Dated at St. Geneviève de Batiscan,
this 24th July, 1856.

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PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight
DISTRICT OF THREE RIVERS. } hundred and fifty-six, the day of
instant, appeared before the Commissioner, charged to
inquire into the accounts of the Returning Officers of Lower Canada, for all and
every the elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly, from the beginning
of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and to report thereon:
who, having been duly sworn, deposes and saith:—

I am not in any way interested in the issue of this inquiry.

I

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hun-
DISTRICT OF THREE RIVERS. } dred and fifty-six, on the twenty-fourth day of
July, instant, appeared Mr. ALPHONSE DUVAL, Husbandman and Bailiff, of
the Parish of St. Geneviève de Batiscan, before Alexander Maurice Delisle, Es-
quire, Commissioner, charged to inquire into the accounts of the Returning Offi-
cers of Lower Canada, for all and every the elections of Members of the Legisla-
tive Assembly, from the beginning of the year one thousand eight hundred and
forty-eight, and to report thereon: who, having been duly sworn, deposes and
saith:—

I am not in any way interested in the issue of this inquiry.

I acted as Deputy Returning Officer for the election of 1851, for the Parish of
St. Geneviève. The election was opened at the church door, where a hustings
was erected. The poll was held in the house of André Dolphice Trudelle, in the
village of the said parish. I do not know what the hustings cost, nor what was
paid for the hire of the house. I took the oath of office, on this occasion, at the
house of Mr. Filteau. Mr. Filteau lives a little less than a mile from me. The
said André Dolphice Trudelle, who acted as my clerk, resides in the said Village
of St. Geneviève. The charge of ten miles, in the account of the Returning
Officer, is correct, Mr. Filteau living then, as at present, at a distance of about
five arpents from the church where the election was opened. I acted as Poll
Clerk at St. Juste, in 1854. I did not travel sixty miles to take the oath at the
said election, having been sworn in the village, at a distance of about a mile from
my residence. I did not authorize Mr. Filteau to charge sixty miles in my name
for this service. My commission, as Poll Clerk, was handed me at the house of
Mr. Filteau, in the village; the Deputy Returning Officer did not travel thirty
miles to hand it to me. I had a right to fifty-four, and not to sixty miles, to go
to the poll. The poll was held in the house of a man named Cossette, I do not
know what compensation he received. There was no hustings erected in the said
parish, for this election; there was only a table and some chairs in the polling
booth, and except a bench, worth about two shillings, there was no other expense
to my knowledge, for taking the votes. I received the allowance for sixty miles,
at this last election only, and altogether have been paid the sum of two pounds
nineteen shillings and sixpence, including in this sum ten shillings, which the
Deputy Returning Officer, by agreement with him, did not give me. It appears,
therefore, that I was only legally entitled to the sum of two pounds nine shillings
and sixpence. In examining the account furnished in my name by the Return-
ing Officer, to Government, it would appear that he has received, in my name,
the sum of four pounds, currency.

(Signed,) ALPHONSE DUVAL.

Sworn before me,
at St. Geneviève, 24th July, 1856.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
Commissioner.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hun-
 DISTRICT OF THREE RIVERS. } dred and fifty-six, on the 26th day of July, in-
 stant, appeared AUGUSTIN MASSIROTTE, Esquire, Justice of the Peace,
 and farmer, of the parish of St. Prosper, in the County of Champlain, before
 Jean Ovide Trudel, Justice of the Peace, for the District of Three Rivers, re-
 siding in the said Parish of St. Prosper: who, after having been duly sworn, de-
 poseth and saith:—

I am not interested in the issue of this inquiry.

I was Deputy Returning Officer in one thousand eight hundred and forty-
 eight, for the election of a Member of Parliament, and I was Deputy Returning
 Officer of the Parish of St. Anne la Perade, under Robert Trudel, Esquire,
 Returning Officer for the County of Champlain, for the said election, which
 took place in one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight. The poll was then
 held in the town hall, at a charge of ten shillings a day, making four dollars for
 the two days. I received those four dollars from Mr. Robert Trudel, after the
 election, and the said four dollars were by me handed over to the churchwardens
 of St. Anne. So help me God.

(Signed,) A. MASSIROTTE.

Sworn before me, the said Justice of the Peace,
 the above day and year.

(Signed,) J. O. TRUDEL, J.P.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight
 DISTRICT OF THREE RIVERS. } hundred and fifty-six, on the twenty-third day
 of July, instant, appeared, Mr. AUGUSTUS FAY, Organ Builder, of the Town
 of Three Rivers, now in the Parish of St. Geneviève, before Alexander Maurice
 Delisle, Commissioner, charged to inquire into the accounts of the Returning
 Officers of Lower Canada, for all and every the elections of Members of the
 Legislative Assembly, from the beginning of the year one thousand eight hun-
 dred and forty-eight, and to report thereon: who, having been duly sworn,
 deposeth and saith:—

I am not in any way interested in the issue of this inquiry.

I was living in the Village of St. Geneviève in one thousand eight hundred
 and forty-eight, and the poll for the election of a Member of Parliament that
 year was held in my house, in the village of the said parish. I let my house to
 Robert Trudel, Esquire, Returning Officer, at the rate of fifteen shillings a day,
 to hold the poll for the said election. Some time after the election Mr. Trudel
 paid me the sum of thirty shillings.

(Signed,) A. FAY.

Sworn before me, at St. Geneviève,
 the 23rd day of July, 1856.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
 Commissioner.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, the twenty-fourth day of July, instant, appeared, Mr. FRANÇOIS VERMETTE, Trader and Bailiff, of the Parish of St. Geneviève de Batiscan, after having been duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists, before Alexander Maurice Delisle, Esquire, Commissioner, charged to inquire into the accounts of the Returning Officers of Lower Canada, for all and every the elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly, from the beginning of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and to report thereon: who, having been duly sworn, deposeth and sayeth:—

I am not in any way interested in the issue of this inquiry.

I have been a Bailiff fifteen or sixteen years. I am well-acquainted with the distances between the different parishes of the county. To make the circuit of the county, visiting all the parishes by the most direct and shortest route, taking for point of departure the parish of St. Geneviève, it is necessary to take road from St. Geneviève to Batiscan, from Batiscan to Champlain, from thence to Cap de Magdelaine, from thence to St. Maurice, thence to St. Narcisse, then to St. Stanislaus, continuing on to St. Juste, from the latter to St. Prosper, and from there to St. Anne, and from St. Anne to St. Geneviève.

The distances from St. Geneviève to the other parishes of the county are about as follows, to the best of my belief:—From St. Geneviève to Batiscan, seven miles and a half; from Batiscan to Champlain, nine miles; from Champlain to Cap de la Magdelaine, twelve miles; from Cap de la Magdeleine to St. Maurice, nine miles; from St. Maurice to St. Narcisse, ten miles; from St. Narcisse to St. Stanislas, nine miles; from St. Stanislas to St. Juste, sixteen miles; from St. Juste to St. Prosper, twenty-seven miles; from St. Prosper to St. Anne, nine miles; and from St. Anne to St. Geneviève, nine miles.

I know Ferdinand Filteau, Esquire, Returning Officer of the elections of one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and four. During both elections Mr. Filteau resided in the village of St. Geneviève, as he does still. The distance from his residence to the place of opening the election, at the church door, is about five arpents. A hustings was erected at the church door, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one. This hustings cost at the utmost ten dollars, and in eighteen hundred and fifty-four the hustings cost five or six shillings more than that of fifty-one. And has signed.

(Signed,) FRANÇOIS VERMETTE.

Sworn before me, at St. Geneviève,
24th July, 1856.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
Commissioner.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, on the twenty-fourth day of July, instant, appeared, Mr. LOUIS MARCHAND, Miller, of the Parish of St. Geneviève de Batiscan, having been duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists, before Alexander Maurice Delisle, Esquire, Commissioner charged to inquire into the accounts of the Returning Officers of Lower Canada, for all and every the elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly, from the beginning of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and to report thereon: who, having been duly sworn, deposeth and saith:—

I am not in any way interested in the issue of this inquiry.

I acted as Deputy Returning Officer of the Parish of St. Juste in 1851, at the request of Mr. Filteau, Returning Officer. It was I who hired the house of a man named D'Assise Casetti, in which the poll was held, at the rate of fifteen shillings a day for the two days of the election; no hustings was erected in the said parish. I did not authorize Mr. Filteau to charge 60 miles for my going to take the oath of office, Mr. Filteau having sworn me in my own house. It was I who conveyed the poll books to Mr. Filteau, for which I was entitled to an allowance of forty-eight miles which I travelled for that purpose: this was the only journey I made during this election. I had authorized Mr. Filteau to draw up my account after having given him the necessary instructions; but I never authorized him to make two charges of sixty miles each for travelling expenses; nor the sum of three pounds eighteen shillings for expenses of the erection of a hustings and hire of a house. Mr. Filteau was then living where he now lives, at a distance of about five arpents from the church door of St. Geneviève, where the election took place.

(Signed,) L. MARCHAND.

Sworn before me, at St. Geneviève,
the 24th July, 1856.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
Commissioner.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hun-
DISTRICT OF THREE RIVERS. } dred and fifty-six, on the 24th day of July, in-
stant, appeared, Mr. JOSEPH GERMAIN, Shoemaker, residing in the Parish
of St. Geneviève de Batiscan, before Alexander Maurice Delisle, Esquire, Com-
missioner, charged to inquire into the accounts of the Returning Officers of
Lower Canada, for all and every, the elections of Members of the Legislative
Assembly, from the beginning of the year one thousand eight hundred and
forty eight, and to report thereon: who, having been duly sworn, deposeth and
saith:—

I am not in any way interested in the issue of this inquiry.

I acted as Deputy Returning Officer, 1854, at St. Narcisse. I took my oath of office before Mr. Filteau, at a distance of four or five arpents from my own house. My clerk, J. Baptiste Robertson, also resided in the Village, and his commission was handed to him by Mr. Filteau. I did not authorize Mr. Filteau to charge twenty-two miles for my going to take my oath of office, nor twenty-four miles for conveying Poll Clerk's commission, as this service has not been performed, and as it was impossible, as all the parties resided in the Village, at a few arpents from one another. The charge for twenty-six miles for the poll clerk's going to take the oath is also incorrect, as Mr. Robertson lived in the village, and was sworn before Mr. Filteau. The charge of eleven shillings, "distance travelled to convey poll clerk's commission" is also incorrect, as it was delivered to him at Mr. Filteau's house by himself. The charge of thirty-two miles in my name for going to the hustings, is also incorrect, as it was only twenty to go and return. The charge of sixteen shillings for the same service by the poll clerk, is also incorrect, for the same reason. I do not know how much was paid for the hire of the house in which the poll was held, as Mr. Filteau hired it himself. The charge of two pounds seven shillings and sixpence, made in my name, "for putting up hustings" is equally incorrect, at there was none erected in the parish. I did not authorize a charge for forty-four miles for myself and clerk, to go take the oaths at the close of the poll, and convey the books to Returning Officer.

From the account furnished by the Returning Officer to Government, now shown me, I find the sum of seventeen pounds eleven shillings charged and drawn in my name, whereas Mr. Filteau only paid me ten dollars for all my services, and asserted that that was all due to me. In the house where the poll was held there was only a table and some chairs, used in receiving the votes, except, perhaps a bar, put up to keep off the crowd.

(Signed,) JOSEPH GERMAIN.

Sworn before me, at St. Geneviève,
24th July, 1856.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
Commissioner.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hun-
DISTRICT OF THREE RIVERS. } dred and fifty-six, on the twenty-fourth day of
July, instant, appeared, Mr. AMABLE LACOURSIERE, of the Parish of
Batiscan, Husbandman, having been duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists, before
Alexander Maurice Delisle, Esquire, Commissioner, charged to inquire into the
accounts of the Returning Officers of Lower Canada, for all and every the
elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly, from the beginning of the
year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and to report thereon: who,
having been duly sworn, deposeseth and saith:—

I am not in any way interested in the issue of this inquiry.

I acted as Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of Batiscan in 1854. I myself gave Mr. Filteau, Returning Officer, instructions to draw up my account after the election. I paid one pound ten shillings for the hire of a house during the two days of election. I paid nothing for a hustings, and I did not authorize Mr. Filteau to make any charge for a hustings. Mr. Filteau, after the election, paid me for myself, my clerk, and constables, including my disbursements, altogether the sum of seven pounds ten shillings, currency.

(Signed,) AMABLE LACOURSIERE.

Sworn before me, at St. Geneviève,
the 24th day of July, 1856.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
Commissioner.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hun-
DISTRICT OF THREE RIVERS. } dred and fifty-six, the twenty-fourth day of
July, instant, appeared, Mr. JEAN BAPTISTE ROBERTSON, Teacher, living
at St. Geneviève de Batiscan, before Alexandre Maurice Delisle, Esquire, Com-
missioner, charged to inquire into the accounts of the Returning Officers of Lower
Canada, for all and every the elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly,
from the beginning of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and
to report thereon: who, having been duly sworn, deposeseth and saith:—

I am not in any way interested in the issue of this inquiry.

I acted as Poll Clerk of the Parish of St. Narcisse, at the election of 1854. I was sworn before Mr. Filteau, in the Village of the said parish; he resides three

or four arpents from me. The item of thirteen shillings charged in his account, in my name, as having gone to be sworn, is not correct. The distance from my residence to the polling place of St. Narcisse is only ten miles, thus the charge of sixteen shillings made in my name is incorrect, being an overcharge of six shillings. The poll was held in the house of Michel Trudelle, but I do not know what he received for hire. The item of £2 7s. 6d., charged in the name of the Deputy Returning Officer, is not correct, inasmuch as the hustings were erected in the parish. I travelled ten miles from St. Narcisse to St. Geneviève, returning the books to the Returning Officer, before whom we took the oath. From the account now shown me, furnished by the Returning Officer to Government, I see that he has charged the sum of three pounds in my name, though he only paid me thirty shillings. The Deputy Returning Officer, to remunerate for some service I rendered him during the election, gave me a half-crown.

(Signed,) JOHN B. ROBERTSON.

Sworn before me, at St. Geneviève,
the 24th July, 1856.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
Commissioner.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hun-
DISTRICT OF THREE RIVERS. } dred and fifty-six, on the twenty-fourth day of
July, instant, appeared, PIERRE J. TREPRANNIER, Husbandman, of the
Parish of St. Stanislas, before Alexander Maurice Delisle, Esquire, Commis-
sioner, charged to inquire into the accounts of the Returning Officers of Lower
Canada, for all and every the elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly,
from the beginning of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and
to report thereon: who, having been duly sworn, deposeth and saith:—

I am not in any way interested in the issue of this inquiry.

I remember the election of eighteen hundred and forty-eight for the County of Champlain. The poll for the said Parish of St. Stanislas was held in the public hall of the said parish. I was Deputy Returning Officer for the said parish, and I paid for the use of the said hall the sum of ten shillings a day, making a total of four dollars, which I received after the election from Robert Trudel, Esquire, Returning Officer, for the said County. And has signed.

(Signed,) P. J. TREPANNIER.

Sworn before me, at St. Geneviève,
the 24th day of July, 1856.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
Commissioner.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hun-
DISTRICT OF THREE RIVERS. } dred and fifty-six, the 24th day of July, instant, ap-
peared, M. ANDRÉ DOLPHICE TRUDEL, Merchant's Clerk, residing in the
Parish of St. Geneviève de Batiscan, before Alexander Maurice Delisle, Esquire,
Commissioner, charged to inquire into the accounts of the Returning Officers of
Lower Canada, for all and every the elections of Members of the Legislative As-

sembly, from the beginning of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and to report thereon: who, having been duly sworn, deposeth and sayeth:

I am not in any way interested in the issue of this inquiry.

I acted as Poll Clerk at the election of 1851, for the Parish of St. Geneviève. I received from the Returning Officer the sum of three pounds, for the use of my house as a polling place during the two days of the said election of 1851. I also acted in the same capacity and in the same parish during the election of 1854. I was paid the same sum for the use of my house in 1854. The item contained in the account of the Returning Officer, in my name, as follows:—"Distance travelled by the Deputy and Poll Clerk to go to the hustings, 28 miles, at 6d., 14s." is not correct, inasmuch as the Deputy Returning Officer and myself both resided in the village of St. Geneviève, and the poll was held in my house. Mr. Filteau was then residing, as now, in the village of St. Geneviève, at five or six arpents from the church, where the poll was opened. A hustings was put up at the church door, but I do not know what it cost. A platform was also erected in the house to take the votes on, the cost of which was about ten or twelve dollars.

(Signed,) DOLPHICE TRUDEL.

Sworn before me, at Geneviève,
24th July, 1856.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
Commissioner.

TORONTO, 16th December, 1856.

Sir,—The enclosed extracts, from the Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the accounts of the Returning Officers, have appeared of such a nature as to require some explanation on your part. I am, therefore, directed by His Excellency the Governor General to transmit them to you, to give you an opportunity of making such remarks and observations upon them, as you may think proper to furnish.

I have, &c., &c.,

(Signed,) T. L. TERRILL,
Provincial Secretary.

FELIX FORTIER, Esquire,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Point Levy, L.C.

EXTRACTS from the Report of the Commissioners to inquire into and report upon the accounts of all Returning Officers of Canada, in relation to any election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, furnished since the commencement of the year 1848, and from a letter of J. O. Bastien, Esquire, marked B.D., to the Commissioners.

"JOSEPH OCTAVE BASTIEN, Returning Officer for the County of Vaudreuil, in December, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven (1847); account furnished to the Government in January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight (1848.)

* * * “Mr. Bastien admitted that in calculating his mileage he adopted the “too common rule of reckoning in every instance from Vaudreuil, the starting place, and back; and in a letter which he addressed to the Commissioners marked herewith BD., he states that he charged these distances with the advice of “Felix Fortier, Esquire, clerk of the Crown in Chancery, and that he believed “they were authorized by law.”

BAZILE LUPIEN, Returning Officer, for the County of Nicolet, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight (1848).

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 “Mr. Lupien deliberately informs the Commissioners who communicated with “him, that he first presented an account, which he conceived to be correct, as it “consisted of items allowed by law, and others for expenses actually incurred; “that Mr. Felix Fortier, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, who acted as his agent, “soon after informed him, that certain charges in this account, amounting to more “than twenty pounds, had been deducted by the Deputy Inspector General, as “not being authorized; that thereupon, he, Lupien, withdrew this account and “prepared a second, in which he so increased the amounts charged in the names “of his Deputies, as to secure to himself a sum equal to that which had been de- “ducted by the Deputy Inspector General, from the first account. Without “assuming that Mr. Fortier intentionally promoted the views of Mr. Lupien, it “is yet plain, if the statement of the latter be true, that certain information “communicated by him, led to an act, by which the correct auditing of the “account was defeated.”

“And as this is not the only instance in which it has come to our knowledge “that Mr. Fortier was concerned in the drafting of the accounts of Returning “Officers, we would take occasion to express a doubt as to the propriety of Offi- “cers or Clerks in the public departments, being allowed to act as the agents of “parties who may have such claims against the Government, as those we have “been commissioned to inquire into.”

BD.

The undersigned has to remark, that he charged the distances for going and coming by the advice of Felix Fortier, Esquire, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, and that he believes this charge to be according to law.

VAUDREUIL, 8th April, 1856.

(Signed,) J. O. BASTIEN.

POINT LEVI, WEST.

Montmarie, 22nd December, 1856.

Sir,—I acknowledge the receipt of your's of the sixteenth instant; I have to thank His Excellency for having given me the opportunity of making some remarks on the Commissioners' Report, of which you speak, and I shall request as a favour that a copy of the enclosed should accompany this Report, when His Excellency lays it before Parliament.

I shall begin by remarking that, as Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, I had nothing to do with the accounts of the Returning Officers.

The duties of this office, except during the Sessions, or general elections, leaving me almost without employment; I, in 1844, advertised in the papers that, as agent, I would undertake the care of all claims against Government; since that period I have acted as such for a considerable number of Returning Officers, and this, with the knowledge of Government, for, in many instances, I have transmitted these accounts to the Provincial Secretary, without any objection ever having been made.

I have, perhaps, prepared the accounts of Returning Officers, very rarely, however, perhaps four or five times, but these accounts have only been drawn up on the information of the parties concerned; in no instance have I included any items in them which were not allowable according to Statute, and I can assure His Excellency, that I have never made for the Returning Officers, whose accounts have been examined by the Commissioners, and for whom I have acted as agent, any account, containing items for services not performed, or distances not travelled, nor have I ever suggested to them to make such charges, or in any manner connived at any fraud which may have been practised by these Returning Officers, if indeed any have been committed.

The greater part of the time, my agency was limited to transmitting the accounts, with the request that they might be audited; taking and receiving notes of the deductions or objections, in order to communicate them to the parties concerned; to make the best of their answers, if they return any; to draw their money, and forward it to them safely.

With regard to Mr. Lupien, either his memory must deceive him, or other reasons must have caused him to make the excuse which he did to the Commissioners:

When an account has been examined by the department of the Inspector General, it is not allowed to be withdrawn; the custom is simply to call for explanations, or to state the deductions made; and this was done in Mr. Lupien's case. I communicated to him the reductions made, and the amount allowed him by the Government, namely, £136 4s. 6d., which, also, he received.

I found among the receipts of the Returning Officers in 1848, a rough sketch of the deductions made from several of the Returning Officers whose agent I was; this I enclose you; and you will see at the place marked "A," that in reality, as Mr. Lupien has stated, a deduction was made from his account, of twenty pounds; that is to say:—£22 13s.; and, at the same time, a very large sum from the deputies. The Government did not, to my knowledge, pay any other accounts; the deductions were maintained, so that the audit of his account was as complete as Mr. Cary could make it. It is, therefore, not any information that I gave to Mr. Lupien, of the items deducted by Mr. Cary, which has been the cause that a correct audit of Mr. Lupien's account has not been made; and the fact that the account approved by the Government contains the deductions alluded to by Mr. Lupien, is a proof, in my opinion, that his memory deceives him, and that he did not present two accounts.

As for Mr. Bastien, I assisted to make out his account according to law, and the approval of the Government; but I can declare, upon my honor, that I never gave him or any other Returning Officer to understand, that they had a right to charge for journeys they had never made. I may have told him, that he had a right to the travelling allowance for each different messenger he had sent from Vaudreuil; but, I never told him (or any other) that he could charge travelling allowance from his own residence to every election place, as if he had a different messenger for each place, although such was not the case. I could never have been capable of conniving at such a fraud, and I think that my conduct in the department of Crown Lands, where I have been actively employed, should entitle my statements to credit.

Mr. Bastien may have made charges, which may now be found incorrect, but this must have been done in good faith, as he is known to be a perfectly honest man.

He must then, have misunderstood me, if he has allowed it to be supposed that it was by my advice, he charged such items in his account. The extract from his letter does not appear to have that meaning, as he says that "it was by the advice of Felix Fortier that he charged the distances for going and coming." This advice is perfectly right: the Statutes 6 Vic., cap. 1, and 12 Vic., cap. 27, allow sixpence for every mile actually travelled.

The paper marked "B," is a statement furnished me by the Department of Inspector of Accounts, and contains the information which I gave my clients.

The letter marked "C," dated 28th January, 1848, accompanied by the answer of Mr. Gauthier, marked "D," which I found with the receipt of Mr. Gauthier, will prove to His Excellency, whether or not the information I was in the habit of giving to the Returning Officers, was of a nature to lead them into error, or to induce them to make incorrect charges in their accounts.

As to any time I may have employed occasionally, during office hours, at the Crown Land Department, I believe I have given an equivalent for it to Government, in my zeal and my frequent labour after office-hours.

The desire to preserve the honorable character, which I deem I have enjoyed up to this date, in the eyes of the Government and of my fellow-citizens in general, has compelled me to be rather diffuse in my remarks, and will, I flatter myself, be considered a sufficient excuse.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) FELIX FORTIER.

LIST OF PAPERS annexed, and which are required to be returned.

- A.—Statement of deductions made from a certain number of Returning Officers, whose Agent I was.
- B.—Statement furnished by the department of Inspector of Accounts.
- C.—Sketch of a letter sent to Mr. Gauthier.
- D.—Answer to the said letter.

A.

EXTRACT FROM MEMORANDUM KEPT BY MR. FORTIER.

LUPIEN.—44 notices, £11. Messenger to find Deputies, £5 13. Sixteen Commissions, £4. Eight letters, 40s. Deputy, St. Pierre, oaths, 10s. Four Constables, 40s. Poll book and copy, 40s. BECANCOUR, 10s. Poll book, 40s. Constables, 60s. GERTRUDE, 10s. Poll book and copy, 40s. Travelling expenses, 15s. Magistrate, 15s. GENTILLY, 10s. Poll book and copy, 40s. Constable,

80s. MONIQUE, 10s. Poll book and copy, 40s. Travelling expenses, 15s. Constable, 40s. BLANFORD, 10s. Poll book, 40s. NICOLET, 10s. Poll book and copy, 40s. Constable, 100s. ST. GREGOIRE, 10s. Poll book and copy, 40s. Constable £8.

Acknowledged, £136 4s. 6d.

B.

MEMORANDUM.—DEDUCTIONS FROM J. B. CHALUT'S ACCOUNT.

Amount of Account, £110 11s. 6d.

From Returning Officer.	
Translation of Writ into French	£0 10 0
Two days preparing polling-houses, and expenses	2 0 0
Proclamation fixing polling day	0 5 0
Return proclaiming candidates elected	0 5 0
Copying poll books, 10,000, at 3d. per 100 words, is charged	£5 0 0
Instead of	1 5 0
	3 15 0
Total from Returning Officer	£6 15 0

C.

28TH JANUARY, 1848.

Sir,—I received your letter of the twenty-first instant, with the procurations; they are correct. I send you back your account, to enable you to make the necessary corrections yourself, and to affix your signature at the bottom for the certificate. There are several items which will not be allowed, because the Act, in virtue of which these proceedings are taken, allows no fee. There are other items to which you are entitled, if you have rendered the service. I have marked them on your account. You may, if you like, leave your account as it is, but those items, to which I have referred, will certainly be struck off. Those marked with a cross, are services rendered in virtue of the 6th sec. cap. 1, which allows no fees for those duties. The same Act makes no allowance for procuring a deputy, but I think you will be allowed for a messenger to take the commissions and poll books, as also the travelling expenses of a messenger to the Deputy Returning Officers, to return the poll books after the election. The more overcharges your account contains, the more they will be disposed to make reductions. I shall take care, as soon as I receive your amended account, to get it passed as soon as possible, and send you the amount, after deducting my commission. Shall I send you the money, or a cheque on a Québec bank? The last is the safest. If the money is lost in the post, it is altogether; whereas a

cheque, payable to your order, although it might be lost, would be good for nothing. Write me how I shall act.

F. F.

N. GAUTHIER, Esquire,
Deschambault.

D.

DESCHAMBAULT, 1st February, 1848.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the twenty-eighth January. With my election accounts, you will receive herewith my accounts, as amended. I beg of you to observe the postscript at the end of the said accounts. I would have preferred bank notes, but as it is dangerous to send them, please send me a cheque on a Quebec bank, payable to my order; for I suppose the payment at the bank will not be delayed, and that no discount will be charged. I am in great want of money.

Yours, &c., &c.,

N. GAUTHIER, N.P.

F. FORTIER, Esquire,
Montreal.

VAUDREUIL, 16th December, 1856.

Honorable Sir,—I have the honor to transmit, herewith, a petition, which I beg you will lay before his Excellency, the Governor General.

I have, &c.,

H. F. CHARLEBOIS.

The Honorable Provincial Secretary,
Toronto.

To His Excellency Sir EDMUND W. HEAD, Baronet, Governor General, &c.

The Memorial of HYACINTHE FABIEN CHARLEBOIS, Esquire, Registrar of the County of Vaudreuil,

HUMBLY SUBMITS:

That on the twenty-fifth of February last, A. M. Delisle and Matthew Ryan, Esquires, two of the Commissioners appointed by the Government, to examine the accounts of the Returning Officers of Lower Canada, from the year 1848, proceeded to Vaudreuil to examine the accounts of your Petitioner, as Returning Officer, during the last two elections of the County of Vaudreuil.

That your Petitioner regrets being compelled to complain to your Excellency of the partial and arbitrary conduct of the Commission, as regards him, on this occasion.

That your Petitioner was not informed by the Commission, of the period fixed upon by them for the examination of his accounts, till the day on which they assembled at Vaudreuil, for this purpose, by a letter dated Montreal, and received at Vaudreuil, the 25th February last.

That on the 25th February last, the day of the first sitting of the Commission at Vaudreuil, your Petitioner asked for a delay of a month or such other period as might be considered reasonable, to enable him to furnish the Commission with such explanations as they demanded from your Petitioner, on certain items of his accounts, as Returning Officer, during the two last two elections at Vaudreuil.

That this reasonable request of your Petitioner was then and there rejected by the sitting Commissioners, the said A. M. Delisle and M. Ryan, Esquires, who proceeded immediately to the summoning and hearing witnesses, on the charge against your Petitioner, and this in the hall of the Circuit Court, of Vaudreuil, where your Petitioner was publicly arraigned, and treated like a prisoner in the dock.

That the said Commissioners, after having adjourned their inquiry for six weeks, thought fit to renew it on the fifteenth May last, having given your Petitioner one day's notice only.

That on the said fifteenth May last, at Vaudreuil, the inquiry on your Petitioner was closed by the Commissioners, without giving your Petitioner time or opportunity to bring forward his witnesses.

That the manner in which the said inquiry was conducted by the said Commissioners was, in every respect, partial, arbitrary, and unjust towards your Petitioner; who was prevented, by the act of the Commission, from preparing and furnishing his defence and explanations, and from getting a hearing for his witnesses.

That the inquiry was made, and conducted, by the personal and recognized enemies of your Petitioner, with whom the Commissioners acted in concert, and had an understanding; that, in fact, it was a fact notorious, and well-known in Vaudreuil, that your Petitioner was condemned before-hand by the said Commissioners; and that the latter had resolved, by all the means in their power, to procure the removal of your Petitioner from the Office of Registrar of the County of Vaudreuil.

Wherefore, your Petitioner prays Your Excellency to give your favorable consideration to the present Memorial; and to adopt such measures in the premises as to your wisdom may seem fit, in order to cause justice to be done to your Petitioner.

And he will for ever pray.

(Signed,) H. F. CHARLEBOIS.

VAUDREUIL, 16th December, 1856.

H. F. Charlebois declares to the Commission, that he was only informed that they would be at Vaudreuil, to examine his accounts as Returning Officer of this County, on Monday the 25th instant, at ten o'clock, by a letter signed by one of the Commissioners; that the Commission having proceeded to the examination of these accounts on the same day, the 25th February inst., it was impossible for the said H. F. Charlebois to procure all the documents, vouchers and necessary

witnesses, to establish the correctness of his accounts, in so short a time, that to exonerate himself from the charges brought against him at this inquiry, and to give to the Commissioners the information and explanations necessary for his defence, the said H. F. Charlebois is under the necessity of searching for numerous papers, and especially of the several detailed accounts which have been furnished him by the different Returning Officers of the County of Vaudreuil, during the elections of 1851-4, and at the foot of which are found the receipts of the said deputies; that he is obliged to apply to Government for a complete copy of the accounts which the said H. F. Charlebois, as Returning Officer, has transmitted to the latter, as also a statement of the deductions which the Government has made from his accounts, that in order to establish to the satisfaction of the Commissioners, the accuracy and correctness of the several items of the accounts furnished to Government in 1851-4, by the said H. F. Charlebois, as Returning Officer, the latter must necessarily procure the hearing, and secure the presence of a large number of witnesses, and particularly of T. B. Mongenais, M.P.P.; L. H. Masson, M.P.P.; T. P. Lantier, Esq.; Rev. Mr. Belanger, Curate of Rigaud; D. McMillen, of Rigaud; C. Cholet, bookkeeper of the firm of Rigaud, Pierre, & Jean Bte. Monnette, of Plantagenet, in Upper Canada; Robert Sheppard, Dr. Desjardines, of St. Polycarpe; H. Ranger, Deputy Returning Officer at St. Polycarpe, in 1851; E. Labré, of Rigaud. Poll Clerk of Ste. Marthe, of the election of 1851; Mr. Ryland, Registrar of Montreal; Julien Campeault, of Vaudreuil, and a certain number of other witnesses, Deputy Returning Officers as well as Poll Clerks, of 1851-4, in the County of Vaudreuil; and other witnesses whose names it is impossible for the said H. F. Charlebois to procure at present, that it is impossible for the said H. F. Charlebois to adopt such measures, to procure all papers and documents above-mentioned, as well as others. To make all necessary and indispensable enquiries,—to prepare his defence and justification, unless the Commissioners grant him for this purpose, a month, which the said H. F. Charlebois demands and offers to affirm upon oath, the truth of this his declaration.

(Signed,) H. F. CHARLEBOIS.

VAUDREUIL, 29th February, 1856.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO INQUIRE INTO ACCOUNTS OF
RETURNING OFFICERS,

MONTREAL, 1st January, 1857.

The undersigned have to state, in reference to the charges contained in the letter of Mr. Charlebois:—1st It is not true that Mr. Charlebois had received no notice of the intended inquiry into his accounts, the fact being, that he was written to on the 22nd February, apprizing him that the inquiry would commence on the 25th February. Mr. Charlebois alleges that he did not receive this letter till the morning of the 25th: this statement the undersigned cannot but disbelieve in view of the fact that a letter written to Mr. Ouimet, (a gentleman interested in the inquiry) which was posted simultaneously with Mr. Charlebois, was received by Mr. Ouimet on the morning of the 23rd February. 2nd. It is false that the inquiry was conducted in an arbitrary or partial manner, neither was Mr. Charlebois treated or regarded as a criminal. The inquiry was held publicly, a large number of persons being present throughout, and with every regard to rule and good order. Mr. Charlebois was present in every instance that a witness was examined, and was assisted by an Advocate, who, as will be seen upon reference to the depositions, duly cross-examined witnesses whenever he thought proper to

do so. So far from Mr. Charlebois having been treated as a criminal, it was distinctly stated, at the commencement of the inquiry, by the undersigned and by his co-Commissioner, Mr. Delisle, that Mr. Charlebois stood in no such position before them; and further, that they would regard no person present at the inquiry, in the light of an accuser, and would allow no question to be put unless through themselves, and would put no question that might be suggested to them, unless they considered it to be pertinent and proper. With regard to the delay asked for by Mr. Charlebois, the Commissioners did not conceive that it would answer any good purpose to postpone the inquiry one month, as desired by Mr. Charlebois, but proceeded at once to take what they believed the best evidence, and which they were aware was of easy access, as well to Mr. Charlebois as to themselves. Having taken this evidence, as they believe, in a regular and correct manner, and with all proper consideration towards Mr. Charlebois. Further proceedings were postponed, according to Mr. Charlebois' own shewing, till the 15th May, upwards of nine weeks, a period which, it must be admitted, was sufficiently long to enable Mr. Charlebois to prepare his defence. When the Commissioners resumed their sitting, Mr. Charlebois applied for a further delay of two weeks. This could only be regarded as shewing a desire to prolong the proceedings indefinitely, and the inquiry was accordingly closed.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Toronto, 3rd January, 1857.

Sir,—I am commanded by the Governor General to intimate to you, that instructions have been given to the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the accounts of the Returning Officers of Canada, to afford you an opportunity of affirming under oath, the statements made in your letter of the 29th October last, addressed to Matthew Ryan, Esquire, relative to certain alleged expenses in procuring hustings in the County of Hochelaga, in 1854, and transmitted by the Commissioners with their report.

Should you be desirous of availing yourself of the above opportunity, you will put yourself in immediate communication with the Commissioners.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) E. PARENT,
Assistant Secretary.

GEORGE H. RYLAND, Esquire,
Picton, C.W.

HILL SIDE, 7th January, 1857.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your official communication of the 3rd instant, and in reply, beg respectfully to submit to His Excellency the Governor General, that if a public officer is not entitled to be credited on his word, neither should he be on his oath.

I can have no conscientious objection to make the affidavit required, if necessary; but I assuredly should wish to be spared the humiliation of appearing before Commissioners (with two of whom I am personally on bad terms) to substantiate on oath the truth of explanations which I had voluntarily given to one of them, who expressed himself at the time satisfied therewith.

It must be borne in mind that, as my accounts had been regularly audited, and each item separately gone into and approved by the Deputy Inspector General, I was not called upon to make the statement in question, nor was it perhaps necessary.

But a painful report relative to one of my deputies having only reached me two days before, which rendered it desirable that everything connected with my individual account should be clear and intelligible, and having learnt that the Commissioners had instituted a secret inquiry into one particular item in my bill of expenses, with a view of making out a case against me, I thought it best, as the charge was a peculiar one, voluntarily to explain why I had departed from the usual rule in these cases, which is to make a direct charge for hustings, as will appear by the enclosed, which was given to me when I first acted as Returning Officer, as a form on which to prepare my own account.

[See Mr. Delisle's account as Returning Officer for Montreal in the year 1848.]

I offered my explanations the more readily, because Mr. Delisle having taken an active part in the election for the County of Hochelaga, might, if he had felt so disposed, have vouched for the difficulty I experienced in consequence of the want of hustings on the day of nomination, which led to my subsequent outlay, and the peculiar charge in question.

Trusting that His Excellency will deem this explanation satisfactory, without any further action on my part,

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed,) G. H. RYLAND.

E. PARENT, Esquire,
Assistant Provincial Secretary,
&c., &c., &c.

THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to ALEXANDER MAURICE DELISLE, Esquire, Returning Officer for the City of Montreal.

		£	s.	d.	
March	16, 1848..	To endorsing Writ.....	0	5	0
do	do, do ..	Letter to Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, acknowledging the same	0	5	0
do	do, do ..	75 Proclamations, or Notices to Electors, in each language, (<i>vide</i> Provincial Act of Lower Canada, 5 Geo. IV, cap. 38,) fixing the election for the 28th of the same month, posted and affixed at the doors of the churches, and other public places, in the City of Montreal; and signed by me, at 5s. each—in all, 150 signatures	87	10	0
		<i>Carried forward</i>	£ 88	0	0

THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT of CANADA, *Dr.* to ALEXANDER MAURICE DELISLE, Esquire, &c.—(Continued.)

			£	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>			38	0	0
March	16, 1848.	Paid for posting the same, &c.	0	10	0
do	do, do	Paid a Constable to publish the same at the church-door ..	0	5	0
do	do, do	Warrant appointing Poll Clerk	0	5	0
do	28, do	Oath of Returning Officer and Poll Clerk, transmitted to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, at 5s. each. .	0	10	0
do	do, do	Attendance at the said election	1	5	0
do	do, do	do do of Poll Clerk	1	0	0
do	do, do	Paid for causing to be read, in both languages, to the Electors assembled, the 19th, 20th, 23rd, 24th, and 25th sections of the Act 5 Geo. IV, cap. 33, agreeably to the 32nd section of the same	0	10	0
do	do, do	Translating the Writ of Election in the French language, to the Electors assembled	0	10	0
do	do, do	To 2 Constables, 10s. each	1	0	0
do	do, do	2 Indentures, one of which transmitted to Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, with the Writ; 2 Signatures, 10s.; and Certificate on back of Writ, 5s.	0	15	0
do	do, do	Return made to Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, by letter.	0	5	0
do	do, do	Paid for a hustings or polling booth, for the day of nomination, per Voucher No. 1	9	0	0
			£	53	5 0

This is my Bill.

(Signed,) A. M. DELISLE,
Returning Officer, Montreal.

Transmitted by letter to JOSEPH CARY, Esquire, this 5th April, 1848.

TORONTO, 9th January, 1857.

Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, I have it in command from His Excellency the Governor General to inform you, that as the statement in your letter of the 29th October last, is partially at variance with another made under oath by Dr. H. Guerin, it is necessary, with a view to put His Excellency in a position to afford to you the full advantage of your statement, that it be verified under oath.

I have, therefore, to request that you will, without unnecessary delay, comply with my letter of the 3rd instant.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) E. PARENT,
Assistant Secretary.

G. H. RYLAND, Esquire,
Picton, C. W.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

TORONTO, 3rd January, 1857.

Gentlemen,—I have it in command from the Governor General, to convey to you His Excellency's instructions, that you should again call before you George H. Ryland, Esquire, Registrar of Montreal, with a view to afford him an opportunity of making, under oath, the statement contained in his letter of the 29th October last, addressed to Matthew Ryan, Esquire.

I herewith enclose to you a copy of the above-mentioned letter, and am to request you to report to his Excellency as early as possible, such proceedings as you may take thereon.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) E. PARENT,
Assistant Secretary.

To the Commissioners of Inquiry into the
accounts of Returning Officers, &c., &c.

MONTREAL, 26th January, 1857.

Sir,—I have the honor to transmit herewith, the deposition of G. H. Ryland, Esquire, in reference to a certain item which appears in his account, as Returning Officer at an election held in the County of Hochelaga, in the year 1854.

This deposition was taken agreeably to the directions contained in your letter of the 3rd instant, addressed to me: and I may take leave to add, that the reason why your desire was not sooner complied with is, that a serious accident occurred to Mr. Ryland at Picton, Canada West, where he had been residing for some time, which prevented his coming to Montreal before Saturday evening last, the 24th instant.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

Honorable G. E. CARTIER,
Provincial Secretary,
&c., &c., &c.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } IN the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. } and fifty-seven, on the twenty-sixth day of January,
instant, personally came and appeared, G. H. RYLAND, Esquire, Registrar of
the County of Montreal, before Matthew Ryan, one of the Commissioners ap-
pointed to inquire into and report upon the accounts of all Returning Officers of
Lower Canada, in relation to any election of Members of the Legislative As-
sembly, furnished since the commencement of the year, one thousand eight hun-
dred and forty-eight: who, after having been duly sworn, doth depose and
say:—

I was Returning Officer at the election held in the County of Hochelaga, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four. In consequence of an inquiry having been instituted relative to the account which I furnished to the Government for my services on that occasion, I addressed a letter to Matthew Ryan, one of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into said account, bearing date the twenty-ninth day of October last, in which I stated that the expenses incurred by me in the erection of a Hustings for the purposes of said election, were as follows, viz:—

“ Carriage hire, in proceeding to Sault au Recollet before the day of “ nomination, to arrange for hustings, and again on the day “ previous to election, to see arrangements completed, two “ pounds ten shillings	£2 10 0
“ Loss on materials, &c., three pounds ten shillings	3 10 0
“ Dr. Guerin, three pounds	3 0 0

I have now to state under oath, that the above statement is true and correct; and further Deponent saith not, and hath signed.

(Signed,) G. H. RYLAND.

Sworn to, before me, at Montreal,
this 26th day of January, 1857.

(Signed,) MATTHEW RYAN,
Commissioner.

REGISTRY OFFICE,

Montreal, 27th January, 1857.

Sir,—I yesterday complied with the instructions contained in your official communications of the 3rd and 9th instant.

Reserving to myself the right of hereafter addressing His Excellency the Governor General, personally, on the subject, I now content myself with placing on record, my protest against the insulting treatment I have experienced.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed,) G. H. RYLAND.

E. PARENT, Esquire,
Assistant Provincial Secretary,
&c., &c., &c.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Toronto, 3rd January, 1857.

Sir,—I am commanded by the Governor General to transmit to you the accompanying extract from a Report made to His Excellency by the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the accounts of the Returning Officers of Canada, and to request you (should you wish to do so,) to furnish His Excellency with such

remarks thereon as you may have to make, in justification of the conduct therein imputed to you.

I have, &c,

(Signed,) E. PARENT,
Assistant Secretary.

GEORGE F. BOWEN, Esquire,
Sheriff, Sherbrooke, C.E.

SHERBROOKE, 15th January, 1857.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, inclosing an extract from a report made to His Excellency the Governor General, by the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the accounts of the Returning Officers of Canada, and requesting me, if I should wish to do so, to furnish His Excellency with such remarks as I may have to make in justification of a charge made by me, at two elections, of £5 and £2 10s. for hustings, such hustings having been obtained by me free from expense, and so acknowledged by me previous to the inquiry by the Commissioners.

While I trust that I may be able to offer a satisfactory explanation of these charges, I beg that I may be allowed to express my thanks to the Executive Government for the permission kindly afforded me to adduce it.

In the first place, I have to remark that the charges in question were made by me under the impression that they would be admitted as a species of emolument allowed to Returning Officers in addition to their inadequate remuneration of £2 currency per day, for the time actually employed, in the same manner as house rent, office rent, travelling expenses, stationery, and other contingent expenses are sometimes allowed to officers of government, whether actually incurred or not. And to this remark I would add, that the expectation of receiving such incidental remuneration, which has since been pronounced irregular, was, to a great extent, justified by the fate of other *bona fide* charges, for upon that occasion I included in my account an amount of £23 10s. for 150 special constables which was disallowed, and of which a considerable portion became my own private loss, while the necessity of that precaution was more than established by the arrival at the poll of a crowd of railroad operatives and strangers, whom nothing but the array of Civil Force kept in subjection, and who were similar in character, if not the same individuals as those from whom I, together with my assistants, subsequently met with a murderous assault in the execution of our public duty, when two of them and myself were left for dead upon the ground.

I would further respectfully point out, that the view thus entertained of the allowance for hustings, being considered as indirect remuneration, may reasonably have been considered by me as confirmed by the smaller charge of two pounds ten shillings, on the occasion of the second election mentioned having been allowed and passed by the Executive Government, after my having acknowledged in my letter to the Deputy Inspector General, dated 28th March, 1853, that I was allowed the free use of the place for hustings. I would beg, also, to be permitted to state, that at a third election subsequently held by me in 1854, having ascertained that these charges, then previously made by me for hustings were considered irregular, I made no charge at all of that nature. While making the charges, which I did upon the occasion of the first two elections, I trust that I shall scarcely be thought to have used any bad faith, inasmuch as I

forwarded no fictitious vouchers to substantiate them, but on the contrary, when asked for a voucher, stated I had had the free use of a place for hustings.

Taking into consideration, that losses have been sustained by me in the performance of duties to the best of my ability and judgment, often of a trying nature, among which losses may be further enumerated that of seven pounds sixteen shillings and sixpence on Government debentures, issued to me for expenses in the administration of justice, previous to this time in 1848 and 1849. That of the two charges above-mentioned, the second was actually allowed with full knowledge of the case in 1853, while no charge of that nature was included in my accounts for our election in 1854. And that the amount involved is smaller than the loss on debentures, and on other reasonable charges then disallowed. I venture to hope that the Executive Government may be pleased to take these remarks in explanation, into its favorable consideration.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient humble Servant,

(Signed,) G. F. BOWEN.

E. PARENT, Esquire,
Assistant Secretary, Toronto.

R E T U R N

To an Address of the Legislative Assembly, dated 29th April, 1857,
for "Copies of any Commissions that may have been issued since 1854,
"appointing Commissioners to investigate the accounts of Returning
"Officers and Deputy Returning Officers of this Province; and also of
"any complaint or accusation brought against any such Returning
"Officer or Deputy Returning Officers."

By Command.

T. LEE TERRILL,

Secretary.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

TORONTO, 11th May, 1857.

 PROVINCE OF CANADA.

His Excellency Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

To all to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING :

KNOW YE, That under and in pursuant to the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the Province of Canada, passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act to empower Commissioners for inquiring into matters connected with the public business, to take evidence on oath," the authority in me thereby vested, and by and with the advice and consent of Her Majesty's Executive Council for the said Province, I have nominated, constituted, and appointed, and by these Presents do nominate, constitute, and appoint DUNBAR ROSS, of the City of Quebec, Esquire, Her Majesty's Solicitor General for Lower Canada, to be a Commissioner to inquire into certain charges preferred against Louis Archambault, Esquire, in his capacity of Returning Officer at the last election for the County of Leinster, and for the County of L'Assomption. And I do hereby authorize and empower you, the said Dunbar Ross, as such Commissioner, to summon before him any person or persons, as witness or witnesses, and to require such person or persons to give evidence on oath, orally, or in writing, and to produce such documents and things as he, the said Dunbar Ross, may deem requisite to the full investigation of the matters and things aforesaid. To have and to hold the said office of Commissioner for the purposes aforesaid, unto him, the said Dunbar Ross, during pleasure. And I do hereby require that the said Dunbar Ross report the result of the above-mentioned investigation, with all convenient speed to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of the said Province for the time being.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Quebec, this twentieth day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and in the nineteenth year of Her Majesty's reign.

By Command.

EDMUND HEAD.

E. PARENT,
Assistant Secretary.

 PROVINCE OF CANADA.

His Excellency Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

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Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Toronto, this twenty-eighth day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and in the nineteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command.

EDMUND HEAD.

E. PARENT,
Assistant Secretary.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.

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Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Toronto, this twenty-third day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and in the nineteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command.

EDMUND HEAD.

GEO. ET. CARTIER,
Secretary.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.

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Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Toronto, this fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and in the nineteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command.

EDMUND HEAD.

GEO. ET. CARTIER,
Secretary.

NOTE.—No Complaint or Accusation against any Returning Officer, or Deputy Returning Officer, appear to be on record.

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R E T U R N

To an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 24th April last, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, "A Return, shewing the number of Writs for the arrest of Debtors issued in each County of Upper Canada, respectively, since the 1st January, 1855; the amount of the Debt for which each Writ was issued; whether or not arrest was made; whether or not the party was committed to Gaol; how long he was detained in Gaol; and whether finally discharged by payment of the Debt or otherwise."

By Command.

T. LEE TERRILL,

Secretary.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Toronto, 9th June, 1857.

M E M O R A N D U M .

The Sheriffs of the Counties of Welland, Norfolk, and Wellington, and the Clerks of the County Courts of the Counties of Brant, Essex, and Wentworth, have neglected to send in their Returns.

E. A. MEREDITH,

Assistant Secretary.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Toronto, 10th June, 1857

SCHEDULE OF RETURNS.

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| <p>No. 1.—CROWN OFFICE, TORONTO, QUEEN'S BENCH.</p> <p>2.—CROWN OFFICE, TORONTO, COMMONPLEAS.</p> <p>3.—PROCESS OFFICE, OS-GOODS HALL, TORONTO.</p> <p>4.—BRANT, COUNTY OF.</p> <p>5.—CARLETON, COUNTY OF.</p> <p>6.—CARLETON, COUNTY COURT.</p> <p>7.—ELGIN, COUNTY OF.</p> <p>8.—ELGIN, COUNTY COURT.</p> <p>9.—ESSEX, COUNTY OF.</p> <p>10.—FRONTENAC, LENNOX, AND ADDINGTON, UNITED COUNTIES OF.</p> <p>11.—FRONTENAC, LENNOX, AND ADDINGTON, COUNTY COURT.</p> <p>12.—GREY, COUNTY OF.</p> <p>13.—GREY, COUNTY COURT.</p> <p>14.—HALDIMAND, COUNTY OF.</p> <p>15.—HALDIMAND, COUNTY COURT.</p> <p>16.—HALTON, COUNTY OF.</p> <p>17.—HALTON, COUNTY COURT.</p> <p>18.—HASTINGS, COUNTY OF.</p> <p>19.—HASTINGS, COUNTY COURT.</p> <p>20.—HURON AND BRUCE, UNITED COUNTIES OF.</p> <p>21.—HURON AND BRUCE, COUNTY COURT OFFICE.</p> <p>22.—KENT, COUNTY OF.</p> <p>23.—KENT, COUNTY COURT.</p> <p>24.—LAMBTON, COUNTY OF.</p> <p>25.—LAMBTON, COUNTY COURT.</p> <p>26.—LANARK AND RENFREW, UNITED COUNTIES OF.</p> <p>27.—LANARK AND RENFREW, COUNTY COURT.</p> <p>28.—LEEDS AND GRENVILLE, UNITED COUNTIES OF.</p> <p>29.—LEEDS AND GRENVILLE, COUNTY COURT.</p> <p>30.—LINCOLN AND WELLAND, UNITED COUNTIES OF.</p> <p>31.—LINCOLN AND WELLAND, COUNTY COURT.</p> <p>32.—MIDDLESEX, COUNTY OF.</p> | <p>No. 33.—NORFOLK, COUNTY COURT.</p> <p>34.—NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM, UNITED COUNTIES OF.</p> <p>35.—NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM, UNITED COUNTIES OF.</p> <p>36.—ONTARIO, COUNTY OF.</p> <p>37.—ONTARIO, COUNTY COURT.</p> <p>38.—OXFORD, COUNTY OF.</p> <p>39.—OXFORD, COUNTY COURT.</p> <p>40.—PERTH, COUNTY OF.</p> <p>41.—PERTH, COUNTY COURT.</p> <p>42.—PETERBOROUGH AND VICTORIA, UNITED COUNTIES OF.</p> <p>43.—PETERBOROUGH AND VICTORIA, COUNTY COURT.</p> <p>44.—PRESCOTT AND RUSSELL, UNITED COUNTIES OF.</p> <p>45.—PRESCOTT AND RUSSELL, COUNTY COURT.</p> <p>46.—PRINCE EDWARD, COUNTY OF.</p> <p>47.—PRINCE EDWARD, COUNTY COURT.</p> <p>48.—SIMCOE, COUNTY OF.</p> <p>49.—SIMCOE, COUNTY COURT.</p> <p>50.—STORMONT, DUNDAS, AND GLENGARRY, UNITED COUNTIES OF.</p> <p>51.—STORMONT, DUNDAS, AND GLENGARRY, COUNTY COURT.</p> <p>52.—WATERLOO, COUNTY OF.</p> <p>53.—WATERLOO, COUNTY COURT.</p> <p>54.—WELLAND, COUNTY COURT.</p> <p>55.—WELLINGTON, COUNTY COURT.</p> <p>56.—WENTWORTH, COUNTY OF.</p> <p>57.—YORK AND PEEL, UNITED COUNTIES OF.</p> <p>58.—YORK AND PEEL, COUNTY COURT.</p> <p>59.—YORK AND PEEL, COUNTY COURT.</p> |
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No. 1.

CROWN OFFICE, Toronto, 22nd May, 1857.

Sir,—I have the honor, in compliance with your letter of the 16th instant, to forward herewith a Return, shewing the number of Writs for the arrest of Debtors issued from the Court of Queen's Bench, between the 1st day of January, 1855, and the date of the appointment of the Clerk of the Process.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES C. SMALL,
Clerk of the Crown and Pleas.

Honorable T. LEE TERRILL,
Secretary, &c., &c., &c.

RETURN shewing the Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS issued from the COURT of QUEEN'S BENCH, between the 1st day of January, 1855, and the date of the appointment of the Clerk of the Process, together with the Amount and Date for and on which each Writ was Issued.

Arrest.	Amount.			WHEN ISSUED.		REMARKS.
	£	s.	d.			
1	55	1	5	January	10, 1855.....	Inferior Jurisdiction.
1	51	5	0	do	13, do.	
1	50	0	0	do	26, do.	
1	18	15	0	do	27, do	Inferior Jurisdiction.
1	315	0	0	February	2, do.	
1	1217	16	5	do	21, do.	
1	30	0	0	March	12, do.	
1	342	5	9	do	17, do.	
1	23	0	0	do	23, do	Inferior Jurisdiction.
1	93	11	6	do	24, do	Inferior Jurisdiction.
1	25	0	0	do	31, do.	
1	40	0	0	April	13, do.	
1	30	0	0	do	25, do.	
1	19	17	5	May	23, do	Inferior Jurisdiction.
1	12	5	0	do	do, do	Inferior Jurisdiction.
1	85	19	0	June	13, do.	
1	10	19	10	do	27, do	Inferior Jurisdiction.
1	209	8	10	July	7, do.	
1	85	8	5	do	16, do.	
1	301	7	6	August	2, do.	

No. 1.—RETURN shewing the Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS issued from the COURT of QUEEN'S BENCH, &c.—
(Continued.)

Arrest.	Amount.			WHEN ISSUED.		REMARKS.
	£	s.	d.			
1	152	17	2	August	7, 1855.	
1	25	0	0	do	9, do.	
1	25	0	0	do	14, do.	
1	117	0	0	September	4, do.	
1	26	0	0	do	18, do	Inferior Jurisdiction.
1	17	17	6	do	do, do	Inferior Jurisdiction.
1	10	12	6	do	do, do	Inferior Jurisdiction.
1	14	12	6	do	do, do	Inferior Jurisdiction.
1	68	2	10	October	3, do.	
1	40	0	6	January	18, 1856.	
1	22	10	0	February	5, do.	
1	150	16	5	do	12, do.	
1	30	0	0	March	do, do.	
1	22	6	9	do	14, do	Inferior Jurisdiction.
1	172	2	5	do	15, do.	
1	19	6	0	do	20, do	Inferior Jurisdiction.
1	38	7	11	do	do, do	Inferior Jurisdiction.
1	11	17	7	do	22, do	Inferior Jurisdiction.
1	37	17	6	April	1, do	Inferior Jurisdiction.
1	28	14	0	do	do, do	Inferior Jurisdiction.
1	168	15	9	do	2, do.	
1	15	0	0	do	6, do	Inferior Jurisdiction.
1	100	0	0	do	17, do.	
1	20	0	0	do	25, do.	
1	71	2	6	May	1, do	Inferior Jurisdiction.
1	18	19	2	do	10, do	Inferior Jurisdiction.
1	95	0	0	do	23, do.	
1	17	10	0	June	19, do	Inferior Jurisdiction.
1	121	6	0	do	26, do.	
1	351	13	9	July	4, do.	
1	200	0	0	do	17, do.	
1	95	0	0	August	5, do.	
1	300	0	0	do	6, do.	

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES C. SMALL,
Clerk of the Crown and Pleas.

CROWN OFFICE,
23rd May, 1857.

No. 2.

CROWN OFFICE, COMMON PLEAS,

Toronto, 21st May, 1857.

Sir,—Your letter of the 16th instant—requiring a Return of the number of Writs for the arrest of Debtors issued from this office, during the period between the 1st day of January, 1855, and the date of the appointment of the Clerk of Process—I had the honor of receiving on the 19th instant, and now beg to hand you, enclosed herewith, the Return required.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

S. HEYDEN,
Clerk of the Crown and Pleas, C.P.

The Honorable T. LEE TERRILL,
Secretary, &c., &c., &c.,
Toronto.

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**COMMON PLEAS.**

RETURN shewing the Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS issued from the COURT of COMMON PLEAS, for the UNITED COUNTIES of YORK and PEEL, and the Amount of the DEBT for which each Writ was issued, during the period between the first day of January, A.D., 1855, and the twentieth day of August, A.D., 1856, both days inclusive.

| Writs. | WHEN ISSUED. |               | Amount of |    |    | REMARKS.               |
|--------|--------------|---------------|-----------|----|----|------------------------|
|        |              |               | Debt.     |    |    |                        |
|        |              |               | £         | s. | d. |                        |
| 1      | January      | 19, 1855..... | 404       | 3  | 0  |                        |
| 1      | do           | 26, do .....  | 463       | 3  | 3  |                        |
| 1      | April        | 2, do .....   | 170       | 0  | 0  |                        |
| 1      | do           | 4, do .....   | 11        | 0  | 7  | Inferior Jurisdiction. |
| 1      | do           | 13, do .....  | 15        | 13 | 8  | Inferior Jurisdiction. |
| 1      | do           | 14, do .....  | 22        | 0  | 0  | Inferior Jurisdiction. |
| 1      | do           | 21, do .....  | 41        | 10 | 0  | Inferior Jurisdiction. |
| 1      | May          | 31, do .....  | 33        | 13 | 5  | Inferior Jurisdiction. |
| 1      | do           | do, do .....  | 25        | 0  | 0  | Inferior Jurisdiction. |
| 1      | June         | 14, do .....  | 70        | 0  | 0  | Inferior Jurisdiction. |
| 1      | August       | 4, do .....   | 106       | 5  | 0  |                        |

**No. 2.**—RETURN shewing the Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS issued from the COURT of COMMON PLEAS, for the UNITED COUNTIES of YORK and PEEL, &c.—(Continued.)

| Writs. | WHEN ISSUED.           | Amount of |    |     | REMARKS.               |
|--------|------------------------|-----------|----|-----|------------------------|
|        |                        | Debt.     |    |     |                        |
|        |                        | £         | s. | d.  |                        |
| 1      | August 4, 1855.....    | 109       | 11 | 7   |                        |
| 1      | do 14, do .....        | 29        | 0  | 0   | Inferior Jurisdiction. |
| 1      | do 18, do .....        | 300       | 0  | 0   |                        |
| 1      | September 10, do ..... | 21        | 0  | 0   | Inferior Jurisdiction. |
| 1      | do 20, do .....        | 54        | 19 | 0   |                        |
| 1      | November 30, do .....  | 22        | 10 | 0   | Inferior Jurisdiction. |
| 1      | December 11, do .....  | 274       | 18 | 1   |                        |
| 1      | January do, 1856.....  | 267       | 1  | 8   |                        |
| 1      | do 15, do .....        | 10        | 16 | 10  | Inferior Jurisdiction. |
| 1      | do 31, do .....        | 350       | 0  | 0   |                        |
| 1      | February 4, do .....   | 171       | 1  | 2   |                        |
| 1      | do do, do .....        | 46        | 15 | 0   | Inferior Jurisdiction. |
| 1      | do 28, do .....        | 100       | 3  | 0   |                        |
| 1      | do do, do .....        | 143       | 15 | 0   |                        |
| 1      | March 3, do .....      | 73        | 8  | 0   |                        |
| 1      | do 10, do .....        | 73        | 0  | 0   |                        |
| 1      | do 22, do .....        | 50        | 0  | 0   |                        |
| 1      | April 2, do .....      | 67        | 5  | 11½ |                        |
| 1      | do 16, do .....        | 117       | 0  | 0   |                        |
| 1      | do 21, do .....        | 50        | 0  | 0   | Inferior Jurisdiction. |
| 1      | do do, do .....        | 91        | 8  | 9   | Inferior Jurisdiction. |
| 1      | do 29, do .....        | 31        | 2  | 9   | Inferior Jurisdiction. |
| 1      | May 6, do .....        | 30        | 0  | 0   | Inferior Jurisdiction. |
| 1      | do 20, do .....        | 456       | 15 | 3   |                        |
| 1      | do 27, do .....        | 52        | 8  | 6   | Inferior Jurisdiction. |
| 1      | July 18, do .....      | 26        | 3  | 3   | Inferior Jurisdiction. |
| 1      | August 12, do .....    | 783       | 4  | 0   |                        |
| 1      | do 14, do .....        | 71        | 10 | 0   |                        |

S. HEYDEN,  
Clerk of the Crown and Pleas,  
Common Pleas.

DATED, CROWN OFFICE,  
20th May, 1857.

## No. 3.

RETURN of the Number of WRITS issued, and of FEES received, under 9th Victoria, chapter 33, by Robert Pearson, Clerk of the Process under said Act, and the Common Law Procedure Act, 1856, from the 21st August, 1856, to the 31st March, 1857.

| NAMES OF WRITS AND PROCESS.                                                                                                                                                         | No.  | Rate. |    | Amount. |     |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|----|---------|-----|------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                     |      | s.    | d. | £       | s.  | d.   |
| Number of Capiases, Summonses, (Special Endorsements, &c.,)<br>Attachments, and other original Writs or Process, issued from 21st August, 1856, to 31st March, 1857, and Fees ..... | 1208 | 2     | 6  | 151     | 0   | 0    |
| Do do, Inferior Jurisdiction, from 21st August, 1856, to 31st March, 1857, and Fees.....                                                                                            | 7    | 2     | 6  | 0       | 17  | 6    |
| For Filing Affidavits, Fiats, &c., from 21st August, 1856, to 31st March, 1857, and Fees .....                                                                                      | 116  | 0     | 4  | 1       | 18  | 8    |
| For Searches, &c., 1st August, 1856, to 31st March, 1857, and Fees .....                                                                                                            | 9    | 0     | 6  | 0       | 4   | 6    |
| Fee Fund, under 9th Victoria, chapter 33, on Capiases, Summonses, Attachments, and other original Writs or Process, from 21st August, 1856, to 31st March, 1857.                    | 1208 | 1     | 3  | 75      | 10  | 0    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                     |      |       |    | £       | 229 | 10 8 |

ROBERT PEARSON.

No. 4.

RETURN shewing the Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS issued in the COUNTY of BRANT, since January 1st, 1855, to the 7th day of May, A.D., 1857, as shewn by the Books in the Sheriff's Office.

| Number | NAME of DEBTOR.            | Date of Receipt of Capias. | Amount Endorsed. |    | If Arrested. | If Committed to Gaol. | If so, Term of Detention. | Whether Discharged by Payment of Debt, or otherwise. | Remarks. |
|--------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------|
|        |                            |                            | £                | s. |              |                       |                           |                                                      |          |
| 1      | Thomas Rainbow             | January 22, 1855.          | 36               | 0  | No.          | No                    |                           |                                                      |          |
| 2      | David Taylor               | do do                      | 70               | 0  | Yes          | do                    |                           | By Plaintiff's Order. Gave Bail.                     |          |
| 3      | Robert J. Sutton           | February 20, do            | 70               | 0  | do           | do                    |                           | By Plaintiff's Order.                                |          |
| 4      | William Crabbe             | do do                      | 40               | 18 | do           | Yes                   | 1 day                     | By do                                                |          |
| 5      | H. J. Riddle               | March 5, do                | 25               | 0  | do           | do                    |                           | Gave Bail.                                           |          |
| 6      | Silas Blanchard            | do do                      | 27               | 0  | do           | do                    |                           | do.                                                  |          |
| 7      | Philip Newstrad            | do do                      | 30               | 0  | do           | do                    |                           | do.                                                  |          |
| 8      | Hugh Johnston              | do do                      | 50               | 0  | No.          | do                    |                           | do.                                                  |          |
| 9      | Henry Ruce and Daniel Ruce | do do                      | 17               | 9  | Yes          | do                    |                           | By Plaintiff's Order.                                |          |
| 10     | James Huntsman             | April 4, do                | 51               | 0  | do           | do                    | 18 days                   | By do                                                |          |
| 11     | Edward Ware                | do do                      | 15               | 0  | do           | do                    | 26 do                     | Gave Bail.                                           |          |
| 12     | Thomas Corrigan            | do do                      | 10               | 0  | do           | No                    |                           | do.                                                  |          |
| 13     | Edward Wave                | do do                      | 40               | 7  | do           | Yes                   | 25 days                   | By Plaintiff's Order.                                |          |
| 14     | Charles S. Cole            | do do                      | 40               | 0  | No.          | do                    |                           | Gave Bail.                                           |          |
| 15     | Henry W. Chant             | do do                      | 11               | 15 | Yes          | do                    |                           | By Plaintiff's Order.                                |          |
| 16     | Sutherland Griffin         | do do                      | 494              | 13 | do           | do                    |                           | Gave Bail.                                           |          |
| 17     | George Hulbert             | May 1, do                  | 26               | 10 | No.          | do                    |                           | do.                                                  |          |
| 18     | W. W. Wilcott              | do do                      | 23               | 10 | Yes          | do                    |                           | do.                                                  |          |
| 19     | Benjamin Bryan             | do do                      | 27               | 13 | No.          | do                    |                           | Writ set aside. Gave Bail.                           |          |
| 20     | do do                      | do do                      | 26               | 0  | do           | do                    |                           | do.                                                  |          |
| 21     | Robert Rochester           | do do                      | 29               | 10 | do           | do                    |                           | do.                                                  |          |
| 22     | John H. Wilkins            | do do                      | 25               | 13 | do           | do                    |                           | do.                                                  |          |

|    |                                     |                   |     |    |     |     |        |                       |  |
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| 24 | John H. Wilkins                     | do                | 21  | 0  | do  | do  |        | do.                   |  |
| 25 | Joseph Thompson and George Thompson | do do             | 100 | 0  | No. | do  |        | do.                   |  |
| 26 | William Salsbury                    | do do             | 18  | 0  | do. | do  |        | do.                   |  |
| 27 | Thomas Routines                     | do do             | 13  | 3  | Yes | do  |        | do.                   |  |
| 28 | Peter Marsh                         | August 4, do      | 25  | 10 | do  | do  |        | do.                   |  |
| 29 | do do                               | do do             | 18  | 3  | do  | do  |        | do.                   |  |
| 30 | David Kennedy                       | do do             | 50  | 0  | do  | do  |        | do.                   |  |
| 31 | A. S. Phelps                        | do do             | 26  | 0  | No. | Yes | 2 days | By Plaintiff's Order. |  |
| 32 | James Gettes                        | do do             | 13  | 17 | do  | do  |        | do.                   |  |
| 33 | Jessie Kenney                       | do do             | 12  | 17 | Yes | do  | 114 do | Gave Bail.            |  |
| 34 | Henry J. Havell                     | do do             | 20  | 0  | do  | No  |        | By Plaintiff's Order. |  |
| 35 | George L. Hayden                    | September 8, do   | 12  | 10 | do  | do  |        | Gave Bail.            |  |
| 36 | Francis Irwin                       | do do             | 12  | 10 | do  | do  |        | Gave Bail.            |  |
| 37 | Henry Wilson and John McDon- gall   | October 1, do     | 11  | 8  | do  | do  |        | Debt Paid.            |  |
| 38 | O. M. Tracy                         | do do             | 54  | 10 | do  | do  |        | do.                   |  |
| 39 | Joseph Goodwin                      | do do             | 30  | 0  | do  | do  |        | Gave Bail.            |  |
| 40 | Smith Banks                         | November 8, do    | 18  | 7  | do  | do  |        | do.                   |  |
| 41 | J. E. Ring                          | do do             | 187 | 10 | do  | do  |        | Gave Bail.            |  |
| 42 | John Hawmer                         | do do             | 50  | 0  | No. | do  |        | do.                   |  |
| 43 | do do                               | do do             | 42  | 0  | Yes | do  |        | do.                   |  |
| 44 | William Salsbury                    | December 8, do    | 20  | 0  | do  | do  |        | By Plaintiff's Order. |  |
| 45 | Henry Davley                        | do do             | 10  | 5  | do  | do  |        | do.                   |  |
| 46 | John Robertson                      | do do             | 32  | 0  | do  | Yes | 3 days | Gave Bail.            |  |
| 47 | Jeremiah Burch                      | January 12, 1856. | 20  | 11 | do  | do  | 20 do  | do.                   |  |
| 48 | James Sampson                       | February 26, do   | 15  | 0  | do  | No  |        | Gave Bail.            |  |
| 49 | Jeremiah Burch                      | do do             | 23  | 12 | do  | Yes | 3 days | do.                   |  |
| 50 | do do                               | do do             | 15  | 0  | No. | do  |        | do.                   |  |
| 51 | James A. Wheaton                    | do do             | 15  | 0  | No. | do  |        | do.                   |  |
| 52 | Edward Condon                       | do do             | 10  | 15 | do  | do  |        | do.                   |  |
| 53 | John Condon                         | do do             | 30  | 0  | No. | do  |        | do.                   |  |
| 54 | B. H. Unger                         | do do             | 39  | 0  | do  | do  |        | do.                   |  |
| 55 | Stephen W. Jones                    | April 8, do       | 80  | 1  | No. | do  |        | do.                   |  |
| 56 | Daniel Vrooman                      | do do             | 100 | 0  | do  | do  |        | do.                   |  |
| 57 | Joseph Goodwin                      | do do             | 42  | 15 | do  | do  |        | do.                   |  |
| 58 | Thomas Newton                       | do do             | 52  | 0  | do  | do  |        | do.                   |  |
| 59 | Joseph Goodwin                      | do do             | 286 | 15 | do  | do  |        | do.                   |  |
|    |                                     | do do             | 42  | 17 | No. | do  |        | do.                   |  |

No. 4.—RETURN shewing the Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS issued in the COUNTY of BRANT, &c.—  
(Continued.)

| Number. | NAME OF DEBTOR.                    | Date of Receipt of Capias. | Amount Endorsed. |       | If Arrested. | If Committed to Gaol. | If so, Term of Detention. | Whether Discharged by Payment of Debt, or otherwise. | Remarks. |
|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------|
|         |                                    |                            | £                | s. d. |              |                       |                           |                                                      |          |
| 60      | Henry McHeath.....                 | May 27, 1856..             | 15               | 0     | No.          |                       |                           |                                                      |          |
| 61      | Joseph Goodwin .....               | do 28, do ..               | 14               | 16    | 3            | do.                   |                           |                                                      |          |
| 62      | do .....                           | do do ..                   | 126              | 4     | 3            | do.                   |                           |                                                      |          |
| 63      | Daniel Vrooman.....                | June 6, do ..              | 42               | 15    | 0            | do.                   |                           |                                                      |          |
| 64      | Jacob Sloat.....                   | do 7, do ..                | 21               | 15    | 0            | do.                   |                           |                                                      |          |
| 65      | do .....                           | do do ..                   | 21               | 15    | 0            | Yes                   |                           | Gave Bail.                                           |          |
| 66      | William H. Bacon .....             | do 18, do ..               | 27               | 0     | 0            | do                    |                           | do.                                                  |          |
| 67      | do .....                           | do 19, do ..               | 11               | 1     | 0            | do                    |                           | do.                                                  |          |
| 68      | Christopher McDowell ..            | do 26, do ..               | 52               | 19    | 8            | No.                   |                           |                                                      |          |
| 69      | do .....                           | do 28, do ..               | 39               | 0     | 6            | do.                   |                           |                                                      |          |
| 70      | James H. Sears .....               | July 2, do ..              | 88               | 18    | 3            | Yes                   |                           | do.                                                  |          |
| 71      | William H. Bacon .....             | do 11, do ..               | 27               | 12    | 6            | No                    |                           | do.                                                  |          |
| 72      | William Cowen .....                | do 12, do ..               | 11               | 15    | 7            | do.                   |                           |                                                      |          |
| 73      | Thomas Hargrave .....              | do 19, do ..               | 27               | 10    | 0            | do.                   |                           |                                                      |          |
| 74      | James H. Sears .....               | do 23, do ..               | 11               | 19    | 2            | Yes                   |                           | do.                                                  |          |
| 75      | Charles S. Jones .....             | do 26, do ..               | 41               | 18    | 4            | do                    |                           | do.                                                  |          |
| 76      | Henry McHeath.....                 | August 17, do ..           | 26               | 0     | 0            | No                    |                           | do.                                                  |          |
| 77      | Joel B. Hayden.....                | September 17, do ..        | 7                | 18    | 5            | do                    |                           | do.                                                  |          |
| 78      | Samuel Carter and Joseph Carter .. | do 6, do ..                | 86               | 6     | 3            | do                    |                           | do.                                                  |          |
| 79      | Darius Davis .....                 | do 9, do ..                | 40               | 9     | 11           | do                    |                           | do.                                                  |          |
| 80      | A. B. Currie .....                 | do 12, do ..               | 80               | 0     | 0            | do                    |                           | do.                                                  |          |
| 81      | William Rowe .....                 | do 22, do ..               | 25               | 0     | 0            | do                    |                           | do.                                                  |          |
| 82      | J. H. Cunoby.....                  | October 6, do ..           | 14               | 3     | 9            | do                    |                           | do.                                                  |          |

|    |                                        |                    |     |    |   |     |  |  |  |  |
|----|----------------------------------------|--------------------|-----|----|---|-----|--|--|--|--|
| 83 | George Crabbe and William Crabbe ..... | do 18, do ..       | 25  | 0  | 0 | do  |  |  |  |  |
| 84 | George C. Myers .....                  | do 28, do ..       | 200 | 0  | 0 | do  |  |  |  |  |
| 85 | A. B. Currier.....                     | November 14, do .. | 60  | 0  | 0 | do  |  |  |  |  |
| 86 | George C. Myers .....                  | December 4, do ..  | 76  | 0  | 0 | do  |  |  |  |  |
| 87 | Porter McKay .....                     | do 5, do ..        | 77  | 0  | 0 | do  |  |  |  |  |
| 88 | S. S. Fowler .....                     | January 10, 1857.. | 50  | 0  | 0 | do  |  |  |  |  |
| 89 | O. F. Montfort .....                   | February 4, do ..  | 25  | 0  | 0 | No. |  |  |  |  |
| 90 | William Price .....                    | March 3, do ..     | 20  | 15 | 7 | Yes |  |  |  |  |
| 91 | Solomon Bridge .....                   | February 18, do .. | 25  | 0  | 0 | do  |  |  |  |  |
| 92 | William J. Earman .....                | April 2, do ..     | 13  | 19 | 4 | do  |  |  |  |  |
| 93 | William McCarter .....                 | do 13, do ..       | 25  | 0  | 0 | do  |  |  |  |  |
| 94 | John Moore .....                       | May 7, do ..       | 25  | 0  | 0 | do  |  |  |  |  |

JOHN SMITH,  
Sheriff, C.B.  
Per EDWIN SMITH,  
Deputy Sheriff.

