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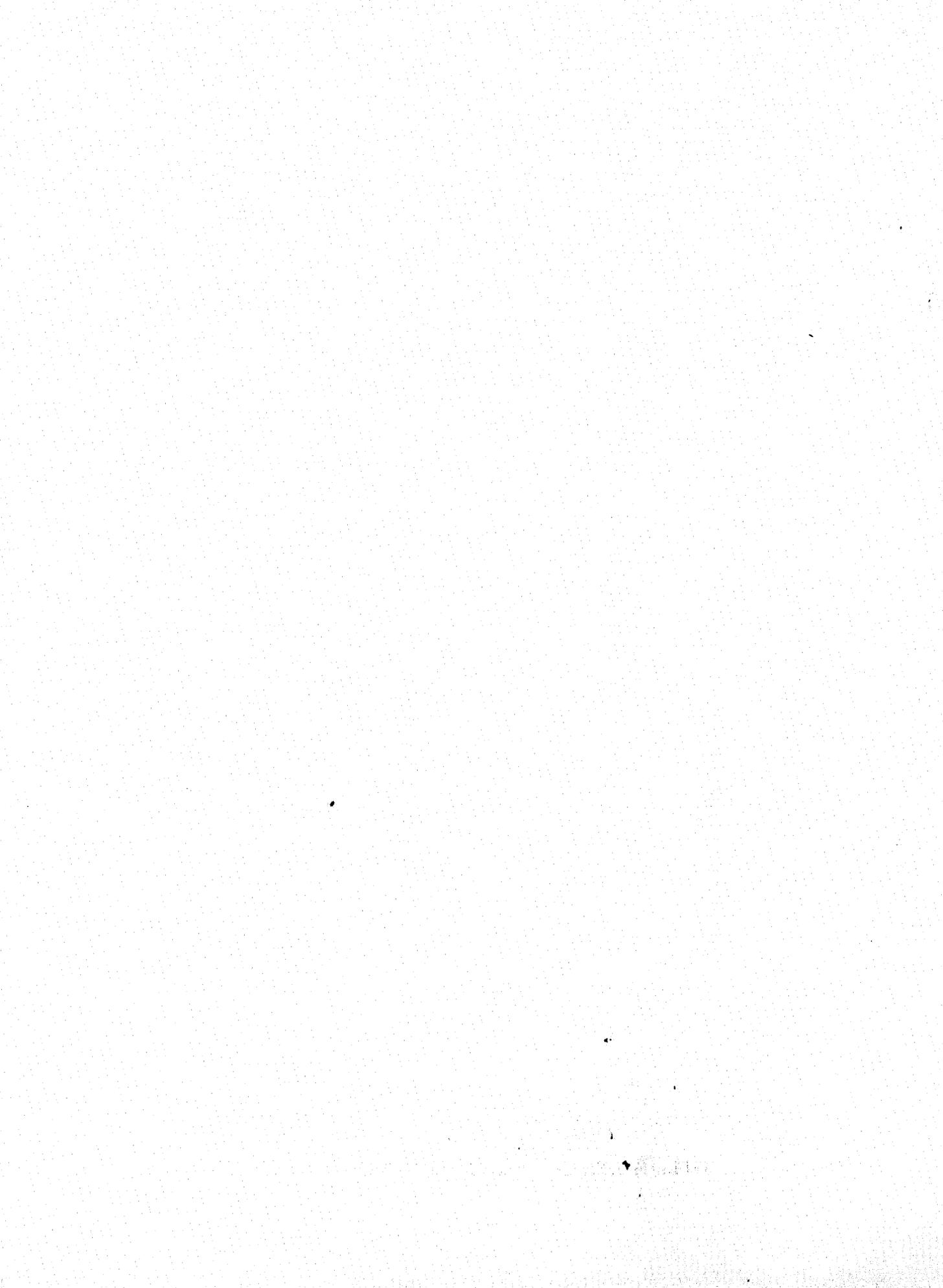
OF THE

PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

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PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Major General

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, Chancellor of the same, &c. &c. &c.

L. S.
J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

WHEREAS I have thought fit to dissolve the General Assembly of this Province, which now stands prorogued to Thursday the Tenth day of May next, I do for that purpose publish this Proclamation, and accordingly by these Presents do Dissolve the said General Assembly.

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

And by these Presents I further declare, that I have this day given orders to issue Writs in due form, for calling a new General Assembly—which Writs will bear teste on this Twenty-fifth instant, and be returnable on the Twelfth day of June next.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax, this 25th day of April, A. D. 1855, and in the 18th year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

LEWIS M. WILKINS.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.



PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Major General

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

L. S.
J. GASPARD LE MARCHANT.

WHEREAS by the Writs issued for the Election of Members to serve in General Assembly, bearing teste on the 24th day of April last, the several Sheriffs of the several Counties in this Province were commanded to summon the persons who should be elected and chosen according to the exigency of the said Writs, to attend Her Majesty's service in General Assembly, at such time and place as should be notified by Proclamation for that purpose :

I do accordingly, by this Proclamation, give notice, that I have appointed Thursday, the Thirty-first day of January next, at Halifax, for the meeting of the said General Assembly, *for the Despatch of Business*—and I hereby require the Members of the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly, to attend in General Assembly on the said day, at Halifax—whereof they, and all others concerned, are desired to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 24th day of December, A. D. 1855, and in the Nineteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

LEWIS M. WILKINS.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

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OF THE
PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

ANNO DECIMO NONO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

AT HALIFAX, IN THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Thursday, 31st January, 1856.

Writs having been issued for a New Election of Representatives, to serve in General Assembly, returnable on the Twelfth day of June, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and the said General Assembly having been, by Proclamation, summoned to meet this day, the Council met :

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable **MICHAEL TOBIN**, President.

The Honorable **JOHN MORTON**,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

The Honorable **WILLIAM A. BLACK**,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES MCNAB,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY.

At half-past 2 o'clock, P. M., His Excellency Major General **SIR JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT**, Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand, and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c. came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's Commands to let the House of Assembly know "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House," who, being come, the President of this House said :

H. E. comes to
Council Chamber.

H. A. attend.

Gentlemen

House directed to
choose Speaker.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

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

The House of Assembly then retired, and, after a short time, having returned, the Honorable William Young, Her Majesty's Attorney General for the Province, and Member for the County of Inverness, addressed His Excellency as follows :

Speaker presented, MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

The House of Assembly, agreeably to Your Excellency's command, have proceeded to the choice of a Speaker, and have unanimously elected the Honorable Stewart Campbell, Member for the County of Guysborough, to that Office, and, by their direction, I beg leave to present him for the approbation of Your Excellency.

And approved of. To which His Excellency was pleased to say :

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

Then the Speaker of the Assembly said :

Speaker claims
privileges,

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

Privileges granted.

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

Then His Excellency was pleased to open the Session with the following Speech

Speech.

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

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

I have great pleasure in meeting you in Parliament, and I trust that our united efforts will be successfully directed to the development of the resources, and the advancement of the prosperity, of this highly favoured Colony.

The people of Nova-Scotia, though most deeply interested in the existing Conflict, are permitted by the gracious dispensation of Providence, quietly to pursue their industrial occupations, far from the scene, and exempt from the burthens, of a protracted War, which the Arms of their fellow subjects, and of their brave Allies, sustain, with distinguished valour and fortitude.

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

The Accounts for the past, and the Estimates for the current year, shall be submitted without delay.

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

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

Our especial gratitude, as a people, is due to the Almighty for our exemption from Pestilence during the year that has past.

To

To that source we must also gratefully ascribe the success which, in the last season, has attended the industry of the Husbandman, and rewarded the toils of the Fisherman.

The Revenue, though somewhat diminished in productiveness, when compared with that of the preceding year, as was anticipated, from the reduction of Duties, and the first effects of suddenly expanded Commercial freedom, is nevertheless, amply sufficient to meet all demands upon it, and affords satisfactory evidence of the increased energies, and growing prosperity, of the people.

The Normal School—opened at Truro during the past Autumn, under circumstances most auspicious—is now in efficient operation.

A measure, having for its object the improvement of the general educational condition of the Country, will be submitted for your consideration.

Our Railway system is progressing favorably, and I trust that, when the Accounts of the expenditure, and liabilities, connected with it, are laid before you, the utmost prudence and economy will be found to have been observed by those to whom the Legislature has entrusted the conduct of this important branch of the public service.

The Reports and Accounts respecting St. Peter's Canal, and the Lunatic Asylum, when submitted to you, will show that those public works have advanced satisfactorily during the past season.

On the subject of the Mines and Minerals, in connexion with the claims of the General Mining Association, an opinion of the Imperial Law Officers of the Crown, and a Correspondence with the Colonial Secretary, will be laid before you, which will doubtless engage your most earnest attention.

A measure will be submitted to you, founded on the example of the Mother Country, and on our local experience, for facilitating the collection, and improving the administration, of the Revenue.

The substitution of a simpler and more economical process for re-vesting forfeited lands in the Crown, in place of the existing system, will be proposed to you by my Government.

The selections of Stock which I have made, in accordance with the desire, expressed in the closing Session of the last Parliament, will, I trust, commend themselves to your approval.

I venture to indulge a confident expectation that the further promotion of Agriculture, in its various relations, will, in the present Session, command the interest of the Representatives of a people thoroughly capable of appreciating the importance of that great object.

Some modification of the existing Laws for protection of the River Fisheries appears to me imperatively called for, and I trust that your local experience will suggest such improvement of them as will ensure the attainment of the purpose for which they were enacted.

You will be gratified, I am sure, to learn that I have resumed the occupation of Government House, seriously injured by the late fire, but renovated and refurnished in a style that bespeaks your munificence, whilst it demands my grateful acknowledgments.

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

H. A. withdraw,
H. E. retires.

Mr. Bell presented a Bill further to improve the administration of Criminal Justice—which was read a first time.

Bill pro forma read

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

The

Speech reported.

The President reported His Excellency's Speech, and the same being read by the Clerk,

Address in answer moved.

Mr. Grigor moved, that an Address be presented to His Excellency, in answer to his Speech, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same, as follows :

Address.

**To His Excellency Major General
SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,**

Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand, and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

THE ADDRESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia, thank Your Excellency for the Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Parliamentary Session.

Though far from the scenes of actual war, and not so deeply affected by its burthens as our fellow subjects in the Mother Country, yet the people of Nova Scotia are not exempt from a share in its sorrows, as we have to lament the loss of several of her gallant sons, who have fallen in the conflict.

In the acknowledgment of our especial gratitude as a people being due to the Almighty for our exemption from pestilence during the year that has passed, we most sincerely concur, as we also do in the sentiment, that to the same Source we must gratefully ascribe the success which in the last season has attended the industry of the Husbandman and rewarded the toils of the Fisherman.

It is gratifying to know that notwithstanding the reduction of Duties, the Revenue is amply sufficient to meet all demands upon it, while Commercial freedom is expanded and the pressure of Taxation lightened.

The Normal School at Truro will, it is hoped, give a stimulus to, and assist in, the diffusion of Education through the Province by its efficient operation.

We rejoice to hear that the Railway system is progressing favourably.

We will give to the subject of the Mines and Minerals in connection with the claims of the General Mining Association, that consideration which its importance demands. And the measures for facilitating the collection of the Revenue, and for the alteration of the Laws respecting the River Fisheries, shall receive from us due attention.

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

Com. of privileges.

Ordered, That Mr. Morton, Mr. Bell, Mr. Almon, Mr. Brown, and Mr. McCully, be appointed a Committee to consider of the Orders and Customs of this House, and privileges of Parliament.

Com. on Reporting.

Ordered, That Mr. Almon, Mr. Grigor, and Mr. McCully, be a Committee to consider and report to the House the arrangements for Reporting and Publishing the Debates of this House for the present Session.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 1 o'clock.

Friday,

Friday, 1st February, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

The Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in answer to his Speech at the opening of the Session, was read a second time.

Address to H. E.
read 2nd time.

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

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

Rep. without amdt.

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

Read 3rd time,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And passed,

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

To be presented by
whole House.

Ordered, That Mr. Grigor, Mr. Brown, and Mr. McHeffey, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and ascertain when he will be pleased to receive this House with their Address.

Com. to ascertain
when H. E. will
receive Address.

Mr. Grigor, the Chairman of the said Committee, reported that the Committee had waited upon His Excellency, and that His Excellency had been pleased to state that he would receive the said Address at half-past Three o'clock P. M. of this day.

At half-past Three o'clock P. M., the House proceeded to the Government House with their Address, and, being returned to the Council Chamber, the President reported that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Address, and to make the following reply thereto:

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

H. E.'s Reply.

I receive, with much pleasure, your Address, and thank you for the assurance therein contained, that you will, with zeal, devote yourselves to the despatch of such Public Business as shall be brought before you.

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

Adjourn.

Monday, 4th February, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable JOHN MORTON, HUGH BELL, STAYLEY BROWN, MATHER B. ALMON,	The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, ALEXANDER KEITH, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, WILLIAM GRIGOR.
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

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

Tuesday, 5th February, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable JOHN MORTON, HUGH BELL, STAYLEY BROWN, MATHER B. ALMON, EDWARD KENNY,	The Honorable ALEXANDER KEITH, WILLIAM A. BLACK, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, JAMES McNAB, WILLIAM GRIGOR.
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

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

Resolved, That Mr. Esson, Mr. Killam, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Locke, and Mr. White, be a Committee of this House for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts jointly with a Committee of the Legislative Council.

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

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

The Receiver General's Accounts for the year 1855.

(Appendix—Public Accounts.)

The same were read, and on motion, *resolved*, that the said Accounts be referred to the Committee of Public Accounts.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Tuesday, at 1 o'clock.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 12th February, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Hon. ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Hon. DAVID CRICHTON,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Tuesday were read.

Mr. McNab, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Despatches, Papers, and Accounts—

Message from H. E.
with Despatches,
&c.
Copper Coin,

Despatches and Papers relative to Copper Coin.

Despatch dated 5th October, 1855, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, enclosing :

Letter dated 29th September, 1855, from Mr. Crafer to Mr. Merivale, with

Letter dated 27th September, 1855, from Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co., to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, enclosing

A Letter dated 18th September, 1855, from the same to the same,

A Letter dated 29th September, 1855, from Mr. Crafer to Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co.

Despatch dated 25th October, 1855, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Colonial Secretary.

Despatch dated 5th December, 1855, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Treasury Minute dated 27th November, 1855.

Despatch dated 20th December, 1855, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatch dated 18th January, 1856, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.

(*Appendix—Copper Coin.*)

Report and Papers relative to the Railway.

Report dated February 8, 1856, from the Railway Commissioners to the Provincial Secretary.

Railway,

Report dated January 20, 1856, from the Engineer of the Railway to the Chairman of the Railway Board.

Statement of the operation of the Railway for six months.

(*Appendix—Railway.*)

Despatch dated July 2nd, 1855, with Order in Council allowing two Acts.

Despatch dated October 1st, 1855, with Order in Council allowing Seventy-five Acts.

Orders in Council
allowing Acts,

(*Appendix—Legislative Acts.*)

The

Railroad Mission,

The following Papers and Letters relative to the Railroad Mission :

Minute of Council dated 7th June, 1855.

Letter dated July 6, 1855, from Mr. Howe to the Provincial Secretary.

Letter dated June 20, 1855, from Mr. Howe to Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co.

Letter dated 5th July, 1855, from Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. to Mr. Howe.

Letter dated 19th July, 1855, from Mr. Howe to the Provincial Secretary.

Letter dated 19th July, 1855, from the Provincial Secretary to Mr. Howe.

Letter dated August 3, 1855, from Mr. Howe to the Provincial Secretary.

Letter dated August 17, 1855, from the same to the same.

Letter dated August 1, 1855, from Mr. Howe to Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co.

Letter dated 16th August, 1855, from Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. to Mr. Howe.

Letter dated August 17, 1855, from Mr. Howe to Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co.

(Appendix—Railroad Mission.)

Government Lands.

Despatches and Papers relative to Government Lands :

Despatch dated 24th May, 1855, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, enclosing :

Letter dated May 14, 1855, from Mr. Hamilton to Mr. Merivale.

Letter dated April 16, 1855, from Rear Admiral Fanshawe to the Secretary of the Admiralty.

Letter dated 8th March, 1855, from Mr. Elliott to Rear Admiral Fanshawe.

Letter dated August 10, 1855, from the Provincial Secretary to the respective Officers of H. M. Ordnance.

Memorandum dated 20th October, 1854.

Letter dated 8th December, 1854, from the respective Officers of the Board of Ordnance.

Letter, dated 18th December, 1854, from the Attorney General to the respective Officers of the Board of Ordnance.

Extract from a Letter dated 20th December, 1854, from the Provincial Secretary.

Extract from a Letter dated 29th December, 1854, from the respective Officers of the Board of Ordnance to the Board of Ordnance.

Despatch dated 23rd May, 1855, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Despatch, dated June 7, 1855, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Letter dated 6th June, 1855, from the Attorney General to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Letter dated 12th June, 1855, from the Provincial Secretary to the Secretary of the Board of Railway Commissioners.

Despatch dated July 19th, 1855, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Letter dated August 15, 1855, from the Chairman of the Railway Board to the Provincial Secretary.

Letter dated 14th August, 1855, from Mr. Ball to Mr. Howe.

Despatch dated September 2nd, 1855, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Letter dated August 7, 1855, from Mr. Howe to Mr. Merivale.

Letter dated August 29, 1855, from Mr. Peel to Mr. Merivale.

Letter dated 23rd August, 1855, from Mr. Elliot.

Despatch dated 13th September, 1855, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Letter dated 10th September, 1855, from Mr. Phinn to Mr. Merivale.

(Appendix—Government Lands.)

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The following Despatch and Letter relative to the Retired Allowances of the Officers of the Customs:

Customs Retirements,

Despatch, marked Circular, dated 30th August, 1855, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, enclosing:

Letter dated 16th August, 1855, from Mr. Wilson to Mr. Merivale.

(Appendix—Customs Retirements.)

A Despatch, marked Circular, dated 20th September, 1855, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, enclosing,

Imperial Act 18 and 19 Victoria, Chap. 119, relative to Passengers.

Passenger Act,

Also, an Abstract of a portion of the said Act.

Also, the Accounts of the Asylum for the Poor at Halifax, for the year 1855.

Poor House Accts.

Also, the Accounts of the Nova-Scotia Electric Telegraph Company for the year 1855, Which were read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Elec. Tel. Accounts.

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to consider and report to the House the arrangements for Reporting and Publishing the Debates of this House, made his Report, whereupon,

Com. on Reporting.

On motion, *resolved*, that Henry Oldright, Esquire, be appointed Reporter of the Debates of this House, for the present Session.

Reporter.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Debates be Published in the "Sun," "British Colonist," and "Acadian Recorder," Newspapers.

Publication of Debates.

Mr. Morton presented the Petition of the Executive Committee of the Nova-Scotia Baptist Education Society, praying aid to the Academy at Horton—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Petition of Exec. Com. of Baptist Educational Scty.

Mr. Morton presented the Petition of the Central Baptist Association, praying for a Bill prohibiting the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Central Baptist Association for prohibitory Liq. Law.

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

Adjourn.

Friday, 15th February, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Tuesday were read.

Mr. Fairbanks presented the Petition of the Lequille Mills Company, praying aid—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Petition of Lequille Mills Company.

Mr. Crichton presented the Petition of Donald Ross, the elder, praying aid towards the support of three Dumb Children—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Do. D. Ross.

Mr. Bell presented the Petition of the Trustees of the Wesleyan Academy of Sackville, N. B., praying aid to that Institution—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Do. Trustees Wes. Academy.

- Do. F. Tupper & al. Mr. Brown presented the Petition of Freeman Tupper and others, praying aid towards the erection of a Marine Railway at Liverpool—which was ordered to lie on the Table.
- Do. Prohibitory Liquor Law. Mr. Brown presented two Petitions from Pictou, praying for a Bill prohibiting the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which were ordered to lie on the Table.
- Do. Do. Mr. Morton presented two Petitions from Aylesford, praying for a Bill prohibiting the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which were ordered to lie on the Table.
- Do. Hx. Visiting Dispensary. Mr. Morton presented the Petition of the Governors of the Halifax Visiting Dispensary, praying aid, which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.
- Do. J. Kempton & al. Mr. Pineo presented the Petition of Jacob Kempton and others, praying for another Polling District in the County of Annapolis—which was ordered to lie on the Table.
- Do. W. H. Balcom & al. Mr. Pineo presented the Petition of William H. Balcom and others, praying for an Act of Incorporation for the Trustees of a Baptist Meeting House at Wilmot—which was ordered to lie on the Table.
- Do. Dr. Cramp & al. Mr. McCully presented the Petition of Rev. Dr. Cramp and others, praying for an Act exempting Students at Colleges from the performance of Statute Labor—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.
- Do. J. Frimley & al. Mr. McCully presented the Petition of James Frimley and others, relative to the transmission of Mails and Passengers from Nova-Scotia to Prince Edward's Island—which was ordered to lie on the Table.
- Do. D. Crowe & al. Mr. McCully presented the Petition of D. Crow and others, relative to the Church Lands in the County of Colchester—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.
- Do. S. Taylor & al. Mr. McCully presented the Petition of Samuel Taylor and others, praying for the extension of the Municipal Incorporation Act to the County of Pictou—which was ordered to lie on the Table.
- Message from H. E. with Despatches relative to Mines and Mineral. Mr. McNab, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Despatches and Papers relative to the Mines and Minerals of this Province:
- Despatch, dated April 12, 1855, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
- Despatch, dated 17th August, 1855, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.
- Letter, dated 7th February, 1855, from Mr. Merivale to the Attorney and Solicitor Generals of England.
- Opinion, dated June 16, 1855, of the Attorney General and Solicitor General of England.
- Despatch, dated 29th August, 1855, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
- Despatch, dated 1st December, 1855, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.
- Letter, dated 22nd November, 1855, from Mr. Bircham to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
- Despatch, dated December 20, 1855, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
- Despatch, dated 4th January, 1856, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieuteaant-Governor, enclosing:
- Letter, dated 4th January, 1856, from Mr. Merivale to Mr. Bircham.

(Appendix—Mines and Minerals.)

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

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

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 19th February, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

P R A Y E R S .

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Anselm F. Comeau, Esquire, was introduced, and presented his Mandamus appointing him a Member of the Legislative Council, whereupon the Oath of Allegiance was administered to him by the Honorable the Provincial Secretary (as Commissioner), and after giving and receiving salutations to and from the Members present, his seat was assigned to him next to Mr. Archibald.

Mr. Comeau takes
Oaths.

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

Resolved unanimously, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to expend One hundred and fifty Guineas in the purchase of a Sword to be presented to General Williams, as a mark of the high esteem in which his character as a man and a soldier, and more especially his heroic courage and constancy in the defence of Kars, are held by the Legislature of this his native Province, and this House will provide for the same during its present Session.

150 Guineas, Sword
for Gen. Williams.

To which Resolution they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolution was read a first time, and, by order, the said Resolution was read a second time, and the question was put by the President,

Read 1st and 2nd
time,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to?

It was resolved in the affirmative unanimously.

Agreed to,

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

To return the said Resolution, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same unanimously.

And sent to H. A.

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

Message from H. E.
with

A Despatch, dated 7th August, 1855, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, enclosing

An Extract from a Letter, dated 23rd July, 1855, from the Assistant Secretary of the General Post Office to Mr. Merivale, relative to Postage on Books.

Despatches relative
to Post. on Books.

(*Appendix—Postage on Books.*)

A Despatch, dated 21st June, 1855, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to the Quarterly Returns of Colonial Trade.

Do. Trade Returns.

(*Appendix—Trade Returns.*)

- Do. Passenger Act. A Despatch, marked "Circular," dated 23rd January, 1856, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Passenger Act of 1855.
(*Appendix—Passenger Act.*)
- Do. Newspaper Postage. A Despatch, marked "Circular," dated 26th June, 1855, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.
Also, a Despatch, marked "Circular," dated 3rd September, 1855, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to Postage on Newspapers.
(*Appendix—Newspaper Postage.*)
- Do. Inland Postage. A Despatch, marked "Circular," dated 12th April, 1855, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to the reduction of Inland Postage.
(*Appendix—Inland Postage.*)
- Do. Light Houses. Also, a Despatch, marked "Circular," dated 6th September, 1855, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, enclosing :
Letter, dated 15th August, 1855, from Mr. Farrer to Mr. Merivale.
Also, a copy of the Act 18th and 19th Victoria, Chapter 91, relative to Colonial Light Houses, and
A Memorandum concerning Light Houses and Light Vessels required in the Colonies.
(*Appendix—Light Houses.*)
- Do. Fisheries. Also, a Despatch, dated 22nd November, 1855, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, enclosing :
Extract from a Letter, dated 29th September, 1855, from Commander Cochrane to Rear Admiral Fanshawe, relative to the Fisheries in the Bay of Fundy.
(*Appendix—Fisheries.*)
- Sackville Academy. Also, a Statement of the Financial condition of the Wesleyan Academy at Sackville, N. B., dated 1st January, 1856.
The same were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.
- Petition of D. McDonald. Mr. McKeen presented the Petition of Donald McLean McDonald, praying for aid towards the erection of Mills—which was ordered to lie on the Table.
- Do. D. Gallagher. Mr. Almon presented the Petition of Daniel Gallagher, setting forth that Petitioner had been engaged as a School Master from the year 1819,—and that he had lost the sight of one eye, and that the sight of the other was much injured, and praying some assistance towards his support—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.
- Do. for Prohibitory Liquor Bill. Mr. Crichton presented two Petitions from Pictou, praying for a Bill prohibiting the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which were ordered to lie on the Table.
- Do. W. S. Darragh et. al. Mr. Pineo presented the Petition of the Rev. W. S. Darragh and others, praying for the establishment of a Way Post Office at Shinimecas, in the County of Cumberland—which was ordered to lie on the Table.
- Adjourn. On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Tuesday, at 2 o'clock.

Tuesday, 26th February, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Tuesday were read.

At half-past 2 o'clock P. M., His Excellency Major General Sir JOHN GASPARD LE-MARCHANT, Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and, being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's command to let the House of Assembly know "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House,"—who, being come, the President of this House, by His Excellency's desire, said :

H. E. comes to Council Chamber.

GENTLEMEN—

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor has been informed that the Speaker of the House of Assembly is confined to his house by sickness, and is consequently unable to discharge his duties.

H. A. attend.

H. A. directed to choose temporary Speaker.

It is therefore His Excellency's pleasure that the House of Assembly do now return to their own Chamber, and elect one of the Members of that House to act as the Speaker of it, until the present Speaker shall be enabled to resume his duties, and present him here for His Excellency's approbation.

The House of Assembly then withdrew, and after some time, having returned, the Hon. Lewis M. Wilkins, the Provincial Secretary, and Member for the Township of Windsor, addressed His Excellency as follows :

H. A. withdraw, and return.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

The House of Assembly, agreeably to Your Excellency's command, have proceeded to the choice of a temporary Speaker, until the present Speaker shall be enabled to resume his duties, and have elected John C. Wade, Esquire, Member for the Township of Digby, to act as Speaker, and by their direction I beg leave to present him for the approbation of Your Excellency.

Temporary Speaker presented,

After which His Excellency was pleased to say :

I approve of the temporary Speaker whom the House of Assembly have chosen.

And approved of.

Then the Speaker of the Assembly said :

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

The choice which the House of Assembly have made of me to act as their Speaker until the Speaker shall be enabled to resume his duties, having been approved of by Your Excellency, and Your Excellency having been pleased, at the first meeting of

Speaker demands favorable consideration of his acts.

the present General Assembly, to grant the usual rights and privileges of the House of Assembly, it only remains for me to solicit from Your Excellency the most favorable construction of all my acts as such acting Speaker, while I continue to hold the Office.

To which His Excellency replied :

I must cheerfully grant your request.

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

Granted.

H. A. withdraw.
H. E. retires.

Message from H. E.
Despatches, Mines
and Minerals.

Mr. McNab, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Despatches and Papers relative to the Mines and Minerals :

Despatch, dated 1st February, 1856, from Mr. Merivale to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Letter, dated 31st January, 1856, from Mr. Reynolds to Mr. Merivale.

Despatch, dated 30th January, 1856, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Letter, dated 30th January, 1856, from Mr. Bircham to Mr. Merivale.

Letter, dated 28th January, 1856, from the same to the same.

Draft of Bill relative to the Mines and Minerals.

(Appendix—Mines and Minerals.)

And return of
Pickled Fish.

Also a Return of Pickled Fish, inspected in thirteen Counties of the Province, in the year 1855.

(Appendix—Pickled Fish.)

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

Four Petitions
against Traffic in
Liquors.

Mr. McCully presented two Petitions from the County of Hants; one Petition from the Inhabitants of Truro; and one Petition from the County of Colchester, praying for a Bill abolishing the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Petition of T. Rob-
son.

Mr. McCully presented the Petition of Thomas Robson, relative to Fog Bells—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Do. do.

Mr. McCully presented the Petition of Thomas Robson, relative to placing Fog Bells in the Straits of Northumberland—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Do. J. R. Hea.

Mr. McCully presented the Petition of Joseph R. Hea, praying aid to his Seminary at Lower Horton—which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Pet. of J. W. Free-
man.

Mr. McCully presented the Petition of George W. Freeman, for an alteration in the Patent Law—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

And J. L. Murdoch.

Mr. McCully presented the Petition of the Reverend John L. Murdoch and others, praying for a Bill to authorize the Sale of the Presbyterian Meeting House at Windsor—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Ten Petitions agst.
Liquor traffic.

Mr. Brown presented six Petitions from Queen's County; two Petitions from King's County; one from the County of Shelburne, and one from the Presbytery of Pictou, praying for a Bill to abolish the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Adjourn.

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

Wednesday,

Wednesday, 27th February, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
MATHER B. ALMON,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Harris presented four Petitions from Lower Horton, in King's County, praying for a Bill to abolish the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Four Petitions
against Traffic in
Liquors.

Mr. McCully presented a Bill to facilitate the Investment of Trust and other Funds—which was read a first time.

Trust Fund Bill
read 1st time.

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

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

Adjourn.

Friday, 29th February, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
MATHER B. ALMON,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY.
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD.
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Wednesday were read.

Mr. Crichton presented the Petition of Robert McKay and others, of Pictou, against any alteration in the present Pilotage Law—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Petition of R. Mc-
Kay, and al.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to facilitate the Investment of Trust and other Funds, was read a second time.

Trust Fund Bill
read 2d time,

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

And ordered to
Committee.

Mr. Bell presented two Petitions from Windsor, in the County of Hants, praying for a Bill prohibiting the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Two Petitions
against Traffic in
Liquors.

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

Adjourn.

Monday,

Monday, 3d March, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable ROBERT M. CUTLER, JOHN MORTON, STAYLEY BROWN, MATHER B. ALMON, EDWARD KENNY, ALEXANDER KEITH,	The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON, HENRY G. PINEO, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, RICHARD A. McHEFFEY, THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD.
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

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

Adjourn.

Wednesday, 5th March, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF, ROBERT M. CUTLER, JOHN MORTON, HUGH BELL, STAYLEY BROWN, MATHER B. ALMON, EDWARD KENNY, JAMES D. HARRIS, ALEXANDER KEITH, WILLIAM A. BLACK,	The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON, HENRY G. PINEO, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, JAMES McNAB, JONATHAN McCULLY, WILLIAM GRIGOR, WILLIAM McKEEN, RICHARD A. McHEFFEY, THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD, ANSELM F. COMEAU.
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Monday were read.

Petitions against
Traffic in Intoxi-
cating Liquors.

Mr. Bell presented two Petitions from the City of Halifax, praying for a Bill prohibiting the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Do.

Mr. Archibald presented four Petitions from the County of Colchester, on the same subject—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Do.

Mr. McKeen presented one Petition from the County of Colchester, and three Petitions from the County of Halifax, on the same subject—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Com. on Bills.

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

The

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, **Report Trust Fund Bill without amd.**
An Act to facilitate the Investment of Trust and other Funds, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Then the question was put by the President,
Whether the Report of the Committee be received?

When there appeared, for receiving the Report, eleven; against receiving it, nine:

For receiving the Report:

Mr. Cutler,
 " Kenny,
 " McNab,
 " McKeen,
 " Archibald,
 " Comeau,
 " Bell,
 " McCully,
 " McHefsey,
 " Rudolf,

The President.

Against receiving the Report:

Mr. Harris,
 " Brown,
 " Pineo,
 " Almon,
 " Black,
 " Fairbanks,
 " Keith,
 " Crichton,
 " Morton.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Report received.

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

Mr. Morton presented five Petitions from Cornwallis, in King's County, praying for a Bill prohibiting the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which were ordered to lie on the Table. **Petitions against Traffic in Liquors.**

Mr. McNab, by the command of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the Reports of the Wardens of the River Fisheries, for the year 1855—which were read, and ordered to lie on the Table. **Message from H. E. Rep. River Fish's.**

Mr. Kenny presented the Return of Saint Mary's College for the year 1855—which was ordered to lie on the Table. **Return of St. Mary's College.**

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

Thursday, 6th March, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
 ROBERT M. CUTLER,
 JOHN MORTON,
 HUGH BELL,
 STAYLEY BROWN,
 MATHER B. ALMON,
 EDWARD KENNY,
 JAMES D. HARRIS,
 ALEXANDER KEITH,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
 HENRY G. PINEO,
 JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
 JONATHAN MCCULLY,
 WILLIAM GRIGOR,
 WILLIAM MCKEEN,
 RICHARD A. MCHEFFEY,
 THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
 ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

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

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to set off an additional Electoral District within the County of Annapolis.
2. A Bill, entitled, An Act for further increasing the Capital Stock of the Halifax Water Company.
3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Pugwash to procure a Fire Engine.
4. A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House at Windsor.
5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the time of holding the Sessions in the County of Lunenburg.
- To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.
The said Bills were read a first time.
- Ordered*, That the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Ordered*, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Crichton, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Ordered*, That the second Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Ordered*, That Mr. Almon, Mr. Kenny, and Mr. Archibald, be a Committee for that purpose.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to facilitate the Investment of Trust and other Funds, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,
Whether this Bill shall pass?
It was resolved in the affirmative.
- A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To carry down the said Bill, and desire their concurrence thereto.
- Mr. Pineo presented a Petition from Amherst, in the County of Cumberland, praying for a Bill prohibiting the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which was ordered to lie on the Table.
- Mr. Cutler presented two Petitions from the County of Guysborough, on the same subject—which were ordered to lie on the Table.
- Mr. Morton presented two Petitions from King's County, on the same subject—which were ordered to lie on the Table.
- On motion of Mr. Morton, *resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to examine the various Petitions praying for a Bill to prevent the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, and to report thereon to the House.
- Ordered*, That Mr. Morton, Mr. Pineo, and Mr. Crichton, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Mr. McCully presented a Bill to amend the New Practice Act—which was read a first time.
- Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.
- On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

Friday,

Friday, 7th March, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the New Practice Act, was read a second time. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.

New Practice Act
Bill read 2nd time.
And ordered to Com.

Mr. Harris presented a Petition from Dartmouth, in the County of Halifax, praying for a Bill to prevent the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Petition against
Traffic in Liquors.

Mr. McHefsey presented six Petitions from the County of Hants, on the same subject—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Do.

Mr. Archibald, the Chairman of the Committee to whom
A Bill, entitled, An Act to set off an additional Electoral District within the County of Annapolis; also,

Committee on
Elec. District, An-
napolis,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Pugwash to procure a Fire Engine; also,

Fire Engine, Pug-
wash,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House at Windsor; also,

Presbyterian Meet-
ing, Windsor, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the time of holding the Sessions for the County of Lunenburg,

Sessions, Lunenburg
Bills,

Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recommended them to the favourable consideration of the House.

Report favourably.

The said Bills were read a second time.

Bills read 2nd time,

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

And ordered to Com.

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

S. O. S.

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

Com. on Bills.

The

Rep. New Practice
Act Bill, without
amendment.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the New Practice Act, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

Rep. Elec. District,
Annapolis,

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to set off an additional Electoral District within the County of Annapolis; also,

Presbyterian Meet-
ing, Windsor, and
Sessions, Lunenburg
Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the old Presbyterian Meeting House at Windsor; also,

Without amdt.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the time of holding the Sessions for the County of Lunenburg.

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

Petition against
Traffic in Liquors

Mr. Morton presented a Petition from King's County, praying for a Bill prohibiting the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Adjourn.

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

Monday, 10th March, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD.
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

New Practice Act
read 3d time,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the New Practice Act, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To carry down the said Bill, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Electoral District
Annapolis,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to set off an additional Electoral District within the County of Annapolis; also,

Pres. Meeting Wind-
sor, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the old Presbyterian Meeting House at Windsor; also,

Sessions Lunenburg
Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the time of holding the Sessions for the County of Lunenburg,

Were

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

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

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

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

Mr. McKeen presented a Petition from Newport, in the County of Hants; also a Petition from Canso, in the County of Inverness, praying for a Bill to prohibit the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which were ordered to lie on the Table. Petition against Traffic in Liquor.

Mr. Harris presented a Petition from the Delegates of the Temperance Society; also seven Petitions from the County of Shelburne; also four Petitions from the County of Lunenburg; also one Petition from the County of Digby; also one Petition from the County of Colchester, on the same subject—which were ordered to lie on the Table. Do. do.

Mr. Pineo presented two Petitions from the County of Hants, on the same subject—which were ordered to lie on the Table. Do. do.

Mr. Morton presented a Petition from Cornwallis, in King's County, on the same subject—which was ordered to lie on the Table. Do. do.

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for further increasing the Capital Stock of the Halifax Water Company, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House. Com. on Water Co. Bill report.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2d time,

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

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

Tuesday, 11th March, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM MCKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. McKeen presented a Petition from Onslow, and one from Truro, in the County of Colchester, praying for a Bill to prohibit the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which were ordered to lie on the Table. Pet. against Traffic in Liquor.

Com. on Public
Accounts report.

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

(Appendix—Public Accounts.)

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

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

Caledonia Lodge
Pictou,
Burns' Free Church
Sydney,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the New Caledonia Lodge, Pictou.

Juries C. Breton &
Richmond,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Trustees of Burns' Free Church, in the County of Sydney.

Bog Liverpool, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to legalize the Grand and Petit Juries for the Counties of Cape Breton and Richmond.

Fire Engine Wind-
sor Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Drainage of a Peat Bog near the Town of Liverpool.

£200 Speaker of As-
sembly.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Town of Windsor to procure a Fire Engine.

£200 Clerk of As-
sembly.

Resolved, That the sum of Two hundred pounds be granted and paid to the Speaker of the House of Assembly, in full for his salary as Speaker for the present year.

£25 Chaplain of As-
sembly.

Resolved, That the sum of Two hundred pounds be granted and paid to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, for his services for the same year.

£100 Clerk Assist-
ant of Assembly.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds be granted and paid to the Chaplain of the House of Assembly, for his services during the present session.

£50 Serjeant at
Arms.

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and paid to the Clerk Assistant of the House of Assembly, for his services during the present session.

£30 Assistant Serjt.
at Arms.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty pounds be granted and paid to the Serjeant at Arms of the House of Assembly, for his services for the present session.

£40 Messenger of
Governor and
Councils.

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty pounds be granted and paid to the Assistant Serjeant at Arms of the House of Assembly, for his services for the present session.

£30 J. Fitzgerald.

Resolved, That the sum of Forty pounds be granted and paid to the Messenger of the Governor and the Executive and Legislative Councils, for his services for the present year.

£100 Clerk of Board
of Revenue.

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty pounds be granted and paid to John Fitzgerald, for his services as Messenger to the House of Assembly, during the present session.

Extra Waiters,
Halifax.

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and paid to the Clerk of the Board of Revenue, for his services during the present year.

£300 Gauger.

Resolved, That such sum be granted and paid, on the certificate of the Board of Revenue, as may be sufficient to pay, at the rate of Seven shillings and six pence per day, to such persons as shall be employed by the Receiver General as extra waiters for the port of Halifax during the present year; Five shillings a day to such extra waiters when unemployed, and at the rate of five shillings a day to temporary waiters.

£60 Keeper of As-
sembly.

Resolved, That the sum of Three hundred pounds be granted and paid to such persons as the Governor shall appoint to discharge the duties heretofore performed by the Gauger, Weigher, and Proof Officer, for the port of Halifax.

£400 Sable Island.

Resolved, That the sum of Sixty pounds be granted and paid to the Keeper of the Assembly House, Council Chamber, and Law Library, for the present year.

£50 Packet Guys-
borough.

Resolved, That the sum of Four hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, for the support of the Establishment at Sable Island for the present year.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty pounds be granted to such persons as will run a proper Packet between Guysborough and Arichat, touching occasionally at Fox Island and

and Canso, under the regulations of the Sessions for the Counties of Guysborough and Richmond—to be paid on the Certificate of such Sessions that the Packet has been properly kept and run during the present year: provided that the Judges of the Supreme Court shall be taken without charge, if required, from Guysborough to Arichat, and from Arichat to Guysborough, on their Circuit to Cape Breton, and that the Packet shall also carry the Mail between Guysborough and Arichat, if required.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty pounds be granted to aid the inhabitants of Douglas, at the mouth of the River Shubenacadie, in supporting a suitable boat or scow to run between Londonderry and that place, such boat or scow to be under the regulations of the Sessions for the County of Hants—to be paid upon the Certificates of three Justices of the Peace residing in Douglas, that such boat has been running at least twice a week for six months to their satisfaction, under the regulations aforesaid. £20 Scow, Douglas.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds each be granted to the two licensed Ferrymen at the mouth of the Shubenacadie, in the Counties of Colchester and Hants, for the transportation of Horses and Carriages across that river—to be paid upon the Certificate of the General or Special Sessions of each County respectively that such Ferry has been duly attended, and proper boats procured and used. £20 Ferrymen Shubenacadie.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds each be granted and paid to Joseph Pernette and Charles Pernette, for keeping up the Ferry over LaHave River. £20 J. & C. Pernette.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds be granted to Cornelius Craig, to enable him to keep up a Ferry across the Narrows at the entrance of Sable River, in the County of Shelburne, under the regulations of the Sessions, and to be paid on their Certificate £10 Cornelius Craig.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds be granted to Alexander McGuire, or such other persons as shall run a Ferry Boat or Scow between Carter's Landing, on the western side of the Strait of Canso, and Alexander McPherson's, on the eastern side thereof—to be paid on the Certificate of the Sessions for the County of Guysborough that such Boat or Scow has been provided and run under their regulations and to their satisfaction. £10 Alex. McGuire.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds be granted to Alexander McPherson, to enable him to run a suitable Ferry Boat or Scow between his landing on the eastern side of the Strait of Canso, and John Carter's, on the western side thereof—to be paid on the Certificate of the Sessions for the County of Richmond that such Boat or Scow has been provided and run under their regulations and to their satisfaction. £10 A. McPherson.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds each be granted to such two persons as shall respectively keep up a Ferry at the mouth of the Harbour of Port L'Herbert, provided a Boat be kept to convey Horses and Cattle across the Harbour—to be paid on the Certificate of the Sessions for the County of Shelburne that such Boat has been properly kept and run under their regulations £20 Ferry at Port L'Herbert.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds be granted to Duncan McPhee, to enable him to maintain a Ferry between Low Point and Sydney Mines, at the mouth of Spanish River, in the County of Cape Breton—to be paid on the Certificate of three Justices of the Peace for the County of Cape Breton, that he has faithfully discharged the duties assigned him by the Sessions. £10 D. McPhee.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen pounds be granted to William Cunningham and John Knowles, or such persons as shall keep a Ferry across the narrows of the passage between Cape Sable Island and the main, such persons being furnished with suitable Boats for the accommodation of Passengers—to be paid on the Certificate of the Sessions of Shelburne, that such Boats have been properly kept and run under their regulations. £15 W. Cunningham and J. Knowles.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen pounds be granted to aid in maintaining a Ferry during £15 Ferry, Amherst.

during the present year between Amherst and Minudie—such Ferry to be under the Regulations of the Sessions for the County of Cumberland, and the foregoing sum to be paid on their Certificate that the same has been conducted to their satisfaction.

£30 Ferry, Grandique.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds each be granted to the two Licensed Ferrymen at the mouth of the Grandique River, in the County of Richmond—to be paid on the Certificate of the Sessions of the County that the work has been faithfully performed, and the public properly accommodated.

£30 Ferries Halifax County.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty pounds be granted and paid to the Ferrymen at Sheet Harbor, and the mouth of the North-west Arm, in the County of Halifax.

£10 Ferry at Liscomb's Harbor.

Resolved, That the sum of Five pounds each be granted to such two persons, one on each side of Liscomb's Harbor, in the County of Guysborough, as shall maintain a Ferry across the Harbor during the present year—to be paid on the Certificate of three Justices of the Peace for the County that suitable Boats have been provided—that the Ferry has been conducted under the regulations of the Sessions, and that the public have been properly accommodated.

£5 J. Leary.

Resolved, That the sum of Five pounds be granted and paid to John Leary, the Ferryman at Basin Gut, Sambro, in the County of Halifax.

£20 Ferrymen, Big Harbour.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds each, be granted to the two Ferrymen at Big Harbor, Bras d'Or Lake, in the County of Victoria—to be paid on the Certificate of the Sessions that the Ferry has been properly kept up for the accommodation of the public.

£7 10s. C. Smith.

Resolved, That the sum of Seven pounds and ten shillings be granted and paid to Charles Smith, to enable him to keep a Ferry over Necum Tench River, eastern shore, in the County of Halifax.

£7 10s. Ferry, Liscomb's Harbor.

Resolved, That the sum of Seven pounds and ten shillings be granted to aid in establishing a Ferry during the present year over Liscomb's Harbor, opposite the highway at Clay Head, in the County of Guysborough; such Ferry to be under the Regulations of the Sessions, and the amount to be paid on their Certificate that the same has been conducted to their satisfaction.

£5 Ferrymen, Bear River.

Resolved, That the sum of Five pounds be granted and paid to the Ferrymen at Bear River.

£25 Parrsborough Packet.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds be granted and paid in aid of the Packet between Horton and Parrsborough, and between Windsor and Parrsborough; such Packet to make two trips each week, and carry the mails.

£25 W. Chappel.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds be granted and paid to William Chappel, to encourage him to run a Packet between the Bay Verte and Charlottetown, provided such Packet shall run at least once a week, from the first day of May to the first day of November, under the Regulations of the Sessions for Cumberland.

£375 Newfoundland Steamer.

Resolved, That the sum of Three hundred and seventy-five pounds be granted to such person as shall run a suitable Steamboat between Halifax and St. John's Newfoundland, touching at Cape Breton going and returning—to be paid when it shall appear to the Governor in Council that the service has been properly discharged.

£10 Ferry Grand and Petite Passage

Resolved, That the sum of Five pounds each be granted to two Ferrymen, one on each side of the Petite Passage; and Five pounds each to the Ferrymen at the Grand Passage in the County of Digby—to be paid on the Certificate of three Justices of the Peace for the County that suitable Boats have been provided, that the respective Ferries have been conducted under the Regulations of the Sessions, and that the public have been properly accommodated.