No. 5.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE, OTTAWA, 11TH MAY, 1857.

RETURN of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS, issued in the COUNTY of CARLETON, since the first day of January, 1855, to this date, to be laid before the Legislative Assembly, shewing the Amount of Debt for which each Writ issued, whether or not Arrest was made, whether or not the party was committed to Gaol, how long he was detained in Gaol, and whether finally discharged by Payment of the Debt, or otherwise.

| No. of Writs, &c. | Amount of Debt for which each Writ was issued |    |    | Arrested. | Not Arrested. | Committed to Gaol. | Bailed at once. | How long detained. | How Discharged.                             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----|----|-----------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|
|                   | £                                             | s. | d. |           |               |                    |                 |                    |                                             |
| 1                 | 27                                            | 0  | 0  | 1         | ...           | 1                  | ...             | 1 day              | Bailed.                                     |
| 2                 | 10                                            | 17 | 7  | 1         | ...           | 1                  | ...             | 16 do              | By Order of Plaintiff's Attorney.           |
| 3                 | 25                                            | 0  | 0  | 1         | ...           | 1                  | ...             | 6 do               | Escaped from Gaol.                          |
| 4                 | 38                                            | 1  | 1  | 1         | ...           | 1                  | ...             | 5 do               | By Order of Plaintiff's Attorney.           |
| 5                 | 10                                            | 18 | 9  | ...       | ...           | 1                  | ...             | ...                | ...                                         |
| 6                 | 13                                            | 10 | 0  | 1         | ...           | ...                | ...             | ...                | Discharged at once by Plaintiff's Attorney. |
| 7                 | 23                                            | 7  | 0  | ...       | ...           | 1                  | ...             | ...                | ...                                         |
| 8                 | 7                                             | 10 | 4  | 1         | ...           | 1                  | ...             | 30 days            | Attachment, Paid.                           |
| 9                 | 7                                             | 10 | 4  | 1         | ...           | 1                  | ...             | 30 do              | do, do.                                     |
| 10                | 7                                             | 10 | 4  | 1         | ...           | 1                  | ...             | 30 do              | do, do. } One man.                          |
| 11                | 7                                             | 10 | 4  | 1         | ...           | 1                  | ...             | 30 do              | do, do.                                     |
| 12                | 50                                            | 0  | 0  | 1         | ...           | 1                  | ...             | 1 do               | By Order of Plaintiff's Attorney.           |
| 13                | 83                                            | 6  | 2  | 1         | ...           | 1                  | ...             | 6 do               | do do do.                                   |
| 14                | 23                                            | 7  | 0  | ...       | ...           | 1                  | ...             | ...                | ...                                         |
| 15                | 38                                            | 8  | 11 | 1         | ...           | ...                | 1               | 1 do               | Bailed to the Limits.                       |
| 16                | 10                                            | 18 | 9  | 1         | ...           | 1                  | ...             | 3 do               | Paid Debt.                                  |
| 17                | 14                                            | 3  | 10 | 1         | ...           | ...                | ...             | ...                | By Order of Plaintiff.                      |
| 18                | 164                                           | 9  | 4  | 1         | ...           | 1                  | ...             | 2 days             | do do.                                      |
| 19                | 100                                           | 10 | 6  | 1         | ...           | ...                | 1               | ...                | On Bail.                                    |
| 20                | 14                                            | 0  | 0  | 1         | ...           | ...                | ...             | ...                | Settled by the Parties.                     |
| 21                | 17                                            | 0  | 0  | 1         | ...           | ...                | ...             | ...                | do do do.                                   |
| 22                | 10                                            | 5  | 0  | 1         | ...           | ...                | ...             | ...                | do do do. } One man.                        |
| 23                | 254                                           | 19 | 9  | ...       | ...           | 1                  | ...             | ...                | ...                                         |
| 24                | 32                                            | 9  | 5  | 1         | ...           | 1                  | ...             | 15 days            | Bailed to the Limits.                       |
| 25                | 41                                            | 10 | 0  | 1         | ...           | 1                  | ...             | 9 do               | By Order of Plaintiff's Attorney.           |
| 26                | 23                                            | 7  | 0  | ...       | ...           | 1                  | ...             | ...                | ...                                         |
| 27                | 18                                            | 12 | 0  | 1         | ...           | 1                  | ...             | 33 do              | do do do.                                   |
| 28                | 10                                            | 13 | 0  | 1         | ...           | 1                  | ...             | 46 do              | do do do.                                   |
| 29                | 10                                            | 10 | 0  | 1         | ...           | 1                  | ...             | 30 do              | do do do.                                   |
| 30                | 18                                            | 0  | 0  | 1         | ...           | ...                | 1               | ...                | Gave Bail.                                  |
| 31                | 22                                            | 0  | 0  | 1         | ...           | 1                  | ...             | 13 days            | By Order of Plaintiff's Attorney.           |
| 32                | 99                                            | 5  | 0  | ...       | ...           | 1                  | ...             | ...                | ...                                         |
| 33                | 400                                           | 0  | 0  | 1         | ...           | 1                  | ...             | 1 do               | Bailed.                                     |
| 34                | 12                                            | 18 | 10 | 1         | ...           | 1                  | ...             | 3 do               | By Order of Plaintiff's Attorney.           |
| 35                | 38                                            | 0  | 0  | 1         | ...           | 1                  | ...             | 6 do               | do do do.                                   |
| 36                | 10                                            | 5  | 0  | 1         | ...           | 1                  | ...             | 38 do              | do do do.                                   |



**No. 5.—RETURN of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS, issued in the COUNTY of CARLETON, since the first day of January, 1855, &c.—**  
(Continued.)

| No. of Writs, &c. | Amount of Debt for which each Writ was issued. |    |    | Arrested. | Not Arrested. | Committed to Gaol. | Bailed at once. | How long detained. | How Discharged.                   |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------|----|----|-----------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                   | £                                              | s. | d. |           |               |                    |                 |                    |                                   |
| 37                | 101                                            | 18 | 6  | 1         | .....         | 1                  | .....           | 7 days             | By Order of Plaintiff's Attorney. |
| 38                | 63                                             | 13 | 10 | 1         | .....         | 1                  | .....           | 6 do               | do do do.                         |
| 39                | 87                                             | 11 | 10 | .....     | 1             | .....              | .....           | .....              | .....                             |
| 40                | 38                                             | 1  | 1  | 1         | .....         | .....              | 1               | .....              | Bailed to the Limits.             |
| 41                | 37                                             | 10 | 0  | 1         | .....         | .....              | 1               | .....              | Special Bail.                     |
| 42                | 87                                             | 8  | 6  | 1         | .....         | .....              | 1               | .....              | Gave Bail.                        |
| 43                | 1231                                           | 5  | 0  | .....     | 1             | .....              | .....           | .....              | .....                             |
| 44                | 32                                             | 0  | 0  | 1         | .....         | 1                  | .....           | 35 days            | By Order of Plaintiff's Attorney. |
| 45                | 15                                             | 0  | 0  | 1         | .....         | 1                  | .....           | 1 do               | Bailed.                           |
| 46                | 22                                             | 15 | 0  | 1         | .....         | .....              | 1               | .....              | do.                               |
| 47                | 10                                             | 13 | 11 | 1         | .....         | 1                  | .....           | 2 days             | By Order of Plaintiff's Attorney. |
| 48                | 30                                             | 6  | 6  | 1         | .....         | .....              | 1               | .....              | On Bail.                          |
| 49                | 39                                             | 10 | 2  | 1         | .....         | .....              | 1               | .....              | Out on Bail.                      |
| 50                | 192                                            | 8  | 2  | 1         | .....         | .....              | 1               | .....              | Bailed to the Limits.             |
| 51                | 10                                             | 0  | 0  | 1         | .....         | .....              | 1               | .....              | Out on Bail.                      |
| 52                | 33                                             | 0  | 0  | 1         | .....         | 1                  | .....           | 6 days             | By Order of Plaintiff's Attorney. |
| 53                | 23                                             | 5  | 2  | .....     | 1             | .....              | .....           | .....              | .....                             |
| 54                | 19                                             | 12 | 8  | .....     | .....         | 1                  | .....           | 3 do               | Gave Bail.                        |
| 55                | 12                                             | 0  | 0  | 1         | .....         | 1                  | .....           | 96 do              | By Order of a Judge.              |
| 56                | 39                                             | 16 | 8  | 1         | .....         | .....              | .....           | .....              | Bail to the Limits.               |
| 57                | 11                                             | 5  | 0  | 1         | .....         | 1                  | .....           | 1 day              | Out on Bail.                      |
| 58                | 14                                             | 0  | 0  | 1         | .....         | 1                  | .....           | 1 do               | do do.                            |
| 59                | 10                                             | 15 | 0  | 1         | .....         | 1                  | .....           | 1 do               | Discharged on Bail.               |
| 60                | 13                                             | 18 | 0  | 1         | .....         | .....              | .....           | .....              | Paid Debt.                        |
| 61                | 30                                             | 3  | 0  | 1         | .....         | .....              | .....           | .....              | do.                               |
| 62                | 33                                             | 10 | 3  | 1         | .....         | .....              | 1               | .....              | Bailed to Limits.                 |
| 63                | 36                                             | 19 | 8  | 1         | .....         | .....              | 1               | .....              | do do.                            |
| 64                | 42                                             | 10 | 0  | 1         | .....         | .....              | 1               | .....              | do do.                            |
| 65                | 11                                             | 5  | 8  | 1         | .....         | .....              | 1               | .....              | On Bail.                          |
| 66                | 331                                            | 13 | 3  | 1         | .....         | 1                  | .....           | 105 days           | By Order of Judge McLean.         |
| 67                | 12                                             | 10 | 0  | 1         | .....         | .....              | .....           | .....              | Paid the Debt at once.            |
| 68                | 47                                             | 7  | 5  | 1         | .....         | .....              | .....           | .....              | Bailed to the Limits.             |
| 69                | 46                                             | 0  | 6  | 1         | .....         | .....              | .....           | .....              | do do.                            |
| 70                | 35                                             | 10 | 7  | 1         | .....         | .....              | .....           | .....              | Paid Debt and Costs.              |
| 71                | 140                                            | 0  | 0  | 1         | .....         | .....              | .....           | .....              | Settled with Plaintiff.           |
| 72                | 48                                             | 4  | 3  | 1         | .....         | .....              | .....           | .....              | Bailed to the Limits.             |
| 73                | 12                                             | 10 | 0  | 1         | .....         | .....              | 1               | .....              | On Bail.                          |
| 74                | 10                                             | 0  | 0  | .....     | 1             | .....              | .....           | .....              | .....                             |
| 75                | 51                                             | 18 | 0  | 1         | .....         | .....              | .....           | .....              | Bailed to Limits.                 |
| 76                | 47                                             | 12 | 0  | 1         | .....         | .....              | .....           | .....              | do do.                            |
| 77                | 55                                             | 13 | 9  | 1         | .....         | .....              | .....           | .....              | do do.                            |
| 78                | 10                                             | 17 | 0  | 1         | .....         | .....              | 1               | .....              | Gave Bail.                        |
| 79                | 10                                             | 5  | 0  | 1         | .....         | 1                  | .....           | 1 day              | do.                               |
| 80                | 24                                             | 15 | 4  | 1         | .....         | .....              | 1               | .....              | do.                               |
| 81                | 10                                             | 10 | 0  | 1         | .....         | .....              | 1               | 19 days            | On Special Bail.                  |
| 82                | 15                                             | 0  | 0  | .....     | .....         | .....              | .....           | .....              | Settled by the Parties.           |
| 83                | 29                                             | 17 | 6  | .....     | 1             | .....              | .....           | .....              | .....                             |
| 84                | 11                                             | 17 | 6  | 1         | .....         | 1                  | .....           | 55 days            | By Order of a Judge.              |
| 85                | 58                                             | 0  | 0  | 1         | .....         | 1                  | .....           | 1 do               | On Bail.                          |

**No. 5.**—RETURN of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS, issued in the COUNTY of CARLETON, since the first day of January, 1855, &c.—  
(Continued.)

| No. of Writs, &c. | Amount of Debt for which each Writ was issued. |    |    | Arrested. | Not Arrested. | Committed to Gaol. | Bailed at once. | How long detained. | How Discharged.                     |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------|----|----|-----------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                   | £                                              | s. | d. |           |               |                    |                 |                    |                                     |
| 86                | 47                                             | 18 | 11 | 1         | ...           | 1                  | ....            | 22 days .....      | By Order of Plaintiff.              |
| 87                | 44                                             | 17 | 3  | 1         | ....          | ....               | ....            | ....               | Paid Debt and Costs.                |
| 88                | 32                                             | 0  | 0  | 1         | ....          | 1                  | ....            | 3 days .....       | Certificate of Bail.                |
| 89                | 20                                             | 6  | 10 | 1         | ....          | 1                  | ....            | 7 do .....         | Bailed to Limits.                   |
| 90                | 23                                             | 3  | 0  | ....      | ....          | ....               | ....            | ....               | Deputation to Plaintiff's Attorney. |
| 91                | 31                                             | 0  | 0  | 1         | ....          | 1                  | 1               | ....               | On Bail.                            |
| 92                | 17                                             | 1  | 3  | 1         | ....          | 1                  | ....            | 2 days .....       | By Order of Plaintiff's Attorney.   |
| 93                | 22                                             | 0  | 0  | ....      | ....          | ....               | ....            | ....               | ....                                |
| 94                | 41                                             | 19 | 2  | 1         | ....          | 1                  | ....            | In Gaol.....       | Not Discharged.                     |
| 95                | 39                                             | 9  | 9  | 1         | ....          | 1                  | ....            | do .....           | do do.                              |
| 96                | 64                                             | 5  | 2  | ....      | 1             | ....               | ....            | ....               | ....                                |

Above, I have the honor to make a Return of Writs issued for the Arrest of Debtors. How far the Debts are paid or secured, in most instances, is not in my power to say, as I generally receive an Order from the Plaintiff or his Attorney, to discharge the Debtor from Custody, without assigning any cause therefor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient Servant,

SIMON FRASER,  
*Sheriff,*  
*County of Carleton.*

The Honorable T. LEE TERRILL,  
Provincial Secretary,  
&c., &c., &c.,  
Toronto.

## No. 6.

OTTAWA, May 16th, 1857.

Sir,—I have the honor to present the Return, required in your letter of the 8th instant.

Previous to the coming into operation of the Common Law Procedure Act, Writs of *Capias ad Respondendum* were issued by Commissioners in the Queen's Bench.

Few of them were ever returned to the Office, or even handed to the Sheriff, the demands being met upon execution of the Writ in most instances. In the Queen's Bench and Common Pleas the Judgment Papers have been registered in Toronto, up to the 25th August, 1856.

From the 1st January, 1855, to the 25th August, 1856, there would appear to have been 71 Writs of *Ca. Re.* and *Ca. Sa.* issued in the County Court, from this Office, and in the Queen's Bench and Common Pleas, about 15.

From the 25th August, 1856, to the 1st May, 1857, the following Writs have been issued in each Court:—

## County Court.

| STYLE OF CAUSE.                      | Amount. |    |    |
|--------------------------------------|---------|----|----|
|                                      | £       | s. | d. |
| Morland, vs. Hanly .....             | 37      | 8  | 2  |
| Tobin, vs. Barber .....              | 12      | 10 | 0  |
| Mortimer, vs. Bullis .....           | 10      | 0  | 0  |
| Craig, vs. Drummond .....            | 12      | 0  | 0  |
| Bower, et al., vs. McCabe .....      | 26      | 13 | 10 |
| Patterson, vs. Buck .....            | 38      | 10 | 7  |
| Robinson, et al., vs. Berichon ..... | 52      | 18 | 6  |
| Robinson, et al., vs. Berichon ..... | 54      | 18 | 0  |
| Grinion, vs. Payment .....           | 10      | 4  | 1  |
| Proud, et al., vs. Payment .....     | 41      | 9  | 6  |
| Graville, vs. O'Connor .....         | 13      | 19 | 3  |
| McNab, vs. McDonald .....            | 10      | 0  | 0  |
| Heny, vs. Chamberlain .....          | 10      | 17 | 0  |
| Edwards, vs. Lapine .....            | 10      | 5  | 0  |
| Lonx, vs. McGuire .....              | 24      | 15 | 4  |
| Stockdale, vs. Delancet .....        | 10      | 10 | 0  |
| Beal, vs. Leyden .....               | 41      | 16 | 2  |
| Summer, vs. Clarke .....             | 58      | 0  | 0  |
| Heny, vs. Mahon .....                | 29      | 17 | 6  |
| Morrison, vs. Lang .....             | 15      | 0  | 0  |
| Moers, vs. Lang .....                | 10      | 1  | 9  |
| Lonx, vs. Lang .....                 | 10      | 19 | 4½ |
| Griffin, vs. Bergin .....            | 10      | 17 | 6  |
| Currier, et al., vs. Burrows .....   | 21      | 19 | 0  |
| Goode, vs. Mahony .....              | 24      | 15 | 0  |
| Currier, et al., vs. Campbell .....  | 11      | 16 | 11 |
| Cutler, vs. Bouchette .....          | 32      | 0  | 0  |
| Parent, vs. Larose .....             | 17      | 1  | 8  |

No. 6.—From the 25th August, 1856, to the 1st May, 1857, the following Writs have been issued in each Court.—(Continued.)

**Common Pleas.**

| STYLE OF CAUSE.            | Amount. |    |    |
|----------------------------|---------|----|----|
|                            | £       | s. | d. |
| Summer, vs. Edwards .....  | 18      | 19 | 0  |
| Lyon, vs. Arthur .....     | 83      | 0  | 0  |
| McElroy, vs. Kirriman..... | 23      | 3  | 0  |
| Farley, vs. Prithero ..... | 103     | 11 | 0  |

**Queen's Bench.**

|                                |     |   |   |
|--------------------------------|-----|---|---|
| McGillvery, vs. Stillman ..... | 140 | 0 | 0 |
| Morrisey, vs. McVey .....      | 25  | 0 | 0 |
| McElroy, vs. Robson .....      | 15  | 0 | 0 |

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

HENRY O'NEIL, C.C.C.,  
County of Carleton.

Honorable T. LEE TERRILL,  
Provincial Secretary,  
Toronto.

**No. 7.**

RETURN shewing the Number of WRITS issued in the COUNTY of ELGIN, for the Arrest of DEBTORS, since the first of January, 1855; the Amount of the Debt for which each Writ was issued; whether or not Arrest was made; whether or not the party was committed to Gaol; how long he was detained in Gaol; and whether finally discharged by payment of the Debt, or otherwise.

| Name of Debtor, or Style of Suit. | Nature of Writ. | Amount of Debt. |    |    | Whether Arrested. | Whether Committed. | How long detained in Gaol. | Whether Discharged by payment of Debt. |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----|----|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                   |                 | £               | s. | d. |                   |                    |                            |                                        |
| Smith, vs. Buckridge.....         | <i>Capias</i>   | 86              | 12 | 9½ | Yes ..            | Yes ..             | 2 days ..                  | On Bail.                               |
| Cook, vs. Rutledge .....          | <i>do</i>       | 38              | 11 | 3  | do ..             | No ..              | .....                      | do.                                    |
| White, et al., vs. Hull .....     | <i>do</i>       | 19              | 0  | 0  |                   |                    |                            |                                        |

**No. 7.**—RETURN shewing the Number of WRITS issued in the COUNTY of ELGIN, for the Arrest of DEBTORS, since the first of January, 1855, &c.—(Continued.)

| Name of Debtor, or Style of Suit.      | Nature of Writ. | Amount of Debt. |    |    | Whether Arrested. | Whether Committed. | How long detained in Gaol. | Whether Discharged by payment of Debt. |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----|----|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                        |                 | £               | s. | d. |                   |                    |                            |                                        |
| Ault, vs. Marlatt .....                | <i>Capias</i>   | 65              | 3  | 3  | Yes ..            | No ..              | On Bail.                   |                                        |
| Reid, et al., vs. Hayword, et al. .... | do              | 25              | 8  | 3  | do ..             | do ..              | Paid.                      |                                        |
| Rule, vs. Robb .....                   | do              | 23              | 16 | 11 | do ..             | do ..              | On Bail.                   |                                        |
| Hume, vs. Gillet .....                 | do              | 29              | 6  | 0  | do ..             | do ..              | Paid.                      |                                        |
| Green, vs. Barrett .....               | do              | 21              | 17 | 2  | No.               |                    |                            |                                        |
| Smith, vs. Graham .....                | <i>Ca. Sa.</i>  | 190             | 0  | 0  | Yes ..            | Yes ..             | 44 days .. do.             |                                        |
| Little, vs. Norton .....               | <i>Capias</i>   | 50              | 0  | 0  | do ..             | No ..              | On Bail.                   |                                        |
| Coyne, vs. Sheridan .....              | <i>Ca. Sa.</i>  | 84              | 0  | 0  | do ..             | Yes ..             | 151 days .. Settled.       |                                        |
| Brown, vs. Brown .....                 | <i>Capias</i>   | 102             | 10 | 0  | No.               |                    |                            |                                        |
| Routh, et al., vs. Doud .....          | do              | 42              | 0  | 0  | Yes ..            | No ..              | On Bail.                   |                                        |
| Brown, vs. Pringle .....               | do              | 31              | 15 | 0  | do ..             | do ..              | do.                        |                                        |
| Harnett, vs. Mc arthy .....            | do              | 107             | 14 | 5  | do ..             | Yes ..             | 2 days .. do.              |                                        |
| Wilson vs. Williams .....              | do              | 15              | 0  | 0  | do ..             | No ..              | Bail.                      |                                        |
| Johnson, vs. Tisdale, et al. ....      | do              | 100             | 0  | 0  | do ..             | Yes ..             | 28 days .. do.             |                                        |
| Titus, vs. Hollowood .....             | <i>Ca. Sa.</i>  | 99              | 17 | 4  | do ..             | do ..              | 58 do .. Paid.             |                                        |
| Merril, vs. Tisdale, et al. ....       | do              | 125             | 0  | 0  | do ..             |                    | Bail.                      |                                        |
| Kerr, et al., vs. Walsh, et al. ....   | <i>Capias</i>   | 100             | 0  | 0  | do ..             |                    | do.                        |                                        |
| Francis, vs. McKenzie .....            | <i>Ca. Sa.</i>  | 127             | 0  | 0  | do ..             |                    | do.                        |                                        |
| White, et al., vs. Chase .....         | <i>Capias</i>   | 19              | 16 | 10 | do ..             | No ..              | On Bail.                   |                                        |
| Francis, vs. Moore .....               | do              | 107             | 0  | 0  | do ..             | do ..              | do.                        |                                        |
| Knight, vs. Misner .....               | do              | 50              | 0  | 0  | No.               |                    |                            |                                        |
| Mitchell, vs. Elliot, et al. ....      | do              | 72              | 15 | 6  | do.               |                    |                            |                                        |
| Askell, vs. Mitchell .....             | <i>Ca. Sa.</i>  | 154             | 4  | 4  | Yes ..            | do ..              | Settled.                   |                                        |
| Gilders, vs. Jackson .....             | do              | 25              | 0  | 0  | do ..             | Yes ..             | 2 days .. On Bail.         |                                        |
| Payson, vs. Conrad .....               | <i>Capias</i>   | 50              | 0  | 0  | do ..             | No ..              | do.                        |                                        |
| Henderson, vs. Little .....            | do              | 50              | 10 | 0  | do ..             | do ..              | do.                        |                                        |
| Haight, vs. Waddel .....               | do              | 25              | 0  | 0  | do ..             | do ..              | do.                        |                                        |
| Warren, vs. Wade, et al. ....          | do              | 50              | 12 | 1  | do ..             | Yes ..             | 6 days .. do.              |                                        |
| Askell, vs. McCally .....              | do              | 60              | 14 | 10 | do ..             | No ..              | do.                        |                                        |
| Molson, vs. Jackson .....              | <i>Ca. Sa.</i>  | 108             | 0  | 0  | do ..             | Yes ..             | 2 days .. do.              |                                        |
| Coyle, vs. Chase .....                 | <i>Capias</i>   | 39              | 8  | 6  | do ..             | No ..              | do.                        |                                        |
| Hutchison, vs. Sheridan .....          | do              | 75              | 8  | 0  | do ..             | Yes ..             | 151 days .. Settled.       |                                        |
| Clairs, et al., vs. Wilson .....       | do              | 11              | 3  | 6  | do ..             | No ..              | On Bail.                   |                                        |
| Fraser, vs. Burs. ....                 | <i>Ca. Sa.</i>  | 192             | 7  | 6  | do ..             | do ..              | do.                        |                                        |
| Ross, vs. Drope .....                  | <i>Capias</i>   | 78              | 4  | 10 | do ..             | do ..              | do.                        |                                        |
| Wood, et al., vs. Jackson .....        | <i>Ca. Sa.</i>  | 130             | 2  | 6  | do ..             | Yes ..             | 2 days .. do.              |                                        |
| Adams, vs. Thompson .....              | <i>Capias</i>   | 88              | 6  | 8  | do ..             | No ..              | do.                        |                                        |
| Chambers, vs. Tisdale .....            | do              | 60              | 0  | 0  | do ..             | Yes ..             | 23 days .. do.             |                                        |
| Thompson, vs. Houghton .....           | do              | 41              | 7  | 7  | No.               |                    |                            |                                        |
| Riley, vs. Smith .....                 | do              | 100             | 0  | 0  | do.               |                    |                            |                                        |
| Chambers, vs. Tisdale .....            | <i>Ca. Sa.</i>  | 32              | 10 | 0  | Yes ..            | No ..              | do.                        |                                        |
| Merrill, vs. Tisdale .....             | do              | 80              | 0  | 0  | do ..             | do ..              | do.                        |                                        |
| White, et al., vs. Freeman .....       | <i>Capias</i>   | 28              | 13 | 4  | do ..             |                    | Paid.                      |                                        |
| Adams, vs. Freeman .....               | do              | 96              | 18 | 6  | do ..             |                    | do.                        |                                        |
| McCaully, vs. François .....           | <i>Ca. Sa.</i>  | 53              | 12 | 4  | do ..             |                    | do.                        |                                        |
| Cook, vs. Perry .....                  | <i>Capias</i>   | 15              | 10 | 0  | No.               |                    |                            |                                        |
| Roe, et al., vs. Elliot .....          | do              | 28              | 13 | 4  | do.               |                    |                            |                                        |
| Jeffrey, vs. Sweetapple .....          | do              | 71              | 12 | 4  | Yes ..            | No ..              | On Bail.                   |                                        |
| McThomas, vs. Sweetapple .....         | do              | 98              | 6  | 9  | do ..             | do ..              | do.                        |                                        |
| Kerr, et al., vs. Storry .....         | do              | 22              | 11 | 0  | do ..             | do ..              | do.                        |                                        |

**No. 7.**—RETURN shewing the Number of WRITS issued in the COUNTY of ELGIN, for the Arrest of DEBTORS, since the first of January, 1855, &c.—(Continued.)

| Name of Debtor, or Style of Suit. | Nature of Writ. | Amount of Debt. |    |    | Whether Arrested. | Whether Committed. | How long detained in Gaol. | Whether Discharged by payment of Debt. |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----|----|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                   |                 | £               | s. | d. |                   |                    |                            |                                        |
| Morgan, vs. Grant                 | <i>Capias</i>   | 50              | 0  | 0  | Yes               | No                 |                            | Gave Bail.                             |
| Hutchison, vs. Atkins             | <i>do</i>       | 121             | 18 | 10 | do                | do                 |                            | do.                                    |
| Duncombe, vs. Blackwood           | <i>do</i>       | 225             | 6  | 8  | do                | Yes                | 25 days                    | Not Discharged.                        |
| Howard, vs. Blackwood             | <i>do</i>       | 100             | 0  | 0  | do                | do                 | 2 do                       | do.                                    |
| Gustin, vs. Collins               | <i>do</i>       | 30              | 0  | 0  | do                | No                 |                            | Gave Bail.                             |
| Craudle, vs. Beemer               | <i>do</i>       | 31              | 10 | 0  | do                | do                 |                            | do.                                    |
| U. R. Co., vs. Tomlinson          | <i>do</i>       | 19              | 0  | 0  | do                | do                 |                            | do.                                    |
| Cakins, vs. Parler                | <i>do</i>       | 25              | 0  | 0  | do                | do                 |                            | do.                                    |
| B. & Pt. B. Co., vs. Answeld      | <i>do</i>       | 35              | 7  | 5  | do                | Yes                | 31 days                    | Paid.                                  |
| do do, vs. Buger                  | <i>do</i>       | 27              | 0  | 0  | do                | No                 |                            | Gave Bail.                             |
| Hall, vs. Noal                    | <i>do</i>       | 28              | 12 | 5  | No.               |                    |                            |                                        |
| Smith, vs. Stitwell               | <i>do</i>       | 23              | 5  | 0  | Yes               | do                 |                            | do.                                    |
| Moore, vs. Miller                 | <i>do</i>       | 25              | 0  | 0  | do                | do                 |                            | do.                                    |
| Glass, vs. Reynolds               | <i>Ca. Sa.</i>  | 41              | 8  | 6  | No.               |                    |                            |                                        |
| Williams, vs. Bodman              | <i>Capias</i>   | 20              | 0  | 0  | Yes               | do                 |                            | do.                                    |
| McKenzie, vs. Little              | <i>do</i>       | 12              | 11 | 3  | do                | do                 |                            | do.                                    |
| White, et al., vs. Johnson        | <i>do</i>       | 15              | 2  | 4  | do                | do                 |                            | Paid.                                  |
| Smith, vs. Marlatt                | <i>do</i>       | 56              | 3  | 0  | do                | do                 |                            | Gave Bail.                             |
| Collins, vs. Marlatt              | <i>do</i>       | 12              | 10 | 0  | do                | do                 |                            | do.                                    |
| Smith, vs. Barnes                 | <i>do</i>       | 30              | 0  | 0  | No.               |                    |                            |                                        |
| White, et al., vs. Young          | <i>do</i>       | 30              | 0  | 0  | Yes               | do                 |                            | Paid.                                  |
| Wilson, vs. Hall                  | <i>do</i>       | 27              | 10 | 0  | do                | do                 |                            | do.                                    |
| White, et al., vs. Howe           | <i>do</i>       | 87              | 16 | 0  | do                | Yes                | 8 days                     | Gave Bail.                             |
| Batt, vs. McDougald               | <i>do</i>       | 14              | 18 | 10 | do                | No                 |                            | Paid.                                  |
| McPherson, vs. McDougald          | <i>do</i>       | 13              | 5  | 0  | do                | do                 |                            | do.                                    |
| Claris, et al., vs. Mitchell      | <i>do</i>       | 11              | 0  | 0  | No.               |                    |                            |                                        |
| Black, vs. Howarth                | <i>do</i>       | 26              | 0  | 0  | Yes               | do                 | 8 days                     | do.                                    |
| Drake, vs. Howarth                | <i>do</i>       | 21              | 0  | 0  | do                | do                 |                            | do.                                    |
| Parler, vs. O'Connell             | <i>do</i>       | 22              | 0  | 0  | do                | Yes                | 74 days                    | do.                                    |
| Sutherland, vs. Udell             | <i>do</i>       | 15              | 16 | 0  | do                | No                 |                            | do.                                    |
| Smith, vs. Cogswell               | <i>do</i>       | 17              | 5  | 7  | do                | do                 |                            | Gave Bail.                             |
| Stewart, vs. Gumsey               | <i>do</i>       | 40              | 0  | 0  | do                | do                 |                            | do.                                    |
| Pt. B. Hr. Co., vs. Miller        | <i>do</i>       | 32              | 0  | 0  | do                | No                 |                            | do.                                    |
| Womacott, vs. Hunt                | <i>do</i>       | 19              | 2  | 10 | do                | do                 |                            | do.                                    |
| Leach, vs. Tinnevell              | <i>do</i>       | 10              | 5  | 0  | do                | do                 |                            | Paid.                                  |
| Cassidy, vs. Sheridon             | <i>do</i>       | 25              | 0  | 0  | do                | Yes                | 120 days                   | Settled.                               |
| Luke, vs. Shindon                 | <i>do</i>       | 16              | 10 | 0  | do                | do                 | 102 do                     | do.                                    |
| Moore, vs. Cross                  | <i>do</i>       | 32              | 0  | 0  | do                | No                 |                            | Gave Bail.                             |
| Foot, vs. McIntosh                | <i>do</i>       | 20              | 12 | 6  | do                | do                 |                            | do.                                    |
| Smith, vs. McIntosh               | <i>do</i>       | 12              | 0  | 0  | do                | do                 |                            | do.                                    |
| Cook, vs. Huffman                 | <i>do</i>       | 50              | 0  | 0  | do                | do                 |                            | do.                                    |
| Harnell, vs. Quigley              | <i>do</i>       | 23              | 10 | 0  | do                | Yes                | 16 days                    | Paid.                                  |
| Chandler, vs. Houghton            | <i>do</i>       | 15              | 0  | 0  | No.               |                    |                            |                                        |
| Lawson, et al., vs. Hollowood     | <i>do</i>       | 36              | 10 | 0  | Yes               | No                 |                            | Gave Bail.                             |
| Drake, vs. Pringle                | <i>do</i>       | 10              | 19 | 2  | do                | do                 |                            | Paid.                                  |
| Fowler, vs. McQueen               | <i>do</i>       | 11              | 12 | 0  | do                | do                 |                            | Gave Bail.                             |
| Park, vs. Hollowood               | <i>do</i>       | 45              | 2  | 2  | do                | do                 |                            | do.                                    |
| Roe, et al., vs. Box              | <i>do</i>       | 20              | 0  | 0  | do                | do                 |                            | Paid.                                  |
| Miller, vs. Marlatt               | <i>do</i>       | 68              | 11 | 3  | do                | do                 |                            | Gave Bail.                             |
| Claris, et al., vs. Ellison       | <i>do</i>       | 41              | 7  | 7  | do                | do                 |                            | Paid.                                  |

**No. 7.**—RETURN shewing the Number of WRITS issued in the COUNTY of ELGIN, for the Arrest of DEBTORS, since the first of January, 1855, &c.—(Continued.)

| Name of Debtor, or Style of Suit.               | Nature of Writ. | Amount of Debt. |    |    | Whether Arrested. | Whether Committed. | How long detained in Gaol. | Whether Discharged by payment of Debt. |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----|----|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                                 |                 | £               | s. | d. |                   |                    |                            |                                        |
| Ball, <i>vs.</i> Whitney .....                  | <i>Capias</i>   | 14              | 1  | 1  | Yes ..            | No ..              | .....                      | Gave Bail.                             |
| Jones, <i>vs.</i> Cutler .....                  | <i>do</i>       | 13              | 9  | 6  | do ..             | do ..              | .....                      | do.                                    |
| McNaughton, <i>vs.</i> Hazen .....              | <i>do</i>       | 20              | 2  | 7  | do ..             | do ..              | .....                      | do.                                    |
| Thayer, <i>vs.</i> Dilts .....                  | <i>do</i>       | 13              | 10 | 9  | do ..             | do ..              | .....                      | do.                                    |
| Chambers, <i>vs.</i> Flanagan .....             | <i>do</i>       | 16              | 8  | 0  | No.               |                    |                            |                                        |
| Binar, <i>vs.</i> Young .....                   | <i>do</i>       | 25              | 0  | 0  | Yes ..            | do ..              | .....                      | do.                                    |
| Hodge, <i>vs.</i> McFadder .....                | <i>do</i>       | 15              | 0  | 0  | do ..             | Yes ..             | 2 days ..                  | Paid.                                  |
| King, <i>vs.</i> Henington .....                | <i>do</i>       | 16              | 0  | 0  | do ..             | No ..              | .....                      | do.                                    |
| Vanwickler, <i>vs.</i> Henington .....          | <i>do</i>       | 25              | 11 | 0  | do ..             | do ..              | .....                      | do.                                    |
| King, <i>vs.</i> Hazen .....                    | <i>do</i>       | 13              | 15 | 0  | do ..             | do ..              | .....                      | Gave Bail.                             |
| McCausland, <i>vs.</i> Wiley .....              | <i>do</i>       | 18              | 0  | 0  | do ..             | do ..              | .....                      | Paid.                                  |
| Duncombe, <i>vs.</i> Lions .....                | <i>do</i>       | 17              | 9  | 8  | do ..             | Yes ..             | 2 days ..                  | do.                                    |
| Duncombe, <i>vs.</i> Lions .....                | <i>do</i>       | 12              | 15 | 9  | do ..             | do ..              | 2 do ..                    | do.                                    |
| McKillop, <i>vs.</i> Henington .....            | <i>do</i>       | 13              | 8  | 6  | do ..             | No ..              | .....                      | do.                                    |
| Laing, <i>vs.</i> Dawson .....                  | <i>do</i>       | 15              | 19 | 10 | do ..             | Yes ..             | 6 days ..                  | do.                                    |
| Grobb, <i>vs.</i> Luvis .....                   | <i>do</i>       | 12              | 0  | 0  | do ..             | No ..              | .....                      | do.                                    |
| Mitchell, <i>vs.</i> Dewar .....                | <i>do</i>       | 17              | 11 | 6  | do ..             | do ..              | .....                      | Gave Bail.                             |
| Davidson, <i>vs.</i> Brown .....                | <i>do</i>       | 49              | 0  | 0  | do ..             | do ..              | .....                      | do.                                    |
| Sills, <i>vs.</i> Shaw, <i>et al.</i> .....     | <i>do</i>       | 19              | 10 | 0  | No.               |                    |                            |                                        |
| Cakins, <i>vs.</i> Woolver .....                | <i>do</i>       | 19              | 9  | 4  | Yes ..            | do ..              | .....                      | Paid.                                  |
| Partridge, <i>vs.</i> Blackwood .....           | <i>do</i>       | 50              | 0  | 0  | do ..             | Yes ..             | 25 days ..                 | Not Discharged.                        |
| Roe, <i>et al.</i> , <i>vs.</i> Blackwood ..... | <i>do</i>       | 32              | 10 | 0  | do ..             | do ..              | 23 do ..                   | do.                                    |
| Mitchell, <i>vs.</i> Millard .....              | <i>do</i>       | 40              | 8  | 0  | do ..             | do ..              | 16 do ..                   | Gave Bail.                             |
| Burwell, <i>vs.</i> Blackwood .....             | <i>do</i>       | 30              | 0  | 0  | do ..             | do ..              | 24 do ..                   | Not Discharged.                        |

JOHN MUNRO,  
*Sheriff.*

SHERIFF'S OFFICE,

St. Thomas, 15th May, 1857.

## No. 8.

RETURN shewing the Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS, issued from the OFFICE of the CLERK of the COUNTY COURT of the COUNTY of ELGIN, and that of the Deputy Clerk of the Crown for the same County, since the first day of January, A.D., 1855.

## 1st.—Writs issued in the County Court.

| Date of issuing Writ. |          | STYLE o f C A U S E .         | Amount of Debt. |    |    |
|-----------------------|----------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----|----|
|                       |          |                               | £               | s. | d. |
| February              | 26, 1855 | Gustin, vs. Collins           | 80              | 0  | 0  |
| March                 | 21, do   | Craudell, vs. Bemer           | 31              | 10 | 0  |
| do                    | 29, do   | Union R. Co., vs. Tomlinson   | 19              | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | 28, do   | Eakins, et al., vs. Parlee    | 25              | 0  | 0  |
| April                 | 3, do    | Bayham R. Co., vs. Oswald     | 21              | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | 14, do   | Skew, vs. Ferguson            | 35              | 7  | 5  |
| May                   | 3, do    | Hall, vs. Knoll               | 28              | 12 | 5  |
| do                    | do, do   | Smith, vs. Stillwell          | 23              | 5  | 0  |
| do                    | 2, do    | Moore, vs. Miller             | 25              | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | 21, do   | Glass, vs. Reynolds           | 41              | 8  | 0  |
| June                  | 5, do    | Williams, vs. Bodman          | 20              | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | do, do   | McKenzie, vs. Little          | 12              | 11 | 3  |
| do                    | 22, do   | White, et al., vs. Johnson    | 15              | 2  | 4  |
| July                  | 10, do   | Smith, et al., vs. Marlatt    | 50              | 6  | 3  |
| August                | 14, do   | Smith, vs. Stillwell          | 24              | 15 | 7  |
| do                    | 18, do   | Collins, vs. Marlatt          | 12              | 10 | 0  |
| do                    | 24, do   | Smith, vs. Barnes             | 80              | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | 28, do   | White, et al., vs. Young      | 80              | 0  | 0  |
| September             | 24, do   | Wilson, vs. Hall              | 27              | 10 | 0  |
| October               | 27, do   | White, et al., vs. Howe       | 87              | 16 | 0  |
| do                    | 31, do   | Batt, vs. McDougald           | 14              | 18 | 10 |
| do                    | do, do   | McPherson, vs. McDougald      | 13              | 5  | 0  |
| November              | 10, do   | Claris, et al., vs. Mitchell  | 11              | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | 19, do   | Black, vs. Howarth            | 26              | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | 20, do   | Drake, vs. Howarth            | 21              | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | 22, do   | Parlee, vs. O'Connell         | 22              | 0  | 0  |
| December              | 24, do   | Sutherland, et al., vs. Udell | 15              | 16 | 0  |
| January               | 7, 1856  | Smith, vs. Cogswell           | 17              | 5  | 7  |
| do                    | 11, do   | Stewart, vs. Garnsey          | 40              | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | 18, do   | Pt. Bruce Co., vs. Miller     | 82              | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | 19, do   | Wonnokott, vs. Hart           | 19              | 2  | 11 |
| February              | 21, do   | Leech, vs. Timewell           | 10              | 5  | 0  |
| do                    | 23, do   | Cassidy, vs. Sheridan         | 25              | 0  | 0  |
| March                 | 6, do    | Luke, vs. Sheridan            | 16              | 10 | 0  |
| do                    | 13, do   | Moore, vs. Cross              | 32              | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | 26, do   | Foot, vs. McIntosh            | 20              | 12 | 8  |
| do                    | do, do   | Smith, vs. McIntosh           | 12              | 0  | 0  |
| April                 | 1, do    | Cook, vs. Huffman             | 50              | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | 10, do   | Harnett, vs. Quigley          | 23              | 10 | 0  |
| do                    | 26, do   | Chandler, vs. Houghton        | 15              | 0  | 0  |
| May                   | 10, do   | Lawson, et al., vs. Hollowood | 36              | 10 | 0  |
| June                  | 9, do    | Drake, vs. Pringle            | 10              | 19 | 2  |



No. 8.—RETURN shewing the Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS, issued from the OFFICE of the CLERK of the COUNTY COURT of the COUNTY of ELGIN, &c.—(Continued.)

1st.—WRITS issued in the COUNTY COURT.—(Continued.)

| Date of issuing Writ. |          | STYLE OF CAUSE.                | Amount of Debt. |    |    |
|-----------------------|----------|--------------------------------|-----------------|----|----|
|                       |          |                                | £               | s. | d. |
| June                  | 19, 1856 | Fowler, vs. McQueen            | 11              | 12 | 0  |
| do                    | 5, do    | Parke, vs. Hollowood           | 45              | 2  | 0  |
| do                    | 27, do   | Roe, et al., vs. Box, et al.   | 25              | 0  | 0  |
| July                  | 20, do   | Newton, vs. Shaw, et al.       | 15              | 9  | 4  |
| August                | 12, do   | White, vs. Blackmore           | 53              | 18 | 8  |
| do                    | 5, do    | McCausland, vs. O'Reilly       | 24              | 11 | 3  |
| do                    | 21, do   | Carruthers, vs. Frederick      | 11              | 14 | 7  |
| September             | 27, do   | Miller, vs. Marlatt            | 68              | 11 | 3  |
| October               | 2, do    | Claris, et al., vs. Ellison    | 41              | 7  | 7  |
| do                    | 28, do   | Ball, vs. Whitney              | 14              | 1  | 1  |
| do                    | 13, do   | Jones, et al., vs. Cutler      | 13              | 9  | 6  |
| do                    | 18, do   | McNaughton, vs. Hazen          | 17              | 10 | 0  |
| do                    | 27, do   | Hatch, vs. Grey                | 20              | 2  | 7  |
| do                    | 29, do   | Thayer, vs. Dilts              | 13              | 10 | 9  |
| November              | 1, do    | Chambers, vs. Flanagan         | 16              | 3  | 0  |
| do                    | 12, do   | Benner, vs. Young              | 25              | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | 14, do   | Hodge, vs. McFadden            | 15              | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | 17, do   | King, vs. Hazen                | 16              | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | 18, do   | Vanwicklin, vs. Herrington     | 25              | 11 | 0  |
| do                    | do, do   | Ginsbeck, vs. Houghton         | 30              | 0  | 0  |
| December              | 12, do   | King, vs. Hazen                | 13              | 15 | 0  |
| do                    | 16, do   | White, et al., vs. Misener     | 16              | 17 | 4  |
| do                    | 19, do   | McCausland, vs. Miley          | 18              | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | 27, do   | Duncombe, vs. Lyons            | 17              | 9  | 8  |
| do                    | do, do   | Duncombe, vs. Lyons            | 12              | 15 | 9  |
| January               | 5, 1857  | Ross, vs. Taylor, et al.       | 31              | 3  | 5  |
| do                    | 20, do   | McKillop, vs. Herrington       | 13              | 8  | 6  |
| do                    | 6, do    | Laing, vs. Dawson, et al.      | 15              | 19 | 10 |
| February              | 7, do    | Smith, vs. Walker              | 16              | 17 | 6  |
| do                    | 27, do   | Grobb, vs. Lewis               | 12              | 0  | 0  |
| March                 | 2, do    | Mitchell, vs. Walker           | 10              | 12 | 6  |
| do                    | 4, do    | Mitchell, vs. Dewar            | 17              | 11 | 6  |
| do                    | 5, do    | Davidson, vs. Brown            | 49              | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | 6, do    | Sells, vs. Shaw, et al.        | 19              | 10 | 0  |
| do                    | 24, do   | Eakins, vs. Woolever           | 19              | 9  | 4  |
| do                    | 31, do   | Eakins, vs. Peck               | 47              | 5  | 0  |
| April                 | 14, do   | Harris, vs. Brown              | 47              | 0  | 4  |
| do                    | 22, do   | Partridge, vs. Blackwood       | 50              | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | 23, do   | Roe, et al., vs. Blackwood     | 32              | 10 | 0  |
| do                    | do, do   | Mitchell, vs. Millard          | 40              | 8  | 0  |
| do                    | 24, do   | Burwell, vs. Blackwood         | 30              | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | 29, do   | Morgan, vs. Herrington, et al. | 50              | 0  | 0  |

I Certify the foregoing to be a true Return, to the best of my knowledge:

PETER MURTAGH,  
Clerk, County Court,  
County of Elgin.

**No. 8.**—RETURN shewing the Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS, issued from the OFFICE of the CLERK of the COUNTY COURT of the COUNTY of ELGIN, &c.—(Continued.)

**2nd.—Return,—Writs issued in the Court of Queen's Bench.**

| Date of issuing Writ. |          | STYLE OF CAUSE.                   | Amount of Debt. |    |    |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----|----|
|                       |          |                                   | £               | s. | d. |
| March                 | 2, 1855  | Smith, vs. Buckridge              | 36              | 12 | 9½ |
| do                    | 29, do   | Cook, vs. Rutledge                | 38              | 11 | 8  |
| May                   | 7, do    | Ault, vs. Marlatt                 | 65              | 8  | 8  |
| do                    | 21, do   | White, et al., vs. Hall           | 19              | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | 23, do   | Reid, et al., vs. Hayward, et al. | 25              | 8  | 8  |
| July                  | 31, do   | Rule, vs. Robb                    | 23              | 16 | 11 |
| September             | 12, do   | Hume, vs. Gillett                 | 29              | 6  | 9  |
| November              | 13, do   | Green, vs. Barrett                | 21              | 17 | 2  |
| do                    | 29, do   | Smith, vs. Graham                 | 190             | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | 19, do   | Little, vs. Norton                | 50              | 0  | 0  |
| January               | 18, 1856 | Coyne, vs. Sheridan               | 84              | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | do, do   | Brown, vs. Brown                  | 102             | 10 | 0  |
| do                    | 28, do   | Routh, et al., vs. Doud           | 42              | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | 31, do   | Brown, vs. Pringle                | 81              | 15 | 0  |
| February              | 1, do    | Harnett, vs. McCarthy             | 107             | 14 | 5  |
| March                 | 18, do   | Wilson, vs. Williams              | 15              | 0  | 0  |
| April                 | 23, do   | Johnson, vs. Tisdale, et al.      | 100             | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | do, do   | Titus, vs. Hollowood, et al.      | 99              | 17 | 4  |
| do                    | 25, do   | Merritt, vs. Tisdale, et al.      | 125             | 0  | 0  |
| May                   | 20, do   | Kerr, et al., vs. Walshc, et al.  | 100             | 0  | 0  |
| August                | 2, do    | Tirrells, vs. Orr                 | 79              | 6  | 7  |
| do                    | 20, do   | Francis, vs. McKenzie             | 127             | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | 29, do   | White, et al., vs. Chase          | 19              | 16 | 10 |
| September             | 4, do    | Francis, vs. Moore                | 127             | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | 5, do    | Knight, vs. Misener               | 50              | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | 24, do   | Mitchell, vs. Elliot, et al.      | 72              | 15 | 6  |
| October               | do, do   | Arkell, vs. Mitchell              | 154             | 9  | 4  |
| December              | 2, do    | Scovell, et al., vs. Trefry       | 11              | 6  | 0  |
| January               | 14, 1857 | Gilders, vs. Jackson              | 25              | 0  | 0  |
| February              | 4, do    | Payson, vs. Conrad                | 50              | 0  | 0  |
| do                    | 7, do    | Henderson, vs. Little             | 50              | 10 | 0  |
| do                    | 24, do   | Haight, vs. Waddell               | 25              | 0  | 0  |

I Certify the above to be a true Return, to the best of my knowledge.

PETER MURTAGH,  
Deputy Clerk of the Crown and Pleas,  
County of Elgin.

**No. 8.**—RETURN shewing the Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS, issued from the OFFICE of the CLERK of the COUNTY COURT of the COUNTY of ELGIN, &c.—(Continued.)

**3rd. Return,—Writs issued in the Court of Common Pleas.**

| Date of issuing Writ. | STYLE OF CAUSE.                   | Amount of Debt. |    |     |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----|-----|
|                       |                                   | £               | s. | d.  |
| February 28, 1855     | Warren, vs. Wade, et al.          | 50              | 12 | 1   |
| March 15, do          | Elsworth, vs. Field               | 57              | 10 | 0   |
| April 20, do          | Arkell, vs. McCully               | 60              | 14 | 10  |
| March 15, 1856        | Molson, vs. Jackson               | 108             | 0  | 0   |
| January 1, do         | Koyle, vs. Chase                  | 39              | 8  | 6   |
| do 19, do             | Hutchinson, vs. Sheridan          | 75              | 0  | 0   |
| do 20, do             | Claris, et al, vs. Mitchell       | 11              | 3  | 6   |
| April 7, do           | Fraser, vs. Bens                  | 192             | 7  | 6   |
| do 2, do              | Ross, vs Drope                    | 78              | 4  | 10  |
| do 8, do              | Wood, et al., vs. Jackson         | 180             | 2  | 6   |
| do 10, do             | Adams, vs. Sheriff, et al.        | 88              | 6  | 8   |
| May 8, do             | Chambers, vs. Tisdale, et al.     | 60              | 0  | 0   |
| do 10, do             | Thompson, vs. Houghton            | 41              | 7  | 7   |
| do 15, do             | Riley, vs. Smith                  | 100             | 0  | 8   |
| do do, do             | Chambers, vs. Tisdale, et al.     | 60              | 0  | 0   |
| do 31, do             | Merrill, vs. Tisdale, et al.      | 80              | 0  | 0   |
| June 14, do           | White, et al., vs. Freeman        | 28              | 13 | 4   |
| do do, do             | Adams, vs. Freeman                | 96              | 18 | 6   |
| do do, do             | White, et al., vs. Freeman        | 24              | 10 | 5   |
| September 4, do       | McCurdy, vs. Francisco            | 53              | 12 | 4   |
| do 10, do             | Cook, vs. Perry                   | 15              | 10 | 0   |
| do 23, do             | Roe, et al, vs. Elliot            | 28              | 13 | 4   |
| November 13, do       | Jeffrey, vs. Gillespie, et al.    | 71              | 12 | 4   |
| do 4, do              | McPherson, et al., vs. Sweetapple | 98              | 6  | 0   |
| December 22, do       | Kerr, et al., vs. Storey          | 22              | 11 | 11  |
| January 17, 1857      | Morgan, vs. Grant                 | 50              | 0  | 0   |
| April 15, do          | Hutchison, vs. Atkins             | 121             | 18 | 10½ |
| do 20, do             | Duncombe, vs. Blackwood           | 225             | 6  | 8   |
| May 11, do            | Howard, vs. Blackwood             | 100             | 0  | 0   |

I Certify the above to be a true Return, to the best of my knowledge.

PETER MURTAGH,  
Deputy Clerk of the Crown and Pleas,  
County of Elgin.

Dated, at St. THOMAS, C.W.,  
this 16th day of May, A.D., 1857.



The following Writs were Issued, but not Executed: Defendants could not be found.

James Woodward  
 Charles Côté  
 William Hony  
 Peter Karley  
 Francis Jennings  
 Joseph Elliott  
 William H. Elliott and  
 Joseph Elliott  
 Thomas W. Lewis  
 Archibald W. Olds  
 Peter McGrae  
 Godfrey McDonald

21  
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119 2  
 38 15 4  
 138 0 0  
 1944 14 4  
 31 0 0  
 28 13 4  
 72 15 6  
 105 0 0  
 69 9 9  
 37 17 9  
 17 18 9

No Arrest.

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These *Capias* were issued out of different Counties, and sent to me.

JOHN McEWAN,

*Sheriff.*

No. 10.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Kingston, 22nd May, 1857.

Sir, I have the honor to enclose the Return of Arrests, made in my Counties from the 1st January, 1855, to the 7th May, instant, in compliance of your letter of that date.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
 Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS A. CORBETT, Sheriff,  
 United Counties of Frontenac, Lennox, and Addington.

To the Honorable T. LEE TERRILL,  
 Toronto.

No. 10.—RETURN of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS in the UNITED COUNTIES of FRONTENAC, LENNOX, and ADDINGTON, from the first of January, 1855, to the date hereof.

| No. | Nature of Writ. | Amount to Arrest for. |       | How Settled.           | If Arrested. | If in Gaol.    | REMARKS.                 |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------------|-------|------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------------|
|     |                 | £                     | s. d. |                        |              |                |                          |
| 1   | Ca. Se.         | 52                    | 12 0  | With Parties           | Arrested     | Out on Bail.   |                          |
| 2   | do              |                       |       | do                     | do           | do             |                          |
| 3   | do              | 280                   | 0 0   | do                     | do           | do             |                          |
| 4   | do              | 223                   | 0 0   | do                     | do           | do             |                          |
| 5   | do              | 1949                  | 0 0   | do                     | do           | do             |                          |
| 6   | do              | 144                   | 0 0   | Not settled            | Not Arrested | Non Est.       | Discharge from Judge.    |
| 7   | do              | 133                   | 0 0   | Discharged             | Arrested     | Out on Bail.   |                          |
| 8   | do              | 146                   | 0 0   | Not settled            | Not Arrested | Non Est.       | Discharged.              |
| 9   | do              | 119                   | 0 0   | Discharged by Attorney | Arrested     | Out on Bail.   | Discharged by Plaintiff  |
| 10  | do              | 50                    | 0 0   | With Parties           | Not Arrested | Non Est.       |                          |
| 11  | do              | 40                    | 0 0   | With Parties           | Arrested     | Out on Bail.   |                          |
| 12  | do              | 300                   | 0 0   | do                     | do           | do             |                          |
| 13  | do              | 50                    | 0 0   | do                     | do           | do             |                          |
| 14  | do              | 50                    | 0 0   | do                     | do           | do             |                          |
| 15  | do              | 80                    | 0 0   | do                     | do           | do             |                          |
| 16  | do              | 80                    | 0 0   | do                     | do           | do             |                          |
| 17  | do              | 50                    | 0 0   | do                     | do           | do             |                          |
| 18  | do              | 17                    | 6 4   | do                     | do           | do             |                          |
| 19  | do              | 150                   | 0 0   | do                     | do           | do             | 1 day and night in Gaol. |
| 20  | do              | 75                    | 0 0   | do                     | do           | do             |                          |
| 21  | do              | 77                    | 0 0   | do                     | do           | do             |                          |
| 22  | do              | 182                   | 0 0   | Discharged by Attorney | do           | do             | Not Paid.                |
| 23  | do              | 12                    | 10 0  | With Parties           | do           | 4 days in Gaol | Not Paid.                |
| 24  | do              | 50                    | 0 0   | Not settled            | Not Arrested | Out on Bail.   | Paid.                    |
| 25  | do              | 50                    | 0 0   | With Parties           | Arrested     | Non Est.       | Discharged.              |
| 26  | do              | 20                    | 0 0   | Not settled            | Not Arrested | 2 days in Gaol |                          |

|    |    |     |      |               |              |                |                                     |
|----|----|-----|------|---------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 27 | do | 324 | 0 0  | With Parties  | Arrested     | Out on Bail.   | Paid.                               |
| 28 | do | 13  | 0 0  | Not Settled   | Not arrested | Non Est.       |                                     |
| 29 | do | 30  | 1 11 | do            | do           | do             |                                     |
| 30 | do | 81  | 0 0  | do            | do           | do             |                                     |
| 31 | do | 17  | 10 0 | With Attorney | Arrested     | 6 days in Gaol | Paid.                               |
| 32 | do | 13  | 11 0 | do            | do           | Out on Bail.   |                                     |
| 33 | do | 20  | 0 0  | do            | do           | do             |                                     |
| 34 | do | 13  | 2 6  | With Parties  | do           | do             |                                     |
| 35 | do | 17  | 10 0 | do            | do           | do             |                                     |
| 36 | do | 14  | 0 0  | do            | do           | 1 day in Gaol  | Discharged by Plaintiff's Attorney. |
| 37 | do | 25  | 0 0  | With Parties  | do           | Out on Bail.   |                                     |
| 38 | do | 34  | 0 0  | do            | do           | 1 night.       | Paid Attorney.                      |
| 39 | do | 10  | 9 0  | do            | do           | Out on Bail.   | do.                                 |
| 40 | do | 45  | 14 0 | do            | do           | do             | do.                                 |
| 41 | do | 14  | 10 4 | do            | do           | do             | do.                                 |
| 42 | do | 25  | 0 0  | do            | do           | do             | do.                                 |
| 43 | do | 12  | 10 0 | do            | do           | do             | do.                                 |

THOMAS A. CORBETT,  
 Sheriff,  
 United Counties of Frontenac, Lennox, and Addington.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
 City of Kingston, 22nd May, A.D., 1857.

## No. 11.

In the COUNTY COURT of the UNITED COUNTIES of FRONTENAC, LENNOX, and ADDINGTON.—RETURN of WRITS of the Arrest of DEBTORS in the County Court of said Counties, from 1st January, 1855, to date.

| No. | C A U S E .                     | D A T E .               | Oath and Amount. |    |    |
|-----|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----|----|
|     |                                 |                         | £                | s. | d. |
| 1   | Hining, vs. McGennis .....      | February 12, 1855 ..... | 18               | 8  | 6  |
| 2   | Bartlett, vs. Grant . . . . .   | May 28, do .....        | 20               | 0  | 0  |
| 3   | Shibley, vs. Scott .....        | July 14, do .....       | 15               | 0  | 0  |
| 4   | Gibson, vs. Gibben.....         | August 18, do .....     | 13               | 2  | 6  |
| 5   | Black, vs. Miller.....          | October 17, do .....    | 17               | 10 | 0  |
| 6   | Teigue, vs. Fitzgerald .....    | do 26, do .....         | 14               | 10 | 0  |
| 7   | Steel, vs. Tockoberry.....      | March 11, 1856 .....    | 26               | 1  | 9  |
| 8   | Humphry, vs. Arles .....        | do 19, do .....         | 25               | 0  | 0  |
| 9   | McGragh, vs. Welhanks .....     | April 12, do .....      | 17               | 6  | 4  |
| 10  | Raffin, vs. Lynne .....         | May 19, do .....        | 82               | 12 | 5  |
| 11  | Winter, vs. Bagus .....         | June 17, do .....       | 84               | 0  | 0  |
| 12  | Andrews, et al., vs. Tate ..... | November 18, do .....   | 45               | 14 | 0  |
| 13  | Gibson, vs. Tate.....           | do do, do .....         | 14               | 10 | 4  |
| 14  | Babcock, vs. Babcock .....      | April 16, 1857 .....    | 12               | 10 | 0  |

R. REILLY,

*Clerk, County Council,*

*United Counties of Frontenac, Lennox, and Addington.*

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT,  
Kingston, 12th May, 1857.

No. 12.

RETURN shewing Number of *CAPIAS* issued out of the COUNTY of GREY, from 1st January, 1855, up to 11th May, 1857; also, the Number received from other Counties during the same time.

| Court, and Nature of Writ, and when received.                                                | Defendant.      | Plaintiff.         | Attorney.          | Amount Claimed. |       | When Arrested. | When Discharged, and how Discharged.                                                                                                    | Number of days in Gaol. |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                                                                              |                 |                    |                    | £               | s. d. |                |                                                                                                                                         |                         |
| Writ of <i>Capias</i> , issued out of the County Court of Grey, received 18th February, 1857 | Joseph B. Davis | Louis Privat       | McDonald & Fraser. | 36              | 0 0   | 25. Feb.       | { By giving Bail on the 25th July, 1857. Debt not yet paid                                                                              | { None.                 |
|                                                                                              | John Beaton     | Donald McQueen.    | John Creason       | 150             | 0 0   | 4. May         | { By giving Bail on the 8th May, 1857. Debt not yet paid                                                                                | { 4 days in Gaol.       |
| <i>Ca. Sa.</i> , issued from the County of Wellington, Queen's Bench, 20th July, 1856        | Donald McIntyre | Jannet Stewart     | W. D. P. Jarvis    | 91              | 17 4  | 24. July       | { Discharged by the Order of Judge Hagerly, on the 5th November, 1856, Defendant swearing himself not worth £5, currency. Debt not paid | { 111 do do.            |
|                                                                                              | George Batchart | Clark Whitten      | M. C. Cameron      | 67              | 6 0   | 4. Oct.        | { Gave Bail, and got out on the limits, 11th November, 1856. Debt not paid.                                                             | { 88 do do.             |
| <i>Ca. Sa.</i> , issued out of the County Court, Huron and Bruce, 28th August, 1856          | Thomas Merrick  | Fordyce L. Lothrop | Sherwood & Steel.  | 42              | 19 4  | Not arrested   | { Not to be found in my County                                                                                                          | { None.                 |
|                                                                                              | Myres Clow      | Hiram Tulford      | J. B. Glasford     | 30              | 0 0   | do             | { Not to be found in my County                                                                                                          | { None.                 |

GEORGE SNIDER,  
Sheriff, County of Grey.



No. 13.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CLERK OF THE CROWN AND CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT,  
FOR THE COUNTY OF GREY.

Owen Sound, 22nd May, 1857.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, requiring—  
for the information of the Legislative Assembly—a Return shewing the number  
of Writs for the arrest of Debtors issued in this County, since the 1st January,  
1855, and the amount of the Debt for which each Writ was issued, and to say  
that the required Return is herewith enclosed.

No Writs as above specified issued in this County during the years 1855 and  
1856.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG,  
Acting Deputy Clerk of the Crown, and  
Clerk County Court, for the County of Grey.

The Honorable  
the PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.



RETURN shewing the Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS issued  
in the COUNTY of GREY, since the 1st January, A.D., 1855, with the  
Amount Sworn to, and the Date of issue.

**In the Superior Courts, one Writ issued.**

|                       |                                                                                                                                                 |     |          |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------|
| McQUEEN, vs. BEATON.. | { No amount sworn to; <i>Capias</i> issued (after action) on the order of his honor the Judge of the County Court of Grey. Bail for £50. .... } | May | 1, 1857. |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------|

**In the County Court, three Writs issued.**

|                        |                                                         |                    |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| PRIVAT, vs. DAVIS .... | <i>Capias</i> (before action). Amount sworn to, £37.... | February 18, 1857. |
| IRVINE, vs. HORNE .... | <i>Capias</i> (before action). Amount sworn to, £25.... | March 23, do.      |
| KENNEDY, vs. KENNEDY.  | <i>Capias</i> (before action). Amount sworn to, £20.... | May 21, do.        |

The above is a correct Return.

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG,  
Acting Deputy Clerk of the Crown, and  
Clerk, County Court, County of Grey.

No. 14.

RETURN of All DEBTORS arrested in the COUNTY of HALDIMAND, from the 1st of January, A.D., 1855, until the 11th May, A.D., 1857.

| Number of Writs issued for the Arrest of Debtors. | Amount of Debt for which Writ was issued. |       | Whether or not Arrest was made. | Whether or not the Party was Committed to Gaol. | Length of time detained in Gaol. | Whether finally Discharged by Payment of the Debt, or otherwise. | REMARKS.            |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                                   | £                                         | s. d. |                                 |                                                 |                                  |                                                                  |                     |
| 1                                                 | 50                                        | 2 7   | Arrested                        | Not committed                                   |                                  | Bail to the Sheriff.                                             | Amount not entered. |
| 2                                                 |                                           |       | do                              | do                                              |                                  | Settled with Attorney                                            | Left the County.    |
| 3                                                 | 53                                        | 0 0   | Arrest not made                 | do                                              |                                  |                                                                  |                     |
| 4                                                 | 40                                        | 13 7  | Arrested                        | do                                              |                                  | Bail to the Sheriff.                                             | Amount not entered. |
| 5                                                 |                                           |       | do                              | do                                              |                                  | do                                                               | do                  |
| 6                                                 |                                           |       | do                              | do                                              |                                  | do                                                               | do                  |
| 7                                                 |                                           |       | do                              | do                                              |                                  | do                                                               | do                  |
| 8                                                 |                                           |       | do                              | do                                              |                                  | do                                                               | do                  |
| 9                                                 |                                           |       | Arrest not made                 | do                                              |                                  |                                                                  | Left the County.    |
| 10                                                |                                           |       | do                              | do                                              |                                  |                                                                  | do                  |
| 11                                                |                                           |       | Arrested                        | Committed to Gaol                               | 3 days                           | Settled with Attorney                                            | Amount not entered. |
| 12                                                |                                           |       | do                              | do                                              | 30 do                            | Discharged by Order of the Court                                 | do                  |
| 13                                                |                                           |       | do                              | do                                              | 30 do                            | do                                                               | do                  |
| 14                                                | 32                                        | 8 1   | Arrest not made                 | Not committed                                   |                                  |                                                                  | Left the County.    |
| 15                                                | 24                                        | 18 7½ | Not arrested                    | do                                              |                                  | Bail to the Sheriff                                              | do                  |
| 16                                                |                                           |       | Arrested                        | do                                              |                                  | do                                                               | Amount not entered. |
| 17                                                | 127                                       | 18 11 | do                              | do                                              |                                  | Settled with Attorney.                                           |                     |
| 18                                                | 178                                       | 14 2½ | do                              | Committed                                       | 3 days                           |                                                                  | Left the County.    |
| 19                                                | 64                                        | 15 11 | Arrest not made                 | Not committed                                   |                                  |                                                                  |                     |
| 20                                                | 87                                        | 10 0  | Arrested                        | do                                              |                                  | Settled with Attorney                                            | Amount not entered. |
| 21                                                |                                           |       | do                              | do                                              |                                  | do                                                               |                     |
| 22                                                | 16                                        | 17 6  | do                              | Committed                                       | 22 days                          | Money made.                                                      |                     |
| 23                                                | 10                                        | 10 7½ | Arrest not made                 | Not Committed                                   |                                  | Bail to the Sheriff.                                             | Left the County.    |
| 24                                                | 86                                        | 10 0  | Arrested                        | do                                              |                                  |                                                                  |                     |

No. 14.—RETURN of all DEBTORS arrested in the COUNTY of HALDIMAND, &c.—(Continued.)

| Number of Writs issued for the Arrest of Debtors. | Amount of Debt for which Writ was issued. |       | Whether or not Arrest was made | Whether or not the Party was Committed to Gaol. | Length of time detained in Gaol. | Whether finally Discharged by Payment of the Debt, or otherwise. | REMARKS.             |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
|                                                   | £                                         | s. d. |                                |                                                 |                                  |                                                                  |                      |
| 25                                                | 30                                        | 0 0   | Arrested                       | Not committed                                   | .....                            | Bail to the Sheriff.                                             |                      |
| 26                                                | 20                                        | 11 7  | do                             | do                                              | .....                            | Settled with Plaintiff.                                          |                      |
| 27                                                | 26                                        | 12 6  | do                             | Committed                                       | 3 days                           | do                                                               |                      |
| 28                                                | 18                                        | 15 0  | do                             | Not committed                                   | .....                            | do                                                               |                      |
| 29                                                | 16                                        | 10 0  | do                             | do                                              | .....                            | Money made.                                                      |                      |
| 30                                                | 38                                        | 17 8  | do                             | do                                              | .....                            | Settled with Attorney.                                           |                      |
| 31                                                | 16                                        | 1 6   | do                             | Committed                                       | 21 days                          | Money made.                                                      |                      |
| 32                                                | 18                                        | 0 0   | do                             | do                                              | 21 do                            | do                                                               | Same party as above. |
| 33                                                | 16                                        | 19 0  | do                             | Not committed                                   | .....                            | Bail to Sheriff.                                                 |                      |
| 34                                                | 16                                        | 2 5½  | Not Arrested                   | do                                              | .....                            | Withdrawn.                                                       |                      |
| 35                                                | 15                                        | 17 0  | Arrested                       | do                                              | .....                            | Bail to the Sheriff.                                             |                      |
| 36                                                | 39                                        | 10 3  | do                             | do                                              | .....                            | do                                                               |                      |
| 37                                                | 39                                        | 3 4   | do                             | do                                              | .....                            | do                                                               |                      |
| 38                                                | 144                                       | 7 10  | Not Arrested                   | do                                              | .....                            | Withdrawn.                                                       |                      |
| 39                                                | 250                                       | 0 0   | Arrested                       | Committed                                       | January 2, 1857.                 | In Gaol yet.                                                     |                      |
| 40                                                | 110                                       | 0 0   | .....                          | .....                                           | .....                            | .....                                                            | Not yet executed.    |
| 41                                                | 21                                        | 9 6   | Arrested                       | Not committed                                   | .....                            | Bail to Sheriff.                                                 |                      |
| 42                                                | .....                                     | ..... | do                             | do                                              | .....                            | do                                                               | Amount not entered.  |
| 43                                                | 24                                        | 3 9   | do                             | do                                              | .....                            | Settled with Attorney.                                           |                      |
| 44                                                | 31                                        | 15 7½ | do                             | do                                              | .....                            | Bail to the Sheriff.                                             |                      |
| 45                                                | 10                                        | 0 0   | .....                          | .....                                           | .....                            | .....                                                            | Not yet executed.    |
| 46                                                | 34                                        | 17 0  | Arrested                       | Not committed                                   | .....                            | Bail to the Sheriff.                                             |                      |
| 47                                                | 28                                        | 3 4½  | .....                          | .....                                           | .....                            | Settled before Arrest made.                                      | do                   |
| 48                                                | 21                                        | 6 6   | .....                          | .....                                           | .....                            | Money made.                                                      | do                   |
| 49                                                | 17                                        | 15 0  | Arrested                       | Not committed                                   | .....                            | .....                                                            | do                   |
| 50                                                | 14                                        | 0 0   | .....                          | .....                                           | .....                            | .....                                                            | do                   |

B. MARTIN,  
Sheriff, County of Haldimand.

Correct.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE, 12th May, 1857.