£5 Ferry, Lingan.

Resolved, That the sum of Five pounds be granted and paid to John Young, of Lingan, in the County of Cape Breton, to enable him to keep a Ferry across the Strait or Passage between Lingan and Bridgeport.

£5 Ferryman, St. Ann's.

Resolved, That the sum of Five Pounds be granted and paid to the Ferryman at St. Ann's Harbour, in the County of Victoria.

Resolved,

- Resolved*, That the sum of Five pounds be granted and paid to the Ferryman at Margaree River, in the County of Inverness. £5 Ferry, Margaree,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Four pounds each be granted and paid to the Ferrymen at the Grand Narrows, in the County of Cape Breton. £8 Ferry, Grand Narrows.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Five pounds be granted and paid to the Ferryman between the North Bar and the town of Sydney, in the County of Cape Breton. £5 Ferry, Nth. Bar.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Seven pounds and ten shillings be granted and paid to the Ferrymen at the entrance of the Great Bras d'Or, in the County of Victoria. £7 10s. Ferry, Great Bras d'Or.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Five pounds be granted and paid in aid the Ferry across Pugwash Harbor. £5 Ferry, Pugwash.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty pounds be granted to aid the Inhabitants of Cape Breton in supporting a suitable Boat or Scow to run between McMillan's point, in Cape Breton, and Auld's cove, in the County of Sydney; such Boat or Scow to be placed under the Regulations of the Superintendent of the main road and of the Sessions of the County of Inverness. £30 Scow at Mc-Millan's Point.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Ten pounds be granted to aid in establishing a Ferry during the present year between Milford and Ship Harbor, in the County of Guysborough, and to aid in providing suitable Boats for the purpose—such Ferry to be under the Regulations of the Sessions, and the amount to be paid on their Certificate that the same has been conducted to their satisfaction. £10 Ferry, Milford.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Five pounds each be granted and paid to the two Ferrymen at Saint Mary's River, Guysborough. £10 Ferry, St. Mary's River.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Seven pounds ten shillings be granted and paid in aid of the Ferry across the entrance of Southern Bay, Ingonish, Victoria. £7 10s. Ferry, Ingonish.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Five pounds be granted and paid to the Ferryman at the Gut of Mire River, in Cape Breton County. £5 Ferry, Mire River.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Ten pounds be granted and paid to the Ferryman at the Little Bras d'Or, Cape Breton. £10 Ferry, Little Bras d'Or.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Five pounds be granted and paid to the Ferryman at Sydney River, Cape Breton. £5 Ferry, Sydney River.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Three pounds each be granted and paid to the two Ferrymen at Tusket, in the County of Yarmouth. £6 Ferry, Tusket.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Five pounds be granted and paid to the Ferryman at Pubnico Harbour, Yarmouth. £5 Ferry, Pubnico.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Eight pounds be granted and paid to the Ferryman at the mouth of Ship Harbour, Halifax. £8 Ferry, Ship Harbor.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Five pounds each be granted and paid to the two Ferrymen on each side of the Jordan River, Shelburne County. £10 Ferry, Jordan River.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Poor in Halifax, to defray the expense of continuing the School in the Poor Asylum for the present year, for the benefit of orphans and poor children in that Establishment. £25 Poor Asylum School.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Three hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor for the benefit of the Indians for the present year. £300 Indians.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Eighty pounds, Sterling, be granted and paid to the Clerk of the Crown in the Supreme Court of this Province, for his services for the past year. £80 Stg. Clerk of Crown.
- Resolved*, That a sum not to exceed Two hundred pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be appropriated in paying Seizing Officers in various parts of this Province, for more effectually protecting the Revenue; provided no such Officer shall receive more than fifteen pounds. £200 Seizing Officers.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty pounds each be granted and paid to the two Chairmen of Bills and Supply, for their services for the present Session. £40 Chairmen of Committees.

Resolved,

£13 G. R. Grassie. *Resolved*, That the sum of Thirteen pounds be granted and paid to George R. Grassie, Esquire, Sergeant at Arms to the House of Assembly, in addition to his Salary for the present Session.

£100 Colored Population. *Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to purchase Seed for distribution among the Colored Population in the Counties of Hants, Queen's, Yarmouth, Guysborough, Annapolis, Sydney, Shelburne, Digby, King's, and Cumberland, to the amount of Ten pounds in each County.

£100 Colored Population, Halifax. *Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be expended in affording relief to the Colored Population in the County of Halifax, by purchasing Seed or Provisions, as circumstances may require.

£460, Stg. Clerks, Secretary's Office. *Resolved*, That the sum of Four hundred and sixty pounds, Sterling, be granted for the Salaries of the Clerks in the Provincial Secretary's office for the present year, to be appropriated and applied by the Provincial Secretary.

£100, Stg. Stationery, Secy's Office. *Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred pounds, sterling, be granted for Stationery and other Contingencies for the Provincial Secretary's office for the present year, the expenditure to be accounted for at the next Session of the General Assembly.

Read 1st time. *To which Bills and Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.*

Bills ref. to Select Committee. *The same were read a first time.*

Committee. *Ordered*, That the said Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and Report upon.

Pet. against Traffic in Liquors. *Ordered*, That Mr. Morton, Mr. Brown, and Mr. McKeen, be a Committee for that purpose.

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

Mr. Morton presented two Petitions from the County of King's County, praying for a Bill prohibiting the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Wednesday, 12th March, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF, ROBERT M. CUTLER, JOHN MORTON, HUGH BELL, STAYLEY BROWN, EDWARD KENNY, JAMES D. HARRIS, ALEXANDER KEITH, WILLIAM A. BLACK, DAVID CRICHTON,	The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, JAMES McNAB, JONATHAN McCULLY, WILLIAM GRIGOR, WILLIAM McKEEN, RICHARD A. McHEFFEY, THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD, ANSELM F. COMEAU.
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Money Votes.

The following Resolutions for granting Money, viz :

£200	0	0	Speaker of House of Assembly,
200	0	0	Clerk of House of Assembly,
25	0	0	Chaplain of House of Assembly,

£100	0	0	Clerk Assistant of House of Assembly,
50	0	0	Sergeant-at-Arms of House of Assembly,
30	0	0	Assistant do. do.
40	0	0	Messenger of the Governor, &c.
30	0	0	J. Fitzgerald,
100	0	0	Clerk of Board of Revenue, Pay of Excise Waiters,
300	0	0	Guager,
60	0	0	Keeper of Assembly Rooms, &c.
400	0	0	Sable Island,
50	0	0	Guysborough Packet,
20	0	0	Scow, Douglas,
20	0	0	Ferryman, Shubenacadie,
20	0	0	J. & C. Pernette,
10	0	0	C. Craig,
10	0	0	A. McGuire,
10	0	0	A. McPherson,
20	0	0	Ferry, Port L'Herbert,
10	0	0	D. McPhee,
15	0	0	Cunningham and Knowles,
15	0	0	Ferry, Amherst,
20	0	0	Ferry, Grandique,
20	0	0	Ferries, Halifax,
10	0	0	Ferry, Liscomb,
5	0	0	Ferry, Sambro,
20	0	0	Ferryman, Big Harbor,
7	10	0	Ferry, Necum Tench,
7	10	0	Ferry, Liscomb Harbor,
5	0	0	Ferry, Bear River,
25	0	0	Parrsborough Packet,
25	0	0	Packet, Bay Verte,
375	0	0	Packet, St. John's, N. F.
20	0	0	Ferryman, Digby,
5	0	0	Ferry, Lingan,
5	0	0	Ferry, St. Ann's,
5	0	0	Ferry, Margaree,
8	0	0	Do. Grand Narrows,
5	0	0	Do. North Bar, Sydney,
7	10	0	Do. Great Bras d'Or,
5	0	0	Do. Pugwash,
30	0	0	Do. McMillan's Point,
10	0	0	Do. Ship Harbour,
10	0	0	Do. St. Mary's,
7	10	0	Do. Ingonish,
5	0	0	Do. Gut, Mirè River,
10	0	0	Ferryman, Little, Bras d'Or,
5	0	0	Ferry, Sydney River,
6	0	0	Do. Tusket,
5	0	0	Do. Pubnico,
8	0	0	Do. Ship Harbor,
10	0	0	Do. Jordan River,
25	0	0	School, Poor House,
300	0	0	Indians,

£80	0	0	Sterling, Clerk of the Crown,
200	0	0	Seizing Officers,
40	0	0	Chairmen of Bills and Supply,
13	0	0	G. R. Grassie,
100	0	0	Colored Population in ten Counties,
100	0	0	Do. in Halifax,
460	0	0	Sterling, Clerks, Secretary's Office,
100	0	0	Sterling, Stationery, Secretary's Office,

- Read 2nd time, Were read a second time, and the question was put by the President on each Resolution,
- Agreed to, Whether this Resolution be agreed to?
It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Committee on Caledonia Lodge, Pictou, Burns' Free Church Sydney, Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom
A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate New Caledonia Lodge, Pictou; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Trustees of Burns' Free Church, in the County of Sydney; also,
- Juries C. Breton & Richmond, A Bill, entitled, An Act to legalize the Grand and Petit Juries for the Counties of Cape Breton and Richmond; also,
- Fire Engine Windsor Bills, A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Town of Windsor to procure a Fire Engine,
- Report, Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recommended them to the favourable consideration of the House.
- Bills read 2nd time, The said Bills were read a second time.
- And ordered to Com. Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- S. O. S. Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bills.
- Com. on Bills. On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Report Caledonia Lodge, Pictou, The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate New Caledonia Lodge, Pictou; also,
Burns' Free Church, Sydney, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Trustees of Burns' Free Church, in the County of Sydney; also,
Juries, Cape Breton and Richmond, A Bill, entitled, An Act to legalize the Grand and Petit Juries for the Counties of Cape Breton and Richmond; also,
Fire Engine, Windsor, and A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Town of Windsor to procure a Fire Engine; also,
Water Co. Bills, A Bill, entitled, An Act for further increasing the Capital Stock of the Halifax Water Company,
- Without amdt. And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Ordered, That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.
- Rep. Fire Engine, Pugwash, Bill without amdt. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Pugwash to procure a Fire Engine, and had made an amendment thereto.

The said amendment was read, as follows :

2ND CLAUSE.—3rd line—After the word “property,” insert the words “by the County Assessors and Collectors.” Amdt. read,

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

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Friday, at 2½ o'clock. Adjourn.

Friday, 14th March, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
 ROBERT M. CUTLER,
 JOHN MORTON,
 HUGH BELL,
 STAYLEY BROWN,
 MATHER B. ALMON,
 EDWARD KENNY,
 JAMES D. HARRIS,
 ALEXANDER KEITH,
 WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
 HENRY G. PINEO,
 JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
 JAMES McNAB,
 JONATHAN McCULLY,
 WILLIAM GRIGOR,
 WILLIAM McKEEN,
 THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD
 ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Wednesday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate New Caledonia Lodge, Pictou; also,	Caledonia Lodge,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Trustees of Burns' Free Church, in the County of Sydney; also,	Pictou, Burn's Church, Sydney,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to legalize the Grand and Petit Juries for the Counties of Cape Breton and Richmond; also,	Juries, C. B. and Richmond, and
A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Town of Windsor to procure a Fire Engine,	Fire Engine, Wind- sor Bills,
Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass?	Read 3rd time,
It was resolved in the affirmative.	Agreed to,
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.	And sent to H. A.
A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Pugwash to procure a Fire Engine, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass?	Fire Engine, Pug- wash, Bill read 3rd time,
It was resolved in the affirmative.	Agreed to, with amendment,
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with an amendment—to which amendment their concurrence is desired.	And sent to H. A.

Petition against
Traffic in Liquors

Mr. Fairbanks presented two Petitions from the County of Annapolis, praying for a Bill prohibiting the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Do.

Mr. Brown presented two Petitions from the County of Annapolis, and one from the County of Yarmouth, on the same subject—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Do.

Mr. Comeau presented a Petition from the County of Colchester, on the same subject—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Message from H. E.
with Despatch, &c.
on Mines and Mi-
nerals.

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

A Despatch, dated 22nd February, 1856, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to completing the Lease to the General Mining Association.

Also, the applications for Leases of Coal Mines, and the Correspondence connected therewith.

(Appendix—Mines and Minerals.)

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

Petitions against
Traffic in Liquors.

Mr. Morton presented two Petitions from King's County, praying for a Bill prohibiting the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Committee on Peat
Bog, Liverpool,
Bill report.

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Drainage of a Peat Bog near the Town of Liverpool, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2d time,
And ordered to Com.

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

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

Court House, Pic-
tou,

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 56, 18th Victoria, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the erection of a Court House in Pictou.

Streets, Pictou,

2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Pictou and New Glasgow to assess themselves for the making and repairing Streets and Sewers.

Town Hall, Onslow,
Costs and Fees,

3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for a Town Hall in Onslow.

4. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 154 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Costs and Fees."

Naturalization of
White and al.

5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to Naturalize Andrew C. White, William H. Sargent, and William G. Armstrong.

Newport Hall Co.
Bills,

6. A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate Newport Brooklyn Hall Company.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

Bills read 1st time,

The said Bills were read a first time.

4 Bills ref. to Select
Committee.

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

Committee.

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

Ordered, That the fifth and sixth Bills be read a second time at a future day.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for further increasing the Capital Stock of the Halifax Water Company, was read a third time:

Water Company
Bill read 3rd time,

Whereupon Mr. Almon moved that the said Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the same: which, being seconded, after long debate,

Motion to re-commit
Bill,

It was moved that the House do adjourn: which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, passed in the affirmative.

Motion to adjourn
agreed to.

Whereupon the House was adjourned until Monday, at 2½ o'clock.

Adjourn.

Monday, 17th March, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Naturalize Andrew C. White, William H. Sargent, and William G. Armstrong; also,

Natural'tion White,
and al., and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate Newport Brooklyn Hall Company,
Were read a second time.

Newport Hall Co.
Bills,
Read 2nd time,

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

And ordered to Com.

Mr. Pineo, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 56, 18th Victoria, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the erection of a Court House in Pictou; also,

Committee on
Court House,
Pictou,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Pictou and New Glasgow to assess themselves for the making and repairing Streets and Sewers; also,

Streets, Pictou, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 154 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Costs and Fees."

Costs and Fees Bills.

Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recommended them to the favourable consideration of the House.

Report,

The said Bills were read a second time.

Bills read 2nd time,

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

And ordered to Com.

Mr. Morton presented two Petitions from King's County, praying for a Bill prohibiting the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Petitions against
Traffic in Liquors.

Mr.

Do.

Mr. Comeau presented a Petition from Weymouth, in the County of Digby, on the same subject—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Motion to re-commit
Water Co Bill,

The House resumed the Debate on the motion to recommit a Bill, entitled, An Act for further increasing the Capital Stock of the Halifax Water Company, to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the same. And, after some time, the question being put by the President, there appeared, for the motion, five; against the motion, fifteen:

For the motion—

Mr. McNab,
“ Grigor,
“ Comeau,
“ Almon,
“ McCully,

Against the motion—

Mr. Cutler,
“ Kenny,
“ McKeen,
“ Harris,
“ Archibald,
“ Brown,
“ Bell,
“ Pineo,
“ Black,
“ Fairbanks,
“ Keith,
“ Crichton,
“ Morton.
“ Rudolf,
The President.

Negatived.

So it passed in the negative.

Then the question was put by the President,
Whether this Bill shall pass?

Bill agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

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

H. A. agree to amdt.
to Fire Engine,
Pugwash Bill,

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James,
To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Pugwash to procure a Fire Engine.

The Messenger also brought up the following Bills and Resolutions:

Woodworth Creek
Pier Co.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Ira Woodworth Creek Pier Company at Cornwallis.

Oak Point Pier Co.
Records, Onslow,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Oak Point Pier Company at Cornwallis.
A Bill, entitled, An Act to make certain Records of the Township of Onslow receivable in Evidence.

Sessions, Argyle,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the holding of Sessions in the Township of Argyle.

Meeting House,
Mahone Bay, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Union Meeting House Congregation at Mahone Bay.

Harbor, Port Hood,
Bills,
£42,000 Roads and
Bridges,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for Improving the Harbor of Port Hood.

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty-two thousand pounds be granted for the ordinary Road and Bridge Service, for the present year; and a further sum of Ten thousand pounds for the Great Road Service, for the same year.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the sum of Eighty pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence be granted to be distributed as follows:—The sum of Forty-one pounds and ten shillings to Richard Logue, late Deputy Sheriff and Jailor of the County of Cape Breton, for expenses incurred by him during the trial and confinement of Nicholas H. Martin; Thirty-two pounds and ten shillings to Nicholas H. Martin, for expenses incurred by him during such trial and confinement; and Six pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence to Richard Gibbons, Sheriff of said County, for expenses connected with the imprisonment of the said Nicholas H. Martin, pursuant to the Report of the Committee with reference thereto.

£80 18 9 R. Logue,
and al.

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

The said Bills and Resolutions were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

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

Bills ref. to Select
Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Pineo, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Archibald, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

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

Mr. McCully presented a Bill to amend the Act to Incorporate the Acadian Iron and Steel Company—which was read a first time.

Acadian Iron Co.
Bill read 1st time.

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

Mr. McCully presented a Bill to amend Chapter 120 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Probate Court," and the Acts in amendment thereof—which was read a first time.

Probate Court Bill
read 1st time,

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

And referred to Sel.
Com.

Ordered, That Mr. Pineo, Mr. Almon, and Mr. Bell, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Adjourn.

Tuesday, 18th March, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Pugwash to procure a Fire Engine, was read, as amended, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

Fire Engine Pug-
wash Bill,

- Finally agreed to, It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.
- Acadia Iron Co. Bill read 2d time, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Acadian Iron and Steel Company, was read a second time.
- And ordered to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- The following Resolutions for granting Money, viz :
- Money Votes, £42,000 0 0 Roads and Bridges,
80 18 9 R. Logue and others,
- Read 2d time, Were read a second time, and the question was put by the President on each Resolution,
Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?
- Agreed to, It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Com. on Woodworth Pier Co. Mr. Pineo, the Chairman of the Committee to whom
A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Ira Woodworth Creek Pier Company at Cornwallis ; also,
- Oak Point Pier Co. A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Oak Point Pier Company at Cornwallis ; also,
- Records, Onslow, A Bill, entitled, An Act to make certain Records of the Township of Onslow receivable in Evidence ; also,
- Sessions, Argyle, A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the holding of Sessions in the Township of Argyle ; also,
- Union Meeting Mahone Bay, and A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Union Meeting House Congregation at Mahone Bay ; also,
- Harbor, Port Hood, Bills, Report. A Bill, entitled, An Act for Improving the Harbor of Port Hood,
Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recommended them to the favourable consideration of the House.
- Bills read 2nd time, The said Bills were read a second time.
- And ordered to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- Com. on Town Hall Onslow Bill report. Mr. Pineo, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for a Town Hall in Onslow, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.
- Bill read 2nd time, The said Bill was read a second time.
- And ordered to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- Com. on Probate Court Bill rep. Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Probate Court," and the Acts in amendment thereof, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.
- Bill read 2d time, The said Bill was read a second time.
- And ord. to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.

Mr. McKeen presented a Petition from Londonderry, in the County of Colchester, praying for the passing of a Bill to prohibit the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Pet. against Traffic in Liquors.

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

S. O. suspended.

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

Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Acadian Iron and Steel Company; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Probate Court," and the Acts in amendment thereof.

Report Acadia Iron Co. and Probate Court Bills.

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Without amdt.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Naturalize Andrew C. White, William H. Sargent, and William G. Armstrong; also,

Report Natn. of White and al.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Ira Woodworth Creek Pier Company at Cornwallis; also,

Woodworth Pier Co.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Oak Point Pier Company at Cornwallis; also,

Oak Point Pier Co.

A Bill, entitled, Act to make certain Records of the Township of Onslow receivable in Evidence; also,

Records Onslow,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Union Meeting House Congregation at Mahone Bay; also,

Meeting House Mahone Bay,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the drainage of a Peat Bog near the Town of Liverpool; also,

Peat Bog Liverpool,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 56, 18th Victoria, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the erection of a Court House in Pictou; also,

Court House Pictou,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate Newport Brooklyn Hall Company; also,

Newport Hall Co.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 154 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Costs and Fees"; also,

Costs and Fees, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for a Town Hall in Onslow.

Town Hall Onslow

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Bills, Without amdt.

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

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

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and further amend the Act to Incorporate the Bank of Nova-Scotia, and the Acts in amendment thereof.

Bank of N. Scotia,

2. A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to the Act for Incorporating the Margaretville Pier Company.

Margaretville Pier Co.

3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Union Bank of Halifax.

Union Bank, and

4. A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of St. Matthew's Church at Wallace.

St. Matthew's Ch. Wallace Bills,

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

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

Bank N. Scotia Bill ref. to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That Mr. McCully, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. McHeffey, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

Ordered,

Margaretville Pier
and Matthew's
Church Bill ref.
Committee.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Comeau, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Pineo, be a Committee for that purpose.

Union Bank Bill ref.
to Sel. Com.

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

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Brown, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. McHefsey, be a Committee for that purpose.

Pet. against traffic in
Liquors.

Mr. McCully presented a Petition from the County of Cumberland, praying for the passing of a Bill to prohibit the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Wednesday, 19th March, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM MCKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Acadian Iron Co.
and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Acadian Iron and Steel Company ; also,

Probate Court Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Probate Court, and the Acts in amendment thereof,

Read 3rd time,

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

Passed,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To carry down the said Bills, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Nat. of White & al.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Naturalize Andrew C. White, William H. Sargent, and William G. Armstrong ; also,

Woodworth Creek
Pier Co.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Ira Woodworth Creek Pier Company at Cornwallis ; also,

Oak Point Pier Co.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Oak Point Pier Company at Cornwallis ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to make certain Records of the Township of Onslow receivable in Evidence; also,	Records Onslow,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Union Meeting House Congregation at Mahone Bay; also,	Meeting House Mahone Bay,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the drainage of a Peat Bog near the Town of Liverpool; also,	Peat Bog Liverpool
A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 56, 18th Victoria, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the erection of a Court House in Pictou; also,	Court House Pictou,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate Newport Brooklyn Hall Company; also,	Newport Hall Co.
A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 154 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Costs and Fees"; also,	Costs and Fees, and
A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for a Town Hall in Onslow,	Town Hall Onslow
Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass?	Bills, Read 3d time,
It was resolved in the affirmative.	Agreed to,
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,	
To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.	And sent to H. A.
Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and further amend the Act to Incorporate the Bank of Nova-Scotia, and the Acts in amendment thereof, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.	Com. on Bank N. S. Bill report.
The said Bill was read a second time,	Bills read 2d time,
<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.	And ord. to Com.
Mr. Comeau, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of St. Matthew's Church, at Wallace, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.	Com. on St. Matthew's Ch. Wallace Bill report.
The said Bill was read a second time.	Bill read 2d time,
<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.	And ord. to Com.
Mr. Black presented a Bill to Increase the Capital Stock of the Nova-Scotia Horticultural Society—which was read a first time.	Horticultural Soci'y Bill read 1st time.
<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.	
<i>Resolved unanimously</i> , That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the Bills before a Committee of the whole House.	S. O. S.
On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.	Com. on Bills.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of St. Matthew's Church, at Wallace; also,	Rep. St. Matthew's Church, Wallace, and
A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Pictou and New Glasgow to assess themselves for the making and repairing Streets and Sewers,	Streets, Pictou and New Glasgow Bills,
And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.	Without amdt.
<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.	

Rep. Harbor Port
Hood Bill without
amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act for improving the Harbour of Port Hood, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment,

Motion not to re-
ceive Report,

Whereupon Mr. Fairbanks moved; that the said Report be not received: which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, there appeared, for the motion, six; against it, fifteen:

For the motion—

Mr. Almon,
“ Black,
“ Fairbanks,
“ Keith,
“ Crichton,
“ Morton.

Against the motion—

Mr. Cutler,
“ Kenny,
“ McHeffey,
“ McKeen,
“ McNab,
“ Grigor,
“ Harris,
“ Archibald,
“ Brown,
“ Bell,
“ McCully,
“ Comeau,
“ Pineo,
“ Rudolf,
The President.

Negatived.

So it passed in the negative.

Report received.

Ordered, That the said Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

Rep. Bank N. Scotia
Bill, with amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and further amend the Act to Incorporate the Bank of Nova-Scotia, and the Acts in amendment thereof, and had made two amendments thereto.

Amdt. read,

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

3RD CLAUSE.—14th line—After the word “ added,” insert the words “ and disposed of.” 15th line—leave out the the words “ the fourth Section of.”

And agreed to,

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

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

Com. on Union
Bank Bill report.

Mr. Brown, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Union Bank of Halifax, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of House.

Bill read 2d time,

The said Bill was read a second time.

And ord. to Com.

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

Pet. against traffic in
Liquors.

Mr. Morton presented six Petitions from the County of Annapolis, praying for the passing of a Bill to prohibit the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Do.

Mr. McCully presented the Petition of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, on the same subject—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr.

Mr. Comeau presented four Petitions from the County of Digby, on the same subject—which were ordered to lie on the Table. Pet. against Traffic in Liquors.

Mr. McCully presented a Bill to Incorporate the Halifax Mechanics' Library Association—which was read a first time. Hx. Mechanics' Library Bill read 1st time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. Referred to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That Mr. McCully, Mr. Pineo, and Mr. Keith, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock. Adjourn.

Thursday, 20th March, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of St. Matthew's Church at Wallace; also, St. Matthew's Ch. Wallace,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Pictou and New Glasgow to assess themselves for the making and repairing Streets and Sewers; also, Streets Pictou, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act for improving the Harbour of Port Hood, Harbor, Port Hood, Bills,
Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Read 3rd time,
Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly,

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and further amend the Act to Incorporate the Bank of Nova-Scotia, and the Acts in amendment thereof—was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Bank of N. Scotia, Bill read 3d time,
Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, Agreed to, with amt.

To

- And sent to H. A. To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired.
- Horticultural Society Bill read 2nd time, A Bill, entitled, An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the Nova-Scotia Horticultural Society, was read a second time.
- And ordered to Com. *Ordered,* That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- Com. on Margaretville Pier Co. Bill report. Mr. Comeau, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to the Act for Incorporating the Margaretville Pier Company, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.
- Bill read 2nd time, The said Bill was read a second time.
- And ordered to Com. *Ordered,* That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- Com. on Bills. On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Rep. Union Bank Bill without amdt. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Union Bank of Halifax, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.
- Resolution to attend Mr. McLeod's Funeral. *Resolved unanimously,* That this House will attend the Funeral of the late James McLeod, Esq., late the Representative of the County of Cape Breton, in General Assembly, and that the President of this House be requested to communicate the foregoing Resolution to the Speaker of the House of Assembly.
- Adjourn. On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday, at 2½ o'clock.

Monday, 24th March, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Thursday were read.

The President laid before the House the following Letter, which he had received from the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Assembly :

House

House of Assembly, 20th March, 1856.

Letter of Speaker
rel. to Funeral of
Mr. McLeod.

SIR—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of this date, enclosing the unanimous Resolution of the Legislative Council to attend the Funeral of the Honorable James McLeod, deceased, late a Member of this House, which Resolution I have communicated to the House, and am directed to acquaint you, for the information of the Council, that the Funeral will take place from Saint Mary's Cathedral, on Saturday next, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

STEWART CAMPBELL,

Speaker.

The Hon. THE PRESIDENT of the Legislative Council.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Union Bank of Halifax, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Union Bank Bill
read 3rd time,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

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

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

Mr. Comeau presented a Bill to constitute Argyle, in the County of Yarmouth, a separate District—which was read a first time. Argyle Bill read 1st
time,

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

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Pineo, and Mr. McHeffey, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the Nova-Scotia Horticultural Society, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment. Rep. Hortl. Society
Bill, without amt.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to the Act for Incorporating the Margaretville Pier Company, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment. Rep. Margaretville
Pier Company Bill
without amdt.

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

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock. Adjourn.

Tuesday, 25th March, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Horticultural Soci'ry
Bill read 3rd time,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the Nova-Scotia Horticultural Society, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To carry down the said Bill, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Margaretville Pier
Co. Bill read 3rd
time,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to the Act for Incorporating the Margaretville Pier Company, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass?

Agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

Com. on Argyle
Bill rep.

Mr. Archibald, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to constitute Argyle, in the County of Yarmouth, a separate District, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2nd time,

The said Bill was read a second time.

And ord. to Com.

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

Com. on Halifax
Mechanics' Lib'ry
Association Bill
rep.

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Mechanics' Library Association, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2nd time,

The said Bill was read a second time.

And ordered to Com.

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

S. O. suspended.

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

On

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to constitute Argyle, in the County of Yarmouth, a separate District; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Mechanics' Library Association, And had agreed to the same, without any amendment. Rep. Argyle, and
Hx. Mechs. Library
Bills,
Without amdt.

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

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and further amend the Act to Incorporate the Bank of Nova-Scotia, and the Acts in amendment thereof. H. A. agree to amt.
to Bank N. Scotia
Bill,

Also, to inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the New Practice Act, without any amendment. H. A. agree to New
Practice Act with-
out amdt.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock. Adjourn.

Wednesday, 26th March, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF, ROBERT M. CUTLER, JOHN MORTON, STAYLEY BROWN, MATHER B. ALMON, EDWARD KENNY, JAMES D. HARRIS, ALEXANDER KEITH, WILLIAM A. BLACK,	The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON, HENRY G. PINEO, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, JONATHAN McCULLY, WILLIAM GRIGOR, WILLIAM McKEEN, RICHARD A. McHEFFEY, THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD, ANSELM F. COMEAU.
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to constitute Argyle, in the County of Yarmouth, a separate District; also, Argyle, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Mechanics' Library Association, Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass? Halifax Mechanics'
Library Associa-
tion Bills,
Read 3rd time,

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To carry down the said Bills, and desire their concurrence thereto. And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and further amend the Act to Incorporate the Bank of Nova-Scotia, and the Acts in amendment thereof, was read, as amended, and the question was put by the President, Bank of N. Scotia
Bill,

Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass? Finally agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Com. on Petitions
against Traffic in
Liquors rep.

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom the various Petitions praying for the passing of a Bill to prohibit the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, were referred, made his report in writing, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same as follows :

Report.

The Committee to whom were referred the numerous Petitions praying for a Law to prohibit the Sale and Manufacture of Intoxicating Liquors, have examined each, and find them to contain upwards of 30,000 names ; also, a Petition from the Grand Division of the Temperance Society, and one from the Baptist Association, and another from the Free Church Presbytery, and recommend the subject of them to the favourable consideration of the House.

JOHN MORTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
DAVID CRICHTON.

Committee Room, March 26, 1856.

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

Absent Debtors' Bill
read 1st time,

Mr. McCully presented a Bill to amend Chapter 141 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Suits against Absent or Absconding Debtors"—which was read a first time.

And referred to Sel.
Committee.

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

Committee.

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

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Friday, at 2½ o'clock.

Friday, 28th March, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Wednesday were read.

Common of Halifax
Bill read 1st time,

Mr. McNab presented a Bill to authorize the City of Halifax to sell part of the Common of Halifax—which was read a first time.

And ref. to Sel. Com.

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

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Bell, Mr. Keith, and Mr. McCully, be a Committee for that purpose.

On

On motion, *resolved*, That a Conference be desired with the House of Assembly, by Committee, on the General State of the Province, and that the Committee of this House do communicate to the Committee of the House of Assembly, that it is the opinion of this House that certain repairs and alterations are required for ventilating, heating, and draining the Provincial Building, and for its security.

Conference on
General State
Province rel. to
Provel. Building.

First—That an efficient supply of water and water pipes, in connection with the water closets, are required.

Second—An efficient and safe mode of heating and ventilating the Building.

Third—An efficient and thorough drainage, and an effective enquiry into the state of the Sewerage, in connection with the streets in its vicinity.

Fourth—A thorough inspection of the several apartments, floors, &c. of the Building.

Fifth—The removal of the Court House, and the formation of a Legislative Library in the Room now occupied as a Court House.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. James, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Acadian Iron and Steel Company, without any amendment.

H. A. agree to
Acadian Iron Co.
Bill, without amt.

The Messenger also brought up the following Bill:

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Assess the Township of Granville.

Granville Assess-
ment Bill,

To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Bill was read a first time.

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

And referred to Sel
Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Brown, and Mr. McHefey, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

Mr. McCully presented a Bill to amend the Act to Incorporate the Centreville Hall Company—which was read a first time.

Centreville Hall Co.
Bill read 1st time,

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

And ref. to Select
Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. McHefey, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Comeau, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

Mr. Pineo, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 141 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Suits against Absent or Absconding Debtors," was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Com. on absent
Debtors' Bill rep.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2d time,

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

And ord. to Com.

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

S. O. S.

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

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws imposing Customs Duties.

Customs,

2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Law to regulate Distilleries.

Distilleries,

3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Law imposing Light House Duties.

Light House,

4. A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the License Laws.

License,

5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize a Provincial Loan.

Provincial Loan,

- Supreme Court, 6. A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Supreme Court and its Officers."
- Treasury Notes, 7. A Bill, entitled, An Act for a further issue of Treasury Notes.
- Savings' Bank, 8. A Bill, entitled, An Act to enlarge the amount of Deposits in the Savings' Bank.
- Loan for Railway, 9. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act 17 Victoria, Chapter 2nd, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the construction of Railways within this Province.
- Survey Halifax, 10. A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Corporation of Halifax to procure a general Survey of the City.
- Eastern School District, Halifax, and 11. A Bill, entitled, An Act to divide the Eastern School District of the County of Halifax.
- Milton Railroad Co. Bills, 12. A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Milton Railroad Company.
- Read 1st time, To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.
The said Bills were read a first time.
- S. O. S. on 9 Bills, *Ordered*, That the nine first Bills be read a second time at a future time.
Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bills.
- Bills read 2nd time, The said Bills were read a second time.
And ordered to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- 3 Bills referred to Select Committee. *Ordered*, That the three last Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. Pineo, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Bell, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Com. on Bills. On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Rep. Cus. Duties, The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws imposing Customs Duties; also,
- Distilleries, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Law to regulate Distilleries; also,
- Light House Duties, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Law imposing Light House Duties; also,
- License Laws, and A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the License Laws; also,
- Provincial Loan Bills, A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize a Provincial Loan,
- Without amdt. And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Ordered, That the said Bills be read a third time presently.
- Bills read 3d time, The said Bills were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill,
Whether this Bill shall pass?
- Agreed to, It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Rep. Supreme Court Bill with amdt. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Supreme Court and its Officers," and had made two amendments thereto.
- Amdt. read, The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:
FIRST CLAUSE—8th line.—After the word "parties" insert the words "and other persons."
- At the end of the Bill add the following Clause:
"All matters and proceedings pending, or to be had, shall be had and proceeded with; and all jurors, officers, parties, and other persons, bound to appear at any of the

the Terms of the Supreme Court in any of the Counties herein named, shall be bound to appear at the several times provided by this Act, at which the said Supreme Court shall hereafter be held respectively."

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

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

The said Bill was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Bill read 3d time,

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to, with amt.

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

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, And sent to H. A.
with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, Rep. Absent Debtors
Bill, without amt.
An Act to amend Chapter 141 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Suits against Absent or Absconding Debtors," and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

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

To desire a Conference with that House, by Committee, on the General State of Message to H. A.
asking Conference
the Province.

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

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

Ordered, That Mr. Grigor, Mr. McCully, and Mr. McHeffey, be a Committee to Committee.
manage the said Conference.

And the Managers went to the Conference, and being returned, the Chairman re- Report.
ported that the Committee had held the said Conference, and that he had communi-
cated his instructions to the Committee of the House of Assembly.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock. Adjourn.

Saturday, 29th March, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

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

To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments pro- H. A. agree to amt.
to Supreme Court
Bill.
posed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 126 of
the Revised Statutes, "Of the Supreme Court and its Officers."

The

The said Bill was then read, as amended, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

Bill finally agreed to

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

Com. on Survey,
Halifax,

Mr. Pineo, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Corporation of Halifax to procure a general Survey of the City; also,

Eastern School
District Halifax,
and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to divide the Eastern School District of the County of Halifax; also,

Milton Railroad
Bills,
Report.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Milton Railroad Company,

Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recommended them to the favourable consideration of the House.

Bills read 2nd time,

The said Bills were read a second time,

And ordered to Com.

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

S. O. S.

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

Committee on Bills.

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

Rep. Loan for
Railways,

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act 17th Victoria, Chapter 2nd, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the construction of Railways within this Province; also,

Survey, Halifax,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Corporation of Halifax to procure a general Survey of the City; also,

Eastern School
Dis. Halifax, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to divide the Eastern School District of the City of Halifax; also,

Milton Railroad
Bills,
Without amd.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Milton Railroad Company,
And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bills be read a third time presently.

Bills read 3rd time,

The said Bills were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

Agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

Com. on Centreville
Hall Co. Bill rep.

Mr. McHefsey, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Centreville Hall Company, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2nd time,

The said Bill was read a second time.

And ord. to Com.

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

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday, at 2½ o'clock.

Monday, 31st March, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Saturday were read.

Mr. Brown presented a Petition from Poyntz and others, praying this House not to agree to a Bill to assess the Township of Granville—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Petition of Poyntz and al. against Granville Bill.

Mr. Archibald, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to assess the Township of Granville, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and that the majority of the Committee recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Committee on Granville Bill report maj. favorable.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2d time.

Whereupon Mr. Fairbanks moved that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred to this day three months: which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, there appeared, for the motion, seven; against the motion, thirteen:

Motion to defer 3 months,

For the motion—

Mr. Cutler,
“ Black,
“ Pineo,
“ Fairbanks,
“ Crichton,
“ Brown,
“ Morton.

Against the motion—

Mr. Bell,
“ Almon,
“ Harris,
“ McNab,
“ McHeffey,
“ Archibald,
“ Comeau,
“ McKeen,
“ McCully,
“ Keith,
“ Kenny,
“ Rudolf,
The President.

So it passed in the negative.

Negatived.

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

Bill ordered to Com.

- H. A. agree to Argyle Bill without amendment.
 A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to constitute Argyle, in the County of Yarmouth, a separate District, without any amendment.
- County Assessment Bill read 1st time,
 And referred to Select Committee.
 Mr. McNab presented a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, "Of County Assessments"—which was read a first time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
Ordered, That Mr. McNab, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Black, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Absent Debtors Bill read 3d time,
 And passed.
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 141 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Suits against Absent or Absconding Debtors," was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,
 Whether this Bill shall pass?
 It was resolved in the affirmative.
- Com. on Bills.
 On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Report Centreville Hall Bill without amendment.
 The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Centreville Hall Company, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third time at a future day.
- Report Savings Bank,
 And Treasury Notes Bills,
 Without amend.
 The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to enlarge the amount of Deposits in the Savings' Bank; also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act for a further issue of Treasury Notes.
 And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Ordered, That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.
- H. E. comes to Council Chamber.
 At half-past Three o'clock, P. M., His Excellency Major General Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c., came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and, being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's command, to let the House of Assembly know, "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House"—who, being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to thirty-eight Bills, entitled as follows:—
- H. A. attend.
 H. E. assents to 38 Bills.
 New Practice Act. An Act to amend the New Practice Act.
 Acadian Iron Co. An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Acadian Iron and Steel Company.
 Argyle, An Act to constitute Argyle, in the County of Yarmouth, a separate District.
 Elec. Dis Annapolis. An Act to set off an additional Electoral District within the County of Annapolis.
 Pres. Ch. Windsor. An Act to authorize the Sale of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House at Windsor.
 Sess. Lunenburg. An Act to alter the time of holding the Sessions for the County of Lunenburg.
 Caledonia Lodge, An Act to Incorporate New Caledonia Lodge, Pictou.
 Burns' Church, Sydney. An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Trustees of Burns' Free Church in the County of Sydney.
 Juries, C. B., and Richmond. An Act to legalize the Grand and Petit Juries for the Counties of Cape Breton and Richmond.
 Fire Engine, Windsor. An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Town of Windsor to procure a Fire Engine.

An Act for further increasing the Capital Stock of the Halifax Water Company.	Water Company.
An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Pugwash to procure a Fire Engine.	Fire Eng., Pugwash.
An Act to naturalize Andrew C. White, William H. Sargent, and William G. Armstrong.	Naturalization of White and al.
An Act to Incorporate the Ira Woodworth Creek Pier Company at Cornwallis.	Woodworth Pier Co.
An Act to Incorporate the Oak Point Pier Company at Cornwallis.	Oak Point Pier Co.
An Act to make certain Records of the Township of Onslow receivable in evidence.	Records Onslow.
An Act to Incorporate the Union Meeting House Congregation at Mahone Bay.	Meet. Mahone Bay.
An Act to authorize the Draining of a Peat Bog near the Town of Liverpool.	Peat Bog, Liverpool.
An Act to amend Chapter 56, 18 Victoria, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the erection of a Court House in Pictou.	Ct. House, Pictou.
An Act to Incorporate Newport Brooklyn Hall Company.	Newport Hall Co.
An Act to amend Chapter 154 of the Revised Statutes "Of Costs and Fees."	Costs and Fees.
An Act to provide for a Town Hall in Onslow.	Town Hall, Onslow.
An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of St. Matthew's Church at Wallace.	St. Matt. Ch. Wal.
An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Pictou and New Glasgow to assess themselves for the making and repairing of Streets and Sewers.	Streets, &c., Pictou.
An Act for improving the Harbor of Port Hood.	Harbor, Port Hood.
An Act to Incorporate the Union Bank of Halifax.	Union Bank.
An Act in addition to the Act for Incorporating the Margaretville Pier Company.	Marg. Pier Com.
An Act to continue and further amend the Act to Incorporate the Bank of Nova Scotia, and the Acts in amendment thereof.	Bank of Neva Scotia.
An Act to continue and amend the Law imposing Customs Duties.	Customs Duties.
An Act to continue the Law to regulate Distilleries.	Distilleries.
An Act to continue the Law imposing Light House Duties.	Light House Duties.
An Act to continue the License Laws.	License Laws.
An Act to authorize a Provincial Loan.	Provincial Loan.
An Act to alter and amend Chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Supreme Court and its Officers."	Supreme Court.
An Act to amend the Act seventeenth Victoria, Chapter second, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the construction of Railways within this Province.	Loan for Railway.
An Act to enable the Corporation of Halifax to procure a general Survey of the City.	Survey Halifax.
An Act to divide the Eastern School District of the County of Halifax.	Eastern School District, Halifax.
An Act to Incorporate the Milton Railroad Company.	Milton Railroad.
The House of Assembly then withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire soon after.	H. A. withdraw. H. E. retires.
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To carry down a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 141 of the Revised Statutes, Of Suits against Absent or Absconding Debtors, and desire their concurrence thereto.	Absconding Debtors Bill sent to H. A.
On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.	Adjourn.

Monday,

Tuesday, 1st April, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

<p>The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF, ROBERT M. CUTLER, JOHN MORTON, HUGH BELL, STAYLEY BROWN, MATHER B. ALMON, EDWARD KENNY, JAMES D. HARRIS, ALEXANDER KEITH, WILLIAM A. BLACK,</p>	<p>The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON, HENRY G. PINEO, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, JAMES McNAB, JONATHAN McCULLY, WILLIAM McKEEN, RICHARD A. McHEFFEY, THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD, ANSELM F. COMEAU.</p>
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Com. on Contingent
Expenses.
Committee.

On motion, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the Contingent Expenses of this House for the present Session.

Ordered, That Mr. Crichton, Mr. Rudolf, and Mr. Grigor, be a Committee for that purpose.

Centreville Hall Co.
Bill read 3d time.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Centreville Hall Company, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To carry down the said Bill, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Savings' Bank, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enlarge the amount of Deposits in the Savings' Bank; also,

Trea. Notes Bills,
Read 3rd time,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for a further issue of Treasury Notes, Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass?

Agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

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

Bd. Health Halifax.
Streets, Halifax.

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act respecting the Board of Health at Halifax.

2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the repair and maintenance of Streets in the City of Halifax.

Sidewalks, Halifax.

3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Corporation of Halifax to make improved Side Walks in the City.

Morristown.

4. A Bill, entitled, An Act to establish the Township of Morristown, in the County of Sydney.

Fees, Har. Master
Sydney.

5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Harbor Masters' Fees, in the Harbour of Sydney.

6. A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Division of School Districts in the County of Lunenburg. School District, Lunenburg,
7. A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws relating to the Militia. And Militia Bills,
- To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.
- The said Bills were read a first time. Read 1st time.
- Ordered*, That the first Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. Board of Health, Hx. Bill, ref.
- Ordered*, That Mr. Grigor, Mr. Kenny, Mr. Almon, Mr. Black, and Mr. Brown, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.
- Ordered*, That the second and third Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. Streets and Side-walks, Hx Bill ref.
- Ordered*, That Mr. Almon, Mr. Black, Mr. Keith, Mr. Kenny, and Mr. McCully, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.
- Ordered*, That the fourth Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. Morristown Bill ref.
- Ordered*, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. McKeen, and Mr. McHeffey, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.
- Ordered*, That the fifth and seventh Bills be read a second time at a future day.
- Ordered*, That the sixth Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. School Dis. Lunenburg, Bill ref.
- Ordered*, That Mr. Rudolf, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Crichton, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.
- On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock. Adjourn.

Wednesday, 2nd April, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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| The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK, | The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU. |
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

- A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Harbor Master's Fees in the Harbor of Sydney; also, Fees Harbor Master. Sydney,
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws relating to the Militia, And Militia Bills,
- Were read a second time.
- Ordered*, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time. Read 2d time,

Com. on Bd. Health
Halifax Bill rep.

Mr. Grigor, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act respecting the Board of Health at Halifax, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and proposed some amendments, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2d time,
And ordered to Com.

The said Bill was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.

Petition of Wm. H.
Thorp and al.

Mr. Morton presented the Petition of William H. Thorp and others, praying for An Act to Incorporate the Erasmus Hall Company—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Erasmus Hall Co.
Bill read 1st time.

Mr. Morton presented a Bill to Incorporate the Erasmus Hall Company, which was read a first time.

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

Petition of Rector
&c. of St. John's
Par., Colchester.

Mr. Almon presented the Petition of the Rector, Churchwardens, and Vestry, of St. John's Parish, in the County of Colchester, relative to the Glebe Lands at Onslow—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Com. on Morrystown
Bill report.

Mr. Archibald, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to establish the Township of Morrystown, in the County of Sydney, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2nd time,
And ord. to Com.

The said Bill was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.

S. O. S.

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

Com. on Bills.

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

Rep. Fees, Harbor
Master, Sydney,

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Harbor Master's Fees, in the Harbour of Sydney; also,

Militia,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws relating to the Militia; also,

And Morrystown
Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to establish the Township of Morrystown, in the County of Sydney,

Without amdt.