## No. 15.

RETURN of the Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS issued from the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of the COUNTY of HALDIMAND, since the 1st day of January, 1855, up to the 14th day of May, 1857, with the amount of Debt for which each Writ was issued.

| No. | DATE.    |          | Amount. |    |    | No. | DATE.    |          | Amount. |    |    |
|-----|----------|----------|---------|----|----|-----|----------|----------|---------|----|----|
|     |          |          | £       | s. | d. |     |          |          | £       | s. | d. |
| 1   | February | 15, 1855 | 12      | 10 | 0  | 18  | December | 4, 1856  | 12      | 8  | 10 |
| 2   | March    | 20, do   | 12      | 10 | 0  | 19  | do       | 29, do   | 18      | 9  | 0  |
| 3   | do       | 21, do   | 12      | 10 | 0  | 20  | do       | do, do   | 12      | 12 | 3  |
| 4   | May      | 22, do   | 27      | 1  | 7  | 21  | do       | 31, do   | 12      | 7  | 0  |
| 5   | June     | 13, do   | 48      | 15 | 9  | 22  | January  | 15, 1857 | 17      | 19 | 6  |
| 6   | do       | do, do   | 16      | 0  | 0  | 23  | February | do, do   | 10      | 3  | 10 |
| 7   | July     | 3, do    | 31      | 14 | 1  | 24  | do       | 27, do   | 11      | 15 | 0  |
| 8   | January  | 5, 1856  | 10      | 13 | 10 | 25  | March    | 7, do    | 44      | 3  | 3  |
| 9   | March    | 15, do   | 10      | 10 | 10 | 26  | do       | 16, do   | 24      | 3  | 9  |
| 10  | May      | 12, do   | 36      | 10 | 0  | 27  | do       | 28, do   | 31      | 15 | 7  |
| 11  | June     | 13, do   | 30      | 0  | 0  | 28  | April    | 17, do   | 23      | 8  | 6  |
| 12  | July     | 12, do   | 20      | 11 | 11 | 29  | do       | 20, do   | 47      | 3  | 0  |
| 13  | October  | 11, do   | 26      | 12 | 6  | 30  | do       | 22, do   | 53      | 0  | 0  |
| 14  | November | 20, do   | 13      | 0  | 0  | 31  | do       | 28, do   | 21      | 6  | 6  |
| 15  | do       | do, do   | 18      | 1  | 5  | 32  | May      | 5, do    | 14      | 1  | 4½ |
| 16  | do       | 24, do   | 33      | 17 | 8  | 33  | do       | 8, do    | 14      | 7  | 6  |
| 17  | do       | 28, do   | 10      | 10 | 2  | 34  | do       | 9, do    | 14      | 0  | 0  |

ROBERT O. GRIFFITH,  
Clerk, County Court,  
County of Haldimand.

CAYUGA,  
May 14, 1857.

No. 16.

RETURN of the Number of WRITS issued and executed for the Arrest of DEBTORS, in the COUNTY of HALTON, since the first day of January, 1855.

| No. | STYLE OF CAUSE.                           | COURT.        | When Issued.     | Amount. |       | Whether Arrested or not. | Whether Served or not. |
|-----|-------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------|-------|--------------------------|------------------------|
|     |                                           |               |                  | £       | s. d. |                          |                        |
| 1   | Shaw, vs. Anderson                        | County Court  | April 6, 1855    |         |       |                          |                        |
| 2   | Morse, vs. Teetzel                        | Common Pleas  | March 15, do     | 12      | 5 0   | Arrested                 | Served                 |
| 3   | Ford, vs. McCartney                       | Queen's Bench | June do, do      | 19      | 0 0   | do                       | do                     |
| 4   | Speck, vs. McCartney                      | do            | July 5, do       |         |       | do                       | do                     |
| 5   | Mascioch, vs. Harrington, et al.          | County Court  | September 25, do | 48      | 15 0  | do                       | do                     |
| 6   | Macklin, vs. Miller                       | do            | do 26, do        | 54      | 15 4  | do                       | do                     |
| 7   | Beemer, vs. Kerr                          | Queen's Bench | 5, do            | 14      | 6 10  | do                       | do                     |
| 8   | Killington, vs. Inle & Agar               | County Court  | do 11, do        | 10      | 9 4½  | do                       | do                     |
| 9   | Leahy, vs. McEachan                       | do            | do 18, do        | 12      | 10 0  | do                       | do                     |
| 10  | Ashbury, vs. O'Hearn                      | do            | do 23, do        |         |       | do                       | do                     |
| 11  | Wells, vs. Anderson                       | do            | do 27, do        | 34      | 6 1   | do                       | do                     |
| 12  | McLaren, vs. Campbell                     | do            | do do, do        | 47      | 10 0  | do                       | do                     |
| 13  | McLaren, vs. Campbell                     | do            | do 3, do         | 26      | 5 0   | do                       | do                     |
| 14  | Lyons, vs. Silwood                        | do            | do 10, do        | 49      | 12 3  | do                       | do                     |
| 15  | Kersey, vs. Silwood                       | do            | do 7, do         | 28      | 17 0  | do                       | do                     |
| 16  | Wood, et al., McGovering                  | do            | do 8, do         | 21      | 18 5  | do                       | do                     |
| 17  | Ashbury, vs. O'Hearn                      | do            | do do, do        | 28      | 14 0  | do                       | do                     |
| 18  | Ford, vs. McEachan                        | Queen's Bench | do 11, do        | 26      | 0 0   | do                       | Served                 |
| 19  | Applywith, vs. Thorresson                 | County Court  | do 7, 1856       |         |       | do                       | do                     |
| 20  | Brown, vs. Menary                         | do            | do 8, do         |         |       | do                       | do                     |
| 21  | Menary, vs. Brown                         | do            | do 11, do        | 106     | 3 0   | do                       | do                     |
| 22  | Gallagher, et al., vs. Harrington, et al. | Queen's Bench | do do, do        | 29      | 12 1  | do                       | do                     |
| 23  | Speck, vs. McEachan                       | do            | do do, do        | 200     | 0 0   | do                       | Served                 |
| 24  | Coates, vs. Thompson                      | do            | do do, do        |         |       | do                       | do                     |

No. 16.—RETURN of the Number of WRITS issued and executed for the Arrest of DEBTORS in the COUNTY of HALTON, &c.—(Continued.)

| No. | Whether Committed or not. | Date of Committal. | For what time Confined.            | Discharged by Payment or not. | Writ.             | REMARKS. |
|-----|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| 1   | Committed                 | .....              | .....                              | .....                         | <i>Capias.</i>    | .....    |
| 2   | do                        | .....              | .....                              | .....                         | <i>do.</i>        | .....    |
| 3   | Committed                 | .....              | .....                              | Bail                          | <i>Capias Re.</i> | .....    |
| 4   | do                        | .....              | .....                              | do                            | <i>do.</i>        | .....    |
| 5   | .....                     | Not committed      | .....                              | do                            | <i>do.</i>        | .....    |
| 6   | .....                     | do                 | .....                              | do                            | <i>do.</i>        | .....    |
| 7   | .....                     | do                 | .....                              | do                            | <i>do.</i>        | .....    |
| 8   | .....                     | do                 | .....                              | Paid                          | <i>do.</i>        | .....    |
| 9   | .....                     | do                 | .....                              | Bail                          | <i>do.</i>        | .....    |
| 10  | Committed                 | .....              | From October 18 to March 24        | Judge's Order                 | <i>do.</i>        | .....    |
| 11  | .....                     | Not committed      | .....                              | Paid                          | <i>do.</i>        | .....    |
| 12  | .....                     | do                 | .....                              | Bail                          | <i>Capias.</i>    | .....    |
| 13  | .....                     | do                 | .....                              | do                            | <i>do.</i>        | .....    |
| 14  | Committed                 | .....              | From November 3 to November 24     | Paid                          | <i>do.</i>        | .....    |
| 15  | do                        | .....              | do 10 to do                        | do                            | <i>do.</i>        | .....    |
| 16  | do                        | .....              | From December 11 to December 17    | do                            | <i>do.</i>        | .....    |
| 17  | do                        | .....              | From do 8 to March 24              | Judge's Order                 | <i>Capias Sa.</i> | .....    |
| 18  | do                        | .....              | From do do to April 19             | do                            | <i>do.</i>        | .....    |
| 19  | .....                     | Not committed      | .....                              | Paid                          | <i>do.</i>        | .....    |
| 20  | .....                     | do                 | .....                              | Paid to Plaintiff's Attorney  | <i>Capias.</i>    | .....    |
| 21  | .....                     | do                 | .....                              | do do do                      | <i>do.</i>        | .....    |
| 22  | .....                     | do                 | .....                              | Bail                          | <i>do.</i>        | .....    |
| 23  | .....                     | .....              | From January 11, 1856, to April 17 | Judge's Order                 | <i>Capias Sa.</i> | .....    |
| 24  | Committed                 | .....              | .....                              | Bail                          | <i>do.</i>        | .....    |
| 25  | .....                     | Not committed      | .....                              | .....                         | .....             | .....    |

No. 16.—RETURN of the Number of WRITS issued and executed for the Arrest of DEBTORS in the COUNTY of HALTON, &c.—(Continued.)

| No. | STYLE of CAUSE.                            | C O U R T.    | When Issued. | Amount. |       | Whether Arrested or not. | Whether Served or not. |
|-----|--------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------|-------|--------------------------|------------------------|
|     |                                            |               |              | £       | s. d. |                          |                        |
| 25  | Cornell, vs. Reid.                         | Common Pleas  | 17, 1856.    | 18      | 15    | 0                        | Served                 |
| 26  | Rice, vs. Robertson                        | County Court  | 22, do       | 16      | 5     | 0                        | Served                 |
| 27  | Healdy, vs. McAllister                     | do            | 26, do       | 274     | 18    | 1                        | Served                 |
| 28  | McLeagon, vs. McDonald                     | Common Pleas  | 28, do       | 65      | 10    | 0                        | Served                 |
| 29  | Winter, vs. Farrell                        | Queen's Bench | 30, do       | 29      | 0     | 0                        | do                     |
| 30  | Best, vs. McAllister                       | County Court  | 31, do       | 22      | 10    | 0                        | do                     |
| 31  | Carroll, vs. Mills.                        | do            | 5, do        | 159     | 6     | 11                       | do                     |
| 32  | Hutchison, vs. McAllister                  | Queen's Bench | 9, do        | 20      | 0     | 0                        | Served                 |
| 33  | Jackson, vs. McAllister                    | County Court  | 16, do       | 50      | 0     | 0                        | do                     |
| 34  | Ribble, vs. McKay                          | Queen's Bench | 5, do        | 25      | 10    | 1                        | do                     |
| 35  | Davey, vs. Willeson, et al.                | do            | 22, do       | 50      | 0     | 0                        | Served                 |
| 36  | Campbell, vs. Kerr                         | Common Pleas  | 2, do        | 24      | 5     | 4                        | do                     |
| 37  | Beamer, vs. Kerr                           | County Court  | 15, do       | 86      | 5     | 0                        | do                     |
| 38  | Footner, vs. Lardie                        | do            | 23, do       | 50      | 0     | 0                        | do                     |
| 39  | Calvert, vs. Smith                         | Common Pleas  | 26, do       | 12      | 10    | 0                        | do                     |
| 40  | Baker, vs. McKinnon                        | County Court  | 3, do        | 298     | 9     | 5                        | do, John Dolson        |
| 41  | Ross, Mitchell, et al., vs. Dolson, et al. | Queen's Bench | 4, do        | 31      | 5     | 0                        | do                     |
| 42  | Atkinson, vs. Mills                        | do            | 12, do       | 20      | 0     | 0                        | do                     |
| 43  | White, et al., vs. Shannon.                | County Court  | 8, do        | 96      | 11    | 3                        | Served                 |
| 44  | Ribble, vs. McKay                          | Queen's Bench | 1, do        | 12      | 2     | 9                        | Arrested               |
| 45  | Burger, et al., vs. Shannon                | County Court  | 5, do        | 67      | 0     | 0                        | Served                 |
| 46  | Footner, vs. Lardie                        | do            | 1, do        | 30      | 15    | 0                        | do                     |
| 47  | Alton, vs. White.                          | Queen's Bench | 11, do       | 66      | 0     | 6½                       | do                     |
| 48  | McDonald, vs. McBain, et al.               | County Court  | 18, do       | 43      | 18    | 0                        | do                     |
| 49  | Robertson, vs. McBain                      | Common Pleas  | 20, do       |         |       |                          | do                     |
| 50  | White, vs. Claffey                         | County Court  | 19, do       |         |       |                          | do                     |

No. 16.—RETURN of the Number of WRITS issued and executed for the Arrest of DEBTORS in the COUNTY of HALTON, &c.—(Continued.)

| No. | Whether Committed or not. | Date of Commitment. | For what time Confined.        | Discharged by Payment or not.               | Writ.              | REMARKS.                |
|-----|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 25  | Committed                 | .....               | From January 21 to February 21 | By Plaintiff's Attorney                     | <i>Capias.</i>     |                         |
| 26  | .....                     | Not committed       | .....                          | .....                                       | <i>do.</i>         |                         |
| 27  | .....                     | do                  | .....                          | Paid to Plaintiff's Attorney                | <i>do.</i>         |                         |
| 28  | .....                     | Not committed       | .....                          | .....                                       | <i>do.</i>         | Not arrested.           |
| 29  | .....                     | do                  | .....                          | Bail                                        | <i>do.</i>         |                         |
| 30  | Committed                 | .....               | .....                          | Paid to Plaintiff's Attorney                | <i>do.</i>         |                         |
| 31  | do                        | .....               | From February 6 to February 7  | do                                          | <i>do.</i>         |                         |
| 32  | do                        | .....               | From do 13 to May 17           | Discharged by order of Plaintiff's Attorney | <i>do.</i>         |                         |
| 33  | do                        | .....               | .....                          | Discharged by Plaintiff's Attorney          | <i>do.</i>         |                         |
| 34  | do                        | .....               | Four months, broke Gaol        | Broke Gaol                                  | <i>do.</i>         |                         |
| 35  | .....                     | Not committed       | .....                          | .....                                       | <i>do.</i>         | Not served or arrested. |
| 36  | .....                     | Not committed       | .....                          | Bail                                        | <i>do.</i>         |                         |
| 37  | .....                     | .....               | .....                          | do                                          | <i>do.</i>         |                         |
| 38  | .....                     | Not committed       | .....                          | do                                          | <i>do.</i>         |                         |
| 39  | .....                     | do                  | .....                          | do                                          | <i>do.</i>         |                         |
| 40  | .....                     | do                  | .....                          | do                                          | <i>do.</i>         |                         |
| 41  | .....                     | do                  | .....                          | do                                          | <i>Al. Capias.</i> |                         |
| 42  | Committed                 | .....               | From August 13 to August 18    | Discharged by Plaintiff's Attorney          | <i>Capias.</i>     |                         |
| 43  | .....                     | Not committed       | .....                          | Bailed                                      | <i>do.</i>         |                         |
| 44  | .....                     | .....               | .....                          | .....                                       | <i>do.</i>         | Not found.              |
| 45  | .....                     | Not committed       | .....                          | Bail                                        | <i>Capias Sa.</i>  |                         |
| 46  | .....                     | .....               | .....                          | Settled with Plaintiff's Attorney           | <i>Capias.</i>     |                         |
| 47  | .....                     | Not committed       | .....                          | Bail                                        | <i>Capias Sa.</i>  |                         |
| 48  | .....                     | do                  | .....                          | do                                          | <i>Capias.</i>     |                         |
| 49  | .....                     | do                  | .....                          | do                                          | <i>do.</i>         |                         |
| 50  | .....                     | do                  | .....                          | do                                          | <i>do.</i>         |                         |



No. 16.—RETURN of the Number of WRITS issued and executed for the Arrest of DEBTORS in the COUNTY of HALTON, &c.—(Continued.)

| No. | STYLE OF CAUSE.             | COURT.        | When Issued.       | Amount. |       | Whether Arrested or not. | Whether Served or not. |
|-----|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------|-------|--------------------------|------------------------|
|     |                             |               |                    | £       | s. d. |                          |                        |
| 51  | Robertson, vs. Forbes.      | County Court. | November 20, 1856. | 12      | 10    | 0                        | Served                 |
| 52  | Workman, vs. Madden         | Queen's Bench | 11, do             | 30      | 0     | 0                        | do                     |
| 53  | Lamb, vs. Burke.            | County Court. | 18, do             | 11      | 10    | 0                        | do                     |
| 54  | Caldwell, vs. Milloy        | Common Pleas  | 21, 1857.          | 431     | 13    | 1                        | Arrested               |
| 55  | Murray, vs. Campbell.       | Queen's Bench | 31, do             | 69      | 10    | 9                        | do                     |
| 56  | Nelson, vs. Smith           | County Court. | 21, do             | 22      | 10    | 9                        | do                     |
| 57  | Thompson, vs. Long, et al.  | do            | 24, do             | 60      | 6     | 6                        | do                     |
| 58  | Thompson, et al., vs. Smith | Common Pleas  | 3, do              | 23      | 2     | 6                        | do                     |
| 59  | Saure, vs. Davidson         | County Court. | 12, do             | 18      | 10    | 0                        | do                     |
| 60  | McGivern, vs. Darby         | do            | 17, do             | 18      | 1     | 9                        | do                     |
| 61  | Baker, vs. Robinson         | do            | 18, do             | 17      | 3     | 0                        | Arrested               |
| 62  | White, et al., vs. Robinson | Queen's Bench | do                 | 72      | 0     | 0                        | do                     |
| 63  | Wallace, vs. Ritu           | County Court. | 11, do             | 19      | 18    | 9                        | do                     |
| 64  | Quinby, et al., vs. Darby   | do            | 14, do             | 17      | 8     | 9                        | do                     |
| 65  | McCallum, vs. Campbell      | do            | 20, do             | 18      | 1     | 1                        | do                     |
| 66  | Thompson, vs. Long, et al.  | do            | 4, do              | 39      | 13    | 8                        | do                     |

No. 16.—RETURN of the Number of WRITS issued and executed for the Arrest of DEBTORS in the COUNTY of HALTON, &c.—(Continued.)

| No. | Whether Committed or not. | Date of Committal. | For what time Confined.         | Discharged by Payment or not. | Writ.             | REMARKS.      |
|-----|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 51  | Committed                 | Not committed      |                                 | Paid.                         | <i>Capias.</i>    |               |
| 52  | Committed                 | do                 |                                 | Bail                          | do                |               |
| 53  | Committed                 |                    |                                 |                               | do                | Not arrested. |
| 54  | Committed                 | Not committed      |                                 | Bail                          | do                |               |
| 55  | Committed                 | do                 |                                 | do                            | do                |               |
| 56  | Committed                 | do                 |                                 | do                            | do                |               |
| 57  | Committed                 |                    | From February 25 to February 26 | do                            | do                | Not found.    |
| 58  | Committed                 |                    |                                 |                               | do                |               |
| 59  | Committed                 |                    |                                 |                               | do                | do.           |
| 60  | Committed                 | Not committed      |                                 | Bail                          | do                |               |
| 61  | Committed                 |                    | From March 18 to March 25       | Plaintiff's Attorney          | do                |               |
| 62  | Committed                 |                    | From do do to do                | do                            | do                |               |
| 63  | Committed                 | Not committed      |                                 | Bail                          | do                |               |
| 64  | Committed                 |                    |                                 | do                            | do                |               |
| 65  | Committed                 | Not committed      |                                 | Paid                          | do                |               |
| 66  | Committed                 | do                 |                                 | do                            | <i>Capias Sa.</i> |               |

LEVI WILLSON,  
 Sheriff, County of Halton.

## No. 17.

RETURN of BAILABLE WRITS issued from the OFFICE of the CLERK of the COUNTY COURT for the COUNTY of HALTON, and the Amounts for which the same were issued, since the 1st day of January, 1855, to 15th May, 1857.

| No. | PLAINTIFFS.                                            | DEFENDANTS.                                 | Writ.            | Amount. |    |    | DATE.     |           |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------|---------|----|----|-----------|-----------|
|     |                                                        |                                             |                  | £       | s. | d. |           |           |
| 1   | Lachlan Shaw .....                                     | James Anderson .....                        | <i>Capias</i> .. | 10      | 0  | 6  | April     | 6, 1855.  |
| 2   | John Maclin .....                                      | John Miller .....                           | <i>do</i> ..     | 48      | 15 | 0  | September | 25, do.   |
| 3   | Michael Leahy .....                                    | Duncan McEahern .....                       | <i>do</i> ..     | 10      | 9  | 4½ | October   | 11, do.   |
| 4   | Ann Ashbury .....                                      | Edward O'Hearn .....                        | <i>do</i> ..     | 12      | 10 | 0  | do        | 18, do.   |
| 5   | Robert Wells .....                                     | James Anderson .....                        | <i>do</i> ..     | 10      | 15 | 0  | do        | 23, do.   |
| 6   | William McLaren .....                                  | Francis Campbell .....                      | <i>do</i> ..     | 34      | 6  | 1  | do        | 27, do.   |
| 7   | do .....                                               | do .....                                    | <i>do</i> ..     | 47      | 10 | 0  | do        | do, do.   |
| 8   | Lawrence Lyons .....                                   | William Silwood .....                       | <i>do</i> ..     | 26      | 5  | 0  | November  | 2, do.    |
| 9   | Richard Kersey .....                                   | do .....                                    | <i>do</i> ..     | 49      | 12 | 6  | do        | 10, do.   |
| 10  | John Browne .....                                      | Isaac Manary .....                          | <i>do</i> ..     | 17      | 5  | 0  | January   | 7, 1856.  |
| 11  | Isaac Manary .....                                     | John Browne .....                           | <i>do</i> ..     | 15      | 16 | 8  | do        | 8, do.    |
| 12  | John Urquart .....                                     | Patrick McAllister .....                    | <i>do</i> ..     | 12      | 14 | 10 | do        | 22, do.   |
| 13  | John William Smith .....                               | James Tillotson and<br>William McFarland .. | <i>do</i> ..     | 21      | 0  | 0  | do        | do, do.   |
| 14  | William Rice .....                                     | Charles H. Robinson ..                      | <i>do</i> ..     | 18      | 5  | 0  | do        | do, do.   |
| 15  | John Healy and Benjamin Tuck .....                     | Patrick McAllister .....                    | <i>do</i> ..     | 16      | 5  | 0  | do        | 26, do.   |
| 16  | Thomas Best .....                                      | do .....                                    | <i>do</i> ..     | 29      | 0  | 0  | do        | 31, do.   |
| 17  | John Carrol .....                                      | John Miles .....                            | <i>do</i> ..     | 22      | 10 | 0  | February  | 5, do.    |
| 18  | John Jackson .....                                     | Patrick McAllister .....                    | <i>do</i> ..     | 20      | 0  | 0  | do        | 16, do.   |
| 19  | Nelson Stuart and James B. Smith .....                 | William Chisholm .....                      | <i>do</i> ..     | 25      | 0  | 0  | June      | 12, do.   |
| 20  | John White and Edward Martin .....                     | Patrick Shannon .....                       | <i>do</i> ..     | 20      | 0  | 0  | September | 3, do.    |
| 21  | John Sheffing Burger and Robert Hawthorn .....         | do .....                                    | <i>do</i> ..     | 12      | 2  | 9  | do        | 5, do.    |
| 22  | John McLaren .....                                     | Charles Cockrell .....                      | <i>do</i> ..     | 19      | 0  | 0  | October   | 31, do.   |
| 23  | Tucker White .....                                     | Thomas Claffey .....                        | <i>do</i> ..     | 42      | 18 | 1  | November  | 19, do.   |
| 24  | Alexander Robinson ..                                  | James Forbes .....                          | <i>do</i> ..     | 12      | 10 | 0  | do        | 20, do.   |
| 25  | John Hawson .....                                      | James Ross .....                            | <i>Ca Sa</i> ..  | 86      | 16 | 6  | December  | 10, do.   |
| 26  | Hugh Lamb .....                                        | John Burke .....                            | <i>Capias</i> .. | 11      | 10 | 0  | do        | 18, do.   |
| 27  | Lawrence P. Culloden ..                                | Robert McKenzie .....                       | <i>do</i> ..     | 15      | 12 | 5  | January   | 26, 1857. |
| 28  | John Nelson .....                                      | Thomas Smith .....                          | <i>do</i> ..     | 22      | 10 | 0  | February  | 21, do.   |
| 29  | Marshall Thompson ..                                   | Peter Long and M. Phelan .....              | <i>do</i> ..     | 60      | 6  | 6  | do        | 24, do.   |
| 30  | Charles A. Baker .....                                 | Frederick Robinson ..                       | <i>do</i> ..     | 17      | 3  | 0  | March     | 18, do.   |
| 31  | Alfred C. Quimby, H. Harrison, and Luther Grover ..... | Thomas Darby .....                          | <i>do</i> ..     | 17      | 3  | 9  | April     | 14, do.   |
| 32  | Finlay McCallum .....                                  | John B. Campbell .....                      | <i>do</i> ..     | 18      | 1  | 1  | do        | 20, do.   |

WILLIAM L. P. EAGER,

Clerk.

## No. 18.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE, 27th May, 1857.

BELLEVILLE, COUNTY of HASTINGS.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose a Return of Writs for the arrest of Debtors, issued in the County of Hastings, with all the particulars required to be stated, in so far as my books afford the same.

Not knowing that a Return of this nature might be required, my Gaoler kept no regular record of the dates of the discharge from Gaol of Prisoners.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient Servant,

J. W. DUNBAR MOODIE,  
Sheriff, County of Hastings.

Honorable T. LEE TERRILL,  
Provincial Secretary,  
Toronto.

RETURN of the Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS issued in the COUNTY of HASTINGS, from 1st January, 1855, to 7th May, 1857.

| Number. | Amount of Debt<br>in each case. |    |    | Arrest<br>made. | Committed<br>to Gaol. | How long Debtor<br>detained in Gaol. | How finally Discharged. |
|---------|---------------------------------|----|----|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
|         | £                               | s. | d. |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 1855.   |                                 |    |    |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 1       | 15                              | 5  | 1  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 2       | 198                             | 0  | 5  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 3       | 86                              | 18 | 7  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 4       | 27                              | 19 | 11 | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 5       | 124                             | 8  | 6  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 6       | 72                              | 10 | 10 | 1               | 1                     | 18 days.                             |                         |
| 7       | 50                              | 14 | 7  | 2               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 8       | 52                              | 2  | 8  | 1               | 1                     | 18 days.                             |                         |
| 9       | 40                              | 0  | 0  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 10      | 248                             | 14 | 6  |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 11      | 230                             | 19 | 5  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 12      | 18                              | 5  | 2  |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 13      | 29                              | 11 | 3  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 14      | 22                              | 15 | 0  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 15      | 10                              | 5  | 2  |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 16      | 68                              | 14 | 7  | 1               | 1                     | 11 days.                             |                         |
| 17      | 89                              | 14 | 6  |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 18      | 81                              | 10 | 0  |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 19      | 66                              | 16 | 10 | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 20      | 108                             | 18 | 7  |                 |                       |                                      |                         |

**No. 18.**—RETURN of the Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS issued in the COUNTY of HASTINGS, &c.—(Continued.)

| Number.      | Amount of Debt<br>in each case. |    |    | Arrest<br>made. | Committed<br>to Gaol. | How long Debtor<br>detained in Gaol. | How finally Discharged. |
|--------------|---------------------------------|----|----|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
|              | £                               | s. | d. |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| <b>1855.</b> |                                 |    |    |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 21           | 51                              | 8  | 9  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 22           | 374                             | 12 | 7  | 1               | 1                     | 5 days.                              |                         |
| 23           | 77                              | 12 | 5  | 1               | 1                     | 8 do.                                |                         |
| 24           | 36                              | 12 | 11 | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 25           | 50                              | 0  | 0  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 26           | 282                             | 1  | 24 | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 27           | 56                              | 3  | 11 | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 28           | 93                              | 15 | 9  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 29           | 220                             | 0  | 0  |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 30           | 249                             | 0  | 7  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 31           | 25                              | 0  | 0  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 32           | 17                              | 6  | 7  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 33           | 114                             | 18 | 6  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 34           | 50                              | 0  | 0  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 35           | 10                              | 0  | 0  |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 36           | 279                             | 12 | 1  |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 37           | 29                              | 12 | 5  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 38           | 40                              | 11 | 1  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 39           | 75                              | 0  | 0  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 40           | 95                              | 6  | 1  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 41           | 18                              | 7  | 6  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| <b>1856.</b> |                                 |    |    |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 1            | 80                              | 1  | 11 |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 2            | 52                              | 10 | 9  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 3            | 56                              | 0  | 5  |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 4            | 27                              | 12 | 8  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 5            | 20                              | 0  | 0  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 6            | 10                              | 12 | 6  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 7            | 42                              | 5  | 1  |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 8            | 50                              | 0  | 0  |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 9            | 30                              | 10 | 0  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 10           | 68                              | 7  | 6  |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 11           | 125                             | 0  | 0  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 12           | 22                              | 0  | 0  |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 13           | 51                              | 4  | 0  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 14           | 10                              | 0  | 1  |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 15           | 42                              | 10 | 0  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 16           | 55                              | 0  | 0  |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 17           | 63                              | 11 | 9  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 18           | 444                             | 2  | 8  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 19           | 12                              | 5  | 0  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 20           | 520                             | 5  | 1  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 21           | 11                              | 16 | 1  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 22           | 12                              | 0  | 0  |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 23           | 56                              | 13 | 2  |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 24           | 526                             | 5  | 1  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 25           | 96                              | 5  | 11 |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 26           | 250                             | 0  | 0  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 27           | 2801                            | 12 | 6  |                 |                       |                                      |                         |

**No. 18.**—RETURN of the Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS issued in the COUNTY of HASTINGS, &c.—(Continued.)

| Number.      | Amount of Debt<br>in each case. |    |    | Arrest<br>made. | Committed<br>to Gaol. | How long Debtor<br>detained in Gaol. | How finally Discharged. |
|--------------|---------------------------------|----|----|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
|              | £                               | s. | d. |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| <b>1856.</b> |                                 |    |    |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 28           | 60                              | 18 | 6  |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 29           | 10                              | 0  | 0  |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 30           | 332                             | 8  | 0  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 31           | 500                             | 0  | 0  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 32           | 75                              | 0  | 0  |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 33           | 20                              | 1  | 0  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 34           | 1948                            | 5  | 7  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 35           | 130                             | 8  | 11 |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 36           | 10                              | 7  | 6  |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 37           | 18                              | 0  | 3  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 38           | 190                             | 7  | 7  |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| <b>1857.</b> |                                 |    |    |                 |                       |                                      |                         |
| 39           | 29                              | 0  | 10 | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 40           | 30                              | 6  | 10 | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 41           | 22                              | 6  | 0  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 42           | 16                              | 14 | 0  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 43           | 15                              | 0  | 0  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 44           | 15                              | 17 | 6  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 45           | 100                             | 0  | 0  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 46           | 25                              | 15 | 5  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 47           | 30                              | 0  | 0  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 48           | 23                              | 0  | 0  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 49           | 20                              | 6  | 3  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 50           | 30                              | 10 | 0  | 1               |                       |                                      |                         |
| 51           | 135                             | 14 | 11 | 1               | .....                 | to May 11, 1857                      |                         |

J. W. DUNBAR MOODIE,  
*Sheriff, County of Hastings.*

## No. 19.

BELLEVILLE, May 18, 1857.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 8th instant, and in compliance therewith, hand you the enclosed Return,

And have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

A. G. NORTHROP.

The Honorable T. LEE TERRILL,  
Government Secretary, &c.,  
Toronto.

**No. 19.**—RETURN shewing the Number of WRITS issued for the Arrest of DEBTORS in the COUNTY of HASTINGS, (Writs issued in the County Court,) since 1st day of January, A.D., 1855.

| No. | Amount for which<br>each Writ<br>was issued. |    |    | REMARKS.                                                                                                           | No. | Amount for which<br>each Writ<br>was issued. |    |    | REMARKS. |
|-----|----------------------------------------------|----|----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------|----|----|----------|
|     | £                                            | s. | d. |                                                                                                                    |     | £                                            | s. | d. |          |
| 1   | 15                                           | 5  | 1  | * Numbers 2, 3, and 4, were all issued in one Cause for three different Defendants, and issued at different times. | 30  | 54                                           | 10 | 5  |          |
| * 2 | 50                                           | 13 | 8  |                                                                                                                    | 31  | 26                                           | 0  | 2  |          |
| * 3 | 50                                           | 13 | 8  |                                                                                                                    | 32  | 50                                           | 9  | 6  |          |
| * 4 | 50                                           | 13 | 8  |                                                                                                                    | 33  | 20                                           | 0  | 0  |          |
| 5   | 40                                           | 0  | 0  |                                                                                                                    | 34  | 12                                           | 5  | 0  |          |
| 6   | 13                                           | 5  | 2  |                                                                                                                    | 35  | 11                                           | 6  | 1  |          |
| 7   | 20                                           | 7  | 6  |                                                                                                                    | 36  | 12                                           | 0  | 0  |          |
| 8   | 10                                           | 5  | 4  |                                                                                                                    | 37  | 53                                           | 3  | 2  |          |
| 9   | 15                                           | 9  | 8  |                                                                                                                    | 38  | 53                                           | 5  | 7  |          |
| 10  | 28                                           | 3  | 9  |                                                                                                                    | 39  | 25                                           | 0  | 0  |          |
| 11  | 38                                           | 3  | 0  |                                                                                                                    | 40  | 23                                           | 0  | 0  |          |
| 12  | 31                                           | 10 | 0  |                                                                                                                    | 41  | 20                                           | 1  | 0  |          |
| 13  | 11                                           | 0  | 0  |                                                                                                                    | 42  | 15                                           | 18 | 11 |          |
| 14  | 25                                           | 7  | 8  |                                                                                                                    | 48  | 18                                           | 0  | 0  |          |
| 15  | 64                                           | 8  | 4  |                                                                                                                    | 44  | 10                                           | 7  | 6  |          |
| 16  | 29                                           | 10 | 0  |                                                                                                                    | 45  | 24                                           | 0  | 0  |          |
| 17  | 102                                          | 19 | 4  |                                                                                                                    | 46  | 16                                           | 14 | 0  |          |
| 18  | 49                                           | 11 | 3  |                                                                                                                    | 47  | 28                                           | 14 | 9  |          |
| 19  | 39                                           | 9  | 6  |                                                                                                                    | 48  | 23                                           | 15 | 5  |          |
| 20  | 75                                           | 4  | 11 |                                                                                                                    | 49  | 24                                           | 14 | 6  |          |
| 21  | 92                                           | 18 | 7  | 50                                                                                                                 | 28  | 11                                           | 3  |    |          |
| 22  | 36                                           | 12 | 2  | 51                                                                                                                 | 20  | 6                                            | 3  |    |          |
| 23  | 57                                           | 8  | 0  | 52                                                                                                                 | 15  | 7                                            | 6  |    |          |
| 24  | 63                                           | 6  | 10 | 53                                                                                                                 | 23  | 0                                            | 0  |    |          |
| 25  | 56                                           | 3  | 0  | 54                                                                                                                 | 10  | 15                                           | 0  |    |          |
| 26  | 25                                           | 0  | 0  | 55                                                                                                                 | 15  | 0                                            | 0  |    |          |
| 27  | 17                                           | 6  | 7  | 56                                                                                                                 | 15  | 0                                            | 0  |    |          |
| 28  | 41                                           | 10 | 1  | 57                                                                                                                 | 40  | 0                                            | 0  |    |          |
| 29  | 42                                           | 17 | 4  | 58                                                                                                                 | 87  | 4                                            | 1  |    |          |

A. G. NORTHROP,

*Clerk of the County Court.*

No. 20.

HURON AND BRUCE.—STATEMENT OF WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS, from first January, 1855, to first May, 1857.

| No. | NAMES.                                    | DATE.           | Amount. |       | Arrest made, and Committed to Gaol. | Time Detained in Gaol. | How Released.       | Arrest not effected. |
|-----|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|-------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
|     |                                           |                 | £       | s. d. |                                     |                        |                     |                      |
| 1   | James McDonald                            | January 5, 1855 | 27      | 18    | February 8, 1855                    | May 1, 1855            | Bail to the limits. |                      |
| 2   | Joseph Towell                             | do 8            | 75      | 0     | January 12, do                      |                        | Bail to the action. |                      |
| 3   | Henry Bruckinridge                        | do do           | 10      | 9     |                                     |                        |                     |                      |
| 4   | William Robinson                          | do do           | 105     | 7     |                                     |                        |                     |                      |
| 5   | Joseph Whitehead                          | do do           | 13      | 10    | January 31, 1855                    |                        |                     |                      |
| 6   | George Steepe                             | do do           | 17      | 10    | March 5, do                         |                        |                     |                      |
| 7   | Menns Ely                                 | do do           | 33      | 0     | do 1, do                            | May 2, 1855            | Pay Debt            | Not arrested.        |
| 8   | Duncan Bannerman and Francis J. Ferguson. | do do           | 76      | 3     | do 15, do                           | April 16, do           | do.                 |                      |
| 9   | B. Havin                                  | do do           | 22      | 18    | do 22, do                           |                        | On Bail.            |                      |
| 10  | Farquhar McRae                            | do do           | 16      | 10    | May 5, do                           | May 8, 1855            | Pay Debt.           |                      |
| 11  | do do                                     | do do           | 18      | 0     | do do                               | do do                  | do.                 |                      |
| 12  | do do                                     | do do           | 18      | 0     | do do                               | do do                  | do.                 |                      |
| 13  | Alexander Melvin                          | do do           | 16      | 5     | March 29, do                        |                        | On Bail.            |                      |
| 14  | William Mellish, et al.                   | do do           | 41      | 19    |                                     |                        |                     | do.                  |
| 15  | — Dawson                                  | May 1, do       | 12      | 19    | May 21, 1855                        |                        | Pay Debt.           |                      |
| 16  | John McKinney                             | do do           | 150     | 0     | June 11, do                         | June 19, 1855          | On Bail.            |                      |
| 17  | William F. Farrell                        | do do           | 45      | 5     |                                     |                        |                     |                      |
| 18  | John Dancy                                | do do           | 14      | 8     | July 21, 1855                       | July 24, 1855          | Pay Debt.           |                      |
| 19  | Henry Larruway                            | do do           | 32      | 15    |                                     |                        | On Bail.            |                      |
| 20  | John Tait                                 | do do           | 41      | 5     |                                     |                        |                     | do.                  |
| 21  | George Butchart                           | do do           | 300     | 0     | August 27, 1855                     |                        | Pay Debt.           |                      |
| 22  | E. L. Barclay                             | do do           | 28      | 0     | do do                               |                        | On Bail.            |                      |
| 23  | Angus Steel                               | do do           | 59      | 0     | September 1, do                     |                        | do.                 |                      |
| 24  | Cyrus Irwin                               | do do           | 55      | 0     | do 7, do                            |                        | do.                 |                      |
| 25  | John Chaquatte                            | do do           | 45      | 0     |                                     |                        |                     | do.                  |
| 26  | William Sutherland                        | do do           | 37      | 5     | October 1, 1855                     | December 6, 1855       | Bail to the limits. | do.                  |



No. 20.—HURON AND BRUCE—STATEMENT of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS, &c.—(Continued.)

| No. | NAMES.                             | DATE.            | Amount. |    | Arrest made, and Committed to Gaol. | Time Detained in Gaol. | How Released.                     | Arrest not effected. |
|-----|------------------------------------|------------------|---------|----|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
|     |                                    |                  | £       | s. |                                     |                        |                                   |                      |
| 27  | Allan Cameron                      | October 8, 1855. | 64      | 16 | October 26, 1855.                   | October 31, 1855.      | On Bail.                          | Not arrested.        |
| 28  | William Gunn                       | do 11, do        | 80      | 13 | February 13, 1856.                  | March 6, 1856.         | By Order of Judge.                | do.                  |
| 29  | W. L. Leonard & Dixon.             | November 2, do   | 160     | 0  | November 3, 1855.                   | November 22, 1855.     | Escaped from Gaol.                | do.                  |
| 30  | Allan Cameron                      | do 3, do         | 64      | 0  | February 23, 1856.                  | March 12, 1856.        | By Order of Judge.                | do.                  |
| 31  | John Peacock                       | do 12, do        | 43      | 9  | November 14, 1855.                  | January 7, 1856.       | By Order of Judge.                | do.                  |
| 32  | William Blair                      | do 13, do        | 30      | 0  | December 17, 1855.                  | do                     | On Bail.                          | do.                  |
| 33  | Benjamin Butchart                  | do do, do        | 58      | 5  | do 22, do                           | do                     | do                                | do.                  |
| 34  | William Blair                      | December 7, do   | 30      | 0  | do 15, do                           | do                     | do                                | do.                  |
| 35  | John Irwin                         | do 16, do        | 50      | 0  | January 1, 1856.                    | do                     | By Order of Plaintiff's Attorney. | do.                  |
| 36  | David McTaggart                    | do 21, do        | 300     | 0  | January 18, 1856.                   | do                     | On Bail.                          | do.                  |
| 37  | L. Crittenden                      | do 15, do        | 37      | 10 | February 2, do                      | February 21, 1856.     | By Order of Judge.                | do.                  |
| 38  | David McTaggart                    | do 1, 1856.      | 390     | 4  | do 9, do                            | do                     | On Bail.                          | do.                  |
| 39  | John Conklin                       | do 21, do        | 34      | 0  | do 11, do                           | do                     | do                                | do.                  |
| 40  | John Simpson                       | do 16, do        | 17      | 6  | do 28, do                           | February 29, 1856.     | do                                | do.                  |
| 41  | James Hyslop                       | do 28, do        | 27      | 14 | March 28, 1856.                     | do                     | On Bail.                          | do.                  |
| 42  | David McTaggart                    | do 4, do         | 350     | 0  | March 18, 1856.                     | do                     | By Order of Plaintiff's Attorney. | do.                  |
| 43  | George Beggs                       | do 11, do        | 40      | 0  | March 18, 1856.                     | do                     | do                                | do.                  |
| 44  | M. McGregor                        | do 26, do        | 50      | 0  | March 26, 1856.                     | do                     | On Bail.                          | do.                  |
| 45  | John McKinnon                      | do 4, do         | 28      | 0  | May 3, do                           | do                     | do                                | do.                  |
| 46  | Robert Ross                        | do 14, do        | 14      | 0  | April 17, 1856.                     | May 21, 1856.          | Pay Debt.                         | do.                  |
| 47  | Samuel Boggs                       | do 17, do        | 57      | 0  | April 15, 1856.                     | do                     | By Plaintiff's Attorney.          | do.                  |
| 48  | Jeremiah M. Brine                  | do do, do        | 15      | 0  | April 16, 1856.                     | do                     | Bail to the limits.               | do.                  |
| 49  | Uptergrove.                        | do do, do        | 33      | 19 | do                                  | do                     | On Bail.                          | do.                  |
| 50  | William Holmes                     | do 19, do        | 217     | 0  | do                                  | do                     | do                                | do.                  |
| 51  | Andrew Owen                        | do 25, do        | 12      | 16 | do                                  | do                     | do                                | do.                  |
| 52  | Levi R. McTaggart and D. McTaggart | April 8, do      | 23      | 7  | do                                  | do                     | do                                | do.                  |
| 53  | John Brine                         | do 5, do         | 94      | 8  | do                                  | do                     | do                                | do.                  |
| 54  | David McTaggart                    | do 10, do        | 430     | 2  | do                                  | do                     | do                                | do.                  |
| 55  | James Givern                       | do 14, do        | 24      | 0  | do                                  | do                     | do                                | do.                  |

|    |                         |                 |     |    |    |    |    |     |
|----|-------------------------|-----------------|-----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 56 | James Blair, et al      | do 15, do       | 58  | 4  | do | do | do | do. |
| 57 | Mitchel                 | do 28, do       | 30  | 0  | do | do | do | do. |
| 58 | Caleb Ryan              | May 5, do       | 125 | 0  | do | do | do | do. |
| 59 | Alexander McLellan      | do 30, do       | 78  | 0  | do | do | do | do. |
| 60 | Neason                  | do 2, do        | 26  | 0  | do | do | do | do. |
| 61 | Mithels                 | do 6, do        | 11  | 17 | do | do | do | do. |
| 62 | William Blair           | do 7, do        | 44  | 14 | do | do | do | do. |
| 63 | J. S. R. Barclay        | do do, do       | 15  | 9  | do | do | do | do. |
| 64 | Simpson                 | do 16, do       | 36  | 9  | do | do | do | do. |
| 65 | John McGardy            | do do, do       | 70  | 0  | do | do | do | do. |
| 66 | do                      | do do, do       | 37  | 0  | do | do | do | do. |
| 67 | William Blair           | do 17, do       | 88  | 6  | do | do | do | do. |
| 68 | Thomas Gentles          | do 18, do       | 49  | 0  | do | do | do | do. |
| 69 | Smith Whittier          | do 20, do       | 18  | 4  | do | do | do | do. |
| 70 | Walter W. Hover         | do do, do       | 42  | 11 | do | do | do | do. |
| 71 | William Hooper          | do 24, do       | 67  | 8  | do | do | do | do. |
| 72 | John Hops, et al        | July 2, do      | 51  | 5  | do | do | do | do. |
| 73 | John Mackay             | do 3, do        | 12  | 10 | do | do | do | do. |
| 74 | Angus Murray            | do 9, do        | 18  | 15 | do | do | do | do. |
| 75 | George Flowers          | do 14, do       | 31  | 14 | do | do | do | do. |
| 76 | Thomas Roache           | do 26, do       | 10  | 9  | do | do | do | do. |
| 77 | John Neason             | do do, do       | 19  | 13 | do | do | do | do. |
| 78 | Allan Cameron           | do do, do       | 14  | 8  | do | do | do | do. |
| 79 | John Dancy              | do do, do       | 66  | 0  | do | do | do | do. |
| 80 | Robert Hunt             | do do, do       | 17  | 2  | do | do | do | do. |
| 81 | John H. Robinson        | August 5, do    | 95  | 0  | do | do | do | do. |
| 82 | Thomas Gilkinson        | do 7, do        | 37  | 10 | do | do | do | do. |
| 83 | Rowland Williams, et al | do 14, do       | 132 | 4  | do | do | do | do. |
| 84 | J. W. Gamble            | do 15, do       | 45  | 13 | do | do | do | do. |
| 85 | Elijah Frayn            | do 20, do       | 39  | 16 | do | do | do | do. |
| 86 | Robert Snodgrass        | September 4, do | 12  | 15 | do | do | do | do. |
| 87 | Robert Reid             | do 8, do        | 35  | 11 | do | do | do | do. |
| 88 | Thomas French           | do 23, do       | 32  | 14 | do | do | do | do. |
| 89 | D. L. Sills             | do 10, do       | 48  | 5  | do | do | do | do. |
| 90 | William Ainlay          | do 17, do       | 54  | 0  | do | do | do | do. |
| 91 | Thomas Potter           | do do, do       | 36  | 3  | do | do | do | do. |
| 92 | W. Buchanan             | November 7, do  | 24  | 1  | do | do | do | do. |
| 93 | Samuel Long             | do 11, do       | 232 | 10 | do | do | do | do. |
| 94 | John Papsf              | do 15, do       | 24  | 1  | do | do | do | do. |
|    |                         | do 17, do       | 0   | 0  | do | do | do | do. |

No. 20.—HURON AND BRUCE.—STATEMENT of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS, &c.—(Continued.)

| No. | NAMES.                | DATE.              | Amount. |       | Arrest made, and Committed to Gaol. | Time Detained in Gaol.       | How Released.                                   | Arrest not effected. |
|-----|-----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
|     |                       |                    | £       | s. d. |                                     |                              |                                                 |                      |
| 95  | Kaidor                | November 18, 1856. | 29      | 5     | 0                                   | November 20 1856.            | Pay Debt.                                       |                      |
| 96  | J. McKay              | do 22, do          | 34      | 9     | 3                                   | December 1, 1856.            | On Bail.                                        | Not arrested.        |
| 97  | Robert Hunt           | do 25, do          | 84      | 0     | 10                                  | do 9, do                     | Pay Debt.                                       | do.                  |
| 98  | George Flowers        | do do              | 38      | 3     | 11                                  | November 29, do              | On Bail.                                        |                      |
| 99  | J. W. Gamble          | do do              | 159     | 6     | 5                                   | Arrested                     | Johnson                                         | December 25, 1856.   |
| 100 | John McKinnon         | do 28, do          | 31      | 14    | 0                                   | Arrested, Henry, December 11 | do.                                             |                      |
| 101 | Johnson Henry, et al. | December 10, do    | 20      | 18    | 8                                   | do.                          | do.                                             |                      |
| 102 | Dr. Rosey             | do 18, do          | 70      | 0     | 0                                   | March 9, 1857.               | By Order of Plaintiff's Attorney.               |                      |
| 103 | John Morrison         | do 17, do          | 52      | 10    | 0                                   | do 2, do                     | On Bail.                                        |                      |
| 104 | Peter Beith           | do 31, do          | 13      | 7     | 0                                   | do 8, do                     | By Order of Plaintiff's Attorney.               |                      |
| 105 | Henry Mariton         | do do              | 42      | 10    | 1                                   | January 27, 1857.            | On Bail.                                        |                      |
| 106 | John McKay            | January 3, 1857.   | 64      | 12    | 2                                   | Not acted on                 | On Bail.                                        |                      |
| 107 | Taylor                | do 18, do          | 31      | 3     | 5                                   | January 9, 1857.             | By Order of Plaintiff's Attorney.               |                      |
| 108 | D. L. Sills           | do 6, do           | 2000    | 0     | 0                                   | do 15, do                    | do.                                             |                      |
| 109 | John Neason           | do 7, do           | 108     | 0     | 0                                   | Arrested in London           | Order from Plaintiff's Attorney to return Writ. |                      |
| 110 | Maleck Fain           | do 12, do          | 27      | 10    | 0                                   | do.                          | By Order of Plaintiff's Attorney.               |                      |
| 111 | John Mantless         | do 16, do          | 600     | 0     | 0                                   | January 29, 1857.            | On Bail.                                        |                      |
| 112 | Henry Panuebecker     | do 20, do          | 82      | 0     | 8                                   | Arrested                     | By Order of Plaintiff's Attorney.               |                      |
| 113 | John Boyd             | do 28, do          | 25      | 0     | 6                                   | February —, 1857.            | On Bail.                                        |                      |
| 114 | Robert Reid           | February 4, do     | 642     | 1     | 6                                   | February 18, 1857.           | On Bail.                                        |                      |
| 115 | Peter Beith           | do do              | 21      | 2     | 6                                   | do 13, do                    | On Bail.                                        |                      |
| 116 | Paush, et al.         | do do              | 29      | 12    | 6                                   | do 23, do                    | do.                                             |                      |
| 117 | William Mills         | do 12, do          | 120     | 0     | 0                                   | March 5, do                  | do.                                             |                      |
| 118 | John McGardy          | do 20, do          | 81      | 0     | 6                                   | February 27, do              | do.                                             |                      |
| 119 | Patrick Duggan        | do 27, do          | 25      | 1     | 1                                   | April 22, do                 | do.                                             |                      |
| 120 | John Hart             | do do              | 25      | 0     | 0                                   | do.                          | do.                                             |                      |
| 121 | William Atcheson      | March 3, do        | 26      | 13    | 0                                   | do.                          | do.                                             |                      |

|     |                   |             |     |    |    |                 |                                   |               |
|-----|-------------------|-------------|-----|----|----|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 122 | John McNeill      | do 7, do    | 52  | 15 | 0  | March 20, 1857. | By Order of Plaintiff's Attorney. |               |
| 123 | Daniel McMillin   | do 16, do   | 46  | 9  | 3  | Not acted on.   |                                   |               |
| 124 | Long              | do 18, do   | 16  | 7  | 6  | do do.          |                                   |               |
| 125 | Crowe, et al.     | do 16, do   | 12  | 10 | 0  | do do.          |                                   |               |
| 126 | Moffill           | do 19, do   | 79  | 3  | 3  | March 25, 1857. | On Bail.                          |               |
| 127 | Teeny             | do do       | 42  | 1  | 2  | Not acted on.   |                                   |               |
| 128 | Patrick Gallagher | do 24, do   | 50  | 0  | 0  | April 1, 1857.  | do.                               |               |
| 129 | Noble Robinson    | do 25, do   | 38  | 0  | 0  | do 17, do       | do.                               |               |
| 130 | Duncan McRae      | do 31, do   | 102 | 6  | 0  | March 31, do    | Pay Debt.                         |               |
| 131 | John McKenny      | do do       | 27  | 10 | 0  | do.             |                                   |               |
| 132 | John Hughes       | April 8, do | 127 | 2  | 8  | April 16, do    | In Gaol yet.                      | Not arrested. |
| 133 | C. P. Johnston    | do 15, do   | 44  | 15 | 11 | do.             |                                   |               |
| 134 | Thomas Little     | do 20, do   | 45  | 6  | 4  | May 5, do       | In Gaol yet.                      |               |

J. MACDONALD,  
*Sheriff, Huron and Bruce.*  
 By S. POLLOCK,  
*Deputy.*

SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
 Goderich, 21st May, 1857.

No. 21.

COUNTY COURT OFFICE,  
 Goderich, 21st May, 1857.

Sir,—In accordance with instructions received in your letter of 8th instant, I have the honor to enclose a list of the Writs for the arrest of Debtors issued in the several Courts for the United Counties of Huron and Bruce, with the date and amount of Debt for which each Writ issued, as copied from the Records in this Office.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
 Your obedient Servant,

HUGH JOHNSTON,  
 Deputy Clerk, Crown and Pleas,  
 Huron and Bruce.

Honorable T. LEE TERRILL,  
 Provincial Secretary.



No. 22.

RETURN from the Sheriff of the COUNTY of KENT, of all WRITS received by him for the Arrest of DEBTORS, from the 1st day of January, 1855, to the 7th day of May, 1857, inclusive.

| When Received.   | Process.        | In the. | Plaintiff.       | Defendant.     | Amount Sworn to. |    | Date of Arrest. | Date of Discharge. | No. of days Confin'd. | Cause of Discharge.          |
|------------------|-----------------|---------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
|                  |                 |         |                  |                | £ s. d.          |    |                 |                    |                       |                              |
| January 5, 1855. | <i>Cap. ar.</i> | C. P.   | Peck             | Findley        | 47               | 0  | 9               |                    |                       | <i>Non Est.</i>              |
| do 12, do        | <i>do</i>       | B. R.   | Orr              | Davis          | 12               | 10 | 8               |                    |                       | <i>do.</i>                   |
| do do, do        | <i>do</i>       | do      | McKeough         | Beavis         | 15               | 17 | 2               |                    |                       | <i>do.</i>                   |
| do do, do        | <i>do</i>       | do      | Laird            | do             | 23               | 5  | 8               |                    |                       | <i>do.</i>                   |
| do do, do        | <i>Ca. Re.</i>  | C. C.   | Pitts            | do             | 15               | 0  | 0               |                    |                       | <i>do.</i>                   |
| do 13, do        | <i>Capias.</i>  | B. R.   | do               | do             | 15               | 0  | 0               |                    |                       | <i>do.</i>                   |
| February 23, do  | <i>do</i>       | do      | Benjamin, et al. | Carter, et al. | 303              | 3  | 2               | February 23, 1855. | 190                   | Arranged Debt with Plaintiff |
| do 27, do        | <i>do</i>       | do      | do               | do             | 208              | 6  | 0               | do do              | 190                   | do do do.                    |
| do do, do        | <i>do</i>       | do      | O'Hare           | Miller         | 32               | 15 | 0               | March 2, do        | 182                   | Bailed out.                  |
| March 2, do      | <i>do</i>       | do      | Walker           | Carter         | 127              | 7  | 3               | do 3, do           | 182                   | Arranged with Plain-tiff.    |
| do 9, do         | <i>do</i>       | do      | Glass            | O'Brien        | 15               | 11 | 10              | do 9, do           | 85                    | Bailed out.                  |
| do 29, do        | <i>Ca. Re.</i>  | U. C.   | Adair            | McKae          | 12               | 0  | 0               | do 9, do           | 85                    | <i>Non Est.</i>              |
| April 12, do     | <i>Ca. Sa.</i>  | do      | Blackwood        | Kirby          | 18               | 8  | 3               | April 19, do       | 1                     | Defendant paid debt.         |
| do 20, do        | <i>do</i>       | C. P.   | Glass            | O'Brien        | 23               | 11 | 3               | do do, do          | 1                     | do do.                       |
| do 23, do        | <i>Capias.</i>  | B. R.   | Sullivan         | Munro          | 34               | 10 | 0               | do 23, do          | 85                    | Bailed.                      |
| do do, do        | <i>Ca. Sa.</i>  | U. C.   | Blackwood        | Grant          | 38               | 8  | 3               | do 28, do          | 85                    | Arranged with Plain-tiff.    |
| May 4, do        | <i>Capias.</i>  | B. R.   | Kerr, et al.     | Cudmore        | 117              | 10 | 3               | May 5, do          | 6                     | Bail.                        |
| do 8, do         | <i>do</i>       | C. C.   | Gray             | Monroe         | 36               | 3  | 11              | do 28, do          | 6                     | do.                          |
| do 20, do        | <i>Ca. Re.</i>  | do      | Roe              | do             | 38               | 2  | 0               | do do, do          | 6                     | do.                          |
| do 24, do        | <i>Capias.</i>  | B. R.   | White            | Hall           | 19               | 0  | 0               | do do, do          | 6                     | <i>Non Est.</i>              |

No. 22.—RETURN from the Sheriff of the COUNTY of KENT, of all WRITS received by him for the Arrest of DEBTORS, &c.—(Continued.)

| When Received. | Process.       | In the      | Plaintiff.              | Defendant. | Amount Sworn to       |    | Date of Arrest. | Date of Discharge. | No. of days Confin'd. | Cause of Discharge. |                                                        |
|----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------------------|----|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
|                |                |             |                         |            | £ s.                  | d. |                 |                    |                       |                     |                                                        |
| May 28, 1855.  | <i>Ca. Re.</i> | C. C. McRae | McCollum, <i>et al.</i> |            | 35                    | 16 | 0               | May 28, 1855.      | August 10, 1855.      | 74                  | Discharged under Judge's Order; 10 & 11 Vic., cap. 15. |
| do do          | <i>do</i>      | do          | do                      |            | 21                    | 8  | 1               | do do              | do do                 | 74                  | do do.                                                 |
| June 1, do     | <i>do</i>      | do          | Munro                   |            | 10                    | 2  | 6               | do do              | May 23, do            | 74                  | Arranged with Plaintiff.                               |
| do do          | <i>do</i>      | do          | do                      |            | 10                    | 17 | 8               | do do              | do do                 | 71                  | do do.                                                 |
| do do          | <i>do</i>      | do          | McAllum                 |            | 25                    | 10 | 3               | June 1, do         | August 10, do         | 71                  | Discharged under Judge's Order; 10 & 11 Vic., cap. 15. |
| do do          | <i>do</i>      | do          | do                      |            | 36                    | 7  | 2               | do do              | do do                 | 71                  | do do.                                                 |
| do do          | <i>do</i>      | do          | Ratcliffe               |            | 42                    | 12 | 7               | do do              | do do                 | 71                  | do do.                                                 |
| do do          | <i>do</i>      | do          | Barton                  |            | 119                   | 5  | 0               | do do              | June 6, do            | 75                  | Bail.                                                  |
| do 6, do       | <i>Capias.</i> | C. P.       | Griffis                 |            | 28                    | 11 | 7               | do do              | do do                 | 75                  | Non Est.                                               |
| do 14, do      | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> | do          | Harris                  |            | 222                   | 5  | 7               | do do              | September 1, do       | 75                  | Arranged with Plaintiff.                               |
| do 18, do      | <i>do</i>      | B. R.       | Benjamin, <i>et al.</i> |            | 21                    | 8  | 3               | June 18, do        | do do                 | 73                  | Bail for Limits.                                       |
| do do          | <i>do</i>      | do          | Ward, <i>et al.</i>     |            | 26                    | 10 | 0               | July 7, do         | do do                 | 1                   | do do.                                                 |
| do do          | <i>do</i>      | do          | Aikin                   |            | 22                    | 11 | 2               | do do              | do do                 | 1                   | do do.                                                 |
| do do          | <i>do</i>      | do          | McLean                  |            | 19                    | 18 | 10              | do do              | do do                 | 1                   | do do.                                                 |
| do do          | <i>do</i>      | do          | do                      |            | 189                   | 4  | 3               | do do              | October 2, do         | 71                  | Discharged under Judge's Order; 10 & 11 Vic., cap. 15. |
| do 20, do      | <i>do</i>      | B. E.       | Maulson.                |            | Arrol                 |    |                 | do do              | do do                 | 73                  | Arranged with Plaintiff.                               |
| do do          | <i>do</i>      | do          | Benjamin                |            | Carter, <i>et al.</i> |    |                 | June 21, do        | September 1, do       | 73                  | do do.                                                 |
| do do          | <i>do</i>      | do          | Walker                  |            | do                    |    |                 | do do              | do do                 | 73                  | do do.                                                 |
| do 23, do      | <i>Capias.</i> | C. P.       | Morrison                |            | Miller                |    |                 | do do              | do do                 | 73                  | Non Est.                                               |

|                 |                |       |                       |                        |       |    |    |                 |                 |     |                                                        |
|-----------------|----------------|-------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------|----|----|-----------------|-----------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------|
| July 3, do      | <i>do</i>      | do    | Bayley                | McGregor               | 197   | 6  | 11 | July 9, do      | July 9, do      | 56  | Arranged with Plaintiff.                               |
| do 7, do        | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> | C. C. | Holmes, <i>et al.</i> | Carter, <i>et al.</i>  | 51    | 15 | 3  | do 7, do        | September 1, do | 32  | do do.                                                 |
| do 9, do        | <i>do</i>      | do    | Ratcliffe             | McAllum, <i>et al.</i> | 47    | 19 | 11 | do 9, do        | August 10, do   | 32  | Discharged under Judge's Order; 10 & 11 Vic., cap. 15. |
| do 9, do        | <i>do</i>      | do    | Beaton                | do                     | 32    | 18 | 10 | do do           | do do           | 32  | do do.                                                 |
| do do           | <i>do</i>      | do    | do                    | do                     | 54    | 5  | 11 | do do           | do do           | 32  | do do.                                                 |
| do do           | <i>do</i>      | do    | Desalle               | do                     | 37    | 1  | 3  | do do           | do do           | 32  | do do.                                                 |
| do do           | <i>do</i>      | do    | McCrea                | do                     | 46    | 9  | 9  | do do           | do do           | 32  | do do.                                                 |
| do do           | <i>do</i>      | do    | Hill                  | Scott                  | 75    | 0  | 0  | do do           | do do           | 113 | do do.                                                 |
| do 20, do       | <i>Ca. Re.</i> | do    | Brown                 | Gregory, <i>et al.</i> | 52    | 0  | 0  | do 20, do       | November do, do | 6   | Bail for Limits.                                       |
| do 23, do       | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> | B. R. | Davis                 | Carter, <i>et al.</i>  | 886   | 3  | 7  | do 25, do       | July 30, do     | 1   | Arranged with Plaintiff.                               |
| do do           | <i>do</i>      | C. P. | Swift, <i>et al.</i>  |                        | Scott |    |    | September 1, do | September 1, do | 1   | tiff.                                                  |
| do do           | <i>Ca. Re.</i> | C. C. | Young                 | Scott                  | 19    | 19 | 3  | July 25, do     | July 25, do     | 15  | do do.                                                 |
| do 30, do       | <i>do</i>      | do    | Laird                 | McLeod                 | 11    | 2  | 5  | do 30, do       | August 14, do   | 1   | do do.                                                 |
| August 4, do    | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> | do    | Kiton                 | Ward, <i>et al.</i>    | 47    | 6  | 6  | August 4, do    | do do           | 1   | Bail for Limits                                        |
| do do           | <i>Ca. Re.</i> | do    | Brown                 | Elliott                | 12    | 4  | 10 | do do           | do do           | 140 | Gave Bail.                                             |
| do 7, do        | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> | B. R. | McIntosh              | Davis                  | 48    | 2  | 0  | do 16, do       | January 2, do   | 140 | Discharged under Judge's Order, 10 & 11 Vic., cap. 15. |
| do do           | <i>Ca. Re.</i> | C. C. | McKellar              | Tyler                  | 12    | 8  | 7  | do 17, do       | August 7, do    | 1   | Bail.                                                  |
| do 14, do       | <i>do</i>      | do    | do                    | Bunpear                | 31    | 18 | 8  | do 31, do       | do do           | 1   | do do.                                                 |
| do 31, do       | <i>Capias.</i> | C. P. | Winter                | Fertes                 | 100   | 0  | 0  | do do           | do do           | 1   | Bail for Limits                                        |
| September 3, do | <i>do</i>      | B. R. | Miller                | McMullen               | 247   | 13 | 11 | September 8, do | September 8, do | 1   | Bail for Limits, afterwards arranged with Plaintiff.   |
| do 4, do        | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> | C. P. | Hinchman              | Watts                  | 22    | 15 | 9  | do do           | do do           | 1   | Debt.                                                  |
| do do           | <i>Ca. Re.</i> | C. C. | Goose, <i>et al.</i>  | Brady                  | 56    | 0  | 0  | do 7, do        | do do           | 1   | Arranged with Plaintiff.                               |
| do 29, do       | <i>Capias.</i> | B. R. | Crump                 | Bennet                 | 29    | 6  | 3  | do 29, do       | do do           | 5   | Bail.                                                  |
| do 3, do        | <i>Ca. Re.</i> | C. C. | Winter                | Ford                   | 12    | 0  | 0  | do do           | do do           | 1   | Non Est.                                               |
| do 6, do        | <i>Capias.</i> | do    | Stener                | Bury                   | 42    | 11 | 5  | October 6, do   | October 10, do  | 1   | Bail.                                                  |
| do 17, do       | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> | C. P. | Quimby, <i>et al.</i> | Thompson               | 33    | 17 | 8  | do 18, do       | do do           | 1   | Bail for Limits.                                       |
| do 26, do       | <i>Ca. Re.</i> | C. C. | Bury                  | Leitch                 | 36    | 14 | 4  | do 26, do       | do do           | 1   | Arranged with Plaintiff.                               |
| do do           | <i>do</i>      | do    | do                    | McIntosh               | 41    | 18 | 5  | do do           | do do           | 1   | do do.                                                 |
| do do           | <i>do</i>      | do    | do                    | do                     | 31    | 6  | 10 | do do           | do do           | 1   | do do.                                                 |
| do do           | <i>do</i>      | do    | do                    | Grope                  | 41    | 19 | 4  | do do           | do do           | 1   | do do.                                                 |
| do 5, do        | <i>Capias.</i> | B. R. | Hall                  | Taylor                 | 123   | 13 | 6  | November 5, do  | November 5, do  | 1   | Non Est.                                               |
| do 6, do        | <i>do</i>      | C. P. | Beatty                |                        |       |    |    | do do           | do do           | 1   | do do.                                                 |

No. 22.—RETURN from the Sheriff of the COUNTY of KENT, of all WRITS received by him for the Arrest of DEBTORS, &c.—(Continued.)

| When Received.    | Proces. | In the. | Plaintiff.      | Defendant. | Amount Sworn to. |       | Date of Arrest.   | Date of Discharge. | No. of days (Contd.) | Cause of Discharge.                                   |
|-------------------|---------|---------|-----------------|------------|------------------|-------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                   |         |         |                 |            | £                | s. d. |                   |                    |                      |                                                       |
| November 7, 1855. | Ca. Re. | C. C.   | Walker          | Scott      | 38               | 12    | November 7, 1855. | April 10, 1855.    | 154                  | Arranged.                                             |
| do 26, do         | Ca. Sa. | C. P.   | Beatty          | Taylor     | 123              | 13    | do 27, do         | March 17, do       | 111                  | Arranged with Plaintiff.                              |
| do 30, do         | do      | do      | Ross, et al.    | do         | 997              | 8     | do 30, do         | do do              | 111                  | do do                                                 |
| December 5, do    | do      | C. C.   | Stever          | Ford       | 18               | 15    | December 8, do    | December 8, do     | 1                    | Bail for Limits.                                      |
| do 10, do         | do      | do      | Brown           | Eliot      | 13               | 7     | do do             | do do              | 1                    | Paid by his Bail.                                     |
| do 12, do         | do      | B. R.   | Paxton          | Fenry      | 167              | 0     | do do             | do do              | 29                   | Non Est.                                              |
| do 15, do         | do      | C. C.   | Ross, et al.    | Thompson   | 63               | 10    | January 1, do     | January 28, do     | 29                   | Paid Plaintiff.                                       |
| do 24, do         | Ca. Re. | do      | Roberts, et al. | Quick      | 31               | 11    | December 26, do   | December 26, do    | 2                    | do.                                                   |
| February 6, 1856. | do      | do      | Britton         | Newcombe   | 12               | 11    | February 7, do    | February 8, do     | 2                    | Arranged with Plaintiff.                              |
| do 15, do         | do      | do      | Shaw            | Trevaire   | 17               | 2     | do do             | do do              | 66                   | Non Est.                                              |
| do 21, do         | Ca. Sa. | B. R.   | Willis          | Wilson     | 50               | 0     | February 26, do   | May 2, do          | 66                   | Discharged under Judge's Order; 10 & 11 Vic, cap. 15. |
| do 25, do         | Capias. | C. P.   | Wilcox          | Grice      | 36               | 18    | do 25, do         | February 25, do    | 18                   | Bail.                                                 |
| do 29, do         | Ca. Sa. | B. R.   | Mullen          | Taylor     | 30               | 5     | do 29, do         | March 17, do       | 18                   | Arranged with Plaintiff.                              |
| March 3, do       | do      | C. C.   | Hill            | Scot       | 11               | 0     | March 3, do       | April 10, do       | 39                   | Arranged.                                             |
| April 17, do      | Ca. Re  | do      | Waters          | Stephens   | 25               | 0     | April 17, do      | do do              | 2                    | do                                                    |
| May 1, do         | do      | do      | Walton          | Mullen     | 1                | 0     | May 1, do         | May 2, do          | 2                    | Gave Plaintiff Security.                              |
| do 5, do          | Ca. Sa. | do      | Dastin          | Taylor     | 78               | 8     | do 5, do          | do do              | 24                   | Discharged by Judge's Order; 10 & 11 Vic, cap. 15.    |
| do 31, do         | Ca. Re. | do      | McIntosh        | Duff       | 10               | 0     | do 31, do         | do do              | 3                    | Gave Bail.                                            |
| June 9, do        | Ca. Sa. | C. P.   | Wilcox          | Grice      | 10               | 0     | June 14, do       | June 16, do        | 3                    | Bail for Limits.                                      |

|                  |         |       |                  |                   |     |    |                   |                   |    |                                               |
|------------------|---------|-------|------------------|-------------------|-----|----|-------------------|-------------------|----|-----------------------------------------------|
| do 11, do        | Ca. Re  | C. C. | Walton           | Collins           | 15  | 3  | June 17, do       | June 18, do       | 2  | Arranged.                                     |
| do 17, do        | do      | do    | Priestly         | Peck              | 14  | 15 | do do             | do do             | 2  | do.                                           |
| August 7, do     | do      | do    | Parkins          | Proudford         | 18  | 2  | September 11, do  | September 13, do  | 3  | Non Est.                                      |
| September 9, do  | do      | do    | Wilson           | Britton           | 20  | 12 | November 7, do    | November 7, do    | 1  | Paid Sheriff.                                 |
| October 21, do   | Ca. Sa. | do    | do               | do                | 20  | 12 | do 5, do          | do 5, do          | 1  | Bail, Limits. Paid Debt.                      |
| November 5, do   | do      | do    | Smith.           | McDowall          | 26  | 11 | do do             | do do             | 2  | Non Est.                                      |
| do 11, do        | do      | do    | Miller           | Knight            | 12  | 10 | November 13, do   | November 13, do   | 1  | Bail.                                         |
| do 18, do        | Capias. | do    | Mullen           | Coester           | 22  | 10 | do 20, do         | do 20, do         | 1  | Arranged with Plaintiff.                      |
| do 19, do        | do      | do    | Sexton           | Nash              | 15  | 13 | do do             | do do             | 1  | Arranged without Arrest.                      |
| do 26, do        | do      | B. R. | Larwill          | Winter            | 106 | 14 | do do             | do do             | 7  | rest.                                         |
| do do, do        | do      | C. P. | Brown            | Clarke            | 117 | 19 | November 27, do   | November 27, do   | 9  | Bail.                                         |
| December 4, do   | do      | C. C. | Winter           | do                | 21  | 31 | December 5, do    | December 15, do   | 6  | Bail.—Paid Plaintiff.                         |
| do 6, do         | do      | B. R. | Brown, et al.    | Beaton            | 100 | 0  | do 6, do          | do 11, do         | 2  | Discharged per Order of Plaintiff's Attorney. |
| do do, do        | do      | C. C. | Scott            | McKay             | 21  | 13 | do do, do         | April 7, do       | 2  | do do do.                                     |
| do 10, do        | Ca. Sa. | do    | Parkins          | do                | 14  | 13 | do do, do         | do do, do         | 2  | do do do.                                     |
| do do, do        | do      | do    | Waters           | do                | 14  | 0  | do do, do         | do do, do         | 2  | do do do.                                     |
| do 11, do        | do      | B. R. | Bury             | Brad              | 116 | 14 | December 15, do   | January 3, do     | 19 | Paid Plaintiff.                               |
| do 24, do        | Capias. | C. C. | Marsh            | Stewart           | 46  | 0  | do do, do         | do do, do         | 1  | No Arrest.                                    |
| do 27, do        | do      | do    | McTaggart        | Findlay           | 17  | 10 | do do, do         | do do, do         | 1  | Arranged with Plaintiff.                      |
| January 2, 1857. | Ca. Sa. | do    | McMillen         | Addamin           | 16  | 13 | January 12, 1857. | January 12, 1857. | 1  | Bail.                                         |
| do 8, do         | Capias. | do    | Marsh            | Milton            | 20  | 5  | do do, do         | do do, do         | 1  | do.                                           |
| do 14, do        | Ca. Sa. | do    | Wilson           | Colby             | 17  | 14 | do 16, do         | do do, do         | 1  | Arranged with Plaintiff.                      |
| do 15, do        | Capias. | do    | Smith.           | Brupean           | 20  | 5  | do 17, do         | January 17, do    | 1  | do do do.                                     |
| do 16, do        | Ca. Sa. | do    | Sexton           | Nash              | 15  | 15 | do do, do         | do do, do         | 1  | do do do.                                     |
| do 28, do        | do      | do    | Young            | do                | 18  | 1  | do 28, do         | January 28, do    | 1  | Stayed.                                       |
| do 31, do        | do      | do    | Hatch, et al.    | Charrity, et al.  | 94  | 13 | do 31, do         | do 31, do         | 1  | Bail.                                         |
| February 4, do   | Capias. | do    | Patterson        | Barton            | 33  | 0  | do do, do         | do do, do         | 1  | Non Est.                                      |
| do 7, do         | do      | C. P. | Buchanan, et al. | Huff, et al.      | 668 | 0  | do do, do         | do do, do         | 1  | do.                                           |
| do 9, do         | Ca. Sa  | do    | Smith.           | McLean            | 118 | 19 | do do, do         | do do, do         | 3  | Arranged.                                     |
| do 23, do        | do      | C. C. | Blackwood        | Stump             | 10  | 16 | February 28, do   | March 12, do      | 18 | Paid Plaintiff.                               |
| do do, do        | Capias. | do    | Spears           | McBuchram, et al. | 10  | 6  | do 24, do         | February 24, do   | 1  | Bail.                                         |
| do do, do        | do      | do    | Stafford         | do                | 10  | 6  | do do, do         | do do, do         | 8  | do do do.                                     |
| do 24, do        | do      | do    | Butcher          | Hamilton          | 50  | 0  | do do, do         | do do, do         | 0  | Non Est.                                      |

No. 22.—RETURN from the Sheriff of the COUNTY of KENT, of all WRITS received by him for the Arrest of DEBTORS, &c.—(Continued.)

| When Received.      | Process.          | In the | Plaintiff.                     | Defendant.                   | Amount Sworn to. |       | Date of Arrest. | Date of Discharge. | No. of days Confin'd. | Cause of Discharge. |                               |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
|                     |                   |        |                                |                              | £                | s. d. |                 |                    |                       |                     |                               |
| February 28, 1857.. | <i>Capias</i> ..  | C. C.  | Nelson .....                   | Patterson .....              | 32               | 18    | 2               | March              | 12, 1857..            | 15                  | Arranged.                     |
| March 8, do ..      | <i>do</i> ..      | do     | McMullin .....                 | McDonald .....               | 31               | 6     | 1               | do                 | 6, do ..              | .....               | Bail.                         |
| do 12, do ..        | <i>do</i> ..      | do     | McMahon .....                  | Everett .....                | 50               | 0     | 0               | do                 | 17, do ..             | .....               | do.                           |
| do do, do ..        | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> .. | do     | Mullen .....                   | Coester .....                | 23               | 10    | 6               | do                 | 14, do ..             | 1                   | Bail. Amount secured.         |
| do 13, do ..        | <i>Capias</i> ..  | do     | Willeston .....                | Wallace .....                | 18               | 19    | 10              | do                 | do, do ..             | do                  | Arranged.                     |
| do do, do ..        | <i>do</i> ..      | do     | do .....                       | Huston .....                 | 14               | 19    | 10              | do                 | 20, do ..             | .....               | Bail.                         |
| do do, do ..        | <i>do</i> ..      | do     | Heathfield .....               | do .....                     | 27               | 16    | 6               | do                 | do, do ..             | .....               | do.                           |
| do do, do ..        | <i>do</i> ..      | do     | B. R. Burrell .....            | Lewis, <i>et al.</i> .....   | 176              | 11    | 11              | .....              | .....                 | .....               | Non Est.                      |
| do 19, do ..        | <i>do</i> ..      | do     | Foster, <i>et al.</i> .....    | Hargreaves, <i>et al.</i> .. | 80               | 0     | 0               | March              | 21, do ..             | .....               | Bail.                         |
| do do, do ..        | <i>do</i> ..      | C. C.  | Prentice .....                 | do .....                     | 23               | 7     | 2               | do                 | do, do ..             | .....               | do.                           |
| do 26, do ..        | <i>do</i> ..      | do     | Leitch .....                   | Wedgewood .....              | 14               | 17    | 6               | .....              | .....                 | .....               | Arranged with Plain-<br>tiff. |
| do do, do ..        | <i>do</i> ..      | do     | do .....                       | Campbell .....               | 17               | 10    | 0               | .....              | .....                 | .....               | do do do.                     |
| April 8, do ..      | <i>do</i> ..      | do     | Charteris, <i>et al.</i> ..... | McKenzie .....               | 21               | 19    | 0               | April              | 14, do ..             | .....               | Bail.                         |
| do 15, do ..        | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> .. | do     | Bury .....                     | McLaren .....                | 13               | 12    | 6               | .....              | .....                 | .....               | Non Est.                      |
| do do, do ..        | <i>do</i> ..      | do     | do .....                       | do .....                     | 15               | 7     | 9               | do                 | do, do ..             | .....               | do.                           |
| do do, do ..        | <i>do</i> ..      | do     | Hope .....                     | do .....                     | 15               | 7     | 9               | .....              | .....                 | .....               | do.                           |
| do do, do ..        | <i>Capias</i> ..  | do     | Bury .....                     | Ireland .....                | 11               | 12    | 8               | April              | 16, do ..             | 21                  | Still in Gaol.                |

JOHN MERCER, Sheriff, Kent.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
Chatham, June 5, 1857.