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

Com. on Streets, &

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for the repair and maintenance of Streets in the City of Halifax; also,

Sidewalks, Halifax,
Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Corporation of Halifax to make improved Side Walks in the City,

Report.

Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recommended them to the favourable consideration of the House.

Bills read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com.

The said Bills were read a second time.

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

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Thursday, 3rd April, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Harbour Master's Fees, in the Harbor of Sydney; also, Fees, Har. Master
Sydney,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws relating to the Militia; also, Militia, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to establish the Township of Morristown, in the County of Sydney, Morristown Bills,

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

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, Agreed to,
And sent to H. A.

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

Mr. Rudolf, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Division of School Districts in the County of Lunenburg, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House. Com. on School
District, Lunen-
burg Bill report.

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Erasmus Hall Company, was read a second time. Erasmus Hall Co.
Bill read 2d time,

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

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

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Customs.

Customs Laws,

Resolved,

£2,000 Inland Navigation, or Shubenacadie Canal Co.

Resolved, That the sum of Two thousand pounds, paid by the Inland Navigation Company, for the property on which their Works are constructed, be regranted to them, upon condition that they shall give satisfactory security to the Government that such sum, as well as any further sum that may be produced by, or borrowed on the security of the property, shall be expended *bona fide*, in carrying on the work as it now stands, and not in meeting any liabilities now incurred, or refunding any past expenditure.

Resolved, That in transferring the said property to the Company, free of the present restriction, the Executive Government shall insert such guards and provisions as will effectually prevent the proceeds, or value thereof, from being applied under any circumstances whatsoever, to the private use of any of the Shareholders of the Company; such guards and provisions, however, not to apply when the Canal shall be completed and opened.

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

The same were read a first time.

Read 1st time,
Customs Laws Bill referred.

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

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Kenny, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Brown, be a Committee for that purpose.

H. A. agree to Centreville Hall, and

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

Mechanics' Library Association Bills,

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Centreville Hall Company; Also, to a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Mechanics' Library Association,

Without amdt.

Without any amendment.

H. A. agree Trust Fund Bill, with amendment.

The Messenger also informed the House, that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to facilitate the Investment of Trust and other Funds, with amendments—to which amendments they desired the concurrence of this House.

Amdt. to Trust Fund Bill considered.

On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments proposed by the House of Assembly to a Bill, entitled, An Act to facilitate the Investment of Trust and other Funds.

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

First amendment.

After the word "Trustees," in the first Section, insert the following words "unless where otherwise directed by the Will, or other Instrument creating the Trust."

Second amendment.

Strike out the words "thereby represented" at the end of such Section, and insert the following words "actually paid by such Executor, Administrator, or Trustee."

And agreed to,

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

And Message to H.A

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

To carry down the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to their amendments to the said Bill.

Com. on Bills.

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

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock.

Friday,

Friday, 4th March, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES MCNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Pineo, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Erasmus Hall Company, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Com. on Erasmus
Hall Bill report,

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

Bill ordered to Com.

The Resolution for granting £2,000 to the Inland Navigation Company, was read a second time.

£2,000 Inland Nav.
Com. read 2d
time.

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

And ordered to Com.

Mr. Kenny, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend and alter the Laws relating to the Customs, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Com. on Customs
Law report.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2nd time,

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

And ord. to Com.

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

S. O. S.

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

Com. on Bills,

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend and alter the Laws relating to the Customs; also,

Report Customs
Laws,

A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Division of School Districts in the County of Lunenburg;

School Dis. Lunen-
burg, Bills,

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Without amdt.

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

Report Gran. Asses.
Bill without am.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Assess the Township of Granville, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

And the question being put by the President, Whether the said Report be received? there appeared, for receiving the Report, eleven; against receiving the Report, nine:

For receiving the Report:

Mr. Kenny,
" McNab,
" McHeffey,
" McKeen,
" McCully,
" Grigor,
" Bell,
" Archibald,
" Comeau,
" Rudolf,
" Harris,
The President.

Against receiving the Report:

Mr. Cutler,
" Brown,
" Pineo,
" Almon,
" Black,
" Fairbanks,
" Keith,
" Crichton,
" Morton.

Report received.

So it passed in the affirmative.

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

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

Pilotage,

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Pilotage, Harbours, and Harbour Masters," and the Act of 1855 in amendment thereof.

Vegetables and
Coals,
Patents,

2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to establish the Sale by weight of Vegetables and Coal.
3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 120 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Patents for useful Inventions."

Public Lands Lu-
nenburg,

4. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act relating to certain Public Lands in the Town of Lunenburg.

And Bap. Meeting,
Wilmot, Bills,

5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the South Baptist Meeting House at Wilmot.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time,
Pilotage Bill ref.

The said Bills were read a first time.

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

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Comeau, Mr. Brown, and Mr. McKeen, be a Committee for that purpose.

Veg. and Coals Bill
referred.

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

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Morton, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Black, be a Committee for that purpose.

Patents Bill ref.

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

Committee.

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

Public Lands Bill
referred.

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

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Almon, Mr. Cutler, and Mr. McKeen, be a Committee for that purpose.

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

Mr.

- Mr. Rudolf presented the Petition of the Rector and Church Wardens of St. John's Parish, Lunenburg, against the Bill relating to certain Public Lands at Lunenburg—which was read, and referred to the Committee on the said Bill. Petition of Rector of St. John's Par. Lunenburg.
- Mr. McHeffey presented a Bill to enable private persons to implead the Provincial Government—which was read a first time. Impleading Gov. Bill read 1st time,
- Ordered,* That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. And ref. to Sel. Com.
- Ordered,* That Mr. McCully, Mr. Almon, and Mr. Kenny, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.
- On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock. Adjourn.

Saturday, 5th April, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

<p>The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF, ROBERT M. CUTLER, JOHN MORTON, HUGH BELL, STAYLEY BROWN, MATHER B. ALMON, EDWARD KENNY, JAMES D. HARRIS, ALEXANDER KEITH, WILLIAM A. BLACK,</p>	<p>The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON, HENRY G. PINEO, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, JAMES McNAB, JONATHAN McCULLY, WILLIAM GRIGOR, WILLIAM McKEEN, RICHARD A. McHEFFEY, THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD, ANSELM F. COMEAU.</p>
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

- A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend and alter the Laws relating to the Customs; also, Customs Laws,
A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Division of School Districts in the County School Dis. Lunenburg,
of Lunenburg; also, And Gran. As. Bill,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to Assess the Township of Granville, Read 3d time,
Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Agreed to,
Whether this Bill shall pass?
It was resolved in the affirmative.
- A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, And sent to H. A.
To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the South Baptist Meeting House at Wilmot, was read a second time. Bap. Meeting, Wilmot Bill read 2d time,
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a And ord. to Com.
future time.
- Mr. McNab, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Returns, relative to the Trade of this Province: Message from H. E., with Trade Returns.

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An Abstract of the Principal Articles of British and Foreign Merchandize imported into the Province of Nova-Scotia, during the year ended 31st December, 1855, shewing the value of each Article, and from what Country imported.

An Abstract of the Principle Articles Shipped from the Province of Nova-Scotia, in the year ended 31st December, 1855, shewing the value of each Article, and to what Country exported.

A General Statement of Imports, shewing the value of Merchandize entered at each Port in Nova-Scotia, during the year 1855, and indicating from what Country imported.

A General Statement of Exports, shewing the value of Merchandize exported from each Port in Nova-Scotia, during the year 1855, and indicating to what Country exported.

A Comparative Statement of the value of Merchandize imported at the different Ports of Nova-Scotia, during the years 1854 and 1855.

A Comparative Statement of the value of Merchandize exported from the different Ports in Nova-Scotia, during the years 1854 and 1855.

A Statement of Imports into the Port of Halifax, during the year ended 31st Dec., 1855, shewing the quantity and value of each Article imported, and indicating from what Country imported.

A Statement of Exports from the Port of Halifax, during the year ended 31st Dec., 1855, shewing the quantity and value of Articles exported, and indicating to what Country exported.

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

Com. on Impleading
Pro. Government
Bill report.

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable private persons to implead the Provincial Government, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2d time,
And ordered to Com.

The said Bill was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

Committee on Bills.

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

Recommend Board
of Health Bill to
be deferred.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act respecting the Board of Health at Halifax, and recommended that the further consideration of the said Bill should be deferred to this day three months.

Bill deferred.

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

H. A. agree to Horti-
cultural Bill,
without amdt.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. James,
To return a Bill, entitled, An Act to Increase the Capital Stock of the Nova-Scotia Horticultural Society, and to inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the said Bill, without any amendment.

H. A. finally agree
to Trust Fund Bill

Also, to return a Bill, entitled, An Act to facilitate the Investment of Trust and other Funds, and to inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the said Bill, as amended.

Logs, Queen's Co.

The Messenger also brought up the following Bills :

Liverpool Mar. Rld.

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Marking of Logs in the County of Queens.

Deeds by Married
Women, and

2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Liverpool Marine Railway Company.

Regulation of Rail-
ways Bills,

3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 171 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Deeds by Married Women."

4. A Bill, entitled, An Act for the Regulation of Railways.

To

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

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

Logs, Queens Co. & Liverpool Marine Railway Bills ref. Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Crichton, and Mr. Comeau, be a Committee for that purpose.

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

Deeds by Married Women Bill ref. Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Almon, Mr. McCully, and Mr. Cutler, be a Committee for that purpose.

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

Regulation of Railways Bill ref. Committee.

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

Mr. Black presented a Bill to Incorporate the St. George's Charitable Society in Halifax—which was read a first time.

St. George's Society Bill read 1st time,

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

And ref. to Sel. Com. Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. McCully, Mr. Almon, and Mr. Kenny, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday, at 2½ o'clock.

Adjourn.

Monday, 7th April, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES MCNAB,
JONATHAN MCCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM MCKEEN,
RICHARD A. MCHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Saturday were read.

The Hon. Mr. Tobin rose in his place, and stated that he had this morning resigned his office of President of this House to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and then, after bowing to the House, he retired.

Resignation of President.

The Hon. Mr. Rudolf, as Senior Member present, took the Chair.

Whereupon Mr. Kenny moved that a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to inform him that the House is at present without a President, and desirous of knowing His Excellency's pleasure concerning this matter.

Resolution to inform His Excellency.

Resolved, That Mr. Kenny, Mr. Almon, and Mr. McCully, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Adjourn.

Tuesday, 8th April, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.*

PRESENT:

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Rudolf sat as President.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Rep. of Com. to wait
on H. E.

Mr. Kenny, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and inform him that the House is at present without a President, reported that the Committee had performed that duty, and that His Excellency had been pleased to state he would take immediate steps to fill the Chair, by appointing another President.

Mr. Kenny presents
Com. as President.

The Hon. Mr. Kenny presented the following Commission, which was read by the Clerk:

Commission.

PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

**By His Excellency Major General
SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,**

*Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of
Saint Ferdinand, and of Charles the
Third of Spain, Lieutenant Governor
and Commander in Chief, in and over
Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia
and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

To the Honorable EDWARD KENNY,

GREETING:

Having confidence in your loyalty, integrity, and discretion, I do, by these Presents, with the advice and consent of Her Majesty's Executive Council, constitute and appoint you to be, provisionally, President of the Legislative Council in this Province, until Her Majesty's pleasure shall be known, to hold the said Office, unto you the said Edward Kenny, during pleasure and your residence within this Province.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this
Eighth day of April, in the Nineteenth year of
Her Majesty's Reign, A. D. 1856.

LEWIS M. WILKINS.

Whereupon

Whereupon the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office were administered to Mr. Kenny by the Hon. Lewis M. Wilkins, Secretary of the Province, and the Hon. William Young, Attorney General, and then Mr. Kenny took the Chair as President of this House.

Mr. Kenny takes oaths.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 66 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Expenditure of Monies on the Roads."

Monies on Roads, &

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Representation of Queen's County.

Queen's Co. Bills.

Resolved, That if it shall be made to appear to the House at its next Session that the sum of Four hundred pounds has been raised or secured towards the purchase of Cornwallis Toll Bridge, and the Members of the County of King's County shall, in the next Session of this House, appropriate a further sum of Four hundred pounds out of the Road Vote to the same purpose, then this House will appropriate a like sum of £400 to enable the Sessions of the County of King's to purchase the Cornwallis Bridge from the Company now owning the same : provided, that such Bridge shall be free of toll or charge to the public as soon as the Bridge shall be in an efficient state of repair.

£400 Cornwallis Bridge.

Resolved, That the sum of Three hundred pounds of the sum of Five hundred and sixty-four pounds ten shillings and seven pence advanced to the County of Yarmouth in 1855, be allowed to remain over until 1857, and be not chargeable to the Road Grant of that County during the present Session, but be repaid out of the Grant next year.

£300 of Yarmouth adv. for Roads.

Resolved, That the sum of One pound per day be granted and paid to every Member of the House of Assembly, for his actual attendance in General Assembly, for the present Session, to be paid on the Certificate of the Speaker ; also, the Travelling Fees as heretofore.

Pay of Members of H. A.

Resolved, That the sum of One pound per day be granted and paid to each Member of the Legislative Council, for his actual attendance in Parliament, with the same Travelling Fees as are received by Members of the Assembly.

Do. of Council.

Resolved, That the sum of Sixty-seven pounds ten shillings and ten pence be granted and paid to the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Clare, pursuant to their Petition in that behalf, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

£67 10s. 10d. Overseers Poor, Clare.

Resolved, That the sum of Three pounds six shillings and seven pence be granted and paid to the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Shelburne, for Supplies to Poor Indians.

£3 6s. 7d. do. Shelburne.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds be granted in aid of the Ferry across Wallace River, in the County of Cumberland.

£10 Ferry, Wallace,

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds be granted and paid to the Serjeant at Arms, being a further addition to his Salary, and Ten pounds to John Fitzgerald, Messenger, in addition to his Salary for the present year.

£25 Serjeant-at-Arms,
£10 Deputy do.

Resolved, That the sum of Seventy-five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be expended in Surveying a new line of road from the Dalhousie Road, in the County of Annapolis, near the junction of the main road southerly to Northfield, in Queen's County, near the head of the Port Medway River, as recommended in the Report on the waste lands, presented to the House in 1854.

£75 Survey of Dalhousie Road.

Resolved, That the sum of Seventy-five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in improving the Beach on the western side of the Harbor of Port Hood, as soon as it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council that the sum of One hundred and fifty pounds, including the above sum, and a further sum of Seventy-five pounds, to be raised by the Inhabitants, has been expended in the work—so that the whole expenditure thereon shall be One hundred and fifty pounds.

£75 Port Hood Harbor.

Resolved,

£25 each Commrs.
ab. Chncy. Bill.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds each be granted and paid to the Commissioners who prepared the Bill for the abolition of the Court of Chancery and the transference of Equity Jurisdiction to the Supreme Court.

£50 Bankruptcy
Court Commrs.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty pounds be granted and paid to the Commissioners who lately prepared the Bankruptcy Act, under commission from the Lieutenant-Governor.

£500 Board Landing
Bridge.

Resolved, That the sum of Five hundred pounds be granted and paid towards the Board Landing Bridge at Truro, in pursuance of the Resolution of last Session granting the same upon conditions that have been complied with.

£100 Expenses of
Exec. Council.

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to defray the travelling charges of the members of the Government non-resident in Halifax, when summoned during the recess to attend Meetings of Council, to be computed at the same rate as is allowed Members of the House of Assembly.

£200 Clerk of Bills
H. A.

Resolved, That the sum of Two hundred pounds be granted and paid to the Clerk of Bills to this House, for his services during the present Session.

£50 Model Training
School.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty pounds be granted and paid in aid of the Training and Model School of the Colonial Church and School Society.

£100 Breakwater,
Barney's River.

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted to aid in building a Breakwater at Barnaby's Mill Cove, Cornwallis, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities for Session of 1855.

£50 J. C. Wade.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted and paid to John C. Wade, Esquire, Member for the County of Digby, for his services as temporary Speaker, during a part of the present Session.

£500 Stg. Hon. J.
Howe.

Resolved, That the sum of Five hundred pounds sterling be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be presented to the Honorable Joseph Howe, as a public acknowledgment of the high estimation in which the services of that gentleman, in the conduct and completion of the arrangements lately made by him in London, in respect of the sale of Provincial Debentures, are held by the Legislature of this his native country.

£50 Amherst Female
Seminary.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty pounds be granted and paid to the Manager of the Amherst Female Seminary, to aid them in conducting that Institution.

£9 4s. 6d. J. Archi-
bald, road, Bar-
naby's Cove.

Resolved, That the sum of Nine pounds four shillings and six pence be granted and placed at the disposal of the Lieutenant-Governor, to reimburse expenses incurred by Samuel Archibald in laying off the Road at Barney's River, on the main road between Antigonish and Pictou.

£60 Pheasants.

Resolved, That the sum of Sixty pounds be placed at the disposal of the Lieutenant-Governor, to enable His Excellency to defray the expense of Pheasants imported for propagation, and to enable him to procure eggs for the same purpose.

£100 each Clerk
and Clerk Assis-
tant, H. A.

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred pounds each be granted and paid to the Clerk and Clerk Assistant of the House of Assembly, for their extra services during the present Session.

£50 Halifax Dispensary.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted and paid to the Honorable Doctor Grigor and his associates, in aid of the Halifax Dispensary for the present year, provided they keep during the year a sufficient quantity of vaccine matter.

£900 Controllers of
Customs.

Resolved, That the sum of Nine hundred pounds be placed at the disposal of the Governor, to pay a sum not exceeding twenty pounds each, for their services during the present year, to the Controllers at the different ports, and such further sum as shall be required to pay, at the same rate, such other Controllers as may be appointed during the present year.

£100 Hx. Visiting
Dispensary.

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and paid to the Governors and Trustees of the Halifax Visiting Dispensary, to aid in carrying on their operations during the present year, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject.

Resolved,

<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of Fifty pounds be granted and paid to the Managers of the House of Refuge, to assist them in carrying on their humane intentions, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject.	£50 House of Refuge.
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of One hundred pounds per annum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be expended in providing for the Reporting and Publication of the Decisions of the Supreme Court.	£100 Law Reports.
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of Ten pounds, Sterling, be granted and paid to the Judge of the Vice Admiralty, for Fuel and Crier of the Court, for the present year.	£10 stg. fuel and Crier V. Admly.
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of Ten pounds be granted and paid to Edmund Crowell, of Seal Islands, in the County of Yarmouth, in addition to the sum already granted for keeping the establishment on the Island, in order to enable him to procure further assistance.	£10 E. Crowell.
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of Twenty pounds be granted and paid to William Goodwin and Noah Goodwin, residents upon Mud Island, County of Yarmouth, to enable them to provide and keep efficient Boats, and otherwise render assistance to Shipwrecked Mariners—to be paid on the Certificate of the Sessions that the Boats are provided and kept, and the duty performed.	£20 W. & N. Goodwin:
To which Bills and Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.	
The same were read a first time.	
Read 1st time.	
<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.	And referred to Sel. Committee.
<i>Ordered</i> , That Mr. Pineo, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. McHeffey, be a Committee for that purpose.	Committee.
<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Resolutions be read a second time at a future day.	
Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Regulation of Railways; also,	Com. on Regulation of Railways, and
A Bill, entitled, An Act to establish the Sale by Weight of Vegetables and Coal, Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recommended them to the favourable consideration of the House.	Sales by weight of Veg. & Coal bills. Report.
The said Bills were read a second time.	
Bills read 2d time,	
<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.	And ordered to Com.
Mr. Archibald, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Marking of Logs in the County of Queen's; also,	Com. on Logs, Queen's Cy., and
A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Liverpool Marine Railway Company, Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recommended them to the favourable consideration of the House.	Liv. Mar. Railway Bills. Report.
The said Bills were read a second time.	
Bills read 2nd time,	
<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.	And ordered to Com.
Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 111 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Deeds by Married Women," was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.	Com. on Deeds, Mar. Women Bill. report.
The said Bill was read a second time.	
Bill read 2d time,	
<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.	And ord. to Com.
Mr. Comeau, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Pilotage, Harbors, and Harbor Masters," and the Act of 1855 in amendment thereof, was referred, reported	Com. on Pilotage Bill report.
that	

that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and that the majority of the Committee recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2d time.
And ord. to Com.

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

Hantsport Cem. Bill
read 1st time.

Mr. Pineo presented a Bill to Incorporate the Hantsport Cemetery Company— which was read a first time.

And ref. to Sel. Com.

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

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Morton, and Mr. McHefhey, be a Committee for that purpose.

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

Mu. Gov. Town.
Bill.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the Municipal Government of Townships.

To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.

Bill read 1st time,
And ref. to Sel. Com.

The said Bill was read a first time.

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

Committee.

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

Com. on Patents
Bill rep. unfav.

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 120 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Patents for Useful Inventions," was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and did not recommend it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2d time.
And deferred.

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

Com. on £2,000 In-
land Nav. Co.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the Resolution for granting £2,000 to the Inland Navigation Company.—After some time the House was resumed; and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had gone through the said Resolution, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Rep. without amdt.

Motion not to re-
ceive report.

Whereupon Mr. McCully moved, that the said Report be not received: which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, there appeared, for the motion, six; against it, thirteen :

For the motion :

Mr. McNab,
" McHefhey,
" McCully,
" McKeen,
" Bell,
" Comeau,

Against the motion :

Mr. Cutler,
" Harris,
" Archibald,
" Brown,
" Pineo,
" Almon,
" Black,
" Fairbanks,
" Keith,
" Crichton,
" Morton.
" Rudolf,
The President.

Negatives:

So it passed in the negative.

Mr.

Mr. McNab moved that the said Resolution be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the same, by adding the following words at the end thereof. Mot. to re-commit.

"But no restrictions imposed on the property by the Government, when the same was transferred to the Company, shall be removed until the Company shall satisfy the Government, from proper Surveys and Estimates, what amount will be required to complete the Canal, and that the resources of the Company are adequate for that purpose:" which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, there appeared, for the motion, seven ; against the motion, twelve :

For the motion :

Mr. McNab,
 " McHefey,
 " McCully,
 " McKeen,
 " Bell,
 " Comeau,
 " Rudolf.

Against the motion :

Mr. Cutler,
 " Harris,
 " Archibald,
 " Brown,
 " Pineo,
 " Almon,
 " Black,
 " Fairbanks,
 " Keith,
 " Crichton,
 " Morton,
 The President.

So it passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the said Report be received. Negatived.

On motion of Mr. McCully, ordered, that Mr. Archibald have leave of absence from Saturday next, to return home on urgent private business. Leave granted to Mr. Archibald.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 12 o'clock. Adjourn.

Wednesday, 9th April, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
 ROBERT M. CUTLER,
 JOHN MORTON,
 HUGH BELL,
 STAYLEY BROWN,
 MATHER B. ALMON,
 JAMES D. HARRIS,
 ALEXANDER KEITH,
 WILLIAM A. BLACK,
 DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
 JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
 JAMES McNAB,
 JONATHAN McCULLY,
 WILLIAM GRIGOR,
 WILLIAM McKEEN,
 RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
 THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
 ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Crichton, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to consider of, and report to the House, the Contingent Expences of this House for the present Session, made his report, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same, as follows : Com. on Contingent Expences report

Report.

The Committee appointed to consider of and report to the House the amount which will be required for its Contingent Expenses in the present Session, report as follows :

That there is required for the Salary of the Clerk,	£200	0	0
Law Clerk, and Clerk of Parliament,	150	0	0
Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, and Serjeant-at-Arms,	75	0	0
Chaplain,	25	0	0
Messengers, { 1st Mes'ger £45 } { 2nd do. 20 }	65	0	0
Fuel, to be accounted for by the Clerk,	20	0	0
This sum for Contingencies, to be expended under direction of a Committee of this House,	60	0	0
To pay the Reporter,	100	0	0
R. Nugent, publishing Debates,	25	0	0
English and Blackadar, do.	25	0	0
A. Grant, do.	25	0	0
To James Venables, for services during the year in Council Chamber, and as Assistant Librarian,	25	0	0
To pay Accounts, viz :			
J. & W. Compton, Binding Laws and Journals,	28	12	6
A. & W. McKinlay's Account for Books,	5	2	6
Do. do. Stationery,	16	0	0
Graham & Son's Account for Books, &c.	33	11	10
Do. do. Stationery,	36	0	0
E. G. Fuller's Account for Books,	8	16	11½
Morton and Cogswell's Account,	7	3	4½
G. E. Morton & Co's do.	2	0	0
J. W. Johnston, Jnr. do.	3	0	0
James Williamson's do.	8	12	0
Murray & Co's do.	2	10	0
Black, Brothers, & Co's do.	0	7	0
J. R. Smither's do.	0	7	3
J. J. Sawyer's do.	4	17	6
Gazette Office do.	26	9	11½
G. E. Merton & Co., for Council Chamber,	2	13	7½
Dechezeau & Crow,	0	14	9
Hon. J. E. Fairbanks' Account for Stationery,	2	0	0
J. B. Bennett & Co's Account,	2	5	0
Morton & Cogswell's do.	3	0	0
	£979	0	5

DAVID CRICHTON, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM, April 9, 1856.

Ordered, That the said Report be received and adopted.

On motion, *resolved,* that a Conference be desired with the House of Assembly, by Committee, on the General State of the Province, and that the Committee of this House do communicate to the Committee of the House of Assembly, that the sum of Nine hundred and seventy-nine pounds and five pence is required to defray the Contingent Expenses of this House for the present Session.

The

Adopted.

Conference on Gen.
State Province rel.
to.

The following Resolutions for granting money, viz.:

Money Votes.

£300 0 0 Yarmouth advance for Road,
 Pay of Members of House of Assembly,
 Pay of Members of Legislative Council,
 £67 10 10 Overseers of Poor, Clare,
 3 6 7 Shelburne,
 10 0 0 Ferry, Wallace,
 25 0 0 Sergeant at Arms, H. A.
 10 0 0 Assistant Do.
 75 0 0 Survey of Dalhousie Road,
 75 0 0 Port Hood Harbor,
 25 0 0 Each Chancery Commissioners.
 50 0 0 Bankruptcy Commissioners.
 500 0 0 Board Landing Bridge,
 100 0 0 Travelling Expenses, Executive Councillors.
 200 0 0 Clerk of Bills of H. A.
 50 0 0 Model and Training School.
 100 0 0 Breakwater, Barnaby's River.
 50 0 0 J. C. Wade.
 500 0 0 Sterling, Hon. J. Howe,
 50 0 0 Amherst Female Seminary.
 9 4 6 S. Archibald, Road Barney's River,
 50 0 0 Pheasants.
 100 0 0 Each, Clerk and Clerk Assistant of H. A.
 50 0 0 Halifax Dispensary.
 900 0 0 Controllers Customs.
 100 0 0 Halifax Visiting Dispensary.
 50 0 0 House of Refuge.
 100 0 0 Law Reports.
 10 0 0 Sterling, Fuel and Crier Admiralty Court.
 10 0 0 E. Crowell.
 20 0 0 W. & N. Goodwin,

Were read a second time, and the question was put by the President on each Resolution, Read 2d time,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

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

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

The Resolution for granting £2000 to the Inland Navigation Company was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, £2000 Inland Nav. Co. read 3d time,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

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

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

Mr. Fairbanks, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Hantsport Cemetery Company, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on Hantsport Cem. Bill report.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2d time,

- And ordered to Com.** *Ordered,* That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- Com. on Municipal Gov. Townships Bill report.** Mr. Brown, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Municipal Government of Townships, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.
- Bill read 2d time,** The said Bill was read a second time.
- And ordered to Com.** *Ordered,* That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- Com. on Monies on Roads Bill report.** Mr. Pineo, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 66 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Expenditure of Monies on the Roads," was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.
- Bill read 2d time,** The said Bill was read a second time.
- And ordered to Com.** *Ordered,* That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- £400 Cornwallis Bridge, read 2d time,** The Resolution granting the sum of £400 towards the purchase of the Cornwallis Toll Bridge, was read a second time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?
- Agreed to,** It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A.** A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Resolution, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Com. on Bills,** On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Report Erasmus Hall Bill without amendment.** The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Erasmus Hall Company, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Ordered,* That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third time at a future day.
- Rep. Implead. Gov. Bill with amdt.** The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable private persons to implead the Provincial Government, and had made an amendment thereto :
- Am. agreed to.** Which amendment, being read twice by the Clerk, was agreed to by the House.
- Ordered,* That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third time at a future day.
- Report Reg. Railways,** The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act for the regulation of Railways ; also,
- Deeds, Married Women,** A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 111 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Deeds by Married Women ;" also,
- Baptist Meeting, Wilmot,** A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the South Baptist Meeting House at Wilmot ; also,
- Logs, Queens Co. &** A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the marking of Logs in the County of Queens ; also,
- Liverpool Marine Railway Bills, Without amdt.** A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Liverpool Marine Railway Company, And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Ordered,* That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.
- Recommend Pilotage Bill to be def.** The Chairman also reported, that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill

Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend chapter seventy-eight of the Revised Statutes, "Of Pilotage, Harbors, and Harbor Masters," and the Act of 1855 in amendment thereof, and that the Committee recommended that the further consideration of the said Bill should be deferred to this day three months.

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

Bill deferred.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
To desire a Conference with that House by Committee on the general state of the Province.

Message to H. A., asking conference. (Continuances.)

Mr. Morton presented a Bill to authorize the sale of the Cornwallis Toll Bridge, which was read a first time.

Cornwallis Bridge Bill read 1st time.

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

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James,
To inform the House, that the House of Assembly agreed to the Conference, desired by this House, on the general state of the Province.

H. A. agree to Conference.

The Messenger also brought up the following Bills :

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal Chapter 59, of the Revised Statutes, "Of Immigrants."

Immigrants,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for Improving the New Road from Annapolis to Liverpool.

Road, Annapolis to Liverpool, McLean's Free Church,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of McLean's Free Church, at Indian Rear, in the County of Inverness.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the Municipal Government of Counties.

Mu. Gov. Counties, Road, Sable River,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for Improving the Road between Sable River and Ragged Islands, in the County of Shelburne.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for repairing a Bridge, at Bridgewater, in the County of Lunenburg.

Bridge, Bridgewater,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to extend the provisions of Chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes, "Of laying out certain Great Roads."

Laying out Roads, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapters 76 and 80 of the Acts of 18th Victoria, To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

Chap. 76 & 80, 18 Victoria Bills,

The said Bills were read a first time.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Crichton, Mr. Rudolf, and Mr. Almon, be a Committee of this House to manage the Conference with the Committee of the House of Assembly, on the General State of the Province.

Com. of Conference.

And the Managers went to the Conference, and being returned, Mr. Crichton reported that the Committee had held the said Conference, and that he had communicated his instructions to the Committee of the House of Assembly.

Report.

Mr. Brown presented a Bill to amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Pilotage, Harbours, and Harbour Masters," and the Act of 1855 in amendment thereof—which was read a first time.

Pilotage Bill read 1st time.

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

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

Adjourn.

Thursday, 10th April, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
MATHER B. ALMON,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

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

Assessment,

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to establish a more equal and just system of Assessment.

Jury Law,

2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Jury Law.

Roads, Brier Island,

3. A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Width of Roads, at Brier Island, in the County of Digby.

Pheasants Bills.

4. A Bill, entitled, An Act for the preservation of Pheasants.

£72 10s. 2d. change
of appropriation, Hx.

Resolved, That the following sums, granted for Roads and Bridges, in the County of Halifax, and undrawn, be applied in improving the Guysborough Road, between Upper Musquodoboit and Wallace Bridge, on the St. Mary's River.

No. 7.	J. Drysdale,	£0	16	4
10.	A. Hubley,	0	1	6
31.	J. Drysdale,	0	0	3
29.	B. Umlah,	5	0	0
42.	W. Shea,	0	0	3
44.	J. Fink,	3	0	0
56.	Contingencies,	0	8	9
59.	James Myers,	20	0	0
66.	John Leslie,	0	2	0
81.	J. More,	10	0	0
84.	W. Anderson,	5	0	0
88.	do	5	16	3
93.	D. McQuarrie,	5	10	0
155.	C. Hamilton,	12	10	0
137.	Contingencies,	4	4	10
		£72 10 2		

Resolved,

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred and two pounds nineteen shillings and six pence, viz:— £102 19s. 6d. change of appn. Kings Co.

Cornwallis :			
No. 199.	Balance unappropriated, 1855,	£3	0 0
104.	Samuel Beckwith, balance, 1854,	3	0 0
Aylesford :			
120.	S. Selfredge, 1852,	£5	0 0
	Unappropriated, 1854,	15	0 0
116.	Thomas Farnsworth,	20	0 0
118.	Alpheus Palmer,	7	0 0
123.	William Craig's to Falls,	6	0 0
144.	Bernard Spinney,	5	0 0
	Unappropriated balance, 1854,	12	1 3
	do do	26	18 3
		96	19 6
		£102 19 6	

and remaining undrawn in the Treasury, be granted and applied to the General Road and Bridge Service, in the County of Kings, for the present year.

Resolved, That the sum of Five pounds, No. 188, appropriated to the Road from the Bluff Shore Road to the Light House, in Kings County, and remaining undrawn, be appropriated to the Road from Long Island to James N. Crane's. £5 Kings County.

Resolved, That the sum of £42 1s. 2d., undrawn from last year's division of Road Money, for the County of Victoria, viz:— £42 1s. 2d. Victoria.

No. 4.	1854,	£10	0 0
26.	1855,	10	0 0
44.		4	0 0
48.		18	1 2
		£42	1 2

be added to the Road and Bridge Service of that County, and be appropriated in the Road Scale, for the present year.

Resolved, That the following sums of undrawn Road monies for the County of Queen's County, viz:— £29 2s. Queens Co.

Sundries, 1853,	£3	7	9
James Purdy, 1855,	0	12	3
Thomas Leslie, 1855,	0	2	0
Simeon Hunt,	5	0	0
Barnaby Freeman,	15	0	0
John Armstrong,	5	0	0
		£29	2 0

be applied for the Road and Bridge service generally, for this year in the County of Queen's County, 1856.

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty-six pounds nineteen shillings and five pence, viz.: £36 19s. 5d. Guysborough.

No. 36, 1852,	£1	0	0
Sundries, 1853,	1	8	0
No. 76, 1854,	5	0	0
82,	5	0	0
30, 1s. 5d. 35, 8s.	0	9	5
6, 1855,	2	0	0
30,	0	4	0

No. 31,	£4 0 0
" 32,	0 2 0
" 42,	10 0 0
" 69,	7 10 0
" 81,	0 6 0

£36 19 5

and remaining undrawn in the Treasury, be granted and applied to the General Road and Bridge Service in the County of Guysborough for the present year.

£30 6s. Lunenburg.

Resolved, That the sum of £30 6s. of Undrawn Road monies for the County of Lunenburg, viz.:

No. 109, Jacob Wile, 1854,	£10 0 0
168, Leonard Wambolt, balance,	2 0 0
177, John Frank, balance,	0 15 0
Sundries,	0 8 3
41, Edward Vineck, 1855,	12 0 0
143, Unappropriated,	4 2 9

£30 6 0

and remaining undrawn in the Treasury, be applied to the General Road and Bridge Service in the County of Lunenburg for the present year.

£24 19s. 4d. Shelburne.

Resolved, That the following sums, granted for the Road Service in the County of Shelburne, viz.:

Sundries in 1852,	0 12 4
No. 99, 1854,	1 6 9
A. Hamilton,	7 13 6
No. 59 and 106,	0 14 6
" 39, 1855,	8 0 0
" 43,	0 5 0
" 72,	0 3 9
" 73,	0 2 5
" 76,	0 6 8
" 88,	0 9 11
" 93,	0 4 6
Unappropriated,	5 0 0

£24 19 4

and remaining undrawn, be granted and applied in the Scale of the General Road and Bridge Service, in the County of Shelburne, for the present year.

£40 13s. Yarmouth,

Resolved, That the sum of £40 13s. viz.:

No. 35, Leon Porter,	£1 8 0
55, David Launder's,	23 0 0
121,	15 5 0

£40 13 0

and remaining undrawn in the Treasury, be granted and applied to the Road and Bridge Service, in the County of Yarmouth, for the present year.

£3 4s. 11d. Annapolis.

Resolved, That the following sums of undrawn Road Monies, for the County of Annapolis, viz.:

No: 74, in 1854,	£2 2 2
" 147,	1 8 3
" 26,	0 1 6

Amounting to £3 4 11

be re-appropriated this year by the Members for the County for the repair of the Road at the Point in Annapolis Town.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the sum of Eighty-one pounds and four pence, undrawn from the last year's division of Road Money, for the County of Richmond, be added to the sum granted for the Road and Bridge Service of that County, and be appropriated in the Road Scale, for the present year. £81 0s. 4d. Richmond.

Resolved, That the following sums, granted for the Road Service in the County of Digby, viz. : £45 11s. Digby.

No. 95, in 1850, balance undrawn,	£6 1 6
69, 1853, undrawn,	10 0 0
Sundries,	0 15 0
17, 1854,	2 0 0
31,	0 3 0
63,	0 4 0
93,	5 0 0
25, 1855,	0 7 6
53,	8 0 0
55,	12 0 0
173,	1 0 0

£45 11 0

and remaining undrawn, be granted and applied in the scale of the General Road and Bridge Service in the County of Digby for the present year.

Resolved, That the following sums, remaining undrawn of the Road Monies for the County of Pictou, be added to the General Grant of this Session for Cross Roads, and be re-appropriated by the Members for the County and Township of Pictou, viz. : £13 19s. 6d. Pictou.

No. 134, 1854, D. McKay,	£2 19 3
89, 1854, 3s., 11s.,	0 14 0
17, 1855,	0 12 7
23,	3 17 6
26,	0 13 0
28,	1 0 0
32,	1 0 0
48,	1 8 5
51,	1 0 0
68,	0 2 0
73,	0 2 9

£13 19 6

and that the sum of £100, voted at the last Session of the Legislature for ballasting and making embankments for Barney's River Bridge, be appropriated towards the payment of the instalment now payable from the sum borrowed for the erection of the said Bridge.

Number 104 of Grant for 1852,	£10 0 0
130	15 2 9
132	10 0 0
142	6 0 0
144	5 7 3
81 1854,	5 0 0
104	5 0 0
124	10 0 0
130	5 4 9
138	5 0 0
140	10 0 0

£188 14s. 7d. Cumberland.

No.

No. 143		£10 0 0
154		5 0 0
158		5 0 0
160		30 0 0
160		2 17 3
55	1855,	1 9 8
64		0 3 0
69		5 0 0
78		5 0 0
129		7 10 0
134		7 0 0
135		8 0 0
143		5 0 0
145		7 10 0
149		2 9 11

£188 14 7

amounting in all to £188 14s. 7d., granted for the Road and Bridge service in the County of Cumberland in the year 1852, 1853, 1854, and 1855, and remaining undrawn, be added to the Common Road Grant for the present year, and re-appropriated in the scale of subdivision for such County.

Publication of Decisions of Sup. Court.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to direct the decisions of the Supreme Court for the present year, or such portions thereof as may be advisable to have one insertion in some one of the principal Newspapers in general circulation in the City of Halifax, and this House will provide for the same at its next Session.

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

The same were read a first time.

Assessment Bill ref.

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

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. McCully, Mr. Brown, Mr. Black, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Fairbanks be a Committee for that purpose.

Jury Bill ref.

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

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. McCully, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Pineo be a Committee for that purpose.

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

Erasmus Hall, and
Implead. Gov. Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Erasmus Hall Company; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Private Persons to Implead the Provincial Government,

Read 3d time,

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

Passed,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To carry down the said Bills, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Reg. Railways,
Baptist Meeting,
Wilmot,
Logs, Queen's Co.,
and

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the Regulation of Railways; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the South Baptist Meeting House at Wilmot; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the marking of Logs in the County of Queens; also,

<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Liverpool Marine Railway Company, Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass?</p>	<p>Liverpool Marine Railway Bills, Read 3d time,</p>
<p>It was resolved in the affirmative.</p>	<p>Agreed to,</p>
<p>A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.</p>	<p>And sent to H. A.</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal Chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Immigrants"; also,</p>	<p>Immigrants,</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act for Improving the New Road from Annapolis to Liverpool; also,</p>	<p>Road Annapolis to Liverpool,</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of McLean's Free Church, at Indian Rear, in the County of Inverness; also,</p>	<p>McLean's Free Church,</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the Municipal Government of Counties; also,</p>	<p>Mun. Go. Counties,</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act for Improving the Road between Sable River and Ragged Islands, in the County of Shelburne; also,</p>	<p>Road, Sable River,</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for repairing a Bridge, at Bridgewater, in the County of Lunenburg; also,</p>	<p>Bridge, Bridgewater,</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to extend the provisions of Chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes, "Of laying out certain Great Roads;" also,</p>	<p>Laying out Great Roads, and</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapters 76 and 80 of the Acts of 18th Victoria. Were read a second time.</p>	<p>Chaps. 76 & 80 Bills, Read 2d time,</p>
<p>Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.</p>	<p>And ordered to Com.</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorise the Sale of the Cornwallis Toll Bridge; also,</p>	<p>Cornwallis Bridge,</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Pilotage, Harbors, and Harbour Masters," and the Act of 1855 in amendment thereof, Were read a second time.</p>	<p>And Pilotage Bills, Read 2d time,</p>
<p>Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.</p>	<p>And ordered to Com.</p>
<p>Mr. Pineo, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Representation of Queen's County, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.</p>	<p>Com. on Rep. Queens Co. Bill report,</p>
<p>The said Bill was read a second time.</p>	<p>Bill read 2d time,</p>
<p>Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.</p>	<p>And ordered to Com.</p>
<p>Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate Saint George's Charitable Society in Halifax, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.</p>	<p>Com. on St George's Soc. Bill report,</p>
<p>The said Bill was read a second time.</p>	<p>Bill read 2d time,</p>
<p>Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.</p>	<p>And ordered to Com.</p>
<p>Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act relating to certain Public Lands in the Town of Lunenburg, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill—that the Standing</p>	<p>Com. on Public Lands, Lunenburg Bill report unfav.</p>

Orders of this House relative to Private and Local Bills had not been complied with, and the Committee did not recommend it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2d time,
and def. 3 months.

The said Bill was read a second time.

On motion, *resolved*, that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months.

Pet. of C. E. Ratchford.

Mr. McCully presented the Petition of C. E. Ratchford, praying aid to the Amherst Female Seminary—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Deeds by Married
Women Bill
read 3d time.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 111 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Deeds by Married Women," was read a third time.

Motion to recommit
agreed to.

Whereupon Mr. McCully moved that the said Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the same: which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, passed in the affirmative.

S. O. S.

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

Com. on Bills.

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

Rep. Hantsport
Cem.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Hantsport Cemetery Company; also,

St. George's Soc.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate Saint George's Charitable Society in Halifax; also,

Cornwallis bridge, &
Pilotage Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the Cornwallis Toll Bridge; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Pilotage, Harbours, and Harbour Masters," and the Act of 1855 in amendment thereof.

Without amend.

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Rep. Expenditure
on Roads,

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 66 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Expenditure of Monies on Roads; also,

Mu. Go. Townships,
Immigrants,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the Municipal Government of Townships; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal Chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Immigrants"; also,

Road, Annapolis to
Liverpool,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for improving the New Road from Annapolis to Liverpool; also,

McLean's Free
Church,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of McLean's Free Church at Indian Rear, in the County of Inverness; also,

Mu. Gov. Counties,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the Municipal Government of Counties; also,

Road, Sable River,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for improving the Road between Sable River and Ragged Islands, in the County of Shelburne; also,

Bridge, Bridge-
water,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for repairing a Bridge at Bridgewater, in the County of Lunenburg; also,

Laying out Roads,
and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to extend the provisions of Chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes, "Of laying out certain Great Roads"; also,

Chaps. 76 & 80, 18
Victoria,

A Bill, entitled An Act to amend Chapters Seventy-six and Eighty of the Acts of 18th Victoria,

Without amend.

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 111 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Deeds by Married Women," and had made two amendments thereto.

Report Deeds by Married Women Bill with amend.

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

Amendments read,

FIRST CLAUSE—Leave out this Clause.

SECOND CLAUSE—second line—After the word "acknowledge" insert the words "and hereafter to be executed and acknowledged."

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

And agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Archibald, ordered, that Mr. Brown have leave of absence after to-morrow, to return home on urgent private business.

Leave of absence to Mr. Brown.

On motion of Mr. Cutler, ordered, that Mr. McKeen have leave of absence from Saturday next, to return home on urgent private business.

Do. Mr. McKeen.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Adjourn.

Friday, 11th April, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
MATHER B. ALMON,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

The fourteen Resolutions changing the appropriation of Road Monies received from the House of Assembly yesterday.

14 Changes of Appn and

Also, the Resolution relative to publishing the Decisions of the Supreme Court, Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Resolution,

Pub. Dec. Sup. Ct., Read 2d time,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

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

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

And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Hantsport Cemetery Company ; also,

Hantsport Cem.,

St. George's Soc. and	A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate Saint George's Charitable Society in Halifax ; also,
Corn. Bridge Bill Read 3d time,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of the Cornwallis Toll Bridge, Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass ?
Passed,	It was resolved in the affirmative.
And sent to H. A.	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To carry down the said Bills, and desire their concurrence thereto.
Monies on Roads,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 66 of the Revised Statutes, " Of the expenditure of Monies on Roads ;" also,
Mu. Go. Townships, Immigrants.	A Bill, entitled, An Act for the Municipal Government of Townships ; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal Chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes, " Of Immi- grants ;" also,
Road, Annapolis to Liverpool.	A Bill, entitled, An Act for improving the new Road from Annapolis to Liverpool ; also,
McLean's Free Church,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of McLean's Free Church at Indian Rear, in the County of Inverness ; also,
Mu. Gov. Counties, Road, Sable River.	A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the Municipal Government of Coun- ties ; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act for improving the Road between Sable River and Ragged Islands, in the County of Shelburne ; also,
Bridge, Bridge- water,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for repairing a Bridge at Bridgewater, in the County of Lunenburg ; also,
Laying out Roads, and 76 & 80 of 18 Vic. Read 3d time,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to extend the provisions of Chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes, " Of laying out certain Great Roads" ; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapters 76 & 80 of the Acts of 18th Victoria, Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass ?
Agreed to, And sent to H. A.	It was resolved in the affirmative. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Deeds, Mar. Wom. Bill read 3d time,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 111 of the Revised Statutes, " Of Deeds by Married Women," was read a third time, and the question was put by the Presi- dent, Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ? It was resolved in the affirmative.
Agreed, with am. And sent to H. A.	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired.
Pilotage Bill read 3d time.	A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, " Of Pilotage, Harbors, and Harbor Masters," and the Act of 1855 in amendment thereof, was read a third time.
Motion to recommit Bill,	Whereupon Mr. Pineo moved that the said Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the same by excluding from its opera- tion other Harbours besides those of Pictou: which, being seconded, Mr. Brown moved in amendment that the said Bill do pass: which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass ?
Motion in am.	It was resolved in the affirmative.
Bill passed,	

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To carry down the said Bill, and desire their concurrence thereto.