## No. 23.

RETURN of the Number of WRITS issued by THOMAS A. IRELAND, Clerk of the County Court of the COUNTY of KENT, for the Arrest of DEBTORS, since the first day of January, 1855, to the twelfth day of May, 1857.

| PLAINTIFF.                                   | DEFENDANT.                                    | No. | Amount of Debt. |    |     | Year. |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------|----|-----|-------|
|                                              |                                               |     | £               | s. | d.  |       |
| William Peck .....                           | Timothy Findley .....                         | 1   | 47              | 0  | 9   | 1855. |
| Moore and Foot .....                         | Thomas H. Pitts .....                         | 2   | 73              | 19 | 1   | do.   |
| John Winter .....                            | Brusseau, Senior .....                        | 3   | 31              | 13 | 8   | do.   |
| James Reeve .....                            | William Griffis .....                         | 4   | 119             | 5  | 0   | do.   |
| Raymond Baby .....                           | Gregor McGregor .....                         | 5   | 197             | 6  | 11  | do.   |
| William Pitts .....                          | John Beavis .....                             | 6   | 15              | 0  | 0   | do.   |
| H. & J. Hinchman .....                       | Alexander McMillan .....                      | 7   | 258             | 5  | 10½ | do.   |
| James H. Charrity .....                      | J. B. Lott and J. H. Hill .....               | 8   | 20              | 0  | 0   | do.   |
| George S. Orr .....                          | John Beavis .....                             | 9   | 15              | 2  | 4   | do.   |
| John McKeough .....                          | do .....                                      | 10  | 63              | 15 | 0   | do.   |
| C. P. Laird .....                            | do .....                                      | 11  | 50              | 0  | 0   | do.   |
| William Allen .....                          | do .....                                      | 12  | 50              | 0  | 0   | do.   |
| Goodman Benjamin .....                       | G. B. Carter and Wade G. Foot .....           | 13  | 310             | 5  | 5   | do.   |
| Samuel Benjamin .....                        | do and do .....                               | 14  | 211             | 7  | 10  | do.   |
| Margaret O'Hare .....                        | Samuel Miller .....                           | 15  | 32              | 15 | 0   | do.   |
| Alexander Walker .....                       | G. B. Carter and Wade G. Foot .....           | 16  | 150             | 1  | 0   | do.   |
| W. & W. Eberts .....                         | Walter McKay .....                            | 17  | 54              | 12 | 10  | do.   |
| Miles Miller .....                           | Daniel D. Forster .....                       | 18  | 100             | 0  | 0   | do.   |
| Edwin Larwill .....                          | George Winter .....                           | 19  | 106             | 14 | 7   | do.   |
| Peter Brown and James Roxter .....           | Nicholas Reutgen .....                        | 20  | 100             | 0  | 0   | do.   |
| Henry Crump .....                            | Patrick Brady .....                           | 21  | 50              | 0  | 0   | do.   |
| James L. Davis .....                         | Alvin Gregory and Daniel Will-<br>coton ..... | 22  | 44              | 15 | 1   | do.   |
| Jabesh Holmes .....                          | G. B. Carter and Wade G. Foot .....           | 23  | 41              | 3  | 1   | do.   |
| William Ross and James Mitchell .....        | John Simpson .....                            | 24  | 55              | 11 | 9   | do.   |
| John Blackwood .....                         | Nathan C. Kirby .....                         | 25  | 15              | 8  | 3   | do.   |
| Coleman Roe .....                            | Reid Munroe .....                             | 26  | 35              | 2  | 2   | do.   |
| Benjamin DeSalle .....                       | Donald McColl, <i>et al.</i> .....            | 27  | 25              | 13 | 0   | do.   |
| John Ratcliffe .....                         | do .....                                      | 28  | 36              | 11 | 8½  | do.   |
| James Simonton .....                         | do .....                                      | 29  | 10              | 2  | 6   | do.   |
| Duncan McCrae .....                          | do .....                                      | 30  | 35              | 16 | 5   | do.   |
| Donald Beaton .....                          | do .....                                      | 31  | 42              | 17 | 8   | do.   |
| Niel Beaton .....                            | do .....                                      | 32  | 21              | 10 | 7   | do.   |
| John Blackwood .....                         | Daniel Christie .....                         | 33  | 18              | 4  | 8   | do.   |
| James W. Hill .....                          | John B. Lott .....                            | 34  | 77              | 0  | 3   | do.   |
| Henry P. Baldwin .....                       | Daniel Bannerman .....                        | 35  | 35              | 3  | 4   | do.   |
| John Blackwood .....                         | James E. Grant .....                          | 36  | 38              | 8  | 4   | do.   |
| George Young .....                           | John B. Lott .....                            | 37  | 17              | 19 | 3   | do.   |
| Charles P. Laird .....                       | Archibald McLeod .....                        | 38  | 11              | 2  | 5   | do.   |
| James C. Brown .....                         | James F. Elliott .....                        | 39  | 13              | 7  | 3   | do.   |
| McKellar and Dolsen .....                    | William U. Tyler .....                        | 40  | 12              | 8  | 7   | do.   |
| John A. Goose and Charles Scar-<br>let ..... | Josiah Watts .....                            | 41  | 23              | 15 | 9   | do.   |
| William Stover .....                         | Hamilton Ford .....                           | 42  | 12              | 3  | 0   | do.   |
| John R. Bury .....                           | John Thompson .....                           | 43  | 33              | 17 | 8   | do.   |
| Hiram Walker .....                           | John B. Lott .....                            | 44  | 50              | 0  | 0   | do.   |
| Wm. Eberts and Walter Eberts .....           | David Quick .....                             | 45  | 31              | 11 | 3   | do.   |
| Darius Wilcox .....                          | William Grice .....                           | 46  | 37              | 3  | 2   | 1856. |



**No. 23.**—RETURN of the Number of WRITS issued by THOMAS A. IRELAND, Clerk of the County Court of the COUNTY of KENT, for the Arrest of DEBTORS, &c.—(Continued.)

| PLAINTIFF.                                  | DEFENDANT.                       | No. | Amount of Debt. |    |    | Year. |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----|-----------------|----|----|-------|
|                                             |                                  |     | £               | s. | d. |       |
| Alfred A. Barber .....                      | William Hovey .....              | 47  | 138             | 0  | 0  | 1856. |
| George Brown .....                          | Morris Clarke .....              | 48  | 117             | 19 | 0  | do.   |
| Peter McKellar .....                        | James Woodward .....             | 49  | 119             | 2  | 2  | do.   |
| Henry Walters .....                         | Master of Steamer "St. Lawrence" | 50  | 85              | 0  | 0  | do.   |
| John R. Bury .....                          | Storm Bradt .....                | 51  | 121             | 4  | 2  | do.   |
| John Britton .....                          | Abraham Newcombe .....           | 52  | 11              | 10 | 2  | do.   |
| Charles Shaw .....                          | J. G. Tremain .....              | 53  | 12              | 10 | 0  | do.   |
| John McKeough and William<br>McKeough ..... | James Henderson .....            | 54  | 10              | 19 | 0  | do.   |
| Cyrus Smith .....                           | William Fowler .....             | 55  | 17              | 12 | 6  | do.   |
| John Walton .....                           | John Mullen .....                | 56  | 29              | 16 | 7  | do.   |
| John McIntosh .....                         | Robert Duff .....                | 57  | 10              | 0  | 0  | do.   |
| John Walton .....                           | Thomas Collins .....             | 58  | 15              | 3  | 4  | do.   |
| Thomas McCollum .....                       | Robert Wood .....                | 59  | 19              | 5  | 4  | do.   |
| James Priestly .....                        | Edwin Peck .....                 | 60  | 14              | 5  | 0  | do.   |
| William Parkins .....                       | Hart Proudfoot .....             | 61  | 18              | 2  | 3  | do.   |
| Matthew Wilson .....                        | Samuel Britton .....             | 62  | 50              | 0  | 0  | do.   |
| Thomas McCullum .....                       | Hart Proudfoot .....             | 63  | 39              | 17 | 3  | do.   |
| Andrew Currie .....                         | Theodore Colby .....             | 64  | 15              | 2  | 3½ | do.   |
| John Smith .....                            | Thomas Dewison .....             | 65  | 25              | 0  | 0  | do.   |
| Alexander Miller .....                      | James Knight .....               | 66  | 15              | 4  | 6  | do.   |
| John Mullen .....                           | Henry Coester .....              | 67  | 23              | 10 | 6  | do.   |
| Thomas McCollum .....                       | John R. Hatch .....              | 68  | 13              | 1  | 3  | do.   |
| Daniel W. Sexton .....                      | William Nash .....               | 69  | 15              | 13 | 0  | do.   |
| James Gardner and Singleton Gibb            | Wm. Brown and Patrick Brady      | 70  | 72              | 8  | 5  | do.   |
| John Winter .....                           | James Clarke .....               | 71  | 21              | 3  | 2  | do.   |
| Matthew Scott .....                         | John McKay .....                 | 72  | 21              | 13 | 0  | do.   |
| William Parkins .....                       | do .....                         | 73  | 15              | 17 | 5  | do.   |
| Henry Waters .....                          | do .....                         | 74  | 15              | 3  | 10 | do.   |
| Henry M. Marsh .....                        | Joseph Stewart .....             | 75  | 46              | 0  | 0  | do.   |
| Daniel McTaggart .....                      | Ralph Findlay .....              | 76  | 17              | 10 | 0  | do.   |
| John O. Smith .....                         | William McDowell .....           | 77  | 29              | 9  | 10 | do.   |
| Bela Dustin .....                           | William J. Taylor .....          | 78  | 89              | 19 | 7  | do.   |
| Freeman Bancroft Foster .....               | John Hargreaves and John Baugh   | 79  | 80              | 0  | 0  | 1857. |
| Dugald McMillan .....                       | Alonzo Milton .....              | 80  | 17              | 8  | 7  | do.   |
| Henry M. Marsh .....                        | T. & G. Addiman .....            | 81  | 20              | 5  | 2  | do.   |
| William Wilson .....                        | James Cully .....                | 82  | 18              | 19 | 10 | do.   |
| John Smith .....                            | Pierre Brusseau .....            | 83  | 20              | 5  | 0  | do.   |
| Russell Young .....                         | William Nash .....               | 84  | 13              | 11 | 4  | do.   |
| George McMillan, <i>et al.</i> .....        | James A. McDonald .....          | 85  | 76              | 2  | 6  | do.   |
| do .....                                    | do .....                         | 86  | 31              | 6  | 0  | do.   |
| John Blackwood .....                        | James Stump .....                | 87  | 11              | 2  | 7  | do.   |
| John Stafford .....                         | D. & N. McEuchran .....          | 88  | 10              | 6  | 8  | do.   |
| Joseph Spicer .....                         | do .....                         | 89  | 10              | 6  | 8  | do.   |
| Silas Williston .....                       | Joseph Wallace .....             | 90  | 18              | 19 | 10 | do.   |
| Jacob Prentice .....                        | George Hargrave and John Baugh   | 91  | 23              | 7  | 2  | do.   |
| Dugald Leitch .....                         | Robert Campbell .....            | 92  | 17              | 10 | 0  | do.   |
| do .....                                    | David Wedgewood .....            | 93  | 14              | 17 | 6  | do.   |
| Alexander Charteris .....                   | George McKenzie .....            | 94  | 21              | 19 | 0½ | do.   |
| John R. Bury .....                          | Edward Ireland .....             | 95  | 11              | 12 | 8  | do.   |
| do .....                                    | James McLaren .....              | 96  | 16              | 9  | 6  | do.   |
| Henry R. Bury .....                         | do .....                         | 97  | 14              | 14 | 3  | do.   |
| Adam Hope .....                             | do .....                         | 98  | 16              | 9  | 6  | do.   |
| William Parkins .....                       | William Campbell .....           | 99  | 15              | 2  | 2  | do.   |

No. 24.

RETURN of the Number of WRITS issued for the Arrest of DEBTORS, and directed to the Sheriff's Office, in the COUNTY of LAMBTON, from the 1st of January, 1855, to 1st of May, 1857.

| Date of Writs Filed. | N A M E S.          | Amount of Debt. | Arrest made. | Commit-<br>ted<br>to Gaol. | Term of Imprisonment. | Cause of Discharge.                      |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------|
| January 15, 1855     | Timothy Finlay      | £ 47            | No arrest.   |                            |                       | Sheriff's Bail.                          |
| do 16, do            | David Ross          | 26              | Arrest       | 1                          |                       |                                          |
| do 25, do            | William Robinson.   | 105             | No arrest.   |                            |                       | Gave Special Bail.                       |
| March 3, do          | David Buchanan      | 258             | Arrest       |                            |                       | Sheriff's Bail.                          |
| do 16, do            | Dennis O'Brien      | 74              | do           |                            |                       |                                          |
| April 21, do         | Thomas Brunger      | 50              | No arrest.   |                            |                       |                                          |
| May 15, do           | J. P. Ceverly       | 17              | Arrest       | 1                          | 6 days                | Went out on Bail                         |
| June 8, do           | John McAnally       | 224             | do           | 1                          | 8 months              | Broke Gaol, Sheriff had the Debt to pay. |
| do 30, do            | Thomas Bentley      | 72              | No arrest.   |                            |                       |                                          |
| do 2, do             | James Hall          | No entry        | Arrest       |                            |                       | Sheriff's Bail.                          |
| do 11, do            | Francis St. Mary    | 28              | do           |                            |                       | Paid Debt.                               |
| do 20, do            | Timothy Finlay      | 47              | No arrest.   |                            |                       |                                          |
| August 4, do         | William Ketchum     | 17              | do           |                            |                       |                                          |
| do 13, do            | Ewen Cameron        | 19              | Arrest       |                            |                       | Special Bail.                            |
| September 7, do      | Pultney vs. Wright  | Not known       | do           |                            |                       | Sheriff's Bail.                          |
| October 27, do       | Francis St. Mary    | 43              | do           |                            |                       | Sheriff's Bail.                          |
| November 17, do      | Robert Turnbull     | 22              | do           |                            |                       | Sheriff's Bail.                          |
| do 22, do            | Samuel E. Hitchcock | No entry        | do           |                            |                       | Discharged by error in writ.             |
| December 6, do       | Ewen Cameron        | 28              | do           |                            |                       | Paid Debt.                               |
| January 3, 1856      | John Abraham        | No entry        | No arrest.   |                            |                       | Paid Debt.                               |
| March 15, do         | John Stevenson      | No entry        | Arrest       |                            |                       | Gave Bail for limits.                    |
| do 26, do            | David Buchanan      | 225             | do           |                            |                       |                                          |
| do do                | James Henderson     | 12              | No arrest.   |                            |                       | Gave Special Bail.                       |
| April 17, do         | Thomas McLean       | 22              | Arrest       | 1                          | 13 days               | Bail for limits.                         |
| May 8, do            | Thomas Cochrane     | 77              | No arrest.   |                            |                       | Bail for limits.                         |
| June 30, do          | Walker Boyd         | 122             | Arrest       | 1                          | 2 months              | Bail for limits.                         |
| July 28, do          | Pultney M. Wright   | 65              | do           |                            |                       |                                          |

**No. 24.**—RETURN of the Number of WRITS issued for the Arrest of DEBTORS, and directed to the Sheriff's Office in the COUNTY of LAMBTON, &c.—(Continued.)

| Date of Writs Filed. | NAMES.               | Amount of Debt. | Arrest made.   | Committed to Gaol. | Term of Imprisonment.    | Cause of Discharge.      |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| August 13, 1856      | Philip Walrod.....   | £ 19 0 0        | Arrest.....    | .....              | .....                    | Paid Debt.               |
| do 14, do            | J. W. Tillman.....   | 18 0 0          | do.....        | .....              | .....                    | do.                      |
| do 20, do            | Henry Wood.....      | 425 17 2        | No arrest..... | .....              | .....                    | Sheriff's Bail.          |
| September 11, do     | Robert Ralston.....  | 14 3 2          | Arrest.....    | .....              | .....                    | Paid Debt.               |
| do 13, do            | Henry Boulton.....   | No entry.....   | do.....        | .....              | .....                    | Sheriff's Bail.          |
| do 17, do            | James Winters.....   | 17 3 4          | do.....        | .....              | .....                    | do.                      |
| do 26, do            | Charles Wiffen.....  | 75 0 0          | No arrest..... | .....              | .....                    | Released by Plaintiff.   |
| do do, do            | Thomas F. Ball.....  | 12 8 9          | Arrest.....    | 1                  | 26 days.....             | do.                      |
| do do, do            | John Gunn.....       | 17 10 7         | do.....        | .....              | .....                    | Bail for Gaol Limits.    |
| October 25, do       | William Ketchum..... | No entry.....   | No arrest..... | .....              | .....                    | Paid Debt.               |
| December 1, do       | J. B. Maston.....    | 91 2 6          | do.....        | .....              | .....                    | do.                      |
| do 13, do            | James Winters.....   | 21 19 11        | Arrest.....    | .....              | .....                    | Bail for Gaol Limits.    |
| do 22, do            | Henry Holmes.....    | 12 2 7          | do.....        | .....              | .....                    | Paid Debt.               |
| do do, do            | Henry Holmes.....    | No entry.....   | do.....        | .....              | .....                    | do.                      |
| January 8, 1857      | Robert McBride.....  | 43 15 11        | do.....        | .....              | .....                    | Bail for Gaol Limits.    |
| do 21, do            | Walter Seymour.....  | 22 3 8          | do.....        | 1                  | 46 days.....             | Discharged by Plaintiff. |
| do 23, do            | Edward Howley.....   | 30 10 0         | do.....        | 1                  | 2 months and 8 days..... | Still in Gaol.           |
| do do, do            | Mathias Herson.....  | 65 11 3         | do.....        | .....              | .....                    | Bail for Gaol Limits.    |
| do 29, do            | Mathias Herson.....  | 40 17 2         | do.....        | .....              | .....                    | do do.                   |
| February 2, do       | William Curley.....  | No entry.....   | do.....        | .....              | .....                    | Sheriff's Bail.          |
| do 8, do             | Edward Houston.....  | 27 16 6         | No arrest..... | .....              | .....                    | do.                      |
| do 14, do            | Daniel McMillan..... | 55 13 9         | do.....        | .....              | .....                    | do.                      |
| do 24, do            | George Campbell..... | 100 0 0         | Arrest.....    | .....              | .....                    | Settled with Plaintiff.  |
| do do, do            | Robert McDonald..... | 62 10 0         | do.....        | .....              | .....                    | Sheriff's Bail.          |
| do 28, do            | David Gibson.....    | 20 0 0          | do.....        | .....              | .....                    | do.                      |
| April 13, do         | David Gibson.....    | 20 0 0          | do.....        | .....              | .....                    | do.                      |
| do 28, do            | John McKenney.....   | 22 0 0          | No arrest..... | .....              | .....                    | do.                      |

JAMES FLINTOFT, Sheriff,  
County of Lambton.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
Sarnia, 12th May, A.D., 1857.

## No. 25.

**RETURN from the COUNTY of LAMBTON.**

SARNIA, May 16, 1857.

Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your Communication of 8th instant, requesting information as to number of Writs issued from my Office, as Clerk of County Court, for the apprehension of Debtors, from 1st January, 1857, to this date. In reply, I have the honor to state, that the number of *Capiases* issued from my Office, as such Clerk, during period mentioned, is 23; the sums claimed varying from £10 to £25, averaging probably about £16 or £17 each.

As Deputy Clerk of the Crown and Pleas, I have, during said period, issued 8 *Capiases*; but am not prepared to state the probable average amount of claims thereon.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. R. GEMMILL,

Deputy Clerk, Crown and Pleas,  
Clerk, County Court,

Lambton.

Honorable T. LEE TERRILL,  
Secretary, &c., &c.,  
Toronto.

No. 26.

RETURN shewing the Number of WRITS that have come into my hands for the Arrest of DEBTORS, in the UNITED COUNTIES of LANARK and RENFREW, since the 1st day of January, A.D., 1855, to the present date, as ordered by the Provincial Secretary, for the information of the Legislative Assembly.

| No. | Nature of Writ. | NAME OF PARTY.                | Amount. |       | Committed to Gaol. | Not Committed when Arrested. | How long in Gaol. | REMARKS.                                                       |
|-----|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------|-------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
|     |                 |                               | £       | s. d. |                    |                              |                   |                                                                |
| 1   | <i>Cu. Sa.</i>  | John Wallace                  | 27      | 0 10  | March 9, 1855.     |                              | 12 days           | Was discharged by order of Court, having put in Bail.          |
| 2   | <i>Capias</i>   | James McKim                   | 32      | 10 0  | April 23, do       |                              | 9 do              | Gave Bail to the Limits.                                       |
| 3   | <i>do</i>       | William Craig                 | 47      | 0 0   | June 20, do        |                              | 6 do              | Ordered to be discharged by Plaintiff's Attorney.              |
| 4   | <i>do</i>       | William McLaren               |         |       | July 28, do        |                              | 24 do             | Committed by his Bail; discharged by order from Queen's Bench. |
| 5   | <i>do</i>       | William Craig                 |         |       | November 30, do    |                              | 8 do              | Discharged by order of Plaintiff's Attorney.                   |
| 6   | <i>Cu. Sa.</i>  | Alexander Stewart             | 85      | 11 2  | December 15, do    |                              | 32 do             | Discharged by order of Judge Burns.                            |
| 7   | <i>do</i>       | Alvah Adams                   | 88      | 16 5  | do 31, do          |                              | 2 do              | Discharged by order from Chief Justice Macaulay.               |
| 8   | <i>do</i>       | John Donnelly                 | 36      | 18 8  | March 15, 1856.    |                              | 27 do             | Discharged by order from Plaintiff's Attorney.                 |
| 9   | <i>Capias</i>   | Edward Flemming               | 11      | 13 9  | May 16, do         |                              | 1 do              | Discharged by order of Plaintiff.                              |
| 10  | <i>do</i>       | John Hickey and Thomas Hickey |         |       | June 21, do        |                              | 6 do              | Discharged by order from Judge.                                |
| 11  | <i>Cu. Sa.</i>  | James K. Erskine              | 63      | 14 8  | July 30, do        |                              | 42 do             | Admitted to Bail to the Limits.                                |
| 12  | <i>do</i>       | John Cayne                    | 849     | 3 2   | January 26, 1857.  |                              | 74 do             | Discharged by order from Mr. Justice Hagarty.                  |
| 13  | <i>do</i>       | John P. Grant                 | 63      | 14 0  | February 10, do    |                              |                   | But a short time. Admitted to Bail on the Limits.              |
| 14  | <i>Capias</i>   | John Tosh                     | 18      | 14 4  | April 8, do        |                              |                   | But a few hours. Admitted to Sheriff's Bail.                   |
| 15  | <i>do</i>       | William McLaren               |         |       |                    | January 15, 1855.            |                   | Took Sheriff's Bail.                                           |

|    |           |                                    |  |  |  |                     |  |                                                |     |
|----|-----------|------------------------------------|--|--|--|---------------------|--|------------------------------------------------|-----|
| 16 | <i>do</i> | Tiberius Colton                    |  |  |  | February 18, do     |  | do                                             | do. |
| 17 | <i>do</i> | Edward McCabe                      |  |  |  | April 14, do        |  | do                                             | do. |
| 18 | <i>do</i> | Joshua Whyte                       |  |  |  |                     |  | Not arrested.                                  |     |
| 19 | <i>do</i> | Walter Hunter                      |  |  |  | April 14, 1855.     |  | Gave Bail to Limits.                           |     |
| 20 | <i>do</i> | do                                 |  |  |  | July 25, do         |  | do                                             | do. |
| 21 | <i>do</i> | John Hunter                        |  |  |  |                     |  | Not arrested.                                  |     |
| 22 | <i>do</i> | John and Thomas Hickey             |  |  |  | December 24, 1855.  |  | Arrested, and gave Bail to Limits.             |     |
| 23 | <i>do</i> | Alexander Stewart and M. J. Hickey |  |  |  |                     |  | Not arrested.                                  |     |
| 24 | <i>do</i> | M. J. Hickey                       |  |  |  | April 3, 1856.      |  | Gave Bail.                                     |     |
| 25 | <i>do</i> | John & Thomas Hickey               |  |  |  | do do               |  | do.                                            |     |
| 26 | <i>do</i> | John, Thomas, & M. J. Hickey       |  |  |  | do do               |  | do.                                            |     |
| 27 | <i>do</i> | A. Thibedo                         |  |  |  |                     |  | Not arrested.                                  |     |
| 28 | <i>do</i> | Louis Poutre                       |  |  |  |                     |  | Gave Bail.                                     |     |
| 29 | <i>do</i> | Henry Buffam                       |  |  |  |                     |  | Not arrested.                                  |     |
| 30 | <i>do</i> | Thomas Turr                        |  |  |  | September 17, 1857. |  | Gave Bail.                                     |     |
| 31 | <i>do</i> | Francis Edwards                    |  |  |  |                     |  | Not arrested.                                  |     |
| 32 | <i>do</i> | —Protture                          |  |  |  |                     |  | Gave deputation to arrest, but have not heard. |     |
| 33 | <i>do</i> | Alexander Milne                    |  |  |  | April 22, 1857.     |  | Gave Bail.                                     |     |
| 34 | <i>do</i> | William Richardson                 |  |  |  |                     |  | Not arrested.                                  |     |

GENERAL REMARKS.—It is impossible for me to say what proportion of the parties arrested under *Capias* have paid the Debt. After arrest, in many cases, an arrangement is come to between the Plaintiff's Attorney and the Defendant; but seldom or never is the Debt obtained by arrest made under *Capias ad Satisfaciendum*. Only one of the cases above enumerated, of arrest under this Writ, has been successful in obtaining the Debt.

JAMES THOMPSON, Sheriff,

United Counties of Lanark and Renfrew.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE,

Perth, May 14, 1857.

## No. 27.

**RETURN,—UNITED COUNTIES of LANARK and REN-FREW.**

PERTH, 15th May, 1857.

Sir,—In reply to your's, of 8th instant, I have the honor to inform you, that no Writs for the Arrest of Debtors have been issued out of the County Court for the United Counties of Lanark and Renfrew, since the first day of January, 1855.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

J. MCKAY,  
County Clerk, Lanark and Renfrew.

The Honorable T. LEE TERRILL,  
Secretary,  
Toronto.

## No. 28.

SHERIFF'S RETURN of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS in the UNITED COUNTIES of LEEDS and GRENVILLE, since January 1st, 1855, to May 1st, 1857, inclusive; shewing Receipt of Writ in Office, Amount of Debt, and how Executed.

| When Received. |            | Writ.             | Amount of Debt. |       |       | HOW EXECUTED.                                 |
|----------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-----------------------------------------------|
|                |            |                   | £               | s.    | d.    |                                               |
| January        | 4, 1855 .. | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> .. | 31              | 7     | 4     | Returned; <i>Non Est.</i>                     |
| February       | 10, do ..  | <i>Ca. Re.</i> .. | 31              | 14    | 8     | Arrested; settled by Plaintiff and Defendant. |
| do             | do, do ..  | <i>do</i> ..      | 25              | 0     | 0     | <i>Non Est.</i>                               |
| do             | 21, do ..  | <i>do</i> ..      | 15              | 0     | 0     | Deputation given at request of Attorney.      |
| March          | 19, do ..  | <i>do</i> ..      | 125             | 0     | 0     | <i>Non Est.</i>                               |
| do             | 20, do ..  | <i>do</i> ..      | 40              | 0     | 0     | <i>do.</i>                                    |
| April          | 12, do ..  | <i>do</i> ..      | 22              | 10    | 0     | <i>do.</i>                                    |
| do             | do, do ..  | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> .. | 27              | 0     | 0     | Settled by Parties.                           |
| do             | 26, do ..  | <i>Ca. Re.</i> .. | .....           | ..... | ..... | Deputation to Bailiff by Attorney's request.  |
| May            | 7, do ..   | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> .. | 35              | 0     | 0     | Gave Bail.                                    |
| do             | 19, do ..  | <i>Ca. Re.</i> .. | 187             | 0     | 0     | <i>do.</i>                                    |
| June           | 23, do ..  | <i>do</i> ..      | 22              | 10    | 0     | <i>do.</i>                                    |
| do             | 30, do ..  | <i>do</i> ..      | .....           | ..... | ..... | Deputation to Bailiff by Attorney's request.  |
| July           | 4, do ..   | <i>do</i> ..      | 68              | 18    | 0     | Gave Bail.                                    |
| do             | do, do ..  | <i>do</i> ..      | 118             | 0     | 0     | <i>do.</i>                                    |
| do             | 15, do ..  | <i>do</i> ..      | 30              | 0     | 0     | <i>Non Est.</i>                               |

No. 28.—SHERIFF'S RETURN of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS in the UNITED COUNTIES of LEEDS and GRENVILLE, &c.—  
(Continued.)

| When Received. |          | Writ.          | Amount of Debt. |    |    | HOW EXECUTED.                                                        |
|----------------|----------|----------------|-----------------|----|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                |          |                | £               | s. | d. |                                                                      |
| July           | 24, 1855 | <i>Ca. Re.</i> | 50              | 0  | 0  | Gave Bail.                                                           |
| do             | 28, do   | <i>do</i>      | 75              | 0  | 0  | do.                                                                  |
| do             | do, do   | <i>do</i>      | 34              | 5  | 0  | do.                                                                  |
| August         | 18, do   | <i>do</i>      | 21              | 13 | 0  | Confined for 30 days, and discharged by Attorney's Order.            |
| do             | 22, do   | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> | 133             | 0  | 0  | <i>Non Est.</i>                                                      |
| September      | 14, do   | <i>do</i>      | 133             | 0  | 0  | <i>do.</i>                                                           |
| do             | 25, do   | <i>do</i>      | 75              | 0  | 0  | Gave Bail.                                                           |
| October        | 23, do   | <i>Ca. Re.</i> | 97              | 0  | 0  | Confined for 3 days, and discharged by Attorney's Order.             |
| do             | 30, do   | <i>do</i>      | 163             | 0  | 0  | Gave Bail.                                                           |
| November       | 6, do    | <i>do</i>      | 50              | 0  | 0  | do                                                                   |
| do             | 13, do   | <i>do</i>      | 45              | 13 | 0  | <i>Non Est.</i>                                                      |
| do             | 26, do   | <i>do</i>      | 34              | 11 | 0  | Confined 1 day, and discharged by Attorney's Order.                  |
| December       | 1, do    | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> | 82              | 8  | 0  | <i>Non Est.</i>                                                      |
| do             | do, do   | <i>do</i>      | 133             | 19 | 0  | <i>do.</i>                                                           |
| do             | 5, do    | <i>do</i>      | 50              | 0  | 0  | Gave Bail.                                                           |
| do             | 10, do   | <i>Ca. Re.</i> | 10              | 1  | 3  | <i>Non Est.</i>                                                      |
| do             | do, do   | <i>do</i>      | 17              | 17 | 9  | Gave Bail.                                                           |
| do             | 12, do   | <i>do</i>      | 10              | 8  | 10 | <i>Non Est.</i>                                                      |
| do             | 15, do   | <i>do</i>      | 14              | 0  | 0  | Arrested; settled by Parties.                                        |
| do             | 28, do   | <i>do</i>      | 33              | 15 | 0  | do; do do.                                                           |
| January        | 24, 1856 | <i>do</i>      | 21              | 2  | 0  | Confined 1 day, and discharged.                                      |
| March          | 1, do    | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> | 132             | 14 | 0  | Confined 9½ months, and discharged by Order of Plaintiff's Attorney. |
| do             | 22, do   | <i>do</i>      | 88              | 16 | 0  | <i>Non Est.</i>                                                      |
| do             | 26, do   | <i>Ca. Re.</i> | 27              | 0  | 0  | Gave Bail.                                                           |
| April          | 2, do    | <i>do</i>      |                 |    |    | <i>Non Est.</i>                                                      |
| do             | do, do   | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> | 28              | 18 | 0  | Gave Bail.                                                           |
| do             | 5, do    | <i>do</i>      | 66              | 0  | 0  | do.                                                                  |
| do             | 8, do    | <i>Ca. Re.</i> | 33              | 10 | 0  | <i>Non Est.</i>                                                      |
| May            | 7, do    | <i>do</i>      | 25              | 0  | 0  | Gave Bail.                                                           |
| do             | 29, do   | <i>do</i>      | 25              | 0  | 0  | <i>Non Est.</i>                                                      |
| June           | 3, do    | <i>do</i>      | 20              | 0  | 0  | Gave Bail.                                                           |
| do             | 7, do    | <i>do</i>      | 12              | 3  | 0  | <i>Non Est.</i>                                                      |
| do             | 10, do   | <i>do</i>      | 100             | 0  | 0  | do.                                                                  |
| do             | 16, do   | <i>do</i>      | 12              | 3  | 0  | do.                                                                  |
| do             | 19, do   | <i>do</i>      | 25              | 0  | 0  | Deputation to Bailiff at request of Attorney.                        |
| do             | do, do   | <i>do</i>      | 40              | 0  | 0  | do do do do.                                                         |
| July           | 3, do    | <i>do</i>      | 14              | 0  | 0  | Gave Bail.                                                           |
| do             | do, do   | <i>do</i>      | 95              | 0  | 0  | do.                                                                  |
| do             | do, do   | <i>do</i>      | 27              | 10 | 0  | do.                                                                  |
| do             | 5, do    | <i>do</i>      | 419             | 0  | 0  | Confined 5 days, and discharged by Plaintiff's Attorney.             |
| do             | 30, do   | <i>do</i>      | 37              | 0  | 0  | <i>Non Est.</i>                                                      |

**No. 28.**—SHERIFF'S RETURN of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS in the UNITED COUNTIES of LEEDS and GRENVILLE, &c.—  
(Continued.)

| When Received. |             | Writ.             | Amount of Debt. |    |    | HOW EXECUTED.                                 |
|----------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|----|----|-----------------------------------------------|
|                |             |                   | £               | s. | d. |                                               |
| August         | 12, 1856 .. | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> .. | 35              | 0  | 0  | Deputation to Bailiff at request of Attorney. |
| do             | 16, do ..   | <i>Ca. Re.</i> .. | 18              | 0  | 0  | <i>Non Est.</i>                               |
| do             | 18, do ..   | <i>do</i> ..      | 14              | 0  | 0  | Gave Bail.                                    |
| do             | 20, do ..   | <i>do</i> ..      | 13              | 15 | 0  | Deputation to Bailiff by Attorney's request.  |
| October        | 27, do ..   | <i>do</i> ..      | 11              | 10 | 0  | Arrested; settled by Parties.                 |
| January,       | 2, 1857 ..  | <i>do</i> ..      | 17              | 0  | 0  | do; do do.                                    |
| February       | 19, do ..   | <i>do</i> ..      | 100             | 0  | 0  | <i>Non Est.</i>                               |
| do             | 21, do ..   | <i>do</i> ..      | 14              | 0  | 0  | Arrested; paid to Attorney by Defendant.      |
| April          | 15, do ..   | <i>do</i> ..      | 30              | 0  | 0  | Confined 2 days, and discharged by Plaintiff. |

**No. 29.**

BROCKVILLE, 11th May, 1857.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose you the number of Writs of *Capias* issued out of the County Court of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, during the period from the first day of January, 1855, to the eleventh day of May, 1857; and the Amount of the Debt for which each Writ was issued, to the best of my ability.

I supposed from your letter, that it was only for the County Court you required the return; if you require a return for the Superior Courts, I shall attend to it to the best of my ability.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

W. H. CAMPBELL,  
Clerk of the County Court of the United Counties of  
Leeds and Grenville.

To T. LEE TERRILL, Esquire,  
Provincial Secretary,  
Toronto.



No. 29.—*CAPIAS* issued in the UNITED COUNTIES of LEEDS and GRENVILLE.

| STYLE OF CAUSE.                     | Amount of Bail. |    |    | Date when Writ Issued. |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----|----|------------------------|-----------|
|                                     | £               | s. | d. |                        |           |
| Maley, vs. Armstrong .....          | 15              | 0  | 0  | May                    | 12, 1855. |
| Adams, vs. Bullard .....            | 29              | 0  | 0  | June                   | 30, do.   |
| McKeough, vs. Boyle .....           | 17              | 17 | 9  | December               | 11, do.   |
| Gates, vs. Barker .....             | 33              | 10 | 0  | do                     | 27, do.   |
| Hutchison, vs. Beaudreau .....      | 14              | 4  | 6  | February               | 18, 1856. |
| Eagan, vs. Benedict .....           | 14              | 13 | 4  | April                  | 5, do.    |
| Robertson, et al., vs. Bryant ..... | 19              | 8  | 5  | May                    | do, 1857. |
| Lewis, vs. Clow .....               | 18              | 0  | 0  | February               | 21, 1855. |
| Garvey, vs. Fox, et al. ....        | 31              | 14 | 8  | do                     | 10, do.   |
| Cann, vs. Carman .....              | 14              | 4  | 10 | August                 | 5, 1856.  |
| Hogan, et al., vs. Carl .....       | 14              | 3  | 0  | October                | 27, do.   |
| McGee, vs. Christie .....           | 22              | 1  | 6  | November               | 14, do.   |
| Fulford, vs. Clow .....             | 25              | 18 | 5  | February               | 23, 1857. |
| Johnston, vs. Fulford .....         | 12              | 16 | 6  | November               | 21, 1856. |
| Smart, vs. Hunter .....             | 25              | 0  | 0  | March                  | 14, 1855. |
| Gilman, vs. Gray .....              | 18              | 2  | 1  | October                | 2, do.    |
| Garvey, vs. Howe .....              | 50              | 0  | 0  | November               | 6, do.    |
| Taylor, vs. Haggartan .....         | 10              | 0  | 0  | October                | 17, 1856. |
| Shepherd, vs. Lister .....          | 14              | 0  | 0  | December               | 15, 1855. |
| Harkness, vs. Levine .....          | 12              | 3  | 1  | June                   | 7, 1856.  |
| Parr, vs. Lewine .....              | 24              | 8  | 0  | January                | 22, 1857. |
| Baxter, vs. McKeough .....          | 34              | 11 | 11 | November               | 24, 1855. |
| Boyle, vs. McKeough .....           | 10              | 1  | 3  | December               | 10, do.   |
| Cowan, vs. McKeough .....           | 10              | 8  | 10 | do                     | 12, do.   |
| Lynch, vs. McDougall .....          | 37              | 10 | 0  | March                  | 20, 1856. |
| Pomeroy, vs. Mitchell .....         | 30              | 13 | 10 | October                | do, do.   |
| Lee, vs. Nunn .....                 | 21              | 2  | 1  | January                | 23, do.   |
| Webster, vs. Orvis .....            | 25              | 0  | 0  | February               | 10, 1855. |
| Boyle, vs. Ross .....               | 20              | 0  | 0  | June                   | 3, 1856.  |
| Colburn, vs. Sears .....            | 22              | 10 | 0  | do                     | 22, 1855. |
| Skinner, vs. Snider .....           | 87              | 10 | 11 | April                  | 26, do.   |
| Baxter, vs. Selee .....             | 14              | 7  | 8  | July                   | 3, 1856.  |
| Judd, vs. Thompson .....            | 13              | 15 | 0  | August                 | 23, do.   |
| Kirnanhan, vs. Yelden .....         | 22              | 10 | 7  | April                  | 11, 1855. |

W. H. CAMPBELL,

*Clerk of the County Court of the United Counties of  
Leeds and Grenville.*

No. 30.

**Writs in Queen's Bench and Common Pleas.**

RETURN from Sheriff's Office, Niagara, of the Number of WRITS, for the Arrest of DEBTORS in the UNITED COUNTIES of LINCOLN and WELLAND, from the 1st day of January, 1855, received, shewing the Amount of Debt for which each Writ was issued; whether or not Arrest was made; whether or not party was Committed to Gaol; how long detained; and whether finally discharged by payment of the Debt or otherwise.

| No. | NAME of DEBTOR.    | Description of Writ. | Amount. |       | Date of Arrest.  | Date of Discharge. | HOW DISCHARGED.                  |
|-----|--------------------|----------------------|---------|-------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
|     |                    |                      | £       | s. d. |                  |                    |                                  |
| 1   | Thomas Gramies     | <i>Capias</i> .....  | 240     | 0     | January 17, 1855 | 17, 1855           | Settled between parties.         |
| 2   | Charles G. Pike    | <i>do</i> .....      | 404     | 8     | do 22, do        | 22, do             | Bail to Sheriff.                 |
| 3   | Norman W. Doane    | <i>do</i> .....      | 315     | 10    | March 5, do      | 5, do              | do do.                           |
| 4   | Joshua C. Drew     | <i>do</i> .....      | 54      | 0     | do 6, do         | do                 | do do.                           |
| 5   | Mater Rothchild    | <i>do</i> .....      | 50      | 0     | do 31, do        | 31, do             | do do.                           |
| 6   | James Hultman      | <i>do</i> .....      | 34      | 0     | .....            | .....              | Withdrawn before action.         |
| 7   | John J. Bush       | <i>do</i> .....      | 151     | 3     | .....            | .....              | do do.                           |
| 8   | Jabez Cushman      | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> ..... | 72      | 10    | April 3, 1855    | 3, 1855            | Bail to Sheriff.                 |
| 9   | Wilis Wright       | <i>Capias</i> .....  | 18      | 15    | do 23, do        | 23, do             | do do.                           |
| 10  | Hosea T. Stucks    | <i>do</i> .....      | 197     | 5     | May 5, do        | 5, do              | do do.                           |
| 11  | David Noble        | <i>do</i> .....      | 75      | 0     | April 28, do     | 2, do              | Bail to Sheriff; 4 days in Gaol. |
| 12  | Montabert Spencer  | <i>do</i> .....      | 117     | 17    | Arrest not made. | .....              | Discharged by Plaintiff.         |
| 13  | James Hoshall      | <i>do</i> .....      | 350     | 0     | .....            | .....              | do do.                           |
| 14  | Robert A. Campbell | <i>do</i> .....      | 350     | 0     | .....            | .....              | Bail to Sheriff.                 |
| 15  | John L. Smith      | <i>do</i> .....      | 89      | 10    | June 28, 1855    | 28, 1855           | do do.                           |
| 16  | Thomas W. Bougner  | <i>do</i> .....      | 60      | 18    | July 17, do      | 17, do             | do do.                           |
| 17  | James Myers        | <i>do</i> .....      | 20      | 0     | do 21, do        | 21, do             | Paid Debt to Sheriff.            |

|    |                       |                      |     |    |                   |                 |                                     |
|----|-----------------------|----------------------|-----|----|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 18 | Edmond Slatterby      | <i>do</i> .....      | 30  | 0  | do 26, do         | September 4, do | Settled with Plaintiff.             |
| 19 | do                    | <i>do</i> .....      | 25  | 0  | do 27, do         | do do           | do do.                              |
| 20 | John McDonald         | <i>do</i> .....      | 125 | 0  | August 15, do     | 12, do          | Bail to Sheriff.                    |
| 21 | Oliver Seymour Phelps | <i>do</i> .....      | 50  | 0  | October 1, do     | 1, do           | do do.                              |
| 22 | Elou Tupper           | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> ..... | 58  | 13 | September 8, do   | 8, do           | Bail to Sheriff for Limits.         |
| 23 | J. W. Brockelbank     | <i>Capias</i> .....  | 61  | 19 | do 11, do         | 11, do          | Bail to Sheriff.                    |
| 24 | Godfrey McDonald      | <i>do</i> .....      | 235 | 12 | Arrest not made.  | .....           | do do.                              |
| 25 | Alexander McCarty     | <i>do</i> .....      | 50  | 0  | October 11, 1855  | 12, do          | do do.                              |
| 26 | Thomas A. Kirkwood    | <i>do</i> .....      | 118 | 0  | Arrest not made.  | .....           | Settled with Plaintiff.             |
| 27 | John McDonald         | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> ..... | 120 | 8  | November 16, 1855 | 3, 1856         | do do.                              |
| 28 | George McDonald       | <i>Capias</i> .....  | 274 | 18 | Arrest not made.  | .....           | Bail to Sheriff.                    |
| 29 | William Cowson        | <i>do</i> .....      | 40  | 0  | March 13, 1856    | 13, do          | Discharged by Plaintiff's Attorney. |
| 30 | Alexander McLeod      | <i>do</i> .....      | 96  | 5  | May 1, do         | 7, do           | Bail to Sheriff.                    |
| 31 | Edward McLaughlin     | <i>do</i> .....      | 50  | 0  | do 23, do         | 23, do          | do do.                              |
| 32 | Godfrey McDonald      | <i>do</i> .....      | 235 | 12 | Arrest not made.  | .....           | Bail to Sheriff.                    |
| 33 | David Misner          | <i>do</i> .....      | 50  | 0  | do do.            | .....           | do do.                              |
| 34 | William Cosby         | <i>do</i> .....      | 125 | 0  | September 9, 1856 | 9, do           | do do.                              |
| 35 | D. W. Saxon           | <i>do</i> .....      | 30  | 7  | do 12, do         | 12, do          | do do.                              |
| 36 | J. M. Fairwell        | <i>do</i> .....      | 43  | 5  | November 17, do   | 17, do          | do do.                              |
| 37 | Alfred B. House       | <i>do</i> .....      | 125 | 0  | Arrest not made.  | .....           | do do.                              |
| 38 | Charles G. Morgan     | <i>do</i> .....      | 38  | 3  | do do.            | .....           | do do.                              |
| 39 | John Carpenter        | <i>do</i> .....      | 12  | 0  | February 3, 1857  | 3, 1857         | Settled with Plaintiff.             |
| 40 | John Huntman          | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> ..... | 207 | 0  | do do             | do do           | Bail to Sheriff; Limits.            |
| 41 | William Haw           | <i>do</i> .....      | 74  | 8  | Arrest not made.  | .....           | do do.                              |
| 41 | John Clemens          | <i>Capias</i> .....  | 25  | 0  | February 26, 1857 | 26, do          | Settled with Plaintiff.             |

W. KINGSMILL, Sheriff,  
County Lincoln.

Per C. W. MUNRO,  
Deputy Sheriff.

**Writs in County Court of the County of Lincoln.**

RETURN from Sheriff's Office, Niagara, of the Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS, in the UNITED COUNTIES of LINCOLN and WELLAND, from the 1st day of January, 1855, received; shewing the Amount of Debt for which each Writ issued; whether or not Arrest was made; whether or not Party was committed to Gaol; how long detained; and whether finally discharged by payment of the Debt or otherwise.

| No. | NAME of DEBTORS.     | Description of Writ.   | Amount. | Date of Arrest. | Date of Discharge. | HOW DISCHARGED.                                                 |
|-----|----------------------|------------------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | William Bishop       | <i>Capias</i> .....    | £ 28    | January 8, 1855 | January 8, 1855    | Bail to Sheriff.                                                |
| 2   | James Manuel         | <i>do</i> .....        | 15      | 9, do           | 9, do              | Settled with Plaintiff.                                         |
| 3   | John McLaren         | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> .....   | 40      | 13, do          | 13, do             | <i>do</i>                                                       |
| 4   | George Jones         | <i>do</i> .....        | 1       | 19, do          | 19, do             | Bail to Sheriff.                                                |
| 5   | Harman Lohman        | <i>Capias</i> .....    | 85      | 26, do          | 4, do              | 8 days in Gaol. Bail to Sheriff.                                |
| 6   | Thomas O'Connor      | <i>do</i> .....        | 40      | .....           | .....              | No Arrest made.                                                 |
| 7   | William Ceraney      | <i>do</i> .....        | 35      | .....           | .....              | <i>do</i>                                                       |
| 8   | Edmund Slatterby     | <i>do</i> .....        | 12      | .....           | .....              | <i>do</i>                                                       |
| 9   | <i>do</i>            | <i>do</i> .....        | 0       | .....           | .....              | <i>do</i>                                                       |
| 10  | Robert A. Campbell   | <i>do</i> .....        | 31      | 20, 1856        | .....              | Gaol 2 months; settled with Plaintiff.                          |
| 11  | W. H. Ward           | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> .....   | 15      | do, do          | .....              | <i>do</i>                                                       |
| 12  | Jephtha Holcomb      | <i>Capias</i> .....    | 30      | 2, 1855         | August 2, 1855     | Bail to Sheriff.                                                |
| 13  | Godfrey McDonald     | <i>Capias B.</i> ..... | 68      | 23, do          | 23, do             | <i>do</i>                                                       |
| 14  | Silas Cooper         | <i>do</i> .....        | 62      | 22, do          | .....              | Special Bail entered.                                           |
| 15  | <i>do</i>            | <i>Com.</i> .....      | 10      | 27, 1855        | .....              | No Arrest.                                                      |
| 16  | Freedom Cooper       | <i>Capias B.</i> ..... | 17      | do, do          | .....              | Settled between Parties.                                        |
| 17  | W. H. Maguire        | <i>Com.</i> .....      | 14      | do, do          | .....              | <i>do</i>                                                       |
| 18  | John Swinton, junior | <i>Capias</i> .....    | 20      | do, do          | .....              | <i>do</i>                                                       |
| 19  | Richard Boyle        | <i>do</i> .....        | 17      | .....           | December 4, 1855   | Special Warrant granted.                                        |
| 20  | Godfrey McDonald     | <i>do</i> .....        | 68      | .....           | .....              | Bail to Sheriff, and assigned to Plaintiff.                     |
| 21  | F. J. Lundy          | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> .....   | 13      | 24, 1856        | .....              | Special Warrant granted. Bail given, and assigned to Plaintiff. |
|     |                      |                        | 10      | 17, 1856        | .....              | No Arrest.                                                      |
|     |                      |                        | 6       | .....           | .....              | Bail to Sheriff, and assigned.                                  |

|    |                        |                        |       |                  |                    |                          |
|----|------------------------|------------------------|-------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 22 | Edward Cosgrove        | <i>Capias</i> .....    | 32    | January 19, 1856 | January 19, 1856   | Withdrawn.               |
| 23 | Alvinza L. Finn        | <i>Capias B.</i> ..... | 20    | 20, do           | 20, do             | Bail to Sheriff.         |
| 24 | Joseph Shaw            | <i>Capias</i> .....    | 22    | .....            | .....              | Settled with Plaintiff.  |
| 25 | John Brett             | <i>do</i> .....        | 22    | .....            | .....              | No Arrest made.          |
| 26 | Richard Breet          | <i>do</i> .....        | 22    | .....            | .....              | <i>do</i>                |
| 27 | Alvinza L. Finn        | <i>do</i> .....        | 44    | 9, 1856          | 9, 1856            | Bail to Sheriff.         |
| 28 | William Swinton        | <i>do</i> .....        | 39    | 12, do           | 12, do             | <i>do</i>                |
| 29 | Eleazar King           | <i>do</i> .....        | 19    | 25, do           | 25, do             | <i>do</i>                |
| 30 | George Johnson         | <i>do</i> .....        | 100   | .....            | .....              | <i>Non Est Inventus.</i> |
| 31 | A. G. St. George       | <i>do</i> .....        | 12    | .....            | .....              | <i>do</i>                |
| 32 | Robert Hauch           | <i>do</i> .....        | 10    | .....            | .....              | <i>do</i>                |
| 33 | Anson Monett           | <i>do</i> .....        | 50    | 15, 1856         | .....              | <i>do</i>                |
| 34 | Phillips Eligh         | <i>do</i> .....        | 15    | .....            | .....              | <i>do</i>                |
| 35 | Peter A. McAnthon      | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> .....   | ..... | .....            | September 27, 1856 | Settled with Plaintiff.  |
| 36 | William Swinton        | <i>do</i> .....        | ..... | .....            | .....              | <i>Non Est Inventus.</i> |
| 37 | John Taylor            | <i>Capias</i> .....    | ..... | .....            | .....              | <i>do</i>                |
| 38 | <i>do</i>              | <i>do</i> .....        | 11    | .....            | .....              | <i>do</i>                |
| 39 | Elius Wilkins          | <i>do</i> .....        | ..... | .....            | November 10, 1856  | Bail to Sheriff.         |
| 40 | James F. Clement       | <i>do</i> .....        | 18    | .....            | .....              | <i>Non Est Inventus.</i> |
| 41 | Alfred Talbot          | <i>do</i> .....        | 10    | .....            | .....              | Bail to Sheriff.         |
| 42 | George Longhurst       | <i>do</i> .....        | 59    | 1, do            | 1, do              | Settled with Plaintiff.  |
| 43 | J. M. Fairwell         | <i>do</i> .....        | 10    | 13, do           | 13, do             | Bail to Sheriff.         |
| 44 | <i>do</i>              | <i>do</i> .....        | 0     | do, do           | do, do             | <i>do</i>                |
| 45 | George Johnson         | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> .....   | 100   | do, do           | do, do             | Settled with Plaintiff.  |
| 46 | Jane Rils              | <i>Capias</i> .....    | 13    | 2, 1857          | 2, do              | Bail to Sheriff.         |
| 47 | James M. Fairwell      | <i>do</i> .....        | 29    | 8, do            | 8, do              | <i>do</i>                |
| 48 | Cornelius Johnson      | <i>do</i> .....        | 30    | .....            | .....              | <i>Non Est Inventus.</i> |
| 49 | William Gunning        | <i>Ca. Sa.</i> .....   | 26    | 2, 1857          | 2, 1857            | Bail to Sheriff.         |
| 50 | Thomas T. Ellis        | <i>Capias</i> .....    | 56    | 3, do            | 3, do              | <i>do</i>                |
| 51 | John Carpenter         | <i>do</i> .....        | 23    | 2, do            | 2, do              | Settled with Plaintiff.  |
| 52 | Archibald A. McDougall | <i>do</i> .....        | 79    | do, do           | do, do             | Bail to Sheriff.         |
| 53 | Proctor B. Weaver      | <i>do</i> .....        | 40    | 17, do           | 17, do             | <i>do</i>                |
| 54 | James McDougall        | <i>do</i> .....        | 40    | .....            | .....              | <i>Non Est Inventus.</i> |
| 55 | Noble F. Drake         | <i>do</i> .....        | 25    | 22, 1857         | 23, 1857           | Bail to Sheriff.         |

SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Niagara, May 12, 1857. W. KINGSMILL, Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff.

No. 32.

SCHEDULE of WRITS issued for the Arrest of DEBTORS in the COUNTY of MIDDLESEX, from the first day of January, 1855, to April 30th, 1857, inclusive, by order of Government, dated May 7, 1857.

| D A T E.         | N A M E.             | Amount. |    | Arrested. | Commit-<br>ted. | T I M E. |       | R E M A R K S.                      |
|------------------|----------------------|---------|----|-----------|-----------------|----------|-------|-------------------------------------|
|                  |                      | £       | s. |           |                 | Months.  | Days. |                                     |
| January 10, 1855 | Robert Haskett       | 12      | 7  | 1         |                 |          |       | Settled with Attorney same day.     |
| do do            | Frederick Thorp      | 15      | 0  | 1         |                 |          |       | do do.                              |
| do do            | Robert R. Dunlop     | 50      | 0  | 1         |                 |          |       | Bailed.                             |
| do do            | Ralph S. Talbot      | 85      | 15 | 1         |                 |          |       | do.                                 |
| do do            | William H. Zwick     | 44      | 10 | 1         | 1               |          |       | do.                                 |
| do do            | do                   | 79      | 4  | 1         | 1               | 17       |       | Bailed to Limits.                   |
| do do            | Daniel Carmichael    | 10      | 19 | 4         |                 |          |       | Bailed.                             |
| do do            | Frederick Thorp      | 15      | 9  | 1         |                 |          |       | do.                                 |
| do do            | Nathaniel Chimenbegg | 11      | 9  | 10        |                 |          |       | Debt paid same day.                 |
| do do            | William Cole         | 30      | 7  | 1         |                 |          |       | Bailed.                             |
| do do            | William Smith        | 11      | 5  | 0         | 1               | 7        |       | Discharged per Attorney's Order.    |
| do do            | Austin Doty          | 12      | 10 | 0         |                 |          |       | Bailed.                             |
| do do            | James H. Hull        | 12      | 10 | 0         |                 |          |       | do.                                 |
| do do            | Charles E. Godfrey   | 18      | 19 | 1         |                 |          |       | Discharged by <i>Super Silius</i> . |
| do do            | Allen Sterritt       | 10      | 18 | 1         |                 |          |       | Bailed.                             |
| do do            | Michael Young        | 12      | 3  | 9         | 1               | 66       |       | Discharged by Judge, Common Pleas.  |
| do do            | Marshall McKay       | 32      | 18 | 7         | 1               | 7        |       | Debt satisfied.                     |
| do do            | James Hull           | 50      | 19 | 8         | 1               |          |       | Bailed to Limits.                   |
| do do            | William Hendra       | 33      | 13 | 3         | 1               |          |       | Bailed.                             |
| do do            | Thomas B. French     | 25      | 12 | 6         | 1               |          |       | do.                                 |
| do do            | Thomas Fitzpatrick   | 57      | 10 | 0         | 1               |          |       | do.                                 |
| do do            | John McKay           | 20      | 0  | 0         | 1               |          |       | do.                                 |
| do do            | Edwin Rose           | 25      | 0  | 0         | 1               |          |       | do.                                 |
| do do            | James Winship        | 25      | 0  | 0         | 1               |          |       | do.                                 |
| do do            |                      |         |    |           |                 |          |       | Bailed.                             |

|       |                                   |     |    |    |   |    |  |                                 |
|-------|-----------------------------------|-----|----|----|---|----|--|---------------------------------|
| do do | William Hendra                    | 16  | 11 | 0  |   | 9  |  | do.                             |
| do do | Richard Hall                      | 26  | 9  | 1  |   |    |  | Settled with Attorney.          |
| do do | James McDonald                    | 12  | 11 | 3  |   |    |  | Paid to Sheriff.                |
| do do | A. R. Trew                        | 26  | 4  | 11 |   |    |  | Amount paid.                    |
| do do | Thomas Scott                      | 50  | 0  | 0  |   |    |  | Settled.                        |
| do do | Stephen B. Green                  | 10  | 11 | 7  |   |    |  | Bailed.                         |
| do do | John A. C. Wilson                 | 10  | 4  | 0  |   |    |  | do.                             |
| do do | Edward Atten Talbot               | 11  | 4  | 0  |   |    |  | do.                             |
| do do | John J. Bush                      | 151 | 3  | 9  |   |    |  | do.                             |
| do do | John Stevens                      | 300 | 0  | 0  |   |    |  | do.                             |
| do do | Horace Wilson and George Slocombe | 35  | 0  | 0  |   |    |  | do.                             |
| do do | Phillip Miller                    | 23  | 15 | 9  |   |    |  | Both Bailed.                    |
| do do | William Taylor                    | 18  | 0  | 0  | 1 | 15 |  | Settled with Attorney.          |
| do do | Thomas Payne                      | 30  | 0  | 0  |   |    |  | Bailed.                         |
| do do | George Fenwick                    | 12  | 10 | 0  |   |    |  | do.                             |
| do do | Joshua L. Wellman                 | 25  | 0  | 0  |   |    |  | Paid Sheriff.                   |
| do do | Richard E. Fowler                 | 300 | 0  | 0  |   |    |  | Bailed.                         |
| do do | do                                | 100 | 0  | 0  |   |    |  | do.                             |
| do do | William Hendra                    | 33  | 13 | 3  |   |    |  | Bailed to Limits.               |
| do do | John Wattam                       | 129 | 9  | 4  |   |    |  | do.                             |
| do do | Edmund Shell                      | 108 | 1  | 0  | 1 | 9  |  | do.                             |
| do do | George Cottrell                   | 37  | 11 | 10 |   | 1  |  | do.                             |
| do do | Lewis Olmstead                    | 101 | 0  | 0  |   |    |  | Special Bail.                   |
| do do | Frederick Templeton               | 10  | 18 | 9  |   |    |  | Bailed.                         |
| do do | Jesse Rapley                      | 34  | 8  | 0  |   |    |  | do.                             |
| do do | Amosa McFarland                   | 21  | 7  | 2  |   |    |  | Settled.                        |
| do do | Thaddeus Smith                    | 25  | 0  | 0  |   |    |  | do.                             |
| do do | William G. Telfer                 | 20  | 0  | 0  |   |    |  | <i>Non Est.</i>                 |
| do do | Joseph B. Clench                  | 20  | 0  | 0  |   |    |  | Bailed.                         |
| do do | Alfred Thomas Jones               | 34  | 10 | 10 |   |    |  | do.                             |
| do do | Thomas B. French                  | 49  | 3  | 3  |   |    |  | Bailed to Limits.               |
| do do | Patrick White                     | 37  | 8  | 5  |   |    |  | Bailed.                         |
| do do | William Hamilton                  | 232 | 10 | 4  |   |    |  | do.                             |
| do do | Daniel Mills                      | 11  | 2  | 6  |   |    |  | Bailed to Limits.               |
| do do | Henry McKay                       | 66  | 0  | 0  |   |    |  | do.                             |
| do do | Philo Soper                       | 21  | 5  | 0  |   |    |  | Discharged by Special Bail.     |
| do do | John P. Steward                   | 90  | 3  | 0  |   |    |  | Discharged by Attorney's Order. |
| do do | Andrew Bell                       | 12  | 3  | 0  |   |    |  | do.                             |
| do do | Edward Allen Talbot               |     |    |    |   |    |  | Bailed to Limits.               |

No. 32.—SCHEDULE of WRITS issued for the Arrest of DEBTORS in the COUNTY of MIDDLESEX, from the first day of January, 1855, &c.—(Continued.)

| D A T E.         | N A M E.            | Amount. |    | Arrested. | Commit-<br>ted. | Time.   |       | R E M A R K S.                                    |
|------------------|---------------------|---------|----|-----------|-----------------|---------|-------|---------------------------------------------------|
|                  |                     | £       | s. |           |                 | Months. | Days. |                                                   |
| October 22, 1855 | Nicholas Scott      | 10      | 0  | 1         | 1               | 2       |       | Discharged by Judge Small.                        |
| do 11, do        | Henry Wells         | 12      | 0  | 1         |                 |         |       | Bailed.                                           |
| do do            | Archibald Campbell  | 35      | 0  | 1         |                 |         |       | do.                                               |
| do 18, do        | William Eagetton    | 10      | 0  | 1         |                 | 1       | 3     | do.                                               |
| do 16, do        | Allen Sterritt      | 32      | 7  | 1         | 1               |         | 34    | Discharged by Order of Judge Burns.               |
| do 22, do        | Henry Kipp          | 20      | 0  | 1         | 1               |         | 2     | Settled with Attorney.                            |
| do do            | Frederick Newburgh  | 15      | 0  | 1         |                 |         |       | do.                                               |
| November 5, do   | Frederick Temprecht | 16      | 7  | 1         |                 |         |       | Bailed.                                           |
| do 30, do        | Robert W. Figg      | 12      | 10 | 1         |                 |         |       | Settled.                                          |
| November 10, do  | do                  | 12      | 14 | 1         |                 |         |       | do.                                               |
| do 18, do        | William Wall Gray   | 48      | 14 | 1         |                 |         |       | Bailed to Limits.                                 |
| do do            | E. A. Newburgh      | 30      | 0  | 1         |                 |         |       | Bailed.                                           |
| do do            | William Irwin       | 32      | 14 | 1         | 1               |         | 3     | Discharged by Order of Attorney.                  |
| do do            | George A. Hatton    | 17      | 10 | 1         |                 |         |       | Settled.                                          |
| do do            | Joseph B. Clench    | 22      | 13 | 1         |                 |         |       | Non Est.                                          |
| do do            | J. W. Crawford      | 71      | 1  | 1         |                 |         |       | Bailed to Limits.                                 |
| do 30, do        | John Blackmore      | 45      | 0  | 1         |                 |         |       | Bailed.                                           |
| do do            | Lewis Olmstead      | 118     | 10 | 1         |                 |         | 20    | Discharged per Order of Honorable J. C. Macaulay. |
| do 1, do         | do                  |         |    |           |                 |         |       | Bailed to Limits.                                 |
| do 10, do        | William Hamilton    | 49      | 3  | 1         |                 |         |       | do.                                               |
| do 17, 1856      | Edward A. Talbot    | 26      | 5  | 1         |                 |         |       | Bailed.                                           |
| do 12, do        | William Blair       | 30      | 0  | 1         |                 |         |       | do.                                               |
| do do            | James Hull          | 18      | 0  | 1         |                 |         |       | do.                                               |
| do 3, do         | Jacob W. Ezekiel    | 12      | 0  | 1         |                 |         |       | do.                                               |
| do 8, do         | Edward A. Talbot    | 55      | 0  | 1         |                 |         |       | do.                                               |
| do 17, do        | Alson Gregory       | 81      | 14 | 1         |                 |         |       | Settled.                                          |
| do 24, do        | do                  | 13      | 14 | 1         |                 |         |       | do.                                               |
| do do            | do                  |         |    |           |                 |         |       |                                                   |

|                |                   |     |    |   |   |  |    |                                              |
|----------------|-------------------|-----|----|---|---|--|----|----------------------------------------------|
| February 8, do | Thomas Friendship | 77  | 13 | 1 |   |  |    | Bailed.                                      |
| do 14, do      | J. B. Schram      | 91  | 2  | 1 |   |  |    | Bailed to Limits.                            |
| do do          | Richard Galbraith | 46  | 10 | 1 |   |  |    | Bailed.                                      |
| do 9, do       | Donald McGregor   | 15  | 18 | 1 |   |  | 16 | do.                                          |
| do 12, do      | Robert Thompson   | 10  | 5  | 1 | 1 |  | 12 | Settled with Attorney.                       |
| do 7, do       | D'Arcy Drake      | 30  | 0  | 1 | 1 |  | 43 | Discharged by Judge Draper.                  |
| do 4, do       | Samuel A. Gowman  | 49  | 8  | 1 |   |  |    | Bailed.                                      |
| do do          | Thomas Waterhouse | 12  | 10 | 1 |   |  | 5  | Discharged by Attorney's Order.              |
| do 7, do       | Henry Kipp        | 18  | 15 | 1 |   |  |    | Bailed.                                      |
| do 31, do      | Richard Jeffrey   | 22  | 10 | 1 |   |  |    | do.                                          |
| do 13, do      | John Orange       | 18  | 17 | 1 |   |  |    | do.                                          |
| do 14, do      | Francis McGill    | 99  | 16 | 1 |   |  |    | Bailed to Limits.                            |
| do 20, do      | Lewis Beal        | 10  | 5  | 1 |   |  |    | Settled.                                     |
| do 19, do      | James Covey       | 12  | 10 | 1 | 1 |  | 22 | Bailed.                                      |
| do 18, do      | William Williams  | 15  | 0  | 1 |   |  |    | Settled with Attorney.                       |
| do 10, do      | Thomas Claris     | 11  | 3  | 1 |   |  |    | Bailed.                                      |
| do 28, do      | Nicholas Hopkins  | 17  | 1  | 1 |   |  |    | do.                                          |
| do 27, do      | Robert McBain     | 10  | 0  | 1 |   |  |    | do.                                          |
| do 2, do       | Edward A. Talbot  | 11  | 0  | 1 |   |  |    | Bailed to Limits.                            |
| do 3, do       | William Armstrong | 29  | 13 | 1 | 1 |  | 3  | Discharged by Judge Strachan's Order.        |
| do 17, do      | Henry Shadwell    | 10  | 8  | 1 |   |  |    | Bailed.                                      |
| do do          | Joseph Loperoy    | 10  | 8  | 1 |   |  |    | do.                                          |
| do 21, do      | John Williams     | 13  | 18 | 1 |   |  |    | do.                                          |
| do 17, do      | Daniel Springer   | 25  | 16 | 1 |   |  |    | do.                                          |
| do 28, do      | James Coothe      | 78  | 2  | 1 |   |  | 5  | Surrendered by Special Bail, March 26, 1857. |
| do 29, do      | do                |     |    |   |   |  |    | Now in Custody.                              |
| do do          | John W. Kermott   | 100 | 0  | 1 |   |  |    | Bailed.                                      |
| do 8, do       | Peter Ledwaite    | 46  | 14 | 1 |   |  |    | Settled.                                     |
| do 17, do      | R. McCullough     | 17  | 0  | 1 |   |  |    | do.                                          |
| do 23, do      | George Kelly      | 160 | 0  | 1 |   |  |    | do.                                          |
| do 27, do      | James Greer       | 20  | 0  | 1 |   |  |    | Bailed.                                      |
| do 29, do      | Anson Strong      | 250 | 0  | 1 |   |  |    | do.                                          |
| do 5, do       | Daniel Bokus      | 10  | 13 | 1 |   |  |    | Settled with Attorney.                       |
| do 7, do       | Edward C. Dickson | 63  | 11 | 1 |   |  | 24 | do.                                          |
| do do          | Robert McCullough | 136 | 12 | 1 |   |  | 15 | Bailed to Limits.                            |
| do do          | Benjamin Shirk    | 16  | 6  | 1 |   |  |    | Bailed.                                      |
| do 16, do      | James H. Hull     | 12  | 0  | 1 |   |  |    | do.                                          |
| do do          | Edward Austin     | 49  | 9  | 1 |   |  | 10 | Bailed to Limits.                            |
| do do          | William McAdams   | 19  | 10 | 1 |   |  | 13 | In Custody.                                  |
| do 17, do      | do                | 13  | 17 | 1 |   |  |    | do.                                          |
| do do          | do                |     |    |   |   |  |    |                                              |