And sent to H. A.

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to establish a more equal and just system of Assessment, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Assessment
Bill report.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2d time,

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

And ordered to Com.

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

Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Corporation of Halifax to make improved Side Walks in the City, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Report Sidewalks
Bill without amdt.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to establish the Sale by weight of Vegetables and Coal, and had made two amendments thereto.

Report Vegetables
and Coals Bill
with amdt.

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

Amdts. read,

3RD CLAUSE.—3rd line—instead of the word "six," insert the word "five."

At the end of the Bill add the following Clause:—

This Act shall continue and be in force for one year from the first day of July next, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly.

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

And agreed to.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the repair and maintenance of Streets in the City of Halifax, and had made several amendments thereto.

Rep. Streets, Hfx.
Bill with amdt.

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

Amendments read,

6TH CLAUSE.—16th line—instead of the word "seven" insert the word "five;" leave out the words "and six pence."

13TH CLAUSE.—3rd line—instead of the word "two" insert the word "ten."

18TH CLAUSE.—3rd line—instead of the word "seven" insert the word "five."

3rd and 4th lines—leave out the words "and six pence."

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

And agreed to.

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

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Juries."

Juries Bill,

To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Read 1st time,

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

And ref. to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That Mr. McHefey, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Crichton, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

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

Adjourn.

Saturday, 12th April, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

<p>The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF, ROBERT M. CUTLER, JOHN MORTON, HUGH BELL, MATHER B. ALMON, JAMES D. HARRIS, ALEXANDER KEITH, WILLIAM A. BLACK, DAVID CRICHTON,</p>	<p>The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, JAMES McNAB, JONATHAN McCULLY, WILLIAM GRIGOR, WILLIAM McKEEN, RICHARD A. McHEFFEY, ANSELM F. COMEAU.</p>
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Sidewalks, Halifax, Bill read 3d time,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the Corporation of Halifax to make improved Side Walks in the City, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass? It was resolved in the affirmative.
Agreed to,	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
And sent to H. A.	To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Vegetables & Coals and	A Bill, entitled, An Act to establish the Sale by weight of Vegetables and Coal ; also,
Streets, Hx. Bills,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the repair and maintenance of Streets in the City of Halifax,
Read 3d time,	Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass?
Agreed, with amdts.	It was resolved in the affirmative.
And sent to H. A.	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired.
Message from H. E. with Despatch rel. to Distressed Col. Seamen.	Mr. McNab, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House a Circular Despatch, dated 21st December, 1855, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the expense of returning distressed Colonial Seamen to the Colonies—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

(Appendix—Distressed Colonial Seamen.)

Resolution relative to Distressed Col. Seamen.	Mr. McNab moved the following Resolution, which was read by the Clerk : The attention of this House being called to a Circular Despatch, dated Downing Street, 21st December, 1855, from the Right Honorable Henry Labouchere, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, stating that though, by the Merchant Seaman's Act of 18 & 19 Victoria, Ch.
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91, power is conferred on the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade to cause Distressed Seamen found in foreign parts, being subjects of Her Majesty, to be sent home, either to Great Britain or to the Colony to which they belong, yet the Act in question does not confer the power to send home to the Colonies to which they may belong, Colonial Seamen found distressed in Great Britain, and suggesting measures to be taken by the Legislature of Nova Scotia to effect the latter object—*Resolved*, That this House will be prepared to undertake the necessary expense, and to co-operate with Her Majesty's Government in making any arrangements which may be necessary for the accomplishment of the object referred to.

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

Ordered to be read 2d time.

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Jury Law, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Jury Bill report,

The said Bill was read a second time.

Read 2d time,

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

And ordered to Com.

Mr. McHeffey, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Juries," was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Ch. 136 "Of Juries" Bill report,

The said Bill was read a second time.

Read 2d time,

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

And ordered to Com.

Mr. Almon, pursuant to notice previously given, moved the following Resolution, which was read by the Clerk :

Resolved, That the Office of President of this House and that of Executive Councillor are incompatible with each other, and ought not to be held by the same individual :

Res. rel. to President being Ex. Councillor.

Which being seconded, after some debate, Mr. Almon obtained leave to withdraw the said Resolution, and to substitute the following Resolution therefor :

Resolution withdrawn, and the following substituted.

Resolved, as the opinion of this House that it is desirable that the President of the Legislative Council should not hereafter hold a seat in the Executive Council :

Which being seconded, and the question being put by the President, was agreed to unanimously.

Res. rel. to President passed.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. James, To return a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Erasmus Hall Company ; also,

H. A. agree to Erasmus Hall,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Hantsport Cemetery Company ; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate Saint George's Charitable Society in Halifax, And to inform the House that the House of Assembly has agreed to the said Bills, without any amendment.

Hantsport Cem. and St. George's Society Bills, Without amdt.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 111 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Deeds by Married Women."

H. A. agree to am. to Deeds by Mar. Women Bill.

The Messenger also brought up the following Bills :

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Laws relating to Education.

Education,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to divide the County of Annapolis into two School Districts.

School District, Annapolis,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the improvement of the Road from Maitland to the Great Eastern Road.

Road, Maitland,

Elec. Dis. Guysboro,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the alteration of certain Electoral Districts in the County of Guysborough.
Preservation of Roads,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Preservation of Roads."
College Board, Free Church.	A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the College and Academy Board of the Free Church of Nova Scotia.
Registry of Deeds,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to explain Chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Registry of Deeds and Incumbrances affecting Lands."
Useful Birds and Animals, and	A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 92 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Preservation of Useful Birds and Animals."
Melford Bridge Bills	A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for rebuilding Melford Bridge, over the West River of Pictou.
Read 1st time.	To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House. The said Bills were read a first time. <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bills be read a second time at a future day.
Com. on Bills, Report,	On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.
Pheasants, and	The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Preservation of Pheasants; also,
Roads, Brier Island Bills,	A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Width of Roads at Brier Island, in the County of Digby.
Without amdt.	And had agreed to the same, without any amendment. <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.
Adjourn.	On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday, at 12 o'clock.

Monday, 14th April, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
MATHER B. ALMON,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Saturday were read.

Pheasants, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the Preservation of Pheasants; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Width of Roads at Brier Island, in the County of Digby,*
 Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass?
 It was resolved in the affirmative.
 A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the said Bills, without any amendment.

Roads, Digby, Bills,
 Read 3d time,
 Agreed to,
 And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 111 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Deeds by Married Women," was read as amended, and the question was put by the President,
 Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?
 It was resolved in the affirmative.
 A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.

Deeds by Married Women Bill,
 Finally agreed to,
 And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Law relating to Education ; also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to divide the County of Annapolis into two School Districts ; also,

Education,
 School District, Annapolis,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the improvement of the Road from Maitland to the Great Eastern Road ; also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the alteration of certain Electoral Districts in the County of Guysborough ; also,

Road, Maitland,
 Electoral Dis. Guysborough,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Preservation of Roads ; also,

Preservation of Roads,
 College Board, Free Church,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the College and Academy Board of the Free Church of Nova Scotia ; also,

Registry of Deeds,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to explain Chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Registry of Deeds and Incumbrances affecting Lands ;" also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 92 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Preservation of Useful Birds and Animals ;" also,

Useful Birds and Animals, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for rebuilding Melford Bridge over the West River of Pictou,

Melford Bridge Bills,
 Read 2d time,

Were read a second time.

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

And ordered to Com.

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

S. O. S.

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

Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Laws relating to Education ; also,

Education,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to divide the County of Annapolis into two School Districts ; also,

School Dis. Annapolis,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the improvement of the Road from Maitland to the Great Eastern Road ; also,

Road, Maitland,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the alteration of certain Electoral Districts in the County of Guysborough ; also,

Elec. Dis. Guysboro,

College Board, Free Church,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the College and Academy Board of the Free Church of Nova Scotia ; also,
Registry of Deeds,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to explain Chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, " Of the Registry of Deeds and Incumbrances affecting Lands ;" also,
Useful Birds and Animals,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 92 of the Revised Statutes, " Of the Preservation of Useful Birds and Animals ;" also,
Melford Bridge, and	A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for rebuilding Melford Bridge over the West River, of Pictou ; also,
Jury Law Bills, Without amdt.	A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Jury Law, And had agreed to the same without any amendment.
Rep. Pres. of Roads Bill with amdt.	<i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, " Of the Preservation of Roads," and had made an amendment thereto.
Amendment read,	The said amendment was read by the Clerk, as follows : IN THE CLAUSE—7th line.—Instead of the word " gallop," insert the words " in a disorderly manner."
And agreed to.	And the said amendment being read a second time, was agreed to by the House. <i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.
Address to H. E. with Res. rel. to Pres. of Council.	Mr. Almon moved that the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, which was read by the Clerk as follows :

Address.

**To His Excellency Major General
SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,**

Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand, and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

THE ADDRESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

The Legislative Council have passed a Resolution with reference to the President of this House being a Member of the Executive Council, which the Legislative Council beg leave to present to the favorable consideration of Your Excellency.

Which being seconded, and the question being put by the President,

Whether this Address be agreed to ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Com. to present.

Ordered, That Mr. Almon, Mr. Keith, and Mr. McHefsey, be a Committee to present the same to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Report of Com.

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the said Committee, reported that the Committee had presented the said Address, with a copy of the Resolution, to His Excellency, and that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Address, and to state he would take the subject matter thereof into consideration.

Res. rel. to Dis. Colonial Seamen, read 2d time.

The Resolution relative to the expences of returning Distressed Colonial Seamen to this Colony, was read a second time, and the question was put by the President,
Whether

Whether this Resolution be agreed to?
It was resolved in the affirmative.

And agreed to.

Res. rel. to Mines
and Minerals.

Mr. Almon, (pursuant to notice previously given,) moved the following Resolutions, which were read by the Clerk:

Whereas by an Act of the Legislature passed in 1849, called the Civil List Bill, the interest of the Crown in the Mines and Minerals of Nova Scotia was transferred to the Province, subject to an agreement then subsisting between the Government and the General Mining Association, whereby the Government was bound to lease to them certain Mines and Minerals in Nova Scotia, for the term of sixty years from the year 1826, and certain Rent or Royalty was reserved by that agreement, and made payable to the Government by the Association. And whereas the Province, since the passing of the Civil List Bill, has received the Rent and Royalty reserved by the said agreement, to the amount of several thousand pounds annually, and the Provincial Legislature has generally recognized the Association and their operations in this Province. And whereas, from Despatches on the Table, it appears that Her Majesty's Government consider the Association entitled to require the completion of their title, in accordance with the said agreement; and Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies has, by a Despatch, dated 2d February, 1856, informed this Legislature, through the Lieutenant-Governor, "That the Crown is bound to execute its engagements to grant a Lease to the Association, and that the difficulty which at present impedes that execution is of a simple technical nature;" and certain Deeds or Indentures conveying the Mines or Minerals to the Association, in accordance with that agreement, have been forwarded to the Local Government, with the recommendation that an Act of the Legislature should be enacted to enrol the same, and give them effect:

Be it therefore resolved, That it is the opinion of this House, that the Legislature should give effect to the agreement subsisting between the Government and the Association at the time the Province accepted the reversionary interest in the Mines, subject to that agreement, and that it would not become the Loyal People of this Province to hesitate to give effect to engagements which the honor of the Crown is pledged to perform.

Resolved further, That in the opinion of this House, the Province having accepted the reversion of the Mines, subject to the agreement before referred to, and having strictly held the Association to the payment of Rent and Royalty, and the performance of their part of the Contract, are equally bound in honour and good faith to perform their part of the agreement, according to the intent, meaning, and spirit thereof, as it existed at the time the Civil List Bill was enacted.

Which being seconded, and after long Debate, the question being put by the President, whether these Resolutions be agreed to? there appeared for agreeing to the Resolutions, eight; against agreeing to them, nine:

For the Resolution—

Mr. Pineo,
" Cutler,
" Almon,
" Black,
" Fairbanks,
" Keith,
" Crichton,
" Morton,

Against the Resolution—

Mr. McNab,
" McKeen,
" Grigor,
" McHefsey,
" McCully,
" Bell,
" Comeau,
" Rudolf,

The President.

So it passed in the negative.

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

Railway Damages,
Sheriffs,

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Assessments for Railway Damages.

2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Sheriffs."

Nets, Liv. Harbor,

3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Setting of Nets in the Harbour of Liverpool.

Physic & Surgery,

4. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 57 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Regulations concerning the Practice of Physic and Surgery."

Registry of Ships,

5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning the Registry of Ships.

Road, New Glas-
gow, and

6. A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for improving the Road from New Glasgow to St. Mary's.

Court House, Hali-
fax, Bills,

7. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Acts to provide for the erection of a Court House in Halifax.

Resolution rel. to
sale of Crown
Lands near Rail-
road.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Crown Lands be required by the Government, at such times as they shall think best for the public interest, to put up and sell at Public Auction, to the highest bidder, the Crown Lands within seven miles on each side of the Line of Railroad, such Crown Lands having been first duly surveyed and laid off in Lots of not more than 500 acres each, provided that due notice of such intended Sale shall be given for at least 30 days previously, by advertisement and by handbills, posted up in the most conspicuous places where such lands lie, and that an upset price may be affixed to each Lot, at the discretion of the Government.

Relating to judg-
ment against Jas.
Wilson,

On reading the Report on the Petition of James Wilson, *Resolved*, that the Executive Government be authorized to cancel the Judgment against him, if it shall appear, on enquiry, that there is no available security for the debt.

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

Read 1st time.

The same were read a first time.

Railway Damages
Bill referred.

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

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Almon, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. McHeffey, be a Committee for that purpose.

Physic & Surgery
Bill ref.

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

Committee.

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

Court House, Hx.
Bill, ref.

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

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Pineo, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. McHeffey, be a Committee for that purpose.

Ordered, That the second, the fifth and sixth Bills, and the two Resolutions, be read a third time at a future day.

Adjourn.

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

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 15th April, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

<p>The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF, ROBERT M. CUTLER, JOHN MORTON, HUGH BELL, MATHER B. ALMON, JAMES D. HARRIS, ALEXANDER KEITH, WILLIAM A. BLACK, DAVID CRICHTON,</p>	<p>The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, JAMES McNAB, JONATHAN McCULLY, WILLIAM GRIGOR, WILLIAM McKEEN, RICHARD A. McHEFFEY, ANSELM F. COMEAU.</p>
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Laws relating to Education ; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to divide the County of Annapolis into two School Districts ; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the improvement of the Road from Maitland to the Great Eastern Road ; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the alteration of certain Electoral Districts in the County of Guysborough ; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the College and Academy Board of the Free Church of Nova Scotia ; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to explain Chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, " Of the Registry of Deeds and Incumbrances affecting Lands ;" also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 92 of the Revised Statutes, " Of the Preservation of Useful Birds and Animals ;" also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for rebuilding Melford Bridge over the West River of Pictou ; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Jury Law, Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass ? It was resolved in the affirmative. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.</p>	<p>Education, School Dis. Ann. Road, Maitland, Elec. Dis. Guysboro, College Board, Free Church, Reg. of Deeds, Useful Birds and Animals, Melford Bridge, Pictou, and Jury Law Bills, Read 3d time, Agreed to, And sent to H. A.</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, " Of the Preservation of Roads," was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass ? It was resolved in the affirmative. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with an amendment—to which amendment their concurrence is desired.</p>	<p>Pres. Roads Bill, read 3d time. Agreed with amd., And sent to H. A.</p>

- Sheriffs, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Sheriffs;" also,
- Nets, Harbor Liv., A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Setting of Nets in the Harbour of Liverpool; also,
- Registry of Ships, & A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning the Registry of Ships; also,
Road, New Glasgow
Bills, A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for improving the Road from New Glasgow to St. Mary's,
- Read 2d time, Were read a second time.
And ordered to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- Res. rel. to sale of
Crown Lands
read 2d time,
Amdt. moved, The Resolution relative to the sale of Crown Lands near the Lines of Railway was read a second time.
Whereupon Mr. McHefsey moved to amend the same by adding the following words at the end thereof:
"And provided also that this Resolution shall not be considered as affecting any Lands already applied and paid for, and respecting which the public faith of the Province, by a Minute of Council, dated the 28th day of August last, was solemnly pledged "that the right of preemption therein was saved to the applicants."
And agreed to. And the said amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to by the House.
The question was put by the President,
Whether this Resolution, with the amendment, be agreed to?
It was resolved in the affirmative.
- Res. agreed to, with
amdt,
And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
To return the said Resolution, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with an amendment, to which amendment their concurrence is desired.
- Res. to release
judg. against Wil-
son, read 2d time, The Resolution authorizing the Release of the Judgment against James Wilson, was read a second time, and the question was put by the President,
Whether this Resolution be agreed to?
It was resolved in the affirmative.
- Agreed to,
And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
To return the said Resolution, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Res. rel. to Fees in
Admiralty Court, Mr. McCully, pursuant to notice previously given, moved the following Resolution, which was read by the Clerk:
"Whereas the Tariff of Fees in force in the Court of Vice-Admiralty of Halifax, is found to be onerous and oppressive to Suitors, and requires revision; and whereas it is desirable that the Tariff of Fees in the Vice-Admiralty Court should be reduced, and placed as nearly as may be on the same footing as the Tariffs of the Provincial Courts:
Resolved, therefore, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to cause the draft of a new Tariff of Fees to be prepared for said Court, and that he will be pleased to take such measures for securing a new and reduced Tariff as shall be considered most advisable for accomplishing so desirable an object.
Which being seconded, the question was put by the President,
Whether this Resolution be agreed to?
It was resolved in the affirmative.
- Passed,
And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
To carry down the said Resolution, and desire their concurrence thereto.
- Com. on Physic and
Surg. Bill report
unfavorably, Mr. Crichton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 57 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Regulations concerning the Prac-
tice

“*tice of Physic and Surgery,*” was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and did not recommend it to the favorable consideration of the House.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2d time,
Motion to def. neg.

Whereupon Mr. Crichton moved that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months : which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, passed in the negative.

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

Bill ref. to Com.

Mr. Pineo, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Acts to provide for the erection of a Court House in Halifax, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and that the majority of the Committee did not recommend it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Court House, Halifax
Bill report maj. unfavorable.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2d time,
Motion to def.

Whereupon Mr. Pineo moved that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months : which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, there appeared, for the motion, eight ; against the motion, ten.

For the motion—
Mr. McHeffey,
McKeen,
Harris,
Cutler,
Comeau,
Pineo,
Crichton,
Morton.

Against the motion—
Mr. Keith,
McNab,
Grigor,
Bell,
McCully,
Almon,
Black,
Fairbanks,
Rudolf,
The President.

So it passed in the negative.

Negatived.
Bill ordered to Com.

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

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Assessments for Railway Damages, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Com. on Railway Damages Bill rep.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2d time,
And ordered to Com.

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

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

S. O. S.

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

Com. on Bills,

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, “Of Sheriffs,” and had made two amendments thereto.

Rep. Sheriffs Bill with amdt.

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

Amdt. read,

Leave out all the words of the Clause of the said Bill to the word “the” in the 14th line.

18th, 19th and 20th lines—Leave out the words—"respecting which such disagreement shall have taken place," and insert instead the words "of this Province." And the said amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to by the House.

And agreed to. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

Rep. Juries Bill with amendments. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Juries," and had made two amendments thereto.

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

6TH CLAUSE—5th line—After the word "Process" insert the words "except in summary and subsummary suits."

7TH CLAUSE—6th line—After the word "shall" insert the words "on the last day of the Term or Sittings, unless such Juror shall have been previously excused."

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

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

Am. Ch' 13 of 16th Victoria, and Surveyors of Highways Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 13 of the Acts 16th Victoria.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes "Of Surveyors of Highways and Highway Labor, except in Halifax."

£368 7s. 5d. Transient Paupers,

Resolved, That the sum of £368 7s. 5d. be granted and paid to defray the several amounts following, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Transient Pauper Expenses:

To the Rev. E. B. Nichols, Liverpool,	£2	5	0
Mary McIsaac, Judique,	17	3	0
Overseers of Poor, St. Andrew's, for R. McDonald,	2	10	0
Do. do. Horton, for supplies to Silas Symons and David Poor,	11	10	0
Do. do. Windsor, for sundries for Michael Sexton, Overseers of Windsor for Do. for George Wood, including £20 in full of Dr. Fox's account,	19	7	1
Overseers of Poor, 2d section Township of Pictou,	32	0	2
Dr. Johnston, Pictou,	18	18	0
First section, Township of Pictou,	11	0	0
Thomas Culling, of Sydney,	48	18	9
Overseers of Poor, 2d District of Annapolis,	5	15	0
Do. do. 1st Do do.	7	17	11
Do. do. St. Andrews, for Alexr. McNeal,	20	3	10
Do. do. 1st section, Township of Egerton,	6	15	0
Thomas Walsh, North Sydney,	9	13	5
William Payson, Weymouth,	30	0	0
Overseers of Poor, Aylesford,	7	10	0
Do. do. Dalhousie,	3	16	3
Do. do. Barrington,	12	0	0
Do. do. Liverpool,	7	0	0
Do. do. Granville, for Mary Sand,	30	17	7
Do. do. Township of Clements,	9	0	0
Angus McKinnon, Arichat,	15	1	10
Dr. Jeans, for attendance on G. Fanning,	15	0	0
Do. do. A. Demoyer,	18	0	0
	6	5	0

£1400 Penitentiary,

Resolved, That the sum of £1,400 be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to defray the expenses of the Penitentiary for the present year, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the sum of Thirteen pounds be granted and paid annually to William Fish, Governor of the Penitentiary, in addition to his salary, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject. £13 annually, Wm. Fish,

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds ten shillings be granted and paid to Henry Thurston, of Yarmouth, for expenses incurred in relieving Shipwrecked Passengers per Ship "States Rights," and also the sum of Seven pounds be granted and paid to Jane Boyle for boarding and lodging furnished to a sick Seaman, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Shipwrecked Seamen. £10 10s. H. Thurston, £7 J. Boyle,

Resolved, That the sum of £70 4s. 2d. be granted and paid to the following persons, being a return of duties paid by them on machinery imported, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Trade : £70 4s. 2d. Drawbacks on Machinery,

John Lockhart,	£10	0	0
William Curry,	23	8	9
Alexander Grant,	15	14	8
Heman Crowell,	7	14	3
W. A. Penney,	10	10	0
Charles Jamieson,	2	14	0

Resolved, That the sum of £14 14s. 9d. be granted and paid to John L. Brown, for return of Duties paid on Molasses imported by him, and afterwards exported out of the Province, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Trade. £14 14s. 9d. John Brown,

Resolved, That the sum of £16 2s. 6d. be granted and paid to the Firewardens of New Glasgow, being a return of Duties paid on a Fire Engine imported for that Town, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Trade. £16 2s. 6d. Firewardens, New Glasgow.

Resolved, That the sum of £28 2s. 1d. be granted and paid to Messrs. Eaton & Rockwell, being a return of Duties paid by them on goods afterwards destroyed by fire, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Trade. £28 2s. 1d. Eaton & Rockwell,

Resolved, That the sum of £11 5s. be granted and paid to Thomas Killam, Esq., being a return of Duties paid on Wrecked Materials, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Trade. £71 5s. T. Killam.

Resolved, That the sum of £45 3s. 8d. be granted and paid to the following persons, being a return of Duties paid by them on Printing Paper imported from the 1st January, 1856, to the period when that article became free of duty : £45 3s. 8d. Duties on Paper,

Richard Nugent,	£6	17	5
R. H. Willoughby,	3	12	3
J. H. Crosskill,	4	6	5
Proprietors of the Christian Messenger,	2	15	6
Proprietors of the Wesleyan,	5	5	2
A. J. Ritchie,	1	15	11
James Bowes & Son,	2	8	3
James Barnes,	2	16	0
W. A. Penney,	7	6	4
William Annand,	4	17	0
William Gossip,	1	8	5
English & Blackadar,	1	15	0

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred and five pounds be granted, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind, to be paid to the following persons, when the provisions of such Report are carried out as respects such Grants: To Hiram Kelly, Twenty-five pounds; John Barnaby, Twenty-five pounds; Donald Ross, Thirty Pounds; John Tully, Twenty-five pounds. £105 Deaf, &c.

Resolved, That the sum of £12 18s. 6d. be granted and paid to John Murphy, Deputy Land Surveyor, Inverness, for expences incurred by him about the Indian Reserves. £12 18 6 J. Murphy.

Reserves in that County, by order of the late Surveyor of Crown Lands, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs.

£129 18 7 Captain
Chearnley.

Resolved, That the sum of £129 18s. 7d. be granted and paid to Captain William Chearnley, for advances made and expences incurred by him as Commissioner for Indian Affairs, during the past year, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs.

£2000 Commrs. of
Poor Halifax.

Resolved, That the sum of Two Thousand Pounds be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Poor in Halifax, for the support of the Transient Paupers for the present year, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject.

£572 10 3 Commrs.
of Poor Halifax,
over-expenditure.

Resolved, That the sum of £572 10s. 3d. be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Poor in Halifax, for their over-expenditure for the support of the Poor Asylum during the past year, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject.

£1500 Light Houses

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Board of Works for Light Houses, and to have erected, as soon as possible, a Light House at or near the Margaretville Pier, in the Bay of Fundy; a Light House at or near the Great Bras d'Or Lake, in the Island of Cape Breton, and that a survey be made to determine the best locality for a Light House near the western entrance of Barrington Harbor; and that the Light House at Lingan, in Cape Breton, as reported last year, be abandoned, and a site for the erection of a Light House on that Coast be selected by the Government and Board of Works, pursuant to the Committee on Navigation Securities.

Breakwaters,
wharves, &c.

Resolved, That the following sums be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be expended in aid of the several services specified as under, upon the conditions, unless otherwise herein directed, that no such sums shall be drawn from the Treasury until it shall appear to the Governor in Council that the parties interested in or applying for aid to any such work have expended thereon since the passing of the Grant at least double the amount so granted in addition to such Grant, so that the whole sum expended on such Works respectively shall amount to three times the sum so granted.

In aid of Canada Creek Pier, County of Kings,	£100	0	0
In aid of Hall's Harbor, County of Kings,	100	0	0
To extend the Wharf at Bellevous Cove, Digby County,	165	0	0
In aid of Cape Cove Breakwater, Digby County,	100	0	0
In aid of Church Point Breakwater, Digby County,	130	0	0
In aid of Gros Coque Breakwater, Digby County,	150	0	0
In aid of Public Wharf at Fort Lawrence, County of Cumberland,	25	0	0
In aid of Pier at Little River, Sydney County,	100	0	0
In aid of Ogilvie Brook Breakwater, Kings County,	100	0	0
In aid of Breakwater at Montegan, Digby County,	150	0	0
In aid of Breakwater at Chivarie, Hants County,	50	0	0
In aid of Margaretville Pier, Annapolis County,	200	0	0
In aid of Breakwater, Minudie, Cumberland County,	200	0	0
In aid of Breakwater at Bird Island, Victoria County,	100	0	0
In aid of Arisaig Pier, County of Sydney, upon a sum of £200 being raised and expended on that object,	200	0	0
In aid of Chute's Cove Breakwater, Annapolis County, or in that proportion, should the amount subscribed and expended fall short of £150,	75	0	0
In aid of a Steamboat to ply between Charlottetown, P. E. Island, and Pictou, in this Province, daily, Sundays excepted, provided she carries the mails,	200	0	0
To aid in clearing out the entrance of Little Tracadie Harbour, County of Sydney,	25	0	0

To

To aid in clearing out the channel of Bear River, County of Annapolis, and putting up Buoys,	£50	0	0
To improve the Harbor of Tracadie, County of Sydney,	100	0	0
To aid in clearing out the following Rivers:			
Bear River, above Morgan's Mills, Annapolis County,	10	0	0
Allan's River, above the General's Bridge, Annapolis County,	10	0	0
Sissiboo River, County of Digby,	200	0	0
Roseway River, Shelburne County, from Ryn's Mills to the Bridge,	17	10	0
Roseway River, Shelburne County, from the tide upwards,	13	0	0
Jordan River, Shelburne County, from the Mills to Lake John,	20	0	0
To J. McLeod, the same being granted last Session for a Breakwater at Broad Cove, and undrawn, to reimburse him in part for the erection of a Breakwater at Margaree Island, County of Inverness,	50	0	0
To aid in the clearing out of the Harbor in Gabarus Bay, Cape Breton,	40	0	0
To aid in erection of Digby Slip, the expenditure to be certified by the Sessions,	25	0	0
To Edward Leonard, to compensate him for making signals at Digby,	5	0	0
To replace Buoys in Harbor of Pubnico,	10	0	0
To the Ferrymen at St. Ann's, County of Victoria, in addition to the sum already granted,	2	10	0
To each of the Ferrymen at Big Bras d'Or Ferry, in addition to the sum already granted,	5	0	0
To each of the Ferrymen at the Gut of Canso, from Auld's Cove to McMillan's Point, in addition to present grant,	4	0	0
To each of the Ferrymen at LaHave River, in addition to the sum already granted,	2	10	0
To the Ferrymen at Molasses Harbor, Guysborough County,	5	0	0
To aid in the erection of a Breakwater at Liverpool, Queen's County, in connection with a Marine Railway,	200	0	0
To aid in the repairs of the Ferry Wharf at Fisher's Grant, County of Pictou,	30	0	0
To aid in erection of a Breakwater at Woodworth's Bay, King's County,	100	0	0
To aid in building a Public Wharf at Oak Point, King's County,	300	0	0
In aid of the Givan Wharf, King's County, an over-expenditure of last year being deducted and first paid,	200	0	0
In aid of Public Wharf at St. Peters, County of Richmond,	20	0	0
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of £912 17s. 9d. be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to defray the amount still due for Public Printing, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject :			
The Queen's Printer, balance,	£336	13	1
John H. Crosskill,	49	15	8
A. Grant,	44	15	5
Thomas Annand,	49	8	9
English & Blackadar,	21	6	10
A. Lawson,	10	3	9
S. J. M. Allen,	12	13	9
Athenæum,	2	12	3
Christian Messenger,	1	16	0

£912 17s. 9d. Public Printing,

Gazette Office,	0	15	0
William Gossip,	1	2	0
James Barnes,	1	11	0
E. M. McDonald,	6	17	6
John Boyd,	0	15	0
Wesleyan,	3	5	4
William A. Penney,	34	10	0
J. & W. Compton,	32	12	1
James Bowes & Son,	206	10	3

£912 17 9

£40 W. Muirhead.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds be granted and paid to Wheeler Muirhead, being portion of money paid by him for Crown Lands already granted, and a further sum of Thirty pounds towards reimbursing him for expenses incurred in legal proceedings with reference to such lands, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject.

£10 A. & J. Flikes,

Resolved, That the sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to Andrew and John Flikes, to mark the approval of this Legislature for the courage and manly conduct displayed by them in saving the crew of the schooner "Isabella" of Guysborough, wrecked at St. Mary's, in December, 1855.

£4 D. Urquhart,

Resolved, That the sum of Four pounds be granted and paid to Donald Urquhart, to remunerate him for services in exploring a line of Railroad between Onslow and Folly Lake, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject.

£97 5 6 A Bourneuf,

Resolved, That the sum of £97 5s. 6d. be granted and paid to Ambrose Bourneuf, Collector of Colonial Duties at Church Point, in the Township of Clare, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on his Petition.

£2 10 S. Bingay,

Resolved, That the sum of £2 10s. be granted and paid to George Bingay, Coroner of the County of Yarmouth, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on his Petition. To which Bills and Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time,

The same were read a first time.

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

H. A. agree to Cornwallis Bridge Bill, with amdt.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. James, To return a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of the Cornwallis Toll Bridge, and to inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the said Bill, with an amendment, to which amendment they desired the concurrence of this House.

Adjourn

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

Wednesday,

Wednesday, 16th April, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
MATHER B. ALMON,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

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

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds be granted and paid to Patrick Christopher, £10 P. Christopher, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on his Petition.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds each be granted and paid to James Campbell and Mark Curry, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on their Petitions. £20 J. Campbell and M. Curry,

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds be granted and paid to John Nelson, to aid him in erecting a House of Entertainment on the road between Musquodoboit and St. Mary's, and a further sum of fifteen pounds to aid him in keeping such House of Entertainment during the present year. £40 J. Nelson,

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen pounds be granted and paid to George Merry, to aid him in keeping a House of Entertainment for travellers on the road from Brookfield to Albany. £15 G. Merry,

Resolved, That the sum of Seven pounds and ten shillings be granted and paid to Edward Kent, to repay expenses incurred by him in a suit brought against him in his official capacity as Constable, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on his Petition. £7 10s. E. Kent,

Resolved, That the sum of Seven pounds ten shillings and nine pence be granted and paid to Alexander Corner, being money paid by him for Crown Land, and which had previously been granted to another party, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject. £7 10s. 9d. A. Corner

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty pounds be granted and paid to Oliver Brennan, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on his Petition. £20 O. Brennan,

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds be granted and paid to Benjamin K. Dodge, for his services in vaccinating Indians and supplying them with Medicines, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on his Petition. £10 B. K. Dodge,

Resolved, That the sum of One thousand pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be expended by Commissioners to be appointed by the Governor in Council, in deepening the River, and improving the Navigation of Pictou Harbor, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on the Petition of the Inhabitants of New Glasgow. £1,000 East River, Pictou,

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty pounds be granted and paid to Michael Cody, as compensation for his services as Mail Courier between Martin's and Walton, and for £50 M. Cody,

for injuries sustained in the performance of them, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject.

£156 11s. 2d, E. G. Fuller,

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred and fifty-six pounds eleven shillings and two pence be granted and paid to E. G. Fuller, being the balance of an account due him for books, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on his Petition.

Grant for expenses of criminals at Guysborough,

Resolved, That such sum be placed at the disposal of the Governor as will be sufficient to reimburse the County of Guysborough for expenses incurred in keeping in custody William Snow and Lewis Snow, since their conviction for murder; and also such sum as will be sufficient to remunerate James B. Hadley for his services and expenses in recapturing those convicts; and also such further sum as may be due to Murdoch McLean, Esquire, in respect to those convicts; the same respectively to be ascertained by a Commissioner to be appointed by the Governor in Council, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on those subjects.

E. G. Fuller balance for Agricultural Implements,

Resolved, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as shall be sufficient to defray the balance due E. G. Fuller for Agricultural Implements imported for the Industrial Exhibition, and which have since been sold, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Agriculture.

£200 Central Board Agriculture,

Resolved, That the sum of Two hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Central Board of Agriculture, to be applied in paying their Officers, and such incidental expenses as shall be absolutely necessary, with the balance in their hands, in such way as they shall deem best for promoting Agricultural improvements, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Agriculture.

£900 Agricultural Societies,

Resolved, That a sum, not to exceed Nine hundred pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Central Board of Agriculture, to be applied at the rate of Fifty pounds for each County, in manner prescribed by Section 4 of Chapter 96 of the Revised Statutes, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Agriculture.

£1,000 importing Sheep,

Resolved, That the sum of One thousand pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor for the purpose of importing Sheep of the most improved breeds, to be distributed and sold, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Agriculture.

£100 importing Pigs

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be expended in importing Pigs of the most improved breeds, to be kept on the land intended for an Experimental Farm at Truro, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Agriculture.

£50 Bone Mill, Pictou,

£50 Bone Mill to be erected.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty pounds be granted and paid to John McLean and others, for the erection of a Bone Mill at Pictou, and a similar sum of Fifty pounds for the first other Bone Mill erected in any other County in the Province, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Agriculture.

£200 Bone Mill,

Resolved, That a sum, not to exceed Two hundred pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be expended in the establishment of a Mill of sufficient power to convert Bones into Manure, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Agriculture.

Grant to Northup and McHefsey,

Resolved, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as shall be sufficient to refund to the Hon. Richard McHefsey and John Northup Eight hundred and twenty pounds six shillings and three pence, the amount paid by them into the Crown Land Office, with interest from the dates of such payment, and also as shall be sufficient to compensate them for the expenses and outlay incurred by them in connection with their application for Crown Lands, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on the Crown Land Department.

£10 J. Murphy,

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds be granted and paid to John Murphy, Deputy Surveyor for the County of Inverness, for a Report made by him upon the state of Crown Lands, and expenses incurred in collecting materials for the same, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Crown Lands.

Resolved,

- Resolved*, That the sum of Eighty pounds be granted and paid to Charles Carman, and the sum of Seventy pounds to Peter Doyle, in full, for their Salaries as Clerks in the Crown Land Office for the current year. £80 C. Carman,
£70 P. Doyle,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Three hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be expended in running meridian lines, agreeably to the Report of the Crown Land Committee. £300 meridian lines
- Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and paid to the President and Trustees of St. Francis Xavier's College at Antigonishe, to enable them to purchase Physical Apparatus, to elucidate the study of Natural Philosophy, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Education. £100 Antigonishe College,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty pounds be granted and paid to Joseph R. Hea, in aid of the Institution under his care at Lower Horton, in addition to the Grammar School allowance, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Education. £50 J. R. Hea,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Eighteen pounds and fifteen shillings of the undrawn Grammar School monies for the County of Cumberland, be granted and paid to Donald McKay, Teacher of the Grammar School at Wallace, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Education. £18 15s. D. McKay
- Resolved*, That the sum of Twelve pounds and ten shillings of the undrawn Grammar School monies for the County of Annapolis be granted and paid to H. W. Johnston, Teacher of the Academy at Annapolis, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Education. £12 10s. H. W. Johnston,
- Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as will be sufficient to defray the expense of purchasing one hundred and fifty copies of Mr. Alexander Munro's Work on New Brunswick, to be disposed of to the School Libraries at four shillings per copy, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Education. A. Munro's book,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty pounds be granted and paid to William H. Waddell, in full of his claim from the Common School money of the County of Pictou, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Education. £30 W. H. Waddell
- Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds be granted and paid to Joseph McNaught, the Contractor for the Normal School, in full for his claim, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Education. £25 J. McNaught,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty pounds be granted and paid to the Managers of the Infant School at Halifax, in support of that Institution for the present year, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Education. £50 Infant School, Halifax,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds, undrawn of the Grammar School monies for the County of Annapolis, be granted and paid to William Shipley, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Education. £25 W. Shipley,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Five hundred pounds be granted in aid of erecting three Model Schools in the vicinity of the Normal School at Truro, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Education; to be paid when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council that Two hundred pounds have been raised by subscription, or otherwise, towards that object. £500 Model Schools
- Resolved*, That the sum of Two hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Commissioners of the Normal School, to meet their outstanding liabilities, including a balance of Twenty-five pounds fourteen shillings and three pence now due them; such amount to be accounted for at the next Session, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Education. £200 Normal School balance,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Two hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Commissioners of the Normal School, to be applied in the purchase of Philosophical and other Apparatus, and in defraying the charge of One hundred and five

five pounds seventeen shillings and one penny already expended therefor, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Education.

Collegiate institutions.

Resolved, That the allowances now made to Collegiate and Academical Institutions, including King's College, Windsor, shall be continued under the existing Regulations for the present year.

Sundries for Road Damages,

Resolved, That the following sums be granted and paid to the several parties hereunder, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Road Damages :

Alexander Fraser, Guysborough,	£3	2	6
Thomas Whitman,	1	12	6
Angus McLeod,	4	10	0
Edmund Dillon,	5	18	0
Ann Connors, in full for her claims,	5	0	0
Donald McKay,	5	0	0
John McLeod,	22	0	0
Donald McLeod,	21	14	0
Widow Douglass,	7	0	0
Duncan Balfour,	20	4	0
Nicholas Balfour,	2	0	0
Widow McDonald and thirteen others, at one shilling each,	0	14	0

£979 0s. 5d. Council's Contingencies,

Resolved, That the sum of Nine hundred and seventy-nine pounds and five pence be granted and paid to defray the Contingent Expenses of the Legislative Council for the present Session.

£25 Montegan Packet,

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds be at the disposal of the Governor to aid in maintaining a Packet between Westport and Montegan, in the County of Digby.

£20 Weymouth Packet,

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty pounds be granted and paid in aid of a Packet between Weymouth Bridge and Sandy Cove, in the County of Digby.

£175 Bras d'Or Steamer,

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred and seventy-five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be paid upon sufficient proof that a suitable Steamboat has been run from Sydney through the Bras d'Or to Baddeck, twice a week during the season, and in the interval to ply as a Passenger Boat between Sydney and the North Bar, upon condition that the Judge on Circuit be conveyed in such Boat from Sydney to Baddeck, and thence to Whycocomah, free of expense.

£230 3s. 4d. A. & W. McKinlay,

Resolved, That the sum of Two hundred and thirty pounds three shillings and four pence be paid to A. and W. McKinlay, in full of their account for Stationery and Binding for the House of Assembly during the past year.

Contingencies of House,

Resolved, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as will be sufficient to defray the Contingent Expenses of the House of Assembly during the present Session, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Contingencies.

Board of Works balance,

Resolved, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as may be necessary to defray the balance due to the Board of Works, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts.

Postage of Departments,

Resolved, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as will be sufficient to repay the amount advanced from the Treasury to defray the expense of Postage of the Public Departments during the past year.

£15 E. Joyce,

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen pounds be granted and paid to Edward Joyce, Deputy Serjeant-at-Arms to the House of Assembly, in addition to his Salary for the present Session.

£78 10s. survey Eastern shore road

Resolved, That the sum of Seventy-eight pounds and ten shillings be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be expended in Surveying a line of road from Ship Harbor to Sheet Harbor, in the County of Halifax.

£50 13s. 6d. survey Inverness,

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty pounds thirteen shillings and six pence be granted placed

and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to defray the expenses of a Survey made by Francis McKenzie of a road from Plaister Cove to Wycecomah.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty pounds be granted and paid to Doctors Dennison and Weeks, for their professional attendance on laborers employed on the Provincial Railway, but no similar application shall be hereafter entertained unless for attendance on Transient Paupers. £50 Doctors Dennison and Weeks,

Resolved, That such sum be at the disposal of the Governor as will provide for the remuneration of a Private Secretary for the present year, at the rate of Two hundred and fifty pounds, Sterling, per annum. £250 Governor's Secretary.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty pounds be granted and paid in addition to the present allowance to the combined Grammar and Female School at Antigonishe. £50 Antigonishe School,

Resolved, That the sum of One pound seventeen shillings and six pence be granted and paid to James H. Thorne, as return of Duty paid on a Shingle Machine. £1 17 6 J. H. Thorne,

Resolved, That if any of the Bridges on the Main Post Roads of this Province shall be unexpectedly destroyed or obstructed by any accident or obstacle, the Governor may order a Commissioner to rebuild or repair such bridge, or to remove such obstructions, and may draw Warrants on the Treasury for the amount expended, in favor of such Commissioner; but the whole amount so expended during the year shall not exceed One thousand pounds, and the respective sums so drawn shall be charged at the next Session of the Assembly, as against the several Counties in which the same shall have been expended. Casualties to roads,

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolutions were read a first time.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Sheriffs," was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Sheriffs' Bill read 3rd time.

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed with amdt.

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

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired. And sent to H. A.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments proposed by the House of Assembly to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of the Cornwallis Toll Bridge. Amdt. of H. A. to Cornwallis Bridge Bill considered.

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

SECOND CLAUSE.—Leave out the words "The Members elected to represent Kings County and the Townships of Cornwallis and Horton in General Assembly shall be," and instead of the words so left out, insert the following words "The Governor in Council shall appoint three."

At the end of the Clause add the following Clause:

"Such Commissioners shall have the charge of the Bridge after it is transferred to the Public under this Act."

Then the first amendment was read a second time, and agreed to.

Then the second amendment was read a second time, 1st amdt. agreed to.

Whereupon Mr. Morton moved that the said amendment be amended, by adding the following words at the end thereof, "which shall ever after be open to the public free of Toll or charge." Second amdt.

And the question being put by the President,

Whether the said amendment, as so amended, be agreed to? Amended.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Amdt read 3rd time,
and agreed to,

And Message to
H. A.

The said amendments were then read a third time, as amended, and agreed to.

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

To carry down the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the first amendment proposed by them to the said Bill, without any amendment, and have agreed to the second amendment, with an amendment—to which amendment their concurrence is desired.

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

Streets, Halifax,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the repair and maintenance of Streets in the City of Halifax.

Vegetables and
Coals, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to establish and regulate the Sale by weight of Vegetables and Coal.

County Assessments
Bills.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, "Of County Assessments."

Post Office,

Resolved, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as will be sufficient to defray the expenses of the Post Office Department for the present year, and also to pay the several Grants recommended in the Report of the Committee on the Post Office.

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

Read 1st time.

The same were read a first time.

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

H. A. agree to Abst.
Debtors' Bill with
amdt.

The Messenger also returned a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 141 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Suits against Absent or Absconding Debtors," and informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the said Bill, with amendments—to which amendments they desired the concurrence of this House.

S. O. S.

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects a Bill, entitled, An Act for the repair and maintenance of Streets in the City of Halifax; also,

Vegetables and
Coals, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to establish and regulate the Sale by weight of Vegetables and Coal; also,

County Assessment
Bills.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, "Of County Assessments."

Bills read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com.

The said Bills were read a second time.

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

Juries Bill read 3rd
time,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes "Of Juries," was read a third time.

Amendment made.

Then the following further amendments were made :

After the Twelfth Clause insert the following Clause :

"In case of the illness or absence of a Juror after he shall have been sworn in any Civil Cause, it shall be in the discretion of the Presiding Judge to allow the Cause to proceed without him, and the verdict shall be valid, provided seven of the remaining Jurors shall concur therein."

At the end of the Bill insert the following Clause :

"This Act shall continue and be in force for three years from the first day of June next, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly."

Then the question was put by the President,

Agreed with amdt.

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The following Resolutions for granting Money, viz. :

Money Votes,

£368	7	5	Transient Paupers,
1400	0	0	Penitentiary,
13	0	0	Annually, W. Fish,
10	10	0	} H. Thurston,
7	0	0	
70	4	2	Drawback on Machinery,
14	14	9	J. L. Brown,
16	2	6	Fire Wardens, New Glasgow,
28	2	1	Eaton and Rockwell,
11	5	0	T. Killam,
45	3	8	Return of Duties on Paper,
105	0	0	Deaf, Dumb, and Blind,
12	18	6	J. Murphy,
129	18	7	Captain Chearnley,
2000	0	0	Commissioners of Poor, Halifax,
572	10	3	Do. do. overexpenditure,
1500	0	0	Light Houses,
912	17	8	Public Printing,
40	0	0	W. Muirhead,
10	0	0	A. & J. Flikes,
4	0	0	D. Urquhart,
97	5	6	A. Bourneuf,
2	10	0	G. Bingay,

Were read a second time, and the question was put by the President on each Resolution, Read 2nd time,
 Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

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

The Resolution received yesterday granting sums in aid of various Breakwaters and other services, was read a second time, and, after long debate, the question being put by the President, Whether this Resolution be agreed to? there appeared, for agreeing to the Resolution, two ; against agreeing to it, fifteen : Breakwater Resolu-
tion read 2nd time.

For the Resolution :

Against the Resolution :

Mr. Comeau,
 " Fairbanks,

Mr. McNab,
 " McCully,
 " McHeffey,
 " Grigor,
 " Cutler,
 " Harris,
 " Bell,
 " Almon,
 " Black,
 " Kieth,
 " Pineo,
 " Crichton,
 " Morton,
 " Rudolf,

Disagreed to,

So it passed in the negative.

The President.

- A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
 To return the said Resolution, and acquaint them that this House has not agreed to the same.
- And sent to H. A.
- Money Votes read
 2nd time, The fifty-three Resolutions for granting Monies, received this day from the House of Assembly, were, by order, read a second time, and the question was put by the President on each Resolution,
 Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?
- Agreed to, It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
 To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Chap. 13, 16 Vict.
 and.
 Surveyors of High-
 ways Bills,
 Read 2nd time,
 And ordered to Com. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 13 of the Acts 16th Victoria ; also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, " Of Surveyors of Highways and Highway Labor except in Halifax,"
 Were read a second time.
- Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- Post Office Resolu-
 tion read 2nd time The Resolution granting the allowance to the Post Office Department was, by order, read a second time, and the question was put by the President,
 Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?
- Agreed to, It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
 To return the said Resolution, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- S. O. S. Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the Bills before a Committee of the whole House.
- Com. on Bills. On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Report Chap. 13,
 16 Victoria,
 Road, New Glasgow The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled,
 An Act to amend Chapter 13 of the Acts 16th Victoria ; also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for improving the Road from New Glasgow to St. Mary's ; also,
- Nets, Liverpool
 Harbour, A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Setting of Nets in the Harbor of Liverpool ; also,
- Registry of Ships, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning the Registry of Ships ; also,
- Surveyors of High-
 ways, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, " Of Surveyors of Highways, and Highway Labor except in Halifax" ; also,
- Court House, Hlfx. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Acts to provide for the erection of a Court House in Halifax ; also,
- Physic and Surgery, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 57 of the Revised Statutes, " Of Regulations concerning the Practice of Physic and Surgery" ; also,
- Vegetables and Coal A Bill, entitled, An Act to establish the Sale by weight of Vegetables and Coal ; also,
- County Assessments
 and, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, " Of County Assessments ;" also,
- Streets, Halifax,
 Bills, A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the repair and maintenance of Streets in the City of Halifax.

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment. Without amdt.
Ordered, That the said Bills be read a third time presently.
 The said Bills were then read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Bills read 3rd time,
 Whether this Bill shall pass?
 It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,
 A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
 To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment. And sent to H. A.
 The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, Rep. Representation
 An Act to alter the Representation of Queen's County, and had agreed to the same, Queen's Co. Bill,
 without any amendment. without amndt.
 Whereupon Mr. Pineo moved that the said Report be not received: which being Motion not to receive
 seconded, and the question being put by the President, there appeared, for the motion, Report.
 seven; against it, nine:

For the motion—

Mr. Cutler,
 " Fairbanks,
 " Pineo,
 " Keith,
 " Harris,
 " Crichton,
 " Morton.

Against the motion—

Mr. McNab,
 " McCully,
 " Grigor,
 " McKeen,
 " Comeau,
 " McHeffey,
 " Bell,
 " Rudolf,

The President.

So it passed in the negative. Negatived,
Ordered, That the said Report be received, and the said Bill be read a third time Bill read 3rd time,
 presently.
 The said Bill was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Bill read 3rd time,
 Whether this Bill shall pass?
 It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,
 A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
 To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, And sent to H. A.
 without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James,
 To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment pro- H. A. agree to amdt.
 posed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 67 of the Revised to Preservation of
 Statutes, "Of the preservation of Roads." Roads Bill.

The Messenger also brought up the following Resolutions:
 The attention of this House being called to a certain Circular Despatch, dated Expenses of return-
 Downing Street, 21st December, 1855, from the Right Honorable Henry Labou- ing Distressed
 chere, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency Seamen to Colo-
 the Lieutenant-Governor, stating, that although, by the Merchant Shipping Acts of nies.
 17th and 18th Victoria, Chapter 104, and the 18th and 19th Victoria, Chap. 91,
 power is conferred on the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, to
 cause distressed Seamen found in Foreign Ports, being Subjects of Her Majesty, to
 be sent Home, either to Great Britain or to the Colony to which they belong, yet
 the Act in question does not confer the power to send home to the Colonies to which
 they may belong, Colonial Seamen found distressed in Great Britain, and suggest-
 ing measures to be taken by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia to affect the latter object:
Resolved, That this House will be prepared to undertake the necessary expenses, and

to co-operate with Her Majesty's Government in making any arrangements which may be necessary for the attainment of the object referred to.

£250 to Messrs.
Piers.

Resolved, That the Railway Commissioners be authorized to pay to Messrs. Temple and Lewis Piers, in addition to the sum of Five hundred pounds recommended by the Committee on Railway affairs, a further sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds on account of the damage done to their property on Bedford Basin by the Railway.

Immigration Com-
missioners.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to issue a Commission appointing one or more Commissioners for the purpose of affecting, by means of Correspondence with the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners in London, or otherwise, the introduction of Immigrants into this Province, and that this House will provide such sum as may be expended for that purpose, with the approval of the Government.

£5 change of appro-
priation to School,
Cornwallis.

Resolved, That the sum of Five pounds of the sum of Ten pounds granted in 1855 to purchase Seed for distribution among the Colored Population in King's County, and undrawn, be appropriated in aid of Freedom School at Pine Woods, Cornwallis, in the County of Kings.

Change of Appro-
priation School
Money, Colches-
ter Academy,

Resolved, That in case the money granted for Colchester Academy shall remain undrawn during the present year, the same may be applied towards and counted as part of the sum of Two hundred pounds to be raised by voluntary contribution for the erection of Model Schools.

£50 do. Road Money
Inverness,

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty Pounds, undrawn of the Road Monies for Inverness in the year 1854, be applied to the new road from Plaister Cove to Whycomah.

£5 4s. 9d. do. Col-
chester,

Resolved, That the sums following, remaining undrawn from last year, for the County of Colchester, viz. :

No. 79, John Fletcher, balance,	£1 0 0
128, Earltown road to Dalhousie,	4 0 0
231, Balance,	0 13 9
243, Balance,	0 10 0

be appropriated to the repair of the road leading from Salmon River to the Fenton Settlement.

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st and 2nd
time,

The said Resolutions were read a first time, and, by order, the said Resolutions were read a second time, and the question was put by the President on each Resolution,

Agreed to,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

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

Preservation of
Roads Bill,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Preservation of Roads," was read, as amended, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

Finally agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.

Amdt. to Absent
Debtors Bill con-
sidered.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments proposed by the House of Assembly to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 141 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Suits against absent or absconding Debtors."

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

1st.—In the fourth Section leave out the word “four,” in the 4th line, and insert the word “fourteen” instead thereof.

2nd.—In the last Clause of the Act, after the word “shall,” insert the word “not.”

Then the first amendment was read a second time, whereupon it was moved that the said amendment be not agreed to, and the question being put by the President, it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said amendment be not agreed to.

Then the second amendment was read a second time, and agreed to.

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

To carry down the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House does not agree to the first amendment proposed by the House of Assembly to the said Bill, but does agree to the second amendment.

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

1st amdt. not agreed to.

2nd amdt. agreed to.

And Message to H.

Adjourn.

Thursday, 17th April, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
MATHER B. ALMON,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES MCNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM MCKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act 18th Victoria, Chapter 16, relating to the Inspection of Fish.

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, in aid of the Canada Creek Pier, upon condition that the parties interested in, or applying for aid to such work, shall have expended thereon since the passing of the grant, at least double the amount so granted, in addition to such grant, so that the whole sum expended on such work shall amount to three times the sum granted, and this House will provide for the same next Session.

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted in aid of Hall's Harbor Pier, County of Kings, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada Creek Pier.

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred and sixty-five pounds be granted to extend the Wharf at Bellevou's Cove, Digby County, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada Creek Pier.

Inspection of Fish Bill,
£100 Canada Creek Pier,

£100 Hall's Harbor Pier,

£165 Bellevou's Wharf,

Resolved,

- £100 Cape Cove Breakwater, *Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted in aid of Cape Cove Breakwater, Digby County, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada Creek Pier.
- £130 Church Point Breakwater, *Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred and thirty pounds be granted in aid of Church Point Breakwater, Digby County, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada Creek Pier.
- £150 Groscoque Breakwater, *Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred and fifty pounds be granted in aid of Groscoque Breakwater, Digby County, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada Creek Pier.
- £25 Fort Lawrence Wharf, *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds be granted in aid of the Public Wharf at Fort Lawrence, County of Cumberland, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada Creek Pier.
- £100 Little River Pier, *Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted in aid of a Pier at Little River, Sydney County, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada Creek Pier.
- £100 Ogilvie brook Pier, *Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted in aid of Ogilvie Brook Breakwater, King's County, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada Creek Pier.
- £150 Montegan Pier *Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred and fifty pounds be granted in aid of a Breakwater at Montegan River, Digby County, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada Creek Pier.
- £50 Chivarie Pier, *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted in aid of the Breakwater at Chivarie, Hants County, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada Creek Pier.
- £200 Margaretville Pier, *Resolved*, That the sum of Two hundred pounds be granted in aid of Margaretville Pier, Annapolis County, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada Creek Pier.
- £200 Minudie Pier, *Resolved*, That the sum of Two hundred pounds be granted in aid of Breakwater in Minudie, Cumberland County, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada Creek Pier.
- £100 Bird Island Pier, *Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted in aid of Breakwater at Bird Island, Victoria County, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada Creek Pier.
- £200 Arisaig Pier, *Resolved*, That the sum of Two hundred pounds be granted in aid of Arisaig Pier, County of Sydney, upon a sum of Two hundred pounds being raised and expended on that object, and this House will provide for the same at the next Session.
- £75 Chute's Cove Pier, *Resolved*, That the sum of Seventy-five pounds be granted in aid of Chute's Cove Breakwater, Annapolis County, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada Creek Pier, or in that proportion, should the amount subscribed and expended fall short of One hundred and fifty pounds.
- £200 Charlottetown Steamer, *Resolved*, That the sum of Two hundred pounds be granted in aid of a Steam Boat to ply between Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and Pictou, daily, (Sundays excepted) provided she carries the Mail, and this House will provide for the same at the next Session.
- £25 Little Tracadie Harbor, *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds be granted to aid in clearing out the entrance of Little Tracadie Harbor, County of Sydney, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada Creek Pier.
- £50 Bear River, *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted to aid in clearing out the Channel of Bear River, County of Annapolis, and putting up Buoys, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada Creek Pier.
- £100 Tracadie Harbor, *Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted to improve the Harbor of Tracadie, County of Sydney, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada Creek Pier. *Resolved*,

Resolved, That the sum of Two hundred pounds be granted for clearing out the Sissiboo River, County of Digby, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada Creek Pier. £200 Sissiboo River,

Resolved, That the following sums be granted to aid in clearing out the following Rivers, viz: Bear River, above Morgan's Mills, Annapolis County, Ten pounds; Allen's River, above the General's Bridge, Annapolis County, Twenty pounds; Roseway River, Shelburne County, from Ryor's Mills to the Bridge, Seventeen pounds ten shillings; Roseway River, Shelburne County, from the tide upwards, Thirteen pounds; and Jordan River, Shelburne County, from the Mills to Lake John, Twenty pounds, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada Creek Pier. £80 10s. sundry Rivers,

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty pounds be granted to J. McLeod, the same being granted last Session for a Breakwater at Broad Cove, and undrawn, to reimburse him in part for the erection of a Breakwater at Margaree Island, County of Inverness, and this House will provide for the same at its next Session. £50 J. McLeod,

Resolved, That the sum of Forty pounds be granted to aid in the clearing out the Harbor in Gabarus Bay, Cape Breton, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada Creek Pier. £40 Gabarus Harbour,

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds be granted to aid in erection of Digby Slip, the expenditure to be certified by the Session, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada Creek Pier. £25 Digby Slip,

Resolved, That the sum of Five pounds be granted to Edward Leonard, to compensate him for making signals at Digby; and that the sum of Ten pounds be granted to replace Buoys in the Harbor of Pubnico, and this House will provide for the same at the next Session. £15 E. Leonard and Pubnico Buoys,

Resolved, That the sum of Two pounds ten shillings be granted to the Ferryman at St. Ann's, County of Victoria, in addition to the sum already granted; Five pounds to each of the Ferrymen at Big Bras d'O'r Ferry, in addition to the sum already granted; Four pounds to each of the Ferrymen at the Gut of Canso, from Auld's Cove to McMillen's Point, in addition to present Grant; Two pounds ten shillings to each of the Ferrymen at LaHave River, in addition to the sum already granted; and Five pounds to the Ferryman at Molasses Harbor, Guysborough County, and this House will provide for the same at the next Session. Sundry Ferries,

Resolved, That the sum of Two hundred pounds be granted to aid in the erection of a Breakwater at Liverpool, Queen's County, in connection with a Marine Railway, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada Creek Pier. £200 Liverpool Breakwater,

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty pounds be granted to aid in the repair of the Ferry Wharf at Fisher's Grant, County of Pictou, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada Creek Pier. £30 Fisher's Grant Wharf,

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted to aid in the erection of a Breakwater at Woodworth's Bay, King's County, to be expended and provided for in like manner, as in the case of Canada Creek Pier. £100 Woodworth's Bay Pier,

Resolved, That the sum of Three hundred pounds be granted to aid in building a Public Wharf at Oak Point, King's County, to be expended and provided for as in the case of Canada Creek Pier. £300 Oak Point Wharf,

Resolved, That the sum of Two hundred pounds be granted in aid of the Givan Wharf, King's County, an over-expenditure last year being deducted and first paid—to be expended and provided for as in the case of Canada Creek Pier. £200 Givan Wharf,

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty pounds be granted in aid of a Public Wharf at St. Peter's, County Richmond, to be expended and provided for as in the case of Canada Creek Pier. £20 St. Peter's Wharf,

- To which Bill and Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.
The same were read a first time.
- Read 1st time,
Inspection of Fish Bill referred.
Committee. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
Ordered, That Mr. Rudolf, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Cutler, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Resolutions read 2nd time.
The said Resolutions were, by order, read a second time, and the question was put by the President on each Resolution,
Whether this Resolution be agreed to?
It was resolved in the affirmative.
- Agreed to,
And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Message relative to amdt. to Juries Bill.
A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. James,
To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the first, second, and fourth amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Juries," without amendment, and agreed to the third amendment, with an amendment—to which they desired the concurrence of this House.
- H. A. do not agree to am. to Sheriffs Bill.
Also, to inform the House that the House of Assembly did not agree to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Sheriffs."
- H. A. agree to am. to am. to Cornwallis Bridge Bill with am.
Also, to return a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of the Cornwallis Toll Bridge, and to inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to the second amendment proposed by them to the said Bill, with an amendment—to which amendment they desired the concurrence of this House.
- Com. on Inspection of Fish Bill rep.
Mr. Rudolf, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act 18 Victoria, Chapter 16, relating to the Inspection of Fish, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.
- S. O. S. on Bill.
Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bill.
- Bill read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com. The said Bill was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- Am. of H. A. to am. of Council to Juries Bill considered.
The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment proposed by the House of Assembly to the third amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Juries."
- Am. read,
The same was read by the Clerk, as follows:
"Leave out the word "or absence," in the first line of the third amendment.
And the said amendment being read a second and third time, was agreed to by the House.
- Agreed to,
And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.
- Am. to Sheriffs Bill
The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Sheriffs," which amendments have not been agreed to by the House of Assembly.
- Adhered to.
The same were read by the Clerk, and,
On motion, *resolved*, that the said amendments be adhered to.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House adheres to their amend-
ments to the said Bill.

And message to H.
A.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment proposed by the House
of Assembly to the amendment proposed by this House to the second amendment
proposed by the House of Assembly to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale
of the Cornwallis' Toll Bridge.

Am. to am. to am.
to Cornwallis
Bridge Bill,

The same was read by the Clerk as follows :

At the end of such amendment add the following words :

“So soon as a sufficient sum is raised by the present rate of Toll, or such less rate
as the Sessions may direct, or otherwise, and expended in putting such Bridge in an
efficient state of repair.”

And the said amendment being read a second time,

It was moved that the same be not agreed to, and the question being put by the
President, whether this amendment be not agreed to? it was resolved that it be not
agreed to.

Not agreed to,

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

And mes. to H. A.

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

Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled,
An Act to amend the Act 18th Victoria, Chapter 16, relating to the Inspection of Fish,
and had made an amendment thereto.

Rep. Inspection of
Fish Bill with am.

The said amendment was read by the Clerk, as follows :

6th CLAUSE.—Leave out this Clause.

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

Amdt. read,
And agreed to.

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

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

Bill read 3d time,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to, with am.

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

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

And sent to H. A.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled,
An Act to establish a more equal and just system of Assessment, and had made several
amendments thereto.

Report Assessment
Bill with am.

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

Am. read,

FOURTH CLAUSE.—Leave out this Clause.

FIFTH CLAUSE.—12th line—After the word “Railway” insert the words “Rolling
Stock.”

SEVENTH CLAUSE.—Fourth Section, 3d line—After the word “party” insert the
words “as Tenant for any period less than one year.”

8th line—Leave out the word “such.”

10th and 11th lines—Leave out the words “saving his recourse against the owner.”

SEVENTEENTH CLAUSE.—12th line—instead of the word “lands,” insert the word
“names.”

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

And agreed to.

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

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

S. O. S.

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- Bill read 3d time,
Agreed to with am.
And sent to H. A.
- The said Bill was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass?
It was resolved in the affirmative.
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired.
- Message from H. A. with Cornwallis Bridge Bill.
- A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James,
To return a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the Cornwallis Toll Bridge, and to acquaint the House that the House of Assembly did not adhere to the amendment proposed by them to the amendment proposed by this House to the second amendment proposed by them to the said Bill.
- H. A. finally agree to Juries Bill
- The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Juries," as now amended.
- Juries Bill finally agreed to by Council.
And sent to H. A.
- The said Bill was then read, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, as now amended, shall pass?
It was resolved in the affirmative.
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.
- Cornwallis Bridge Bill,
Finally agreed to,
And sent to H. A.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the Cornwallis Toll Bridge, was read, as now amended, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, as now amended, shall pass?
It was resolved in the affirmative.
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
To carry down the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.
- Com. on Bills.
- On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Morton reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Rep. Railway Damage Bill, with amt.
- The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Assessments for Railway Damages, and had made several amendments thereto.
- Amdt. read.
- The said amendments were read by the Clerk, as follows:
SECOND CLAUSE.—23rd line—Instead of the words "Forty-eight," insert the words "Thirty-six."
THIRD CLAUSE.—5th line—Instead of the words "twenty-four," insert the word "eighteen."
FIFTH CLAUSE.—9th line—After the word "the," insert the word "Engineer."
21st to 24th lines—Leave out the words "to an extent which, in the opinion of the Board, may demand the interposition of a Jury."
31st line—Instead of the word "twelve," insert the word "nine."
4th line—Instead of the words "twenty-four," insert the word "eighteen."
SEVENTH CLAUSE.—1st line—Instead of the word "twelve," insert the word "nine."
19th to 22nd lines—leave out the words "mentioned in the Act so to be furnished by the Board of Railway Commissioners."
23rd line—Before the word "shall," insert the words "seven of whom at least shall concur."
ELEVENTH CLAUSE.—4th and 6th lines—Leave out the words "by the Sessions amongst the Townships and places in each County and District," and insert instead the following words "by a board of not less than three, nor more than five persons,

to be appointed by the Governor in Council, to be selected from the nearest adjoining Counties so soon after such appraisements made as may be, and the said Commissioners having been first sworn to the faithful discharge of their duty, shall apportion the amount of the appraisements in the Townships, Places, or Districts, as shall be most convenient."

8th line—Instead of the word "Sessions," insert the word "Court."

10th line—Before the word "and" insert the words "and shall return their proceedings to the Court of Sessions."

11th and 12th lines—Leave out the words "in those proportions."

13th line—After the word "Section" insert the following words: "in proportion to the relative amount of benefit to be derived by them from the making of the said Railway."

17th line—Leave out the words "and assessed."

TWELFTH CLAUSE.—4th and 5th lines—Leave out the words "Board of Railway Commissioners," and insert instead "Receiver General."

THIRTEENTH CLAUSE.—2d line—Leave out the words "under the Sessions."

EIGHTEENTH CLAUSE.—2d and 3d lines—Leave out the words "make assessments under this Act, or."

11th line—Instead of the word "amendment" insert the word "assessment."

TWENTY-FIRST CLAUSE.—Leave out this Clause.

At the end of the Bill add the following Clause:

"The Court of Sessions shall have power to cause Collectors to give Bonds as nearly as may be in double the amount of the sums likely to be collected by them under this Act, and to cause the Treasurer of the County to give such further Bonds as they may think necessary, not to exceed double the amount of money likely to be received by them.

"Any person aggrieved by any proceedings under this Act may apply to a Judge at Chambers, who may give such relief as, in his discretion, justice shall require."

SCHEDULE A.—16th line—Leave out the words "to amend the Act."

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

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

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

The said Bill was then read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass? Bill read 3rd time,

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to with amt.

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

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired. And sent to H. A.

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

To return a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the Cornwallis Toll Bridge, and to inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the said Bill as finally amended. H. A. finally agree to Cornwallis Bridge Bill.

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

To inform the House that the House of Assembly did not adhere to the first amendment proposed by them to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 141 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Suits against Absent or Absconding Debtors." H. A. do not adhere to 1st amd. to absent Debtors' Bill.

Division of Road
Money.

The Messenger also brought up the following Resolutions :

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty-two thousand pounds granted for the ordinary Road and Bridge Service, and the sum of Ten thousand pounds granted for the Great Road Service for the present year, be applied as follows :

	Ordinary Service.	Great Roads.
For the County of Halifax,	2355	1213
Pictou,	2304	640
Inverness,	2112	560
Hants,	1920	933
Lunenburg,	1920	530
Colchester,	1869	773
Cumberland,	1869	640
Cape Breton,	1820	626
King's,	1728	476
Annapolis,	1664	476
Yarmouth,	1561	400
Shelburne,	1561	400
Digby,	1561	476
Sydney,	1561	400
Richmond,	1561	360
Victoria,	1561	380
Guysborough,	1561	400
Queen's,	1512	317

Sub-division :
Halifax,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Halifax.

Pictou,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Pictou.

Inverness,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Inverness.

Hants,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Hants.

Lunenburg,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Lunenburg.

Colchester,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Colchester.

Cumberland,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Cumberland.

Cape Breton,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Cape Breton.

King's County,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in King's County.

Annapolis,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Annapolis.

Yarmouth,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Yarmouth.

Shelburne,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Shelburne.

Digby,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Digby.

Sydney,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Sydney.

Richmond,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Richmond.

Also,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Victoria. Victoria,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Guysborough. Guysborough, and

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in Queen's County. Queen's County,

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolutions were read a first time, and, by order, the said Resolutions were read a second time, and the question was put by the President on each Resolution, Read 1st and 2nd time,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to?

It was resolved in the affirmative. And agreed to,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 141 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Suits against absent or absconding Debtors," was read, as now amended, and the question was put by the President, Absent Debtors' Bill finally agreed to.

Whether this Bill, as now amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

To carry down the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith. And Message to H. A.

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

To return the said Bill, and inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the same as now amended. H. A. finally agree to Absent Debtors, Bill.

The Messenger also informed the House, that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act 18th Victoria, Chapter 16, relating to the Inspection of Fish. H. A. agree to amt. to Inspection of Fish, and

Also to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to establish a more equal and just system of Assessment. Assessment Bills, Bills Finally agreed to,

The said Bills were then read, as amended, and the question was put by the President on each Bill,

Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

To return the said Bills, and acquaint them therewith. And sent to H. A.

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

To return the nineteen Resolutions this day received from the House of Assembly, dividing, sub-dividing, and appropriating the sums granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in the present year, and to acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment. Division and sub-division Road Money, Sent to H. A.

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

Friday,

Friday, 18th April, 1856.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

<p>The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF, ROBERT M. CUTLER, JOHN MORTON, HUGH BELL, MATHER B. ALMON, JAMES D. HARRIS, ALEXANDER KEITH, WILLIAM A. BLACK,</p>	<p>The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, JAMES McNAB, JONATHAN McCULLY, WILLIAM GRIGOR, WILLIAM McKEEN, RICHARD A. McHEFFEY, ANSELM F. COMEAU.</p>
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

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

Appropriation Bill,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and for other purposes.

Read 1st time.

To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.

And referred to Select Committee.

The said Bill was read a first time.

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

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Keith, Mr. Rudolf, and Mr. McHeffey, be a Committee for that purpose.

Report.

Mr. Keith, the Chairman of the Committee to whom the said Bill was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

S. O. S.

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

Bill read 2nd time.

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

And ordered to Committee.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill. After some time, the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Read 3d time,

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

And agreed to.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

H. A. agree to Resolution relative to Fees of Admiralty Court.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, To return the Resolution relative to the Fees in the Admiralty Court, and to inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the said Resolution, without any amendment.

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The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the second, third, and fifth Clauses of a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Assessments for Railway Damages; also, to the first and second amendments proposed to the seventh Clause; also, to the second and sixth amendments proposed to the eleventh Clause; also, to the amendment proposed to the twelfth Clause; also, to the first amendment proposed to the eighteenth Clause; also, to the amendment proposed to the twenty-first Clause; also, to the amendment proposed to the Schedule, and they also agreed to the second added Clause; and that they did not agree to the first, third, fourth, and fifth amendments proposed to the eleventh Clause, nor to the amendment proposed to the thirteenth Clause; that they agreed to the third amendment to the seventh Clause to the second amendment to the eighteenth Clause, and to the first added Clause, with amendments—to which amendments they desired the concurrence of this House.

Message relative to
amdt. to Railway
Damages Bill.

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

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be authorized and respectfully requested to direct advances from the Public Treasury, of such sums as may be required to pay for Reporting and Publishing the Debates of the House of Assembly for the present Session: Provided the Reports shall be completed within thirty days after the Session, and that no greater sum be advanced in the whole than £400, and this House will provide for the same at its next Session.

Resolution relative
to reporting.

To which Resolution they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolution was read a first time, and, by order, the same was read a second time, and the question was put by the President,

Read 1st and 2nd
time.

Whether this Resolution be agreed to?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

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

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

And sent to H. A.

The House proceeded to the consideration of those amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Assessments for Railway Damages, which have not been agreed to by the House of Assembly.

Amtd. to Railway
Damages Bill
amended.

The same were read by the Clerk, and,

On motion, *resolved*, that the first, third, and fourth amendments proposed to the eleventh Clause, and also the amendments to the thirteenth Clause be adhered to.

Four amendments
adhered to.

Resolved, That the fifth amendment to the eleventh Clause be not adhered to.

One amendment not
adhered to.

The amendments proposed by the House of Assembly to the amendments proposed by this House to the said Bill were read by the Clerk as follows:

“At the end of the third amendment to the seventh Clause add the following words: ‘after at least four hours deliberation.’

Amtd. of H. A. to
amdt of Council
read.

“Leave out the second amendment to the 18th Clause, and insert instead thereof the word ‘amercement.’

“Add at the end of the first added Clause the following words ‘but the County Treasurer shall not be entitled to receive more than two and a half per cent. on all sums received by him under this Act.’”

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

And agreed to.

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

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.

Message to H. A.

Resolved, That Mr. Gregor, Mr. McCully, Mr. Bell, Mr. Almon, and Mr. Keith, be a Committee to take charge of the Library of this House, and of the Council Chamber and its furniture, during the recess.

Library Room Com.

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Appropriation Bill
sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
To return a Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain monies therein mentioned for the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and for other purposes, and to acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Message from H. A.
with Railway
Damages Bill.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. James,
To inform the House that the House of Assembly adhered to their Resolution not to agree to the first, third, and fourth amendments proposed by this House to the eleventh Clause of a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Assessments for Railway Damages, nor to the amendment proposed by this House to the thirteenth Clause of the said Bill.

H. E. comes to
Council Chamber.

At three o'clock, P. M., His Excellency Colonel Sir John Gaspard LeMarchant, Knight, and Knight Commander of the Order of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c., came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's commands to let the House of Assembly know "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House." Who being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to sixty Bills, entitled as follows :

H. A. attend,

H. E. assents to 60
Bills,

Centreville Hall,
Hfx. Mech, Library.
Horticultural Socy.
Trust Funds,
Erasmus Hall Co.
Hantsport Cemetry,
St. Georges Society,
Cornwallis Bridge,
Absent Debtors,

An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Centreville Hall Company.
An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Mechanics' Library Association.
An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the Nova-Scotia Horticultural Society.
An Act to facilitate the investment of Trust and other Funds.
An Act to Incorporate the Erasmus Hall Company.
An Act to Incorporate the Hantsport Cemetery Company.
An Act to Incorporate the Saint George's Charitable Society in Halifax.
An Act to authorize the Sale of the Cornwallis Toll Bridge.
An Act to amend Chapter 141 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Suits against absent or absconding Debtors."

Savings' Bank,
Treasury Notes,
Harbor Master,
Sydney,
Militia,
Morristown,
Customs,
School Districts,
Lunenburg,
Assessment, Gran.
Reg. Railways,
Baptist Meeting,
Wilmot,

An Act to enlarge the amount of Deposits in the Savings' Bank.
An Act for a further issue of Treasury Notes.
An Act to alter the Harbor Master's Fees in the Harbor of Sydney.
An Act to continue and amend the Laws relating to the Militia.
An Act to establish the Township of Morristown, in the County of Sydney.
An Act to amend and alter the Laws relating to the Customs.
An Act concerning the Division of School Districts in the County of Lunenburg.
An Act to Assess the Township of Granville.
An Act for the Regulation of Railways.
An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the South Baptist Meeting House at Wilmot.

Logs, Queen's Co.
Liverpool Marine
Railway,
Monies on Roads,

An Act to regulate the Marking of Logs in the County of Queens.
An Act to Incorporate the Liverpool Marine Railway Company.
An Act to amend Chapter 66 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the expenditure of Monies on Roads."

Municipal Gov.
Townships,
Immigrants,
Road, Annapolis to
Liverpool,
McLean's Free
Church,

An Act for the Municipal Government of Towships.
An Act to repeal Chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Immigrants."
An Act for improving the new road from Annapolis to Liverpool.
An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of McLean's Free Church at Indian Rear, in the County of Inverness.

Municipal Govern-
ment Counties,

An Act to amend the Act for the Municipal Government of Counties.

An Act for improving the Road between Sable River and Ragged Islands, in the County of Shelburne.	Road, Sable River,
An Act to provide for repairing a Bridge at Bridgewater, in the County of Lunenburg.	Bridge, Bridgewater
An Act to extend the Provisions of Chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes, "Of laying out certain Great Roads."	Laying out Roads,
An Act to amend Chapter 76 of the Acts 18 Victoria.	Chap. 76 and 80 of 18 Victoria,
An Act to enable the corporation of Halifax to make improved Sidewalks in the City.	Sidewalks, Halifax,
An Act for the Preservation of Pheasants.	Pheasants,
An Act relating to the width of Roads at Brier Island, in the County of Digby.	Roads, Brier Island, Digby.
An Act to amend Chapter 111 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Deeds by Married Women."	Deeds, Married Women,
An Act to continue the Laws relating to Education.	Education,
An Act to divide the County of Annapolis into two School Districts.	School Districts, Annapolis,
An Act to provide for the Improvement of the Road from Maitland to the Great Eastern Road.	Road, Maitland,
An Act to authorize the alteration of certain Electoral Districts in the County of Guysborough.	Electoral Districts, Guysborough,
An Act to Incorporate the College and Academy Board of the Free Church of Nova-Scotia.	College Board Free Church,
An Act to explain Chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Registry of Deeds and Incumbrances affecting Lands."	Registry of Deeds,
An Act to amend Chapter 92 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Preservation of Useful Birds and Animals.	Useful Birds and Animals,
An Act to provide for rebuilding Melford Bridge, over the West River of Pictou.	Melford Bridge,
An Act to amend the Jury Law.	Jury Law,
An Act to amend Chapter 13 of the Acts 16th Victoria.	Chap. 13, 16 Vic.
An Act to provide for improving the Road from New Glasgow to St. Mary's.	Road, New Glasgow,
An Act to regulate the Setting of Nets in the Harbour of Liverpool.	Nets Livpl. Harbor,
An Act to amend the Act concerning the Registry of Ships.	Registry of Ships,
An Act to amend Chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Surveyors of Highways, and Highway Labor except in Halifax."	Surveyors of High- ways,
An Act to amend the Acts to provide for the erection of a Court House in Halifax.	Court House, Halfx.
An Act to amend Chapter 57 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Regulations concerning the Practice of Physic and Surgery"	Physic and Surgery,
An Act to establish and regulate the Sale by weight of Vegetables and Coal.	Vegetables and Coal
An Act to amend Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, "Of County Assessments."	County Assessments
An Act for the repair and maintenance of Streets in the City of Halifax.	Streets, Halifax,
An Act to alter the Representation of Queen's County.	Rep. Queen' Co.
An Act to amend Chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Preservation of Roads,"	Preservation of roads
An Act to amend Chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes "Of Juries."	Juries,
An Act to amend the Act 18th Victoria, Chapter 16, relating to the Inspection of Fish.	Inspection of Fish,
An Act to establish a more equal and just system of Assessment.	Assessment,
An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and for other purposes.	Appropriation,

After which His Excellency was pleased to close the Session with the following Speech :

Mr.

Speech.

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

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

At the close of a Session protracted somewhat beyond the usual duration, I have great pleasure in releasing you from further attendance upon your Legislative duties.

Though your labors have not been marked by the perfection of any measures of prominent importance, I attribute that circumstance, in some degree, to the difficulties incident to the first Session of a new House, distinguished as this has been by an unprecedented change in the *personnel* of the Representative Body, as contrasted with that which preceded it, whilst I trust that the general results of your deliberations will be found to have improved the social and political conditions of the people.

That a Bill, on the subject of Education, introduced in accordance with an announcement in my opening Speech, has not resulted in matured legislation, is, to my mind, considering the vast difficulties which surround that question, a matter of regret rather than of surprize or of disappointment.

The discussion of the assessment principle, its adoption by the House for the first time in our legislative history, and the publication of the Bill, which you have wisely ordered, will doubtless elicit an expression of public opinion that will facilitate your renewed deliberations on this important subject, if such shall be thought advisable in a future Session.

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

I appreciate the liberal provision which you have made for the different branches of the Public Service, and it shall be my earnest endeavor faithfully to control and direct its expenditure.

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

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

In parting with you at the termination of the present Parliament, I fervently pray that happiness and prosperity may attend your various avocations during the coming recess, and that, in that interval, the public welfare may be greatly promoted by your individual exertions in the quiet spheres of your domestic industry.

Then the President of the Council, by His Excellency's Command, said,

GENTLEMEN :

Prorogation.

It is the pleasure of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor that this General Assembly be prorogued to Saturday the Thirty-first day of May next, and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to Saturday the Thirty-first day of May next, to be then here held.

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

JOHN C. HALLIBURTON,

Clerk of the Legislative Council.

APPENDICES

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PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

1856.



APPENDICES
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LEGISLATIVE ACTS.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 31st day of March, 1855.

PRESENT:

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

&c.

&c.

&c.

Whereas the Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the month of March, 1854, pass three Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz:

No. 3200. An Act to authorize a Loan for the construction of Railways within this Province.

No. 3201. An Act further to amend Chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes.

No. 3202. An Act to amend Chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, and the Act in amendment thereof.

And whereas the said Acts have been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported, as their opinion to Her Majesty, that the said Acts should be left to their operation; Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve the said Report,—whereof the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

C. GREVILLE.

(Copy.)

No. 13.

Downing Street, July 2, 1855.

SIR—

I have received and had under my consideration two Acts passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, in the months of March and April last, and transmitted to me in your Despatch No. 48, dated 1st May.

These Acts having been referred by the Queen in Council to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations, that Committee have reported to Her Majesty in Council their opinion that the said Acts should be specially confirmed

confirmed, and I have the honor to transmit to you herewith an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 26th June, approving that Report.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient Servant,

J. RUSSELL.

Lieutenant-Governor

Sir J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the Twenty-sixth day of June, 1855.

P R E S E N T :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

&c. &c. &c.

Whereas the Lieutenant-Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the months of March and April, 1855, pass two Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 3282. An Act for abolishing the Court of Chancery, and conferring Equity Jurisdiction on the Supreme Court.

No. 3283. An Act concerning the Registry of Ships.

And whereas the said Acts have been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations; and the said Committee have reported, as their opinion to Her Majesty, that the said Acts should receive Her Majesty's special confirmation—Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to declare Her special confirmation of the said Acts, and the same are hereby specially confirmed, ratified, and finally enacted accordingly :

Whereupon the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed) W. L. BATHURST.

No. 17.

Downing Street, October 1, 1855.

SIR—

I have received and had under my consideration 75 Acts, passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia in the months of March and April last, and transmitted to me in your Despatch, noted in the margin.

These Acts having been referred by the Queen in Council to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations, that Committee have reported to Her Majesty in Council their opinion that the said Acts should be left to their operation, and I have the honor to transmit to you herewith, an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 24th September, approving that Report.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. MOLESWORTH.

Lieut.-Governor Sir Gaspard Le Marchant.

At

At the Court at Balmoral, the 24th day of September, 1855.

P R E S E N T :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

&c. &c. &c.

Whereas the Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the months of March and April, 1855, pass Seventy-five Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 3284. An Act to alter and amend Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Licenses for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors."

No. 3286. An Act to enlarge and amend the New Practice Act.

No. 3287. An Act to authorize Assessments for Railway Damages.

No. 3288. An Act to amend the Act 17 Victoria, Chapter 2, authorizing a Loan for the construction of Railways in this Province.

No. 3289. An Act to amend Chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Surveyors of Highways, and Highway Labor, except in Halifax."

No. 3290. An Act to amend Chapter 147 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Petty Trespasses and Assaults."

No. 3291. An Act to amend Chapter 135 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Witnesses and Evidence, and the Proof of Written Documents."

No. 3293. An Act to amend the Act 17 Victoria, Chapter 44, entitled, "An Act to authorize the Board of Works to Lease or Sell certain Public Property."

No. 3294. An Act to authorize a Provincial Loan.

No. 3295. An Act for the Summary Trial and Punishment of Offenders against Public Morals.

No. 3296. An Act to amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Pilotage Harbors, and Harbor Masters."

No. 3298. An Act to amend Chapter 131 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace in civil cases."

No. 3299. An Act to amend the Jury Law.

No. 3300. An Act to amend Chapter 86 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Weights and Measures."

No. 3301. An Act to amend Chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Supreme Court and its Officers."

No. 3302. An Act to postpone the ensuing Easter Term of the Supreme Court at Halifax.

No. 3303. An Act to amend Chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Registry of Deeds and Incumbrances affecting lands."

No. 3304. An Act relating to Operators in Electric Telegraph Offices.

No. 3305. An Act to enlarge the amount of Deposits in the Savings' Bank.

No. 3306. An Act to amend the Act concerning Prothonotaries and Clerks of the Crown.

No. 3307. An Act to amend Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Regulation of Trade in certain cases."

No. 3309. An Act relating to Incorporated Pier Companies.

No. 3310. An Act to amend the Act relating to the River Fisheries.

No. 3311. An Act to continue the Law to regulate Distilleries.

No. 3312. An Act to continue the License Law.

No. 3313. An Act to continue and amend the Laws relating to Education.

No. 3314. An Act to amend Chapter 152 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Custody and Estates of Lunatics."

No.

- No. 3315. An Act to continue the Law imposing Light House Duties.
- No. 3316. An Act further to amend Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Probate Court."
- No. 3317. An Act to amend Chapter 48 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Townships and Township Officers."
- No. 3318. An Act to authorize the appointment of Police Constables.
- No. 3319. An Act to amend Chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Common Fields."
- No. 3320. An Act to amend Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes, "Of laying out Roads other than certain Great Roads."
- No. 3321. An Act to amend Chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes, "Of laying out certain Great Roads."
- No. 3322. An Act to amend Chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Coroners."
- No. 3323. An Act to amend Chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Religious Congregations and Societies."
- No. 3324. An Act to regulate the sale of Fresh Fish.
- No. 3325. An Act respecting Prosecutions for Penalties.
- No. 3326. An Act to amend Chapter 97 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Trustees of Public Property."
- No. 3327. An Act to amend Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Office of Surveyor General and Commissioner of Crown Lands."
- No. 3329. An Act for granting a Pension to the late Commissioner of Crown Lands.
- No. 3330. An Act for the Municipal Government of Counties.
- No. 3331. An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and for other purposes.
- No. 3332. An Act for the erection of a General Hospital in the City of Halifax.
- No. 3333. An Act to provide for extending the Eastern Shore Road, in the County of Halifax.
- No. 3334. An Act to add a Polling Place in the County of Inverness.
- No. 3335. An Act to add a Polling Place in the County of Yarmouth.
- No. 3336. An Act to amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax.
- No. 3337. An Act to authorize a Loan for the erection of a Court House in Pictou.
- No. 3338. An Act to amend the Act to enable the City of Halifax to erect a City Prison.
- No. 3339. An Act to alter the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Inverness.
- No. 3340. An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Liverpool to procure a Fire Engine.
- No. 3341. An Act in addition to the Act concerning the County of Shelburne.
- No. 3342. An Act to change a Polling Place in the Township of Parrsborough.
- No. 3343. An Act relating to Pilotage in the Bras d'Or Lake.
- No. 3344. An Act concerning Measurers of Coal and Cordwood in the City of Halifax.
- No. 3345. An Act to authorize the Sale of the Jail at Truro.
- No. 3346. An Act to provide for the construction of a Bridge over the Little Bras d'Or, in the County of Cape Breton.
- No. 3348. An Act to alter and amend the Act to Incorporate the "Inland Navigation Company."
- No. 3349. An Act to Incorporate "The Acadian Iron and Steel Company."
- No. 3350. An Act to Incorporate the Acadian Marble Company.
- No. 3351. An Act to Incorporate the Committee of the Halifax Library.
- No. 3352. An Act to alter and amend the Act to Incorporate the Bank of Nova-Scotia.

- No. 3353. An Act to Incorporate the South Pictou Seamens' Bethel Society.
 No. 3354. An Act to Incorporate the Chute's Cove Pier Company.
 No. 3355. An Act to continue the Acts relating to the Nova Scotia Marine Insurance Company.
 No. 3356. An Act to Incorporate the Centreville Hall Company.
 No. 3357. An Act to Incorporate the Canada Creek Pier Company.
 No. 3358. An Act to Incorporate the Merchants' Exchange Company.
 No. 3359. An Act to continue the Acts relating to the Union Marine Insurance Company.
 No. 3360. An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate a Company to establish a Steamboat Ferry across the Harbor of Pictou.
 No. 3361. An Act to Incorporate the Hall's Harbor Pier Company.
 No. 3362. An Act to Incorporate the Pictou Cemetery Company.
 No. 3363. An Act to Naturalize Isaac M. Chandler and Benjamin Franklin Ward.
 No. 3364. An Act to Naturalize George Ward.

And whereas the said Acts have been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported as their opinion to Her Majesty that the said Acts should be left to their operation—Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve the said Report—whereof the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

C. GREVILLE.

Downing Street, October 26, 1855.

SIR—

I have received and had under my consideration, 3 Acts passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia, in the month of March last, and transmitted to me in your Despatch No. 88, 19th July.

These Acts having been referred by the Queen in Council to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations, that Committee have reported to Her Majesty in Council their opinion that the said Acts should be left to their operation, and I have the honor to transmit to you herewith an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 19th instant, approving that Report.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

G. GREY.

Lieut.-Governor Sir GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

At the Court at Windsor, the 19th day of October, 1855.

P R E S E N T :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

&c. &c. &c.

Whereas the Governor of her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the month of March, 1855, pass three Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz. :

No. 3285. An Act to continue and alter the Laws imposing Customs Duties.

No. 3292. An Act to continue and amend the Laws relative to the Militia.

No. 3308. An Act to authorize the Board of Commissioners to make regulations for the construction and management of Railways in Nova-Scotia.

And whereas the said Acts have been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported, as their opinion to Her Majesty, that the said Acts should be left to their operation—Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve the said Report—whereof the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

WILLIAM L. BATHURST.

(Copy.)

GOVERNMENT LANDS.

No. 5.

Downing Street, 24th May, 1855.

SIR—

I transmit to you, herewith, the copy of a Letter from the Secretary to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, forwarding copy of a Correspondence from the Commander in Chief on the North American Station, on the subject of the appropriation of certain Ordnance Lands in Nova Scotia for Railway purposes.

The perusal of this Correspondence makes me fear that sufficient vigilance has not been used by the Representatives of the Imperial Military Departments in Nova Scotia when the Act was passing through its several stages in the Legislature. I can otherwise scarcely understand how the interests of the Crown can have been so neglected as to allow an Act to be passed, the provisions of which render it *compulsory* on the Government to transfer Lands required for Military purposes, without any proper and timely representation having been addressed to Her Majesty's Government; and I regret that you did not yourself call the attention of the Secretary of State to the inconvenient consequences which might arise, and have indeed actually occurred,

occurred, from the terms of the Act. If the circumstances of the case are correctly related in these papers, as I must presume they are, I have no alternative except to direct you to endeavour to procure an amendment of the Law, reserving the Naval Dock Yard, and such Ordnance Lands as may be necessary for military purposes, from the operation of the Act.

In all future instances power must not be given to take such Lands without the consent of one of Her Majesty's Secretaries of State.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

J. RUSSELL.

Lieutenant-Governor Sir G. LeMarchant, &c. &c. &c. Nova-Scotia.

Admiralty, May 14, 1855.

SIR—

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, to request that your Lordship will place before Lord John Russell, the accompanying Copy of a Letter from Rear Admiral Fanshawe, the Commander in Chief on the North American Station, with its enclosures, relative to the appropriation of Government Lands in Nova-Scotia for Railway purposes, and I am to request that you will suggest to his Lordship whether some steps should not be taken to prevent Government Property being so appropriated, as it may be impossible to find any other site calculated for Naval purposes.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. B. HAMILTON.

H. MERIVALE, Esquire.

No. 101.

Boscawen at Bermuda, April 16, 1855.