No. 32.—SCHEDULE of WRITS issued for the Arrest of DEBTORS in the COUNTY of MIDDLESEX, from the first day of January, 1855, &c.—(Continued.)

| D A T E.      | N A M E.           | Amount. |    | Arrested. | Commit-<br>ted. | T I M E. |       | R E M A R K S.                  |
|---------------|--------------------|---------|----|-----------|-----------------|----------|-------|---------------------------------|
|               |                    | £       | s. |           |                 | Months.  | Days. |                                 |
| June 17, 1856 | William McAdams    | 21      | 17 | 1         | 1               |          |       | In Custody.                     |
| do do         | do                 | 20      | 0  | 1         | 1               |          |       | do.                             |
| do do         | do                 | 33      | 18 | 1         | 1               |          |       | do.                             |
| do do         | do                 | 10      | 0  | 1         | 1               | 10       | 12    | Settled.                        |
| do do         | William Findlater  | 16      | 12 | 1         | 1               |          |       | Bailed.                         |
| do do         | Frederick Tiffany  | 17      | 10 | 1         | 1               |          |       | do.                             |
| June do       | Anson Strong       | 400     | 0  | 1         | 1               |          |       | In Custody.                     |
| do do         | William McAdam     | 10      | 0  | 1         | 1               |          |       | Bailed to Limits.               |
| July do       | Anson Strong       | 125     | 0  | 1         | 1               |          |       | do.                             |
| do do         | do                 | 900     | 0  | 1         | 1               |          |       | do.                             |
| do do         | G. H. Dalrymple    | 40      | 0  | 1         | 1               |          |       | do.                             |
| do do         | Edward Murphy      | 11      | 0  | 1         | 1               |          |       | do.                             |
| do do         | Anson Strong       | 250     | 0  | 1         | 1               |          |       | do.                             |
| do do         | do                 | 1000    | 0  | 1         | 1               |          |       | do.                             |
| do do         | do                 | 500     | 0  | 1         | 1               |          |       | do.                             |
| do do         | do                 | 167     | 6  | 1         | 1               |          |       | do.                             |
| do do         | Robert Hasket      | 16      | 6  | 1         | 1               |          |       | do.                             |
| do do         | Archibald Campbell | 36      | 15 | 1         | 1               | 5        | 5     | Discharged by Attorney's Order. |
| August do     | Edward A. Talbot   | 32      | 15 | 1         | 1               | 3        | 17    | Bailed to Limits.               |
| do do         | Thomas Fraser      | 25      | 0  | 1         | 1               |          |       | do.                             |
| do do         | Hart Proudfoot     | 89      | 17 | 1         | 1               |          |       | Bailed.                         |
| do do         | Edward A. Harris   | 85      | 0  | 1         | 1               | 8        | 5     | do.                             |
| do do         | Edward Powers      | 12      | 10 | 1         | 1               | 6        | 17    | Settled with Attorney.          |
| do do         | do                 | 10      | 0  | 1         | 1               |          |       | do.                             |
| do do         | Richard Fenwick    | 45      | 3  | 1         | 1               |          |       | Bailed to Limits.               |
| August do     | Anson Strong       | 200     | 0  | 1         | 1               |          |       | do.                             |

|              |                             |     |    |   |   |    |    |                                       |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----|----|---|---|----|----|---------------------------------------|
| do do        | Freeman Talbot              | 129 | 0  | 1 | 1 |    |    | Entered special Bail.                 |
| do do        | Robert Stonehouse           | 15  | 0  | 1 | 1 |    |    | Bailed.                               |
| September do | Channan Yeo                 | 17  | 15 | 1 | 1 |    |    | do.                                   |
| do do        | George Whitehouse           | 122 | 4  | 1 | 1 |    |    | Bailed to Limits                      |
| do do        | Edward A. Talbot            | 37  | 10 | 1 | 1 | 5  | 5  | do.                                   |
| do do        | Duncan Culbert              | 50  | 0  | 1 | 1 |    |    | Bailed.                               |
| do do        | Andrew Fraser               | 11  | 18 | 1 | 1 |    |    | Bailed to Limits.                     |
| do do        | Charles Ryan                | 16  | 11 | 1 | 1 |    |    | Bailed.                               |
| do do        | John Williams               | 10  | 10 | 1 | 1 |    |    | do.                                   |
| do do        | John Puleston               | 23  | 10 | 1 | 1 |    |    | do.                                   |
| do do        | do                          | 44  | 0  | 1 | 1 |    |    | do.                                   |
| do do        | Phillip Davis               | 14  | 1  | 1 | 1 | 1  | 1  | Discharged by Attorney's Order.       |
| do do        | William K. Cornish          | 12  | 18 | 1 | 1 |    |    | Bailed to Limits.                     |
| do do        | Andrew Fraser               | 74  | 10 | 1 | 1 |    |    | do.                                   |
| do do        | John Williams               | 46  | 5  | 1 | 1 |    |    | Bailed.                               |
| do do        | David McTaggart             | 37  | 0  | 1 | 1 |    |    | Settled with Attorney.                |
| do do        | George Cradlock             | 10  | 5  | 1 | 1 | 2  | 2  | Bailed.                               |
| do do        | Robert Harker               | 81  | 6  | 1 | 1 |    |    | Bailed to Limits.                     |
| do do        | Marcus Conklin              | 100 | 0  | 1 | 1 |    |    | Bailed.                               |
| October do   | Farrall McSweeney           | 15  | 5  | 1 | 1 | 3  | 3  | Settled with Plaintiff.               |
| do do        | Thomas Hull                 | 200 | 8  | 1 | 1 | 4  | 4  | Discharged by Chief Justice Robinson. |
| do do        | Joseph Chapman              | 14  | 15 | 1 | 1 |    |    | do.                                   |
| do do        | Nicholas Hopkins            | 33  | 15 | 1 | 1 |    |    | do.                                   |
| do do        | R. W. Allison               | 33  | 15 | 1 | 1 |    |    | do.                                   |
| do do        | Edwin Powers                | 25  | 0  | 1 | 1 | 3  | 3  | Settled with Attorney.                |
| January do   | Daniel Wilkie               | 72  | 10 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 15 | Bailed.                               |
| October do   | James McIntyre              | 10  | 0  | 1 | 1 |    |    | Bailed to Limits.                     |
| December do  | Michael Pfanner             | 60  | 10 | 1 | 1 |    |    | do.                                   |
| October do   | Josiah B. West              | 18  | 14 | 1 | 1 |    |    | do.                                   |
| November do  | G. H. Dalrymple             | 52  | 8  | 1 | 1 |    |    | do.                                   |
| do do        | Samuel Kirkpatrick          | 49  | 6  | 1 | 1 |    |    | do.                                   |
| December do  | Angus McDonald and W. Smith | 57  | 7  | 1 | 1 |    |    | do.                                   |
| do do        | William Smith               | 25  | 0  | 1 | 1 |    |    | Bailed.                               |
| do do        | do                          | 22  | 17 | 1 | 1 |    |    | do.                                   |
| do do        | James Lee                   | 17  | 5  | 1 | 1 | 1  | 3  | Discharged by Order of Attorney.      |
| do do        | F. McSweeney                | 21  | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1  | 10 | Bailed.                               |
| do do        | Robert Durrell              | 12  | 10 | 1 | 1 |    |    | do.                                   |
| do do        | James Cootie                | 31  | 2  | 1 | 1 | 5  | 22 | In Custody.                           |
| November do  | James McDonald              | 8   | 10 | 1 | 1 |    |    | Bailed.                               |
| October do   | do                          | 23  | 8  | 1 | 1 |    |    | do.                                   |



No. 32.—SCHEDULE of WRITS issued for the Arrest of DEBTORS in the COUNTY of MIDDLESEX, from the first day of January, 1855, &c.—(Continued.)

| D A T E.      | N A M E.             | Amount. |       | Arrested. | Committed. | Time.   |       | R E M A R K S.                      |
|---------------|----------------------|---------|-------|-----------|------------|---------|-------|-------------------------------------|
|               |                      | £       | s. d. |           |            | Months. | Days. |                                     |
| March 2, 1857 | Channan Yeo          | 41      | 3 0   | 1         | 1          |         | 19    | Bailed to Limits.                   |
| do do         | Philip London        | 18      | 12 6  | 1         |            |         |       | Bailed.                             |
| do do         | Alfred A. Andrews    | 65      | 19 6  | 1         |            |         |       | do.                                 |
| do do         | Roswell Tomlinson    | 67      | 15 9  | 1         |            |         |       | do.                                 |
| do 4, do      | William Valter       | 37      | 10 0  | 1         | 1          |         | 1     | do.                                 |
| do 7, do      | Alfred T. Jones      | 30      | 17 0  | 1         |            |         |       | do.                                 |
| do do         | David Morgan         | 30      | 14 6  | 1         |            |         | 2     | Discharged by Order of Judge Small. |
| do 24, do     | Benjamin Fisher      | 25      | 0 0   | 1         |            |         |       | Bailed.                             |
| do do         | Robert W. Haskett    | 10      | 3 9   |           |            |         |       | Bailed to Limits.                   |
| do 7, do      | Edwin Powers         | 30      | 0 0   | 1         | 1          |         | 23    | Bailed.                             |
| do 6, do      | Benjamin Shaw        | 950     | 0 0   | 1         | 1          |         | 1     | do.                                 |
| April 21, do  | Robert Haskett       | 24      | 0 5   | 1         |            |         |       | Bailed to Limits.                   |
| do 27, do     | Ralph Bartlett       | 91      | 4 9   | 1         | 1          |         | 2     | do                                  |
| do 30, do     | William O. Blackmore | 48      | 12 10 | 1         |            |         |       | Bailed.                             |

JAMES HAMILTON,

*Sheriff,*

*County of Middlesex.*

SHERIFF'S OFFICE,

London, May 16, 1857.



## No 33.

A RETURN of the Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS issued from the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of the COUNTY of NORFOLK, between the 1st day of January, 1855, and the 1st of May, 1857.

| DATE.     |          | SUIT.                        | Nature of<br>Writ. | Amount. |    |                |
|-----------|----------|------------------------------|--------------------|---------|----|----------------|
|           |          |                              |                    | £       | s. | d.             |
| January   | 17, 1855 | Bowlby, vs. Smith            | Ca. Re.            | 10      | 4  | 0              |
| do        | 21, do   | Force, vs. Dell              | do                 | 10      | 15 | 0              |
| do        | 31, do   | Headley, vs. Avechouser      | do                 | 22      | 9  | 0 <sup>4</sup> |
| February  | 16, do   | Ritchie, et al. vs. Finch    | Ca. Sa.            | 25      | 10 | 0              |
| do        | 26, do   | Park, vs. White              | Ca. Re.            | 26      | 8  | 3              |
| March     | 6, do    | Stanley, vs. Riddell         | do                 | 37      | 10 | 0              |
| April     | 9, do    | Buck, vs. McBean             | do                 | 23      | 4  | 2              |
| May       | 16, do   | Sheppard, vs. Tilton         | do                 | 13      | 15 | 0              |
| August    | 6, do    | Olds, vs. Blakely            | do                 | 17      | 4  | 1              |
| do        | 13, do   | Shannon, vs. Murphy          | do                 | 95      | 0  | 0              |
| do        | 25, do   | Hill, vs. Howe               | do                 | 26      | 2  | 3              |
| November  | 6, do    | Austin, vs. Eady             | do                 | 13      | 13 | 9              |
| do        | do, do   | Massecar, vs. Powell         | Ca. Sa.            | 25      | 0  | 0              |
| March     | 1, 1856  | Whiteside, et al. vs. Depew  | Ca. Re.            | 28      | 15 | 6              |
| do        | 18, do   | Powell, vs. Dulan            | do                 | 26      | 2  | 6              |
| May       | do, do   | Parks, vs. Segar             | do                 | 11      | 3  | 2              |
| do        | 28, do   | Haycock, vs. Caster          | Ca. Sa.            | 68      | 7  | 2              |
| June      | 10, do   | Freeman, vs. Wheeler         | Ca. Re.            | 17      | 10 | 0              |
| do        | do, do   | Howey, vs. Straith           | do                 | 20      | 6  | 8              |
| August    | 27, do   | Ellis, vs. Shaw              | do                 | 25      | 10 | 2              |
| September | 9, do    | Ritchie, et al. vs. Bacon    | do                 | 50      | 0  | 0              |
| do        | 20, do   | Wilson, vs. Livingston       | do                 | 13      | 7  | 6              |
| do        | 29, do   | Moore, vs. Bacon             | do                 | 25      | 11 | 3              |
| October   | 16, do   | Sheppard, vs. Gates          | do                 | 15      | 0  | 0              |
| do        | 24, do   | Starke, vs. Mencke           | do                 | 27      | 13 | 0              |
| do        | do, do   | Abel, vs. Stephens           | Ca. Sa.            | 25      | 12 | 6              |
| November  | 4, do    | Grandy, vs. West             | Ca. Re.            | 33      | 15 | 0              |
| do        | do, do   | Smith, vs. Barnum            | do                 | 28      | 3  | 6              |
| do        | do, do   | Wilson, vs. Eggleston        | do                 | 13      | 18 | 6              |
| January   | 26, 1857 | Salmon, vs. Pettit           | do                 | 10      | 0  | 0              |
| do        | do, do   | Barry, vs. Callaghan         | do                 | 10      | 15 | 0              |
| February  | 2, do    | Powell, vs. Campbell         | do                 | 17      | 3  | 0              |
| do        | 4, do    | Mead and Brown, vs. Thurber  | do                 | 16      | 5  | 0              |
| do        | 14, do   | Charlton, et al. vs. Griffin | do                 | 24      | 8  | 0              |
| do        | do, do   | Smith, vs. Fowlen            | do                 | 31      | 0  | 0              |
| do        | 16, do   | Hutcheson, vs. McEwan        | do                 | 20      | 0  | 0              |
| March     | 23, do   | Ritchie, vs. Buck            | do                 | 12      | 16 | 0              |
| April     | 7, do    | Whipple, vs. Smith           | Ca. Sa.            | 40      | 0  | 0              |
| do        | 15, do   | Olinismith, vs. VanNorman    | do                 | 60      | 15 | 0              |
| do        | 24, do   | Rapelji, vs. Foster          | Ca. Re.            | 10      | 0  | 0              |
| do        | 23, do   | Almas, et al. vs. Wane       | do                 | 16      | 0  | 0              |
| October   | do, 1856 | Powell, vs. Nickerson        | do                 | 22      | 7  | 9              |
| September | 9, do    | Wilson, vs. Bacon            | do                 | 18      | 6  | 0              |
| do        | do, do   | Woodward, vs. Bacon          | Ca. Sa.            | 18      | 15 | 0              |
| March     | 27, 1855 | Wirsch, vs. Wilson           | Ca. Re.            | 13      | 15 | 0              |
| April     | 22, 1857 | Ryerse, vs. Stover           | Ca. Sa.            | 15      | 0  | 0              |
| December  | 8, 1856  | Rose, vs. Misener            | do                 | 20      | 10 | 11             |
| May       | 26, 1855 | Bescroft, vs. Moran          | do                 | 63      | 6  | 3              |

No. 34.

RETURN shewing the Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS issued in the UNITED COUNTIES of NOR- THUMBERLAND and DURHAM, since the 1st of January, A.D., 1855, up to the 1st of May, A.D., 1857; the Amount of the Debt for which each Writ was issued; whether or not Arrest was made; whether or not the party was Committed to Gaol; how long he was detained in Gaol; and whether finally Discharged by Payment of the Debt or otherwise; so far as the Records of my Office will enable me to do.

| When Received.   | STYLE OF CAUSE.                   | Amount of Debt. |    |    | Was Arrest made. | Was Party Committed to Gaol. | Term of Detention. | HOW DISCHARGED.              |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----|----|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
|                  |                                   | £               | s. | d. |                  |                              |                    |                              |
| June 20, 1855    | Gillespie, vs. Warren             | 270             | 2  | 5  | No               | No                           |                    |                              |
| July 11, do      | Wright, vs. Kerr, et al.          | 50              | 0  | 0  | Yes              | do                           |                    | Gave Bail.                   |
| June 27, do      | Potter, vs. Proctor               | 387             | 10 | 5  | do               | Yes                          | 10 days            | Discharged by Judge's Order. |
| do do            | Foster, et al., vs. Corey, et al. | 338             | 6  | 10 | do               | do                           | do                 | do                           |
| do do            | Morton, et al., vs. Carey, et al. | 100             | 0  | 0  | No               | No                           |                    | Bailed out same day.         |
| do do            | Roberts, vs. Goodenac             | 131             | 5  | 0  | Yes              | Yes                          |                    | Gave Bail.                   |
| do do            | Connor, vs. McCutcheon            | 29              | 4  | 3  | do               | No                           | 1 month            | Special Bail given.          |
| August 4, do     | Beamish, vs. Orser                | 567             | 10 | 0  | do               | Yes                          | 1 day              | Gave Bail.                   |
| do do            | Commercial Bank, vs. Cole         | 125             | 0  | 0  | No               | No                           |                    | do                           |
| September 15, do | Pomeroy, vs. Casey                | 50              | 0  | 0  | Yes              | Yes                          |                    |                              |
| do do            | Grover, vs. Brimmon               | 181             | 5  | 0  | No               | No                           |                    |                              |
| November 20, do  | Bellamey, vs. Ventres             | 54              | 1  | 8  | do               | do                           |                    |                              |
| January 6, do    | Calcuth, vs. Naurse               | 153             | 0  | 8  | Yes              | Yes                          | 8 days             | Discharged by Judge's Order. |
| May 3, do        | Carter, vs. McBurney              | 54              | 1  | 8  | do               | do                           |                    | Gave Bail.                   |
| July 12, do      | Morton, vs. McDarald              | 140             | 18 | 7  | do               | do                           |                    |                              |
| do do            | McDermott, vs. Armstrong          | 264             | 7  | 4  | No               | No                           |                    |                              |
| September 26, do | Clark, vs. Wilkes                 | 376             | 18 | 8  | Yes              | do                           |                    | do                           |
| do do            | Ross, vs. Howell                  | 239             | 8  | 9  | do               | do                           |                    | do                           |
| November 7, 1856 | Atkin, vs. Rutlan                 | 109             | 0  | 0  | do               | Yes                          | 1 month and 8 days | Discharged by Judge's Order. |
| do do            | Bowen, vs. Leith                  |                 |    |    | do               | do                           |                    |                              |

|                  |                              |      |    |    |     |     |          |                                     |
|------------------|------------------------------|------|----|----|-----|-----|----------|-------------------------------------|
| March 5, do      | Richmond, vs. Thorn          | 2000 | 0  | 0  | No  | No  |          | Bail given.                         |
| do do            | Hall, vs. Green              | 25   | 0  | 0  | Yes | do  |          | do                                  |
| May 15, do       | McKean, vs. Smith            | 73   | 19 | 9  | do  | do  |          | do                                  |
| do do            | Spelling, vs. Knight         |      |    |    | do  | do  |          | do                                  |
| do do            | Van Wicklen, vs. Wells       |      |    |    | do  | do  |          | do                                  |
| July 22, do      | Howell, vs. Cumminskey       | 166  | 16 | 10 | do  | do  |          | do                                  |
| September 1, do  | Harris vs. Humphrey          | 250  | 15 | 7  | do  | do  |          | Bail to Limits.                     |
| do do            | Lang, vs. Kupalgie           | 122  | 19 | 0  | do  | do  |          | do                                  |
| October 2, do    | Bainbridge, vs. Goodeve      | 363  | 0  | 2  | do  | do  |          | do                                  |
| December 31, do  | Atkin, vs. Rutlan            | 1949 | 18 | 1  | No  | do  |          | do                                  |
| May 6, do        | Bellamy, vs. Vereters        | 81   | 4  | 4  | Yes | do  |          | do                                  |
| do do            | Ferrer, vs. Wood             | 123  | 15 | 4  | do  | do  |          | do                                  |
| do do            | Brown, vs. Bermigard         | 78   | 13 | 6  | do  | do  |          | Gave Bail.                          |
| do do            | Nadheimer, vs. Grover        | 608  | 5  | 6  | do  | do  |          | do                                  |
| July 28, do      | Smith, vs. Strong            | 73   | 19 | 9  | do  | Yes | 3 days   | Bail to Limits.                     |
| do do            | Young, vs. Wilkes            |      |    |    | do  | do  |          | do                                  |
| September 26, do | Howell, vs. Cumminskey       |      |    |    | No  | do  | 6 days   | Discharged by Plaintiff's Attorney. |
| do do            | Young, vs. Wilkes            | 250  | 0  | 0  | Yes | do  |          | do                                  |
| October 30, do   | Maxwell, vs. Randall         |      |    |    | No  | do  |          | Bail to Limits.                     |
| do do            | O'Neil, vs. Cashman          | 152  | 17 | 1  | Yes | do  |          | do                                  |
| November 7, 1857 | Smith, vs. Cobblestone       |      |    |    | No  | do  |          | Discharged by Plaintiff's Attorney. |
| January 4, do    | Benson, vs. Johnstone        |      |    |    | do  | do  |          | Bail to Limits.                     |
| February 17, do  | Smith, vs. McNeil            |      |    |    | do  | do  |          | Gave Bail                           |
| do do            | Fair, vs. Dingman            |      |    |    | Yes | No  | 3 days   | Discharged by Plaintiff's Attorney. |
| March 19, do     | Powers, et al., vs. Oimstead | 50   | 0  | 0  | No  | do  |          | Gave Bail                           |
| do do            | Brown, vs. Sautry            | 29   | 18 | 1  | Yes | do  | 7 months | Discharged by Plaintiff's Attorney. |
| January 7, 1855  | Coulter, vs. Bowles          |      |    |    | do  | do  |          | Gave Bail.                          |
| February 19, do  | Hinds, vs. Stewart           |      |    |    | do  | do  |          | do                                  |
| do do            | Hinds, vs. Stewart           | 30   | 0  | 0  | do  | Yes |          | do                                  |
| do do            | Hinds, vs. Stewart           |      |    |    | do  | do  |          | do                                  |
| do do            | Lang, vs. Borland            |      |    |    | No  | do  |          | do                                  |
| do do            | Ross, et al., vs. Howell     |      |    |    | Yes | Yes |          | do                                  |
| September 17, do | Alexander, vs. McEvers       | 19   | 18 | 1  | do  | do  | 2 days   | do                                  |
| do do            | Green, vs. Hayes             |      |    |    | do  | do  | 1 do     | do                                  |
| May 31, do       | Gordon, vs. Coleman          |      |    |    | do  | do  | 2 do     | do                                  |
| do do            | Donovan, vs. Cox             |      |    |    | No  | do  |          | do                                  |
| July 6, do       | Garrett, vs. Carson          | 11   | 10 | 0  | do  | do  |          | do                                  |
| do do            | Butler, vs. Muland           | 16   | 4  | 9  | Yes | do  | 3 do     | do                                  |
| do do            | Graham, vs. H. F. Boucher    | 40   | 0  | 0  | do  | No  |          | do                                  |
| August 31, do    | Armstrong, vs. Scott         |      |    |    | do  | Yes |          | do                                  |
| September 27, do |                              |      |    |    | do  | do  |          | do                                  |
| October 4, do    |                              |      |    |    | do  | do  |          | do                                  |

**No. 34.—RETURN showing the Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS issued in the UNITED COUNTIES of NORTHUMBERLAND and DURHAM, &c.—(Continued.)**

| When Received.   | STYLE or CAUSE.                            | Amount of Debt. |       | Was Arrest Made. | Was Party Committed to Gaol. | Term of Detention.   | HOW DISCHARGED.                     |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------|------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                  |                                            | £               | s. d. |                  |                              |                      |                                     |
| October 9, 1855  | Eddy, <i>vs.</i> Brown.                    | 15              | 0 0   | Yes              | Yes                          | 1 month and 10 days. | Discharged; Special Bail.           |
| November 19, do  | Boswell, <i>vs.</i> Philp, <i>et al.</i>   |                 |       | No.              |                              |                      |                                     |
| do do            | Boswell, <i>vs.</i> Philp, <i>et al.</i>   |                 |       | do.              | do.                          |                      |                                     |
| March 5, do      | Goodeve, <i>et al.</i> , <i>vs.</i> Maybee | 83              | 1 4   | Yes              | do.                          |                      | Bail to Limits.                     |
| do do            | Hinds, <i>vs.</i> Weller                   | 55              | 15 0  | do               | do                           |                      | do                                  |
| do do            | Craig, <i>vs.</i> Proctor                  | 85              | 5 0   | do               | do                           | 6 days               | Discharged by Plaintiff's Attorney. |
| October 26, do   | Gillard, <i>vs.</i> Bradley                | 22              | 10 10 | do               | do                           | 6 do                 | do                                  |
| January 25, 1856 | Blakely, <i>vs.</i> Pomeroy                | 30              | 2 6   | do               | do                           |                      |                                     |
| February do      | Van Wicken, <i>vs.</i> Holmes              |                 |       | No.              |                              |                      |                                     |
| March do         | Bradley, <i>vs.</i> Williams               |                 |       | do.              |                              |                      |                                     |
| April do         | Proctor, <i>vs.</i> McDonald               |                 |       | do.              |                              |                      |                                     |
| do do            | Salsbury, <i>vs.</i> Griggs                | 17              | 10 0  | Yes              | do                           | 20 do                | do do do                            |
| do do            | McDonald, <i>vs.</i> Ferry                 | 20              | 0 0   | do               | do                           |                      | Gave Bail.                          |
| do do            | Nordheimer, <i>vs.</i> Grover              | 71              | 2 6   | do               | No                           |                      | do                                  |
| May 3, do        | McLeod, <i>vs.</i> Grover                  |                 |       | do               | do                           |                      | Discharged by Plaintiff.            |
| June do          | Fawcett, <i>vs.</i> Hods Rinsar            | 30              | 0 0   | do               | Yes                          | 1 day                |                                     |
| do do            | McLeod, <i>et al.</i> , <i>vs.</i> Frair   |                 |       | No.              |                              |                      |                                     |
| August do        | Crookshank, <i>vs.</i> Palew               |                 |       | do.              |                              |                      |                                     |
| do do            | Colland, <i>vs.</i> Smith                  |                 |       | do.              |                              |                      |                                     |
| September 10, do | Gordon, <i>vs.</i> Wessels                 | 10              | 7 6   | Yes              | do                           | 3 months             | Discharged by Plaintiff's Order.    |
| do do            | Howland, <i>vs.</i> Kelly                  |                 |       | No.              |                              |                      |                                     |
| do do            | Squier, <i>et al.</i> , <i>vs.</i> Read    |                 |       | do.              |                              |                      |                                     |
| do do            | Bradly, <i>vs.</i> Creech                  |                 |       | do.              |                              |                      |                                     |
| December 6, do   | Smith, <i>vs.</i> Stanton                  |                 |       | Yes              | do                           |                      | Gave Bail.                          |
| January 2, 1857  | Hamden, <i>vs.</i> Owen                    |                 |       | do               | do                           |                      | do                                  |
| do do            | Robinson, <i>vs.</i> Outram                | 39              | 4 0   | do               | Yes                          |                      | Discharged by Plaintiff's Attorney. |
| February 9, do   | Gordon, <i>et al.</i> , <i>vs.</i> Cummins | 50              | 0 0   | do               | do                           | 10 weeks             | Still in Gaol.                      |
| do do            |                                            |                 |       |                  |                              |                      |                                     |

**No. 35.**

**RETURN from the UNITED COUNTIES of NORTHUMBERLAND and DURHAM.**

Cobourg, May 15, 1857.

Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 8th instant, requesting for the information of the Legislative Assembly, a return of the number of Writs of Arrest issued in the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham since the 1st day of January, 1855, and the several amounts of debt for which the same were issued; I beg to say that it is altogether impossible for me to supply the information required, as it has not been the practice of the office to distinguish in the books suits of arrest from other suits. The particulars asked for, therefore, can only be obtained by distinct reference to the papers of every suit, and these, in most cases, have been long since returned to the Head Office in Toronto.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient Servant,

R. CHATTERTON,  
Deputy Clerk of the Crown, &c. &c.,  
United Counties of Northumberland and Durham.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
Cobourg, 18th May, 1857.

H. J. RUTAN,  
Sheriff.

|                |                                              |    |                    |     |     |  |  |                 |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------|----|--------------------|-----|-----|--|--|-----------------|
| do do          | Stewart, <i>et al.</i> , <i>vs.</i> Northrop |    |                    | do  |     |  |  | Gave Bail.      |
| March 4, do    | Warren, <i>vs.</i> Stevenson                 |    |                    | do  | No  |  |  | do              |
| do do          | Lees, <i>vs.</i> King, <i>et al.</i>         |    |                    | No. |     |  |  |                 |
| do do          | Whiting, <i>vs.</i> King, <i>et al.</i>      |    |                    | do. |     |  |  |                 |
| March 8, 1856  | Kelly, <i>vs.</i> Scott                      | 51 | 10 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | do. |     |  |  |                 |
| do do          | Elfort, <i>et al.</i> , <i>vs.</i> Buck      | 64 | 9 10               | Yes | Yes |  |  | do.             |
| do do          | Kelly, <i>vs.</i> Scott                      | 52 | 6 7                | No. |     |  |  |                 |
| May 81, do     | Lewis, <i>vs.</i> Haindew                    | 48 | 16 5               | Yes | do  |  |  | Bail to Limits. |
| December 8, do |                                              |    |                    |     |     |  |  |                 |

The Honorable Mr. Secretary TERRILL,  
Toronto.

RETURN of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS received by the Sheriff of the COUNTY of ONTARIO, since the first day of January, 1855.

| No.  | Date of Receipt of each Writ. | Amount to Arrest for in each Writ. |       | Whether or Not Arrested | Whether or not Party Committed to Gaol. | How long detained in Gaol.              | HOW DISCHARGED.                       |
|------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|      |                               | £                                  | s. d. |                         |                                         |                                         |                                       |
| 1st  | January 6, 1855               | 20                                 | 0     | Arrested                | Committed                               | January 8, 1855, to January 9, 1855     | On Bail.                              |
| 2nd  | do 9                          | 10                                 | 13    | do                      | do                                      | do 9, do, to February 3, do             | do.                                   |
| 3rd  | do 24                         | 16                                 | 19    | do                      | do                                      | do 24, do, to January 25, do            | do.                                   |
| 4th  | do 2                          | 26                                 | 14    | do                      | Not committed                           |                                         | do.                                   |
| 5th  | do 6                          | 49                                 | 15    | Not arrested            |                                         |                                         |                                       |
| 6th  | do 28                         | 12                                 | 10    | do                      | do                                      |                                         | Settled by Parties.                   |
| 7th  | do do                         | 26                                 | 4     | Arrested                | do                                      |                                         |                                       |
| 8th  | do 9                          | 34                                 | 8     | Not arrested            | do                                      |                                         |                                       |
| 9th  | do 15                         | 50                                 | 16    | Arrested                | do                                      |                                         | On Bail.                              |
| 10th | do 11                         | 28                                 | 18    | do                      | Committed                               | July 11, 1855, to July 12, 1855         | Paid demand.                          |
| 11th | do 22                         | 97                                 | 16    | do                      | Not committed                           |                                         | do.                                   |
| 12th | do 25                         | 200                                | 0     | Not arrested            | Committed                               | November 18, 1855, to November 27, 1855 | Magistrates ordered his discharge.    |
| 13th | do do                         | 100                                | 0     | Arrested                | Not committed                           |                                         | do do                                 |
| 14th | do do                         | 100                                | 0     | do                      | do                                      |                                         | Discharged by Judge's order.          |
| 15th | do 6                          | 36                                 | 19    | do                      |                                         |                                         |                                       |
| 16th | do 6                          | 17                                 | 17    | do                      |                                         |                                         |                                       |
| 17th | do 20                         | 16                                 | 17    | Not arrested            |                                         |                                         |                                       |
| 18th | do do                         | 10                                 | 12    | do                      |                                         |                                         |                                       |
| 19th | do do                         | 14                                 | 12    | do                      |                                         |                                         |                                       |
| 20th | do do                         | 26                                 | 10    | do                      |                                         |                                         |                                       |
| 21st | do do                         | 17                                 | 13    | do                      |                                         |                                         |                                       |
| 22nd | do do                         | 72                                 | 18    | Arrested                | do                                      |                                         | On Bail.                              |
| 23rd | do do                         | 50                                 | 0     | do                      | do                                      |                                         | Discharged on Bail by order of Judge. |
| 24th | do 29                         | 22                                 | 2     | do                      | do                                      |                                         | Settled by parties.                   |
|      | do 16                         |                                    |       | do                      | do                                      |                                         | Took Bail, and Defendant paid Claim.  |

|      |       |     |    |              |                   |                                         |                                              |
|------|-------|-----|----|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 25th | do 24 | 42  | 10 | do           | do                |                                         | Settled by parties.                          |
| 26th | do do | 28  | 10 | do           | do                |                                         | Bail taken.                                  |
| 27th | do do | 26  | 0  | Not arrested |                   |                                         |                                              |
| 28th | do 11 | 51  | 12 | Arrested     | Not committed     |                                         | Settled by the Parties.                      |
| 29th | do 16 | 122 | 18 | do           | do                |                                         | Bail taken.                                  |
| 30th | do 18 | 27  | 6  | do           | do                |                                         | Judge's order.                               |
| 31st | do do | 30  | 17 | do           | Committed         | April 14, 1855, to May 14, 1855         | Bail Taken.                                  |
| 32nd | do do | 12  | 10 | Not arrested | Not committed     |                                         | do.                                          |
| 33rd | do do | 91  | 1  | Arrested     | do                |                                         | do.                                          |
| 34th | do 21 | 25  | 0  | do           | do                |                                         | do.                                          |
| 35th | do 29 | 84  | 18 | do           | do                |                                         | do.                                          |
| 36th | do 30 | 600 | 16 | do           | Committed         | February 11, 1856, to February 18, 1857 | Received Judge's order to discharge.         |
| 37th | do 11 | 26  | 5  | do           | Not committed     |                                         | Paid demand.                                 |
| 38th | do 12 | 341 | 16 | do           | do                |                                         | Took Bail.                                   |
| 39th | do 14 | 181 | 13 | do           | do                |                                         | do.                                          |
| 40th | do 22 | 33  | 13 | do           | do                |                                         | do.                                          |
| 41st | do 29 | 172 | 2  | do           | do                |                                         | do.                                          |
| 42nd | do 11 | 26  | 10 | do           | do                |                                         | do.                                          |
| 43rd | do 2  | 13  | 15 | Not arrested |                   |                                         | Paid demand.                                 |
| 44th | do 3  | 168 | 15 | Arrested     | Not committed     |                                         | do.                                          |
| 45th | do do | 46  | 17 | Not arrested |                   |                                         |                                              |
| 46th | do 25 | 20  | 10 | do           |                   |                                         |                                              |
| 47th | do 8  | 1   | 7  | Arrested     | Committed         |                                         | Discharged by order of Plaintiff's Attorney. |
| 48th | do 10 | 31  | 0  | do           | Not committed     |                                         | On Bail.                                     |
| 49th | do 25 | 15  | 5  | do           | Committed         | June 17, 1856, to July 2, 1856          | Received Judge's order to discharge.         |
| 50th | do 17 | 46  | 18 | do           | Not committed     |                                         | Took Bail.                                   |
| 51st | do do | 12  | 12 | do           |                   |                                         |                                              |
| 52nd | do 26 | 11  | 4  | Not arrested |                   |                                         |                                              |
| 53rd | do 2  | 50  | 0  | do           |                   |                                         |                                              |
| 54th | do 3  | 47  | 10 | do           | do                |                                         | do.                                          |
| 55th | do 19 | 640 | 0  | Arrested     | do                |                                         | Attorney ordered his discharge.              |
| 56th | do do | 20  | 3  | do           | do                |                                         |                                              |
| 57th | do 30 | 53  | 13 | Not arrested |                   |                                         |                                              |
| 58th | do 4  |     |    | Arrested     | Committed to Gaol | August 14, 1856, to August 30, 1856     | Discharged by order of Attorney.             |
| 59th | do 8  | 60  | 0  | do           |                   |                                         |                                              |
| 60th | do 13 | 124 | 17 | Not arrested |                   |                                         |                                              |
| 61st | do 18 | 11  | 15 | do           |                   |                                         |                                              |
| 62nd | do 8  | 41  | 14 | Arrested     | Not committed     |                                         | Discharged by order of Plaintiff.            |
|      | do 16 |     |    | do           | do                |                                         | Took Bail.                                   |

No. 36.—RETURN of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS received by the Sheriff of the COUNTY of ONTARIO, since the first day of January, 1855.—(Continued.)

| No.  | Date of Receipt of each Writ. | Amount to Arrest for in each Writ. |       | Whether or not Party Committed to Gaol. | How long Detained in Gaol.              | HOW DISCHARGED.                              |
|------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
|      |                               | £                                  | s. d. |                                         |                                         |                                              |
| 63rd | October 22, 1856              | 30                                 | 0     | Not committed                           | November 4, 1856, to November 10, 1856  | Took Bail.                                   |
| 64th | do 31, do                     | 20                                 | 11    | Committed                               | do do, do, to do do, do                 | Paid Demand.                                 |
| 65th | November 17, do               | 21                                 | 5     | do                                      | do do, do, to do do, do                 | Attorney ordered Proceedings to be stayed.   |
| 66th | do 22, do                     | 15                                 | 12    | Committed                               | November 22, 1856, to November 24, 1856 | On Bail.                                     |
| 67th | do 26, do                     | 61                                 | 9     | do                                      | do do, do, to do do, do                 | Discharged by order of Attorney.             |
| 68th | do do, do                     | 23                                 | 0     | do                                      | do do, do, to do do, do                 | do do do.                                    |
| 69th | do 29, do                     | 47                                 | 15    | Not committed                           | do do, do, to do do, do                 | do do do.                                    |
| 70th | December 3, do                | 30                                 | 15    | Committed                               | December 3, 1856, to December 5, 1856   | do do do.                                    |
| 71st | do 4, do                      | 28                                 | 10    | Not committed                           | do do, do, to do do, do                 | Paid Demand.                                 |
| 72nd | do 10, do                     | 21                                 | 2     | do                                      | do do, do, to do do, do                 | do do.                                       |
| 73rd | do 23, do                     | 26                                 | 1     | do                                      | do do, do, to do do, do                 | do do.                                       |
| 74th | January 19, 1857              | 21                                 | 1     | Committed                               | January 19, 1857, to January 24, 1857   | Discharged by order of Plaintiff's Attorney. |
| 75th | do do, do                     | 13                                 | 8     | do                                      | do do, do, to do do, do                 | do do do.                                    |
| 76th | do 20, do                     | 15                                 | 2     | do                                      | do do, do, to do do, do                 | do do do.                                    |
| 77th | do 23, do                     | 14                                 | 7     | do                                      | do do, do, to do do, do                 | do do do.                                    |
| 78th | do 24, do                     | 32                                 | 12    | do                                      | do do, do, to do do, do                 | do do do.                                    |
| 79th | do 29, do                     | 49                                 | 15    | do                                      | do do, do, to do do, do                 | do do do.                                    |
| 80th | do 10, do                     | 505                                | 0     | do                                      | do do, do, to do do, do                 | Took Bail.                                   |
| 81st | February 11, do               | 16                                 | 0     | Not arrested                            | February 11, do, to do do, do           | Paid Demand.                                 |
| 82nd | do do, do                     | 59                                 | 12    | do                                      | do do, do, to do do, do                 | do do do.                                    |
| 83rd | do 26, do                     | 775                                | 19    | Arrested                                | do do, do, to do do, do                 | do do do.                                    |
| 84th | March 6, do                   | 182                                | 9     | do                                      | do do, do, to do do, do                 | Discharged by order of Plaintiff's Attorney. |
| 85th | do do, do                     | 182                                | 9     | do                                      | do do, do, to do do, do                 | do do do.                                    |

|      |             |     |    |              |                         |                                              |
|------|-------------|-----|----|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 86th | do 11, do   | 18  | 3  | do           | do do, do, to do do, do | Discharged by order of Judge.                |
| 87th | do 19, do   | 19  | 15 | do           | do do, do, to do do, do | Discharged by order of Plaintiff's Attorney. |
| 88th | do do, do   | 37  | 4  | do           | do do, do, to do do, do | On Bail.                                     |
| 89th | April 4, do | 367 | 10 | do           | do do, do, to do do, do | By Judge's Order.                            |
| 90th | do 17, do   | 121 | 31 | do           | do do, do, to do do, do | do do do.                                    |
| 91st | do 24, do   | 212 | 14 | Not arrested | do do, do, to do do, do | do do do.                                    |
| 92nd | do 5, do    | 84  | 10 | do           | do do, do, to do do, do | do do do.                                    |
| 93rd | May 18, do  | 44  | 10 | Arrested     | do do, do, to do do, do | Still in Gaol.                               |
| 94th | do 21, do   | 29  | 15 | do           | do do, do, to do do, do | By order of Judge.                           |

No. 37.

CROWN OFFICE, WHITEY, 27th May, 1857.

Sir,—My continued ill-health has entirely prevented me from making out the return of Writs issued in this County since 1st January, 1855, for the arrest of Debtors, and I have been compelled to employ a stranger to look over the books and papers filed, and I herewith enclose you the list, which I fear is imperfect, but will, probably, answer all the purposes required by the Legislature.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient Servant,

JOHN HAM,  
Clerk of County Court, and *ex-officio* Deputy Clerk of the Crown,  
County of Ontario.

The Honorable the PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,  
Toronto.

**No. 37.**—WRITS issued for the Arrest of DEBTORS in the COUNTY of ONTARIO, since the first of January, 1855.

| No. | PLAINTIFFS.                   | DEFENDANTS.                | Amounts. |    |    |
|-----|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|----|----|
|     |                               |                            | £        | s. | d. |
| 1   | Lumsden .....                 | Lashbrook.....             | 10       | 13 | 5  |
| 2   | Gould .....                   | Musson .....               | 16       | 19 | 7½ |
| 3   | Darling .....                 | Miller .....               | 26       | 16 | 6  |
| 4   | Laiug .....                   | Borland .....              | 22       | 2  | 2  |
| 5   | Bartlett .....                | Wyatt .....                | 11       | 14 | 0  |
| 6   | Ryan, <i>et al.</i> .....     | Mosier .....               | 26       | 4  | 2½ |
| 7   | Gorrie .....                  | do .....                   | 12       | 10 | 0  |
| 8   | Montreal Mining Company ..... | May .....                  | 34       | 8  | 0  |
| 9   | Noble .....                   | Ollewell .....             | 35       | 9  | 3  |
| 10  | Ray .....                     | Darly .....                | 17       | 13 | 9  |
| 11  | Perry .....                   | Hunter .....               | 51       | 12 | 8  |
| 12  | Daniels .....                 | Hicks .....                | 26       | 10 | 0  |
| 13  | Foster .....                  | Bushall .....              | 23       | 5  | 0  |
| 14  | Fetitz .....                  | Stibbins .....             | 15       | 5  | 0  |
| 15  | Quigley .....                 | Losie, <i>et al.</i> ..... | 32       | 5  | 6  |
| 16  | Lawder .....                  | Warren .....               | 14       | 6  | 4  |
| 17  | Crawford .....                | Hicks .....                | 34       | 14 | 7  |
| 18  | McNab .....                   | Crawford .....             | 26       | 3  | 0  |
| 19  | Prince .....                  | Shintliff .....            | 10       | 12 | 6  |
| 20  | Warren .....                  | Hall .....                 | 13       | 15 | 0  |
| 21  | Hislop, <i>et al.</i> .....   | do .....                   | 24       | 9  | 0  |
| 22  | Foster .....                  | Harper .....               | 15       | 12 | 9  |
| 23  | Clark .....                   | Briggs .....               | 18       | 1  | 2  |
| 24  | Orr, <i>et al.</i> .....      | Dench .....                | 10       | 7  | 9  |
| 25  | Matthews .....                | Foreman .....              | 31       | 12 | 1  |
| 26  | Plank .....                   | Picket .....               | 47       | 5  | 11 |
| 27  | Lawler .....                  | McDonald .....             | 13       | 0  | 0  |
| 28  | Barber .....                  | Mallary .....              | 24       | 3  | 9  |
| 29  | Donaldson .....               | Montgomery .....           | 30       | 15 | 10 |

E. E.

J. HAM,  
Clerk, County Court,  
County of Ontario.

No. 38.

RETURN to PARLIAMENT of the Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS issued in the COUNTY of OXFORD, since the 1st January, 1855; the Amount of Debt for which each Writ was issued; whether or not Arrest was made; whether or not committed; how long detained in Gaol; and whether finally discharged by payment of Debt or otherwise.

| No. | DATES.             | S T Y L E O F S U I T S .                                                         | Amounts. |       | Whether or not Arrest was made. | Whether or not Committed. | Remarks as to Settlement, &c., &c. |
|-----|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
|     |                    |                                                                                   | £        | s. d. |                                 |                           |                                    |
| 1   | January 30, 1855.. | Collin C. Ferrie and M. Ferrie, vs. George H. Webster and James Bruce Lorby ..... | 26       | 2 8   | Arrest made .....               | Bail given.               |                                    |
| 2   | February 3, do ..  | Paul Bedford, vs. Rycison, Hilliker, and Martin .....                             | 80       | 0 0   | do .....                        | do.                       |                                    |
| 3   | do ..              | Edward B. Waite, vs. John R. Jackson .....                                        | 196      | 11 2  | do .....                        | do.                       |                                    |
| 4   | March 3, do ..     | John McKay, vs. Robert Lord .....                                                 | 15       | 10 0  | do .....                        | do.                       |                                    |
| 5   | do ..              | Charles Porter Hall, vs. James Dobby .....                                        | 10       | 0 0   | do .....                        | do.                       |                                    |
| 6   | do ..              | William Boice, et al., vs. Norman W. Doane and William Hewitt .....               |          |       | do .....                        | do.                       | Settled by Plaintiff's Attorney.   |
| 7   | do ..              | David Williamson, vs. A. D. Martin .....                                          | 149      | 5 8   | Arrest made ..                  | Bail given.               |                                    |
| 8   | do ..              | James Matheson, vs. A. D. Martin .....                                            | 112      | 2 2   | do .....                        | do.                       |                                    |
| 9   | April 16, do ..    | William Dorman, vs. Robert Clark .....                                            | 27       | 10 0  | Arrest made ..                  | Bail given.               |                                    |
| 10  | May 8, do ..       | Jordan Charles, vs. William Ross and McCauly .....                                | 29       | 15 6  | Arrest made ..                  | Bail given.               |                                    |
| 11  | do ..              | Edwin Heathfield, vs. Norman W. Dean and Wallace Hewitt .....                     | 12       | 10 6  | Hewitt arrested ..              | do.                       |                                    |
| 12  | do ..              | Henry Glazier, vs. Matthew Dillon .....                                           | 50       | 0 0   | Arrest made ..                  | do.                       |                                    |
| 13  | do ..              | William Elsworth, vs. W. B. Kent .....                                            |          |       | do .....                        | do.                       |                                    |
| 14  | do ..              | Willard Eastwood, vs. W. B. Kent .....                                            | 30       | 0 0   | do .....                        | do.                       |                                    |
| 15  | June 6, do ..      | Duncan McLaren, vs. Robert Remere and William McDonald .....                      | 42       | 0 0   | do .....                        | do.                       |                                    |

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| No | DATES.       | STYLE OF SUITS.                                                                       | Amounts. |                                   | Whether or not Arrest was made. | Whether or not Committed.     | Remarks as to Settlement, &c., &c.              |
|----|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
|    |              |                                                                                       | £        | s. d.                             |                                 |                               |                                                 |
| 16 | June 6, 1855 | Edward B. Waite, vs. John R. Jackson                                                  | 196      | 11 2                              | Arrest made                     | Bail Given.                   |                                                 |
| 17 | do 18        | Richard S. Aikman, vs. William W. Wilcott.                                            | 11       | 15 10                             | do                              | do.                           |                                                 |
| 18 | do 21        | John Blackwood, vs. Daniel Christie.                                                  | 17       | 14 1                              | do                              | do.                           |                                                 |
| 19 | July 6       | Matthew Ellison, vs. Alexander Prentice                                               | 15       | 0 0                               | do                              | do.                           |                                                 |
| 20 | do 19        | Alexander McDonald, vs. Erich Mott                                                    | 14       | 7 6                               | do                              | do.                           |                                                 |
| 21 | do 30        | Ignatius Cockshut, vs. James Thompson                                                 | 34       | 3 5                               | do                              | do.                           |                                                 |
| 22 | do do        | Ignatius Cockshut, vs. Joseph Thompson and Jarvis Thompson                            | 100      | 0 0                               | do                              | do.                           |                                                 |
| 23 | do 19        | Alexander McDonald, vs. Enoch Mott                                                    | 14       | 7 6                               | do                              | do.                           |                                                 |
| 24 | August 7     | James Matheson, et al., vs. A. D. Martin                                              | 114      | 7 2                               | do                              | Committed, after wards bailed | At present on the Limits Settled before arrest. |
| 25 | do 11        | Barbara Smith, vs. Lorenzo D. Philips                                                 | 50       | 0 0                               | Arrest made                     | Bail given.                   | Non est inventus.                               |
| 26 | do 22        | Joseph Mitchell, vs. George Droney                                                    | 50       | 0 0                               | do                              | do.                           |                                                 |
| 27 | October 13   | Edward Adams, vs. Joseph Malkin                                                       | 44       | 18 8                              | do                              | do.                           |                                                 |
| 28 | do 27        | Titus Fuller, vs. Robert Young                                                        | 27       | 10 0                              | do                              | do.                           |                                                 |
| 29 | November 9   | Edward B. Waite, vs. Arran Graham                                                     | 20       | 8 9                               | Arrest made                     | Bail given.                   | do                                              |
| 30 | do 17        | J. B. Marlett, et al., vs. Salmon B. Farr                                             | 129      | 8 7                               | do                              | do.                           | do                                              |
| 31 | do do        | John Bickell, vs. Smith Banks                                                         | 187      | 10 0                              | do                              | do.                           | do                                              |
| 32 | December 3   | Archibald Chisholm, vs. Alexander McKinnon.                                           |          |                                   |                                 |                               |                                                 |
| 33 | do 5         | Colin C. Ferrie, et al., vs. George H. Webster, Daniel A. Bucknell, and George Cause. | 39       | 18 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> | Daniel A. Bucknell arrested     | Bail given.                   | Escaped. Non est inventus.                      |
| 34 | do 6         | William Keith Taylor, vs. Ephraim G. Sprague.                                         | 50       | 0 0                               | do                              | do.                           |                                                 |
| 35 | do 7         | Blackurd John, vs. Daniel Christie                                                    | 18       | 4 8                               | do                              | do.                           |                                                 |
| 36 | do 11        | John Cleaveland, vs. Richard M. Beamer and Horace Sharp                               | 46       | 14 0                              | Arrest made                     | Bail given.                   |                                                 |
| 37 | do 17        | Jon. G. Hathaway, vs. Cyrus Raymond                                                   | 25       | 10 5                              | do                              | do.                           | Not found.                                      |

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| 38 | do 18           | Paul Bedford, vs. Asa Alfred Purcell                                 | 22  | 3 0 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> | Arrest made        | Bail given. |                     |
| 39 | do 28           | Richard W. Johnson, vs. John Morrison                                | 20  | 0 0                             | do                 | do.         |                     |
| 40 | January 5, 1856 | John Cleaveland, vs. Asa Alfred Purcell                              | 80  | 0 0                             | do                 | do.         | Not executed.       |
| 41 | do do           | Isabella Peal, vs. Frederick Zurgg                                   | 495 | 14 11                           | do                 | do.         | do.                 |
| 42 | do 16           | John Young, et al., vs. Sydney J. Wright                             |     |                                 |                    |             |                     |
| 43 | do 22           | George W. Carder, John Parsons, et al., vs. J. S. Abbott.            | 111 | 1 2                             | Arrest made        | Bail given. |                     |
| 44 | February 6      | Lawrence Whelan, vs. James Davidson                                  | 35  | 3 10                            | do                 | do.         |                     |
| 45 | do 1            | William Nixon, vs. Edward Wallace                                    | 58  | 15 0                            | do                 | do.         |                     |
| 46 | do 6            | Isabella Pratt, vs. Frederick Zurgg                                  | 30  | 0 0                             | do                 | do.         |                     |
| 47 | do 18           | Henry Glazier, vs. Matthew Dillon                                    | 50  | 0 0                             | do                 | do.         |                     |
| 48 | do 23           | George McDougall, et al., vs. William N. Herington                   | 33  | 7 8                             | do                 | do.         | Non est inventus.   |
| 49 | March 14        | George Paek, vs. Francis Gagner and William Henry Gagner             | 155 | 0 0                             | F. Gagner arrested | Bail given. | Not executed.       |
| 50 | do do           | William J. McKenzie, vs. McClary                                     | 16  | 9 8                             | Arrest made        | Bail given. | Non est inventus.   |
| 51 | do 21           | George Grigg, vs. Charles Nelson                                     |     |                                 |                    |             |                     |
| 52 | do 31           | Robert Nesbit, et al., vs. J. S. Wright                              | 28  | 14 0                            | Arrest made        | Bail given. |                     |
| 53 | April 2         | Robert Elliott, vs. Malcolm McFarland                                | 78  | 4 10                            | do                 | do.         |                     |
| 54 | do 7            | Alexander Ross, vs. Thomas Drope                                     | 100 | 0 0                             | do                 | do.         |                     |
| 55 | do 11           | Stephen Jones, the elder, vs. Stephen N. Jones                       | 25  | 0 0                             | do                 | do.         |                     |
| 56 | do do           | Robert Sutherland, vs. Robert Simpson                                | 76  | 0 0                             | do                 | do.         |                     |
| 57 | May 2, 1856     | William White, vs. John Dent                                         |     |                                 |                    |             |                     |
| 58 | do 5            | Daniel W. Beamer and George Multimic, vs. William Barratt            | 46  | 15 4                            | do                 | do.         | do                  |
| 59 | do 12           | Edward Adams, vs. Joseph Atkins                                      | 50  | 0 0                             | do                 | do.         | do                  |
| 60 | do do           | Tristram Cross, vs. William Campbell                                 | 50  | 0 0                             | do                 | do.         |                     |
| 61 | do 18           | Margaret Pettigrew, vs. Edward Guthbertson.                          | 101 | 10 6                            | Arrest made        | Bail given. |                     |
| 62 | do 14           | George W. Carder, vs. Joseph Stanton                                 |     |                                 |                    |             |                     |
| 63 | do 23           | James Rea Beason and Nehemiah Morrit, vs. Eben Cook and William Cook | 17  | 15 0                            | do                 | do.         | Not executed.       |
| 64 | June 14         | John Swarlow, vs. John Gibson                                        | 25  | 0 0                             | Arrest made        | Bail given. |                     |
| 65 | July 2          | Thomas Wallace, vs. Sela Walker and George Walker                    | 10  | 0 0                             | do                 | do.         | do.                 |
| 66 | do do           | Samuel Kaler, vs. John Lawrence                                      | 30  | 0 0                             | Arrest made        | Bail given. |                     |
| 67 | do 16           | Joseph Lamb, vs. Malcolm McFarlane and Edward Blousley               | 24  | 7 6                             | do                 | do.         | Non est inventus.   |
| 68 | do 8            | Richard Queer, et al., vs. Simon Wilcox                              | 16  | 14 0                            | Arrest made        | Bail given. | Settled by parties. |
| 69 | do do           | Donald McLeod, vs. Norman McKay                                      | 75  | 0 0                             | do                 | do.         |                     |



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| No. | D A T E S.      | S T Y L E O F S U I T S.                                    | Amounts. |       | Whether or not Arrest was made. | Whether or not Committed.     | Remarks as to Settlement, &c., &c.           |
|-----|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
|     |                 |                                                             | £        | s. d. |                                 |                               |                                              |
| 70  | July 11, 1856   | Henry Frizell, vs. William Outram                           | 13       | 17 11 |                                 |                               | <i>Non est inventus.</i>                     |
| 71  | do              | John Andrew, vs. William Outram                             | 51       | 0 9   |                                 |                               | <i>do do.</i>                                |
| 72  | do              | W. T. Thomas, et al., vs. Amoran McFarlane.                 | 27       | 0 0   | Arrest made                     | Bail given.                   |                                              |
| 73  | do              | John Hughes, vs. Malcolm McFarlane and Charles Tilklin      | 18       | 0 0   | do                              | do.                           |                                              |
| 74  | do              | George Golds, vs. Malcolm McFarlane                         | 202      | 14 3  | do                              | Committed.—Detained 6 weeks.. | Discharged under settlement between parties. |
| 75  | 17, do          | Colin C. Ferrie, et al., vs. Philander Smith.               | 25       | 0 0   |                                 |                               | <i>Non est inventus.</i>                     |
| 76  | do              | Peter McCann, vs. Amina McFarlane                           | 24       | 7 6   | Arrest made                     | Bail given.                   |                                              |
| 77  | do              | Joseph Lamb, vs. Malcolm McFarlane and Edward Bloomley      | 98       | 0 2   | do                              | do.                           |                                              |
| 78  | do              | Owen Sage, et al., vs. Robert McCluskey and Robert Meyer    | 10       | 0 0   | do                              | do.                           |                                              |
| 79  | do              | Edward Bloomley, vs. Malcolm McFarlane                      | 27       | 10 0  | do                              | do.                           |                                              |
| 80  | do              | Thomas Hall, vs. Thomas Hargrave                            | 14       | 15 10 | do                              | do.                           | <i>do do.</i>                                |
| 81  | do              | Thomas Wallace, vs. Thadæus Joiner                          | 25       | 0 0   | Arrest made                     | Bail given.                   |                                              |
| 82  | do              | Texley Hansley, vs. D. C. Collins                           | 32       | 10 0  | do                              | do.                           |                                              |
| 83  | August 9, do    | Frederick Kleist, vs. Horatio Nelson Smith                  | 150      | 0 0   | Arrest made                     | Bail given.                   | Not arrested.                                |
| 84  | do              | — Edwin, vs. — Chalcross.                                   | 52       | 10 0  | do                              | do.                           |                                              |
| 85  | do              | James Henry Maddon, vs. Fanny Good                          | 32       | 13 11 |                                 |                               | <i>Non est inventus.</i>                     |
| 86  | do              | James A. Baldwin, et al., vs. John McCoil                   |          |       | do                              | do.                           | <i>do do.</i>                                |
| 87  | do              | William Hillelt, the younger, vs. Horace Fox and Martin Fox |          |       | do                              | do.                           |                                              |
| 88  | do              | — Adams, vs. — Haddon                                       |          |       | do                              | do.                           |                                              |
| 89  | September 1, do | William Rathburn, vs. J. Fulnning                           |          |       | do                              | do.                           |                                              |
| 90  | do              | — Griffin, vs. — Colson.                                    |          |       | Arrest made                     | Bail given.                   |                                              |

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| 91  | do              | James D. McKay, vs. Malcolm McNeil                          | 96  | 2 2   | Arrest made             | Bail given.       | Settled between parties.     |
| 92  | do              | James Knight, et al., vs. John Armstrong                    |     |       | do                      | do.               | do do do.                    |
| 93  | do              | Isaac Mott, et al., vs. Horatio W. Smith                    |     |       | do                      | do.               | do do do.                    |
| 94  | October 1, do   | Willard Eastward, vs. Samuel Nicholl                        | 16  | 6 6   | Arrest made             | Bail given.       | do do do.                    |
| 95  | do              | Richard Williams, vs. Richard Inch                          |     |       | do                      | do.               | do do do.                    |
| 96  | do              | James Henry Maddon, vs. Michael Brennan.                    |     |       |                         |                   | <i>Non est inventus.</i>     |
| 97  | do              | John McKay, vs. George Ennest.                              | 12  | 10 0  |                         |                   | Settled by parties.          |
| 98  | do              | Robert Keelan, junior, vs. John Ross                        | 36  | 5 0   |                         |                   | <i>Non est inventus.</i>     |
| 99  | do              | Richard R. Dent, vs. S. W. Peterson and John McCausland     | 50  | 0 0   |                         |                   | Settled between parties.     |
| 100 | do              | Anna Columbus, vs. David Case                               | 114 | 19 4  |                         |                   | do do do.                    |
| 101 | do              | Charissa A. McGill, vs. Wilson Buck and Sanderson Sacksides | 16  | 0 0   | Arrest made             | Bail given.       |                              |
| 102 | do              | Watson Robinson, vs. E. McAllan Parsons                     |     |       |                         |                   |                              |
| 103 | November 14, do | William Meek, vs. Jon. Sinclair                             | 93  | 15 0  |                         |                   |                              |
| 104 | do              | Stephen Pocock, vs. Malcolm McFarlane and Charles Tillotson | 16  | 15 10 | do                      | do.               | <i>Non est inventus.</i>     |
| 105 | do              | Thomas Wallace, vs. Thadæus Joiner                          | 44  | 2 1   | Thadæus Joiner arrested | Committed         | Now out on bail.             |
| 106 | do              | Daniel G. Miller, vs. Thadæus Joiner and Adam Joiner        | 96  | 4 6   | Arrest made             | Bail given.       | <i>Non est inventus.</i>     |
| 107 | do              | — Sage and E. Parccost, vs. Robert McLarby and Robert Myers | 18  | 1 6   | Arrest made             | Bail given.       | do do.                       |
| 108 | December 5, do  | Hiran Scroth, et al., vs. Isiah Trepv                       | 24  | 0 0   | Arrest made             | Bail given.       |                              |
| 109 | do              | Alexander English, vs. Frederick Tiffany                    |     |       | do                      | do.               | do do.                       |
| 110 | do              | Dominic Romore, vs. Francis Blaucher.                       |     |       | do                      | do.               |                              |
| 111 | do              | W. Keith Taylor, vs. Duncan Matheson                        |     |       | do                      | do.               |                              |
| 112 | January 7, 1857 | Samuel Gurrett, et al., vs. Malcolm Brown                   |     |       | do                      | do.               |                              |
| 113 | do              | Robert Gerrie, vs. Malcolm Brown                            | 20  | 2 2   | do                      | do.               | do do.                       |
| 114 | do              | George Grigg, vs. Charles Nelson                            | 50  | 0 0   | Arrest made             | Committed, May 6. | Now in Gaol.                 |
| 115 | do              | Gilbert Moore, vs. W. A. Conklin                            | 13  | 12 6  | Arrest made             | Bail given        | Settled by parties.          |
| 116 | do              | Henry Wilkinson, vs. Samuel Williamson                      | 65  | 3 1   | Arrest made             | Bail given        | Discharged by Judge's order. |
| 117 | do              | Joseph Beattie, vs. F. A. Lundy                             | 10  | 0 0   |                         |                   | Settled by parties.          |
| 118 | February 6, do  | A. C. File, vs. Henry Soles                                 | 10  | 0 0   | Arrest made             | Bail given.       | do do.                       |
| 119 | do              | James Clark, et al., vs. John Sealy                         | 10  | 7 9   | Arrest made             | Committed.        | Settled.                     |
| 120 | do              | W. B. Sackworthy, vs. Titus Stovia                          | 67  | 4 1   | do                      | do.               |                              |
| 121 | do              | Hannah Matthews, vs. Josiah Cunningham                      | 12  | 12 0  | do                      | do.               |                              |
| 122 | do              | Samuel Hellman, vs. Robert Walton                           | 25  | 0 0   | do                      | do.               |                              |
| 123 | do              | Niel Mackey, vs. Robert Gordon                              | 30  | 0 0   | do                      | do.               |                              |
| 124 | do              | James Henry Briggs, vs. William Rathbone                    |     |       | do                      | do.               |                              |

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| No. | DATES.          | STYLE OF SUITS.                                                                                                                                | Amounts. |       | Whether or not Arrest was made. | Whether or not Committed.        | Remarks as to Settlement, &c., &c. |
|-----|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|     |                 |                                                                                                                                                | £        | s. d. |                                 |                                  |                                    |
| 125 | March 12, 1857. | Willard Burdick, vs. Henry Hodgkinson, Joseph Hodgkinson, John McCall, James McCall, John D. McCall, Samuel W. McCall, and James Moreton ..... | 30       | 0 0   | Henry Hodgkinson arrested ..... | Bail given.                      |                                    |
| 126 | do 20           | do .. Mathew W. Pruyn, et al., vs. James F. Chapman                                                                                            | 42       | 11 3  | Arrest made .....               | do.                              |                                    |
| 127 | do do           | do .. Andrew Higginbotham, et al., vs. Valentine Hall                                                                                          | 178      | 17 0  | do .....                        | do.                              |                                    |
| 128 | do do           | do .. Wm. Henry Millard, vs. James F. Chapman ..                                                                                               | 350      | 0 0   | do .....                        | do.                              | Non est inventus.                  |
| 129 | do 26           | do .. James McKenzie, vs. Donald Ross .....                                                                                                    | 30       | 0 0   | Arrest made .....               | Bail given.                      |                                    |
| 130 | do do           | do .. William Williams, vs. Malcolm Brown .....                                                                                                | ..       | .. .. | do .....                        | do.                              |                                    |
| 131 | do 31           | do .. D. D. VanNorman, vs. Horatio W. Smith ..                                                                                                 | 51       | 9 1   | do .....                        | do.                              | Now in Gaol.                       |
| 132 | April 2         | do .. James Price, vs. Daniel Hidden and William Gage .....                                                                                    | 12       | 10 0  | do .....                        | do.                              |                                    |
| 133 | do 15           | do .. James Clark, et al., vs. John Sutherland and Ebenezer Sutherland .....                                                                   | 47       | 16 6  | do ..                           | Committed; in custody 2 weeks .. | Discharged by settlement.          |
| 134 | .....           | do .. John Randall, vs. Thomas Fuller .....                                                                                                    | 60       | 0 0   | do ..                           | Bail given.                      | Settled.                           |
| 135 | .....           | do .. W. A. Ramsay, vs. Abm. Hartsell .....                                                                                                    | 60       | 0 0   | do ..                           | do.                              |                                    |
| 136 | April 18, 1857. | do .. Thomas A. Watkins, vs. Augustus Gary .....                                                                                               | 157      | 0 0   | do ..                           | Bail given.                      |                                    |
| 137 | do do           | do .. Edward McCue, vs. Thomas R. Graham .....                                                                                                 | 33       | 18 8½ | do ..                           | do.                              | Not executed.                      |
| 138 | do 21           | do .. William Walton, vs. John Wilkie .....                                                                                                    | ..       | .. .. | do ..                           | do.                              | Settled by parties.                |
| 139 | .....           | do .. Robert Pullen, vs. Robert Laekrider .....                                                                                                | ..       | .. .. | do ..                           | do.                              | do                                 |
| 140 | April 22, 1857. | do .. William McCue, vs. John Hill .....                                                                                                       | 40       | 0 0   | Arrest made .....               | Bail given.                      |                                    |
| 141 | do 25           | do .. John Lee, vs. James H. Hall .....                                                                                                        | 35       | 15 0  | do ..                           | do.                              |                                    |
| 142 | May 5           | do .. Robert Pollock, vs. James Knight .....                                                                                                   | 1480     | 7 9   | do ..                           | do.                              |                                    |

SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
Woodstock, 1857.

JAMES CARROLL,  
Sheriff, County of Oxford.

## No. 39.

**RETURN from the COUNTY of OXFORD.**

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT, COUNTY OF OXFORD,

Woodstock, 18th May, 1857.

Sir,—In reply to your's of the 8th instant—in reference to the number of Writs of *Capias* issued from this Office, from the first day of January, 1855—I beg respectfully to inform you, that the total number of such Writs issued by me were one hundred and forty-eight; being as follows:—

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Queen's Bench ..... | 89         |
| Common Pleas.....   | 26         |
| County Court .....  | 88         |
| <b>Total.....</b>   | <b>146</b> |

I have further to inform you, that, under the present mode of issuing such Writs, I have no means of knowing the amount of Debt for which parties are imprisoned or held to bail.

I am,

Your's truly,

JAMES KINTREA,

*Clerk.*

To the Honorable T. LEE TERRILL,  
Provincial Secretary.

No. 40.

RETURN of all Arrests on WRITS issued in the COUNTY of PERTH, since the first day of January, A.D., 1855; and of all Writs not executed; shewing how they have been disposed of, so far as the Records of my Office shew, up to the 14th day of May, 1857.

| No. | Amount of Writ. |       | Date of Arrest.  | Date of Discharge. | HOW DISPOSED.                                                                  |
|-----|-----------------|-------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|     | £               | s. d. |                  |                    |                                                                                |
| 1   | 26              | 13 4  | January 6, 1855  | January 13, 1855   | Bail to Limits. Paid.                                                          |
| 2   | 40              | 8 2   | do 18, do        | do 17, do          | Certificate of Bail to Limits.                                                 |
| 3   | 21              | 5 0   | .....            | .....              | Ordered to return Writ without executing, by Plaintiff's Attorney.             |
| 4   | 44              | 6 5   | .....            | .....              | Bailed to Limits, and finally paid.                                            |
| 5   | 33              | 10 0  | June 16, 1855    | June 18, 1855      | Sheriff's Bail at once; afterwards paid.                                       |
| 6   | 25              | 0 0   | July 2, do       | .....              | Sheriff's Bail; afterwards paid.                                               |
| 7   | 35              | 0 0   | September 6, do  | September 10, 1855 | Sheriff's Bail; afterwards paid.                                               |
| 8   | 19              | 16 3  | do 7, do         | do 8, do           | Sheriff's Bail; afterwards paid.                                               |
| 9   | 94              | 2 0   | November 24, do  | November 28, do    | Certificate of Bail to Limits. Paid.                                           |
| 10  | 28              | 0 0   | December 1, do   | .....              | Sheriff's Bail. Arrest set aside on the 10th December. Not paid.               |
| 11  | 55              | 14 0  | do 26, do        | January 12, 1856   | By Order of Plaintiff's Attorney.                                              |
| 12  | 45              | 6 9   | do 27, do        | December 28, 1855  | By Certificate of Bail to Limits.                                              |
| 13  | 54              | 2 10  | do do            | do do              | By Certificate of Bail to Limits.                                              |
| 14  | 63              | 12 7  | January 5, 1856  | January 10, 1856   | By Certificate of Bail to Limits; since paid.                                  |
| 15  | 27              | 12 2  | .....            | .....              | <i>Non Est</i> ; not in Bailiwick.                                             |
| 16  | 11              | 11 7½ | .....            | .....              | Discharged from Custody by Order of Chief Justice Robinson.                    |
| 17  | 32              | 13 6  | January 14, 1856 | January 29, 1856   | Bail to Limits.                                                                |
| 18  | 26              | 15 0  | do 25, do        | do 1, do           | By Order of Plaintiff's Attorney.                                              |
| 19  | 37              | 15 6  | February 18, do  | March 5, 1857      | Gave Bail to Limits; finally discharged by Order of Judge Burritt from Limits. |
| 20  | 80              | 0 0   | do 29, do        | April 2, 1856      | Special Bail to Action.                                                        |
| 21  | 12              | 10 0  | .....            | .....              | Left the County before Writ was issued.                                        |

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| 22 | 67  | 3 3½ | May 14, 1856      | May 30, 1856    | Sheriff's Bail. Received Judge Burritt's Order to discharge from Custody, and to deliver up Bond to be cancelled. |
| 23 | 50  | 0 0  | .....             | .....           | Gone to the United States. Not yet returned.                                                                      |
| 24 | 20  | 0 0  | May 26, 1856      | May 27, 1856    | Gave Sheriff's Bail. On following day discharged from Custody.                                                    |
| 25 | 28  | 14 7 | July 9, do        | July 15, do     | By Order of Plaintiff's Attorney.                                                                                 |
| 26 | 28  | 16 4 | do 18, do         | .....           | Secured Plaintiff's Claim same day; and discharged from Custody by Order of Plaintiff's Attorney.                 |
| 27 | 24  | 9 4  | August 6, do      | .....           | Paid Attorney same day. Discharged.                                                                               |
| 28 | 10  | 2 6  | do 20, do         | August 21, 1856 | Sheriff's Bail.                                                                                                   |
| 29 | 47  | 1 2  | September 1, do   | .....           | Paid same day. Discharged.                                                                                        |
| 30 | 95  | 0 0  | August 27, do     | .....           | Sheriff's Bail.                                                                                                   |
| 31 | 300 | 15 0 | September 18, do  | .....           | Put in Special Bail to the Action at once. Discharged from Custody.                                               |
| 32 | 39  | 14 4 | do 24, do         | .....           | Discharged same day by Order of Plaintiff.                                                                        |
| 33 | 55  | 0 0  | .....             | .....           | Could not be found in Bailiwick.                                                                                  |
| 34 | 10  | 0 0  | December 24, 1856 | .....           | Sheriff's Bail. Paid Debt in eight days.                                                                          |
| 35 | 50  | 0 0  | do do             | .....           | Sheriff's Bail. Paid Debt in eight days.                                                                          |
| 36 | 37  | 2 7  | February 8, 1857  | .....           | Sheriff's Bail.                                                                                                   |
| 37 | 27  | 10 7 | .....             | .....           | Had left for parts unknown.                                                                                       |
| 38 | 50  | 0 0  | May 1, 1857       | .....           | <i>Not Debt.</i> Action on the Case by Judge's Order; in Gaol; cannot find Bail.                                  |
| 39 | 19  | 0 0  | April 22, do      | .....           | Sheriff's Bail. Paid Debt within eight days.                                                                      |

ROBERT MODERWELL,  
*Sheriff,*  
 County of Perth.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
 Stratford, May 14, 1857.