SIR—

I have the honor to transmit, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, copy of a Letter I have received from the Naval Storekeeper of Halifax Yard, with copies of a Correspondence which passed between the Officers of the Ordnance Department and the Provincial Secretary, at Halifax, relative to the appropriation of Government Lands for Railway purposes, together with a copy of the Act authorizing the construction of Railways in the Province of Nova-Scotia, and the Newspaper referred to in the Storekeeper's said Letter.

I would beg to call their Lordships attention to the subject, in the event of any Admiralty Land at Halifax being required by the Railway Commissioners.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) ARTHUR FANSHAWE,

Rear Admiral and Com. in Chief.

The Secretary of the Admiralty, London.

Halifax

Halifax Yard, 8th March, 1855.

SIR—

I have the honor herewith to enclose copy of the Act of the Provincial Legislature to authorize the Construction of Railways in this Province; also of a Correspondence which has taken place between the respective Officers of Ordnance and the Provincial Government, &c. relative to the liability of Government property to be taken for Railway purposes, and a Newspaper containing the article alluded to in the said Correspondence.

My reasons for so doing, are as follows: it is rumoured to be intended to extend the Railway from its present terminus into the centre of the Town of Halifax, the line proposed passing through the Ordnance Magazine ground and thence through a portion of the Naval Hospital Yard, and I think it desirable that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty should be placed in possession of all the information possible on this subject, so that, in the event of the rumour proving well founded, they may be enabled to take such steps as may be expedient for protecting the Admiralty property from encroachment, it being evident that there is no power on the spot to impede such operations as the Railway Commissioners may deem advisable.

It will be observed, first, that the 10th section of the Act authorizes the Commissioners to enter upon and take possession of any lands, &c.

2nd. That no notice is required further than in the record of a description, or plan thereof in the Registry of Deeds for the County.

3rd. That the Attorney General gives it as his opinion, that the Ordnance Department, in relation to their lands that may be affected by the Provincial Railway, stands upon the same footing with ordinary proprietors, and that, under these circumstances, the Lieutenant Governor did not feel himself at liberty to accede to the request of the respective Officers, by giving an order to suspend execution of a portion of the line of Railway passing through land belonging to that Department.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) A. ELIOTT,
Storekeeper:

Rear Admiral ARTHUR FANSHAWE.

*Provincial Secretary's Office,
Halifax, August 10, 1854.*

GENTLEMEN—

I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to convey to you his desire to obtain for purposes connected with Government Railways, now in progress, a transfer to the Colonial Government of that portion of the Ordnance Property situate near Bedford Basin, which is indicated on the accompanying plan.

The Government will be prepared to pay any fair and reasonable price that may be required for the Land in question, and I am instructed to add that the Commissioners for constructing Railways will be ready at all times to afford to the Military Authorities any aid which Railway facilities and police may furnish for detection and arrest of deserters, whenever the work in progress shall be so far constructed as to enable them to do so.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS.

To the Respective Officers of H. M. Ordnance.

(MEMO.)

(MEMO.)

Letter of Provincial Secretary (10th August, 1854,) replied to by the respective Officers, that they considered it undesirable in a Military point of view to give up the property, which reasons were approved by the Lieutenant-General Commanding; this was confirmed by Boards' Order, 20th October, 1854.

Extract from respective Officers Letter to Provincial Secretary's Letter, dated 18th December, 1854.

In reference to your Letter, dated 10th August last, relative to the transfer of Ordnance Property at Sackville, to the Provincial Government for Railway purposes, and the decision of the Honorable Board of Ordnance on the subject, which we communicated to you on 16th November, 1854, we have to inform you that, in the face of the above decision, and without any further notice to us, the non-commissioned Officers in charge at the Station has been by the Contractor informed that it is intended to commence the work on this portion of the line in the present week, which has been confirmed on enquiry at the Railway Office. Under the above circumstances we request that an order of the Lieutenant-Governor may be given to suspend the execution of this portion of the line until we have further time to communicate with our Honorable Board of Ordnance, and take their orders thereon.

Signed)

WM. FRASER,
Lt. Colonel Commanding Royal Artillery.
R. T. STOTHERD,
Lt. Colonel Commanding Royal Engineers.
HENRY INCE, *Storekeeper.*
W. H. TAPP, *Dep. Storekeeper.*

Halifax, 18th December, 1854.

DEAR SIRS—

I have seen the Railway Commissioners, and find that there is no intention of any immediate entry on the Ordnance ground, the Contract for that part of the work having not yet been signed. The Commissioners will give you due notice where an entry shall have become necessary.

I see by the Plans that the line of Railway crosses the property diagonally, and am informed that it will take about an acre and a quarter of ground. The Ordnance Department, standing on the same footing with any other Proprietor, cannot resist the progress of the Railway as laid out by the Engineer, and I am of opinion that you are entitled only to the compensation which will be assigned for the land actually taken, in terms of the Provincial Act. This having been assented to by the Queen, binds all parties the owners of lands, including, of course, her own officers.

I remain,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. YOUNG,
Atty. General.

To the respective Officers of H. M. Ordnance.

Extract from a Letter from the Provincial Secretary, dated 20th December, 1854.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor having had under his consideration your Letter of 18th instant, addressed to me, conveying your request that an order may be given by the Government to the Board of Railway Commissioners, to suspend the execution of the portion of the line of Railway referred to in your Communication until you have had further time to communicate with the Honorable Board of Ordnance, and to take their orders in reference to the subject of your Letter, has commanded me to inform you, in reply, that being apprized of the opinion of Her Majesty's Attorney General, that the Ordnance Department, in relation to their lands that may be affected by the Provincial Railway, stands upon the same footing with ordinary proprietors, His Excellency does not feel at liberty to interfere with the progress of Railroad operations, by making the order that you have requested.

(Signed) LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS.

Extract from Letter to Honorable Board of Ordnance, dated 29th December, 1854.

“ In reference to our Letter to the Honorable Board of the 28th September last, and their Order dated the 20th October, 1854, relative to the transfer of the Ordnance Land at Sackville, to the Provincial Government, for Railway purposes, and notifying the decision of the Board that the Land should not be given up, we have the honor to report,—that having communicated that decision to the Lieutenant-Governor on the 16th November last, we had received no further communication on the subject until the morning of Friday the 15th instant, when the Sergeant in charge at the Sackville station reported that it had been notified to him that it was the intention of the Railway Contractor to commence work on this portion of the line in the following week. No notice whatever of such intention had been given to the Ordnance authorities here, but on enquiry at the Railway Office the report has been confirmed.

We immediately proceeded to take the advice of the Attorney General, who informs us that we have no relief, that the Art. 10 of the Act of the Provincial Legislature, sanctioned by Her Majesty, (herewith enclosed,) authorizes the Commissioners to take possession of any lands for Railway purposes, and that no further notice is necessary than the Record of the description and plan thereof in the Registry of Deeds of the County in which the lands are situate. In the said Act there appears no provision made for the lands required for Military or Naval purposes, and we beg to submit that the same power which authorizes the Railway Commissioners to seize on the Ordnance land at Sackville would empower them with as little ceremony to take possession of the Dockyard Establishment at this station which lies most convenient for the site of a terminus, should their line hereafter be extended further in the direction of the Town.

WM. FRASER,

Lt. Colonel Commanding Royal Artillery.

R. T. STOTHERD,

Lt. Colonel Commanding Royal Engineers.

HENRY INCE, *Storekeeper.*

W. H. TAPP, *Dep. Storekeeper.*

Downing

(Circular.)

Downing Street, 23rd May, 1855.

SIR—

As serious mischief may ensue from provisions introduced into some Colonial enactments, rendering compulsory on the Government to surrender the property of the Crown to Commissioners of Railways for Railway purposes, I have to instruct you on no occasion to assent to any Acts which give power to Railway Commissioners, or other authorities, to take Land appropriated for Naval or Military purposes, without the consent of Her Majesty signified by a Secretary of State.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

J. RUSSELL.

Government House, Halifax, June 7, 1855.

MY LORD—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, No. 5, with its enclosure, (14th May, 1855) forwarding copy of a Correspondence from the Commander in Chief on the North American Station, on the subject of the appropriation of certain Ordnance Lands in Nova-Scotia for Railway purposes.

Your Lordship's disapproval of the Railway Act, referred to in your Lordship's Despatch, I learn with infinite regret, and your Lordship may be assured that I shall use my best endeavours to obtain such an amendment of it as will reserve the Naval Dockyard and Ordnance Lands, required for Military purposes, from the operation of the Act.

The statement made by the Officers of Ordnance, that the same Law which authorizes the Railway Commissioners to seize on the Ordnance Land, would equally empower them to take possession of the Dockard Establishment, involves the supposition of a design on their part thus to interfere with important Imperial interests, perfectly gratuitous, and which neither the Board nor the local Government have ever contemplated.

Had the Officers of Ordnance waited on me personally, and stated their views, during the progress of legislation on the Act in question, my attention would have been drawn particularly to its operation in the respect adverted to, which might then have been obviated.

At the same time I feel it my duty to express to your Lordship my decided conviction, that the acts of the Railway Commissioners, in relation to the Ordnance lands at Sackville, have not impaired their value as a Military position in the slightest degree.

The opinions advanced by the Officers of Ordnance in their Report, with reference to the future intentions of the Railway Commissioners, are, as I can assure your Lordship, destitute of all foundation.

Such supposed extensive encroachments on Imperial property have never been in contemplation either of the Railway Board or of the members of my Government, and assuredly they would not, under any circumstances, receive my sanction.

It will always be my anxious endeavor, as it is my duty, carefully to protect the interests of the Crown in property within the limits of my Government, and should the Railway Commissioners hereafter apply for my permission to extend their lines through any portion of such property, I shall not sanction such application, until it has been first referred to your Lordship's consideration.

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The Attorney General has, at my request, furnished a Report upon your Lordship's Despatch, which, for that purpose, I had referred to him, and a copy of it is herewith transmitted for the information of your Lordship.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The Right Honorable Lord John Russell, &c. &c.

Halifax, 6th June, 1855.

SIR—

In obedience to your Excellency's commands, I have considered the Despatch of the Right Honorable the Colonial Secretary, dated the 24th ultimo, No. 5, with the Correspondence therein inclosed, and have the honor to report:

That when the Act for the construction of Railways was passed in the Session of 1854, comprehending the usual clauses for entering upon and taking possession of land &c., without which the Act could not be carried into effect, it was not foreseen by the Provincial Government or Legislature that any Ordnance or Admiralty Lands would be required, and the contingency therefore was not provided for as it might otherwise have been. There is a clause, however, empowering the Governor in Council to inspect all contracts and proceedings of the Railway Commissioners, and if need be, to suspend the progress of the work; and as these Commissioners hold office, during pleasure, no injustice could be done to the Crown, nor any oppression or illegal encroachment made upon the Ordnance or Admiralty Lands which your Excellency in Council could not immediately check. The Commissioners, besides, have no such disposition; they know the wishes of your Government, and act in harmony with it, and the supposition in the Letter of 29th December, 1854, that they would unceremoniously take possession of Her Majesty's Dock Yard Establishment, and convert it into a Railway Terminus, seems to me entirely gratuitous.

To sanction or permit such an attempt would be a breach of duty on the part of this Government, which the Imperial Government and its Officers need not apprehend.

Were it not for the check which the Local Government possesses upon any abuse of the powers given by the 10th Section of the Railway Act, I am free to admit that some limitation of these powers, for the protection of the Crown Property, would be advisable, and, as I have already intimated, would probably have been inserted.

When the lines of the Railway to connect the Atlantic with the waters of the Bay of Fundy, and with the Gulf of St. Lawrence, were surveyed, it was found that the most suitable and convenient track ran through a field at the head of Bedford Basin, on which there was no other building but a small wooden house for the accommodation of a Serjeant's Guard, employed to stop deserters escaping from Halifax. This field is valueless as a place of defence, being commanded by higher ground, and as a piece of property its value is trifling. To have turned aside the course of the Railway for the purpose of avoiding it, when even the Guard House remains untouched, would have been a sacrifice of the public interest, without any adequate motive. It appears by the Provincial Secretary's Letter, that the Railway Commissioners did not enter upon or carry their track across this property without offering not only to purchase it, but to give to the Military Authorities valuable aid in the security of deserters.

As respects the Admiralty Grounds, no intrusion or action under the Law has yet been attempted. The Railway Depot has been formed, and the Landing Wharf built outside the Naval Yard. It is true that the Mayor and City Council of Halifax have urgently pressed the Railway Board to advance the Station into the heart of the City, and place it nearly opposite the Wharf at which all passengers from Europe and the United States, that come in the Mail Steamers, must land. There is no doubt that this change would be of vast utility to the Government and to the Community, and it cannot be effected without some encroachment upon Government Land. No part of the Dock Yard Establishment is required, and the line would occupy less than two acres of Land belonging to the Board of Admiralty, and necessitate the removal of a Guard House and of one of the Powder Magazines, for which payment of course would be made. The injury done would be much more than compensated by the facilities afforded in the deposit, at the very gate of the Naval Yard, of timber, plank, and supplies of all kinds, brought on the Railway from the interior. But the extension of the Railway into the City is so indispensable, and so obvious an improvement, that I am persuaded no objection to it would be raised by so public spirited and intelligent an Officer as Admiral Fanshawe, or by any other of the principal Officers of Her Majesty's Government acquainted with the ground.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) W. YOUNG,
Atty. Gen.

To His Excellency Sir J. G. LeMarchant, &c. &c. &c.

*Provincial Secretary's Office,
Halifax, 12th June, 1855.*

SIR—

I have the honor to inform the Board of Commissioners of Railways, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that in consequence of a regret expressed by the Right Honorable Lord John Russell, that the lands in this Colony belonging to the Ordnance and Naval Departments had not been exempted from the operation of the Railway Acts, and in consequence also of instructions received from His Lordship on the same subject, His Excellency will refrain from assenting to any line of Railway hereafter to be projected designed to pass through any of the lands referred to, without having first obtained the sanction of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS.

To the Secretary to the Board of Railway Commissioners.

No. 91.

*Government House, Halifax,
July 19, 1855.*

MY LORD—

From the extreme anxiety manifested by all parties in this Province for the extension of the Western Railway now in progress into the centre of the City, I have felt it my duty to call on the principal Officer of the Engineers for his Report on the subject, in order to ascertain the extent to which Ordnance and other Imperial Property might be prejudiced by the proposed Railway passing through it.

This Report, proceeding from Lieutenant Colonel Stotherd, Commanding the Royal Engineers, I have received, and have now the honor to transmit.

From a perusal of it your Lordship will perceive that the grounds of objection raised by that officer are confined to the injurious effects that the passage of the Railway in question, near to the Naval Hospital might have on the sick and invalids confined therein.

Adverting to the fact that Railways in England pass near to private dwellings and public edifices without serious prejudice or inconvenience to those inhabiting them, I trust that the objections advanced will not be deemed of such grave importance as in effect to occasion, as if insisted on they will occasion, not merely the obstruction but the abandonment of a public work of magnitude, and the highest importance to the people of this province.

That such will necessarily be the result your Lordship will perceive by reference to evidence which I shall take care to have duly submitted to your Lordship by Mr. Howe, Chief Commissioner of Railways, who is now in London.

I venture to suggest as an argument that may have weight with your Lordship in inducing you to recommend the views which I have submitted, that not only have the authorities never meditated any interference with Imperial interests, but I can assure your Lordship they will, in consideration of this concession being extended to them, feel themselves bound in the future to abstain from the expression of a desire to traverse other lands belonging to Her Majesty, and now appropriated to public purposes.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. GASPARD LEMARCHAND.

The Right Hon. Lord John Russell.

No. 8, Liecester Place, London, August 15, 1855.

SIR—

I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of the Lieutenant-Governor, that on the 6th of August I was favored with an interview, in which I discussed with Mr. Merivale, and Mr. Elliot, of the Ordnance, the grounds upon which we rest our claims to pass through the Ordnance and Admiralty property on the Railway Line.

Both gentlemen were disposed to view the question in a broad and liberal spirit, and at their suggestion I drew up, and sent in on the following day, two Letters addressed to Mr. Merivale, in order that the subject might be brought formally before the two Boards, with a view, if possible, to a satisfactory adjustment.

I offered, on the part of the Railway Commissioners, that they would remove the Magazines to any site selected by the Board of Ordnance. Leave their Wharf undisturbed, and keep open a road between the Wharf and the Barracks. That they would

would take the whole Lot, or so much of it as was indispensable, and give as much vacant land in any other convenient place.

As respected the Naval Yard I shewed that it would be left undisturbed. That the main Hospital had been burnt down many years ago, and that the Line would not touch its site if it was ever designed to rebuilt it. That there was ground enough on which to remove the few wooden buildings that might stand in the way. That the Commissioners would do this at the expense of the Provincial Government, making all walls and enclosures good. That if the Admiralty would prefer to exchange the Hospital ground for a quiet site on the Dartmouth side, we would purchase one, clear and plant it, and erect buildings equal to those now used.

The argument about the sick being disturbed by the Trains I combatted by shewing that all the Trains approaching London run for miles over the very tops of houses in which the sick lie every day.

I yesterday received from J. Ball, Esquire, Under Secretary, the Letter of which a copy is enclosed. From this His Excellency will perceive that the matter is in a fair train, and that all that I could do, up to the present time, to accomplish the object desired, has been done. Regarding the success of this application, as the Provincial Government and the Commissioners justly regard it as of the highest importance, I will, should anything more be required of me, endeavor to supply it, and bring the negotiations to a satisfactory issue before I leave England.

I have, &c.

JOSEPH HOWE.

The Honorable L. M. Wilkins.

Downing Street, 14th August, 1855.

SIR—

I am directed by Secretary Sir William Molesworth to acknowledge your Letters of the 7th and 8th instant, on the subject of the appropriation of certain Ordnance and Naval Lands in Halifax to Railway purposes, and to inform you that they have been submitted to the proper Departments of Government by whom they will be immediately taken into consideration.

I have, &c.

JOHN BALL.

Joseph Howe, Esquire.

No. 13.

Downing Street, September 2, 1855.

SIR—

I transmit to you herewith, for your information, copy of a Letter from Mr. Howe, dated 7th August, on the subject of the appropriation of certain Ordnance Lands in Halifax to Railway purposes; I also enclose the copy of a Letter, with one enclosure, from the War Department, on the same subject, from which you will learn that, subject to the further stipulations suggested by Mr. Elliott, Lord Panmure sees no objection to the adoption of the proposals made by Mr. Howe.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

W. MOLESWORTH.

Lieut.-Governor Sir G. LeMarchant, &c. &c. &c.

No.

No. 8, Leicester Place, London,

August 7, 1855.

SIR—

Referring to the Correspondence between the Board of Ordnance and the Colonial Office, on the subject of Ordnance Lands required by the Provincial Government for Railway purposes in Nova-Scotia, and to the conversation with which I was favoured by yourself and Mr. Elliot yesterday, I have now the honor to propose, on the part of the Railway Commissioners, with a view to an arrangement which I trust will be satisfactory to the Board of Ordnance :

1st. That on the Board surrendering to the Commissioners the Lot of Land on which the Powder Magazines now stand, or so much of it as may be required, that the Commissioners will purchase and convey to the Board a Lot equal in extent to that which they appropriate, in some other convenient locality, to be selected by the Board of Ordnance.

2nd. That the Commissioners will remove, without expense to Her Majesty's Government, to the site so selected, the materials of which the Magazines are built, or provide others, in the discretion of the Board, and rebuild them under the inspection of any Officer that the Board may appoint.

3rd. That the Commissioners will not remove the Wharf owned by the Board, or block their access to the water, but provide a convenient crossing over or under the Railway, and keep open at all times a road for communication between the Barracks, the Magazine, and the Harbor.

I do not dwell upon the general advantages which the whole Province will derive from the extension of these Railways into Halifax, having already explained these verbally ; but I am quite sure that when the lines are completed the saving to Her Majesty's Government will be annually very great, because, hay, straw, wood, coal, stone, brick, and provisions of all kinds, will be brought in from the interior, and deposited just below the Barracks, at prices much less than they would cost by the old modes of transportation.

There is another view of this question purely Military, which is worth the consideration of Her Majesty's Government. Nova-Scotia will never be attacked by an enemy at its eastern or western extremity, because time would be given in either case to rouse the Militia of the central and more populous Counties for defence, before the Arsenals and Government property, which would be the main object of invasion, could be reached. An enemy will come in, if he comes at all, by land, across the Cumberland Isthmus, or if by sea, the descent will be either upon Halifax or Windsor.

The Railroads now in course of construction will enable us to concentrate, upon either point of attack, the physical force of three or four Counties in a comparatively short space of time. A forced march from Halifax to Windsor, or from Windsor to Halifax, 45 miles, could not be accomplished in less than two days. A Regiment of Troops, or of Militia, could be taken through in either direction in an hour or two by train, and in a single day men enough could be drawn out of the County of Hants to man and guard the Citadel and Forts which command and protect the Dock Yard and Military Arsenals at Halifax. When the Eastern Line is completed 30,000 men, drawn from the Counties of Hants, Halifax, Colchester and Pictou, could be concentrated in a week wherever their services might be most required.

Should any further information be wanted I shall be happy to furnish it, and in the meantime,

I have, &c.

(Signed) JOSEPH HOWE.

Herman Merivale, Esquire, &c.

War Department, August 29, 1855.

SIR—

With reference to your Letter of the 14th instant, I am directed by Lord Panmure to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a Report from Mr. Elliot, Ordnance Storekeeper at Montreal, on the proposals of Mr. Howe for the settlement of the questions in dispute between the Civil and Military authorities in Nova Scotia, in regard to the appropriation of certain Lands at Halifax to Railway purposes, and I am to request that in laying this Report before Secretary Sir William Molesworth, you will state to him that, subject to the further stipulations therein suggested, Lord Panmure sees no objection to the adoption of the proposals of Mr. Howe.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) F. PEEL.

H. Merivale, Esq. &c.

23d August, 1855.

The propositions contained in Mr. Howe's Letter of the 7th instant, addressed to H. Merivale, Esq., forming one of the enclosures to this paper, coincide with those made by him in his interview with Mr. Merivale and myself, as described in my Memorandum of the same date.

Mr. Howe proposes—1st. That the Railway Commissioners should purchase and convey to the Department a piece of ground, in such convenient locality as may be selected by its officers, equal in extent to that which they appropriate from the Lot of Land on which the Powder Magazines now stand at Halifax. This stipulation I would suggest should not be confined to the conveyance of exactly the same area of ground that may be occupied by the Railway, but extend if necessary to a quantity equal to the lot on which the Magazines stand, as very probably the passage of the Railway through this land may render the whole lot useless for Government purposes.

2d. That the Commissioners will remove, without expense to Her Majesty's Government, to the site so selected, the materials of which the present Magazines are built, or provide others, and rebuild them at the discretion and under the direction of the Department; to this I conceive should also be added the repayment of the cost of the removal of the Powder, or any other expences attendant upon the arrangement.

3d. That the Commissioners will not remove the Government Wharf or block the access to the water, but provide a convenient crossing over or under the Railway, and keep open at all times a road of communication between the Barracks, the Magazines, and the Harbor.

To these three stipulations I would beg to add, that the Commissioners be bound not in any way to interfere with the present Magazines until the new ones are built and the Powder removed into them, otherwise inconvenience as well as danger may result.

Colonel Stotherd's Report of the 18th ultimo, submitted in the Lieutenant-Governor's Despatch of the 19th, does not urge any special military objection to the proposal, and I thence infer that the occupation of the ground for Railway purposes is not obnoxious to the defences, and therefore for the reasons stated in my Memorandum of the 7th instant, would beg to recommend that, with the additions I have suggested, Mr. Howe's propositions be accepted.

Mr. Howe has not adverted, in his Letter of the 7th instant, to the Land which has been or is being intruded on at Sackville, where the Commissioners should be bound to make good any injury they may affect to the defences at that point.

(Signed)

J. S. ELLIOT.

No. 15.

Downing Street, 13th September, 1855.

SIR—

With reference to previous Correspondence relative to the appropriation of certain Government Lands in Nova Scotia for Railway purposes, I transmit to you, for your information, the copy of a Letter from the Board of Admiralty explanatory of the conditions on which their Lordships will assent to the transfer of such of these lands as belong to their Department.

The tracing referred to in the Letter from the Admiralty is enclosed in original.

I have &c.

W. MOLESWORTH.

Lieut. Governor Sir G. LeMarchant, &c. &c. &c.

Admiralty, 10th September, 1855.

SIR—

I have laid before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty your Letter of the 14th ultimo, relative to the appropriation of certain Government Lands in Nova Scotia for Railway purposes, together with its enclosures, and I am to request that you will state to Secretary Sir William Molesworth that as it appears desirable not to throw any obstacle in the way of the proposed Line of Railway at Halifax, and as the Ordnance Department, whose property adjoins the Admiralty premises, have consented to waive objections on condition of certain stipulated terms being complied with, my Lords are willing to give their assent, so far as the Admiralty premises are concerned, and as indicated in the accompanying tracing, on the declared understanding, however, that the concession is made on the terms following, which are essentially those recommended for consideration by the Colonial Department, viz.:

The value of the lands taken and damage done to be fairly assessed by the Crown Officers and Railway Commissioners, and made over to Her Majesty's Government.—All the walls and enclosures taken down to be reinstated on such sites as shall be approved, to the satisfaction of the Admiralty Officers, and the small wooden building to be removed and re-erected on such spot as may be pointed out.

The Naval Commander in Chief will be acquainted accordingly, and directed to watch over the Admiralty interests during the carrying out of the work.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

THOS. PHINN.

H. Merivale, Esq. &c.

RAILROAD MISSION.*At a meeting of Council held at Halifax on the 7th day of June, A. D., 1855.***PRESENT:**

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor,

The Hon. Michael Tobin,

James McNab,

The Attorney General,

Samuel Creelman,

Lewis Morris Wilkins.

The attention of the Board was called to the necessity of providing funds for the construction of the Railways that are now in progress, and to the two Acts passed with

with that view, viz. : the 17th Victoria, Chapter 2, and the Act of last Session in amendment thereof.

It appears from the information furnished by the Railway Commissioners that the sum of Six hundred thousand pounds sterling, or thereabouts, will be required in addition to the amount already expended, for proceeding with the construction of such Railways ; and it is obvious that this large amount cannot be borrowed within the Province. It is necessary therefore to apply to English Capitalists, and as the Hon. Joseph Howe, the Chief Railway Commissioner, is about to proceed to London on this and other business, the Board of Council have agreed to the following instructions for his guidance.

The sum of One hundred and fifty thousand pounds sterling will cover all the liabilities incurred, and to be incurred for twelve months from this date, and Mr. Howe's first care will be to sell our Debentures to that extent on the best terms he can procure, but he is not to sell them at a discount, as they are to bear six per cent. interest, and to be payable in twenty years, agreeably to the Act.

If he accomplish this object he will enter into such arrangements as may appear to him most advisable for disposing of our Debentures in future years, to the extent of Four hundred and fifty thousand pounds sterling more, on the best terms to be from time to time obtained, but so as such Debentures shall not be agreed to be delivered at less than their par value.

If he find it impossible to negotiate the loan for £150,000 under the Acts as they now stand, he will ascertain what modification of these Acts will be indispensable ; and he is furnished herewith with the drafts of two Bills A and B to be presented in their order to the proposed lenders, and if they shall be satisfied with the first, or if, rejecting that, they shall be content with the second ; Mr. Howe is at liberty to engage on behalf of the Provincial Government that they will use their influence to carry the one or the other of these Bills at the next Session, which the Board have no doubt would be effected.

If neither of these Bills be acceptable, Mr. Howe is to communicate any further modification or change of the existing law that may be proposed, to the Executive Government, and await their reply.

Should the negotiation succeed, the Debentures for the £150,000 will be completed, and sent without delay to the Agents whom he may employ, on behalf of the Province.

The sum to be raised is left blank in both Bills, and Mr. Howe, if he find it indispensable to act on them, is at liberty to fill up the blanks in either Bill with the sum of £600,000 Stg. or £800,000 Stg. as may seem to him most advisable.

I certify the foregoing to be a true extract from Minutes of the
Executive Council Board of the Province of Nova-Scotia.

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS,
Clerk of the Council.

No. 8, Leicester Place, London, July 6, 1855.

SIR—

I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of the Lieutenant-Governor, that having previously discussed with some of the partners in the House of Messrs. Baring, Brothers, & Co. the business of my Mission, I, at their request, addressed to that House, on the 20th of June, the Letter, a copy of which I have now the honor to enclose.

I yesterday received in answer a letter, of which a copy is herewith transmitted.

This letter, His Excellency will be gratified to perceive, determines some points of considerable importance.

1. That one of the first Banking Houses in this city, perhaps in the world, certainly the one having the best information as to the standing and character of States and Provinces on the American Continent, and most familiar with their financial operations, has "entire confidence in the good faith of the Province of Nova Scotia, and believes that only good management is required to obtain the highest degree of credit for her securities."

2. That new legislation is not necessary in order to render our Debentures negotiable.

3. That Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. are prepared to assume the responsibilities of Financial Agents for Nova Scotia, receiving the usual commission, and to negotiate her Bonds to the extent of £300,000 sterling.

4. That should funds be required, at any time, they will advance, on the credit of the Province, a sum not to exceed £50,000.

5. That when I am authorized to accept an offer for the £150,000 required this year, they will make one.

Though, by my Commission and Instructions I am fully empowered to accept or decline such an offer, I have thought it best, under all the circumstances, not to take that responsibility until I hear again from you.

With this Letter, and the Correspondence transmitted before them, it will be for the Governor in Council to instruct me, either to decide on the offer to the extent of £150,000, and to arrange for the annual sale of the balance of the Debentures, or to make an arrangement for the sale of the whole issue on Provincial account, as money may be required.

In the meantime I shall get a form of Bond, in the preparation of which I have had the advice of Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. engraved, so that no time may be lost in sending out the Bonds for signature after I hear from you again.

I have not thought it necessary to open communications with any other Banking House, and am doubtful of the propriety or policy of doing so, but if the Government desire that this shall be done, you will be good enough to instruct me to that effect.

I have, &c.

JOSEPH HOWE.

The Honorable L. M. Wilkins.

No. 8, Leicester Place, London, June 20, 1855.

GENTLEMEN—

Referring to the conversation of this morning with members of your house, I have now the honor to hand to you

1st. Copy of the Act, passed in 1854, to authorize the construction of Railways in Nova Scotia.

2nd. An Act passed in that year authorizing the Provincial Government to raise by Loan the funds required for such Railways.

3rd. An Act passed in 1855, in amendment of the Loan Act.

4th. A Report of the Railway Commissioners, explaining the nature of the operations conducted under the Construction Act, down to Dec. 31, 1854.

5th. A Memorandum showing the progress since made and the extent of the Works to be completed or placed under contract or completed within this year.

6th. A Copy of the Census Returns for 1851, shewing the general condition of the Province and the various pursuits to which the industry of its people is directed.

7th. A Copy of Sir Gaspard LeMarchant's Report made to Her Majesty's Government in 1853, in which the maritime and agricultural resources and industry of Nova Scotia

Scotia will be shown to contrast most favourably with those of all the surrounding countries.

8th. The Official Statement of the Revenue of the Province for 1854, distinguishing the sources from whence it is derived, with a Statement of the value of Imports and Exports, and of Ships built and exported in the same year.

9th. General Statement of Imports and Exports, showing the Number of Ports of Entry within the Province and the nature and extent of the Commerce at each.

10th. A Memorandum shewing the actual amount and nature of the Provincial Debt.

11th. Comparative Statement shewing the increase of Revenue from 1851 to 1854.

12th. A Copy of the Bond which the Provincial Government propose to issue.

I have thought it better that you should have before you all the information which will enable you to form a correct estimate of the position which Nova Scotia ought to occupy in the money market, and that this information should, as far as possible, be conveyed to you in official papers prepared in the ordinary course of public business. Should it be necessary or desirable to call public attention to the resources of the Province now or hereafter, I can prepare in a more condensed form, the leading facts upon which persons inclined to purchase our Bonds would probably rely.

You will perceive from the papers submitted that the whole Debt of Nova Scotia is only £112,000 while the Revenue last year exceeded £125,000. Our Tariff is the lowest in America. The advalorem duty in Canada is $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. In Nova Scotia it is but $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Our Revenue could therefore be largely increased should any necessity for an augmentation arise.

Though the large amount of Canadian Bonds in circulation may make them a more marketable security, as that Province owes about £4,000,000, and Nova Scotia but £112,000, I should think that a limited amount of Debentures issued by the latter Province would, so securely based as they can be, shown to be command an equal price in the market. As respects New Brunswick I am not aware to what extent her bonds have been issued or what price they may command, but ours ought to stand higher, because we have 100,000 people more consuming dutiable articles.

Besides its power of taxation to meet any liabilities which it may incur, the Government of Nova Scotia owns a large amount of Public Property, including 4,000,000 of Acres of Land, now, with the construction of Public Works, fast rising in value.

Should these Papers not afford all the information which you may require, I will be happy to furnish more upon any points to which you may be good enough to direct my attention.

Assuming that the moment is favourable to effect a Loan or sell Debentures, the Government of Nova Scotia would prefer to do either, provided the terms were fair, through the instrumentality of your House, because you promptly offered them your aid in 1852, and have since transacted the business of the Railway Commission to their entire satisfaction.

Will you be good enough to inform me then upon what terms, without commission, you would take the whole Loan say £600,000 or £800,000, should that amount be preferred; at what rate you will purchase £150,000 worth of Bonds to be delivered as soon as they can be prepared, leaving the balance to be sold at such rates as they may command whenever the money is required.

Should you not be disposed to purchase, be good enough to inform me at what rate the whole or any portion of the Bonds could probably be disposed of at the present moment, with the terms on which you would be prepared to sell them on Provincial account.

The form of Bond could be altered should you be of opinion that it would be improved. You will perceive that in anticipation of the War excluding us from the English market for a time, it has been framed to be issued and paid within the Province.

It was in contemplation to issue a small parcel of these this Spring, but none have been, and none will be issued until satisfactory arrangements are made here, or until the Government is apprized of the result of this negotiation.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JOSEPH HOWE.

Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co., London.

3, Bishopsgate Street, Within, 5th July, 1855.

DEAR SIR—

We have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 20th ultimo, (with the various documents therein referred to) in which you inform us that the Province of Nova Scotia will require a loan of £800,000 during the coming four years, in yearly sums of £200,000, and you ask us to make an offer for £150,000 of 6 per cent. Bonds, that will be issued for the present year. We have informed you that Bonds in Currency, payable at Halifax, cannot, in our opinion, be made negotiable here; and as the Act authorizes the issue of Bonds in Sterling, we recommend that they be so issued, to bear six per cent. interest, payable half yearly by coupons, and the Bonds to be made redeemable in twenty years from their date.

The Bonds should be issued in sums of £1000, £500, and £100: say in £100,000 there should be

30 Bonds of	£1000
60 do. of	500
400 do. of	100

If made payable at our Counting House, our charge would be one per cent on the payment of the Dividends, and the same on the redemption of the Bonds at their maturity. We have entire confidence in the good faith of the Province Nova Scotia, and believe that only good management is required to obtain the highest degree of credit for her securities; but at the same time it is impossible to draw the attention of Capitalists to a new security unless it can be offered at a moderate price.

We are disposed to make you an offer for £150,000 Sterling 6 per cent. Bonds, whenever you inform us that you have authority to accept it (should the offer be satisfactory), but we cannot make an offer subject to the approval of your Government.

Should our offer not prove to be such as you can accept, we are willing to sell the Bonds for account of the Province, in which case we should make our usual charge of one per cent. Commission, if no advances be required of us, or two per cent. when advances are required; in no case the advance, however, to exceed £50,000.

We remain, dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

BARING, BROTHERS & Co.

The Hon. Joseph Howe, &c. &c. &c.

London, 8, Leicester Place, 19th July, 1855.

SIR—

I have not much to communicate, and shall not have until I receive an answer to my Letter of the 6th of July.

A form of Bond has been arranged, a drawing of it made, and it is now in the hands of Messrs. Page, Bacon & Co. who struck off our Province Notes, and who, for integrity

integrity, and, for taste and skill in the execution of such work, stand at the head of their profession. They have promised me to use all due diligence in getting the Plate engraved, but cannot yet name any precise time, from the great pressure of business in their establishment.

As the certain command of funds will make it very desirable that the extension of the Railroad into the City should be commenced without delay, it becomes a matter of great importance that the Lieutenant-Governor should be left free to sanction any line that His Excellency may approve, even should that line pass through Imperial property.

I have discussed this matter over once with Lord John Russell, and twice with Mr. Merivale, the last time in presence of an officer of the Ordnance Department. It appearing from that gentleman's statement that the matter will come more peculiarly under the review of another Officer, now abroad, but who is expected home in a few days, Mr. Merivale thought that the discussion had better be postponed until that gentleman returned. So the matter stands, but I beg you to assure His Excellency that it shall not be lost sight of, and that my best exertions shall be employed to secure a favorable result.

I have, &c.

JOSEPH HOWE.

Hon. Lewis M. Wilkins.

*Provincial Secretary's Office,
Halifax, 19th July, 1855.*

SIR—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, with its enclosures, conveying, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and his Council, the communications that had been interchanged between Messrs. Baring, Brothers, & Co. and yourself, on the subject of your special Mission to London.

His Excellency, after having carefully considered this correspondence, and discussed it with his Executive Advisers, has commanded me to assure you of his perfect satisfaction at the manner in which you have thus far discharged the duty committed to you, and to request you to convey to Messrs. Baring, Brothers, & Co. the gratification he has derived from the expression of their confidence in the good faith of this Province, and from the willingness declared by a firm of their high character and standing, to act in the capacity of Financial Agents for Nova-Scotia in the manner and to the extent stated in their letter to you of the 5th instant.

With regard to your future course of proceeding, I am further commanded to instruct you as follows:—

You are to accept, in your discretion, any proposition that may be made to you for the purchase of our six per cent. Debentures, framed in such way, and of such amounts as may be suggested by the Tenders, to the extent of £150,000 Sterling, at such premium as you can obtain, or if no premium can be procured, at par.

You will inform Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. that in the event of its being deemed advisable to negotiate Debentures through London Bankers in preference to obtaining a Loan for the balance of £650,000 required for our future Railway exigencies, they will be employed by the Province to sell our Debentures to the extent of that balance, if so required, and to pay the dividends thereon, at the rate of Commission expressed in their letter to you last referred to.

The Debentures for the £150,000 will, in the event of your accepting the proposal of these gentlemen, be sent at once, or by instalments of £50,000 each, as may be agreed on.

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The latter course, if approved by Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. would be preferred by us, as it would involve a saving of interest, the money being required solely for the construction of Railways, and according to the progress of the works.

I have, &c.

LEWIS M. WILKINS.

Hon. Joseph Howe, &c.

London, No. 8, Leicester Place, August 3, 1855,

SIR,—

Your Letter of the 19th of July, conveying to me the approbation of the Governor and Council of my proceedings as reported up to that period, reached me by the last mail, and was read with much satisfaction.

Acting upon the discretionary power therein renewed, I apprized Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. that I was now prepared to consider any proposition which they might be disposed to make for the purchase of Bonds to the extent of £150,000.

As Mr. Bates had gone to Paris some delay has occurred, as it was necessary to consult him. No answer has yet been received to my Letter, but I am in hopes to have one before the Mail closes.

The Engravers assure me that the Bonds, or some portion of them, shall be ready to go by the next Mail.

I am to see Sir William Molesworth early in the week, and Mr. Merivale has arranged with Mr. Elliott, who has only just returned, a meeting for to-morrow, on the subject of the Lands required for the extension into Halifax.

I have to thank you for the Plans forwarded to me by the last Mail, and which were almost indispensable to any discussion of the subject.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JOSEPH HOWE.

The Hon. Lewis M. Wilkins, &c. &c.

No. 8, Leicester Place, London, August 17, 1855.

SIR,—

After much and anxious deliberation, I have sold to Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. Provincial Debentures to the amount of One hundred and Fifty thousand Pounds (£150,000) at par.

They will at once place to the credit of the Railway Board £20,568 4 2, being the amount due them by the Board, and place to the credit of the Province £29,870 17s. 5d. upon which the Receiver General may draw on receipt of this letter. £50,000 more will be placed to the credit of the Province when the Bonds come to hand, and the balance on the 1st of December.

I was in hopes to have obtained a premium on these Bonds, and had they have been here, signed and perfect, would perhaps have offered them by advertisement for public competition rather than have taken the responsibility of selling them by private contract. But as at least a month must have elapsed before they could have been sent to England, perhaps two, if any accident occurred, and as the chances of war, and a bad harvest, or the announcement of new Loans, might, at any moment, in the present feverish state of the public mind, create a panic and derange the market, and as it was not fair to expect Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. to leave me an option longer than such reasonable time as was necessary, to enable me to ascertain if I could

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do better ; I thought that the Government would prefer, without further delay, to have its policy secured and its credit placed beyond a doubt. I have acted upon this conviction, and trust that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and the Executive Council will be satisfied that I have done right.

The sale of these Bonds to Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co., not only secures to the Government the whole £800,000 which they require, but will secure also the highest rate of premium upon the remaining £650,000, because while Baring & Brothers have the means to enable them hold what they have bought, their interest will induce them to hold until they can realize the highest premium that our securities can command. The best market will thus be made for what the Province must subsequently sell.

The Bonds of New Brunswick with some interest due upon them were sold here recently at par, and those of Canada were bought by Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. in 1850 at par, with a deduction, for commission, of 1 per cent.

The Canadian Bond now ranges from 12 to 15, and although to us, who know that ours is intrinsically as valuable, it seems but reasonable to expect that it should sell as high, yet every body that I have consulted here agrees in the opinion that a market must be made for a new stock before any premium can be expected.

The highest offer that I could obtain in London, even in peace, for a limited portion of the Bonds which it was then contemplated to issue, was par, and that only from parties who looked to make a profit by the general agency. Though such offers would probably have been renewed, and others have been made to me by persons who knew the nature of my mission, yet I am satisfied, from careful enquiry and observation, that no House of equal standing would, at the present moment, or at any time since I have been in England, have made a more liberal offer than that which I have now accepted.

Messrs. Bacon, Perkins & Co., have forwarded to you a Box containing all the Bonds that could be got ready, and which should be signed and sealed in the terms of the Act, and forwarded without delay. Enclosed you will find the Correspondence.

I have, &c.

Hon. L. M. Wilkins.

JOSEPH HOWE.

No. 8, Liecester Place, 1st August, 1855.

GENTLEMEN—

I have the honor to acquaint you that I have received full instructions from the Government of Nova Scotia upon the points submitted, and am now empowered to accept your offer for the purchase of £150,000 of Debentures should the terms appear to me advantageous.

I shall be quite prepared therefore to consider any proposition that you may do me the honor to make, and I trust I need not assure you with every confidence in your liberality and fairness.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co.

JOSEPH HOWE.

London,

London, 16th August, 1855.

DEAR SIR—

We now, for our mutual satisfaction, and as advice to the Government of Nova Scotia, shortly recapitulate the conditions of our purchase from you, in virtue of your full powers to sell One hundred and fifty thousand pounds in Bonds of the Province of Nova-Scotia, bearing six per cent. interest, payable semi-annually on 1st January and 1st July of each year, at our Counting House, where the principal will also be repaid on 1st July, 1875.

Upon your engagement that the said £150,000 in sterling Bonds will be forwarded to us in due order, with as little delay as possible, we have credited the account of the Board of Railway Commissioners in Nova Scotia, under date of this day, for amount of £50,000 Bonds,

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Accrued interest from 1st July to 16th August, at 6 per cent. 378 1 7

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On receipt of the Bonds for £150,000—we shall in like manner credit this same account with £50,000, together with interest from 1st July to that time, at 6 per cent, and on 1st December next we shall credit it with the remaining £50,000, and 6 per cent from 1st July.

On such further issues of Bonds as the Government of Nova Scotia may send to England (for it is understood that it is the intention to consign them for sale to us) our charge will be a commission of 1 per cent. and a quarter of 1 per cent brokerage on the nett proceeds of realization, and after such sales the drafts of the Government or its Agents will be duly honored. The drafts against the balance due by us on the purchase above mentioned will be at 60 days sight, unless the money be used for payments in Europe.

You have engaged on the part of the Government of Nova Scotia, that regular provision shall be made with us here of the funds necessary for the payment of all dividends, as well as in due time of the principal of all Bonds issued, at least one month before such payments become due; and our charge of commission will be 1 per cent on the amount paid.

We regret that from the delay in procuring the Bonds as well as from your desire to communicate with your Government, the conclusion of this arrangement should have been so long postponed, as we believe that circumstances would have been more favorable for the sale of the Bonds two months ago, when first you conferred with us on the subject than now, and as the Bonds can hardly reach us before the middle or beginning of October, we run all the risks of the vicissitudes of the money market, which it is impossible in present times rightly to calculate. We fully appreciate, however, your anxiety not hastily to conclude an operation of importance to the credit of Nova Scotia, and we fully share your desire to do justice to the position, good faith, and resources of the Colony. As stated to you we should have been as willing to effect the sales of these Bonds on Commission, as to have made the purchase now concluded, but their realization would have been matter of uncertainty, and your Government would have been unable to reckon with precision on the period when the proceeds would be available. Sales of Stock like those in question cannot be forced, the investments in them are limited and gradual; there is no disposition to speculate in them because they cannot be converted into money according to the wants of the holders, and much time will often elapse before a buyer or lender can be found. This is the case with all Colonial and American securities, but would be so much more on the first introduction of new Bonds into the market; and we believe that any attempt to sell at once, and by competition, £150,000 Nova Scotia Bonds, would have failed;

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and damaged all future sales, for we can only look to time and good management to introduce them gradually into favourable notice. We consider that you have made an advantageous Contract for Nova Scotia by obtaining the full amount of principal without any deduction for charges, and we feel the fullest confidence that nothing will occur on the part of Nova Scotia to obstruct our efforts to place her claims to general credit in the most favorable light.

It only remains for us to say, that dealing with you (for whom, personally, we entertain the highest respect), and through you with your Government, we shall feel perfectly satisfied, without further formalities, with your acknowledgment of the conditions of our Contract, as contained in this Letter; and we beg you to believe us, with great esteem,

Sir, your obedient Servants,

BARING, BROTHERS & CO.

Hon. Joseph Howe.

London, August 17, 1855.

GENTLEMEN—

Your Letter of the 10th of August accurately describes the terms upon which I sold to you, on that day, One hundred and fifty thousand pounds, in Bonds of the Province of Nova-Scotia, and appointed you, under the Commission and Instructions which I hold, Financial Agent for that Province, in London. In conducting this negotiation, it is but due to you to say, that while the credit and resources of your House were promptly tendered to the Government of Nova-Scotia, without reference to the purchase now made, you left me free, with your offer for these Bonds, for nearly a fortnight in my possession, to make better terms if I could.

You may rely upon the Government honorably fulfilling the terms of your agreement, and I beg you to believe that it gives me great pleasure to be assured of the personal respect of those whom, from the candour and fairness which I have ever met at their hands, I very highly esteem.

The money should be placed to the credit of the Province, to be drawn by the Receiver General; but I will see that a Bill is handed to the Railway Board, to cover the amount now due; in the mean time, if you prefer it, you can place that amount at once to the credit of the Board, and hold the balance of the £50,000, subject to the Drafts of the Receiver General.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JOSEPH HOWE.

Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co.

MINES AND MINERALS.

Copy.

No. 32.

Halifax, N. S., April 12, 1855.

MY LORD—

I have the honor to transmit to your Lordship, for the information of Her Majesty's Government, certified copies enclosed, of 3 Resolutions passed on the 4th instant, by the Legislative Assembly of this Province, relating principally to the question embraced in the recent correspondence between the Imperial and Provincial Governments as to the right of the General Mining Association (which is denied by the House of Assembly) to obtain the completion of the proposed new Lease of the Mines and Minerals of the Province.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The Right Honorable Lord John Russell.

No. 8.

Downing Street, 17th August, 1855.

SIR—

With reference to former correspondence on the subject of the rights of the General Mining Association of Nova Scotia, I have now to transmit to you copy of a Case which was submitted by Sir George Grey's directions for the opinion of the Attorney and Solicitor General.

2. The various representations received from Nova Scotia on the subject have been fully submitted to those Gentlemen, so far as they concern the legal rights of the case, by which, as you will observe, Her Majesty's Government are bound.

3. The general result of the Opinion is, that the rights of the Association expressly saved by the Acts under which Her Majesty made over Her right to Public Lands in Nova Scotia to the Assembly, are those declared by the Minute of 1845, and expressed in the agreement of 1849. It appears to be questionable whether the legal interest in the term originally granted to the Duke of York is, or is not, vested in the Association. But it is clear that at all events the reversion of the Lands and Mines is vested in the Assembly. I have, therefore, to refer you to the last paragraph of the opinion, as expressing the equitable duty which now devolves on the Assembly.

4. I have communicated this opinion to the General Mining Association and to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, and have recommended that a draft Lease should be prepared by their joint direction, and transmitted to you for execution under authority of the Assembly in such form and manner as you and they may be legally advised.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

WILLIAM MOLESWORTH.

Lieutenant Governor Sir Gaspard LeMarchant, &c., Nova-Scotia.

Downing

Downing Street, 7th February, 1855.

SIR—

I am directed by Secretary Sir George Grey to transmit to you the under-mentioned documents, relating to a question which has arisen as to the competency of the Crown to give effect to an agreement entered into with the General Mining Association on the 29th May, 1845, for a Lease of certain Mines in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, and I am to request that, in conjunction with Mr. Solicitor General, you will report your opinion to Sir George Grey, upon the points submitted on this subject in the following statement.

By Letters Patent in the form of an Indenture, dated the 25th August, 1826, the Mines in Nova Scotia, (except those already opened and in course of working under any Crown Lease or License) were granted by King George the Fourth to the Duke of York, for 60 years, subject to various payments, among which was one of a 1s. a ton on all Coal wrought and gotten except those used in working the Mines and Engines, and bringing the Minerals into marketable condition.

By Indenture of 12th of September, 1826, these rights were granted by the Duke of York to Messrs. Rundell, Bridge, and Rundell.

A question having arisen whether the Mines in Cape Breton were included in the grant of 1826, a correspondence took place between these gentlemen and the Colonial Office, which resulted in 1828 in an agreement that,

(1.) The Lease should be extended, or acknowledged to extend, to Cape Breton, and to certain Coal Mines of Sydney and Pictou, of which Crown Leases had been granted previous to the Indenture of 1826, and been bought up by Messrs. Rundell, Bridge, and Rundell.

(2.) That instead of the Royalty on Coal of 1s. a ton, a fixed rent should be paid of £3,300, Halifax currency, per annum, with an additional 2s. currency, per Newcastle chaldron, on all Coal *sold*, exceeding a triennial average of 20,000 chaldrons.

No Lease, as contemplated by this agreement, was ever executed; but the then existing disputes as to the rights of the parties under the grant of 1826, were continued, and a suit in Chancery was instituted by the Duke's Representatives against the Crown and the Duke's Lessees (now the General Mining Association), for an account of the Coals obtained by the latter, and to have it determined whether the Mines in Cape Breton were included in the original grant to the Duke; and much correspondence also took place between the Colonial Office and the House of Assembly in Nova Scotia as to the arrangements to be finally made between the Crown and the parties interested in the Mines under the Lease of 1826, and the agreement of 1828.

The ultimate determination of the Government on these questions is contained in a Treasury Minute, dated 27th June, 1845, by which the Lords of the Treasury acceded to a proposal made by the Association to the effect that the rent for Coal should be raised from £3,300 currency, to £3,000 sterling (then equal to £3,750 currency), and that for that rent the Association should be permitted to raise 26,000 chaldrons of Coal, Newcastle measure, instead of the 20,000 chaldrons which they would be authorized to raise under the agreement of 1828, paying a Royalty of 2s. Halifax currency, per chaldron, for all Coal "*raised*" above that quantity. It will be observed that in this Minute the words "*sold*" (used in the previous correspondence) is dropped, and the word "*raised*" is substituted, without any exception of Coal used by the Company in the course of their business.

By the same Minute the Solicitor to the Treasury was directed to "ascertain what steps it would be requisite to take for the completion of a Lease to the Mining Association" on these terms; and the Chairman of the Mining Association was informed that

that the Solicitor to the Treasury "*had been directed*" to take the "requisite steps for the completion of a Lease" in accordance with the terms of the Minute, subject in other respects to the conditions and limitations which were contained in the agreement between the Association and King George the 4th, in 1828.

A copy of the Minute was transmitted to the Governor of Nova Scotia in Lord Stanley's Despatch of 18th July, 1845, in which His Lordship stated the grounds on which the Lords of the Treasury had been induced "*to authorize the completion of the Lease*" on the amended terms. His Lordship also directed the Governor to communicate the Despatch and its enclosure to both Houses of the Assembly as Her Majesty's answer to various Addresses received from them on the subject, and this appears to have been done.

On receiving a copy of the Minute of 27th June, 1845, the Solicitor of the Treasury placed himself in communication with the Solicitors of the Duke of York, and of the Association, with a view to carry out the arrangements thereby sanctioned, as to the details of which Mr. Ker, the Conveyancing Counsel of the Crown, was consulted, who advised that:—1st. There should be a surrender to the Crown by the Duke's Representatives, of the Lease of 12th September, 1826. 2nd. A grant to the Duke's Representatives of a new Lease of the Mines in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton for the remainder of the term granted by the Lease of 1826, 3rd. An under-lease from those Representatives to the Mining Association.

An agreement for carrying this arrangement into effect was prepared and approved in 1846 by the Law Officers of the Crown, and the Solicitors of the Duke, and of the Association, but it was not executed till 29th May, 1849, owing to a complication of arrangements between the Association and the Duke's Representatives, which occasioned the delay.

By this agreement it was provided that all the rents, royalties, and payments to be made under the grant of 25th August, 1826, except in respect of Coal, should be still payable to the Crown, and in lieu of such rents, royalties, and payments in respect of Coal, a rent commencing as from the 30th June, 1845, of £3,000 per annum, sterling, whether any Coals should be got or not; and also an additional rent of 2s. Halifax currency, for every chaldron of Coals, Newcastle measure, wrought or gotten by the Association in each year beyond the first 26,000 chaldrons, except such Coals as should be used in working the said Mines and Engines, and bringing the Minerals into a marketable condition.

It will be observed that by the Minute of 1845, the royalty of 2s. per chaldron was to be payable on all Coals *raised* above 26,000 chaldrons, without any exception for the Coal to be used in working the Mines; but this was considered to be contrary to the meaning of all parties, and the reservation in the agreement was made in the above form, and is similar to that used in the original Lease of 1826.

It was at the same time agreed that the sanction of the Court of Chancery should be obtained to the arrangements in a suit of Greenwood vs. Taylor, then pending, for the administration of the effects of the late Duke of York, and in the suits then pending between the Duke's Representatives and the Association, to both of which the Attorney General was a party on behalf of the Crown.

In accordance with this arrangement, an order was made in these suits on the 4th November, 1849, referring it to the Master to enquire whether it was proper that the agreement should be carried into effect, and the Master having reported in the affirmative, his report was confirmed on the 27th February, 1852.

In May, 1852, a Supplemental Bill was filed by the Representatives of the Duke of York, to which the Attorney General, on behalf of the Crown, was a party, for the purpose of completing the whole arrangements under the sanction of the Court, and by

by a decree in all the suits, dated 23rd March, 1854, it was directed that the Instruments provided by the agreement of 29th May, 1849, should be executed by all parties.

These documents had been prepared and approved in 1846, and are embodied in the agreement of 1849; but a doubt as to the legality of their completion in the form contemplated has been raised by the Nova Scotia Civil List Act (12 Victoria, c. 1,) which was passed by the Colonial Legislature on the 8th March, 1849.

This Act, after transferring the proceeds of the Colonial Land Revenue to the Assembly for the life of Her Majesty (Ss. 9, 10), went on (S. 11) also to transfer "to the disposal of the General Assembly of the Province, all the right and title of Her Majesty, whether in reversion or otherwise," to the Mines which were the subject of the Indenture of 1826, and "to all such Coal Mines in Cape Breton, and to all such reserved Mines at Pictou which were agreed to be leased and demised by his said late Majesty (George the Fourth) for the yearly rent of £3,000 sterling," to be disposed of and made available by such officers, and for such purposes, as the Assembly should direct, "subject only to the existing rights of the Lessees and persons entitled under the said lease and agreement as hereinbefore referred to, and of all persons lawfully claiming under them."

The Act was passed with a suspending clause, and therefore did not take effect till the Queen's assent was published in the Colony. That assent was not given till the 29th of June, 1849, the agreement having been executed on the 29th May previously.

In 1851 the 11th chapter of an Act for Revising and Consolidating the General Statutes of Nova Scotia repealed, and, as far as these Mines are concerned, re-enacted without material alteration the Civil List Act of 1849.

The Association presented no remonstrances against the Act of 1849 when it was passed, although its provisions were long under consideration both in the Colony and at home. The particular clause above quoted formed part of an Act passed on the 11th of April, 1848, which (on other grounds) did not receive the Royal assent and therefore never came into operation.

The Duke's representatives and the Association mutually contend that they are entitled under the words of the Act of 1849, to have the Deeds contemplated by the agreement of that year completed, inasmuch as their interests in that agreement were (as they insist) "*existing rights*," at the time when the Act was passed by the Colony, although the agreement itself was not executed till a month afterwards, and they have applied to the Colonial Office to sanction the completion of these Deeds, but it appears doubtful how far the Crown has the power to give effect to them, and your opinion is therefore requested on the following points:

1. Whether the provisions in favor of the Lessees and persons entitled under the lease of 1826, and the agreement mentioned in the Acts of 1849 and 1851, preserve the equitable rights of the the Duke's representatives and the Association, under the Minute of 1845, and the agreement of May, 1849, or only those arising under the Lease of 1826, and the Correspondence of 1828.

2. Whether, notwithstanding those Acts which transfer Her Majesty's right and title in these Mines to the disposal of the General Assembly of Nova Scotia, Her Majesty is legally competent to give effect to the agreement of 1849, by directing the execution of the Deeds thereby contemplated, or to the arrangements sanctioned in 1828 or 1845?

3. If not, whether the Assembly can be called upon to give effect to that agreement?

4. What are the liabilities of the Crown, as towards the Duke's representatives and the Association if it is incompetent to give effect to that agreement, and the Assembly refuses to do so?

I have, &c.

(Signed) H. MERIVALE.

Attorney and Solicitor General.

Copies

Copies of the following Documents are sent herewith:

No. 1.—Indenture of 25th August, 1826, being a Grant of the Mines of Nova Scotia to the Duke of York.

No. 2.—Indenture of the 12th September, 1826, being a lease of those Mines by the Duke of York to Messrs. Rundell, Bridge and Rundell.

No. 3.—Memorial of Messrs. Rundell, Bridge & Co., dated 22nd January, 1828.

No. 4.—Letter from Messrs. Rundell, Bridge & Rundell, 6th June, 1828.

No. 5.—Letter from Mr. Hays to Mr. Rundell, 4th July, 1828.

No. 6.—Treasury Minute, 27th June, 1845.

No. 7.—Letter from Sir C. Trevelyan to Mr. Moser 2nd July, 1845.

No. 8.—Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, 18th July, 1845.

No. 9.—Indenture, 29th May, 1849, between Administrators of Duke of York and General Mining Association.

No. 10.—Nova Scotia Act, No. 1, of 1849, (Civil list Act.)

No. 11.—Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, C. 11 “ of the Casual and “ Territorial Revenue.”

Temple, June 18th, 1855.

SIR—

We were honored with your commands contained in Mr. Merivale's letter of the 7th February last in which he stated that he was directed to transmit to us several documents relating to a question which had arisen as to the competency of the Crown to give effect to an agreement entered into with the General Mining Association on the 29th May, 1845 for a Lease of certain Mines in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, and he was to request that we would report our opinion to you on the points submitted to us on this subject.

In obedience to your request we beg to report that we have perused and considered the voluminous papers which have been transmitted to us at different times, and in answer to the first question proposed in Mr. Merivale's letter, we have to state that in our opinion the provisoes in favor of the Lessees and persons entitled under the Lease of 1826, and the agreement mentioned in the Act of 1849, did preserve the equitable rights of the Duke's Representatives and the Association under the Minute of 1845; but inasmuch as the Minute of 1845, which was communicated to the Colonial Legislature by Lord Stanley's despatch of the 18th July, 1845, does not contain the important term which was expressed in the agreement of 29th May, 1849, viz: (that no royalty should be paid on coals used in working the Mines and Engines and bringing the Minerals into a marketable condition) there is some difficulty in the question whether this term is a right saved by the proviso. We are, however, of opinion that, as the existing rights of the Lessees are reserved and saved by the Act of March, 1849, the words must be taken as denoting all such rights as the Lessees could at that time claim either at Law or in Equity; and we collect the facts to be that the exception in question was a term finally agreed to by the Crown in favor of the Lessee in the year 1846, although not embodied in a formal agreement until 29th May, 1849; and it was therefore an existing right at the time of the Colonial Act of March, 1849; and we are consequently of opinion that the rights of the Duke's Representatives and of the Mining Association, as declared by the Minute of 1845, and expressed in the agreement of 1849, are saved and preserved by the Acts of 1849 and 1851. The Assembly had notice of these rights; and it was their duty to have ascertained their nature and extent.

In answer to the second question we beg to state that the estate and interest of the Crown (both in reversion and otherwise) in the Mines in question were effectually transferred to and vested in the Assembly, and that Her Majesty has no longer the power or estate requisite for giving effect either to the agreement of 1849, by directing the execution of the Deeds thereby contemplated or to the arrangement sanctioned in 1828 or 1845.

In answer to the third question, we state our opinion to be, that the Assembly are bound to give effect to the agreement of May, 1849.

With respect to the fourth question, it appears to us that there was nothing to prevent the Crown transferring the estate it had to the Assembly, subject to the existing rights of the Representatives and Lessees of the Duke.

The Assembly takes the estate of the Crown in the Mines in question subject to the legal interest, if any, and to the obligation of giving effect to all the equitable rights of the Representatives and Lessees.

If the Lease originally granted to the Duke is not to be considered as surrendered, and if the other dealings can be taken as amounting to legal demises, then the transfer to the Assembly is the Grant only of the legal reversion in the Crown; but if there be no subsisting legal demise, and the rights of the Duke's representatives and Lessees are under contract only, then the whole legal estate is vested in the Assembly, but subject to the duty of performing the Contract.

But the Crown may be with justice required by the Lessees to call on the Assembly to fulfil the agreement of May, 1849. For should the Assembly unjustly refuse to fulfil the agreement, and the Lessees thereby lose their property, the Crown would be liable to make good the loss sustained by the Lessees.

For, we think that the rule of justice that would prevail between private persons should be abided by in all transactions between the Crown and the subject. If A had agreed to grant a Lease to B, and had then sold and conveyed the Estate to C subject to that agreement, but B, in consequence of such conveyance was unable to obtain his Lease, he would have the right of calling upon A to make good the damage sustained by the non-performance of the agreement.

The Crown is or ought to be considered as being in such a situation.

It is to be regretted that the Crown's assent was given to the Colonial Acts of 1849 and 1851 in the form in which they were passed. Express clauses should have been inserted in these Acts defining the rights of the Lessees, and imposing on the Assembly the obligation of giving effect to the Agreement of May, 1849. In that case no question could have arisen. As it is we think there ought to be no difficulty on the part of the Assembly in fulfilling all that the Crown would have been liable in equity and justice to do, had these Acts not passed.

We have, &c.

(Signed)

A. E. COCKBURN.
RICHARD BETHELL.

The Right Hon. Sir George Grey, Bart.

No. 101.

Halifax, N. S., 29th August, 1855.

SIR—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Department of the Despatches and Circulars noted on the margin:—

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The Right Honorable Sir Wm. Molesworth, Bart.

Miscellaneous:
No. 5, 3d August.
No. 6, 9th "
No. 7, 16th "
No. 8, 17th "
Confidential, 10th Aug.
Circulars: 4th, 7th,
13th Aug.

No. 5.

Downing Street, 1st December, 1855.

SIR—

With reference to my predecessor's Despatch No. 8, of the 17th of Aug. last. I transmit a Copy of a Letter from the Solicitor to the General Mining Association, urging the importance of a speedy settlement of the question now pending with respect to the rights of the Association.

Some delay has probably arisen in this case from the Legislature not being in Session when Sir William Molesworth's Despatch reached you, but you will not fail to avail yourself of the earliest opportunity of bringing the subject under their consideration.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant,
H. LABOUCHERE.

His Excellency Sir J. G. LeMarchant, &c. &c. &c.

Parliament Street, 22d November, 1855.

SIR—

With reference to the Letter addressed to me by Mr. Ball, on the 18th August last, informing me, as the Representative of the General Mining Association, that a Despatch had been addressed by the mail of the 17th of that month to the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, together with the Opinion of Her Majesty's Law Advisers—I am instructed to enquire whether any communication in reply has as yet been received from the Colony.

In former communications to your Department I have felt it my duty to refer emphatically to the extreme anxiety and difficulty of the position in which the Directors of the Association are, as Trustees and Managers of its property, placed. They are driven on the one hand either to stop the operations of the Association after an enormous expenditure, or to continue them under circumstances of uncertainty and opposition increasing many fold their ordinary responsibilities. It can therefore be no matter of surprise that I am instructed to repeat the hope of the Directors, that every possible step will be taken by the Home Government to obtain an early settlement of this question. Without referring to the ten years which have transpired since the compromise of 1845, as a ground for urgency I may be permitted to state that a period of nearly a year and a half has elapsed since, upon the objections of the Colonial Authorities, the Lease, then on the very eve of completion, has been suspended on grounds which I am, now at least, on the authority of Her Majesty's Law Advisers, entitled to say form no justification for such objections.

The Directors trust, therefore, if no satisfactory reply has been received from the Colony on the subject of the Despatch of the 17th August last, that some further communication may be made reminding the Lieut. Governor of the extreme urgency of the case, and pressing for immediate movement on the part of the Colony in the direction suggested by that Despatch.

I have, &c.

(Signed) FRANCIS T. BIRCHAM.

The Right Honorable Henry Labouchere.

No.

No. 131.

Government House, Halifax,

SIR—

December 20, 1855.

In reference to your Despatch No. 5, (1st Dec. 1855,) transmitting copy of a Letter from the Solicitor to the General Mining Association, urging the importance of a speedy settlement of the question now pending with respect to the rights of the Association, I have the honor to inform you, that as your predecessor's Despatch No. 8, (17th August 1855,) informed me of the intention of Her Majesty's Government to have the Draft of a new Lease submitted to the Legislature of Nova Scotia, I had considered the matter referred to in obedience until the next Session of the latter.

As however, the Legislature will be convened for despatch of business at a period not later than the end of January, I trust no serious inconvenience from the delay, will result to the Association.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The Right Honorable Henry Labouchere.

No. 14.

SIR—

Downing Street, 4th January, 1856.

I have to acknowledge your Despatch No. 131, of the 20th ultimo, relating to the proposed Lease to the Nova Scotia Mining Association, and to transmit to you a Copy of a Letter which I have caused to be addressed thereupon to the Solicitor to the Association, which Letter you will take as conveying my views of the course to be followed by yourself in reference to this subject.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieut. Governor Sir Gaspard LeMarchant, &c., Nova Scotia.

SIR—

Downing Street, 4th January, 1856.

With reference to your Letter of the 22nd November last, asking whether any further communication had been received from the Colony respecting the claim of Nova Scotia Mining Association, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Labouchere to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a Despatch received from Sir Gaspard LeMarchant, to whom that Letter was referred.

I am to state that, on looking back to the correspondence, it appears to Mr. Labouchere that Sir Gaspard LeMarchant was justified in expecting to receive a Draft Lease before communicating with the Assembly: and that it seems to him therefore highly advisable that you should immediately place yourself in communication with the Solicitor to the Treasury for that purpose, as suggested in Mr. Ball's Letter to you of the 18th August last, in order that the Assembly may have fully before them the question with which they have to deal; Sir Gaspard LeMarchant has been told that (unless he receives further instructions) it is left to his discretion to postpone taking any steps until the Draft Lease arrives. This correspondence has also been communicated to the Lord's Commissioners of the Treasury.

I am, &c..

(Signed)

H. MERIVALE.

Francis T. Bircham, Esq., Parliament Street.

FISHERIES.

No. 1.

Downing Street, 22d November, 1855.

SIR—

I transmit for your information an Extract of a Report from Commander Cochrane, of Her Majesty's Ship "Mariner," relative to the Fisheries in the Bay of Fundy, and I am desirous of calling your attention, with a view to devising means for checking it, to the practice which prevails of throwing Offal overboard on the fishing grounds, whereby considerable numbers of fish are either destroyed or driven away from the coast.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

H. LABOUCHERE.

His Excellency Sir J. G. LeMarchant.

Extract of a Letter from Commander Cochran to Rear Admiral Fanshaw, dated H. M. Sloop Mariner, at Halifax, 29th September, 1855.

"Complaints are made that certain of the existing Laws are infringed, prohibiting any "Gurry" or Offal being thrown overboard on the fishing grounds, which I am assured many vessels, both British and American, persist in doing; if this practice is continued it must inevitably do serious mischief to the fishery, as it either destroys or drives away all good fish, besides attracting those of a bad description, viz.: Shark, Skate, &c.

"It is stated upon good authority that the Fishery on the American Coast, down to Cape Cod, has been quite destroyed by this practice, which in some measure accounts for the increase in the number of American fishing vessels of late years in British waters. I am also informed that the Herring spawning ground, off the S. W. head of Grand Manan, is occasionally poached during the close season between July and October.

"A heavy penalty is attached to the infringement of both these laws, but from all I can understand there appears great difficulty in bringing the offenders to justice.

"It may seem presumptuous on my part to offer an opinion as to the working of the present system of carrying out the laws relative to the Fisheries, but from the observations I have been able to make, and from the information I have gained from people competent to judge of the matter, there seems to be but little doubt that the present arrangement is far from meeting the wants of the case.

"I am of opinion that if the Provincial Governments employed a small vessel under a competent officer (similar to the vessel employed by the Scotch Fishery Board) in continually cruising on the Fishing grounds, the irregularities complained of would soon cease to exist, and I conceive that the expense attending this would not be greater than that now incurred for the protection of laws which appear to be violated with impunity."

COPPER COIN.

(Copy.)

No. 19.

Downing Street, 5th October, 1855.

SIR—

I transmit to you herewith the copy of a letter from the Treasury, enclosing a Correspondence with Messrs. Baring, Brothers, relative to the manufacture of Copper Coins for the Government of Nova Scotia.

Before I can give any directions on the subject, I should be glad to receive from yourself a statement of what you wish to have done respecting the supply of Coins here referred to.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient, humble Servant,
(Signed) WM. MOLESWORTH.

Treasury Chambers, 29th September, 1855.

SIR—

I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to transmit herewith to you, for the information of Secretary Sir William Molesworth, copy of a letter from Messrs. Baring, Brothers, requesting authority for the manufacture of Copper Coins for the Provincial Government of Nova Scotia, together with the copy of their Lordships' reply thereto, and I am to state that it appears to my Lords desirable that the same course should be followed in this case as that which was adopted in the similar case of Copper Coin required for New Brunswick, which formed the subject of communication between this Department and the Colonial Office, at the dates referred to in the margin.

If Sir William Molesworth should concur in opinion with their Lordships, they request that he will convey the necessary instructions to the Governor of Nova Scotia accordingly.

I am, &c.
(Signed) C. L. CRAFER.

Herman Merivale, Esq. &c.

*8 Bishopsgate Street, within,
London, 27th September, 1855.*

MY LORDS—

Having been instructed by the Provincial Government of Nova Scotia to procure for them a quantity of Copper Coin for circulation in the Province, we addressed your Lordships on the 18th instant, requesting that permission might be granted in favor of Messrs. Van Wart, Son, & Co. of Birmingham, to proceed with the coinage of the same. We beg leave to enclose a copy of our letter, fearing that the original may not have been received; and as the Provincial Government are anxious to receive the coin as early as possible, we venture to request that your Lordships will be pleased to direct that the requisite authority or license should be furnished to us with the least possible delay.

The quantity required is 150,000 one penny tokens, and 300,000 half-penny tokens.

We have, &c.
(Signed) BARING, BROTHERS, & CO.

Colonial Office
Letters—
1853 :
5th Feb., 8th March,
14th May, 25th
July, 31st Octr.
1854 :
10th Feb., 4th & 15th
November.
1855 :
23rd February.
Treasury Letters—
1853 :
25th June & 18th
November.
1854 :
19th Jan., 25th
October, 9th and
21st November.

8 *Bishopsgate Street, within,*
London, 18th September, 1855.

MY LORDS—

Having been commissioned on behalf of the Provincial Government of Nova Scotia to procure the supply of a quantity of Copper Coin, of the currency of, and for circulation within, that Province, we have respectfully to solicit the proper authority from your Lordships to proceed with the manufacture in favor of Messrs. Van Wart, Son, & Co., of Birmingham, whom we have instructed to execute the order in question.

We have, &c.
 (Signed) **BARING, BROTHERS, & CO.**

Treasury Chambers, 29th September, 1855.

GENTLEMEN—

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury your letter of the 18th instant, requesting their Lordships' authority for the manufacture at Birmingham of Copper Coin required by the Provincial Government of Nova Scotia, and I am commanded to acquaint you that my Lords decline to give their sanction for the fabrication of the proposed Coin, in the manner suggested in your letter, and I am at the same time to state, that my Lords will communicate with the Secretary of State in regard to the proper mode of supplying the Colony of Nova Scotia with the required amount of such Coin.

I am, &c.
 (Signed) **C. L. CRAFER.**
 Messrs. Baring, Brothers, 8 Bishopsgate Street, within.

No. 114.

Government House, Halifax,
25th October, 1855.

SIR—

In reply to your Despatch No. 19, of the 5th inst., I have the honor to inform you that the Government of Nova-Scotia are desirous of procuring for the public convenience Copper Coins of pence and half-pence of the Provincial currency, amounting to, in equal sums, one thousand two hundred and fifty pounds, and I shall feel much obliged if you will have the goodness to cause the necessary steps to be taken for the accomplishment of that object by means of Her Majesty's government. The number of the coins required are 150,000 pennies, equal to £625, and 300,000 half pennies, equalling £625, in all amounting to £1250 currency.

Specimens of the coins now in circulation, with which, the date being altered, the new Coinage is intended to correspond, will be submitted to you by Messrs. Baring, Brothers, & Co.

I regret that I am unable to refer to the correspondence which took place between the Treasury and Colonial Departments, respecting Copper Coins, noted in the margin of the letter from C. L. Crafer, Esq., as it has not been forwarded to this Government.

When the Coins are received, the sum necessary to defray all cost and expense incurred

incurred in striking and transporting them to Halifax, will be immediately transmitted by the Government of Nova Scotia to the House of Baring, Brothers, & Co.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The Right Honorable Sir William Molesworth.

Downing Street, 5th December, 1855.

No. 6.

SIR—

With reference to your Despatch of the 25th of October last, No. 114, I transmit to you, for your information, the copy of a minute of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury relative to the Copper Coinage to be supplied for the use of Colony under your Government.

I have the honor, &c.

WILLIAM MOLESWORTH.

Lieut. Governor Sir J. G. LeMarchant.

Copy of Treasury Minute, dated 27th November, 1855.

Acquaint Messrs. Baring, Brothers, & Co. that my Lords propose to give directions for the supply of the Copper Coin required by the Provincial Government of Nova Scotia, through Her Majesty's Mint, and request they will submit to the Master of the Mint specimens of the Coins now in use, (with the new device proposed for the reverse of the Coins.)

State that they will be called upon to defray the cost which will be incurred in furnishing these Coins.

Transmit to the Master of the Mint copy of the Despatch from the Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia, of 25th October, and acquaint him that my Lords have desired Messrs. Baring, Brothers, & Co. to submit to him specimens of the Copper Coins now in circulation, with a new device that has been proposed for the coinage now required.

State that my Lords propose that the dies for the execution of this Coinage should be made by contract under the Mint, but previous to their execution, they desire to have submitted to them the device of the proposed Coinage, with the opinion of the Master of the Mint thereon.

My Lords are of opinion that the same course which was pursued in supplying the Government of New Brunswick with Copper Coins which formed the subject of the correspondence noted in the margin, should be followed in this instance. And that the dies when approved of and made, should be entrusted to a manufacturer at Birmingham, under contract to supply to the Mint the Coins of specified fineness and weight, and of the quantity required, and to return the dies therewith.

Further state that the currency of this Coinage in Nova Scotia is legalized by a Local Act, and that there will be no necessity to obtain an order in Council as was required in the case of the Copper Coin for New Brunswick.

No. 133.

SIR—

Government House, Halifax, 20th December, 1855.

Referring to your Despatch, No. 6, 5th December, 1855, transmitting the copy of a Minute of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury relative to the Copper Coinage to be supplied for the use of this colony, I have the honor to inform you

you that I deem it desirable to have struck off in the manner proposed in the Minute, an amount of Copper Coins exactly double of that originally mentioned, that is to say, an amount of Two Thousand Pounds sterling, in the same relative proportions of pence and half-pence, with that first indicated.

I have also the honor to request that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury will be pleased to direct delivery of the Coins to be made to Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co., who have been instructed to defray the cost of the same.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The Right Honorable Henry Labouchere.

Downing Street, 18th January, 1856.

No. 18.

SIR—

I have the honor to inform you that, in compliance with the request contained in your Despatch, No. 133 of the 20th December last, the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have directed the Master of the Mint to make arrangements for supplying the additional Copper Coinage required for Nova Scotia in the same relative proportions of pence and half-pence as the first requisition.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

(Signed)

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieut. Governor Sir Gaspard LeMarchant.

RAILWAY.

Railway Office, Halifax, February 8, 1856.

SIR—

We have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and of the two Branches of the Legislature, that we have this day handed to the Hon. the Financial Secretary, a balance sheet, showing the amount received and expended by the Railway Board, to 31st December last. Quarterly accounts have been lodged as the Law directs, and all the Vouchers for the year, checked and audited, have been deposited in the Financial Secretary's Office.

We have also the honor to hand to you a Report, prepared by the Chief Engineer, who has described generally the character and extent of the works completed or in progress.

The Books of Account and Correspondence are open to the inspection of Members of the Legislature. The Officers of the Board will be in attendance upon any Committee appointed to examine them, and we shall be happy to furnish any further information which may be required.

On reference to the Accounts it will appear that the Board have

Received to 31st December, from	}	£206,075 17 8
the Receiver General - - - -		
Have paid - - -		£202,482 7 6½
Have Cash on Hand -		3,593 10 1½
		<u>£206,075 17 8</u>

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To pay all outstanding claims, and complete all our Contracts (some of which extend into 1857) £220,648 2s. 6d., will probably be sufficient.

Taking the cost of the road completed and equipped—the Contracts entered into, and the prices paid for materials, as a basis of calculation, the Board are warranted in believing that the cost of the 61 miles finished and contracted for, will not exceed £5,873, Sterling per mile. This amount includes the maintenance of way of 50 miles of the road for twelve months from the periods of completion, but does not include Depots or Rolling Stock.

Looking forward to future operations, it is very satisfactory to us to be enabled to state, that the most difficult and expensive tracts of Country have been traversed, and that the cost per mile should, henceforward, be materially diminished.

The Receipts upon the Road for six months ending 31st December, were :

From Passengers - - - - -	£1659	13	2
Freight - - - - -	94	18	1
Do. of Iron - - - - -	38	9	1
Contractors for the use of Locomotive	105	0	7
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	£1898	1	2
Running Expenses - - - - -	£845	12	11
Paid for repairs occasioned by an accident -	150	10	0
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Nett Revenue paid to Receiver General - - -	£901	18	3

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

JOSEPH HOWE, Chairman,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM PRYOR,
JOHN H. ANDERSON,
P. M. CUNNINGHAM,
THOMAS TOBIN.

To the Hon. Lewis M. Wilkins, Provincial Secretary.

Engineer's Office, January 20th, 1856.

SIR,—

I beg to submit the following Report on the progress of the works :—

Since commencing operations in May, 1854, there have been sixty and a half miles located and put under Contract. Of this distance eight miles have been completed, over which the traffic is daily passing.

The directions of the lines, so far as laid out, are as follow :—

MAIN LINE.—Commencing at Bedford Basin, follows the valley leading to Lily Lake, thence it crosses Rocky Lake and passes between First and Second Lakes, thence along the north side of Long Lake, and down the valley of the Rawdon River; thence along the east shore of Grand Lake to Sandy Cove, crossing the Shubenacadie River, about two miles beyond this point, and continuing on its west side to Nelson's.

WINDSOR BRANCH.—Leaving the main line near Second Lake, keeps a north west direction to the Beaver Bank Road, which it crosses about one mile east of its junction with the Halifax and Windsor Road, thence it follows the course of the Condon Brook, crossing the Sackville River near Beddoe's, and the Halifax and Windsor road near Mount Unjacke, and continues on the west side of this road to within three miles of Windsor. The length of this branch is thirty and three quarter miles.

Before determining upon the line to Windsor, it appeared judicious to explore all the routes previously proposed; Surveys were therefore made along the valleys of the Nine Mile, Herbert, and Meander Rivers. The valleys through this part of the Province are narrow and crooked, and the country contiguous to them is generally much broken; in some instances their descent is great, while in others a dead level is maintained for a considerable distance. The streams are subject to rapid changes in their volumes. In the steep portions of their courses the rush of water is formidable, and in other places they overflow their banks, inundating the flat ground on either side. The construction of a railway under these circumstances would be attended with difficulty, and at a large cost.

The selected line, by taking advantage of the rising ground on the west of the public road near Windsor, passes over the Ardoise Hills with good grades, and having none of the disadvantages above enumerated, is generally of easy construction, and effects a considerable saving in distance. The following may be adduced as the reason for its selection: *First*, it is the shortest; *Second*, the least expensive to construct; and *Third*, the cheapest to uphold.

The following Table shows comparatively the length of the several routes:—

Name of Line.	Length of Branch.	Total distance between Halifax and Windsor.
Nine Mile River	42 Miles.	66½ miles
Herbert River	38 "	54½ "
Meander River	89 "	47 "
Existing and Direct	30¾ "	43¾ "

Every care has been taken to secure the best possible route for the main line. The lines previously explored have been in most cases abandoned, but not before they had undergone a thorough examination, and their relative merits carefully compared with the adopted one. Besides being out of the direct course, I considered the abruptness of the hills, and their height above the valleys at Black Rock, a serious objection to any line on the east side of the Shubenacadie River, between Horn's and Nelson's. My explorations on the west side of the river have been successful, and proved the proper route to be on this side.

The engineering staff have also been employed in exploring the country up to, and beyond Truro village, with the view of determining upon the proper position of the Pictou branch. A straight line between the mouth of the Stewiacke River and Pictou passes within six miles of Truro, crosses the Salmon River near its head, and the elevated ground at Mount Thom, about two miles east of the present high road. These considerations pointed out the Salmon River Valley as probably the best, and certainly the most direct route for this branch. The main line, when continued on to New Brunswick, will pass through Truro, and possibly up this valley, and is another and an important reason for its selection. My attention has therefore been principally confined to the district of country lying between Truro and Pictou, and the result has been

been satisfactory, leaving no room to doubt of the existence of a good and practicable line. Should the main line diverge at Truro, the length of the branch will be about forty-two miles, but should it pass up the Salmon River before turning north, this distance will be reduced to about thirty-two miles.

I am aware of the probable existence of a route to Pictou up the valley of the Stewiacke River, but there has yet been no explorations in this direction further than ascertaining the summit height, which was found to be five hundred and ten feet above the level of the sea, being ten feet below that of the Salmon River; the additional number of miles which would eventually be required in constructing a Railway to reach the frontier of New Brunswick, as contemplated by the preamble of the Act 17 Vic. Cap. 1, should the Stewiacke River be followed, constituted reasons why further explorations were deemed unnecessary in that direction. The length of a branch following this valley could not be less than sixty miles.

WORKS IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The dates fixed for the completion of the several portions in the course of construction are—*First*, Fourteen and a half miles of the main line, included between Sackville station and Schultz's, on the 1st June, 1856; *Second*, Seven miles of the main line, included between Schultz's and the Nine Mile River Road, by the 30th June, 1857; *Third*, Twelve and a half miles of the Windsor branch, included between the Five Mile Lake and Windsor, by the 1st September, 1856; *Fourth*, The remaining portion of the Windsor branch on the 1st June, 1857.

In the first part of the season considerable difficulty was experienced in getting the masonry for the Sackville viaduct contracted for at a reasonable rate; and it was only after repeated efforts that an acceptable offer could be obtained. This delayed its commencement longer than was desirable; it is now, however, in a forward state, and requires only a few weeks of suitable weather to make it ready for the reception of the iron and wood work. The nature of the material and mode of constructing this viaduct ensures a good and substantial work, and at a moderate cost;—several of the girders are rivetted and ready to be put in their places. Out of 139,000 yards of earth cutting between Sackville and Rocky Lake, 110,000 yards have been put into the embankments. The mason work on the bridges over the Dartmouth and under the Scott roads, is nearly completed, and the beams are ready for the roadway. The large drain for leading the water from Lily Lake is about one-third done. Some of the rails are partially laid, and the rest of the iron is on the ground.

Beyond Rocky Lake and on to Schultz's, considerably more than half the earth work has been removed. The materials in the cuttings between Rocky Lake and the Eastern Road are for the most part clay, and are easily excavated. Fletcher's River is crossed by a viaduct with three spans; the centre one being fifty feet, and the outside ones each thirty feet. The roadway will be carried across the opening by tubular iron girders. The piers and abutments of this work are several feet above the surface of the water; those for the Rawdon River viaduct only require the coping to complete them; and the masonry of the other bridges is well advanced. All the viaducts on this contract are faced with granite, which adds to their appearance. The necessary drainage along this portion, has to a great extent been provided for; some of the ballasting has been prepared; and the great bulk of the sleepers and part of the other road materials are delivered.

The extension to the Nine Mile River road has so recently been let, that the contractors have hardly had time to commence operations; but it is probable that before long this contract will be progressing with vigour.

On the part of the Windsor branch included between the Five Mile Lake and Windsor, considerable portions of the excavations are done, several of the drains are built, and in some places the road has been ballasted and made ready for laying the permanent way. The want of suitable stone for the St. Croix River viaduct delayed its commencement;

commencement; large quantities of granite of excellent quality have, however, been found within a mile or two of the site, and the contractors have already prepared some of this material for the course work, and are exerting themselves to get forward during the winter months as much more as possible. The excavations on the remaining portions have not proceeded so rapidly as the contracts about Windsor; but as longer time is allowed for their completion, I see no reason to doubt of this branch being ready for the traffic within the specified time.

Subjoined is a Table showing the length, the number of yards of excavation, the contract price, with value of work done, the time specified for completion, &c. of each Contract:

CONTRACT.	Length.		Excavations.		Contract Price. £ s. d.	Value of Work done. £ s. d.	Date of Letting.	Date of Completion
	Miles.	Chains	Total in Contract.	Quantity done.				
No. 3, Main Line	2	57	139,082	110,444	24,201 0 0	18,821 0 0	Decmbr. 2, 1854.	August 30, 1855.
" 4, do.	0	70	36,237	33,086	6,641 18 2	4,726 19 2	Febry. 14, 1855.	June 1, 1856.
" 5, do.	8	62	234,130	137,180	46,360 19 3	23,411 0 0	April 14, 1855.	Do.
" 6, do.	2	40	66,110	24,241	16,798 8 6	4,138 0 0	Sepr. 15, 1855.	Do.
" 7, do.	7	0½	194,601		30,774 10 11		Novr. 27, 1855.	June 30, 1857.
WINDSOR BRANCH								
No. 1.	6	7½	189,865	18,887	33,305 0 3	2,383 0 0	July 7, 1855.	June 1, 1857.
" 2.	6	39	106,579	7,554	28,000 0 0	1,212 0 0	Do.	Do.
" 3.	5	76	154,963	12,005	41,411 11 5	2,486 0 0	Do.	Do.
" 4.	5	74	224,082	94,492	47,458 13 3	14,257 0 0	Do.	September 1, 1856.
" 5.	6	30	126,034	58,906	21,500 0 0	4,369 0 0	Do.	Do.

The average daily number of men employed on the above works for the year 1855, was six hundred and thirty; and the largest number employed on any one day was twelve hundred and forty-two.

DEPOT ACCOMMODATION.—The large augmentation that will take place in the traffic, on the opening of the road to Schultz's, will necessitate increased accommodation at the Halifax terminus. The accommodation now provided at this station is not more than sufficient to meet the present demands. During the last season surveys were made with the view of extending the line into the city. Should this extension be carried out at once, there will be no immediate necessity for enlarging, at least to any great extent in the mean while, the present station, as the city terminus will relieve it of all traffic not connected with the shipping and which will be limited for some time.

The extension into the city presents no engineering difficulties; it is easy to construct, the earthwork is light, and the whole of the roadway could be graded in a short time. The only point of importance is the cost of the right of way, and the outlay necessary to purchase a suitable site for a station and depot. A city terminus would be of much advantage for the local traffic; but at the same time it ought to be borne in mind that it is only useful in this respect, as the present station is in every way adapted, from its extent of water frontage, and other advantages connected with it for a Railway Shipping Depot, and a more suitable site for this purpose cannot be found.

An excellent site has already been selected for a station at Windsor, affording good accommodation for harbour purposes, and is well situated from its proximity to the town for the local traffic.

STATE OF THE WORKS ON THE COMPLETED PORTION OF THE LINE.—These works are in good order. The mode adopted for placing the sleepers and fastening the rails, has given stability to the permanent way and consequent steadiness and security to the passage trains, and ensures also economy in the maintenance of the line and rolling stock. The loose rock embankments formed along the shores and across the Coves of the Basin, have withstood the shock of the heavy gales to which they have been exposed as well as I expected; any repairs necessary were trifling, requiring little additional labour to that usually employed, and only for one day has the passage of the trains been interrupted from this cause.

ROLLING STOCK.—This stock consists of:

- 3 Locomotives,
- 4 Passenger Carriages,
- 4 Platform Trucks,
- 3 Sheep and Cattle Trucks,
- 7 Ballast and other Trucks, and
- 1 Snow Plough.

I take this opportunity of conveying my appreciation of the services performed by the several officers who have been engaged in my department, and recording that they all performed the duties entrusted to them in a most creditable and highly satisfactory manner. In the office work, the labour of which has necessarily been very great, I have been aided by my pupils, who have also made themselves extremely useful in the field, and it is due to these young gentlemen to say, that it is to a considerable extent owing to their exertions so much has been accomplished during the year; and it is gratifying to be able to testify to their constant diligence in the office business, notwithstanding they receive no pecuniary remuneration for these services.

I have to add in conclusion that ten miles of the main line, terminating at Nelson's on the Truro road, is laid out, and the plans, &c. will be completed in a few days, when this portion of the work can be let if desired.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. R. FORMAN,

Engineer.

Statement of Operation of the Nova Scotia Railway—6 months—June, July, August, September, November and December.

AMOUNT RECEIPTS.—Passengers	£1659	18	2
Freight	133	7	5
Work from Contractors	105	0	7
			2
	Gross	£1898	1 2
EXPENCES.—Locomotive—Repairs Stock—Traffic charges and Miscel- laneous		996	2 11
			3
	Nett	£901	10 3
Trains run per day, to and from Sackville—June to November			4
November to 31st December			3
Miles run			8098
Passengers carried			30,563
Freight carried, viz.:			
Horses and Waggon			472
12			Single

Single Horses	43
Mail Coaches	72
Do. Horses	278
Hogsheads and Puncheons	163
Barrels	612
Boxes	410
Bags	1200
Bundles and Parcels	537
Baskets	98
Bars Iron, cwt.	192
Quintals Fish	57
Lumber	M feet. 21
Chests Tea	32
Tubs	20
Cows	6
Pigs, Sheep, and Calves	8
Stoves	4
Iron Rails	2068 } Tons 384 $\frac{1}{2}$
Chairs	4101 }

MINES AND MINERALS.

(Copy.)

Downing Street, 1st February, 1856.

SIR—

In the absence of Mr. Labouchere from London for a few days, and with reference to his Despatch of this mail on the same subject, I transmit to you copy of a letter from the Solicitor to the Treasury, and the draft of an Act for giving effect by the Legislature of Nova Scotia to the arrangements between the Crown, the representatives of the late Duke of York, and the General Mining Association, and copy of a letter from the Solicitor to the Association having reference thereto.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

HERMAN MERIVALE.

Lieut. Governor Sir G. LeMarchant, &c. &c. &c.

Treasury, 31st January, 1856.

SIR—

I beg to enclose a draft of an Act for giving effect by the Colonial Legislature of Nova Scotia to the arrangement between Her Majesty, the representatives of the late Duke of York, and the General Mining Association, regarding the Mines in Nova Scotia, to which I referred in my Report to the Treasury of the 28th January, instant, (with a copy of which I presume you have been furnished,) and I would submit that the same may be sent to the Lieutenant Governor of the Colony, together with the drafts mentioned in my Report.

(Signed)

H. R. REYNOLDS.

H. Merivale, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

No.

No. 21.

Downing Street, 30th January, 1856.

SIR—

With reference to your Despatch, No. 131, of the 20th December last, acknowledged by mine of the 4th ultimo, I have now to transmit to you copy of three drafts of Instruments, approved by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury for the purpose of effecting the vesting of the legal estates in the Mines now held by the General Association under agreement, in that body, and of a letter from the Solicitor to the Association, explanatory of those documents, and of the manner in which it is conceived the subject might be most effectually dealt with for legal purposes.