## No. 41.

**RETURN from the COUNTY of PERTH.**

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT OF THE COUNTY OF PERTH,

Stratford, 12th May, 1857.

Sir,—I have the honor to furnish you, for the information of the Legislative Assembly—so far as the Records of the County Court of the County of Perth shew,—with the following statement of Writs issued, since the first day of January, 1855, from the County Court of the County of Perth, for the arrest of Debtors, with the respective amounts.

| No. | £   | s. | d. | No. | £  | s. | d. |
|-----|-----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|
| 1   | 25  | 0  | 0  | 12  | 20 | 0  | 0  |
| 2   | 19  | 6  | 3  | 13  | 28 | 14 | 7  |
| 3   | 35  | 0  | 0  | 14  | 28 | 16 | 4  |
| 4   | 53  | 6  | 6  | 15  | 24 | 9  | 4  |
| 5   | 108 | 6  | 3  | 16  | 25 | 11 | 7  |
| 6   | 108 | 3  | 8  | 17  | 42 | 0  | 0  |
| 7   | 28  | 0  | 0  | 18  | 10 | 0  | 0  |
| 8   | 26  | 15 | 0  | 19  | 50 | 0  | 0  |
| 9   | 12  | 10 | 0  | 20  | 37 | 2  | 7  |
| 10  | 67  | 3  | 3½ | 21  | 19 | 0  | 0  |
| 11  | 50  | 0  | 0  |     |    |    |    |

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

ALEX. MCGREGOR,

*Clerk, County Court,  
County of Perth.*

Honorable T. LEE TERRILL,  
Provincial Secretary,  
Toronto.

No. 42.

STATEMENT shewing Number of DEBTORS Arrested under WRITS issued in the UNITED COUNTIES of PETERBOROUGH and VICTORIA, from the first day of January, 1855, to the 20th May, 1857.

| N A M E.               | Nature of Writ.           | Amount of Debt. |       | Date of Arrest.     | Date of Discharge. | R E M A R K S.                                                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                        |                           | £               | s. d. |                     |                    |                                                                          |
| Thomas Murtha .....    | Bail. <i>Ca. Re</i> ..... | 21              | 5 10  | April 18, 1855 ..   | June 6, 1855 ..    | Debt and Costs paid.                                                     |
| Dee's Cantillon .....  | <i>do.</i> .....          | 20              | 6 3   | May 2, ..           | May 4, ..          | <i>do do.</i>                                                            |
| Patrick Scanlon .....  | <i>do.</i> .....          | 22              | 0 0   | August 23, ..       | December ..        | Discharged by Attorney upon giving Confession of Judgment. Not yet paid. |
| Charles McGann .....   | <i>do.</i> .....          | 13              | 10 4  | <i>do</i> ..        | August 28, ..      | Discharged on bail to the Limits.                                        |
| Joseph Hodgkinson ..   | <i>Capias.</i> .....      | 88              | 0 0   | February 1, 1856 .. | .....              | Compromised with Creditors, and discharged.                              |
| Charles Townsend ..... | <i>do.</i> .....          | 71              | 16 0  | June 16, ..         | June 18, 1856 ..   | Paid part, and gave Confession of Judgment.                              |
| Thomas Erritt .....    | <i>do.</i> .....          | 212             | 2 0   | September 10, ..    | October 25, ..     | Bailed to Limits; afterwards went through Insolvent Court.               |

The above is a correct Statement.

JAMES HALL,  
*Sheriff.*  
 Per JAMES GALLON,  
*Deputy Sheriff.*

PETERBOROUGH, 20th May, 1857.

No. 43.

RETURN shewing the Number of WRITS for Arrest of DEBTORS issued in the UNITED COUNTIES of PETERBOROUGH and VICTORIA, since 1st January, 1855, to 12th May, 1857; and the Amount of Debt for which each Writ was issued.

| —                   | No. | DATE.            | PLAINTIFFS. | DEFENDANTS.   | Amount of Sworn Debt. |       |
|---------------------|-----|------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------|
|                     |     |                  |             |               | £                     | s. d. |
| COUNTY COURT .....  | 1   | January 2, 1855  | Ferguson    | Hurl          | 39                    | 17 0  |
|                     | 2   | March 27, do     | Lake        | Hill          | 25                    | 0 0   |
|                     | 3   | April 16, do     | Kempt       | Muthrie       | 14                    | 11 9  |
|                     | 4   | do 27, do        | Glen        | Cronin        | 10                    | 12 6  |
|                     | 5   | May 2, do        | Fisher      | Cantillon     | 20                    | 6 3   |
|                     | 6   | August 21, do    | Allan       | McGann        | 13                    | 10 4  |
|                     | 7   | do 22, do        | Kells       | Hanlon        | 22                    | 0 0   |
|                     | 8   | do 23, do        | Duggan      | Hanlon        | 18                    | 11 6  |
|                     | 9   | do 25, do        | Connery     | Carey, et al. | 23                    | 12 4  |
|                     | 10  | November 19, do  | Workman     | do            | 20                    | 0 0   |
|                     | 11  | March do, 1856   | Hoban       | Henessey      | 33                    | 9 0   |
|                     | 12  | May 9, do        | Morgan      | McGinnes      | 15                    | 5 0   |
|                     | 13  | June 12, do      | Faucett     | Boland        | 30                    | 0 0   |
|                     | 14  | October 11, do   | Workman     | Hodkinson     | 10                    | 0 0   |
|                     | 15  | January 24, 1857 | Kempt       | Finnegan      | 10                    | 0 0   |
|                     | 16  | do 28, do        | Brown       | Hoeg          | 10                    | 13 10 |
| QUEEN'S BENCH ..... |     |                  | McCusaig    | 14            | 3 5                   |       |
|                     | 1   | February 1, 1856 | Glen        | Hodkinson     | 88                    | 0 0   |
|                     | 2   | March 3, do      | Short       | Packaberry    | 80                    | 0 0   |
|                     | 3   | June 16, do      | Fisher      | Townsend      | 71                    | 16 0  |
|                     |     |                  | Thornhill   | 212           | 2 0                   |       |

THOMAS FORTYE,  
Clerk, County Court, and Deputy Clerk Crown and Pleas.

PETERBOROUGH, 12th May, 1857.

## No. 44.

RETURN shewing the Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS in the UNITED COUNTIES of PRESCOTT and RUSSELL, from 1st January, 1855, to 21st February, 1857.

| NAMES.                                                     | Amount with<br>Costs. |    |    | REMARKS.                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                            | £                     | s. | d. |                                                                                                          |
| Alexander and John Kennedy, vs. Venois Lemay .....         | 35                    | 18 | 0  | Supposed to be settled between the parties.                                                              |
| Joseph Ogden, vs. Matthew Sergeant....                     | 12                    | 14 | 0  | Bond taken, and assigned to Plaintiff.                                                                   |
| John Battice Robbillard, vs. Matthew Sergeant .....        | 19                    | 14 | 3  | Settled between the parties.                                                                             |
| C. Hersey, vs. Allan Davidson .....                        | 10                    | 14 | 3  | Party not arrested; having left the Province.                                                            |
| Donald McMaster, vs. Alexander McCaul .....                | 45                    | 2  | 7  | Discharged under Insolvent Act.                                                                          |
| Alexander Gray, vs. Robert Goudy ....                      | 50                    | 0  | 0  | Party arrested, and bail entered immediately, without Defendant being consulted. Supposed to be settled. |
| Donald Fisher, vs. Alexander McCall and James McCall ..... | 26                    | 0  | 0  | Parties arrested, and discharged under Insolvent Act.                                                    |
| Angus McDonald, vs. Charles Armstrong .....                | 37                    | 2  | 0  | Paid by Defendant.                                                                                       |
| Richard Chambers, vs. James Ferguson..                     | 27                    | 16 | 2  | Party not arrested.                                                                                      |
| Daniel Good, vs. John Brennan .....                        | 18                    | 13 | 7  | Deputation granted by Plaintiff's request.                                                               |
| G. G. Dumas, vs. Louis You .....                           | 147                   | 13 | 6  | Eighteen days in prison; compounded by giving security for one-half the amount on time.                  |

CHARLES P. TREADWELL,

*Sheriff,*

*United Counties of Prescott and Russell.*

To Honorable T. LEE TERRILL,

Provincial Secretary,

&c., &c., &c.



## No. 45.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT,

L'Original, 14th May, 1857.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose herewith, a Return of all Writs for the Arrest of Debtors issued out of the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and County Court, for the United Counties of Prescott and Russell, since the 1st day of January, 1855, to the present time; and the Amount of the Debt for which each Writ was issued, as requested in your letter of the 8th instant.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

J. W. MARSTON,  
Clerk of the County Court,  
Prescott and Russell.

Honorable T. LEE TERRILL,  
Provincial Secretary,  
Toronto.

RETURN of all WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS issued out of the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and County Court, for the UNITED COUNTIES of PRESCOTT and RUSSELL, since the 1st January, 1855; and the Amount of the Debt for which each Writ was issued, as follows:—

## ISSUED OUT OF THE COURTS OF QUEEN'S BENCH.

| Date of Issue.      | Name of Writ.       | Name of Plaintiff.   | Name of Defendant. | Amount of Writ issued for. |    |    |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----|----|
| February 20, 1857.. | <i>Capias</i> ..... | George G. Dunning .. | Louis You .....    | £                          | s. | d. |
|                     |                     |                      |                    | 147                        | 18 | 6  |

## ISSUED OUT OF THE COMMON PLEAS.

|                      |                     |                      |                     |    |   |   |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----|---|---|
| September 21, 1855.. | <i>Capias</i> ..... | Alexander Gray ..... | Robert Goudie ..... | 50 | 0 | 0 |
|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----|---|---|

**No. 45.**—RETURN of all WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS issued out of the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and County Court, for the UNITED COUNTIES of PRESCOTT and RUSSELL, &c.—  
(Continued.)

## ISSUED OUT OF THE COUNTY COURT.

| Date of Issue.     | Name of Writ.          | Name of Plaintiff.                         | Name of Defendant.    | Amount of Writ issued for. |       |       |
|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------|-------|
|                    |                        |                                            |                       | £                          | s.    | d.    |
| January 18, 1855.. | <i>Alias Capias</i> .. | Alexander Kennedy and<br>John Kennedy .... | Venois Lemay.....     | 35                         | 18    | 0     |
| February 7, do ..  | <i>Capias</i> .....    | Joseph Ogden .....                         | Matthew Sargent.....  | 10                         | 1     | 0     |
| March 8, do ..     | <i>do</i> .....        | Jean Baptiste Robbil-<br>lard .....        | do .....              | 19                         | 16    | 5½    |
| April 9, do ..     | <i>Alias Capias</i> .. | do .....                                   | do .....              | .....                      | ..... | ..... |
| May 7, do ..       | <i>Capias</i> .....    | Charles Hersey .....                       | Alexander Davidson .. | 10                         | 14    | 3     |
| August 27, do .    | <i>do</i> .....        | Daniel Good .....                          | John Brennen.....     | 18                         | 7     | 7     |

J. W. MARSTON,

*Clerk of the County Court.*

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT,  
L'Orignal, 14th May, 1857.

## No. 46.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE,

Picton, C.W., May 11, 1857.

Sir,—I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular of the 7th instant, requesting a Return from this Office, for the information of the Legislative Assembly, of the number of Writs issued in this County—Prince Edward—and placed in my hands for the arrest of Debtors, since the 1st January, 1855; the amount of the Debt; whether or not Arrested or Committed; how long detained in Gaol; and whether discharged by payment of the Debt or otherwise. And I have the honor to enclose you herewith a Return giving the information desired.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient Servant,

JAMES McDONALD,

Sheriff,

County Prince Edward.

Honorable T. LEE TERRILL,  
Provincial Secretary,  
Toronto.

**No. 46.**—A RETURN shewing the Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS issued in the COUNTY of PRINCE EDWARD, C.W., and placed in the Sheriff's hands in said County, since the 1st January, 1855, to May 11th, 1857. The amount of the Debt in each case; whether or not Arrest was made or party committed to Gaol; how long detained in Gaol; and whether discharged by payment of the Debt or otherwise.

ON CAPIAS.—COUNTY COURT.

| No. and Name of Case. | Amount of Debt. |       | Party Arrested or not. | Committed to Gaol or not. | How long in Gaol. | How Discharged, and Remarks.                     |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
|                       | £               | s. d. |                        |                           |                   |                                                  |
| 1 F., vs. C.          | 12              | 13    | 5                      | Not committed             | 1855.             | Discharged by payment of Debt.<br>do<br>do<br>do |
| 2 M., vs. P.          | 85              | 6     | 3                      | Not committed             | 18 days           |                                                  |
| 3 M., vs. S.          | 25              | 0     | 0                      | Committed by his bail.    | 3 do              |                                                  |
| 4 N., vs. W. and H.   | 46              | 8     | 2                      | Committed                 | 1 do              |                                                  |
| 5 J., vs. S.          | 34              | 11    | 3                      | Not committed             | 1856.             | Gave bail.<br>do.                                |
| 6 H., vs. S.          | 14              | 11    | 9                      | do                        |                   |                                                  |
| 7 L., vs. W. and H.   | 19              | 3     | 6                      | do                        |                   | do.                                              |
| 8 H., vs. C.          | 15              | 15    | 0                      | 2 parties arrested        |                   |                                                  |
| 9 A., vs. G.          | 14              | 15    | 6                      | Not arrested              |                   | Not found.<br>Debt settled.                      |
| 10 M., vs. P.         | 50              | 12    | 4                      | do                        |                   |                                                  |

ON CAPIAS.—SUPERIOR COURTS.

|                      |    |    |   |              |             |                                                          |
|----------------------|----|----|---|--------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 11 C., vs. C.        | 89 | 19 | 0 | Not arrested | 1855.       | Not found.<br>Discharged by payment of Debt.<br>do<br>do |
| 12 O., vs. W. and H. | 75 | 3  | 8 | 2 arrested   | Part of day |                                                          |
| 13 do                | 65 | 11 | 8 | 2 do         | do          |                                                          |
| 14 F., vs. W. and H. | 66 | 17 | 3 | 2 do         | do          |                                                          |

|               |      |    |   |              |                 |                                                                                 |
|---------------|------|----|---|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 15 F., vs. K. | 50   | 0  | 0 | Arrested     | 1856.           | Gave bail, and settled Debt.<br>Debt settled.                                   |
| 16 G., vs. W. | 332  | 10 | 0 | Not arrested |                 |                                                                                 |
| 17 M., vs. M. | 57   | 10 | 0 | Arrested     | 2 days          | Gave bail, and settled Debt.<br>Discharged by payment of Debt.<br>Debt settled. |
| 18 R., vs. C. | 732  | 10 | 0 | do           | 1857.<br>7 days |                                                                                 |
| 19 G., vs. M. | 4000 | 0  | 0 | Not arrested |                 | Discharged by payment of Debt.<br>do<br>do                                      |
| 20 M., vs. P. | 37   | 10 | 0 | Arrested     |                 |                                                                                 |
| 21 L., vs. P. | 275  | 0  | 0 | do           |                 |                                                                                 |

ON CA. SA'S.—COUNTY COURT.

|               |    |    |   |          |             |                                          |
|---------------|----|----|---|----------|-------------|------------------------------------------|
| 22 H., vs. D. | 39 | 10 | 9 | Arrested | 1855.       | Gave bail, and settled Debt.<br>do<br>do |
| 23 E., vs. C. | 47 | 19 | 2 | do       |             |                                          |
| 24 C., vs. S. | 21 | 12 | 6 | do       | 1856.       | Gave bail for Limits.<br>do              |
| 25 J., vs. S. | 45 | 17 | 2 | do       | Part of day |                                          |

ON CA. SA.—SUPERIOR COURT.....NONE.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
Picton, May 11th, 1857.

JAMES McDONALD,  
Sheriff.

RECAPITULATION.

25 Writs in all, to Arrest 30 persons, of which 24 were arrested, and 6 not arrested; because 4 of them settled the matter at once, and 2 of them were not found in the County. Of the 24 arrested, 18 were committed to Gaol, and 11 not committed. Of the 13 committed, 1 gave bail to the Limits, where he remains; the other 12 were discharged on payment of the demand. Number of days imprisonment suffered in the aggregate, 35 days.

JAMES McDONALD,  
Sheriff.

No. 47.

RETURN of C.A. SA'S issued in County Court of the COUNTY of PRINCE EDWARD, from the 1st January, 1855, to 1st May, 1857.

| P L A I N T I F F.        | D E F E N D A N T.          | D A T E.              | A m o u n t. |    |    |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----|----|
|                           |                             |                       | £            | s. | d. |
| William E. D. Eaders..... | William A. Cunningham ..... | July 30, 1855 .....   | 45           | 11 | 6  |
| Canniff Haight .....      | Edward D. Salanne.....      | February 21, do ..... | 34           | 9  | 11 |
| Harmon Case .....         | Eliakim Squier.....         | June 3, do .....      | 20           | 17 | 3  |
| Clark Whittier.....       | James W. Ferguson .....     | do 10, do .....       | 102          | 3  | 10 |
| James Jacques.....        | Eliakim Squier.....         | October 22, do .....  | 44           | 14 | 11 |
|                           | Total.....                  | £.....                | 247          | 17 | 5  |

JOHN TRIGG,  
Clerk, County Court.

PICTON, May 12, 1857.

No. 48.

RETURN of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS issued in the COUNTY of SIMCOE, since the first day of January, A.D., 1855; and the Action thereon had, until the eighth day of May, A.D., 1857; as shewn in the Records of the Sheriff's Office of said County of Simcoe.

| No. | Amount of Debt. |       | Arrested. | Not Arrested. | Gave Bail. | Committed to Gaol. | Term of Detention. | HOW DISCHARGED.                              |
|-----|-----------------|-------|-----------|---------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------|
|     | £               | s. d. |           |               |            |                    |                    |                                              |
| 1   | 463             | 3     | 1         |               |            |                    | 2 days             | Not found.                                   |
| 2   | 1275            | 7 10  | 1         |               |            | 1                  | 2 hours            | Absconding Debtors.                          |
| 3   | 10              | 18 6  | 1         |               |            |                    | 2 hours            | By giving Security for payment.              |
| 4   | 26              | 2 0   | 1         |               | 1          |                    | 9 days             | By payment.                                  |
| 5   | 17              | 0 0   | 1         |               |            | 1                  | 3 hours            | Bail to the Limits.                          |
| 6   | 21              | 4 7   | 1         |               |            |                    | 8 do               | By payment.                                  |
| 7   | 25              | 0 0   | 1         |               |            |                    | 4 do               | do.                                          |
| 8   | 58              | 4 4   | 1         |               | 1          |                    | 1 day              | do.                                          |
| 9   | 24              | 17 4½ | 1         |               | 1          |                    | 3 do               | Bail to Limits; afterwards paid by Sureties. |
| 10  | 61              | 5 11  | 1         |               |            | 1                  | 4 hours            | Bail to Limits.                              |
| 11  | 41              | 19 1  | 1         |               | 1          |                    | 60 days.           | Settled by the parties.                      |
| 12  | 25              | 0 0   | 1         |               |            | 1                  | 2 hours.           | Paid by Sureties.                            |
| 13  | 60              | 0 0   | 1         |               | 1          |                    |                    | By payment.                                  |
| 14  | 83              | 0 0   | 1         |               | 1          |                    |                    | Not found. Left the County.                  |
| 15  | 68              | 2 10  | 1         |               |            |                    |                    | Left the County.                             |
| 16  | 119             | 15 0  | 1         |               | 1          |                    |                    | Settled by the parties.                      |
| 17  | 55              | 12 2  | 1         |               | 1          |                    | 2 hours.           | By payment.                                  |
| 18  | 62              | 10 0  | 1         |               | 1          |                    | 3 do               | Not found. Left the County.                  |
| 19  | 50              | 0 0   | 1         |               | 1          |                    |                    | Settled by the parties.                      |
| 20  | 100             | 0 0   | 1         |               | 1          |                    |                    | Left the County. Arrested in Toronto.        |
| 21  | 52              | 8 6   | 1         |               | 1          |                    |                    | Bail to Limits.                              |
| 22  | 75              | 0 0   | 1         |               | 1          |                    |                    | Bail to Limits.                              |

| No. | Amount of Debt. |    | Arrested.        | Not Arrested. | Gave Bail. | Committed to Gaol. | Term of Detention. | HOW DISCHARGED.              |
|-----|-----------------|----|------------------|---------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
|     | £               | s. |  |  |  |  |  |  | d. |
| 23  | 203             | 12 |                  | 1             |            |                    |                    | Stayed by Attorney.          |
| 24  | 37              | 19 |                  | 1             |            |                    |                    | Not found. Left the County.  |
| 25  | 31              | 5  |                  | 1             |            |                    |                    | Not found.                   |
| 26  | 110             | 0  | 0                |               | 1          |                    |                    |                              |
| 27  | 135             | 3  | 9                |               | 1          | 1                  | 36 days            | Surrendered by Special Bail. |
| 28  | 119             | 0  | 6                |               |            |                    | 5 hours            | By payment.                  |
| 29  | 105             | 3  | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  |               | 1          |                    | 2 do               | Bail to Limits.              |
| 30  | 112             | 12 | 7                |               |            |                    |                    | Stayed by Order of Attorney. |
| 31  | 47              | 2  | 6                | 1             |            | 1                  | 11 days            | Not found.                   |
| 32  | 41              | 7  | 6                |               | 1          |                    | 2 do               | Broke Gaol.                  |
| 33  | 15              | 0  | 0                |               | 1          |                    | 2 do               | By payment.                  |
| 34  | 40              | 7  | 0                |               | 1          |                    | 3 hours            | do.                          |
| 35  | 15              | 0  | 0                |               | 1          |                    |                    | do.                          |
| 36  | 10              | 8  | 4                |               | 1          |                    |                    | By settlement.               |
| 37  | 19              | 18 | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  |               | 1          | 1                  | 2 days             | By payment.                  |
| 38  | 10              | 6  | 3                |               |            |                    |                    | Not found. Left the County.  |
| 39  | 17              | 9  | 9                |               | 1          |                    |                    | Not found.                   |
| 40  | 25              | 0  | 0                | 1             |            |                    | 13 days            | Broke Gaol.                  |
| 41  | 30              | 11 | 8                |               |            | 1                  |                    | By Attorney's Order.         |
| 42  | 11              | 0  | 0                |               |            |                    | 18 hours.          |                              |
| 43  | 16              | 16 | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ |               |            |                    | 4 do               | By payment.                  |
| 44  | 16              | 11 | 0                |               | 1          |                    |                    | do.                          |
| 45  | 30              | 11 | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ |               |            |                    | 2 hours            | Settled by Note.             |
| 46  | 10              | 17 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  |               | 1          |                    |                    | Bond assigned.               |
| 47  | 13              | 14 | 1                |               | 1          |                    |                    |                              |
| 48  | 25              | 1  | 3                |               | 1          |                    |                    |                              |
| 49  | 31              | 5  | 0                |               |            |                    |                    |                              |
| 50  | 15              | 17 | 11               |               | 1          |                    |                    |                              |

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |          |                         |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----------|-------------------------|
| 51 | 33 | 0  | 0  | 1  |    |    | 8 days   | Bail to Limits.         |
| 52 | 25 | 12 | 6  |    | 1  |    | 3 do     | do do.                  |
| 53 | 24 | 2  | 11 |    | 1  |    | 1 do.    | do do.                  |
| 54 | 29 | 14 | 3  |    |    | 1  | 1 month. | By Attorney's Order.    |
| 55 | 31 | 11 | 0  |    |    | 1  | 2 days   |                         |
| 56 | 12 | 10 | 0  |    |    | 1  | 10 do.   |                         |
| 57 | 41 | 12 | 3  |    | 1  |    |          | Not found.              |
| 58 | 27 | 10 | 0  |    |    |    | 17 days  | By Attorney's Order.    |
| 59 | 25 | 12 | 10 | 1  |    |    | 5 do     | Arrest set aside.       |
| 60 | 51 | 0  | 0  |    | 1  |    | 1 do     | By Attorney's Order.    |
| 61 | 30 | 0  | 0  |    |    | 1  | 56 do    | Yet in Custody.         |
| 62 | 31 | 5  | 0  |    |    | 1  | 3 hours  | Settled by the parties. |
| 63 | 10 | 5  | 0  |    |    |    | 2 hours  | Stayed by Plaintiff.    |
| 64 | 12 | 0  | 0  |    |    |    | 2 do.    |                         |
| 65 | 12 | 0  | 0  |    |    |    | 4 days.  |                         |
| 66 | 20 | 8  | 2  |    | 1  |    | 4 do     | By Attorney's Order.    |
| 67 | 16 | 1  | 10 |    | 1  |    |          |                         |
| 68 | 15 | 0  | 0  |    |    | 1  |          |                         |
| 69 | 42 | 0  | 0  |    |    | 1  |          |                         |
|    |    |    |    | 56 | 13 | 36 | 21       |                         |

I, Benjamin Walker Smith, Sheriff of the County of Simcoe, do hereby certify, that the above is a correct Return of the Number of Writs received at my Office, for the Arrest of Debtors, since the first day of January, A.D., 1855; the Amount of Debt for which each Writ was issued; and the Action thereon had, until the eighth day of May, A.D., 1857; as shewn by the Records of my Office.

B. W. SMITH,  
 Sheriff,  
 County of Simcoe.

## No. 49.

SPECIAL RETURN of Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS issued in the County Court of the COUNTY of SIMCOE, since 1st January, A.D., 1855, and amount of Debt.

| No. | DATE.     |          | NAMES OF PARTIES.                                   | Amount.            |    |     |
|-----|-----------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----|-----|
|     |           |          |                                                     | £                  | s. | d.  |
|     |           |          | <i>Defendants.</i>                                  | <i>Plaintiffs.</i> |    |     |
| 1   | March     | 5, 1855  | Oliver Bradley, vs. Thomas Meldrum                  | 30                 | 6  | 8½  |
| 2   | do        | 23, do   | Robert Rankin, vs. Joseph B. Johnson                | 30                 | 0  | 0   |
| 3   | April     | 3, do    | Daniel Oltz                                         | 21                 | 4  | 7   |
| 4   | do        | 9, do    | Richard Rankin, vs. Joseph B. Johnson               | 30                 | 0  | 0   |
| 5   | do        | 16, do   | James McLean and D. Johnston, vs. Wm. Witherup      | 25                 | 0  | 0   |
| 6   | August    | 23, do   | David Gardner, vs. Mark Scanlan                     | 39                 | 12 | 6   |
| 7   | do        | 24, do   | James Hunter, vs. William Young                     | 15                 | 0  | 0   |
| 8   | September | 6, do    | Edward Avis, vs. Gordon Hillard                     | 37                 | 10 | 0   |
| 9   | October   | 11, do   | Thomas Moran, vs. Thomas Meldrum                    | 19                 | 18 | 2½  |
| 10  | February  | do, 1856 | Thomas Wiley, vs. O. S. & H. R. R. U. Company       | 55                 | 12 | 3   |
| 11  | March     | 26, do   | George Foster, vs. James D. Stephens, et al         | 54                 | 0  | 0   |
| 12  | April     | 21, do   | Alex. Cameron and Arch'd McIntosh, vs. Jas. Dunlop  | 10                 | 6  | 3   |
| 13  | May       | 3, do    | Robert Moore, vs. James Barnes                      | 25                 | 0  | 0   |
| 14  | do        | do, do   | William T. Smith, vs. Aaron Burnett                 | 17                 | 19 | 1   |
| 15  | June      | 9, do    | W. Allan Harris, vs. Thomas Pool                    | 30                 | 13 | 3   |
| 16  | July      | 5, do    | James Cross, vs. Charles Doan                       | 11                 | 0  | 0   |
| 17  | do        | 10, do   | James Alexander, vs. Peter Ferguson                 | 16                 | 16 | 10½ |
| 18  | do        | 31, do   | George Webster, vs. John Wright                     | 30                 | 10 | 11½ |
| 19  | August    | 12, do   | Robert Lowe, the younger, vs. Peter Ferguson        | 10                 | 17 | 1½  |
| 20  | do        | 21, do   | Daniel Dixon, vs. Peter Ferguson                    | 13                 | 14 | 1   |
| 21  | September | 8, do    | Charles W. Lundy, vs. John M. Master                | 25                 | 1  | 8   |
| 22  | do        | do, do   | Thomas Cronan, vs. James Redman                     | 31                 | 5  | 0½  |
| 23  | October   | 1, do    | Reuben Green, vs. Peter Ferguson                    | 15                 | 7  | 11  |
| 24  | do        | 23, do   | Edward Lawrence, vs. William McKenzie               | 33                 | 3  | 0   |
| 25  | November  | 13, do   | Lyman Fisk, vs. William McFetridge                  | 25                 | 12 | 6   |
| 26  | do        | 24, do   | Lyman Fisk, vs. Daniel M. Coltings                  | 24                 | 2  | 11  |
| 27  | do        | 24, do   | Patrick Garrighan, vs. George Bell, et al           | 29                 | 14 | 3   |
| 28  | December  | 3, do    | William Morris, vs. John Watson                     | 31                 | 17 | 0   |
| 29  | January   | 14, 1857 | Wm. Johnson & David Brotherson, vs. Dan. McKernan   | 12                 | 10 | 0   |
| 30  | do        | 30, do   | John McInnis, vs. Louis Carradi                     | 41                 | 12 | 3   |
| 31  | February  | 17, do   | James Campaigne, vs. John Livingston                | 54                 | 10 | 0   |
| 32  | do        | 20, do   | Samuel McFarland, vs. James Sloan                   | 25                 | 12 | 10  |
| 33  | do        | 24, do   | Thomas Ellison, vs. James Reid                      | 16                 | 3  | 4   |
| 34  | March     | 3, do    | William Underwood, vs. Jonah Archer                 | 30                 | 0  | 0   |
| 35  | do        | 13, do   | Thomas Cronan, vs. James Redman                     | 31                 | 5  | 0   |
| 36  | do        | 23, do   | James Harcourt, vs. James Dunsceath                 | 10                 | 5  | 0   |
| 37  | do        | 24, do   | Ambrose Austin, vs. Stephen Seaman                  | 12                 | 0  | 0   |
| 38  | do        | do, do   | Nelson Cole, vs. Stephen Seaman                     | 12                 | 0  | 0   |
| 39  | April     | 6, do    | John Wright, vs. William H. Sellers                 | 16                 | 1  | 10  |
| 40  | do        | 13, do   | James Cooper, vs. Rufus White, et al                | 28                 | 0  | 0   |
| 41  | go        | 14, do   | David Lafenier, vs. Arthur McMaster                 | 15                 | 0  | 0   |
| 42  | May       | 8, do    | James Campaigne, vs. John Livingston                | 51                 | 0  | 0   |
| 43  | do        | 9, do    | Thos. Wilkins and Alex. Wilkins, vs. Patrick Rogers | 24                 | 13 | 9   |

I certify the foregoing Return is correct and true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JONATHAN LANE,

Clerk of the County Court of the County of Simcoe.

BARRIE, May 11th, 1857.

No. 50.

RETURN of the Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS received in the Office of the Sheriff of the UNITED COUNTIES of STORMONT, DUNDAS, and GLENGARRY, since the 1st day of January, 1855; shewing the Amount of Debt; whether party was Committed to Gaol; how long detained in Gaol; and finally Discharged by payment of Debt or otherwise.

| No. of Writs. | NAMES<br>or<br>DEFENDANTS. | When Arrested.   | How long Detained in Gaol.                  | Amount of Debt. |    |    | Discharged on Bail. | Debt Settled. | Not Arrested. | Remarks.                      |
|---------------|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|----|----|---------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
|               |                            |                  |                                             | £               | s. | d. |                     |               |               |                               |
| 1             | Nelson Farlinger.....      | March 12, 1855.  | From March 12, 1855, to May 5, 1855.        | 22              | 12 | 0  | .....               | Settled.      |               |                               |
| 2             | Christopher Empey.....     | May 7, do        | .....                                       | 12              | 10 | 0  | 1                   |               |               |                               |
| 3             | Nancy Pillar.....          | do 15, do        | .....                                       | 59              | 2  | 0  | 1                   |               |               |                               |
| 4             | John McKae.....            | July 24, do      | From July 24, 1855, to August 3, 1855.      | 14              | 16 | 3  | .....               | 1             |               |                               |
| 5             | do.....                    | do 25, do        | From do do, to do do, do                    | 25              | 9  | 0  | .....               | 1             |               |                               |
| 6             | John M. Gillivray.....     | do.....          | .....                                       | 22              | 5  | 0  | .....               |               | 1             |                               |
| 7             | Albert Carpenter.....      | August 29, 1855. | From August 29, 1855, to August 30, 1855.   | 16              | 8  | 0  | .....               | 1             |               |                               |
| 8             | Christopher Empey.....     | do.....          | .....                                       | 21              | 8  | 10 | .....               |               |               |                               |
| 9             | Hugh McLennan.....         | February 5, 1855 | From February 5, 1855, to October 14, 1855. | 42              | 16 | 6  | .....               |               |               | Discharged by Order of Court. |
| 10            | James Ferguson.....        | do.....          | .....                                       | 30              | 0  | 7  | .....               |               | 1             |                               |
| 11            | Jacob J. Merkley.....      | April 14, 1856.  | .....                                       | 55              | 8  | 5  | 1                   |               |               |                               |
| 12            | John McGillis.....         | do 16, do        | .....                                       | 563             | 18 | 10 | 1                   |               |               |                               |
| 13            | do.....                    | do.....          | .....                                       | 45              | 0  | 11 | .....               |               |               |                               |
| 14            | John O'Maley.....          | do.....          | .....                                       | 19              | 0  | 0  | 1                   |               |               |                               |
| 15            | George H. Sinclair.....    | July 26, 1856    | .....                                       | 133             | 0  | 0  | .....               |               |               |                               |
| 16            | David Sumner.....          | October 23, do   | .....                                       | 25              | 11 | 6  | .....               |               |               |                               |
| 17            | Lewis Christy.....         | do.....          | .....                                       | 23              | 10 | 0  | .....               |               | 1             |                               |
| 18            | John English.....          | do.....          | .....                                       | 23              | 10 | 0  | .....               |               | 1             |                               |



**No. 50.—RETURN of the Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS received in the Office of the Sheriff of the UNITED COUNTIES of STORMONT, DUNDAS, and GLENGARRY, &c.—(Continued.)**

| No. of Writ | NAMES<br>or<br>DEFENDANTS.        | When Arrested.     | How long Detained in Gaol. | Amount of Debt. |    |    | Discharged on Bill. | Debt Settled. | Not Arrested. | Remarks. |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----|----|---------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|
|             |                                   |                    |                            | £               | s. | d. |                     |               |               |          |
| 18          | Janet Chisholm .....              | December 16, 1856. |                            | 88              | 4  | 2  | 1                   |               |               |          |
| 19          | Henry Keager, <i>et al.</i> ..... | do 17, do .....    |                            |                 |    |    |                     | 1             |               |          |
| 20          | Angus McDonnell .....             | .....              |                            |                 |    |    |                     |               | 1             |          |
| 21          | James Grant .....                 | 1857 .....         |                            |                 |    |    |                     |               | 1             |          |
|             |                                   |                    |                            |                 |    |    | 7                   | 5             | 8             | 1        |

D. E. MCINTYRE,

Sheriff,

Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE,

Cornwall, May 11, 1857.

## No. 51.

RETURN shewing the Number of WRITS for the Arrest of DEBTORS issued from the Office of the Clerk of the County Court, and Deputy Clerk of the Crown, for the UNITED COUNTIES of STORMONT, DUNDAS, and GLEN-GARRY, since the 1st January, 1855; and the Amount of Debt for which such Writ was issued.

| No. | P L A I N T I F F.  | D E F E N D A N T. | C O U R T.    | D A T E.        | Amount |    |    |
|-----|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------|----|----|
|     |                     |                    |               |                 | £      | s. | d. |
| 1   | Peter Cockburn      | James Hetherington | Queen's Bench | August 9, 1856  | 75     | 0  | 0  |
| 2   | William Summers     | David Summers      | do            | October 21, do  | 130    | 0  | 0  |
| 3   | J. E. Smith         | H. W. Stanton      | do            | December 30, do | 57     | 18 | 7  |
| 4   | James Merse         | George H. Sinclair | Common Pleas  | July 24, do     | 58     | 1  | 0  |
| 5   | J. H. Hasrellon     | do                 | do            | do, do          | 18     | 15 | 0  |
| 6   | Alexander McLean    | John McDonell      | do            | March 7, 1857   | 116    | 0  | 0  |
| 7   | Gault and Stevenson | R. M. Stevins      | do            | April 25, do    | 66     | 6  | 2  |
| 8   | Asoph Barnhart      | W. Martin          | do            | do 22, do       | 33     | 13 | 5  |
| 9   | Allan McDonell      | John McGillivray   | County Court  | August 24, 1855 | 21     | 0  | 0  |
| 10  | Clement Dixon       | W. Carpenter       | do            | do 28, do       | 15     | 0  | 0  |
| 11  | Acra Mann           | J. L. Broeffl      | do            | July 10, 1856   | 97     | 11 | 6  |
| 12  | Angus McPhail       | Angus McDonell     | do            | August 11, do   | 12     | 9  | 2  |
| 13  | Andrew Fulton       | Thomas Madden      | do            | do 16, do       | 15     | 12 | 5½ |
| 14  | Philip L. Berkir    | Denis English      | do            | November 29, do | 22     | 0  | 0  |
| 15  | Thomas Duilles      | James Miller       | do            | April 4, 1857   | 40     | 0  | 0  |
| 16  | Angus Sutherland    | M. McKay           | do            | do 14, do       | 13     | 15 | 0  |

R. MACDONELL,

*Clerk, County Court, and  
Deputy Clerk of the Crown.*

No. 52.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE,

Berlin, 15th May, 1857.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant.

There has been entered in this Office the following *Mesne Process* Writs for the arrest of Debtors, from 1st January, 1855, viz.:—

|                                                                           |    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| FIRST.—In the County Court or inferior jurisdiction of the Superior Court | 43 |
| SECOND.—In the Superior Courts .....                                      | 27 |
| Total.....                                                                | 70 |

Of these, 57 arrests have been made;  
 And 13 were not arrested.

Total ..... 70

Of these, 30 were in Gaol. The shortest period any one was confined was one day; and the longest period any were confined was 167 days: giving an average confinement to each Prisoner of 17 days. My books do not show the sums for which the above were arrested, but I think the first class would be from £10 to £75, and would average about £30. The second class would be from £50 to £150, and might average about £70.

In addition to the above, I enclose you a Return of the Writs which have been entered in this Office, on *final Process*, or by way of execution, *Ca. Sa.*, showing the sums for which they were arrested, &c.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
 Your obedient Servant,

GEORGE DAVIDSON,  
 Sheriff,  
 County of Waterloo.

To the Honorable T. LEE TERRILL,  
 Provincial Secretary,  
 Toronto.

**No. 52.**—RETURN of DEBTORS Arrested in the COUNTY of WATERLOO, with the time they have been kept in Gaol, from the 1st January, 1857, to the 11th May, 1857.

| Amount, of Debt. |    |    | No. of days in Gaol. | REMARKS.                           |
|------------------|----|----|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| £                | s. | d. |                      |                                    |
| 48               | 2  | 10 |                      |                                    |
| 29               | 13 | 9  | 19                   | Discharged by Attorney's order.    |
| 27               | 18 | 1  |                      | Not arrested.                      |
| 23               | 13 | 9  |                      | do.                                |
| 11               | 3  | 9  |                      | do.                                |
| 98               | 11 | 6  |                      | do.                                |
| 51               | 1  | 9  | 21                   | Settled by parties.                |
| 23               | 16 | 7  |                      | Not arrested.                      |
| 14               | 7  | 10 |                      | Paid.                              |
| 63               | 11 | 11 |                      | do.                                |
| 39               | 5  | 0  |                      | Not arrested.                      |
| 96               | 14 | 8  | 16                   | Settled by parties.                |
| 41               | 14 | 9  |                      | Not arrested.                      |
| 33               | 16 | 5  | 8                    | Settled by parties.                |
| 30               | 13 | 9  | 7                    | Discharged on bail for the Limits. |
| 150              | 0  | 0  | 123                  | Discharged by Judge's order.       |
| 33               | 9  | 8  |                      | Paid.                              |
| 115              | 9  | 6  | 80                   | Discharged on bail to the Limits.  |
| 50               | 0  | 0  |                      | Not arrested.                      |
| 67               | 4  | 0  | 8                    | Paid.                              |
| 123              | 3  | 3  | 4                    | In Gaol.                           |
| 13               | 2  | 10 | 49                   | Paid.                              |

Certified.

GEORGE DAVIDSON,  
*Sheriff.*

SHERIFF'S OFFICE,  
Berlin, 11th May, 1857.

## No. 53.

**RETURN from the COUNTY of WATERLOO.**

BERLIN, 13th May, 1857.

Sir,—In obedience to your commands, I have the honor to make the following Return:—

Since the 1st January, 1855, there have been issued in the County of Waterloo 96 Writs of *Capias* in all Courts: of which 20 in the Queen's Bench, 13 in the Common Pleas, and 63 in the County Court.

Of the 20 in the Queen's Bench, 7 under £100.

5 above 100, and under £200.

2 above 200.

6 by Judge's Order.

Of the 13 in the Common Pleas, 5 under £100.

3 above 100, and under £200.

5 by Judge's Order.

Of the 63 in the County Court, 14 between £10 and £15.

17 between 15 and 25.

23 between 25 and 50.

9 above 50.

I have the honor to remain, Sir,

Your obedient humble Servant,

JAMES COLQUHOUN,

Deputy Clerk Crown and Pleas,

County of Waterloo.

To the Honorable the

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, &c.,

Toronto.

No. 54.

OFFICE OF CLERK OF COUNTY COURT, COUNTY OF WELLAND,

Merrittville, 9th May, 1857.

Sir,—I beg to transmit, herewith enclosed, the Return desired in your favor of 8th instant. This being a new County, and the Office having only been established since 28th May, 1856, the Return includes all Writs of *Ca. Re.* that have as yet been issued therefrom.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

Honorable T. LEE TERRILL,  
Secretary, &c., &c., &c.,  
Toronto, C.W.

N. FITCH.

RETURN of WRITS of *Capias ad Respondendum* issued from the Office of the Clerk of the County Court, COUNTY OF WELLAND, from 28th May, 1856, to 9th May, 1857.

| Teste of Writ.  | NAME OF PLAINTIFF.  | NAME OF DEFENDANT. | COURT.       | Amount of Debt. |    |    |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|----|----|
|                 |                     |                    |              | £               | s. | d. |
| June 7, 1856    | Chauncey Yale       | Benjamin M. Shirk  | County Court | 18              | 6  | 8  |
| do do           | Lewis Green Carter  | James Fortier      | do           | 34              | 3  | 10 |
| do 26, do       | John O'Connor       | William C. Becker  | do           | 30              | 0  | 0  |
| July 19, do     | Elias Fitch         | Roswell A. Barney  | Common Pleas | 31              | 5  | 0  |
| September 8, do | Thomas Grahamsby    | John M. Langborne  | County Court | 10              | 1  | 3  |
| do 11, do       | Reuben Buchner      | Sigmund Deimer     | do           | 30              | 0  | 0  |
| October 10, do  | Moses Betts         | Charles Bowen      | do           | 31              | 9  | 8  |
| do do           | N. P. Pratt, et al. | William L. Carter  | do           | 70              | 10 | 0  |

**No. 54.—RETURN of WRITS of *Capias ad Respondendum* issued from the Office of the Clerk of the County Court,  
COUNTY of WELLAND, &c.—(Continued.)**

| Terte of Writ.   | NAME OF PLAINTIFF.           | NAME OF DEFENDANT.                          | COURT.        | Amount of Debt. |    |    |
|------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----|----|
|                  |                              |                                             |               | £               | s. | d. |
| October 23, 1856 | Absalom C. Foss              | James B. Shrigley                           | County Court. | 29              | 8  | 0  |
| November 1, do   | Jacob Brackbill              | William Deal                                | do            | 12              | 0  | 0  |
| do 3, do         | James McCoppen               | Jesse M. Hyatt                              | do            | 18              | 0  | 0  |
| do do            | Bridgewater-Meredith         | do                                          | do            | 25              | 10 | 0  |
| do 5, do         | William T. Howard            | Hosea T. Stock                              | do            | 13              | 15 | 0  |
| do 6, do         | James Munroe, <i>et al.</i>  | Ewart Short                                 | do            | 37              | 10 | 0  |
| do 19, do        | Zenas Free                   | William L. Clelland                         | Queen's Bench | 45              | 0  | 0  |
| December 2, do   | Richard Juson, <i>et al.</i> | Alfred B. Hoase                             | Common Pleas  | 120             | 0  | 0  |
| do 3, do         | Benjamin Jones               | Columbus Forrester                          | County Court. | 10              | 4  | 0  |
| do 10, do        | William Page                 | Augustus W. Shrigley and James B. Shrigley. | do            | 10              | 8  | 4  |
| do 29, do        | Peter Gibbons.               | William Callaghan.                          | do            | 18              | 5  | 0  |
| January 12, 1857 | Stephen Skinner              | Thomas Murphy                               | do            | 23              | 0  | 4  |
| do 3, do         | Samuel H. Smith              | B. F. Parker and J. M. Lowder               | Common Pleas  | 138             | 16 | 6  |
| February 3, do   | Peter Claus, <i>et al.</i>   | Augustus W. Shrigley                        | Queen's Bench | 210             | 0  | 0  |
| do 19, do        | Francis Lemon                | Robert Wilson                               | Common Pleas  | 15              | 2  | 3  |
| March 16, do     | Jane Harris.                 | Abraham Dinsmore                            | County Court. | 23              | 15 | 0  |
| April 30, do     |                              |                                             |               |                 |    |    |

I certify the above to be a correct Return from this Office of all Writs of *Capias ad Respondendum*, issued since the opening thereof, to wit, the 28th day of May, A.D., 1856.

N. FITCH,  
*Deputy Clerk of the Crown and Pleas.*

MERRIVILLE, 9th May, 1857.

## No. 55.

**RETURN from the COUNTY of WELLINGTON.**

GUELPH, May 27th, 1857.

Sir,—I have the honor to furnish the following Return, shewing—as far as the Records of my Office enables me—the number of Writs for the arrest of Debtors issued in the County of Wellington, since the 1st January, 1855, and the amount of Debt for which each Writ was issued.

In the Queen's Bench and Common Pleas, 12 Writs have been issued, 4 of which were issued in the Inferior Jurisdiction; the papers in these suits are filed in the Crown Offices, Toronto,—therefore, I have no means of ascertaining the amounts for which the respective Writs were issued.

In the County Court, COUNTY of WELLINGTON, 18 have been issued, for the following amounts, viz. :—

| No. | £  | s. | d. | No.               | £  | s. | d. |
|-----|----|----|----|-------------------|----|----|----|
| 1   | 41 | 5  | 11 | 10                |    |    |    |
| 2   | 16 | 10 | 0  | Breach of promise |    |    |    |
| 3   | 12 | 10 | 0  | of Marriage.      |    |    |    |
| 4   | 20 | 0  | 0  | 11                | 17 | 6  | 6  |
| 5   | 45 | 0  | 0  | 12                | 58 | 10 | 11 |
| 6   | 34 | 16 | 0  | 13                | 50 | 0  | 0  |
| 7   | 35 | 11 | 3  | 14                | 88 | 0  | 6  |
| 8   | 14 | 3  | 7  | 15                | 50 | 0  | 0  |
| 9   | 30 | 15 | 0  | 16                | 32 | 4  | 5  |
|     |    |    |    | 17                | 32 | 4  | 0  |
|     |    |    |    | 18                | 20 | 0  | 0  |

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

JAMES HOUGH,  
*Clerk of the County Court.*

Honorable T. LEE TERRILL,  
Provincial Secretary.



RETURN of DEBTORS in the COUNTY of WENTWORTH, from the 1st of January to the 31st of December, 1855, agreeable to instructions from the Provincial Secretary.

| No. | Amount of Debt. |       | Arrest or otherwise. | Committed to Gaol or otherwise. | Period of Detention. | How Discharged.                |
|-----|-----------------|-------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
|     | £               | s. d. |                      |                                 |                      |                                |
| 1   | 26              | 12    | Arrested             | Rendered by Bail                | 103 days             | By Plaintiff.                  |
| 2   | 14              | 0     | Not arrested.        | Bailed                          |                      | Not known.                     |
| 3   | 68              | 11    | Arrested             | do                              |                      | do.                            |
| 4   | 30              | 0     | do                   | do                              |                      | do.                            |
| 5   | 25              | 13    | Not arrested.        | do                              |                      | do.                            |
| 6   | 13              | 10    | Arrested             | do                              |                      | do.                            |
| 7   | 18              | 8     | do                   | do                              |                      | do.                            |
| 8   | 10              | 11    | Not arrested.        | do                              |                      | do.                            |
| 9   | 30              | 0     | Arrested             | Committed to Gaol.              | 114 days             | Discharged by Plaintiff.       |
| 10  | 10              | 0     | do                   | Bailed                          |                      | Not known.                     |
| 11  | 12              | 15    | do                   | do                              |                      | By Plaintiff.                  |
| 12  | 87              | 2     | do                   | Committed to Gaol.              | 14 days              | By Writ of <i>Superedeas</i> . |
| 13  | 14              | 13    | do                   | do                              | 12 do                | do                             |
| 14  | 20              | 0     | Not arrested.        | do                              |                      | do.                            |
| 15  | 33              | 2     | Arrested             | do                              | 42 do                | By Judge's Order.              |
| 16  | 14              | 10    | do                   | Bailed                          |                      | Discharged by Plaintiff.       |
| 17  | 76              | 2     | do                   | do                              |                      | Not known.                     |
| 18  | 48              | 5     | do                   | do                              |                      | do.                            |
| 19  | 12              | 9     | do                   | do                              |                      | do.                            |
| 20  | 23              | 19    | do                   | Committed to Gaol.              | 4 days               | Settled between parties.       |
| 21  | 64              | 10    | do                   | Bailed                          |                      | Discharged by Plaintiff.       |
| 22  | 12              | 10    | do                   | Committed to Gaol.              | 1 day                | Not known.                     |
| 23  | 27              | 0     | do                   | do                              | 2 do                 | do.                            |
| 24  | 15              | 0     | do                   | do                              | 3 do                 | Settled between parties.       |
| 25  | 21              | 5     | do                   | do                              | 301 do               | Judge's Order.                 |
| 26  | 15              | 0     | do                   | do                              | 3 do                 | Not known.                     |

|    |           |    |                 |                    |          |                              |
|----|-----------|----|-----------------|--------------------|----------|------------------------------|
| 27 | 24        | 10 | do              | do                 | 3 do     | By Judge's Order.            |
| 28 | 83        | 5  | do              | Bailed             |          | Discharged by Plaintiff.     |
| 29 | 50        | 0  | do              | do                 |          | Not known.                   |
| 30 | 37        | 0  | do              | do                 |          | do.                          |
| 31 | 36        | 3  | do              | Committed to Gaol. | 7 days   | Settled between the parties. |
| 32 | 63        | 5  | do              | Bailed             |          | Not known.                   |
| 33 | 16        | 5  | do              | Committed to Gaol. | 23 days  | do.                          |
| 34 | 16        | 16 | do              | do                 | 4 do     | do.                          |
| 35 | Not known |    | <i>Non Est.</i> | do                 |          | do.                          |
| 36 | 16        | 5  | Arrested        | do                 | 118 days | By Plaintiff.                |
| 37 | Not known |    | <i>Non Est.</i> | do                 |          | Settled between parties.     |
| 38 | 20        | 0  | Arrested        | do                 | 13 do    | do.                          |
| 39 | Not known |    | <i>Non Est.</i> | do                 |          | do.                          |
| 40 | Not known |    | Arrested        | Bailed             |          | Not known.                   |
| 41 | 21        | 13 | do              | do                 |          | do.                          |
| 42 | 13        | 18 | do              | do                 |          | do.                          |
| 43 | Not known |    | do              | do                 |          | do.                          |
| 44 | 28        | 10 | do              | Committed to Gaol. | 111 days | By Plaintiff.                |
| 45 | 16        | 0  | <i>Non Est.</i> | Bailed             |          | Not known.                   |
| 46 | 64        | 16 | Arrested        | do                 |          | do.                          |
| 47 | 12        | 10 | do              | do                 |          | do.                          |
| 48 | 25        | 0  | do              | Committed to Gaol. | 5 days   | Settled between parties.     |
| 49 | 12        | 5  | <i>Non Est.</i> | do                 |          | do.                          |
| 50 | Not known |    | Arrested        | do                 |          | do.                          |
| 51 | 18        | 0  | do              | Bailed             |          | Not known.                   |
| 52 | 13        | 0  | do              | Committed to Gaol. | 3 days   | do.                          |
| 53 | 16        | 0  | do              | do                 | 4 do     | By Plaintiff.                |
| 54 | 25        | 0  | do              | Bailed             |          | Not known.                   |
| 55 | 14        | 3  | do              | Committed to Gaol. | 1 day    | do.                          |
| 56 | 25        | 0  | do              | Bailed             |          | By Plaintiff.                |
| 57 | 15        | 15 | do              | Committed to Gaol. | 5 days   | Not known.                   |
| 58 | 38        | 0  | do              | do                 |          | do.                          |
| 59 | 410       | 0  | do              | Committed to Gaol. | 1 day    | Settled by Plaintiff.        |
| 60 | 300       | 0  | do              | Bailed             |          | Not known.                   |
| 61 | 11        | 17 | <i>Non Est.</i> | do                 |          | do.                          |
| 62 | 550       | 10 | Arrested        | Bailed             |          | do.                          |
| 63 | 55        | 10 | <i>Non Est.</i> | do                 |          | do.                          |
| 64 | 124       | 15 | do              | do                 |          | do.                          |
| 65 | 35        | 1  | Arrested        | do                 | 192 days | Settled between parties.     |
| 66 | 685       | 0  | do              | Committed to Gaol. |          | do.                          |

**No. 56.**—RETURN of DEBTORS in the COUNTY of WENTWORTH, from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1855, &c.—(Continued.)

| No. | Amount of Debt |         | Arrest or otherwise. | Committed to Gaol or otherwise. | Period of Detention. | How Discharged.          |
|-----|----------------|---------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
|     | £              | s. d.   |                      |                                 |                      |                          |
| 67  | 83             | 0 0     | Arrested             | Bailed                          | .....                | Not known.               |
| 68  | 50             | 7 0     | Non Est. Arrested    | do                              | .....                | do.                      |
| 69  | 59             | 0 0     | Arrested             | Committed to Gaol               | 170 days             | do.                      |
| 70  | 18             | 9 0     | do                   | Bailed                          | .....                | do.                      |
| 71  | 510            | 0 0     | do                   | Committed to Gaol               | 13 days              | Settled between parties. |
| 72  | 30             | 0 0     | do                   | Bailed                          | .....                | Not known.               |
| 73  | 51             | 15 0    | do                   | Committed to Gaol               | 74 days              | Settled between parties. |
| 74  | 59             | 0 0     | do                   | do                              | 74 do                | Not known.               |
| 75  | 170            | 0 0     | Non Est.             | .....                           | .....                | .....                    |
| 76  | 250            | 0 0     | Withdrawn.           | .....                           | .....                | .....                    |
| 77  | 25             | 0 0     | Arrested             | Bailed                          | .....                | do.                      |
| 78  | 39             | 9 7     | do                   | do                              | .....                | do.                      |
| 79  | 31             | 14 0    | do                   | do                              | .....                | do.                      |
| 80  | 46             | 6 1     | do                   | do                              | .....                | do.                      |
| 81  | 47             | 2 6     | do                   | do                              | .....                | do.                      |
| 82  | 75             | 0 0     | do                   | do                              | .....                | do.                      |
| 83  | 201            | 0 0     | Non Est.             | .....                           | .....                | .....                    |
| 84  | 130            | 0 0     | Arrested             | Committed to Gaol               | 2 days               | do.                      |
| 85  | 324            | 0 0     | do                   | .....                           | .....                | do.                      |
| 86  | 117            | 17 0    | Non Est. Arrested    | do                              | 2 do                 | Settled between parties. |
| 87  | 10             | 5 0     | do                   | do                              | .....                | Not known.               |
| 88  | Not known      | 96 16 5 | do                   | Bailed                          | .....                | do.                      |
| 89  | 96             | 16 5    | do                   | do                              | .....                | do.                      |
| 90  | 92             | 12 7    | do                   | do                              | .....                | do.                      |
| 91  | 47             | 10 0    | do                   | do                              | .....                | do.                      |
| 92  | 50             | 0 0     | Non Est.             | .....                           | .....                | .....                    |
| 93  | Not known      | .....   | do                   | .....                           | .....                | .....                    |
| 94  | 60             | 0 0     | Arrested             | Committed to Gaol               | 1 day                | do.                      |
| 95  | 45             | 0 0     | do                   | Bailed                          | .....                | do.                      |
| 96  | 26             | 10 0    | do                   | Committed to Gaol               | 2 days               | do.                      |
| 97  | 71             | 15 0    | Non Est.             | do                              | 4 do                 | Settled between parties. |
| 98  | .....          | .....   | .....                | .....                           | .....                | .....                    |

**No. 56.**—RETURN of DEBTORS in the COUNTY of WENTWORTH, from the 1st of January to the 31st of December, 1856, agreeable to instructions from the Provincial Secretary.

| No. | Amount of Debt. |       | Arrest or otherwise. | Committed to Gaol or otherwise. | Period of Detention. | How Discharged.          |
|-----|-----------------|-------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
|     | £               | s. d. |                      |                                 |                      |                          |
| 99  | 100             | 0 0   | Arrested             | Committed to Gaol               | 1 day                | Not known.               |
| 100 | 121             | 10 0  | do                   | do                              | 8 do                 | do.                      |
| 101 | 62              | 10 0  | do                   | do                              | 48 do                | Settled between parties. |
| 102 | 59              | 0 0   | do                   | Bailed                          | .....                | Not known.               |
| 103 | 60              | 6 6   | do                   | do                              | .....                | By Plaintiff.            |
| 104 | 67              | 0 0   | do                   | Committed to Gaol               | 2 days               | Not known.               |
| 105 | 50              | 0 0   | do                   | Bailed                          | .....                | do.                      |
| 106 | .....           | ..... | .....                | .....                           | .....                | .....                    |
| 107 | .....           | ..... | .....                | .....                           | .....                | .....                    |
| 108 | .....           | ..... | .....                | .....                           | .....                | .....                    |
| 109 | .....           | ..... | .....                | .....                           | .....                | .....                    |
| 110 | .....           | ..... | .....                | .....                           | .....                | .....                    |
| 111 | 56              | 6 0   | do                   | do                              | .....                | do.                      |
| 112 | 42              | 19 5  | do                   | do                              | .....                | do.                      |
| 113 | 25              | 10 1  | do                   | do                              | .....                | do.                      |
| 114 | 61              | 0 0   | do                   | do                              | .....                | do.                      |
| 115 | 50              | 0 0   | do                   | do                              | .....                | do.                      |
| 116 | 250             | 0 0   | Non Est.             | .....                           | .....                | .....                    |
| 117 | 122             | 8 4   | Arrested             | Committed to Gaol               | 2 days               | Not known.               |
| 118 | 28              | 14 0  | do                   | do                              | 1 do                 | do.                      |
| 119 | 168             | 15 8  | Non Est. Arrested    | do                              | 1 do                 | do.                      |
| 120 | 130             | 0 0   | Arrested             | do                              | .....                | do.                      |
| 121 | .....           | ..... | .....                | .....                           | .....                | .....                    |
| 122 | .....           | ..... | .....                | .....                           | .....                | .....                    |
| 123 | .....           | ..... | .....                | .....                           | .....                | .....                    |
| 124 | .....           | ..... | .....                | .....                           | .....                | .....                    |
| 125 | .....           | ..... | .....                | .....                           | .....                | .....                    |
| 126 | .....           | ..... | .....                | .....                           | .....                | .....                    |
| 127 | .....           | ..... | .....                | .....                           | .....                | .....                    |
| 128 | .....           | ..... | .....                | .....                           | .....                | .....                    |
| 129 | .....           | ..... | .....                | .....                           | .....                | .....                    |
| 130 | .....           | ..... | .....                | .....                           | .....                | .....                    |

No. 56.—RETURN of DEBTORS in the COUNTY of WENTWORTH, from the 1st of January to the 31st of December, 1856, &c.—(Continued.)

| No. | Amount of Debt. |       | Arrest or otherwise. | Committed to Gaol or otherwise. | Period of Detention. | How Discharged.          |
|-----|-----------------|-------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
|     | £               | s. d. |                      |                                 |                      |                          |
| 21  | 250             | 0 0   | Arrested             | Committed to Gaol.              | 3 days               | Not known.               |
| 22  | 500             | 0 0   | do                   | do                              | 3 do                 | Settled between parties. |
| 23  | 78              | 14 0  | do                   | do                              | 2 do                 | Not known.               |
| 24  | 15              | 0 0   | Withdrawn            |                                 |                      |                          |
| 25  | 140             | 14 11 | Arrested             | Bailed                          |                      | do.                      |
| 26  | 45              | 0 0   | do                   | do                              |                      | do.                      |
| 27  | 1609            | 7 9   | do                   | Committed to Gaol.              | 19 days              | do.                      |
| 28  | Not known       |       | do                   | Bailed                          |                      | do.                      |
| 29  | Not known       |       | do                   | do                              |                      | Settled between parties. |
| 30  | 21              | 16 3  | do                   | Committed to Gaol.              | 6 days               | Not known.               |
| 31  | Not known       |       | do                   | Bailed                          |                      |                          |
| 32  | Not known       |       | Non Est.             |                                 |                      |                          |
| 33  | 21              | 15 0  | Arrested             | Committed to Gaol.              | 74 days              | do.                      |
| 34  | 102             | 15 3  | Withdrawn.           |                                 |                      |                          |
| 35  | 12              | 10 0  | Arrested             | do                              | 2 do                 | Money paid to Sheriff.   |
| 36  | 24              | 17 6  | do                   | Bailed                          |                      | Not known.               |
| 37  | 56              | 4 7   | do                   | do                              |                      | do.                      |
| 38  | 70              | 5 0   | do                   | do                              |                      | do.                      |
| 39  | 50              | 0 0   | Non Est.             |                                 |                      |                          |
| 40  | 15              | 0 0   | Arrested             | do                              |                      | do.                      |
| 41  | 60              | 0 0   | do                   | Committed to Gaol.              | 3 days               | Settled between parties. |
| 42  | 28              | 2 11  | do                   | Bailed                          |                      | Not known.               |
| 43  | 155             | 0 0   | Not known            | Not known                       | Not known            | do.                      |
| 44  | 412             | 10 0  | Non Est.             |                                 |                      |                          |
| 45  | Not known       |       | Withdrawn.           |                                 |                      |                          |
| 46  | 103             | 9 3   | Arrested             | Committed to Gaol.              | 3 days               | do.                      |
| 47  | 25              | 0 0   | do                   | Bailed                          |                      | do.                      |
| 48  | 52              | 9 11  | do                   | Committed to Gaol.              | 3 days               | do.                      |
| 49  | 36              | 15 0  | Not known            | Not known                       | Not known            | do.                      |
| 50  | 250             | 0 0   | Arrested             | Committed to Gaol.              | 3 days               | do.                      |
| 51  | 104             | 4 7   | do                   | Bailed                          |                      | do.                      |
| 52  | 100             | 0 0   | do                   | Committed to Gaol.              | 55 days              | Settled between parties. |

|    |           |      |          |                    |         |                          |
|----|-----------|------|----------|--------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| 53 | Not known |      | Non Est. |                    |         |                          |
| 54 | 60        | 0 0  | do       | Committed to Gaol. | 7 days  | Not known.               |
| 55 | 20        | 10 0 | Arrested |                    |         |                          |
| 56 | 15        | 0 0  | Non Est. |                    |         |                          |
| 57 | 25        | 16 6 | do       |                    |         |                          |
| 58 | 40        | 2 0  | do       | Bailed             |         | do.                      |
| 59 | 15        | 18 9 | Arrested | Committed to Gaol. | 3 days  | do.                      |
| 60 | 25        | 0 0  | do       | do                 | 188 do  | do.                      |
| 61 | 75        | 0 7  | do       | do                 | 4 do    | do.                      |
| 62 | 87        | 11 2 | do       |                    |         |                          |
| 63 | 14        | 4 2  | Non Est. | Bailed             |         | do.                      |
| 64 | 14        | 4 2  | Arrested | do                 |         | do.                      |
| 65 | 11        | 17 6 | do       |                    |         |                          |
| 66 | 15        | 13 4 | Non Est. |                    |         |                          |
| 67 | 49        | 0 0  | Arrested | Committed to Gaol. | 1 day   | do.                      |
| 68 | 50        | 0 0  | do       | Bailed             |         | Settled between parties. |
| 69 | 83        | 0 0  | Non Est. | do                 |         | Not known.               |
| 70 | 71        | 5 0  | Arrested | Committed to Gaol. | 27 days | do.                      |
| 71 | 17        | 10 7 | do       |                    |         |                          |
| 72 | 12        | 18 9 | Non Est. |                    |         |                          |
| 73 | 20        | 5 9  | Arrested |                    |         |                          |
| 74 | 11        | 0 0  | do       | do                 | 7 do    | Settled between parties. |
| 75 | 30        | 0 0  | do       | do                 | 4 do    | Not known.               |
| 76 | 38        | 0 0  | do       | do                 | 7 do    | Settled between parties. |
| 77 | 35        | 7 6  | do       | do                 | 7 do    | do.                      |
| 78 | Not known |      | Non Est. |                    |         |                          |
| 79 | 68        | 10 0 | Arrested | do                 | 3 do    | Not known.               |
| 80 | 35        | 5 0  | do       | do                 | 3 do    | do.                      |
| 81 | 41        | 5 0  | do       | do                 | 5 do    | Settled with parties.    |
| 82 | 10        | 10 0 | do       |                    |         | Not known.               |
| 83 | 16        | 0 0  | do       | Bailed             |         | Settled between parties. |
| 84 | 22        | 17 0 | Non Est. |                    |         | do.                      |
| 85 | 22        | 17 0 | do       |                    |         | do.                      |
| 86 | 10        | 0 0  | Arrested | do                 |         | Settled between parties. |
| 87 | 20        | 12 0 | do       | do                 |         | do.                      |
| 88 | 10        | 10 0 | do       | Bailed             |         | Settled between parties. |
| 89 | 12        | 2 8  | do       | Committed to Gaol  | 3 days  | Not known.               |
| 90 | 71        | 19 0 | do       | Bailed             |         | Settled between parties. |
| 91 | 11        | 14 0 | do       | do                 |         | Not known.               |
| 92 | 10        | 5 6  | do       |                    |         | do.                      |
| 93 | Not known |      | Non Est. |                    |         |                          |

**No. 56.**—RETURN of DEBTORS in the COUNTY of WENTWORTH, from the 1st of January to the 31st of December, 1856, &c.—(Continued.)

| No. | Amount of Debt. |       | Arrest or otherwise. | Committed to Gaol or otherwise. | Period of Detention. | How Discharged.          |
|-----|-----------------|-------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
|     | £               | s. d. |                      |                                 |                      |                          |
| 94  | 26              | 1 7   | Arrested             | Committed to Gaol               | 6 days               | Settled between parties. |
| 95  | 25              | 2 6   | do                   | do                              | 9 do                 | do                       |
| 96  |                 |       | <i>Non Est.</i>      |                                 |                      |                          |
| 97  |                 |       | Arrested             | Bailed                          |                      | Not known.               |
| 98  |                 |       | do                   | do                              |                      | do.                      |
| 99  |                 |       | do                   | do                              |                      | do.                      |
| 100 | 39              | 0 0   | do                   | Committed to Gaol               | 1 day                | Settled between parties. |
| 101 | 12              | 10 0  | do                   | Bailed                          |                      | Not known.               |
| 102 | 25              | 0 0   | do                   | do                              |                      | do.                      |
| 103 | 10              | 15 0  | do                   | Committed to Gaol               | 10 days              | Settled between parties. |
| 104 | 58              | 11 3  | do                   | do                              |                      | do.                      |
| 105 | 50              | 0 0   | <i>Non Est.</i>      | Committed to Gaol               |                      | do                       |
| 106 | 25              | 0 0   | do.                  |                                 |                      |                          |
| 107 | 15              | 0 0   | Arrested             | Bailed                          |                      | Not known.               |
| 108 | 46              | 4 6   | <i>Non Est.</i>      |                                 |                      |                          |
| 109 | 100             | 0 0   | do.                  |                                 |                      |                          |
| 110 | 12              | 2 6   | Arrested             | Committed to Gaol               | 39 days              | Settled between parties. |
| 111 | 62              | 10 0  | do                   | Bailed                          |                      | Not known.               |
| 112 | 19              | 0 0   | <i>Non Est.</i>      |                                 |                      |                          |
| 113 | 13              | 5 0   | Arrested             | do                              |                      | do.                      |
| 114 | 27              | 0 0   | do                   | Committed to Gaol               | 1 day                | Settled between parties. |
| 115 | 33              | 8 1   | Withdrawn.           |                                 |                      |                          |
| 116 | 26              | 7 6   | Not known.           |                                 |                      |                          |
| 117 | 47              | 10 0  | Arrested             | do                              | 2 do                 | Not known.               |
| 118 | 35              | 15 0  | Not known.           |                                 |                      |                          |
| 119 | 83              | 8 0   | Withdrawn.           |                                 |                      |                          |
| 120 | 13              | 0 0   | Arrested             | Bailed                          |                      | do.                      |
| 121 | 93              | 8 1   | do                   | do                              |                      | do.                      |
| 122 | 25              | 16 3  | do                   | do                              |                      | do.                      |
| 123 | 20              | 0 0   | do                   | Committed to Gaol               | 1 day                | do.                      |
| 124 | 84              | 11 4  | do                   | Bailed                          |                      | do.                      |
| 125 | 27              | 14 0  | Not known.           |                                 |                      |                          |

No. 56.—RETURN of DEBTORS in the COUNTY of WENTWORTH, from the 1st of January to the 30th April, 1857, agreeable to instructions from the Provincial Secretary.

| No. | Amount of Debt. | Arrest or otherwise. | Committed to Gaol or otherwise. | Period of Detention. | How Discharged.          |
|-----|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1   | £ 42            | Not known.           | Committed to Gaol.              | 52 days              | Not known.               |
| 2   | 11              | Arrested             | do                              | 3 do                 | Settled between parties. |
| 3   | 38              | Not known.           | do                              | 1 do                 | Not known.               |
| 4   | 90              | Arrested             | Bailed                          |                      | do.                      |
| 5   | 22              | do                   |                                 |                      | Settled between parties. |
| 6   | 50              | do                   | Bailed                          |                      | Not known.               |
| 7   | 58              | do                   |                                 |                      | do.                      |
| 8   | 25              | do                   |                                 |                      | do.                      |
| 9   | 16              | do                   |                                 |                      | do.                      |
| 10  | 14              | do                   |                                 |                      | do.                      |
| 11  | 35              | do                   |                                 |                      | do.                      |
| 12  | 13              | do                   |                                 |                      | do.                      |
| 13  | 5               | do                   |                                 |                      | do.                      |
| 14  | 84              | Not arrested.        |                                 |                      |                          |
| 15  | 20              | do.                  |                                 |                      |                          |
| 16  | 30              | Arrested             | Committed to Gaol.              | 74 days              | do.                      |
| 17  | 15              | do                   |                                 |                      | Settled between parties. |
| 18  | 20              | Not arrested.        |                                 |                      |                          |
| 19  | 25              | Arrested             | Committed to Gaol.              | 13 days              | Not known.               |
| 20  | 44              | Non Est.             |                                 |                      |                          |
| 21  | 46              | Arrested             | do                              |                      | Settled between parties. |
| 22  | 15              | do                   | Bailed                          | 9 do                 | Not known.               |
| 23  | 24              | do                   | do                              |                      | do.                      |
| 24  | 20              | do                   |                                 |                      | Settled between parties. |
| 25  | 14              | do                   | Committed to Gaol.              | 14 days              | do                       |
| 26  | 12              | do                   | Bailed                          |                      | Not known.               |
| 27  | 59              | do                   |                                 |                      | do.                      |
| 28  | 55              | do                   | do                              |                      | do.                      |
| 29  | 58              | do                   | Committed to Gaol.              | 5 days               | Settled between parties. |
| 30  | 300             | do                   | Bailed                          |                      | Not known.               |
| 31  | 50              | Non Est.             |                                 |                      |                          |
|     | 176             | Arrested             | do                              |                      | do.                      |

**No. 56.**—RETURN of DEBTORS in the COUNTY of WENTWORTH, from the 1st January to the 30th April, 1857, &c.—(Continued.)

| No. | Amount of Debt. |       | Arrest or otherwise. | Committed to Gaol or otherwise. | Period of Detention. | How Discharged.          |
|-----|-----------------|-------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
|     | £               | s. d. |                      |                                 |                      |                          |
| 82  | 20              | 0 0   | Arrested             | Committed to Gaol.              | 2 days               | Settled between parties. |
| 83  | 50              | 0 0   | do                   | Railed                          | do                   | Not known.               |
| 84  | 145             | 5 7   | do                   | do                              | do                   | do.                      |
| 85  | 100             | 15 0  | do                   | Committed to Gaol.              | 4 days               | do.                      |
| 86  | 50              | 0 0   | do                   | do                              | 20 do                | Between parties.         |
| 87  | 25              | 0 0   | do                   | Bailed                          | do                   | Not known.               |
| 88  | 112             | 6 0   | do                   | do                              | do                   | do.                      |
| 89  | 10              | 4 0   | do                   | do                              | do                   | do.                      |

**No. 57.**

**SCHEDULE of Persons ARRESTED for DEBT in the UNITED COUNTIES of YORK and PEEL, from the 1st day of January, 1855.—Court of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas.**

| No. | Date of Writ.      | DEPNDANT.                   | PLAINTIF. | Date of Arrest. | Amount.   | When Committed to Gaol. | When Discharged from Gaol. | When Discharged from Arrest. | How Discharged from Arrest. | Whether Debt was paid or not. | Remarks. |
|-----|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
|     |                    |                             |           |                 |           |                         |                            |                              |                             |                               |          |
| 1   | 1857.<br>Feb. 11.  | Arthur, <i>vs.</i> Lyon     |           | 1855.           | £ 83 10 0 | 1855.                   | 1855.                      |                              |                             |                               |          |
| 2   | 1855.<br>Jan. 18.  | Burton, <i>vs.</i> Campbell |           | Jan. 13.        | 51 5 0    | Jan. 13.                | Jan. 15.                   |                              | Bailed.                     |                               |          |
| 3   | 1855.<br>April 14. | Byrnes, <i>vs.</i> Byrnes   |           | April 14.       | 22 0 0    | April 14.               | April 17.                  |                              | By Order of Attorney.       |                               |          |

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|     |                    |                                        |           |                   |           |                         |                            |                              |                             |                               |            |
| 4   | June 15.           | Bundy, <i>vs.</i> York                 |           | June 19.          | 61 10 0   | Sept. 25.               | Sept. 25.                  | June 19.                     | Bail.                       |                               |            |
| 5   | July 21.           | Bright, <i>vs.</i> Smith               |           | July 23.          | 84 18 8   | Sept. 25.               | Sept. 25.                  | August 9.                    | Bail to Limits.             |                               |            |
| 6   | August 9.          | Boulton, <i>vs.</i> Hawley             |           | August 9.         | 25 0 0    | Sept. 25.               | Sept. 25.                  | August 9.                    | Bail.                       |                               |            |
| 7   | Nov. 30.           | Roese, <i>vs.</i> Strachan             |           | Dec. 1.           | 22 10 0   | Dec. 1.                 | Dec. 15.                   | Dec. 15.                     | Judge's Order.              |                               | No arrest. |
| 8   | Dec. 1.            | Baby, W. D., <i>vs.</i> Queen          |           | Dec. 1.           | do.       | do.                     | do.                        | do.                          | do.                         |                               |            |
|     | do.                | do, <i>vs.</i> do                      |           | do.               | do.       | do.                     | do.                        | do.                          | do.                         |                               |            |
|     | do.                | do, <i>vs.</i> do                      |           | do.               | do.       | do.                     | do.                        | do.                          | do.                         |                               |            |
|     | do.                | do, <i>vs.</i> do                      |           | do.               | do.       | do.                     | do.                        | do.                          | do.                         |                               |            |
|     | do.                | do, <i>vs.</i> do                      |           | do.               | do.       | do.                     | do.                        | do.                          | do.                         |                               |            |
|     | do.                | do, <i>vs.</i> do                      |           | do.               | do.       | do.                     | do.                        | do.                          | do.                         |                               |            |
|     | do.                | do, <i>vs.</i> do                      |           | do.               | do.       | do.                     | do.                        | do.                          | do.                         |                               |            |
|     | do.                | do, <i>vs.</i> do                      |           | do.               | do.       | do.                     | do.                        | do.                          | do.                         |                               |            |
| 9   | Dec. 4.            | Benson, <i>vs.</i> Sage                |           | Dec. 5.           | 67 1 2    | Dec. 5.                 | Dec. 5.                    | Dec. 5.                      | Bailed to Limits.           |                               |            |
| 10  | 1856.<br>March 17. | Brooks, <i>vs.</i> Charlesworth        |           | March 17.         | 67 17 8   | 1856.<br>March 17.      | 1856.<br>May 3.            | 1856.<br>May 3.              | Judge's Order.              |                               |            |
| 11  | April 30.          | Brown, <i>vs.</i> Hamilton             |           | May 5.            | 38 6 0    | May 5.                  | May 5.                     | May 5.                       | Bailed.                     |                               |            |
| 12  | May 6.             | Brown, <i>vs.</i> Ross                 |           | do 6.             | 30 0 0    | do 6.                   | do 6.                      | do 6.                        | do.                         |                               |            |
| 13  | do 20.             | Brooks, <i>vs.</i> Ross, <i>et al.</i> |           | do 20.            | 456 15 3  | May 20.                 | May 31.                    | May 31.                      | do.                         |                               |            |
| 14  | July 2.            | Reinger, <i>vs.</i> Brown              |           | August 15.        | 1950 18 1 | April 15.               | August 23.                 | August 23.                   | Bail.                       |                               | do.        |
| 15  | August 14.         | Brooks, <i>vs.</i> Slotts              |           | Sept. 24.         | 100 0 0   | April 15.               | August 23.                 | Sept. 24.                    | do.                         |                               | do.        |
| 16  | Sept. 24.          | Brooks, <i>vs.</i> Smith               |           | Sept. 24.         | 43 19 5   | do.                     | do.                        | do.                          | do.                         |                               | do.        |
| 17  | Dec. 30.           | Brooks, <i>vs.</i> Ross, <i>et al.</i> |           | 1857.<br>Jan. 10. | 504 4 0   | 1857.<br>Jan. 12.       | 1857.<br>Jan. 22.          | 1857.<br>Jan. 22.            | Order of Attorney.          |                               | do.        |
| 18  | do 31.             | Brown, <i>vs.</i> Ross                 |           | 1857.<br>Jan. 10. | 55 9 9    | 1857.<br>Jan. 12.       | 1857.<br>Jan. 22.          | 1857.<br>Jan. 22.            | do.                         |                               | do.        |
| 19  | Jan. 10.           | Bamford, <i>vs.</i> Paterson           |           | March 3.          | 188 19 0  | March 3.                | March 3.                   | March 3.                     | Bail.                       |                               | do.        |
| 20  | March 2.           | Harber, <i>vs.</i> McDeaning           |           | April 27.         | 55 9 5    | April 27.               | April 27.                  | April 27.                    | do.                         |                               | do.        |
| 21  | April 17.          | Bryden, <i>vs.</i> Calder              |           | 1855.<br>Jan. 26. | 50 0 0    | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.       | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.          | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.            | do.                         |                               | do.        |
| 22  | Jan. 10.           | Cock, <i>vs.</i> McMurrich             |           | 1855.<br>Jan. 26. | 55 1 5    | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.       | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.          | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.            | do.                         |                               | do.        |
| 23  | do 24.             | Cock, <i>vs.</i> Taylor, <i>et al.</i> |           | 1855.<br>Jan. 26. | 468 3 8   | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.       | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.          | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.            | do.                         |                               | do.        |
| 24  | Feb. 2.            | Cock, <i>vs.</i> Whittemore            |           | 1855.<br>Jan. 26. | 315 0 0   | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.       | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.          | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.            | do.                         |                               | do.        |
| 25  | do 12.             | Cunningham, <i>vs.</i> Wilson          |           | 1855.<br>Jan. 26. | 155 1 2   | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.       | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.          | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.            | do.                         |                               | do.        |
| 26  | June do.           | Cock, <i>vs.</i> Taylor, <i>et al.</i> |           | 1855.<br>Jan. 26. | 496 12 0  | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.       | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.          | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.            | do.                         |                               | do.        |
| 27  | do do.             | Cock, <i>vs.</i> Whittemore            |           | 1855.<br>Jan. 26. | 341 15 7  | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.       | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.          | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.            | do.                         |                               | do.        |
| 28  | do do.             | Croak, <i>vs.</i> Levy                 |           | 1855.<br>Jan. 26. | 70 0 0    | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.       | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.          | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.            | do.                         |                               | do.        |
| 29  | do do.             | Campbell, <i>vs.</i> Queen             |           | 1855.<br>Jan. 26. | 37 5 10   | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.       | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.          | 1855.<br>Jan. 26.            | do.                         |                               | do.        |

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|     | 1855.         |                             | 1855.           | £ s. d.  | 1855.                   | 1855.                      | 1855.                        |                             |                               |            |
| 20  | July 10.      | Crooks, vs. Smith           | July 10         | 11 17 7  |                         |                            |                              | Paid Sheriff.               | Yes.                          |            |
| 21  | Sept. do.     | Callaghan, vs. Nill         | Sept. do.       | 21 0 0   |                         |                            | Sept. 10.                    | Bail.                       | do.                           |            |
| 22  | Nov. 20.      | Cameron, vs. McBain         | Nov. 24.        |          |                         |                            | Nov. 24.                     | do                          | do.                           |            |
| 23  | Feb. 12.      | Currier, vs. Howland        | Feb. 12.        | 199 14 6 |                         |                            | Feb. 12.                     | do.                         |                               | No arrest. |
| 24  | do 16.        | Campbell, vs. Queen         |                 |          |                         |                            |                              |                             |                               |            |
| 25  | March 24.     | Currier, vs. Rowe           | March 26        | 11 17 7  |                         |                            | March 26.                    | By Attorney                 | Yes.                          |            |
| 26  | July 1.       | Campbell, vs. Queen         | Feb. 11.        | 20 4 4   |                         |                            | July 11                      | Paid Sheriff                | do.                           |            |
| 27  | August 12.    | Capreol, vs. Banon          | August 12.      | 783 4 0  |                         |                            | August 12.                   | Bail.                       |                               |            |
| 28  | do 30.        | Carruthers, vs. Carruthers  | do 30.          | 112 8 3  |                         |                            | do 30.                       | do                          |                               |            |
| 29  | Oct. 21.      | Gowan, vs. Gibson           | Oct. 21.        | 20 0 0   |                         |                            | do 21.                       | Paid Sheriff                | do.                           | do.        |
| 30  | Nov. 13.      | Chapman, vs. Moberly        |                 | 64 13 8  |                         |                            |                              |                             |                               |            |
| 31  | Dec. 23.      | Crookshank, vs. Young       | Dec. 30.        | 112 14 8 |                         |                            | Dec. 30.                     | Bail to Limits.             |                               |            |
| 32  | do 30.        | Cochrane, vs. Weatherly     | do 31.          | 618 0 0  | Dec. 31.                | April 6.                   |                              | By order of Attorney.       |                               |            |
| 33  | Jan. 22.      | Cameron, vs. McBain         | Feb. 21.        | 43 6 6   | Feb. 21.                | March 17.                  |                              | Bail to Limits.             |                               |            |
| 34  | March 3.      | Campbell, vs. Kiscock       | March 3.        | 149 7 9  |                         |                            | March 3.                     | By order of Attorney.       |                               | do.        |
| 35  | April 24.     | Cowan, vs. Cowe             |                 | 25 0 0   |                         |                            |                              |                             |                               |            |
| 36  | August 3.     | Dunn, vs. Farewell          | August 3.       | 301 7 6  | August 3.               | April 6.                   |                              | By order of Attorney.       |                               | do.        |
| 37  | do 4.         | Dunn, vs. Hayward           |                 | 106 5 0  | do                      | do                         |                              | do                          |                               |            |
| 38  | do 7.         | Daunt, vs. Brunel           |                 | 152 17 2 |                         |                            |                              |                             |                               |            |
| 39  | do 1856.      |                             | 1856.           |          |                         |                            |                              |                             |                               |            |
| 40  | Nov. 24.      | Dolson, vs. Ross, et al.    | Nov. 26.        | 351 13 9 | Nov. 26.                | Nov. 28.                   | March 31.                    | By order in Bankruptcy.     |                               |            |
| 41  | March 27.     | Dartnell, vs. Watts, et al. | March 31.       | 45 8 6   |                         |                            |                              | Bail to Limits.             |                               |            |

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| 51 | Jan. 22.  | Elliott, vs. Berris          | Jan. 27.  | 25 10 6  | Jan. 27.  | April 7.  | 1855.     | do                             | do.  |                         |
| 52 | Feb. 12.  | Eastwood, vs. Kiscock        | Feb. 16.  | 48 3 2   |           |           | Feb. 10.  | do                             | do.  |                         |
| 53 | March 26. | Elliott, vs. Berris          | March 23. | 98 15 0  |           | April 7.  | 1855.     | do                             | do.  |                         |
| 54 | April 18. | Elwood, vs. Armstrong        | June 24.  | 16 13 8  |           | June 27.  |           | Bail.                          |      | Special War-rant given. |
| 55 | July 10.  | Eckhardt, vs. Carlton        |           | 75 0 0   |           |           |           |                                |      |                         |
| 56 | Jan. 16.  | Elliott, vs. Oliver          | Jan. 16.  | 101 6 10 |           |           | Jan. 16.  | Bail.                          |      |                         |
| 57 | Feb. 21.  | Flint, vs. Smith             | Sept. 7.  | 84 18 8  | Sept. 7.  | Sept. 11. | 1855.     | By order of Attorney.          |      |                         |
| 58 | Jan. 24.  | Fitzgerald, vs. Elwood       | Jan. 26.  | 17 10 0  |           |           | Jan. 26.  | Paid Sheriff                   | Yes. |                         |
| 59 | April 1.  | French, vs. Stovel           | April 1.  | 37 17 6  | 1856.     | May 17.   | April 1.  | By order of Attorney.          |      |                         |
| 60 | May 10.   | Freath, vs. Field            | May 13.   | 18 19 2  | May 13.   | May 17.   |           | do                             | do.  |                         |
| 61 | July 19.  | Fisher, vs. O'Reilly         |           | 684 17 5 |           |           |           |                                |      |                         |
| 62 | Dec. 13.  | Fitzgerald, vs. Union R. Co. |           | 418 2 1  |           |           |           |                                |      |                         |
| 63 | March 13. | Forsyth, vs. Hughes          | March 13. | 60 5 8   | March 13. | March 17. | 1857.     | Bail.                          |      |                         |
| 64 | April 3.  | Forbes, vs. McIntosh         | April 3.  | 21 7 8   |           | April 3.  |           | By order of Plaintiff          |      |                         |
| 65 | March 7.  | Gibbons, vs. Allen           |           | 25 0 0   |           |           |           |                                |      | No Arrest.              |
| 66 | Nov. 9.   | Garden, vs. Gilbert          | Nov. 13.  | 32 11 4  | Nov. 12.  | Nov. 13.  | 1855.     | Order of Plaintiff's Attorney. |      |                         |
| 67 | March 7.  | Goodwin, vs. Pomeroy         | March 7.  | 15 0 0   |           |           | March     | do                             | do.  |                         |
| 68 | do 25.    | Goodwin, vs. Burke           | April do. | 75 0 0   |           |           | April     | do                             | do.  |                         |
| 69 | do 25.    | Goodwin, vs. Tremain         | do 25.    | 20 0 0   |           |           | do 25.    | do                             | do.  |                         |
| 70 | August 7. | Gage, vs. Boyle              | August 7. | 20 0 0   |           |           | August 7. | Paid Sheriff                   | Yes. |                         |
| 71 | Feb. 16.  | Graham, vs. Graham           | Feb. 20.  | 18 11 8  | Feb. 21.  | Feb. 21.  | 1857.     | do                             | do.  |                         |
| 72 | April 1.  | do, vs. do                   | April 3.  | 20 18 8  | April 3.  | April 27. |           | By order of Attorney.          |      |                         |
| 73 | Dec. 13.  | do, vs. do                   | Dec. 30.  | 43 6 2   |           |           | Dec. 30.  | Paid Sheriff.                  |      |                         |
| 74 | June 30.  | Hickman, vs. Queen           | June 30.  | 15 13 3  |           |           |           | do.                            |      |                         |
| 75 | July 18.  | Hayes, vs. Monit             | July 16.  | 687 0 5  |           |           |           | Bail to Limits.                |      |                         |
| 76 | Dec. 6.   | Hickling, vs. Whitney        | Dec. 8.   | 28 0 7   | Dec. 8.   | Jan. 18.  | 1856.     | By order of Court.             |      |                         |

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| 77  | Jan. 23. 1856.  | Heakes, vs.      | Macdonald  | Jan. 25.        | 15      | 6     | 1856.                   | 1856.                      | Bail.                          |                               |            |
| 78  | Feb. 20.        | Hanstrosser, vs. | Church     | Feb. 20.        | 18      | 1     | 1856.                   | Jan. 25.                   | Judge's Order                  | No.                           |            |
| 79  | March 12.       | Humphreys, vs.   | Binder     | March 12.       | 73      | 0     | 1856.                   | March 19.                  | Plaintiff's Order.             |                               |            |
| 80  | April 29.       | Fleming, vs.     | Howard     | April 29.       | 31      | 2     | 1856.                   | April 29.                  | Bail.                          |                               |            |
| 81  | May 18.         | Houghton, vs.    | Thompson   | May 13.         | 41      | 17    | 1856.                   | May 13.                    | do.                            |                               |            |
| 82  | July 18.        | Hyde, vs.        | Warren     | August 14.      | 72      | 18    | 1856.                   | August 14.                 | Bail to Limits                 | Yes.                          |            |
| 83  | Nov. 26. 1857.  | Humphrey, vs.    | McFarquhar | Nov. 25.        | 25      | 0     | 1857.                   | Nov. 25.                   | Bail.                          |                               |            |
| 84  | Jan. 19. 1856.  | Hamsden, vs.     | Scott      | Jan. 20.        | 25      | 0     | 1856.                   | Jan. 20.                   | do.                            |                               |            |
| 85  | July 2.         | Jarvis, vs.      | Coolaghan  | July 4.         | 82      | 13    | 1856.                   | July 4.                    | Bail to Limits.                |                               | No arrest. |
| 86  | Dec. 23. 1857.  | Jones, vs.       | Barnhart   | 1857.           | 199     | 8     | 1857.                   |                            | Bail to Limits.                |                               |            |
| 87  | March 14. 1856. | Jarvis, vs.      | Gilbert    | May 11.         | 50      | 0     | 1856.                   | March 22.                  | Bail.                          |                               |            |
| 88  | March 22. 1857. | Kennedy, vs.     | Crapper    | March 22.       | 100     | 0     | 1857.                   | May 17.                    | By order of Attorney.          |                               |            |
| 89  | May 5. 1857.    | Kennedy, vs.     | Heron      | May 3.          | 28      | 10    | 1857.                   | April 18.                  | Paid Sheriff.                  |                               |            |
| 90  | April 15. 1855. | Knolly, vs.      | Armstrong  | April 18.       | 53      | 5     | 1855.                   | May 5.                     | Order of Plaintiff's Attorney. |                               | do.        |
| 91  | Feb. 20. 1856.  | Latham, vs.      | Queen      | March 5.        | 92      | 2     | 1856.                   |                            |                                |                               | do.        |
| 92  | do 17. 1856.    | do, vs.          | do         |                 | 54      | 8     | 1856.                   | May 14.                    | Bail.                          |                               | do.        |
| 93  | Feb. 27. 1857.  | Leader, vs.      | Miller     | May 14.         | 84      | 8     | 1857.                   |                            |                                |                               |            |
| 94  | May 10. 1857.   | Legging, vs.     | Stevens    | May 14.         | 7       | 15    | 1857.                   | Nov. 26.                   | Paid Sheriff                   | Yes.                          |            |

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| 95  | March 8. 1856.   | Lee, vs.        | Coulter       | March 8.   | 152 | 12 | 1856. | March 8.   | Bail to Limits.       |      | No arrest. |
| 96  | Jan. 26. 1855.   | Monon, vs.      | McKinnir      | 1855.      | 60  | 0  | 1855. | March 8.   | Bail to Limits.       |      | No arrest. |
| 97  | do 27. 1855.     | Montgomery, vs. | Ansman        | Jan. 27.   | 13  | 3  | 1855. | Jan. 27.   | Paid Sheriff          | Yes. |            |
| 98  | March 28. 1855.  | May, vs.        | Henderson     | March 20.  | 23  | 0  | 1855. | March 20.  | Bail                  | do.  |            |
| 99  | June 1. 1856.    | Murphy, vs.     | March         | July 22.   | 4   | 11 | 1856. | August 22. | By order of Attorney. |      |            |
| 100 | July 7. 1856.    | Man, vs.        | Whitney       | July 22.   | 128 | 10 | 1856. | July 22.   | By order of Attorney. |      |            |
| 101 | do 19. 1856.     | Myers, vs.      | Fawcett       | July 22.   | 20  | 0  | 1856. | July 22.   | By order of Attorney. |      |            |
| 102 | July 11. 1856.   | Mahony, vs.     | Oliver        | July 11.   | 153 | 15 | 1856. | Feb. 12.   | Bail.                 |      |            |
| 103 | August 26. 1857. | Marshall, vs.   | Lewis         | July 11.   | 64  | 12 | 1857. | Feb. 12.   | Bail.                 |      |            |
| 104 | Dec. 21. 1857.   | Mars, vs.       | Brown, et al. | 1857.      | 62  | 10 | 1857. | March 31.  | By order of Attorney. |      |            |
| 105 | March 6. 1857.   | Manning, vs.    | Haycroft      | July 10.   | 62  | 6  | 1857. | May 10.    | Paid by Plaintiff     |      |            |
| 106 | do 13. 1857.     | Murphy, vs.     | Kerr          | March 16.  | 5   | 19 | 1857. | March 16.  | do                    |      |            |
| 107 | do 28. 1857.     | Mount, vs.      | Armstrong     | do 24.     | 138 | 12 | 1857. | March 31.  | By order of Attorney. |      |            |
| 108 | April 14. 1855.  | Mason, vs.      | Carfrae       | 1855.      | 80  | 0  | 1855. |            |                       |      |            |
| 109 | Jan. 17. 1855.   | McLellan, vs.   | Betley        | 1855.      | 18  | 5  | 1855. |            |                       |      |            |
| 110 | April 4. 1855.   | McSheehy, vs.   | McCarthy      | April 4.   | 11  | 0  | 1855. | April 4.   | Bail.                 |      |            |
| 111 | May 24. 1855.    | McCartney, vs.  | Ford          | 1855.      | 12  | 5  | 1855. |            |                       |      |            |
| 112 | do do 1855.      | McCartney, vs.  | Speech        | 1855.      | 19  | 17 | 1855. |            |                       |      |            |
| 113 | do do 1855.      | McCartney, vs.  | Speech        | 1855.      | 40  | 0  | 1855. |            |                       |      |            |
| 114 | August 15. 1856. | McQuey, vs.     | Cotter        | August 16. | 201 | 7  | 1856. | August 16. | Bail.                 |      |            |
| 115 | Feb. 5. 1856.    | McLean, vs.     | Smith         | Feb. 8.    | 22  | 10 | 1856. | Feb. 8.    | Paid Sheriff          |      |            |
| 116 | do 9. 1856.      | McIntyre, vs.   | Queen         | do 9.      | 585 | 6  | 1856. | March 13.  | Judge's Order.        |      |            |
| 117 | March 3. 1856.   | McLaughlin, vs. | Miller        | March 4.   | 78  | 8  | 1856. | March 4.   | Attorney's do.        |      |            |
| 118 | do 31. 1856.     | McDonald, vs.   | Bull          | 1856.      | 186 | 10 | 1856. |            |                       |      |            |
| 119 | April 30. 1856.  | McQuey, vs.     | Cotter        | 1856.      | 40  | 0  | 1856. |            |                       |      |            |
| 120 | Oct. 7. 1856.    | do, vs.         | do            | 1856.      | 40  | 0  | 1856. |            |                       |      |            |
| 121 | Nov. 25. 1857.   | McManus, vs.    | Monro         | Nov. 26.   | 7   | 15 | 1857. | March —.   | Paid Sheriff          | Yes. |            |



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|     |              |                           |                | £       | s. d. |                         |                            |                              |                              |                       |
| 123 | 1857.        |                           | 1856.          |         |       | 1856.                   | 1856.                      |                              |                              | No arrest.            |
| 124 | April 22.    | McBride, vs. Connor       |                | 165     | 2/11  |                         |                            |                              |                              |                       |
| 125 | 1856.        |                           |                | 119     | 16/3  |                         |                            |                              |                              |                       |
| 126 | May 10.      | O'Keefe, vs. Brown        | May 10.        | 17      | 10/0  |                         |                            | May 10.                      |                              | Bail to Limits.       |
| 127 | June 20.     | Ohensorge, vs. Jeerét     | June 21.       | 65      | 14/0  |                         |                            | June 21.                     |                              | Bail.                 |
| 128 | Feb. 18.     | Orvis, vs. Gilman         | Feb. 18.       | 57      | 10/1  |                         |                            | Feb. 18.                     |                              | Bail.                 |
| 129 | March 3.     | Ogden, vs. Boulton        | March 14.      | 85      | 8/8   |                         |                            | March 14.                    |                              | Paid Sheriff.         |
| 130 | 1855.        |                           | 1855.          |         |       |                         |                            |                              |                              |                       |
| 131 | July 16.     | Pearson, vs. Murphy       | July 16.       | 54      | 19/0  |                         |                            | July 16.                     |                              | Bail.                 |
| 132 | Sept. 20.    | Faige, vs. Patterson      | Sept. 20.      | 230     | 11/4  |                         |                            | Sept. 20.                    |                              | do.                   |
| 133 | 1856.        |                           | 1856.          |         |       |                         |                            |                              |                              |                       |
| 134 | Dec. 1.      | Penrose, vs. Curry        | Jan. 16.       | 15      | 13/2  |                         | March 5.                   | By order of Attorney.        |                              |                       |
| 135 | 1856.        |                           | do             |         |       |                         |                            | Jan. 23.                     |                              | Paid Sheriff.         |
| 136 | Jan. 28.     | Phillipotts, vs. Strachan | do             | 78      | 11/0  |                         |                            |                              |                              | do.                   |
| 137 | 1857.        |                           | 1855.          |         |       |                         |                            |                              |                              |                       |
| 138 | Jan. 30.     | Paxter, vs. McKenzie      | 1855.          | 75      | 0/0   | June 6.                 | June 7.                    |                              |                              | Order of Attorney.    |
| 139 | 1855.        |                           | June 6.        | 3269    | 15/4  | do                      | do                         | 19.                          |                              | Plaintiff's Attorney. |
| 140 | April 26.    | Ritchy, vs. Burns         | May 16.        | 33      | 6/8   |                         |                            |                              |                              | Bail.                 |
| 141 | May 15.      | Roof, vs. Topping         | 1856           | 12      | 10/0  |                         |                            |                              |                              | do.                   |
| 142 | 1856.        |                           | 1856           |         |       |                         |                            |                              |                              |                       |
| 143 | July 19.     | Rogers, vs. Honeybrook    | July 22.       | 100     | 0/0   |                         |                            |                              |                              | Plaintiff's Attorney. |
| 144 | August 18.   | Robertson, vs. Sauder     | 1857.          | 119     | 14/8  |                         |                            |                              |                              | Bail.                 |
| 145 | 1857.        |                           | 1857.          |         |       |                         |                            |                              |                              |                       |
| 146 | Jan. 19.     | Rodden, vs. Glassford     | Jan. 19.       | 137     | 16/5  |                         |                            | Jan. 19.                     |                              | Bail to Limits.       |
| 147 | do           | Reid, vs. Cretham         | Feb. 23.       |         |       |                         |                            | Feb. 23.                     |                              |                       |
| 148 | 1855.        |                           | 1855.          |         |       |                         |                            |                              |                              |                       |
| 149 | Feb. 21.     | Smith, vs. Brett          | Feb. 21.       |         |       |                         |                            |                              |                              |                       |

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|-----|------------|----------------------------|------------|------|-------|------------|------------|--|-----------|--------------------------|------|
| 140 | March 19.  | Smith, vs. Taylor          | March 20.  | 611  | 0/0   |            |            |  |           |                          |      |
| 141 | June 11.   | Stafford, vs. Trueman      | June 11.   | 32   | 15/8  | June 11.   | July 14.   |  | March 20. | Bail.                    |      |
| 142 | July 7.    | Smith, vs. Brown           | July 7.    | 209  | 8/10  | July 7.    | August 6.  |  |           | Plaintiff's Attorney.    |      |
| 143 | Oct. 11.   | do, vs. do                 | Nov. 8.    | 224  | 17/5  | Nov. 8.    | Nov. 8.    |  |           | Bail.                    |      |
| 144 | 1856.      |                            | 1856.      |      |       |            |            |  |           |                          |      |
| 145 | Jan. 21.   | Smith, vs. Longhead        | Feb. 21.   | 40   | 0/0   |            |            |  | Jan. 21.  | Bail.                    |      |
| 146 | Feb. 4.    | Simard, vs. Eckhardt       | do         | 46   | 15/0  |            |            |  | Feb. 6.   | Paid Plaintiff           | Yes. |
| 147 | June 11.   | Smith, vs. Anderson        | June 11.   | 184  | 6/1   | June 11.   | July 4.    |  |           |                          |      |
| 148 | do         | Stelson, vs. Lewis         | do         | 121  | 0/0   | do         | do         |  |           |                          |      |
| 149 | August 15. | Sewell, vs. Severn         | August 15. | 71   | 10/0  | August 15. | August 20. |  |           | Judge's Order.           |      |
| 150 | Sept. 12.  | Sherritt, vs. Van Camp     | Sept. 16.  | 11   | 7/8   |            |            |  |           | Plaintiff's Attorney.    |      |
| 151 | do         | Stattery, vs. Fitzgerald   | Sept. 16.  | 50   | 0/0   |            |            |  |           | Judge's Order.           |      |
| 152 | Nov. do.   | Salomons, vs. Plumenthal   | Nov. 15.   | 250  | 0/0   | Nov. 15.   | Feb. 18.   |  |           | Bail.                    |      |
| 153 | do         | Salomons, vs. Bantury      | do         | 400  | 0/0   | do         | do         |  |           | do                       |      |
| 154 | Dec. 26.   | Somerville, vs. Somerville | do         | 34   | 19/6  |            |            |  |           | Paid Sheriff             | do.  |
| 155 | 1857.      |                            | 1857.      |      |       |            |            |  |           |                          |      |
| 156 | March 16.  | Stroud, vs. Ewatts         | March 18.  | 310  | 0/0   |            |            |  | March 18. | do.                      |      |
| 157 | do         | Torrance, vs. Jarvis       | March 24.  | 98   | 11/6  |            |            |  | do        | Bail.                    |      |
| 158 | 1855.      |                            | 1855.      |      |       |            |            |  |           |                          |      |
| 159 | June 9.    | do, vs. do                 | do         | 108  | 17/6  |            |            |  |           |                          |      |
| 160 | Sept. 3.   | Thompson, vs. Wilson       | do         | 1275 | 7/10  |            |            |  |           |                          |      |
| 161 | Oct. 23.   | Tait, vs. Cawthra          | Oct. 23.   | 54   | 0/5   |            |            |  |           |                          |      |
| 162 | 1856.      |                            | 1856.      |      |       |            |            |  |           |                          |      |
| 163 | July 18.   | Tonkins, vs. Aitkin        | July 18.   | 26   | 3/3   |            |            |  | July 18.  | do.                      |      |
| 164 | 1857.      |                            | 1857.      |      |       |            |            |  |           |                          |      |
| 165 | March 20.  | Tynell, vs. Haworth        | March 21.  | 136  | 11/3  | March 21.  | March 21.  |  | March 28. | Paid Sheriff.            |      |
| 166 | do         | Tilt, vs. Quen             | do         | 14   | 19/1  |            |            |  |           |                          |      |
| 167 | April 29.  | Tynell, vs. Bryce          | 1855.      |      |       |            |            |  |           |                          |      |
| 168 | 1855.      |                            | 1855.      |      |       |            |            |  |           |                          |      |
| 169 | August 14. | Vale, vs. Clarkson         | August 14. | 29   | 0/0   | August 14. | August 16. |  |           | Plaintiff's Attorney.    |      |
| 170 | 1856.      |                            | 1856.      |      |       |            |            |  |           |                          |      |
| 171 | June 19.   | Venables, vs. Moss         | June 19.   | 65   | 16/0  | June 19.   | July 7.    |  |           | Judge's Order.           |      |
| 172 | 1855.      |                            | 1855.      |      |       |            |            |  |           |                          |      |
| 173 | April 21.  | Walker, vs. Wylie          | April 21.  | 41   | 10/0  | April 21.  | May 18.    |  |           | By Plaintiff's Attorney. |      |
| 174 | June 27.   | Wilson, vs. Hamilton       | June 27.   | 10   | 19/10 |            |            |  | June 27.  | Bail.                    |      |

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(Continued.)

| No. | Date of Writ   | DEFENDANT. PLAINTIFF.     | Date of Arrest | Amount. |    |    | When Committed to Gaol. | When Discharged from Gaol. | When Discharged from Arrest. | How Discharged from Arrest. | Whether Debt was paid or not. | Remarks. |
|-----|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------|----|----|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
|     |                |                           |                | £       | s. | d. |                         |                            |                              |                             |                               |          |
| 167 | July 11. 1855. | Wheeler, vs. Kline        | July 20. 1855. | 13      | 15 | 7  | 1855.                   | 1855.                      | 1855.                        | Bail.                       |                               |          |
| 168 | Jan. 9. 1856.  | Witherspoon, vs. Shettler | Jan. 11. 1856. | 50      | 0  | 0  | Jan. 12. 1856.          | Jan. 16. 1856.             | Jan. 25. 1856.               | do.                         |                               |          |
| 169 | do 24.         | Fisher, vs. Dean          | do 25.         | 50      | 0  | 0  | .....                   | .....                      | .....                        | do.                         |                               |          |
| 170 | May 23.        | Wanless, vs. Travis       | May 23.        | 95      | 0  | 0  | .....                   | .....                      | May 23.                      | do.                         |                               |          |
| 171 | Sept. 17.      | White, vs. Gamble         | Sept. 17.      | 111     | 2  | 10 | Sept. 18.               | Oct. 16.                   | .....                        | Plaintiff's Attorney.       |                               |          |
| 173 | do 20.         | Williamson, vs. Fox       | do 22.         | 20      | 0  | 0  | do 22.                  | Sept. 23.                  | .....                        | Bail.                       |                               |          |
| 173 | Dec. 2.        | Weatherly, vs. Parent     | Dec. 3.        | 151     | 13 | 3  | .....                   | .....                      | Dec. 3.                      | Bail to Limits.             |                               |          |
| 174 | do 12.         | Wanless, vs. Travis       | do 16.         | 115     | 6  | 6  | .....                   | .....                      | do 16.                       | do.                         |                               |          |
| 175 | Feb. 12. 1857. | Williamson, vs. Fox       | .....          | 45      | 13 | 1  | 1857.                   | 1857.                      | .....                        | do.                         |                               |          |
| 176 | April 1.       | Walton, vs. Ellerby       | April 1.       | 141     | 5  | 10 | April 27.               | April 30.                  | 1857.                        | do.                         |                               |          |
|     |                |                           |                |         |    |    | .....                   | .....                      | April 1.                     | Bail.                       |                               |          |

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No. 58.

SCHEDULE of Persons ARRESTED for DEBT in the UNITED COUNTIES of YORK and PEEL, from the 1st day of January, 1855.—County Court.

| No. of Writ | Date of Writ   | DEFENDANT. PLAINTIFF.   | Date of Arrest | Amount. |       | When and whether Committed to Gaol. | When Discharged from Gaol. | When Discharged from Arrest. | How Discharged from Arrest.  | Whether Debt was paid or not. | Remarks.                                               |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------|-------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
|             |                |                         |                | £       | s. d. |                                     |                            |                              |                              |                               |                                                        |
|             | 1855.          |                         | 1855.          |         |       | 1857.                               | 1857.                      | 1855.                        |                              |                               |                                                        |
| 1           | July 21. 1856. | Ashby, vs. Ford         | July 21. 1856. | 13      | 19 10 | No                                  |                            | July 21.                     | By payment to Sheriff        | Yes.                          |                                                        |
| 2           | Oct. 20. 1857. | Adamson, vs. O'Neill    | Oct. 21. 1857. | 12      | 4 0   | No                                  |                            | Oct. 20.                     | By order of Attorney.        |                               |                                                        |
| 3           | Dec. 1857.     | Albro, vs. Thomson      | Jan. 6.        | 20      | 0 0   | Jan. 9.                             |                            |                              | 3 days on bail in this suit. |                               |                                                        |
| 4           | Jan. 9.        | Albro, vs. Adams        | do             | 95      | 0 0   | do                                  |                            |                              |                              | do.                           | Bailed out on arrest, and surrendered by Special Bail. |
| 5           | April 8.       | Alber, vs. Lannagan     | April 8.       | 16      | 10 0  | May 7.                              | May 9.                     |                              | Discharged by Attorney       | do.                           | No arrest.                                             |
| 6           | Feb. 1855.     | Ashton, vs. Williamson  |                | 21      | 0 0   |                                     |                            |                              |                              |                               |                                                        |
| 7           | May 1.         | Bradbury, vs. Gansell   | May 17.        | 11      | 10 0  | do                                  | Dec. 18.                   | 1855.                        | By <i>supersedens</i>        | Think not.                    |                                                        |
| 8           | August 20.     | Bowman, vs. Caspar      | Sept. 20.      | 32      | 16 3  | Sept 20.                            | Oct. 24.                   |                              | By Judge's Order.            |                               | do.                                                    |
| 9           | Oct. 2. 1856.  | Butler, vs. Holmes      |                | 60      | 0 0   |                                     |                            |                              |                              |                               |                                                        |
| 10          | Jan. 28.       | Boylan, vs. Clendinning | Feb. 29.       | 23      | 15 0  | No                                  |                            |                              | By Bail                      |                               |                                                        |
| 11          | March 15.      | Brooks, vs. Strachan    | March 15.      | 21      | 5 0   | March 15.                           |                            |                              |                              |                               | See No. 15.                                            |
| 12          | April 3.       | Byrns, vs. McMahon      | April 3.       | 11      | 15 0  | No                                  |                            |                              | By bail.                     |                               |                                                        |
| 13          | do             | Brayley, vs. Dickey     | do             | 23      | 15 3  | April 17.                           | July 22.                   | 1856.                        | By order of Plaintiff.       |                               |                                                        |

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| No of Writ. | Date of Writ. | DEPNDANT. PLAINTIFF.     | Date of Arrest. | Amount. |       | When and whether Committed to Gaol. | When Discharged from Gaol. | When Discharged from Arrest. | Whether Debt was paid or not. | Remarks.                 |
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|             |               |                          |                 | £       | s. d. |                                     |                            |                              |                               |                          |
|             | 1856.         |                          | 1856.           |         |       | 1856.                               |                            |                              |                               |                          |
| 14          | April 17.     | Brayley, vs. Boomer      | April 17.       | 13      | 12    | 0                                   | April 17.                  | July 22.                     |                               | By order of Plaintiff.   |
| 15          | do 29.        | Brooks, vs. Strachan     | May 22.         | 24      | 15    | 8                                   | May 22.                    | May 13.                      |                               | Suit; same as No. 11.    |
| 16          | May 22.       | Burnett, vs. Lamb        | June 6.         | 34      | 0     | 0                                   | May 22.                    | do 30.                       |                               | Plaintiff's order.       |
| 17          | June 6.       | Bastard, vs. Somerville  | August 16.      | 15      | 18    | 5                                   | June 6.                    | Oct. 31.                     |                               | Judge's do.              |
| 18          | August 16.    | Booth, vs. Phillbrick    | do 19.          | 15      | 0     | 0                                   | No                         | August 16.                   |                               | Bail.                    |
| 19          | do 19.        | Belton, vs. Collins      | Oct. 14.        | 21      | 15    | 0                                   | No                         | do 19.                       |                               | do.                      |
| 20          | do 20.        | Benson, vs. Johnson      | do 14.          | 25      | 17    | 7                                   | Oct. 14.                   | Oct. 20.                     |                               | Judge's order.           |
| 21          | Oct. 1.       | Barker, vs. Lamb         | do 16.          | 26      | 10    | 0                                   | do 17.                     | do 18.                       |                               | By payment to Sheriff.   |
| 22          | do 16.        | Bristowe, vs. Cunningham | 1857.           | 39      | 2     | 0                                   |                            |                              |                               | do.                      |
| 23          | Nov 20.       | Brown, vs. Williams      | 1857.           | 40      | 3     | 1                                   | Jan. 12.                   | Jan. 22.                     |                               | Plaintiff's order.       |
| 24          | Jan. 9.       | Barnford, vs. Lesslie    | do do.          | 42      | 14    | 6                                   | do do.                     | do do.                       |                               | do do.                   |
| 25          | do do.        | Barnford, vs. Paterson   | Feb. 23.        | 39      | 18    | 1                                   | Feb. 23.                   | April 2.                     |                               | By order of Attorney.    |
| 26          | Feb. 27.      | Bournot, vs. Stovel      | do do.          | 10      | 10    | 0                                   | do do.                     | do do.                       |                               | do do.                   |
| 27          | Feb. 28.      | Bournot, vs. Wilson      | do 24.          | 11      | 0     | 0                                   | do do.                     | do do.                       |                               | Plaintiff's order.       |
| 28          | do 24.        | Bournot, vs. Hoig        | do 17.          | 14      | 15    | 1                                   | No                         |                              |                               | Bail.                    |
| 29          | March 10.     | Beckett, vs. Johnson     | Feb. 19.        | 28      | 3     | 3                                   | No                         |                              |                               | do.                      |
| 30          | do 12.        | Belton, vs. Collins      | do 19.          | 26      | 8     | 4                                   | No                         |                              |                               | By bail to Limits.       |
| 31          | do 18.        | Barratt, vs. Moore       | April 23.       | 12      | 19    | 9                                   | No                         |                              |                               | Settled with Plaintiff.  |
| 32          | April 8.      | Bondway, vs. Corryell    |                 | 13      | 13    | 7                                   |                            |                              |                               | do do do.                |
| 33          | do 22.        | Blessing, vs. O'Donohoe  |                 | 73      | 1     | 0                                   |                            |                              |                               | See B. R. List.          |
| 34          | Jan. 21.      | Cock, vs. Shaw           | 1855.           | 16      | 0     | 0                                   | No                         |                              |                               | Bail.                    |
| 35          | do 31.        | Coulter, vs. Daly        |                 | 49      | 5     | 8                                   |                            |                              |                               | See No. 34 & B. R. List. |
| 36          | Feb. 8.       | Cock, vs. Joseph         |                 |         |       |                                     |                            |                              |                               |                          |

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| 37 | July 17.  | Cosgrove, vs. Hutchinson | July 17.  | 66 | 5  | 3  |                               |           |          | Bail                           | Sec No. 40. No arrest. do. |
| 38 | Oct. 20.  | Conklin, vs. Neeland     |           | 84 | 15 | 9  |                               |           |          |                                |                            |
| 39 | Nov. 16.  | do, vs. do               |           | 35 | 3  | 3  |                               |           |          |                                |                            |
| 40 | Dec. 5.   | Cosgrove, vs. Hutchison  | Dec. 7.   | 78 | 17 | 7  | Dec. 7.                       | Dec. 7.   |          | Same as No. 37                 | Bailed to Limits.          |
| 41 | Jan. 3.   | do                       | do        |    |    |    | April 1.                      | Sept. 10. | No.      | By Judge's order               |                            |
| 42 | April 24. | Cameron, vs. Steele      | Jan. 8.   | 20 | 0  | 0  | No                            |           |          | Bail                           | No arrest.                 |
| 43 | June 13.  | Chisholm, vs. Dunlop     | June 13.  | 10 | 6  | 3  | No                            |           |          | Paid the amount to Sheriff.    | do.                        |
| 44 | July 14.  | Cowan, vs. Noble         | Sept. 6.  | 11 | 15 | 7  | No                            |           |          |                                |                            |
| 45 | Sept. 6.  | Cooper, vs. O'Neill      | do 18.    | 30 | 0  | 0  | No                            |           |          | Bail.                          |                            |
| 46 | do 18.    | Cochrane, vs. Hastings   | do 18.    | 30 | 0  | 0  | No                            |           |          | Bail.                          |                            |
| 47 | Oct. 22.  | do                       | do        | 20 | 0  | 0  | Jan. 19.                      | April 6.  |          | Order of Plaintiff's Attorney. | do.                        |
| 48 | Nov. 19.  | Cross, vs. Smith         | Nov. 19.  | 13 | 2  | 3  | No                            |           |          | Paid the amount to Sheriff.    | Yes.                       |
| 49 | do 20.    | Crocutt, vs. Strachan    | do 20.    | 33 | 0  | 0  | Surrendered by Bail, Jan. 19. | April 6.  |          | Order of Plaintiff's Attorney. | Withdrawn.                 |
| 50 | Dec. 3.   | Cochran, vs. Carroll     | Dec. 3.   | 36 | 7  | 11 | Yes                           | Dec. 4.   |          | Order of Plaintiff's Attorney. | No arrest. do.             |
| 51 | Jan. 6.   | Coin, vs. Abraham        |           | 12 | 0  | 0  | No                            |           |          |                                |                            |
| 52 | March 16. | Chisholm, vs. Milloy     |           | 20 | 0  | 0  | No                            |           |          |                                |                            |
| 53 | do 19.    | Christ, vs. Rock         | 1857.     | 38 | 5  | 11 | No                            |           |          | Paid to Sheriff                | Yes.                       |
| 54 | do 25.    | Cotter, vs. Duggan       | March 19. | 11 | 16 | 11 | No                            |           |          | Paid to Sheriff                | Yes.                       |
| 55 | Dec. 17.  | Campbell, vs. Currier    | 1855.     | 19 | 1  | 9  | No                            |           |          | Paid to Sheriff                | Yes.                       |
| 56 | Nov. 24.  | DeGear, vs. Reid         | Nov. 24.  | 53 | 15 | 0  | No                            |           |          | Bail                           |                            |
| 57 | do 26.    | Emery, vs. Juson         | Nov. 29.  | 32 | 3  | 10 | No                            | Dec. 1.   | Dec. 22. | By order, Plaintiff's Attorney | do.                        |
| 58 | Feb. 9.   | do                       | do        | 42 | 15 | 0  | No                            |           |          | Paid Sheriff                   |                            |
| 59 | Feb. 2.   | Fenton, vs. Paterson     | Nov. 29.  | 32 | 3  | 10 | No                            |           |          | Bail                           |                            |
| 60 | do do.    | Fripp, vs. Hutchison     | Feb. 9.   | 42 | 15 | 0  | No                            |           |          | Bail                           |                            |
| 61 | March 17. | Fuller, vs. Stapsley     | Feb. 2.   | 10 | 0  | 0  | Feb. 2.                       |           |          |                                |                            |
|    | do do.    | Fuller, vs. Carey        | do do.    | 32 | 10 | 0  | No                            |           |          |                                |                            |
|    | do do.    | Forsyth, vs. Burnside    | March 17. |    |    |    | No                            |           |          | Bail                           |                            |

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|-------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------|-------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|             |                 |                        |                 | £       | s. d. |                                     |                            |                              |                                                  |                               |                                  |
| 62          | 1857. March 18. | Fuller, vs. Duggan     | 1855.           | 29      | 10 0  | Yes                                 | 1855.                      | 1856.                        |                                                  |                               | Same as Nos. 59 & 60. No arrest. |
| 63          | April 11. 1855. | Forsyth, vs. Fletcher  |                 | 55      | 14 6  | No                                  |                            |                              |                                                  |                               |                                  |
| 64          | April 24. do    | Groce, vs. Elliott.    | April 24.       | 12      | 1 2   | No                                  |                            |                              | By Plaintiff's Attorney.                         |                               |                                  |
| 65          | do do           | Groce, vs. Gross       | do              | 21      | 5 0   | No                                  |                            |                              | do                                               |                               |                                  |
| 66          | Oct. 31.        | Howett, vs. Lennox     | Nov. 14.        | 311     | 0 0   | No                                  | 1855.                      | 1856.                        | Bail.                                            |                               |                                  |
| 67          | Dec. 18. 1856.  | do Surrendered himself | Dec. 19.        | 31      | 16 3  | No                                  | Dec. 12. Jan. 4.           |                              | By order, Plaintiff's Attorney bailed to limits. |                               |                                  |
| 68          | Jan. 22. 1856.  | Hourt, vs. Beemer      | Jan. 22.        | 25      | 12 6  | No                                  |                            |                              | Paid Sheriff.                                    |                               |                                  |
| 69          | April 21.       | Hawke, vs. Stuart      | April 29.       | 50      | 4 7   | No                                  |                            |                              | Paal.                                            |                               | do.                              |
| 70          | do              | Houghton, vs. Chandler | April 29.       | 15      | 0 0   | No                                  |                            |                              | Paal.                                            |                               | Same Suit as No. 74.             |
| 71          | Sept. 25.       | Hunter, vs. Cawthra    | Sept. 25.       | 10      | 9 0   | No                                  |                            |                              | Paid Sheriff.                                    |                               |                                  |
| 72          | do              | Hunter, vs. Jamieson   | do              | 32      | 13 9  | No                                  |                            |                              | do.                                              |                               |                                  |
| 73          | Oct. 8.         | Hunter, vs. Strachan   | Oct. 9.         | 17      | 3 3   | No                                  |                            |                              | Bail.                                            |                               |                                  |
| 74          | do              | Houghton, vs. Chandler | 1855.           | 23      | 8 0   |                                     |                            | 1855.                        | Same Suit as No. 70                              |                               | No arrest.                       |
| 75          | May 2. 1857.    | Imar, vs. Kleir        | May 2.          | 13      | 10 0  | May                                 | 2. May 10.                 |                              | By order, Plaintiff's Attorney                   |                               |                                  |
| 76          | March 30. 1855. | James, vs. Curtis      |                 | 25      | 5 0   |                                     |                            |                              |                                                  |                               |                                  |
| 77          | July 25. 1856.  | Kidd, vs. Carfrae      | July 25.        | 16      | 14 8  | No                                  | 1856.                      | 1856.                        | Paid Sheriff.                                    |                               |                                  |
| 78          | April 11.       | Kennedy, vs. Torrance  | April 11.       | 64      | 19 0  | April                               | 11. April 13.              |                              | Bailed to Limits.                                |                               |                                  |

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|-----|-----------------|---------------------------|------------|----|-------|--------|----------------|-------|-------------------------------|------|------------|
| 79  | do              | Kennedy, vs. Copland      | do         | 13 | 11 1  |        |                |       | Bailed.                       |      |            |
| 80  | August 30.      | Keiser, vs. Cotterett     | Sept. 11.  | 20 | 15 0  |        |                |       | Discharged by Attorney        | Yes. |            |
| 81  | Nov. 10.        | Keiser, vs. Stony         | Nov. 11.   | 50 | 0 0   |        |                |       | Bail.                         |      |            |
| 82  | do              | Kidd, vs. Strachan        | do         | 26 | 19 1  |        |                | 1857. | do.                           |      |            |
| 83  | 1857. Feb. 3.   | Knights, vs. Jackson      | Feb. 3.    | 28 | 0 0   | Feb.   | 3. Feb. 4.     |       |                               |      |            |
| 84  | April 7.        | Kaiser, vs. Stony         | April 23.  | 58 | 7 4   | April  | 23. April 27.  |       | By Plaintiff's Attorney.      |      |            |
| 85  | do              | King, vs. Roach           | 1856.      | 17 | 4 0   |        |                |       | do                            |      |            |
| 86  | May 27. 1856.   | Livingston, vs. Boyle     | May 27.    | 43 | 9 11  | No     |                |       | do                            |      |            |
| 87  | August 4.       | Lavivier, vs. Butlers     | August 6.  | 13 | 2 6   | 1856.  | 1856.          |       |                               |      |            |
| 88  | Sept. 11. 1857. | Long, vs. Arnott          | Sept. 11.  | 17 | 5 10  | Sept.  | 15. Sept. 25.  |       | Bailed.                       |      |            |
| 89  | Dec. 5. 1857.   | Lewis, vs. Boyd           | Dec. 5.    | 12 | 10 0  | No     |                |       | Judge's order.                |      |            |
| 90  | Feb. 25.        | Lasher, vs. Esmonde       | 1857.      | 14 | 2 1   | No     |                |       | Paid                          |      | do.        |
| 91  | April 24. 1855. | Lee, vs. Griffith, et al. | April 24.  | 96 | 12 2  | April  | 24. April 25.  |       | Withdrawn.                    |      |            |
| 92  | April 9.        | Morrison, vs. Martin      | April 9.   |    |       |        |                |       | Bailed to Limits.             |      |            |
| 93  | August 24.      | Morre, vs. Barton         |            |    |       | No     |                |       | Bailed.                       |      |            |
| 94  | do              | Macaulay, vs. Hamilton    |            | 21 | 10 11 | No     |                |       | do.                           |      |            |
| 95  | May 7. 1856.    | Mair, vs. Strachan        | May 23.    | 32 | 16 0  | No     |                |       | Bailed.                       |      | No Arrest. |
| 96  | do              | Mathews, vs. Sinclair     | Oct. 2.    | 12 | 3 7   | No     |                |       |                               |      | do.        |
| 97  | Sept. 24.       | Martley, vs. Langlois     | Oct. 2.    | 27 | 8 10  | Oct.   | 2. Oct. 3.     |       | Paid to Sheriff               | Yes. |            |
| 98  | Nov. 21. 1857.  | Mitchell, vs. Carroll     | Nov. 21.   | 33 | 0 0   | No     |                |       | Bailed.                       |      |            |
| 99  | March 20.       | Mason, vs. Fisher         | March 20.  | 70 | 0 0   | No     |                |       | Discharged by Attorney        | do.  |            |
| 100 | do              | Mosher, vs. Gilray        | do         | 20 | 0 0   | No     |                |       | Bailed.                       |      |            |
| 101 | April 7.        | Martin, vs. White         | April 8.   | 27 | 2 9   | April  | 9. April 11.   |       | Discharged by Plaintiff's At- | do.  |            |
| 102 | do              | Martin, vs. Wright        | do         | 12 | 10 0  | do     | do             |       | orney                         | do   |            |
| 103 | do              | Montgomery, vs. Mose      | do         | 35 | 0 0   | do     | 21. do 24.     |       | do                            |      |            |
| 104 | March 15. 1856. | McPherson, vs. Bailey     | 1856.      |    |       | No     |                |       | Bailed.                       |      | do.        |
| 105 | August 9. 1857. | Montgomery, vs. McDonald. | August 11. | 16 | 18 9  | August | 11. August 12. |       | By Plaintiff's Attorney.      |      |            |
| 106 | March 16.       | McBride, vs. Wilson       | March 16.  | 32 | 0 0   | March  | 16. March 25.  |       | do                            |      |            |

No. 58.—SCHEDULE of Persons ARRESTED for DEBT in the UNITED COUNTIES of YORK and PEEL, &c.—  
(Continued.)

| No. | Date of Writ.   | DEFENDANT.                   | PLAINTIFF. | Date of Arrest. | Amount. |       | When and whether Committed to Gaol. | When Discharged from Gaol. | When Discharged from Arrest. | Whether Debt was paid or not. | Remarks.   |
|-----|-----------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------------|---------|-------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
|     |                 |                              |            |                 | £       | s. d. |                                     |                            |                              |                               |            |
| 107 | 1857.           |                              |            | 1857.           |         |       | 1857.                               | 1856.                      |                              |                               |            |
| 108 | April 11. 1855. | McKinnir, vs. Mills          |            | April 11. 1855. | 24      | 11 0  | April 11. 1857.                     | May 6.                     | Judge's Order.               |                               |            |
| 109 | May 10. 1856.   | Nicholls, vs. Walker, et al. |            | May 11. 1856.   | 12      | 16 3  | No                                  |                            | By Plaintiff's Attorney.     |                               |            |
| 110 | Oct. 3. 1857.   | Nicholls, vs. Lamb           |            | Oct. 30. 1857.  | 42      | 0 0   | No                                  |                            | Bailed.                      |                               | No arrest. |
| 111 | May 10. 1855.   | Noble, vs. Weavers           |            | May 10. 1855.   | 15      | 0 0   | No                                  |                            | Bailed to Limits.            |                               |            |
| 112 | Jan. 30. 1857.  | Nicholls, vs. Habage         |            | Feb. 2. 1857.   | 41      | 10 5  | Feb. 2. 1857.                       | Feb. 6.                    | By Plaintiff's Attorney.     |                               |            |
| 113 | April 17. 1855. | O'Brien, vs. Armstrong       |            | April 17. 1855. | 10      | 0 0   | April 17. 1855.                     | April 21.                  | By Plaintiff's Attorney.     |                               |            |
| 114 | April 6. 1855.  | Orton, vs. Anderson          |            |                 | 12      | 15 0  | No                                  |                            |                              |                               | do.        |
| 115 | July 19. 1856.  | Prentiss, vs. Weiant         |            | Nov. 16. 1856.  | 12      | 10 0  | No                                  | 1855.                      |                              |                               | do.        |
| 116 | Nov. 16. 1856.  | Pickwell, vs. Nash           |            | Nov. 16. 1856.  | 11      | 7 6   | Nov. 16. 1856.                      | Nov. 24.                   | Paid Sheriff.                | Yes.                          |            |
| 117 | Jan. 18. 1857.  | Prentiss, vs. Weiant         |            |                 | 12      | 10 0  | No                                  |                            |                              |                               | do.        |
| 118 | Sept. 11. 1855. | Perkins, vs. Haycroft        |            | Sept. 11. 1855. | 30      | 0 0   | Sept. 11. 1855.                     | Jan. 21.                   | Judge's Order.               |                               |            |
| 119 | Nov. 8. 1857.   | Perkins, vs. Avery           |            | Nov. 8. 1857.   | 29      | 5 6   | No                                  | do                         | do.                          |                               |            |
| 120 | Jan. 31. 1855.  | Pelan, vs. Rebert            |            | Jan. 31. 1855.  | 23      | 10 0  | No                                  |                            | Paid Sheriff.                | Yes.                          |            |
| 121 | March do        | Parsons, vs. Thorp           |            | Jan. 31. 1855.  | 18      | 0 0   |                                     |                            | Bailed.                      |                               |            |
|     |                 | Persons, vs. Bowman          |            |                 | 64      | 0 0   |                                     |                            |                              |                               |            |

|     |                  |                            |  |                  |     |       |                  |          |                                    |      |     |
|-----|------------------|----------------------------|--|------------------|-----|-------|------------------|----------|------------------------------------|------|-----|
| 122 | Sept. 14. 1856.  | Quigley, vs. Jamieson      |  | Sept. 16. 1856.  | 10  | 5 0   |                  |          | Paid Sheriff.                      | Yes. |     |
| 123 | do 27. 1855.     | Quigley, vs. Cawthra       |  | do 27. 1855.     | 13  | 19 0  |                  |          | do.                                | do.  |     |
| 124 | June 6. 1856.    | Reid, vs. Wilson           |  |                  | 35  | 10 0  | No               |          |                                    |      | do. |
| 125 | Sept. 3. 1855.   | Rose, vs. Weddell          |  | Sept. 5. 1855.   | 14  | 19 0  |                  |          | Paid Sheriff.                      | Yes. |     |
| 126 | Oct. 15. 1855.   | Raccliffe, vs. Nicholson   |  | Oct. 16. 1855.   | 17  | 2 6   | Oct. 10. 1855.   | Oct. 24. | By Plaintiff's Attorney.           |      |     |
| 127 | do 23. 1855.     | Raccliffe, vs. Noble       |  | do 23. 1855.     | 10  | 16 0  |                  | do       | do                                 |      |     |
| 128 | Dec. 11. 1855.   | Ross, vs. Hanson           |  | Dec. 12. 1855.   | 95  | 16 11 | No               |          | By Plaintiff's Attorney            | Yes. |     |
| 129 | March 9. 1856.   | Swanton, vs. Cocks         |  | March 9. 1856.   | 40  | 9 0   | No               |          | Bail.                              |      | do. |
| 130 | May 30. 1856.    | St. George, vs. Smith      |  | May 30. 1856.    | 10  | 3 0   | No               |          |                                    |      | do. |
| 131 | Sept. 18. 1856.  | Smith, vs. Brown           |  | Sept. 18. 1856.  | 10  | 8 4   | No               |          |                                    |      | do. |
| 132 | July 11. 1855.   | Sanson, vs. Leonard        |  |                  | 69  | 11 5  | No               |          |                                    |      | do. |
| 133 | August 4. 1855.  | Stacey, vs. Pearson        |  | August 4. 1855.  | 22  | 5 0   | No               |          | Bailed                             | Yes. |     |
| 134 | Sept. 27. 1855.  | Smith, vs. Gillespie       |  | Sept. 27. 1855.  | 24  | 0 0   | No               |          | Paid Sheriff                       | do.  |     |
| 135 | do 4. 1857.      | St. George, vs. Montgomery |  | Feb. 28. 1857.   | 12  | 10 0  | No               |          | Bail                               | do.  |     |
| 136 | Feb. 12. 1855.   | Selves, vs. Riddell        |  | do 12. 1855.     | 13  | 11 6  | No               |          | do.                                |      |     |
| 137 | March 26. 1855.  | Samuels, vs. Pearson       |  | March 26. 1855.  | 16  | 17 6  | No               |          | By Plaintiff                       |      |     |
| 138 | March 24. 1856.  | Torrance, vs. Jarvis       |  | March 24. 1856.  | 91  | 5 10  | No               |          | Bail.                              |      |     |
| 139 | April 5. 1855.   | Taylor, vs. MacPherson     |  | April 5. 1855.   | 45  | 10 10 | April 5. 1855.   | April 7. | Bail to Limits.                    |      | do. |
| 140 | June 7. 1855.    | Talbot, vs. Fish           |  | June 7. 1855.    | 18  | 18 9  | No               |          |                                    |      | do. |
| 141 | Oct. 23. 1855.   | Taylor, vs. Jason          |  | Oct. 23. 1855.   | 46  | 4 6   | No               |          |                                    |      | do. |
| 142 | do do            | Taylor, vs. Kerr, et al.   |  |                  | 100 | 0 0   | No               |          |                                    |      | do. |
| 143 | Feb. 5. 1857.    | Thomas, vs. Ware           |  | Feb. 6. 1857.    | 15  | 0 0   | Feb. 6. 1857.    | Feb. 12. | Bailed.                            |      | do. |
| 144 | April 21. 1855.  | Walker, vs. Heward         |  | April 21. 1855.  | 12  | 10 0  | April 21. 1855.  | May 18.  | By Plaintiff's Attorney.           |      |     |
| 145 | August 28. 1855. | Wallis, vs. O'Neil         |  | August 28. 1855. | 14  | 3 1   | August 23. 1855. | Oct. 25. | By Plaintiff and Attorney's Order. |      |     |

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(Continued.)

| No. of Writ. | Date of Writ. | DEFENDANT. PLAINTIFF.                                                            | Date of Arrest.          | Amount. |       | When and whether Committed to Gaol. | When Discharged from Gaol. | When Discharged from Arrest. | How Discharged from Arrest. | Whether Debt was paid or not. | Remarks.   |
|--------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|-------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
|              |               |                                                                                  |                          | £       | s. d. |                                     |                            |                              |                             |                               |            |
|              | 1856.         |                                                                                  | 1856.                    | 17      | 17    | 0                                   | 1856.                      | 1856.                        |                             |                               |            |
| 146          | July 30.      | { Wilson, vs. Briselden...<br>Wilson, vs. Rose.....<br>Wilson, vs. Sidener.... } | July 31. }               | 18      | 5     | 0                                   | July 31.                   | July 31.                     | Bailed.                     |                               |            |
|              |               | do                                                                               | Surrendered by Bail..... | 1857.   | 1857. | March 4.                            | May 9.                     |                              | By Attorney's Order.        |                               |            |
| 147          | Jan. 24.      | Walter, vs. Armstrong                                                            | Jan. 24.                 | 47      | 5     | 6                                   | No                         |                              | Bail.                       |                               |            |
| 148          | March 25.     | Watson, vs. Davis                                                                |                          | 60      | 5     | 4                                   | No                         |                              |                             |                               | No arrest. |
| 149          | April 2.      | Wilson, vs. Hem                                                                  |                          | 46      | 15    | 4                                   | No                         |                              |                             |                               | do.        |

I certify, that the foregoing Statement is a correct transcript from the Books in my Office.

FRED. W. JARVIS,  
*Sheriff,*  
*United Counties of York and Peel.*

No. 59.

RETURN of the Number of WRITS of *CAPIAS* issued by the Clerk of the County Court of the UNITED COUNTIES of YORK and PEEL, from the 1st January, 1855, to the 15th May, 1857, inclusive.

WRITS of *Capias ad Respondendum*.

| No.  | Amount of each. |    |    | No.  | Amount of each. |    |     | No.  | Amount of each. |    |    |
|------|-----------------|----|----|------|-----------------|----|-----|------|-----------------|----|----|
|      | £               | s. | d. |      | £               | s. | d.  |      | £               | s. | d. |
| 1    | 73              | 1  | 0  | 43   | 23              | 15 | 3   | 85   | 10              | 16 | 0  |
| 2    | 16              | 0  | 0  | 44   | 31              | 2  | 9½  | 86   | 23              | 10 | 0  |
| 3    | 25              | 13 | 5  | 45   | 32              | 16 | 0   | 87   | 13              | 2  | 3  |
| 4    | 49              | 5  | 8  | 46   | 48              | 6  | 2   | 88   | 30              | 0  | 0  |
| 5    | 40              | 9  | 0  | 47   | 34              | 0  | 0   | 89   | 39              | 2  | 0  |
| 6    | 91              | 5  | 10 | 48   | 13              | 15 | 0   | 90   | 33              | 0  | 0  |
| 7    | 10              | 0  | 0  | 49   | 43              | 9  | 11½ | 91   | 26              | 19 | 1  |
| 8    | 12              | 10 | 0  | * 50 | {18             | 18 | 9   | * 92 | {20             | 0  | 0  |
| 9    | 12              | 1  | 2  | * 51 | {18             | 18 | 9   | * 93 | {20             | 0  | 0  |
| 10   | 21              | 5  | 0  | 52   | 16              | 11 | 0   | 94   | 36              | 7  | 11 |
| 11   | 11              | 10 | 0  | 53   | 17              | 17 | 0   | 95   | 12              | 10 | 0  |
| 12   | 13              | 10 | 0  | 54   | 18              | 0  | 0   | * 96 | {12             | 0  | 0  |
| 13   | 12              | 16 | 3  | 55   | 18              | 5  | 0   | * 97 | {12             | 0  | 0  |
| * 14 | {10             | 3  | 0  | 56   | 13              | 2  | 6   | * 98 | {12             | 0  | 0  |
| * 15 | {10             | 3  | 0  | 57   | 22              | 5  | 0   | 99   | 95              | 0  | 0  |
| * 16 | {12             | 10 | 0  | 58   | 16              | 18 | 9   | 100  | 42              | 14 | 6  |
| * 17 | {12             | 10 | 0  | 59   | 15              | 0  | 0   | 101  | 40              | 3  | 1  |
| 18   | 66              | 5  | 3  | 60   | 13              | 17 | 6   | 102  | 39              | 18 | 1  |
| 19   | 16              | 14 | 8  | 61   | 11              | 15 | 0   | 103  | 18              | 0  | 0  |
| 20   | 12              | 10 | 0  | 62   | 21              | 15 | 0   | 104  | 10              | 0  | 0  |
| 21   | 14              | 8  | 1½ | 63   | 20              | 15 | 0   | 105  | 21              | 0  | 0  |
| 22   | 21              | 10 | 11 | 64   | 17              | 13 | 11  | 106  | 32              | 10 | 0  |
| * 23 | {10             | 8  | 4  | 65   | 30              | 0  | 0   | 107  | 26              | 0  | 0  |
| * 24 | {10             | 8  | 4  | 66   | 14              | 19 | 0   | *108 | {72             | 8  | 0  |
| 25   | 60              | 0  | 0  | 67   | 12              | 10 | 7   | *109 | {72             | 8  | 0  |
| 26   | 42              | 0  | 0  | 68   | 17              | 7  | 4   | 110  | 15              | 0  | 0  |
| 27   | 30              | 0  | 0  | 69   | 30              | 0  | 0   | 111  | 13              | 11 | 6  |
| 28   | 11              | 7  | 6  | 70   | 29              | 5  | 6   | 112  | 10              | 10 | 0  |
| 29   | 53              | 16 | 0  | 71   | 10              | 5  | 0   | 113  | 11              | 0  | 0  |
| 30   | 32              | 3  | 10 | 72   | 30              | 0  | 0   | 114  | 14              | 2  | 1½ |
| 31   | 19              | 1  | 9  | 73   | 82              | 0  | 11  | 115  | 30              | 0  | 0  |
| 32   | 20              | 0  | 0  | 74   | 27              | 8  | 10  | 116  | 14              | 15 | 1  |
| 33   | 23              | 15 | 0  | 75   | 10              | 9  | 0   | 117  | 18              | 10 | 0  |
| 34   | 42              | 15 | 0  | 76   | 13              | 19 | 11  | 118  | 18              | 12 | 9½ |
| 35   | 23              | 5  | 0  | 77   | 32              | 13 | 9   | 119  | 25              | 10 | 0  |
| * 36 | {16             | 18 | 5  | 78   | 25              | 17 | 7   | 120  | 32              | 0  | 0  |
| * 37 | {16             | 18 | 5  | 79   | 34              | 14 | 3   | 121  | 19              | 14 | 11 |
| 38   | 21              | 5  | 0  | 80   | 17              | 3  | 3   | 122  | 29              | 10 | 0  |
| 39   | 50              | 0  | 0  | 81   | 17              | 2  | 6   | 123  | 70              | 0  | 0  |
| 40   | 11              | 15 | 0  | 82   | 26              | 10 | 0   | 124  | 12              | 10 | 0  |
| 41   | 13              | 11 | 1½ | 83   | 12              | 4  | 0   | 125  | 20              | 0  | 0  |
| 42   | 13              | 12 | 0  | 84   | 14              | 1  | 5   | 126  | 16              | 17 | 6  |

\* The "Brace" indicates identity of Suit.



**No. 59.**—RETURN of the Number of WRITS of *CAPIAS* issued by the Clerk of the County Court, of the UNITED COUNTIES of YORK and PEEL, &c.—(Continued.)

WRITS of *Capias ad Respondendum*.—(Continued.)

| No. | Amount of each. |    |    | No. | Amount of each. |    |    | No.  | Amount of each. |    |    |
|-----|-----------------|----|----|-----|-----------------|----|----|------|-----------------|----|----|
|     | £               | s. | d. |     | £               | s. | d. |      | £               | s. | d. |
| 127 | 40              | 12 | 2  | 133 | 27              | 2  | 9  | 139  | 28              | 15 | 0  |
| 128 | 25              | 5  | 0  | 134 | 12              | 10 | 0  | 140  | 13              | 13 | 7  |
| 129 | 64              | 0  | 0  | 135 | 14              | 0  | 0  | 141  | 17              | 4  | 0  |
| 130 | 46              | 15 | 4  | 136 | 39              | 6  | 3  | *142 | } 32            | 0  | 0  |
| 131 | 12              | 19 | 9  | 137 | 24              | 11 | 3  | *143 |                 | 0  | 0  |
| 132 | 12              | 15 | 0  | 138 | 20              | 0  | 0  | 144  | 30              | 0  | 0  |

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WRITS of *Capias ad Satisfaciendum*.

| No. | Amount of each. |    |    | No. | Amount of each. |    |    | REMARKS.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-----|-----------------|----|----|-----|-----------------|----|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|     | £               | s. | d. |     | £               | s. | d. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1   | 50              | 13 | 10 | 11  | 62              | 9  | 10 | The distinction has been made between the two descriptions of Writs, as the latter have in some instances been issued for nominal damages and costs.<br><br>Numbers 5 and 7 of the <i>Ca. Sa.</i> 's belong to the same suit.<br><br>Total number of Writs, 163. |
| 2   | 101             | 11 | 2  | 12  | 44              | 18 | 4  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 3   | 53              | 8  | 2  | 13  | 64              | 5  | 2  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 4   | 30              | 16 | 3  | 14  | 47              | 14 | 7  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 5   | 33              | 13 | 3  | 15  | 19              | 16 | 8  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 6   | 71              | 3  | 1  | 16  | 14              | 16 | 6  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 7   | 33              | 13 | 3  | 17  | 61              | 2  | 3  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 8   | 78              | 5  | 1  | 18  | 27              | 3  | 4  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 9   | 40              | 10 | 9  | 19  | 99              | 1  | 6  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 10  | 54              | 9  | 6  |     |                 |    |    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

E. E.

WALTER McKENZIE,

Clerk, County Court,  
United Counties of York and Peel.

# R E T U R N

To an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 3rd March last, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House "A Return of the names, places of residence, and occupations of the Insolvent Traders who have applied for discharges to Upper Canada Judges, under the Insolvent Debtors' Act of last year; said return to show the number of Creditors and the aggregate amount of Debt from which each Insolvent Trader applies to be discharged."

By Command.

T. LEE TERRILL,

Secretary.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Toronto, 4th May, 1857.

## SCHEDULE OF RETURNS.

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| <p>No. 1.—Brant, County of.<br/>         2.—Carleton, County of.<br/>         3.—Elgin, County of.<br/>         4.—Essex, County of.<br/>         5.—Frontenac, Lennox, and Ad-<br/>         dington, United Counties of.<br/>         6.—Haldimand, County of.<br/>         7.—Halton, County of.<br/>         8.—Hastings, County of.<br/>         9.—Huron and Bruce, United<br/>         Counties of.<br/>         10.—Kent, County of.<br/>         11.—Lambton, County of.<br/>         12.—Lanark and Renfrew, United<br/>         Counties of.<br/>         13.—Leeds and Grenville, United<br/>         Counties of.<br/>         14.—Lincoln, County of.<br/>         15.—Middlesex, County of.<br/>         16.—Norfolk, County of.</p> | <p>No. 17.—Northumberland and Durham,<br/>         Counties of.<br/>         18.—Ontario, County of.<br/>         19.—Oxford, County of.<br/>         20.—Perth, County of.<br/>         21.—Peterborough and Victoria,<br/>         United Counties of.<br/>         22.—Prescott and Russell, United<br/>         Counties of.<br/>         23.—Prince Edward, County of.<br/>         24.—Simcoe, County of.<br/>         25.—Stormont, Dundas, and Glen-<br/>         garry, United Counties of.<br/>         26.—York and Peel, United Coun-<br/>         ties of.<br/>         27.—Waterloo, County of.<br/>         28.—Welland, County of.<br/>         29.—Wellington, County of.<br/>         30.—Wentworth, County of.</p> |
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## No. 1.

BRANTFORD, 10th March, 1857.

Sir,—In compliance with your circular of 9th March, instant, I beg to enclose you a return of the Insolvent Traders that have applied to me, as Judge of the County Court for the County of Brant, under the Act of last session.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient Servant,

S. J. JONES.

The Honorable T. LEE TERRILL,  
Provincial Secretary,  
Toronto.

RETURN of the Names, Places of Residence, and Occupations of the INSOLVENT TRADERS who have applied to me, as Judge of the County Court of the COUNTY of BRANT, for discharges under the Insolvent Traders' Act of last year; said return also showing the number of Creditors, and the aggregate amount of Debt from which each Insolvent Trader applies to be discharged.

| No. of Insolvents. | NAMES.                               | Residence.           | Occupations.              | Amount. |      |     |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------|------|-----|
|                    |                                      |                      |                           | £       | s.   | d.  |
| 1                  | Thomas Roantree . . . . .            | Brantford . . . . .  | Shoemaker . . . . .       | 270     | 3    | 0   |
| 2                  | Amos B. Currier . . . . .            | do . . . . .         | Blacksmith . . . . .      | 266     | 13   | 3   |
| 3                  | Jackson Forde . . . . .              | do . . . . .         | Merchant . . . . .        | 623     | 8    | 2   |
| 4                  | George Crabbe . . . . .              | Burford . . . . .    | Shoemaker . . . . .       | 183     | 2    | 6   |
| 5                  | William Crabbe . . . . .             | do . . . . .         | do . . . . .              | 140     | 0    | 0   |
| 6                  | Isaiah McCaulay . . . . .            | Brantford . . . . .  | Merchant . . . . .        | 669     | 10   | 0   |
| 7                  | James Gibson . . . . .               | do . . . . .         | Inn keeper . . . . .      | 89      | 13   | 0   |
| 8                  | Samuel Lorimer . . . . .             | St. George . . . . . | Merchant . . . . .        | 1415    | 0    | 0   |
| 9                  | Frederick Simpson . . . . .          | Onondaga . . . . .   | Lumber Merchant . . . . . | 893     | 9    | 4   |
| 10                 | John S. Thompson . . . . .           | Paris . . . . .      | Merchant . . . . .        | 201     | 14   | 3   |
| 11                 | George Clarke . . . . .              | Brantford . . . . .  | Shoemaker . . . . .       | 89      | 14   | 10  |
| 12                 | John Weeks and Henry Weeks . . . . . | Paris . . . . .      | Cabinet Makers . . . . .  | 543     | 13   | 9   |
| 13                 | Walter Dittrick . . . . .            | Onondaga . . . . .   | Lumberer . . . . .        | 296     | 0    | 0   |
|                    |                                      |                      |                           | £       | 5682 | 2 1 |

I certify that the above is correct.

S. J. JONES,  
County Judge, Brant.

BRANTFORD, 10th March, 1857.

No. 2.

LIST of Persons who proceeded in the COUNTY of CARLETON, under the Statute 19 & 20 Vic. cap. 93.

| NAMES.                   | Residence and Occupation.   | SUBJECT.                                                                                                                                         | Amount. |    |    |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----|----|
|                          |                             |                                                                                                                                                  | £       | s. | d. |
| Charles Billings .....   | Gloucester, Trader .....    | Petition filed 9th of October, 1856; Assets, about £25; no Interim Order granted; proceedings discontinued .....                                 | 1588    | 15 | 2  |
| John McArthur .....      | Ottawa, Merchant .....      | Petition filed 6th December, 1856; no Assets; Interim Order refused .....                                                                        | 920     | 7  | 11 |
| Blankenburgh McNab ..... | do, Lumberer .....          | Petition filed 6th December, 1856; Assets, £1,166 6s. 7d.; final Order granted 24th January, 1857 .....                                          | 8358    | 10 | 5  |
| Campbell McNab .....     | do .....                    | A Partner of the above Blankenburgh McNab; obtained a final Order on the same grounds as his partner; they thought proper to proceed separately. |         |    |    |
| John Cunningham .....    | Gloucester, Innkeeper ..... | Petition filed 19th January, 1857; no Assets; Petition dismissed for irregularity; Liabilities .....                                             | 400     | 0  | 0  |
| Charles Dellert .....    | Ottawa, Trader .....        | Petition filed 28th January, 1857; Interim Order granted; first Meeting fixed for 21st March; no Assets .....                                    | 509     | 8  | 9  |
| Edward L. Perkins .....  | do, Machinist .....         | Petition filed 12th March; Assets, £1,429 4s. 7d.; Interim Order granted; first Meeting, 28th March, 1857 .....                                  | 2427    | 16 | 8  |

CHAS. ARMSTRONG,

Judge, County Court,

County of Carleton.

OTTAWA, 14th March, 1857.

## No. 3.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT,

St. THOMAS, C.W., 10th March, 1857.

Honorable Sir,—I am directed by the Judge of the County Court of the County of Elgin to forward the enclosed Returns, in compliance with your letter of the 9th instant, directed to him.

I have the honor to be, honorable Sir,  
Your most obedient Servant,

PETER MURTAGH,  
Clerk.

The Honorable T. LEE TERRILL,  
Provincial Secretary,  
Toronto.

RETURN of the Names, Places of Residence, and Occupation of the INSOLVENT TRADERS who have applied to the Judge of the County Court of the COUNTY of ELGIN for discharges under the Insolvent Traders' Act of last year, with the number of Creditors, and the aggregate amount of Debt from which each Insolvent Trader applies to be discharged. Rendered in compliance with the terms of a circular from the Office of the Honorable the Provincial Secretary of Canada, dated the 9th day of March, 1857.

| N A M E S .                | Residence.            | Occupations.          | No. of Creditors | Aggregate Amount of Debt. |    |    |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------|----|----|
|                            |                       |                       |                  | £                         | s. | d. |
| Walker Henry Tisdale....   | Village of Aylmer.... | Merchant .....        | 49               | 6406                      | 18 | 6  |
| Samuel Johnston .....      | Malahide, Township..  | Shingle Manufacturer. | 15               | 59                        | 5  | 4  |
| John Elliot .....          | do, do ..             | Merchant .....        | 18               | 742                       | 1  | 2  |
| Israel Thayer .....        | do, do ..             | Storekeeper .....     | 29               | 827                       | 5  | 6½ |
| Daniel Daniel Harnett ...  | Port Stanley .....    | Merchant .....        | 8                | 2211                      | 10 | 0  |
| Hans Caulfield .....       | Vienna .....          | Physician .....       | 29               | 334                       | 9  | 8½ |
| John Ellison, the younger. | Yarmouth .....        | Carpenter and Joiner. | 45               | 1856                      | 9  | 1  |
| Aloah Tibbitts .....       | Malahide .....        | Tanner .....          | 27               | 1747                      | 18 | 0  |
| George Caughell .....      | St. Thomas .....      | Merchant .....        | 14               | 779                       | 18 | 4  |
| Henry Caughell .....       | Vienna .....          | do .....              | 16               | 890                       | 8  | 6  |
| Hugh Herries .....         | Bayham .....          | Lumber Manufacturer   | 4                | 781                       | 15 | 0  |
| James Oliver Goodson ...   | Vienna .....          | do do ..              | 14               | 3249                      | 15 | 0  |
| Henry B. Sweetapple ...    | Malahide .....        | Miller, &c .....      | 28               | 1025                      | 2  | 1  |
| George McKenzie .....      | do .....              | Carpenter, &c .....   | 6                | 217                       | 15 | 2  |
| Courtland Sanderson ...    | Aylmer .....          | Carriagemaker.....    | 12               | 465                       | 0  | 0  |
| Emery A. Howie.            | St. Thomas .....      | Brickmaker.....       | 46               | 691                       | 18 | 2½ |

The above is a true and correct Return.

PETER MURTAGH,  
Clerk of the County Court of the County of Elgin.

COUNTY COURT OFFICE,  
St. Thomas, C.W., March 10, 1857.

## No. 4.

**RETURN from the COUNTY of ESSEX.**

SANDWICH, 10th March, 1857.

Sir,—In reply to your's of the 9th instant, I have the honor to state, that but two applications for discharge under the Insolvent Act of last year have been made to me as Judge of the County of Essex; being as follows:—

| Name of Applicant.    | Address and Residence.                            | Number of Creditors in Schedule. | Aggregate amount of Debts for which his discharge was claimed. |    |    |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|
|                       |                                                   |                                  | £                                                              | s. | d. |
| William Crosby .....  | Village of Windsor, Baker .....                   | 35                               | 435                                                            | 0  | 0  |
| Charles Bennett ..... | Township of Sandwich, Shopkeeper and Trader ..... | 19                               | 439                                                            | 0  | 0  |

A. MOWATT,  
*Judge.*

To the SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
Toronto.

No. 5.

A RETURN of the Names, Places of Residence, and Occupation of the INSOLVENT TRADERS, who have applied to KENNETH MACKENZIE, Esquire, Judge of the County Court of the UNITED COUNTIES of FRONTENAC, LENNOX, and ADLINGTON, for Discharges, under the Insolvent Traders' Act of last year; and the aggregate Amount of Debts from which each Insolvent Trader applied to be discharged.

| No. | NAMES.                      | RESIDENCE.               | OCCUPATION.             | Number of Creditors. | Aggregate Amount of Debts from which each Insolvent applied to be Discharged. |
|-----|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|     |                             |                          |                         |                      | £ s. d.                                                                       |
| 1   | Henry Martin                | Village of Clark's Mills | Merchant.               | 22                   | 2516 16 8                                                                     |
| 2   | Sylvester Skinner           | Township of Kingston     | Manufacturer            | 59                   | 4592 11 9                                                                     |
| 3   | Michael Fahy                | City of Kingston         | Merchant Tailor         | 7                    | 302 4 11                                                                      |
| 4   | James Burleigh              | do of do                 | Trader                  | 31                   | 677 4 1                                                                       |
| 5   | Michael McCuniffe           | do of do                 | Merchant.               | 9                    | 2891 0 0                                                                      |
| 6   | John Robert Smith           | do of do                 | do                      | 21                   | 2284 14 8                                                                     |
| 7   | George Henry White          | do of do                 | Shopkeeper              | 15                   | 311 5 4                                                                       |
| 8   | Philander Meyers            | do of do                 | Chapman                 | 26                   | 236 9 0                                                                       |
| 9   | Anthony Friel               | do of do                 | Merchant                | 16                   | 1480 9 0                                                                      |
| 10  | Patrick M. King             | do of do                 | Manufacturer of Potash. | 22                   | 1450 16 9                                                                     |
| 11  | Charles Hutchinson          | do of do                 | Tailor                  | 6                    | 890 0 0                                                                       |
| 12  | William Henry Beckman Smyth | do of do                 | Merchant.               | 2                    | 596 5 5                                                                       |
| 13  | Charles William Jenkins     | do of do                 | do                      | 14                   | 1077 2 2                                                                      |
| 14  | Reuben Augustus Holmes      | do of do                 | Trader                  | 33                   | 4430 10 6                                                                     |
| 15  | Peter Farrell               | do of do                 | Merchant.               | 29                   | 1484 4 8                                                                      |
| 16  | William Henry Shaw          | do of do                 | do                      | 19                   | 2403 14 6                                                                     |
| 17  | William McCracken           | do of do                 | do                      | 24                   | 5317 3 9                                                                      |
| 18  | James John Whitehead        | do of do                 | do                      | 38                   | 2170 12 10                                                                    |
| 19  | Humphrey Goodcarl           | do of do                 | Cabinetmaker            | 16                   | 236 10 2                                                                      |
| 20  | Alexander Macdougall Brown  | do of do                 | Merchant.               | 15                   | 577 0 0                                                                       |
| 21  | John Crommer                | do of do                 | Innkeeper               | 9                    | 351 19 1                                                                      |

|    |                       |                                  |                               |    |           |
|----|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----|-----------|
| 22 | Henry Wells           | do of do                         | Saddler                       | 15 | 385 4 8   |
| 23 | William Overall       | do of do                         | Trader                        | 15 | 529 8 0   |
| 24 | Garrett Miller        | do of do, (formerly of Napance). | do                            | 18 | 721 4 1   |
| 25 | Felix Munro Hooper    | Township of Camden               | Merchant.                     | 50 | 3608 3 3  |
| 26 | Joseph Fox            | do of do                         | do                            | 11 | 372 16 4  |
| 27 | Charles Marshall      | City of Kingston                 | Carpenter                     | 12 | 142 9 8   |
| 28 | Francis Armstrong     | Township of Loughborough         | Gentleman                     | 10 | 720 10 9  |
| 29 | John Montgomery       | do of do                         | Tollgate keeper               | 17 | 291 17 9  |
| 30 | James Knapp           | do of do                         | Manufacturer of Saved Lumber. | 21 | 196 16 0  |
| 31 | Michael Smith Scouten | do of do                         | Teacher (formerly Merchant).  | 2  | 248 10 0  |
| 32 | Thomas Armstrong      | do of do                         | Trader                        | 27 | 987 0 0   |
| 33 | Eli Clark             | Village of Napance.              | Merchant.                     | 9  | 1021 0 0  |
| 34 | Paul Wright           | do of do                         | do                            | 21 | 2296 3 2  |
| 35 | Francis B. Prior      | do of do                         | do                            | 17 | 673 0 3   |
| 36 | William Reese         | do of do                         | do                            | 18 | 2238 13 1 |
| 37 | John Hanegan          | City of Kingston                 | do                            | 2  | 254 0 0   |
| 38 | John Sila Smith       | do of do                         | Tailor                        | 18 | 1620 15 1 |

K. MACKENZIE,

Judge of the County Court of the United Counties of Frontenac, Lennox, and Adlington.

KINGSTON, March 21, 1857.

## No. 6.

**RETURN from the COUNTY of HALDIMAND.**

CAYUGA, COUNTY OF HALDIMAND,

March 12, 1857.

Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 9th instant—requesting Return of names of Insolvent Traders who have applied to me as Judge of the County Court of this County for discharges under Insolvent Traders' Act of 1856—I beg leave to state that no applications have been made to me under the Act referred to.

I have the honor to be,  
Your obedient Servant,

JOHN G. STEVENSON,  
Judge, County Court, Haldinand.

Honorable T. LEE TERRILL,  
Provincial Secretary,  
Toronto.

## No. 7.

RETURN of the Names, Places of Residence, and Occupations of the INSOLVENT TRADERS who have applied to me as Judge of the County Court of the COUNTY of HALTON, for discharge under the Insolvent Traders' Act of last year.

| NAME.                  | RESIDENCE.                  | OCCUPATION.     | Number of Creditors. | Amount of Debt. |    |    |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----|----|
|                        |                             |                 |                      | £               | s. | d. |
| John Dolson .....      | Township of Esquesing ..... | Merchant .....  | 5                    | 1153            | 17 | 0  |
| James L. Freeman ..... | Township of Trafalgar ..... | do .....        | 4                    | 2043            | 0  | 0  |
| Frederick Butler ..... | Village of Oakville .....   | do .....        | 7                    | 1396            | 9  | 0  |
| David Miller .....     | Township of Esquesing ..... | do .....        | 12                   | 109             | 0  | 0  |
| Henry Madden .....     | Township of Trafalgar ..... | Shoemaker ..... | 10                   | 67              | 5  | 0  |

I certify that the foregoing Return is correct and true, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOSEPH DAVIS,  
Judge, County Court, Halton.

MILTON, COUNTY OF HALTON,  
March 12, 1857.



## No. 8.

BELLEVILLE, 6th April, 1857.

Sir,—In accordance with your Circular, of the 9th March last, I have the honor to enclose you herewith the required Return of Insolvent Traders who have applied to me for discharge under the Act of last year.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient Servant,

W. SMART.

Honorable TIMOTHY LEE TERRILL,  
Provincial Secretary,  
&c., &c., &c.,  
Toronto.

RETURN of INSOLVENT TRADERS who have applied to the Judge of the County Court of the COUNTY of HASTINGS for discharge under Statute 19 & 20 Vic., cap. 93.

| NAMES.                                       | RESIDENCE.       | OCCUPATION.                    | Number of Condition. | Aggregate amount of Debts. |    |                 |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----|-----------------|
|                                              |                  |                                |                      | £                          | s. | d.              |
| Robert H. Jones .....                        | Belleville ..... | Manufacturer of Carriages, &c. | 77                   | 3088                       | 11 | 3               |
| John McDonald .....                          | do .....         | Lumber Merchant .....          | 31                   | 12540                      | 16 | 5               |
| Alfred Argyle Campbell..                     | do .....         | Merchant .....                 | 14                   | 2228                       | 7  | 10              |
| Robert Gordon .....                          | do .....         | do .....                       | 5                    | 1877                       | 17 | 6               |
| Daniel W. Rowlands .....                     | do .....         | do .....                       | 12                   | 265                        | 19 | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Michael Kehoe .....                          | do .....         | Innkeeper and Limeburner ..    | 22                   | 134                        | 10 | 0               |
| John Rutledge .....                          | Hungerford ..... | Merchant .....                 | 7                    | 465                        | 0  | 0               |
| William Downing .....                        | Stirling .....   | Lumber Merchant .....          | 99                   | 8595                       | 10 | 0               |
| Joseph Veake Reeves .....                    | Belleville ..... | Saddler, &c., &c. ....         | 36                   | 543                        | 10 | 0               |
| Abel George Coleman .....                    | do .....         | Merchant .....                 | 22                   | 605                        | 0  | 0               |
| William J. Northgraves..                     | do .....         | Trader in Watches & Jewelry.   | 23                   | 1346                       | 9  | 10              |
| James Sisk .....                             | do .....         | Inn and Livery Stablekeeper.   | 57                   | 3544                       | 3  | 3               |
| John Francis .....                           | Hungerford ..... | Dry Good Merchant .....        | 28                   | 644                        | 10 | 11              |
| Alexander Milton Ross .....                  | Belleville ..... | do do .....                    | 25                   | 831                        | 5  | 0               |
| William Lingham and Job Lingham .....        | Thurlow .....    | Lumbermen and Millers .....    | 98                   | 12590                      | 0  | 0               |
| William P. Wilson .....                      | Belleville ..... | Dry Goods' Merchant .....      | 11                   | 5305                       | 6  | 1               |
| Marshall B. Roblin and Manly C. Roblin ..... | Frankfort .....  | Merchants .....                | 184                  | 7401                       | 19 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| William Donovan .....                        | Belleville ..... | Grocer .....                   | 17                   | 1504                       | 4  | 2               |
| William Martin .....                         | Tyendinaga ..... | Lumber Merchant .....          | 42                   | 1142                       | 0  | 0               |
| Robert Francis .....                         | Trenton .....    | do do .....                    | 16                   | 3810                       | 12 | 5               |
| John Donoghue .....                          | Belleville ..... | Dealer in Boots and Shoes ..   | 14                   | 2607                       | 5  | 1               |
| Archibald C. Thompson .....                  | Trenton .....    | Trader and Lumber Merchant.    | 38                   | 12037                      | 10 | 1               |

**No. 8.—RETURN of INSOLVENT TRADERS who have applied to the Judge of the County Court of the COUNTY of HASTINGS, &c.—**  
(Continued.)

| NAMES.                                  | RESIDENCE.        | OCCUPATION.                                                | Number of Condition. | Aggregate amount of Debts. |    |    |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----|----|
|                                         |                   |                                                            |                      | £                          | s. | d. |
| James Todd .....                        | Madoc .....       | Lumber Merchant .....                                      | 17                   | 1176                       | 10 | 0  |
| James Jackson .....                     | Tweed .....       | Trader and Lumber Merchant .....                           | 25                   | 291                        | 5  | 1  |
| Florence Donoghue .....                 | Belleville .....  | Grocer .....                                               | 25                   | 3002                       | 19 | 11 |
| William D. Hart .....                   | Tweed .....       | Merchant .....                                             | 11                   | 640                        | 0  | 0  |
| Levi A. Hubbell .....                   | Stirling .....    | Dry Good Merchant .....                                    | 4                    | 829                        | 6  | 6  |
| Levi Vankleock .....                    | Hastings .....    | Trader and Road Contractor .....                           | 15                   | 455                        | 8  | 4  |
| Joseph Hutchinson .....                 | Frankford .....   | Trader .....                                               | 11                   | 411                        | 0  | 4  |
| William S. Hynes .....                  | Belleville .....  | Trader and Dealer in Stoves and Tinware .....              | 12                   | 733                        | 7  | 10 |
| George Francis .....                    | Sidney .....      | Merchant .....                                             | 8                    | 470                        | 18 | 0  |
| Charles Pelletier .....                 | Belleville .....  | Dry Good Merchant .....                                    | 19                   | 1746                       | 12 | 8  |
| Joseph Whiteman .....                   | Tyendingaga ..... | Innkeeper and Grocer .....                                 | 18                   | 187                        | 10 | 0  |
| Joseph Card .....                       | Sidney .....      | Grocer .....                                               | 17                   | 67                         | 10 | 0  |
| Charles Leavens .....                   | Belleville .....  | Trader .....                                               | 18                   | 139                        | 5  | 0  |
| John Jordan and Thomas Earle .....      | do .....          | Iron Founders .....                                        | 30                   | 6726                       | 3  | 6  |
| Henry Fanning .....                     | do .....          | Innkeeper and Dealer in Horses and Carriages .....         | 25                   | 2335                       | 0  | 0  |
| Amos E. Proctor .....                   | do .....          | Manufacturer of Edged Tools .....                          | 28                   | 581                        | 19 | 7  |
| John Sheriff .....                      | Stirling .....    | Storekeeper and Trader .....                               | 12                   | 194                        | 14 | 1  |
| Daniel Ross .....                       | Hastings .....    | Trader .....                                               | 18                   | 799                        | 19 | 8  |
| James H. Peake .....                    | Trenton .....     | Dry Good Merchant .....                                    | 25                   | 1577                       | 12 | 5  |
| Turner Boyd .....                       | Belleville .....  | Trader, Barber, Hairdresser, and Dealer in Perfumery ..... | 17                   | 202                        | 6  | 9  |
| Maurice Cuvillier .....                 | do .....          | Merchant .....                                             | 48                   | 36211                      | 1  | 9  |
| John Murray .....                       | Huntingdon .....  | Trader .....                                               | 12                   | 568                        | 12 | 4  |
| Samuel Stevens .....                    | Belleville .....  | Tanner, Currier, Dealer in Harness, &c., &c. ....          | 27                   | 3966                       | 8  | 9  |
| William Joseph Ray .....                | Stirling .....    | Trader .....                                               | 9                    | 272                        | 10 | 0  |
| William White .....                     | Belleville .....  | Tinsmith and Trader .....                                  | 17                   | 390                        | 11 | 6  |
| Willard Conkey .....                    | Stirling .....    | Trader and Manufacturer of Furniture .....                 | 49                   | 4334                       | 16 | 5  |
| Luther S. Jennison .....                | Belleville .....  | Paper Manufacturer .....                                   | 48                   | 1833                       | 3  | 4  |
| John Vanornam .....                     | Stirling .....    | Innkeeper .....                                            | 16                   | 236                        | 10 | 0  |
| Isaac P. Reeves .....                   | Belleville .....  | Lumber Merchant .....                                      | 30                   | 884                        | 9  | 8  |
| Reuben C. Fuller and James Barnes ..... | Thurlow .....     | Lumber Merchants .....                                     | 37                   | 10455                      | 0  | 2  |

W. SMART, Judge,  
County of Hastings.

Dated 6th April, 1857.

## No. 9.

**RETURN from the UNITED COUNTIES of HURON and BRUCE.**

DERBY, OWEN SOUND,

13th March, 1857.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular of the 9th instant, and beg in reply to state, that no application whatever has as yet been made to me as Judge of the County Court of this County, under the Insolvent Traders' Act of last year.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

F. T. WILKES.

Honorable T. LEE TERRILL,  
Provincial Secretary.

## No. 10.

**RETURN of INSOLVENT TRADERS who have applied to the Judge of the COUNTY of KENT, Canada West.**

| NAMES.             | Residence and Occupation.                              | S U B J E C T .                                                                                                                          | Amount. |    |    |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----|----|
|                    |                                                        |                                                                                                                                          | £       | s. | d. |
| James H. Christy.. | Of the village of Dresden, County of Kent, Trader .... | Having thirty Creditors, and an aggregate amount of Debt of Four thousand and eighty-six pounds, nineteen shillings and five-pence ..... | 4086    | 19 | 5  |
| Adolphus Reaume.   | Of the town of Chatham, County of Kent, Trader ....    | Having eleven Creditors, and an aggregate amount of Debt of Four thousand four hundred pounds and two-pence, currency .....              | 4400    | 0  | 2  |

I certify the above to be a correct Return as above mentioned.

WILLIAM BENJAMIN KELLY,  
*Judge, County Court,*  
Kent.

Dated at CHATHAM, COUNTY OF KENT,  
this 18th day of March, 1857.

## No. 11.

SARNIA, 11th March, 1857.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose you a Return of the Insolvent Traders who have applied to me for Discharges under the Insolvent Traders' Act of last year.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient Servant,

CHARLES ROBINSON.

RETURN of the Names, Places of Residence, and Occupations, of the INSOLVENT TRADERS who have applied to the Judge of the County Court of LAMBTON, for Discharges under the Insolvent Traders' Act of 1856.

| N A M E S.          | RESIDENCE.      | OCCUPATION.    | Number<br>of<br>Creditors. | Amount of Debt. |    |    |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----|----|
|                     |                 |                |                            | £               | s. | d. |
| Robert McBride..... | Bosanquet ..... | Merchant ..... | 4                          | 218             | 0  | 0  |
| David Buchanan..... | Sarnia .....    | do .....       | 10                         | * 3675          | 0  | 0  |

\* Assets assumed at £2,925

CHARLES ROBINSON.

## No. 12.

RETURN of the Names, Places of Residence, and Occupations of INSOLVENT DEBTORS who have applied to JOHN GLASS MALLOCH, Esquire, as Judge of the County Court of the UNITED COUNTIES of LANARK and RENFREW, for discharge under the Insolvent Traders' Act, of 1856; shewing the Number of Creditors, and the aggregate amount of Debt from which each Insolvent Trader applies to be discharged.

| Names of Insolvents.   | Residence.                         | Occupation.                   | Number of Creditors. | Aggregate Amount of Debt. |    |    |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----|----|
|                        |                                    |                               |                      | £                         | s. | d. |
| James Deacon.....      | Township of Sherbrooke, South..... | Lumber Dealer and Sawyer..... | 17                   | 455                       | 1  | 7½ |
| William Newal Faichniy | Township of McNab....              | Lumber Merchant's Clerk       | 39                   | 1024                      | 16 | 3  |
| Robert Gray .....      | Town of Perth .....                | Overseer of Mills .....       | 21                   | 6098                      | 6  | 10 |
| James Purvis Moffatt.. | Township of Pembroke .             | Lumber Merchant .....         | 134                  | 10743                     | 7  | 0  |

I certify that the above Return is correct.

C. H. SACHE,  
*Clerk, Insolvent Court.*

(Certified 13th March, 1857.)

Judge of the County Court, United Counties of Lanark and Renfrew.

JOHN G. MALLOCH,  
*Judge,*  
*Lanark and Renfrew.*

No. 13.

RETURN of Applications made to the INSOLVENT COURT of the UNITED COUNTIES of LEEDS and GRENVILLE, under the Statute 19 & 20 Vic., cap. 93. Worship B. McCLEAN, Esquire, Judge; from the passing thereof until the 25th November, 1856; and succeeded by the Subscriber.

| Date of filing the Petition. | N A M E or PETITIONER.                | Place of Residence. | Occupation at time of Petition.                 | Former Occupation when Trader. | Amount of Creditors' Demands. | Value of Petitioner's Estate as stated in his Petition. | Date.     | R E M A R K S.                                              |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1856.                        |                                       |                     |                                                 |                                | £ s. d.                       | £ s. d.                                                 | 1856.     |                                                             |
| Sept. 13.                    | W. Augustus Schofield.                | Brockville ..       | Merchant's Clerk ..                             | Trader .....                   | 907 12 7                      | 5 0 0                                                   | Nov. 17.  | No Creditor appeared, and final Order granted.              |
| do                           | John Brownson McDonald .....          | do                  | do                                              | do                             | ...                           | ...                                                     | Dec. 11.  | Petitioner allowed to withdraw it.                          |
| do                           | William William .....                 | Farmersville ..     | Blacksmith .....                                | do                             | 373 10 1 1/2                  | 100 0 0                                                 | do        | do                                                          |
| Oct. 6.                      | James O'Malley .....                  | Kemptville ..       | Contractor .....                                | Contractor and Merchant .....  | ...                           | ...                                                     | do        | Petitioner abandons it.                                     |
| Nov. 4.                      | William Pennock .....                 | Brockville ..       | Merchant's Clerk ..                             | Merchant .....                 | 617 16 3                      | 2 0 0                                                   | do        | Petitioner allowed to withdraw it.                          |
| do                           | Alexander Cameron and John Cameron .. | do                  | Collecting Agents. Division Court Bailiff ..... | Traders .....                  | 1436 13 10                    | 12 0 0                                                  | do        | do                                                          |
| do                           | John McGregor .....                   | Westport .....      | do                                              | Trader .....                   | 511 5 0                       | 2 0 0                                                   | do        | do                                                          |
| do                           | David Sinclair .....                  | do                  | Iron Founder .....                              | do                             | 1137 18 3                     | 2 0 0                                                   | do        | Petitioner did not attend to be examined at time appointed. |
| Dec. 30.                     | James Storah .....                    | Elgin .....         | Merchant .....                                  | Merchant .....                 | 1935 9 10 1/2                 | 4 0 0                                                   | Dec. 30.  | Petitioner withdrew his Petition.                           |
| 1857.                        |                                       |                     |                                                 |                                | 1935 9 10 1/2                 | 4 0 0                                                   | 1857.     |                                                             |
| Jan. 6.                      | do                                    | do                  | do                                              | do                             | ...                           | ...                                                     | March 11. | Consideration of granting final Order adjourned.            |
| Feb. 4.                      | John Brownson McDonald .....          | Lynn .....          | Bookkeeper .....                                | Trader .....                   | 3814 4 7                      | 25 0 0                                                  | do        | Examination adjourned.                                      |

No. 14.

RETURN of the Names, Places of Residence, and Occupations, of the INSOLVENT TRADERS who applied to me as Judge of the County Court of the COUNTY of LINCOLN, for Discharges under the Insolvent Traders' Act of 1856; with the Number of Creditors, and the aggregate Amount of Debt from which Insolvent applied to be discharged, and their particulars.

| Date | N A M E.                | Place of Residence. | Occupation.      | Date of Commencing Business. | Date of filing Petition. | Date of Decision. | Number of Creditors. | Amount of Debt. | Alleged Assets. | Remarks.                                                       |
|------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| do   | 6. James O'Malley ..... | Kemptville ..       | Contractor ..... | 1854.                        | 1856.                    | 1857.             | 500 0 0              | 500 0 0         | £ s. d. 12 6 3  | 10. Examination adjourned to amend Schedule. Not yet examined. |
| do   | 21. Harvey Miller ..... | Brockville ..       | Blacksmith ..... | 1855.                        | 26. Dec. 26.             | 20. Feb. 20.      | 175 0 0              | 175 0 0         | £ s. d. 707 6 3 | Refused final Order.                                           |

BROCKVILLE, 11th March, 1857.

GEORGE MALLOCH,  
Judge, Insolvent Court.

EDWARD CLARKE CAMPBELL,  
Judge of the County Court,  
County of Lincoln.

NIAGARA, 10th March, 1857.

## No. 15.

**RETURN from the COUNTY of MIDDLESEX.**

The following is a Return of the Names of the **INSOLVENT TRADERS** that have applied for discharge under the Insolvent Traders' Act to me as Judge of the Insolvent Court for the COUNTY of MIDDLESEX.

| Name of Insolvent.  | Residence.          | Occupation.               | Number of Creditors. | Aggregate Amount of Debt. |    |    |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----|----|
|                     |                     |                           |                      | £                         | s. | d. |
| Nathaniel Reid .... | City of London .... | Commission Merchant ..... | Twenty-three .       | 1268                      | 18 | 2  |
| William McAdams ..  | do .....            | Turner.....               | Twenty-four ..       | 480                       | 15 | 3  |
| Thomas Taylor ....  | do .....            | Cordwainer.....           | Seventeen ....       | 523                       | 15 | 0  |
| William Evry .....  | do .....            | do .....                  | Seven.....           | 150                       | 3  | 9  |
| John Williams ....  | do .....            | Druggist .....            | Twenty-eight..       | 8000                      | 0  | 0  |
| John E. Murphy....  | do .....            | Grocer .....              | Eighty-five ...      | 4417                      | 0  | 9  |

JAMES E. SMALL,

*Judge, County Court,  
County of Middlesex.*

Dated the 14th day of March, 1857.

No 16.

RETURN of the Names, Places of Residence, and Occupation of the INSOLVENT TRADERS who have applied to the Judge of the County Court of the COUNTY of NORFOLK, for discharges under the Insolvent Traders' Act of 1856.

| Date of Filing<br>Petition. | Names.              | Residence.            | Occupation.               | Number of<br>Creditors. | Aggregate<br>Amount of<br>Debts. |       | Present State of Proceedings.                                |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
|                             |                     |                       |                           |                         | £                                | s. d. |                                                              |
| January 21, 1857..          | George Wm. Smith .  | Township of Houghton. | Merchant.....             | Twenty .....            | 1849                             | 9 11  | Notice of final Order for the 19th March.                    |
| March 4, do ..              | Philip Becker ..... | do ..                 | Inkeeper .....            | Twelve.....             | 192                              | 5 5   | Interim Order granted; 1st Meeting of Creditors, March 4th.  |
| do do do ..                 | Benjamin Bowbeer..  | do of Townsend.       | Blacksmith .....          | Ten .....               | 454                              | 1 8½  | Interim Order granted; 1st Meeting of Creditors, March 4th.  |
| do 11, do ..                | Hezekiah Davis .... | do of Walsingham      | Lumber Manufacturer ..... | Four .....              | 692                              | 10 0  | Interim Order granted; 1st Meeting of Creditors, April 15th. |
| do do do ..                 | Henry J. Wilkinson. | do of Houghton.       | do .....                  | Seventeen ...           | 442                              | 15 0  | Interim Order granted; 1st Meeting of Creditors, April 15th. |

I hereby certify, that the above is a correct Return of all applications made to me for discharge under the Insolvent Traders' Act of 1856, up to date.

WILLIAM SALMON.

Judge, County Court, County of Norfolk.

SIMCOE, COUNTY OF NORFOLK,  
11th March, A.D., 1857.



## No. 17.

RETURN of the Names, Places of Residence, and Occupations, of the  
 INSOLVENT TRADERS who have applied to the Judge of the  
 UNITED COUNTIES of NORTHUMBERLAND and DURHAM,  
 for Discharges under the Insolvent Debtors' Act of 1856; shewing  
 aggregate Amount of their Debts, &c.

| No. | NAMES of INSOLVENTS.                                     | Place of<br>Business.   | Occupation.                      | No. of<br>Creditors. | Aggregate<br>Amount of<br>Debts. |    |    |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|----|----|
|     |                                                          |                         |                                  |                      | £                                | s. | d. |
| 1   | Reuben Hobart Farward . . . .                            | Brighton . . . . .      | Daguerreotypist . . . . .        | 11                   | 677                              | 0  | 0  |
| 2   | Henry Nix . . . . .                                      | do . . . . .            | Builder . . . . .                | 14                   | 249                              | 15 | 0  |
| 3   | John Abraham . . . . .                                   | do . . . . .            | Carragemaker . . . . .           | 26                   | 447                              | 4  | 4  |
| 4   | Christopher English Bullock<br>and Wm. George Pentland . | do . . . . .            | Merchants & Lumberers.           | 50                   | 5900                             | 3  | 8  |
| 5   | David Ruttan . . . . .                                   | Castleton . . . . .     | Merchant . . . . .               | 20                   | 1466                             | 10 | 5  |
| 6   | William Coleman . . . . .                                | do . . . . .            | do . . . . .                     | 16                   | 154                              | 7  | 6  |
| 7   | George Mills Goodeve . . . . .                           | Cobourg . . . . .       | Grocer . . . . .                 | 25                   | 2897                             | 1  | 10 |
| 8   | Henry Huff . . . . .                                     | do . . . . .            | Cabinetmaker . . . . .           | 28                   | 944                              | 19 | 7  |
| 9   | Albert Yerrington . . . . .                              | do . . . . .            | Foundryman . . . . .             | 30                   | 4892                             | 5  | 0  |
| 10  | Joseph Nourse . . . . .                                  | do . . . . .            | Grocer . . . . .                 | 25                   | 1288                             | 15 | 8  |
| 11  | Edward Sheldon Winans . . . .                            | do . . . . .            | Cloth Manufacturer . . . . .     | 23                   | 35204                            | 16 | 6  |
| 12  | John Merriam Grover . . . . .                            | Colborne . . . . .      | Commission Agent . . . . .       | 37                   | 8491                             | 12 | 6  |
| 13  | Josiah Dixon Hayes . . . . .                             | do . . . . .            | Merchant . . . . .               | 18                   | 1909                             | 17 | 8  |
| 14  | Reuben Bartlett Scott . . . . .                          | Cramahe . . . . .       | Foundryman . . . . .             | 38                   | 1383                             | 8  | 8½ |
| 15  | James Allen Chisholme . . . . .                          | Brighton . . . . .      | Baker . . . . .                  | 12                   | 230                              | 12 | 10 |
| 16  | William Henry Smith . . . . .                            | Murray . . . . .        | Trader . . . . .                 | 14                   | 141                              | 6  | 3  |
| 17  | Alfred Maybee . . . . .                                  | Percy . . . . .         | do . . . . .                     | 36                   | 1822                             | 0  | 0  |
| 18  | William McConnell Platt . . . .                          | do . . . . .            | Lumberer . . . . .               | 28                   | 716                              | 3  | 3  |
| 19  | James Warren Stone and Giles<br>Stone . . . . .          | do . . . . .            | Lumberers . . . . .              | 52                   | 1406                             | 11 | 10 |
| 20  | William Lithgow and John<br>McMinn . . . . .             | Port Hope . . . . .     | Merchants . . . . .              | 6                    | 1124                             | 1  | 11 |
| 21  | Thomas Sherin . . . . .                                  | do . . . . .            | Boarding Housekeeper . . . . .   | 18                   | 488                              | 16 | 4  |
| 22  | Robert Kelly . . . . .                                   | do . . . . .            | Merchant . . . . .               | 21                   | 191                              | 4  | 11 |
| 23  | William Blake Peters . . . . .                           | do . . . . .            | do . . . . .                     | 12                   | 604                              | 19 | 6  |
| 24  | Samuel Bauman . . . . .                                  | do . . . . .            | do . . . . .                     | 15                   | 1255                             | 7  | 5  |
| 25  | Charles McSpadden and Henry<br>Daniel Rowe . . . . .     | do . . . . .            | Grocers . . . . .                | 5                    | 237                              | 15 | 0  |
| 26  | Charles McSpadden . . . . .                              | do . . . . .            | do . . . . .                     | 12                   | 1630                             | 15 | 6  |
| 27  | Frederick Honor . . . . .                                | do . . . . .            | Cabinetmaker . . . . .           | 20                   | 190                              | 2  | 0  |
| 28  | Norman Strong . . . . .                                  | do . . . . .            | Innkeeper and Lumberer . . . . . | 55                   | 2943                             | 15 | 8  |
| 29  | Holland Venton Sandars . . . . .                         | do . . . . .            | Merchant . . . . .               | 15                   | 6105                             | 17 | 6  |
| 30  | Joseph Brennan Hall . . . . .                            | do . . . . .            | Trader . . . . .                 | 53                   | 3890                             | 7  | 8  |
| 31  | David Smith . . . . .                                    | do . . . . .            | Lumberer . . . . .               | 45                   | 1443                             | 13 | 8½ |
| 32  | Robert Maxwell . . . . .                                 | do . . . . .            | Trader . . . . .                 | 3                    | 460                              | 0  | 0  |
| 33  | William Vance . . . . .                                  | Williamsburgh . . . . . | Merchant . . . . .               | 19                   | 2039                             | 0  | 4  |
|     |                                                          |                         |                                  | 797                  | 106230                           | 10 | 0  |

Truly Extracted.

RICHARD DOVER CHATTERTON,

*Clerk, Insolvent Court,  
 Northumberland and Durham.*

Dated March 13, 1857.

## No. 18.

**RETURN from the COUNTY of ONTARIO.**

A RETURN of the Names, Places of Residence, and Occupation of the INSOLVENT TRADERS who have applied to me as Judge of the County Court of the COUNTY of ONTARIO, for discharges under the Insolvent Traders' Act of last year.

| Name of Insolvent Trader, his Occupation, and<br>Place of Residence. | Number of<br>Creditors. | Aggregate Amount<br>of Debts. |    |    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----|----|
|                                                                      |                         | £                             | s. | d. |
| Prosper Armstrong Hurd, Prince Albert, Merchant . . . .              | Twenty-seven . . . . .  | 4039                          | 11 | 6  |
| William Schofield, of the Town of Whitby, Merchant . .               | Eighteen . . . . .      | 1695                          | 9  | 5  |

G. P. BURNHAM,

*Judge, County Court,  
County of Ontario.*

Dated at WHITBY,  
COUNTY OF ONTARIO,  
the 14th March, 1857.

No. 19.

RETURN of the Names, Places of Residence, and Occupations of the INSOLVENT TRADERS, with the Number of Creditors, and aggregate amount of Debt from which the Insolvent Traders applied to be discharged, in the COUNTY of OXFORD, under the Insolvent Traders' Act of 1856.

| Name of Insolvent.     | Place of Residence.               | Occupation.                | Number of Creditors. | Aggregate Amount of Debt.                                                                                               | Result of Application. |    |    |     |   |   |                      |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----|----|-----|---|---|----------------------|
| Alexander Austin ..... | Ingersoll, County of Oxford ..... | Dry Goods Storkeeper ..... | Eight .....          | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>£</td> <td>s.</td> <td>d.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>328</td> <td>8</td> <td>4</td> </tr> </table> | £                      | s. | d. | 328 | 8 | 4 | Application pending. |
| £                      | s.                                | d.                         |                      |                                                                                                                         |                        |    |    |     |   |   |                      |
| 328                    | 8                                 | 4                          |                      |                                                                                                                         |                        |    |    |     |   |   |                      |

I hereby certify, that the above Return is correct.

D. S. M. DUNN,  
*Judge of County Court,*  
*Oxford.*

WOODSTOCK, COUNTY OF OXFORD,  
 10th March, 1857.

No. 20.

RETURN of the Names, Places of Residence, and Occupations, of the **INSOLVENT TRADERS** who have applied to the Judge of the County Court of the COUNTY of PERTH, for Discharge under the Insolvent Traders' Act of last year; with the Number of Creditors, and the aggregate Amount of Debt from which each Insolvent Trader applied to be discharged.

| Names of Parties who have applied for Discharge. | Occupation.                        | Residence.      | Number of Creditors. | Liabilities. |    |     | Assets. |    |    |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------|----|-----|---------|----|----|
|                                                  |                                    |                 |                      | £            | s. | d.  | £       | s. | d. |
| John William Marling.....                        | Merchant .....                     | Stratford ..... | 12                   | 2000         | 0  | 0   | 1880    | 0  | 0  |
| Francis Mills Deacon .....                       | do .....                           | do .....        | 32                   | 2029         | 8  | 10½ | 881     | 0  | 5  |
| Daniel Arnstrong .....                           | Blacksmith and Carriagemaker ..... | Mitchell .....  | 22                   | 328          | 0  | 0   | 104     | 3  | 9  |

I, Read Burritt, Judge of the County Court of the County of Perth, hereby certify, that the above is a true and correct Statement of Names, Places of Residence, and Occupation, of the Insolvent Traders who have applied to me as Judge of the County Court of the County of Perth, for Discharge under the Insolvent Traders' Act of last year.

R. BURRITT,  
*Judge of the County Court of the County of Perth.*

No. 21.

RETURN of INSOLVENT DEBTORS who have applied for Discharges under 19 & 20 Vic., cap. 93, in the UNITED COUNTIES of PETERBOROUGH and VICTORIA.

| No. | NAMES.                   | RESIDENCE.                 | OCCUPATION.                         | Number of Creditors. | Amount of Debt. |    |    | Amount of Assets. |       |       |
|-----|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----|----|-------------------|-------|-------|
|     |                          |                            |                                     |                      | £               | s. | d. | £                 | s.    | d.    |
| 1   | Thomas Erritt.....       | Lindsay .....              | Storekeeper .....                   | 28                   | 1866            | 17 | 7  | 1549              | 2     | 4     |
| 2   | Andrew Anderson .....    | Township of Otonabee ..... | Farmer and Lumber Dealer .....      | 88                   | 2245            | 11 | 7  | 3131              | 14    | 9     |
| 3   | George M. Roche .....    | Lindsay .....              | Merchant .....                      | 5                    | 685             | 17 | 5  | 350               | 0     | 0     |
| 4   | John Kells .....         | Metcalf .....              | do .....                            | 14                   | 1477            | 0  | 0  | 429               | 0     | 0     |
| 5   | Joseph E. Brown .....    | Mariposa .....             | Manufacturer of Patent Churns ..... | 29                   | 532             | 0  | 8  | 118               | 11    | 7     |
| 6   | Edward M. Scott .....    | Asphodel .....             | Lumberer .....                      | 57                   | 985             | 15 | 0  | .....             | ..... | ..... |
| 7   | Richard Hungerford ..... | Millbrook.....             | Merchant .....                      | 10                   | 287             | 18 | 9  | 48                | 0     | 8     |

GEORGE B. HALL,  
*Judge, Insolvent Court.*

PETERBOROUGH, 14th March, 1857.

No. 22.

A RETURN of the Names, Places of Residence, and Occupation, of the **INSOLVENT TRADERS** who have applied to the Judge of the County Court of the **UNITED COUNTIES** of **PRESCOTT** and **RUSSELL**, for Discharges under the Insolvent Debtors' Act of last year, up to the 13th day of March, 1857.

| Names of Insolvent Traders.           | Place of Residence and Occupation.                                                     | No. of Creditors. | Aggregate Amount of Debt Insolvent Trader applied to be Discharged. |    |     | Remarks.                              |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-----|---------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                                                                        |                   | £                                                                   | s. | d.  |                                       |
| Alexander McCaul ..                   | Township of Clarence, in the County of Russell, Lumberer and Merchant .....            | 62                | 7811                                                                | 13 | 11½ | Petition filed 9th of October, 1856.  |
| James McCaul .....                    | Township of Clarence, in the County of Russell, Lumberer and Merchant .....            | 62                | 7657                                                                | 4  | 2½  | Petition filed 9th of October, 1856.  |
| John McCaul .....                     | Township of Clarence, in the County of Russell, Lumberer and Merchant .....            | 62                | 7625                                                                | 10 | 11  | Petition filed 9th of October, 1856.  |
| John, Mark, Crank, De les Dernie .... | Township of South Plantagenet, in the County of Prescott, Merchant .....               | 19                | 1852                                                                | 12 | 2½  | Petition filed 3rd of January, 1857.  |
| Charles LaRocque ..                   | Township of North Plantagenet, in the County of Prescott, Merchant and Innkeeper ..... | 39                | 1729                                                                | 13 | 11  | Petition filed 9th of February, 1857. |
| Richard Helmer ....                   | Township of Russell, in the County of Russell, Merchant ..                             | 20                | 1658                                                                | 1  | 1½  | Petition filed 3rd of March, 1857.    |
| Henry LaRocque....                    | Township of South Plantagenet, in the County of Prescott, Innkeeper .....              | 24                | 1211                                                                | 18 | 8½  | Petition filed 10th of March, 1857.   |

The foregoing is a correct Statement of all persons that have applied for Relief under the Insolvent Debtors' Act of last year to the present time.

J. W. MARSTON,  
*Clerk of the County Court and  
 Insolvent Debtors' Court of Prescott and Russell.*

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT,  
 L'Original, 13th March, 1857.

Certified.

PETER FRIEL, *County Judge.*

No. 23.

RETURN of the Names, Places of Residence, and Occupations of INSOLVENT DEBTORS who have applied to the Insolvent Court of the COUNTY of PRINCE EDWARD, for Discharges under the Insolvent Traders' Act of 1856.

| Name of Petitioner. | Residence.   | Occupation.         | Date of Filing Petition. | Number of Creditors. | Aggregate amount of Debt from which applies to be discharged. |       | Date of Final Order, if granted. | REMARKS.                                          |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
|                     |              |                     |                          |                      | £                                                             | s. d. |                                  |                                                   |
| Simon Vanmear       | Sophiasburgh | Labourer            | July 19, 1856.           | 27                   | 168                                                           | 7 9   | August 9                         | Not opposed.                                      |
| Peter C. Menaker    | Marysburgh   | Farmer              | January 16, 1857.        | 20                   | 113                                                           | 19 8  | No Order                         | Petitioner did not appear for examination.        |
| Abraham Marsh       | Ameliasburgh | Merchant            | do do                    | 11                   | 554                                                           | 10 0  | February 28, 1857.               | Not opposed.                                      |
| Gilbert Clark       | Athol        | Farmer              | do do                    | 37                   | 135                                                           | 10 6  | do do                            | do.                                               |
| Peter C. Dempsey    | Ameliasburgh | Merchant            | do do                    | 10                   | 1425                                                          | 1 2½  | No Order                         | Meeting for final order, 21st March, instant.     |
| Daniel M. Lake      | Marysburgh   | do                  | do do                    | 11                   | 270                                                           | 10 0  | do do                            | Examination adjourned to 21st March, instant.     |
| John McCarroll      | do           | Dealer and Chapman. | do do                    | 12                   | 870                                                           | 19 4  | do do                            | Final Order refused.                              |
| Edward Brady        | Ameliasburgh | Merchant            | do do                    | 17                   | 2759                                                          | 2 10  | do do                            | Meeting for Final Order, 21st March, instant.     |
| Samuel Pennock      | Consecon     | Trader              | do do                    | 91                   | 440                                                           | 6 11½ | do do                            | Meeting for Final Order, 21st March, instant.     |
| Francis Peck        | Ameliasburgh | do                  | February 21, do          | 8                    | 350                                                           | 16 2  | do do                            | Meeting for 1st examination, 21st March, instant. |

D. L. FAIRFIELD,  
Judge, County Court,  
County of Prince Edward.

Dated at PICTON,  
this 11th day of March, 1857.

No. 24.

FROM the COUNTY of SIMCOE.—Special Returns under the Insolvent Traders' Act.

| NAMES of APPLICANTS.                   | OCCUPATION.                                             | RESIDENCE.                               | Number of Creditors. | Amount of Debts. |                     | Date of Application. | Date of Discharge. |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
|                                        |                                                         |                                          |                      | £                | s. d.               |                      |                    |
| William Boon Clark .....               | Dry Good Merchant and Store-keeper .....                | Barrie .....                             | Fourteen ..          | 3881             | 6 0 $\frac{1}{2}$   | November 12, 1856 .. | December 20, 1856. |
| William Henry Kerr .....               | Dry Good Merchant and Sad- dler .....                   | Collingwood (Town). ..                   | Twenty ..            | 843              | 0 0                 | January 21, 1857.    |                    |
| James Sanson, the younger .....        | Storekeeper, Grist and Saw Mill Lessee and Lumberer. .. | Coldwater, in the Township of Medonte .. | Fifty-six ..         | 9107             | 19 8                | do do                | 31, do.            |
| Collingwood Harris .....               | Innkeeper .....                                         | Barrie ..                                | Twenty-two ..        | 2155             | 19 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ | March 4, do.         | do.                |
| George Henry Laurence .....            | Baker .....                                             | Collingwood (Town). ..                   | Eighteen ..          | 1418             | 7 9                 | do do                | 9, do.             |
| Frederick Charles MacKenzie Fraser. .. | Merchant .....                                          | Orillia .....                            | Thirty-six ..        | 1950             | 6 5                 | do do                | 10, do.            |

To his Honor JAMES ROBERT GOWAN,  
Judge of the County Court in and for the County of Simcoe.

Sir,—I hereby certify, that the foregoing is a correct Return from Documents in my possession.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient Servant,

JONATHAN LANE,  
*Clerk of the Bankrupt Court, County of Simcoe.*

BARRIE, March 13, 1857.

Sent to the Provincial Secretary, in answer to his Letter of 9th March, instant, to my address.

JAMES ROBERT GOWAN,  
*Judge, County Court, County of Simcoe.*

13th March, 1857.



No. 25.

RETURN OF INSOLVENT TRADERS who have applied to the Judge of the County Court of the UNITED COUNTIES of STORMONT, DUNDAS, and GLENGARRY, for Discharges under the Insolvent Traders' Act of 1856.

| No. | NAMES.                 | RESIDENCE.                 | OCCUPATION.           | Numbers of Creditors. | Aggregate Amount of Debt. |    |     | REMARKS.             |
|-----|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----|-----|----------------------|
|     |                        |                            |                       |                       | £                         | s. | d.  |                      |
| 1   | Hugh McLennan .....    | Township of Cornwall ..... | Trader .....          | 21                    | 784                       | 0  | 0   | Final Order granted. |
| 2   | William Vanallen ..... | do of Williamsburgh .....  | Mail Contractor ..... | 15                    | 516                       | 15 | 0   | do                   |
| 3   | Philip L. Becker ..... | do of do .....             | Trader .....          | 19                    | 1060                      | 16 | 0   | do                   |
| 4   | George Knowland .....  | do of Winchester .....     | do .....              | 23                    | 220                       | 5  | 10½ | do                   |
| 5   | Robert H. Rose .....   | do of do .....             | do .....              | 16                    | 354                       | 18 | 3½  | do                   |
| 6   | Ewen O. McMillan ..... | do of Lochiel .....        | Innkeeper .....       | 12                    | 653                       | 3  | 6   | do                   |

GEORGE S. JARVIS,  
*Judge, County Court,  
 Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry.*

CORNWALL, 11th March, 1857.

No. 26.

RETURN of Applicants, County Court of the UNITED COUNTIES of YORK and PEEL, under the Insolvent Traders' Extension Act, 19 & 20 Vic., cap. 93.

| N A M E.                   | RESIDENCE.       | OCCUPATION.                               | Number of Creditors.                 | Aggregate Amount of Debt.                |    | REMARKS.                                       |
|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----|------------------------------------------------|
|                            |                  |                                           |                                      | £                                        | d. |                                                |
| Adanson, William           | Toronto          | Wharfinger's Clerk, before that, Merchant | 26                                   | 1220                                     | 14 | Final Order granted.                           |
| Bansley, David             | do               | Barber, and Dealer in Perfumery           | 16                                   | 1798                                     | 9  | Pending when Act repealed.                     |
| Blight, William            | do               | Clerk and Agent, before that, Merchant    | 64                                   | 5767                                     | 6  | Final Order granted.                           |
| Boynon, Orrin L.           | Township of King | Carpenters and Lumberers                  | 50                                   | 563                                      | 7  | Pending when Act repealed.                     |
| Boynon, Alonson            |                  |                                           |                                      |                                          |    |                                                |
| Boynon, Edwin R.           |                  |                                           |                                      |                                          |    |                                                |
| Brooks, John               | do               | Merchant                                  | 5                                    | 532                                      | 10 | Final Order granted.                           |
| Caspar, Samuel             | Toronto          | Commission Merchant and Agent             | 35                                   | 3078                                     | 7  | do do.                                         |
| Chettle, Thomas            | do               | Merchant                                  | 5                                    | 1491                                     | 7  | do do.                                         |
| Clark, Richard Halloway    | do               | Merchant Tailor                           | 15                                   | 7428                                     | 11 | Pending when Act repealed.                     |
| Clarke, William A.         | Newmarket        | Cloth and Woollen Manufacturer            | 78                                   | 28283                                    | 14 | Final Order granted.                           |
| Clark, William Boone       | Toronto          | Trader                                    | 16                                   | 7648                                     | 1  | do do.                                         |
| Clarkson, William Warren   | Port Credit      | Merchant                                  | 42                                   | 2806                                     | 5  | Whereof £815 disputed.—<br>Petition abandoned. |
| Collins, William Fowler    | Toronto          | Lately Dry Good Merchant                  | 12                                   | 2480                                     | 15 | 0                                              |
| Cosgrove, Edward           | do               | Pedler and Dealer                         | 9                                    | 332                                      | 3  | 9                                              |
| Crampton, Arthur           | do               | Innkeeper, &c.                            | 11                                   | 1052                                     | 7  | 5                                              |
| Dickey, Joseph             | do               | Gentleman, &c., before that, Merchant     | Dickey & Co., 17-<br>Private..... 2. | 2584                                     | 3  | 0                                              |
| Duffett, James             | do               | Trader                                    |                                      | 75                                       | 0  | 0                                              |
| Eastwood, Daniel Sutcliffe | do               | Trader, now Bookkeeper                    | 11                                   | 1123                                     | 10 | 0                                              |
| Farrow, Thomas             | do               | Carpenter                                 | 12                                   | 625                                      | 18 | 10                                             |
|                            |                  |                                           | 11                                   | 340                                      | 3  | 0                                              |
|                            |                  |                                           |                                      | Including estimated, Interest and Costs. |    |                                                |
|                            |                  |                                           |                                      |                                          |    | Final Order granted.                           |
|                            |                  |                                           |                                      |                                          |    | Pending when Act repealed.                     |
|                            |                  |                                           |                                      |                                          |    | Final Order granted.                           |
|                            |                  |                                           |                                      |                                          |    | Pending when Act repealed.                     |
|                            |                  |                                           |                                      |                                          |    | Final Order granted.                           |
|                            |                  |                                           |                                      |                                          |    | do do.                                         |
|                            |                  |                                           |                                      |                                          |    | do do.                                         |

No. 26.—RETURN of Applicants, County Court of the UNITED COUNTIES of YORK and PEEL, under the Insolvent Traders' Extension Act, &c.—(Continued.)

| N A M E.                           | RESIDENCE.                | OCCUPATION.                       | Number of Creditors. | Aggregate Amount of Debt. |    | REMARKS.                                         |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----|--------------------------------------------------|
|                                    |                           |                                   |                      | £                         | d. |                                                  |
| Fripp, Herbert George Russell.     | Toronto                   | Lately Coal Merchant              | 22                   | 1904                      | 10 | Final Order granted.                             |
| Fuller, Albert O.                  | do                        | Carpenter, Machinist, and Builder | 35                   | 578                       | 13 | Petition dismissed.                              |
| Gowanlock, Andrew                  | Township of Chinguacousy. | Painter                           | 18                   | 370                       | 18 | do                                               |
| Greene, Christopher                | Toronto                   | Gentleman, &c., late Merchant.    | 32                   | 2275                      | 9  | Pending when Act repealed.                       |
| Hayes, Finbar                      | do                        | Shipbuilder, &c.                  | 119                  | 59055                     | 8  | do                                               |
| Howard, Thomas Talbot.             | Township of Vaughan       | Gentleman, &c., late Merchant.    | 56                   | 2767                      | 16 | do                                               |
| Kaiser, Benjamin and Kaiser, Jacob | Township of York          | Wagonmakers and Blacksmiths       | 21                   | 1019                      | 11 | Petition dismissed.                              |
| Klein, David                       | Toronto                   | Tavernkeeper, &c.                 | 9                    | 793                       | 0  | do                                               |
| Lewine, Lyon                       | do                        | Trader                            | 34                   | 4678                      | 13 | Pending when Act repealed.                       |
| Longheed, John                     | do                        | Carpenter                         | 34                   | 323                       | 6  | Final Order granted.                             |
| Lyons, Joseph                      | do                        | Tobaccoist                        | 42                   | 3236                      | 13 | do                                               |
| Mahony, Daniel                     | do                        | Baker                             | 12                   | 397                       | 8  | Petition dismissed.                              |
| do                                 | do                        | Innkeeper                         | 13                   | 424                       | 7  | Pending when Act repealed.                       |
| Miller, George Vanderhorst         | do                        | Machinist                         | 8                    | 171                       | 15 | Final Order granted.                             |
| McCallum, Henry                    | do                        | Clerk, late Merchant              | 19                   | 323                       | 7  | do                                               |
| McLean, Duncan                     | do                        | Railway Car Manufacturer          | 110                  | 42156                     | 11 | Including Partnership Liabilities and Privileges |
| McNevin, John                      | do                        | Dealer and Chapman                | 6                    | 91                        | 14 | Final Order granted.                             |
| McDonkey, Thomas                   | do                        | Confectioner and Saloonkeeper.    | 48                   | 685                       | 14 | Petition dismissed.                              |
| Nisbet, Thomas                     | do                        | Builder                           | 37                   | 874                       | 18 | Pending when Act repealed.                       |
| Norton, David E.                   | do                        | Engineer and Machinist            | 38                   | 3218                      | 0  | Final Order granted.                             |
| Oates, Richard Hawkins             | do                        | Machinist and Miller              | 66                   | 1225                      | 11 | do                                               |
| Parkin, John                       | do                        | Plumber and Gasfitter             | 14                   | 545                       | 16 | do                                               |

|                                |                     |                               |                 |      |    |                            |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------|----|----------------------------|
| Quinn, John                    | do                  | Trader                        | 36              | 1928 | 14 | Petition dismissed.        |
| Robb, Claud                    | do                  | do                            | 77              | 1287 | 15 | Final Order granted.       |
| Robertson, William Ritchie     | do                  | do                            | 16              | 535  | 12 | Pending when Act repealed. |
| Ross, Clarke                   | do                  | Commission Merchant           | 28              | 1471 | 13 | Petition dismissed.        |
| Russell, Agro                  | do                  | Hotel-keeper                  | 73              | 8822 | 8  | Final Order granted.       |
| Salt, John                     | do                  | Hatter and Furrer             | 47              | 3870 | 10 | Petition dismissed.        |
| Shengood, Solomon              | do                  | Peddler and Dealer            | 2               | 260  | 0  | Pending when Act repealed. |
| Shengood, Wolfe                | do                  | do                            | 1               | 140  | 0  | do                         |
| Sleigh, Samuel                 | do                  | Baker and Confectioner        | 16              | 1102 | 9  | Final Order granted.       |
| Smith, Isaiah Tyson            | Township of Toronto | Miller                        | 11              | 833  | 10 | do                         |
| Stroud, Stephen                | Toronto             | Dealer and Chapman            | 22              | 931  | 15 | Petition dismissed.        |
| Swain, John                    | do                  | Boarding housekeeper          | 35              | 412  | 18 | Final Order granted.       |
| Thompson, Thomas J.            | Yorkville           | Trader                        | 23              | 2349 | 19 | do                         |
| Thompson, Joshua               | Toronto             | General Agent                 | 42              | 1363 | 7  | do                         |
| Walton, Joseph                 | Holland Landing     | Iron Founder                  | J. Walton & Co. | 3947 | 10 | do                         |
| Wishart, Robert                | Toronto             | Builder                       | 54              | 263  | 7  | Pending when Act repealed. |
| do                             | do                  | do                            | Private, 6      | 1597 | 12 | Petition dismissed.        |
| Williamson, Alexander Johnston | do                  | Gentleman, &c., late Druggist | 63              | 218  | 16 | Pending when Act repealed. |
| Wray, George                   | do                  | Dealer and Chapman            | 24              | 156  | 7  | Final Order granted.       |

H. B. HARRISON,  
Judge, County Court,  
United Counties of York and Peel.

## No. 27.

**RETURN from the COUNTY of WATERLOO.**

GALT, March 16, 1857.

Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 9th instant, I have to say that no applications have been made to me by Insolvent Traders for discharges under the Insolvent Traders' Act of last year.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

W. MILLER,  
Judge, County Court,  
County of Waterloo.

The Honorable T. L. TERRILL,  
Secretary.

## No. 28.

**RETURN from the COUNTY of WELLAND.**

MERRITTVILLE, March 11, 1857.

Sir,—In answer to your favor of the 9th instant, asking me for a Return of the Names, &c., of any Insolvent Traders who may have applied to me as Judge of the County Court of the County of Welland, for discharges under the Insolvent Traders' Act of last year ;

I have the honor to state, that there have not been any applications whatever under that Act made to me up to this date.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient Servant,

HERVEY W. PRICE.

The Honorable T. LEE TERRILL,  
Provincial Secretary,  
&c., &c., &c.

## No. 29.

**RETURN from the COUNTY of WELLINGTON.**

LIST of INSOLVENTS who have applied for Relief under the Act of 1856,  
in the COUNTY of WELLINGTON.

- 1.—Irwin Moore, Rockwood, Merchant; Number of Creditors, 27; Amount, £1,730. Order not granted; Debts being incurred since July, 1856.
- 2.—John Watt, Guelph, Foundryman and Merchant; Number of Creditors, 66. Total Amount of Liabilities, £5,730; of which £2,841 is secured by Mortgage and Assignment of Debts; and £2,889 is not secured in any way. Assets to meet these unsecured Debts amount to £1,000.
- 3.—George Ansley, Guelph, Merchant; Number of Creditors, 16; Amount of Debts, £334.

A. MACDONALD,

*Judge, County Court,  
Wellington.*

March 16, 1857.

No. 30.

RETURN of the Names, Places of Residence, and Occupations, of the **INSOLVENT TRADERS** who have applied to the Judge of the County Court of the **COUNTY of WENTWORTH**, for Discharges under the Insolvent Traders' Act of last year; showing the Number of Creditors, and the aggregate Amount of Debt from which each Insolvent Trader applied to be discharged.

| Date of filing Petition. | Names of Insolvent Traders.     | RESIDENCE.       | OCCUPATION.                    | Number of Creditors. | Aggregate Amount of Debt. |    |    | REMARKS.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                          |                                 |                  |                                |                      | £                         | s. | d. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| September 15, 1856       | Francis Wardell                 | Hamilton         | Grocer                         | 34                   | 3796                      | 5  | 0  | Final Order granted. No opposition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| do 17, do                | William Haw                     | do               | Miller                         | 61                   | 4103                      | 5  | 4  | Petition dismissed. Omissions in Schedule.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| October 3, do            | Patrick Burke                   | Cobourg          | Corn Dealer                    | 39                   | 1329                      | 19 | 8  | Petition dismissed. Filed in wrong County.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| November 7, do           | Donald F. Campbell              | Hamilton         | Broker and Commission Merchant | 68                   | 2575                      | 8  | 4  | Final Order granted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| December 3, do           | William Footner                 | do               | Grocer                         | 110                  | 8897                      | 18 | 5  | Petition dismissed. Omissions in Schedule.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| do 16, do                | William Henry Griffin           | East Flamborough | Dealer in Books                | 4                    | 133                       | 19 | 3  | Final Order granted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| do 22, do                | Fuller Smith                    | Hamilton         | Carrriage Maker                | 34                   | 1556                      | 0  | 0  | Petition dismissed. Omissions in Schedule.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| January 24, 1857         | Archibald Walker                | do               | Hardware Merchant              | 84                   | 5036                      | 8  | 0  | The amount due by Archibald Walker in his Petition, includes that due by Walker & Clark, the difference between the amounts being the amount of Walker's liability. Final Orders granted in both cases, there being no opposition by any of the Creditors |
| do do                    | Archibald Walker and Adam Clark | do               | Hardware Merchants             | 69                   | 4884                      | 18 | 9  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

|                  |                       |           |                              |     |       |    |    |                                                               |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----|-------|----|----|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| February 4, 1857 | William Scarth        | do        | Builder                      | 39  | 8633  | 16 | 10 | Petition dismissed. Assets omitted in Schedule.               |
| do do            | James Foulds Douglass | Freelton  | Merchant                     | 13  | 2182  | 3  | 8  | Petition dismissed. Omissions in Schedule.                    |
| do do            | Alfred Bingham        | Waterdown | Tinsmith                     | 39  | 717   | 19 | 10 | Final Order granted. No opposition.                           |
| do do            | William Matthews      | Toronto   | Piano Forte Maker            | 65  | 1038  | 9  | 11 | Final Order granted. No opposition.                           |
| do 17, do        | Alexander Wylie       | Hamilton  | Dry Good Merchant            | 52  | 8654  | 4  | 9  | Final Order granted. No opposition.                           |
| do 5, do         | Enoch Howard Tallman  | do        | Carrriage Maker              | 56  | 2278  | 10 | 6  | Final Order granted. No opposition.                           |
| do 20, do        | William Footner       | do        | Grocer                       | 148 | 13964 | 1  | 2  | Final Order granted. No opposition.                           |
| do 21, do        | Matthew Shee Hearne   | do        | Tobaccoist                   | 14  | 288   | 1  | 8  | Final Order granted. No opposition.                           |
| do 25, do        | Theophilus Booker     | do        | Carrriage Maker              | 2   | 84    | 6  | 6  | No examination. Petitioner having settled with his Creditors. |
| March 9, do      | George Smith          | Dundas    | Agricultural Implement maker | 14  | 176   | 5  | 9  | Petition dismissed. Insolvent did not appear to be examined.  |
| March 17, do     | James Kennedy         | do        | Stock Trader                 | 22  | 1117  | 8  | 8  | No examination of Petitioner.                                 |
| do 18, do        | James Stephens        | Hamilton  | Grocer                       | 38  | 391   | 9  | 0  | No examination of Petitioner.                                 |

I certify that the above is a true Return of all Petitions or Applications made to me under the Insolvent Traders' Act of last year, up to this date.

A. LOGIE,  
Judge of the County Court,  
Hamilton, 30th March, 1857.

# R E T U R N

To an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 27th ultimo, praying that he will cause to be laid before the House "Copies of all Despatches and Correspondence "in reference to the joint Address of the Legislative Council and Assembly to Her Majesty, during the first Session of the present Parliament, on the subject of the Repeal of those provisions of the Imperial Statutes, by which British Creditors or Debtors, residing in "the Colonies are enabled to prove their debts by affidavits only."

By Command.

T. LEE TERRILL,

Secretary.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Toronto, 6th May, 1857.

(Copy—No. 40.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Toronto, 12th October, 1854.

Sir,—I have the honor to enclose herewith the humble Address to Her Majesty of the Commons of Canada, in Parliament assembled, praying that Her Majesty will cause a Bill to be brought into Parliament, at its next Session, for the Repeal, so far as regards this Province, of certain enactments in two Acts of the Imperial Parliament therein mentioned, enabling persons residing in the United Kingdom to make proof of debts or claims of parties or property in Her Majesty's Plantations or Colonies in America, by oath or declaration in the manner mentioned in the said Acts, and I request that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) ELGIN & KINCARDINE.

The Right Honorable

Sir GEORGE GREY,

&c., &c., &c.

(Copy—No. 36.)

DOWNING STREET,

29th November, 1854.

My Lord,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, No. 40, of the 12th of October last, transmitting an Address to the Queen, from the House of Assembly of Canada, praying for the repeal of certain clauses of two Acts of the Imperial Parliament, enabling persons residing in the United Kingdom to make proof of Debts or claims on parties or property in Her Majesty's Colonies in America, by Oath or Declaration, in the manner provided in the said Acts.

It is necessary that Her Majesty's Government, before any Bill can be introduced into Parliament for this purpose, should be made aware of the reasons for which this repeal is required, which was not stated in your Despatch. A report from the law advisers of your Government, would probably be the most convenient form in which these could be given.

I have, &amp;c.,

(Signed,) G. GREY.

Governor the EARL of ELGIN and KINCARDINE,  
&c., &c., &c.

(Copy.)

EXTRACT FROM THE REGISTRY OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OFFICE.

“Colonial Secretary.—Despatch from—on the subject of the Assembly Address, for repeal of certain Imperial Enactments relative to proof of Debts in the Colonies.—Referred to Mr. Attorney General Drummond on the 8th March, 1856.”

Truly Extracted.

(Signed,)

WM. H. LEE,

Clerk, Executive Council.



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