The draft of a Bill, to which the Solicitor refers in his letter, will be separately transmitted.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

PANMURE.

Lieut. Governor Sir G. LeMarchant, &c. &c. &c., Nova Scotia.

Parliament Street, 30th January, 1856.

SIR—

Since I addressed you on the 28th instant, the legal advisers of the Crown, the Duke of York's representatives, and the Association, have agreed on the substance and language of a draft Bill, by the passing of which into a Law, to be afterwards duly consented to by Her Majesty, the Legislature of Nova Scotia may conveniently perfect, as they are now called upon, and bound to do, the arrangements respecting the Minerals of that Colony.

The Bill has been framed in the hope that the Lieutenant Governor and General Assembly of the Province will consider it one, by the passing of which no more will be done than is now in substance due from the Colony to the parties interested. In the judgment of the English law advisers of the Crown, the lessees, and under-lessees, the passing of it will, with the utmost simplicity and ease, leave all parties at the conclusion to which it is desirable and just that all should be brought.

It is proposed that the Drafts, Surrender, Lease, and Underlease, should (as now in your hands signed as approved on behalf of the respective interests) be enrolled or deposited in some public office in the Colony, with a view to their permanent preservation, and then the Act, (which will be found to be framed on the assumption that this enrolment or deposit has been already effected, although the exact mode of its accomplishment is left to be suggested by the Colonial Authorities,) proceeds to enact and declare that after its passing, the rights of all parties shall be as if these three draft deeds had been duly executed by all the parties to them on the days on which they respectively bear date, and as if the Provincial Civil List Act of 1849 had not been passed, or had been passed expressly subject to these three deeds, as previously completed documents.

I will most readily give any further explanation of the draft deeds or of this Bill which you may find necessary.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

FRANCIS T. BIRCHAM.

H. Merivale, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

46 Parliament Street, 28th January, 1856.

SIR—

With reference to your letter of the 4th instant, suggesting that I should immediately place myself in communication with the Solicitors to the Treasury, with the view of finally settling the terms of the Draft Lease of the Mines of Nova Scotia, I have now to state that I have conferred with the Solicitor of the Treasury and with the representatives of His late Royal Highness the Duke of York, and that we have finally settled and agreed upon the terms of the Instrument, by which it is proposed that the arrangements in question may and ought to be effectuated.

It is necessary, however, in order to prevent future misapprehension that I should trouble you with some explanation, and that you should have the goodness to take care that a similar explanation is given to the Lieutenant Governor of the Colony.

I need scarcely remind you that the document which is to be regarded as the basis of the arrangement now under discussion is the Treasury Minute of the 25th June, 1845. It was then perhaps assumed by the Lords of the Treasury that the new relations to be established, as then agreed on between the Crown, the Duke of York's representatives, and General Mining Association would be effectuated by the simple grant of a new lease to the Association, but the Solicitor General was expressly directed by the Minute "to ascertain what steps it would be requisite to take for carrying the proposals into effect," and it was almost immediately afterwards suggested by the legal advisers of the Crown that the most convenient course for adoption was, 1st. A surrender of the existing original lease, and of the subsequent agreement for a further lease, with mutual releases of all claims under those relations. 2dly. A new grant by way of lease by the Crown to the Duke of York's representatives, in conformity with the new arrangement, and upon trust that the grantees should immediately thereafter make an underlease to the Association in like conformity; and 3dly, such new underlease.

With this suggestion, which undoubtedly proposed the most convenient or only proper mode of action, all parties complied, and the agreement of 29th May, 1849, so often referred to, and which you will recollect, although not executed by the Crown, was fully approved and adopted by the Law Offices, both in the Court of Chancery and out of it, was framed accordingly, and binds all parties to that mode of completing the arrangement. It has accordingly been acted upon at every stage of the business.

You will therefore find, or have found, that instead of a "draft lease," you will receive, or have already received, from the Solicitor to the Treasury, a Draft Surrender, a Draft Lease, and a Draft Underlease, the three intended to be executed simultaneously, and to operate together in completion of the intentions and agreements of the parties.

It is further necessary that I should explain that these Documents must necessarily be considered as representing, not the very Surrender Lease and Under Lease, which the Colonial Authorities are called upon to execute, but those which, but for the passing of the Civil List Act of 1849, the Crown was bound, and would have been advised, to execute. In every thing but form they are doubtless in the *precise* state in which the Colony ought to adopt them, but seeing that the Act of 1849 has deprived the Crown of the power to execute the Deeds, and has not prescribed by whom or in what manner they should be executed, all that can be done is to place in the hands of your Department Documents carefully completed as regards substance, and to have such modifications or additions as may be necessary in point of form, to be devised by the Law Officers of the Colony, in agreement with the representatives there of the other parties interested.

Before proceeding to notice one or two points arising on the substance of the Drafts, I would say, as regards the manner of completing the entire transaction, that it has appeared

appeared to the Counsel and Solicitor of the Treasury, and the other parties have fully acquiesced, to be best, that instead of any other mode of proceeding, the Colonial Legislature might well be advised to pass a short Act, in the ordinary course, for enacting that after the passing of such Act the Draft Deeds, now about to be sent out, should have all the same validity as if they had been duly executed by all the parties to them, before the passing of the Civil List Act of 1849, or subsequently, as if that Act had never passed. Following up this suggestion, the draft of such a Bill has been prepared and agreed to by the Counsel and Solicitor of the Treasury, and by the Solicitor of the Duke of York's Administrators and myself, and it is respectfully submitted, that much future inconvenience might be saved if Mr. Secretary Labouchere should have the goodness to recommend it to the consideration of the Lieutenant-Governor and the Colonial Legislature.

Returning to the contents of the Drafts, I would next notice that they, the Surrender, New Lease, and Underlease, are dated respectively the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th January, instant. The former of these dates was assumed as being the date on which the Counsel of the Crown gave us his final approval of the Document, after the filling up of the various blanks, &c., and the other two have been adopted as of distinct days, for convenience of reference. The exact days of date are comparatively immaterial, but it is of course most important that the recitals, renders, and other particulars, should be adjusted with careful reference to such dates. This will be found to be the case. And as regards the interests of the Crown and Colony, as first lessors, I must point out that the language of the Drafts has been settled on the assumption that all Rent and Royalty, payable by the lessors previously to, and up to the 31st December, 1854, has been absolutely paid and satisfied, and that all subsequent Rent and Royalty so payable, remained at the date of the Surrender, Lease, and Underlease, unpaid, and is so treated, and is accordingly secured to be paid by the New Lease and Underlease,—of this, with the exception I am about to mention, we have sufficient evidence in this Country, and if you so please, the Receipts can be produced to you; but it does not appear to me material that you should be thus troubled, if the Lieutenant-Governor's attention be pointedly drawn to the matter, as of course he has the means at hand of checking my present statement, and the language of the Drafts, in this respect.

The exception to which I allude is, as regards the amount due for Royalty on coal sold from the Joggins and Lingan Mines during 1854, which amount has been tendered by the agents of the Association, but declined by the Provincial Government. I believe that it has been so declined because the Provincial Government have feared that their continuing to receive it might be quoted against the construction they have sought to put on the general relations of the Crown and its lessees of those Minerals, and therefore that if the Provincial Legislature determine on adopting and completing the arrangement as it has been understood here, and as the documents now sent out embody it, there would be nothing to prevent the immediate settlement of this outstanding amount. At all events, I can do no more than call attention to it.

I have, &c.

FRANCIS T. BIRCHAM.

H. Merivale, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

An Act for giving effect to an arrangement entered into by or on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty, and the legal personal representatives of His late Royal Highness Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, and the General Mining Association, concerning the Mines in Nova Scotia.

WHEREAS previously to the passing of the Act for transferring the Crown Revenues of Nova Scotia and providing for the Civil List thereof, an arrangement was made between

between and by or on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty, and Christopher Pearse and John George Nutting, as the legal personal representatives of His late Royal Highness Frederick, Duke of York and Albany, and the General Mining Association, relating to the Mines and Minerals in the Province of Nova-Scotia, including the Island of Cape Breton, and the Rents and Royalties payable in respect of the same, whereby it was agreed (amongst other things) to the effect that certain Letters Patent, bearing date the 25th day of August, 1826, being a demise by His late Majesty King George the Fourth to the said Duke of York and Albany, of the Mines and Minerals in the Province of Nova-Scotia (except as therein excepted) for a term of 60 years from the day of the date thereof, and a certain Indenture of Underlease, bearing date the 12th day of September, 1826, being a demise of the same Mines and Minerals by the said Duke of York and Albany to John Bridge, since deceased, Edmund Waller Rundell, Thomas Bigge, since deceased, and John Gawler Bridge, since deceased, for the then residue of the said term of 60 years, except the last day thereof, (to which Underlease and all the Estate and benefit thereby granted, the said Association, in the said year 1826, became absolutely entitled, so far as regards the equitable and beneficial interest therein) should be surrendered to Her Majesty, and that a certain agreement for a Lease by His late Majesty King William the Fourth to the said John Bridge, Edmund Waller Rundell, Thomas Bigge, and John Gawler Bridge, of the said excepted Mines and Minerals, and the Coal Mines in the Island of Cape Breton, (to the benefit of which Agreement the said Association were absolutely entitled) should be abandoned to Her Majesty, and that a new Lease of all the Mines and Minerals in the Province of Nova-Scotia, including the Isle of Cape Breton, with certain exceptions, should be granted by Her Majesty to the said Christopher Pearse and John George Nutting, as such legal personal Representatives as aforesaid, for a term equal to the residue of the said term of 60 years, at and under certain Rents and Royalties, and that a new Underlease of the same Mines and Minerals should be granted by the said Christopher Pearse and John George Nutting to the said Association, for a term equal to the residue of the said term of 60 years, wanting one day, at and under certain Rents and Royalties. And whereas certain Instruments for carrying the said arrangement into effect have been prepared on behalf of the said several parties thereto, in a form prescribed by such arrangement, with certain modifications, rendered necessary by the lapse of time, the death of parties, and other circumstances; and such Instruments are, first, an Instrument purporting to be an Indenture, and to bear date the 22nd day of January, 1856, and expressed to be made between the said Christopher Pearse and John George Nutting, of the first part; the said Edmund Waller Rundell, of the second part; the General Mining Association, of the third part; and the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, of the fourth part—whereby the Mines and Minerals granted and demised by the said Letters Patent of the 25th day of August, 1826, and the said Underlease of the 12th day of September, 1826, were expressed or purported to be surrendered to Her Majesty, and whereby all claims and demands of the said Christopher Pearse, John George Nutting, Edmund Waller Rundell, and the said Association, under or by virtue of the said Agreement for a Lease were expressed or purported to be released to Her Majesty. Secondly, an Instrument purporting to be Letters Patent, in the form of an Indenture, bearing date the 23rd, day of January, 1856, and expressed to be made between the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, of the first part; the said Christopher Pearse and John George Nutting, of the second part; and the General Mining Association, of the third part; whereby the Mines and Minerals in the Province of Nova-Scotia, including the Isle of Cape Breton, (except as therein excepted) were expressed or purported to be granted and demised by Her Majesty and the said Christopher Pearse and John George Nutting, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, for the term of 60 years, to be
computed

computed from the 25th day of August, 1826, at and under the Rents and Royalties, and subject to the covenants, conditions, and provisions therein mentioned. And thirdly, an Instrument, purporting to be an Indenture, bearing date the 24th day of January, 1856, and expressed to be made between the said Christopher Pearse and John George Nutting, of the one part and the General Mining Association of the other part, whereby the said Mines and Minerals expressed or purported to be granted and demised by the last mentioned Letters Patent, were expressed or purported to be demised by the said Christopher Pearse and John George Nutting unto the said Association, their Successors and Assigns, for the term of 60 years, wanting one day, to be computed from the said 25th day of August, 1826, at and under the Rents and Royalties, and subject to the covenants, conditions, and provisions therein mentioned. And whereas the said several Instruments so prepared as aforesaid for carrying into effect the said arrangement, have not, nor has any of them been executed by or on behalf of Her Majesty, or by any of the other persons named as parties thereto, but the same have been duly signed and approved of by Henry Revell Reynolds, Esquire, Solicitor for the affairs of Her Majesty's Treasury, on behalf of Her Majesty, and by Messrs. Farrer, Curry and Farrer, Solicitors of, and for, and on behalf of the said Christopher Pearse and John George Nutting, and by Francis Thomas Bircham, the Solicitor of, and for, and on behalf of the said Edmond Walker Rundell and the said Association, and the same have been enrolled in

And whereas by reason of the provision in the said hereinbefore mentioned Act, whereby the right and title of Her Majesty in and to the said Mines and Minerals, and the Rents and Royalties payable for or in respect of the same, were assigned, transferred, and surrendered to the disposal of the General Assembly of this Province, the said arrangement cannot be carried into effect without an Act of the General Assembly:

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, That the said three several Instruments, bearing date respectively the 22d, 23d, and 24th days of January, 1856, and enrolled in _____ as hereinbefore is mentioned, and the surrenders, releases, grants, demises, reservations, covenants, conditions, and provisions therein respectively expressed, shall respectively operate and take effect, and be deemed and considered to have operated and taken effect as from the date thereof respectively, in the same manner as the same would have operated and taken effect if such two of the same Instruments as are first and secondly hereinbefore mentioned had been duly executed and perfected on behalf of Her Majesty on the days of the dates thereof respectively, and the same two Instruments and the said Instrument of the 24th day of January, 1856, had been duly executed by the said other parties thereto, on the days of the dates thereof respectively, and the said provision of the said hereinbefore mentioned Act, so far only as the same would or otherwise might prevent the operation of the same Instruments, or any of them, according to the expressed purport thereof respectively, had come into effect immediately after the execution of the last of the said Instruments of the 24th January, 1856, and not before, and had assigned, transferred, and surrendered the said Mines and Minerals, and the Rents and Royalties payable in respect thereof, and the powers and authorities relating thereto, to the disposal of the General Assembly, subject nevertheless to the same Instruments respectively, and to the estates and interests thereby respectively granted and conferred.

And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be of any force or effect until the said three Instruments of 22d, 23d, and 24th days of January, 1856, have been duly executed by the General Mining Association.

CUSTOMS RETIREMENTS.

(Circular.)

Downing Street, 30th August, 1855.

SIR—

I transmit herewith for your information and guidance, copy of a Letter which I have received from the Board of Treasury, on the subject of the payment of the Retired Allowances granted to Imperial Customs Officers.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

WILLIAM MOLESWORTH.

Treasury Chambers, 16th August, 1855.

SIR—

I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to acquaint you, for the information of Secretary Sir William Molesworth, with reference to your Letters of the 19th and 28th May last, that my Lords have informed the Commissioners of Customs that they are of opinion that the payment of the Retired Allowances to the several late Imperial Officers of Customs in the Colonies, may, in future, be regulated according to the principle of the 20th Section of the Superannuation Act, and the Parties who have accepted or may hereafter accept Office under the Colonial Governments, be permitted to receive their Compensation Allowances, either in full or in part, provided the amount thereof, together with their Colonial Salaries, shall not exceed their former Incomes under the Customs Department.

I am, &c.

(Signed) JAMES WILSON.

Herman Merivale, Esq.

INLAND POSTAGE.

(Circular.)

(Copy.)

Downing Street, 12th April, 1855.

SIR—

Her Majesty's Government are now taking steps for ascertaining to what extent, and with what final results, the introduction of Penny Postage in Great Britain in 1840 has been followed by a reduction of Inland Postage, and other improvements in foreign countries.

It is considered desirable that a similar enquiry should be instituted with regard to those British Colonies, which are under the control of their local governments; and with this view I transmit to you a printed table, containing a series of questions, which you will be good enough to return to me, with answers so full and clear, as to leave no room for a demand of further explanations.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

G. GREY.

Lieut. Governor Sir Gaspard LeMarchant, &c. &c. &c.

NEWSPAPER POSTAGE.

(Copy.)

Circular.

Downing Street, 26th June, 1855.

SIR—

I have to acquaint you that Her Majesty's Government have decided, that on and from the 30th instant, a British Rate of Postage of One penny (over and above any Foreign Rate chargeable when Newspapers are conveyed through a Foreign Country) shall be levied upon every Newspaper forwarded from the United Kingdom to a British Colony, either by packet or by private ship.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. RUSSELL.

Lieut. Governor Sir Gaspard LeMarchant, &c. &c. &c.

Circular.

Downing Street, 3d September, 1855.

SIR—

With reference to the Circular Despatch addressed to you by my predecessor on the 26th of June last, signifying that on and from the 30th of that month, a British Rate of Postage of One penny would be levied upon every Newspaper forwarded from the United Kingdom to a British Colony, I have now to acquaint you that Her Majesty's Government have come to the determination to abolish the Regulation, by which it has hitherto been requisite that all Newspapers sent out of the United Kingdom, besides being liable to postage, should bear an impressed stamp denoting the Stamp Duty.

Henceforth it will not be necessary that Newspapers sent abroad whether to the British Colonies or to Foreign Countries, should bear the impressed stamp. The stamp will neither be required nor will it count as postage, as it will be presumed that, where it is employed, it has already served for the transmission of the Newspaper within the United Kingdom.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

POSTAGE ON BOOKS.

(Copy.)

(Circular.)

Downing Street, 7th August, 1855.

SIR—

Referring to the Circular Instructions of my predecessors, dated the 27th December, 1850, on the subject of the Colonial Book Post, I transmit to you, herewith, extract of a Letter which has been addressed to this Department, by direction of the Postmaster General, proposing that an alteration recently made in the scale of weight for charging Postage on Book Packets sent between places in the United Kingdom, should be extended to Book Packets sent to or from the Colonies.

TRADE RETURNS.

You will bring this subject under the early consideration of your Executive Council, and inform me whether your Government is prepared to acquiesce in the proposed alteration. The date at which it will come into operation will be fixed hereafter by the Postmaster General.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

WM. MOLESWORTH.

Lieut. Governor Sir Gaspard LeMarchant, &c. &c. &c.

Extract of a Letter from the Assistant Secretary of the General Post Office, dated 23d July, 1855, addressed to Herman Merivale, Esq., Under Secretary of State for the Colonial Department.

“Under the authority of a Treasury Warrant, dated the 4th ultimo, an alteration has been made in the scale of progression by weight for charging Postage upon Packets of Books sent by the Inland Book Post between places in the United Kingdom.

“When the weight of any such Packet exceeds half a pound, the charge now increases by steps of half a pound, a rate equal to the charge for half a pound being added for each additional half pound that the Packet weighs.

“The Postmaster General considers it desirable to apply a like Scale of Weight to Packets of Books sent by the Colonial Book Post to or from the Colonies, and he has therefore obtained the authority of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury for requesting Lord John Russell to propose this measure.”

TRADE RETURNS.

(Copy.)

(Circular.)

Downing Street, 21st June, 1855.

SIR—

Adverting to my predecessor's Circular Despatch of the 4th November last, and to the Instructions therein enclosed from the Commissioners of Customs in London to the late Imperial Comptrollers of Customs and Navigation Laws, in which, amongst other things, these Officers were directed to instruct the Colonial Officers of Customs as to the mode of preparing and rendering the Accounts of Trade, Navigation, and Statistics, with a view to their being transmitted to this country, in a perfect state, for the information of Parliament and of Her Majesty's Government; I have now to acquaint you that it is considered desirable that these Returns should be made up on the same days as similar Returns for the United Kingdom, by which means uniformity in the general accounts of the Empire will be ensured.

I have, therefore, to desire that you will instruct the Officers of Customs in the Colony under your Government, to close the Returns for the Christmas Quarter of 1854, and for the year 1855, on the 31st of December next, instead of the 5th of January following, and thenceforward regularly to make up the successive Quarterly Accounts of Trade, &c.,—to the 31st of March, 30th of June, 30th of September, and 31st of December of every year.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. RUSSELL.

Lieut. Governor Sir Gaspard LeMarchant.

PASSENGER ACT.

(Copy.)

(Circular.)

Downing Street, 23d January, 1856.

SIR—

Referring to the late Sir W. Molesworth's Circular Instruction of the 20th of September last, and to the Abstract which accompanied that Instruction, of the Passengers Act of 1855, I have to desire that you will expunge from the sixth article of that abstract, the following words, viz.: "Nor without the Master having given a Bond to the Crown."

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient, humble Servant,

LIGHT HOUSES.

(Circular.)

Downing Street, 6th September, 1855.

SIR—

I have to communicate to you, for your information as to the views of Her Majesty's Government, and in order that you may bring them, whenever occasion shall require, under the consideration of your Executive Council, the following observations and proposal on the subject of Colonial Lights.

2. The great importance of a well-ordered system of Colonial Lights to the Trade and Shipping of the British Empire, has suggested to Her Majesty's Government the propriety of inviting the co-operation and assistance of the Local Authorities in the Colonies, in order to bring about a more efficient and more economical system of management in the erection and maintenance of Colonial Lights than that which at present exists.

3. Since the passing of the "Shipping Law Amendment Act" in 1853, the control of the Lights of the United Kingdom has been vested in the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade.

4. It is proposed to apply the information and experience which the Board of Trade has acquired under that arrangement in assisting the Colonial Governments to effect such improvements in the management of their Lights as may be found desirable.

5. The accompanying printed Memorandum, which has been prepared by the Board of Trade, with the assistance of the Elder Brethren of the Trinity House, fully explains the nature and extent of the assistance and information which that Department is prepared to afford to the Colonial Authorities, as well as the steps to be taken by those Authorities for obtaining such assistance and information.

6. In addition to the assistance which the Board of Trade are prepared to give as above mentioned, the "Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act" recently passed, a copy of which I enclose, contains a provision for enabling Her Majesty, by Order in Council, to fix Dues to be paid for Colonial Lights. The nature and objects of this provision you will find fully explained in a Letter from the Board of Trade to this Department, dated 15th August, of which a copy is also herewith enclosed.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient, humble Servant,

Office

*Office of Committee of Privy Council for Trade,
Whitehall, 15th August, 1855.*

SIR—

With reference to your Letter of the 6th instant, I am directed by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, to transmit to you for distribution to the various Colonies, the accompanying copies of the printed Memorandum relating to Lighthouses and Light Vessels in the Colonies.

My Lords have not before replied to the abovementioned Letter, as it appeared to them that it would be desirable, in transmitting the Memorandum in question to the Colonial Authorities, to call the attention of the Governors and other Officers to those provisions of "The Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1855," which relate to the collection of dues for the maintenance and erection of Colonial Lights. If Secretary Sir William Molesworth should think such a course expedient, the following are points which will, in my Lords' opinion, require special attention.

1. That the object contemplated by the Imperial Legislature is to assist the Colonies in erecting and maintaining Lighthouses, by providing Funds for the purpose by means of Tolls levied on the ships which derive benefit from the Lights, whether those ships go to Ports in the Colony in which the Light is situate or not.

2. That the principle upon which the Tolls are to be fixed and collected is the same as that adopted in this country.

3. That provision is made for procuring advances for building, as well as an annual income for maintaining Lights.

4. That whilst no Colony can be required to levy a Tax against its will, the money when paid must, of necessity (being levied in different Colonies, as well as in the United Kingdom,) be under the control of the Imperial Government.

5. That it is not the wish or the intention of the Board of Trade, in administering any funds so levied, to interfere with the Local Authorities, who will still have the management of the Lights, except so far as may be necessary to insure proper accounts, and a proper expenditure of the public money.

6. That whenever any application is made for assistance towards erecting or maintaining a Light, the Governor of the Colony or Possession should send all the information in his power as to the number and tonnage of Vessels passing or deriving benefit from the Light, and the ports or places to or from which they trade. In giving this information, attention should be paid to the particular circumstances of the case, so that the Imperial Government may be enabled, in fixing the Toll, to determine what the amount should be, and at what ports it will be desirable to collect it. As a general rule, it will probably be found most convenient to collect the dues at the Port of Departure of the ship, rather than at the Port of Arrival, where both ports are British Ports, but the application of this rule must depend upon the circumstances of each case.

7. Where a Light is to be erected or maintained in one Colony, and Tolls will have to be taken in other Colonies, the communications from the first Colony should be so made as to enable Her Majesty's Government to communicate as early and as effectively as possible with the latter Colonies.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

T. H. FARRER.

H. Merivale, Esq., &c. &c. &c., Colonial Office.

Cap.

An Act to facilitate the Erection and Maintenance of Colonial Lighthouses, and otherwise to amend the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854.

(14th August, 1855.)

Whereas it is expedient to make provision for facilitating the Erection and Maintenance of Lighthouses in the British Possessions abroad, and otherwise to amend the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

I. This Act may be cited as "The Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1855," and shall be taken to be part of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, and shall be construed accordingly.

II. In any case in which any Lighthouse, Buoy, or Beacon has been or is hereafter erected or placed on or near the Coasts of any British Possession, by or with the consent of the Legislative Authority of such Possession, Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, fix such Dues in respect thereof, to be paid by the Owner or Master of every ship which passes the same or derives benefit therefrom, as Her Majesty may deem reasonable, and may in like manner from time to time increase, diminish, or repeal such Dues, and from the time specified in such order for the commencement of the Dues thereby fixed, increased, or diminished, the same shall be leviable throughout Her Majesty's Dominions, in manner hereinafter mentioned.

III. No such Dues as aforesaid shall be levied in any Colony unless and until the Legislative Authority in such Colony has, either by Address to the Crown, or by an Act or Ordinance duly passed, signified its opinion that the same ought to be levied in such Colony.

IV. The said Dues shall in the United Kingdom be collected by the same persons by whom, and by the same means, in the same manner, and subject to the same conditions, so far as circumstances permit, by, in, and subject to which the Light Dues leviable under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, are collected, and shall in each British Possession abroad be collected by such persons as the Governor of such Possession abroad may appoint for the purpose, and shall be collected by the same means, in the same manner, and subject to the same conditions, so far as circumstances permit, by, in, and subject to which the Light Dues leviable under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, are paid and collected, or by such other means, in such other manner, and subject to such other Conditions as the Legislative Authority in such Possession may direct.

V. All Dues levied under this Act shall be paid over to Her Majesty's Paymaster General, at such times and in such manner as the Board of Trade may direct, and shall be applied, paid, and dealt with by him, for the purposes hereinafter mentioned in such manner as such Board may direct.

VI. The Dues levied under the authority of this Act in respect of any such Lighthouse, Buoy, or Beacon as aforesaid shall, after deducting any expenses incurred in collecting the same, be applied for the purpose of paying the expenses incurred in erecting and maintaining such Lighthouse, Buoy, or Beacon, and for no other purpose whatever.

VII. For the purpose of constructing or repairing any such Lighthouse, Buoy, or Beacon as aforesaid, the Board of Trade may raise, upon the security of the Dues to be levied in respect thereof, such sums of money as they may deem fit; and the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, out of any monies which may be provided by Parliament, the Public Works Loan Commissioners, or any other person or body of persons may advance the same accordingly, such advances to be made in the same

manner, with the same powers, and subject to the same provisions, so far as circumstances permit, in, with, and subject to which, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, advances may be made upon the security of the Mercantile Marine Fund for the construction and repair of Lighthouses in the United Kingdom.

VIII. Accounts shall be kept of all sums expended in the construction, repair, or maintenance of every Lighthouse, Buoy, or Beacon in the British Possessions abroad for which Dues are levied under the authority of this Act, and of the Dues received in respect thereof, in such manner as the Board of Trade may direct, and shall be laid before Parliament annually; and the said Accounts shall be audited in such manner as Her Majesty may by Order in Council direct.

IX. Any person who, in any declaration made in the presence of or produced to any Registrar of Shipping, in pursuance of the Second Part of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, or in any Documents or other Evidence produced to such Registrar, wilfully makes, or assists in making, or procures to be made, any false statement concerning the title to or the ownership of or the interests existing in any ship, or any share or shares in any ship, or who utters, produces, or makes use of any declaration or document containing any such false statement, knowing the same to be false, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

X. Shares in ships registered under the said Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, shall be deemed to be included in the word "stock," as defined by the Trustee Act, 1850, and the Provisions of such last-mentioned Act shall be applicable to such shares accordingly.

XI. In any case in which any bill of sale, mortgage, or other instrument for the disposal or transfer of any ship or any share or shares therein or of any interest therein is made in any form or contains any particulars other than the form and particulars prescribed and approved for the purpose by or in pursuance of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, no Registrar shall be required to record the same without the express direction of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs.

XII. Upon the transfer of the registry of a ship from one port to another, the certificate of registry required by the Ninetieth Section of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, to be delivered up for that purpose, may be delivered up to the Registrar of either of such ports.

XIII. The Commissioners of Customs may, with the consent of the Board of Trade, exempt any Pleasure Yatch from the provision contained in the Thirty-fourth Section of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, which requires the name of every ship and the port to which she belongs to be painted on her stern.

XIV. The Owner of any ship which is measured under Rule II. contained in the Twenty-second Section of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, may at any subsequent period apply to the Commissioners of Customs to have the said ship remeasured under Rule I. contained in the Twenty-first Section of the same Act, and the said Commissioners may thereupon, and upon payment of such fee not exceeding seven shillings and sixpence for each transverse section as they may authorize, direct the said ship to be remeasured accordingly, and the number denoting the register tonnage shall be altered accordingly.

XV. The copy or transcript of the register of any British ship which is kept by the chief Registrar of Shipping at the Custom House in London, or by the Registrar General of Seamen, under the direction of Her Majesty's Commissioners of Customs or of the Board of Trade, shall have the same effect to all intents and purposes as the original register, of which the same is a copy or transcript.

XVI. The Board of Trade may issue instructions concerning the relief to be administered to distressed seamen and apprentices, in pursuance of the two hundred and eleventh and two hundred and twelfth sections of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854,

1854, and may by such instructions determine in what cases and under what circumstances and conditions such relief is to be administered; and all powers of recovering expenses incurred with respect to distressed seamen and apprentices, which by the two hundred and thirteenth section of the said Act are given to the Board of Trade, shall extend to all expenses incurred by any foreign Government for the purposes aforesaid, and repaid to such Government by Her Majesty's Government, and shall likewise extend to any expenses incurred by the conveying home such seamen or apprentices in foreign as well as British ships; and all provision concerning the relief of distressed seamen and apprentices, being subjects of Her Majesty, which are contained in the said sections of the said Act, and in this section, shall extend to such seamen and apprentices, not being subjects of Her Majesty, as are reduced to distress in foreign parts by reason of their having been shipwrecked, discharged, or left behind from any British ship; subject nevertheless to such modifications and directions concerning the cases in which relief is to be given to such foreigners, and the country to which they are to be sent, as the Board of Trade may, under the circumstances, think fit to make and issue.

XVII. The enactment of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, relating to Savings Banks shall apply to all seamen, and to their wives and families, whether such seamen belong to the Royal Navy or to the Merchant Service, or to any other Sea Service.

XVIII. Any Naval Court summoned, under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, to hear any complaint touching the conduct of the Master or any of the crew of any ship, shall, in addition to the powers given to it by the said Act, have power to try the said Master or any of the said crew for any offences against the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, in respect of which two Justices would, if the case were tried in the United Kingdom, have power to convict summarily, and by order duly made, to inflict the same punishments for such offences which two Justices might in the case aforesaid inflict upon summary conviction; provided, that in cases where an offender is sentenced to imprisonment, the sentence shall be confirmed in writing by the Senior Naval or Consular Officer present at the place where the Court is held, and the place of imprisonment, whether on land or on board ship, shall be approved by him as a proper place for the purpose, and copies of all sentences made by any Naval Court summoned to hear any such complaint as aforesaid, shall be sent to the Commander-in-Chief, or Senior Naval Officer of the Station.

XIX. Whenever any articles belonging to or forming part of any foreign ship which has been wrecked on or near the coasts of the United Kingdom, or belonging to or forming part of the cargo thereof, are found on or near such coasts, or are brought into any port in the United Kingdom, the Consul General of the country to which such ship, or, in the case of cargo, to which the owners of such cargo may have belonged, or any consular officer of such country authorized in that behalf by any treaty or agreement with such country, shall, in the absence of the owner of such ship or articles, and of the Master or other agent of the owner, be deemed to be the agent of the owner, so far as relates to the custody and disposal of such articles.

XX. In cases where services are rendered by officers or men of the Coast Guard Service in watching or protecting shipwrecked property, then, unless it can be shown that such services have been declined by the owner of such property, or his agent at the time they were tendered, or that Salvage has been claimed and awarded for such services, the owner of the shipwrecked property shall pay in respect of the said services remuneration according to a scale to be fixed by the Board of Trade, so, however, that such scale shall not exceed any scale by which payment to officers and men of the Coast Guard for extra duties in the ordinary service of the Commissioner of Customs is for the time being regulated; and such remuneration shall be recoverable by the same

same means, and shall be paid to the same persons, and accounted for and applied in the same manner as fees received by Receivers appointed under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854.

XXI. If any person, being a British subject, charged with having committed any crime or offence on board any British ship on the High Seas, or in any foreign port or harbor, or if any person, not being a British subject, charged with having committed any crime or offence on board any British ship on the High Seas, is found within the jurisdiction of any Court of Justice in Her Majesty's Dominions which would have had cognizance of such crime or offence, if committed within the limits of its ordinary jurisdiction, such Court shall have jurisdiction to hear and try the case, as if such crime or offence had been committed within such limits: Provided, that nothing contained in this section shall be construed to alter or interfere with the Act of the Thirteenth Year of Her present Majesty, Chapter Ninety-six.

XXII. It shall be the duty of the East India Company to take charge of and send home or otherwise provide for all persons, being Lascars or other Natives of the Territories under the Government of the said Company, who are found destitute in the United Kingdom; and if any such person is relieved and maintained by any guardians, overseers, or other person administering the Relief of the Poor, such overseers, guardians, or other persons may, by Letter sent through the Post, or otherwise, give notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of the Court of Directors of the East India Company, specifying, so far as is practicable, the following particulars, viz.:

1. The name of the person so relieved or maintained.
2. The Presidency or District, or part of the Territories of the East India Company of which he professes to be a native.
3. The name of the ship in which he was brought to the United Kingdom.
4. The port or place abroad from which such ship sailed, and the port or place in the United Kingdom at which such ship arrived, when he was so brought to the United Kingdom, and the time of such arrival.

And the said East India Company shall repay to the said Overseers, Guardians, or other persons, out of the revenues of the said Company, all monies duly expended by them in relieving or maintaining such destitute person, after the time at which such notice aforesaid is sent or otherwise given.

XXIII. It shall be lawful for any Master or Owner of a ship, or his agent, to enter into agreements with Lascars or Natives of the Territories of the East India Company, binding them to proceed to any port or ports in the United Kingdom, either as seamen or as passengers, and there to enter into a further agreement to serve as seamen in any ship which may happen to be there, and to be bound to any port in the Territories of the East India Company; provided, that every such original agreement shall be made in such form, and shall contain such provisions, and shall be executed in such manner and under such conditions for securing the return of such Lascars or Natives to their own country, and for other purposes, as the Governor General of India in Council, or the Governors of the respective Presidencies in which the original agreement is made, in Council may direct; and if any Lascar or other person who has bound himself by any such original agreement is, on arriving in the United Kingdom, required to enter into a further agreement to serve as a seaman in any ship bound to any port in the territories of the East India Company, and if it is certified by some officer appointed for that purpose by the East India Company that such further agreement is a proper agreement in all respects for such Lascar or other person to enter into, and is in accordance with the original agreement, and that the ship to which such further agreement relates is in all respects a proper ship for such Lascar or other person to serve in, and that there is not, in the opinion of such officer, any objection to the full performance of the said original agreement, such Lascar or other person shall be

be deemed to be engaged under such further agreement, and to serve as a seaman in the ship to which it relates, and shall thereupon be deemed to be for all purposes one of the crew of the ship; and for every Lascar or other person in respect of whom such Certificate is applied for, the person applying for the same shall pay to such officer as aforesaid such fee as the East India Company may appoint, not exceeding ten shillings.

XXIV. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to repeal or affect any provisions contained in the twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth, thirtieth, thirty-first, or thirty-fourth sections of the Act of the fourth year of King George the Fourth, Chapter Eighty, or in the sixteenth section of the Act of the eighteenth year of Her present Majesty, chapter one hundred and twenty.

PICKLED FISH.

Return of Pickled Fish Inspected in the several undermentioned Counties of Nova Scotia in the year 1855.

COUNTY.	SALMON.											
	Tier ces.				Barrels.				Half Barrels.			
	1	2	3	Rusty.	1	2	3	Rusty.	1	2	3	Rusty.
Cape Breton,	40	21										
Cumberland,					2	5						
Digby,												
Guysborough,					110	2			3	2		
Halifax,					1846	550	346	8	96	15	12	
Inverness,					91	3						
Lunenburg,												
Queen's County,					7							
Richmond,												
Shelburne,												
Sydney,					60	55	12		6			
Victoria,					167	6	2		3			
Yarmouth,						1						
Total,	40	21			2283	622	360	8	108	17	12	

	MACKEREL.—BARRELS.									
	1	2	Med. 2	3	Med. 3	4	Small.	Rusty.	Sour.	
Cape Breton,	540	170		40						
Cumberland,										
Digby,	1	3		522		15				
Guysborough,	1831	1297	2889	4486	4215	9	267			
Halifax,	2263	2798	9146	13541	58479	482	265	66	36	
Inverness,	316	242	906	1570	152					
Lunenburg,	137	132	1150	196	16000	18				
Queen's County,	26	19	610	83	739		5			
Richmond,	277	74	178	1561	1921					
Shelburne,	30	26	347	178	1078	20	10			
Sydney,			150	120						
Victoria,	539	182	405	419	729	10	230			
Yarmouth,	2		52	179	1040	57	343			
Total,	5962	4943	15833	22895	84353	611	1120	66	36	

PICKLED FISH.

MACKEREL.—HALF BARRELS.									
	1	2	Med. 2	3	Med. 3	4	Small.	Rusty.	Sour.
Cape Breton, Cumberland, Digby, Guysborough, Halifax, Inverness, Lunenburg, Queen's County, Richmond, Shelburne, Sydney, Victoria, Yarmouth,	13 35 10 20 1 54	2 2 181 14 3	4 91 12 4	6 91 2	287 112 15 1 30	6	3		
Total,	133	202	111	105	445	6	3		

HERRING.											
	Barrels round.		Hf barrels round.		Barrels split.			Half barrels split.		Bls. bulk.	
	1	2	1	2	1	2	Rsty	1	2	1	2
Cape Breton, Cumberland, Digby, Guysborough, Halifax, Inverness, Lunenburg, Queen's County, Richmond, Shelburne, Sydney, Victoria, Yarmouth,	460 396 13340 236 61 677	100 156	8		555 10694 3104 1307 1425 2085 1500	26 6		987 296		2	6155 220 714 100
Total,	15170	728	8		20670	1174	60	1451		3	6869 320

ALEWIVES.

	Barrels.			Half Barrels.		
	1	2	Rusty.	1	2	Rusty.
Guysborough, Halifax, Inverness, Queen's County, Richmond, Shelburne, Yarmouth,	858 964 750 6 84 30 800	2 11 44½ 4		4 4 4	1 3	
Total,	3492	61½		12	4	

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

DR. *The Province of Nova-Scotia in Account Current with the Receiver General
from 1st January to 31st December, 1855, inclusive.*

1855.

December 31.	To Cash paid	Advances, per Abstract,	£1311	4	6
	"	Chairman Board of Works, do.	23250	0	0
	"	Criminal Prosecutions, do.	298	2	5
	"	Coroners' Inquests, do.	350	0	0
	"	Drawback of Duties, do.	3860	19	7
	"	Erection of Oat Mills, do.	75	0	0
	"	General Education, do.	17738	18	6
	"	Judiciary Expenses, do.	323	3	4
	"	Legislative Expenses, do.	6969	0	11
	"	Miscellaneous Expenses, do.	4098	13	7
	"	Militia Expenses, do.	510	5	4
	"	Piers and Breakwaters, do.	1619	6	2
	"	Post Communication, do.	5619	12	4
	"	Poor Asylum, do.	2550	0	0
	"	Provincial Railway, do.	43771	17	6
	"	Public Printing, do.	1287	6	9
	"	Revenue Expenses, do.	8488	5	5
	"	Rations to Troops, do.	24	3	0
	"	Support of Indians, do.	277	15	0
	"	Support of Agriculture, do.	2167	16	8
	"	Support of Transient Poor, do.	223	10	9
	"	Do. Packets, Steamboats and Ferries, do.	1100	0	0
	"	Salaries to Officers of Government, do.	15655	4	2
	"	Prothonotaries, do.	46	19	1
	"	Wrecks, do.	2223	18	8
	"	Interest, do.	3424	5	6
	"	St. Peter's Canal, do.	3060	0	0
			£150,325	9	2

ROAD SERVICE.

1855.

December 31.	To Cash paid for	Road Advances,	£1803	19	7
	"	Road Compensation,	885	19	4
	"	Old Road Votes,	1557	19	8
	"	Annapolis,	2022	17	0
	"	Colchester,	2364	0	8
	"	Cumberland,	2166	1	1
	"	Cape Breton,	2832	11	5
	"	Digby,	1876	0	0
	"	Guysborough,	1788	3	3
	"	Halifax,	3471	7	11
	"	Hants,	2770	6	10

To

<i>To amount brought forward—</i>		£150,325	9	2
December 31.	To Cash paid for Inverness,	£2526	17	11
	“ King’s,	1913	9	1
	“ Lunenburg,	2418	17	3
	“ Pictou,	2568	17	8
	“ Queens,	1876	8	0
	“ Richmond,	1756	2	0
	“ Sydney,	2481	19	6
	“ Shelburne,	2018	7	9
	“ Victoria,	1841	6	5
	“ Yarmouth,	2496	2	0
			45,437	14 4
			195,763	3 6
	To Balance,		23,730	3 10
			£219,493	7 4

Examined and found correct.

SAMUEL CREELMAN,
Financial Secretary.

1855.

Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.	By Balance at this date,	CR.	£11,226	0	8
	Cash received for Colonial Duties, viz. :—				
	From Halifax,	£90050	0	0	
	“ Annapolis,	958	7	8	
	“ Amherst,	871	10	0	
	“ Antigonish,	117	0	0	
	“ Argyle, (Tusket),	235	18	11	
	“ Arichat,	966	19	4	
	“ Advocate Harbour,	2	10	0	
	“ Barrington,	221	7	0	
	“ Beaver River,	24	10	5	
	“ Bridgetown,	482	17	5	
	“ Cornwallis,	690	17	5	
	“ Cape Canso,	71	15	9	
	“ Canada Creek,	536	8	1	
	“ Clements Port,	229	0	6	
	“ Church Point, Clare,	338	14	2	
	“ Digby,	1483	7	0	
	“ Guysborough,	15	8	2	
	“ Givan’s Wharf,				
	“ Great Bras d’Or,	279	15	2	
	“ Horton,	473	1	11	
	“ Hants Port,	141	6	5	
	“ Harbour Bouchie,	10	19	6	
	“ Joggins,	105	7	6	
	“ Lunenburg,	129	1	8	
	“ Liverpool,	1385	4	11	
	“ Londonderry,	441	4	5	
	“ LaHave,	245	4	1	

Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.	From Maitland,	£342	6	5	
	“ McNair’s Cove,	29	10	7	
	“ Margaree,	9	0	0	
	“ Pictou,	4495	9	9	
	“ Pugwash,	147	4	0	
	“ Port Hood,	83	18	1	
	“ Parrsborough,	74	2	10	
	“ Pubnico,	90	17	11	
	“ Ragged Islands,	358,	7	9	
	“ Sydney, C. B.	574	3	8	
	“ Shelburne,	147	13	2	
	“ St. Mary’s River,	37	7	7	
	“ Ship Harbour,	73	2	6	
	“ Sheet Harbour,	5	17	10	
	“ Sandy Cove,	54	0	2	
	“ St. Ann’s,	12	2	6	
	“ Truro,	657	16	11	
	“ Tatamagouche,	67	15	2	
	“ Thorne’s Cove,	132	16	7	
	“ Windsor,	1397	3	1	
	“ Westport,	248	10	0	
	“ Weymouth,	87	8	7	
	“ Wilmot,	636	10	4	
	“ Wallace,	65	18	10	
	“ Walton,	64	0	0	
	“ Yarmouth,	4054	17	0	
	“ French Cross,	175	11	3	
	“ Bridgeport,	15	0	0	
	“ Light, Strait of Canso,	534	2	6	
	“ Do. Cape Canso,	85	15	9	
	“ Halifax, Light Duty,	2198	2	10	
	“ North Sydney,	889	1	9	
	“ Port Medway,	19	0	0	
					118,372 12 9
	By Cash received from Canada, for their proportion of ex- pense of St. Paul’s and Scat- tarie Light Houses, for 1854 and 1855,				1255 16 0
	Ditto New Brunswick, for their proportion of expense of St. Paul’s and Scattarie Light Houses, for 1854, 1855,				769 13 7
	Ditto Prince Edward’s Island, for their proportion of ex- pense of St. Paul’s and Scat- tarie Light Houses, 1855,				22 17 6
	Do. Distilleries, for License granted,				7025 0 0
	Casual Revenue, Rent of Mines, Royalty,	£3751	5	0	
		8285	8	2	
					12036 13 2
					Jan.

Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.	Do. Crown Land Department, for Land sold,	£5500	0	0
	Do. for Fees from the Secretary's Office,	831	5	2
	Do. from Savings' Bank,	21500	0	0
	Do. Board of Revenue,	200	0	0
	Do. the Lords of the Treasury, and other sources towards support of Sable Island,	2719	10	2
	Do. Copyright,	20	4	0
	Do. Passenger Head Money,	61	2	0
	Do. Troops en route,	0	4	6
	Do. Fines and Forfeitures,	30	15	0
	Do. Treasury Notes,	34000	0	0
	Do. this sum from Prothonotaries,	101	19	0
	Do. Miscellaneous Expenses,	338	17	7
	Do. this sum received on account of wrecks,	2223	18	8
	Do this sum for interest,	256	17	7
	Do. this sum for Mill Property,	1000	0	0
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		£219,493	7	4
	Balance brought down,	23730	3	10

Receiver General's Office,
Halifax, 31st December, 1855. }

JAMES McNAB, Receiver General.

Examined and found correct,

SAMUEL CREELMAN, Financial Secretary.

PROVINCIAL RAILROAD.

DR. *The Provincial Railway in Account Current to 31st December, 1855, with the Receiver-General.*

1855.

March 31.	To Cash paid the Commissioners from 2nd January to 31st March, inclusive,	£16000	0	0
June 30.	Cash paid the Commissioners from 7th April to 30th June, inclusive,	26000	0	0
Sept. 30.	Cash paid the Commissioners from 12th July to 30th September, inclusive,	26000	0	0
Dec. 31.	Cash paid the Commissioners from 1st October to 31st December, inclusive,	53000	0	0
Oct. 26.	Cash paid Baring, Brothers, & Co., for account due to them by the Commissioners,	25710	5	2
March 31.	Cash paid salary of Chief Engineer,	234	7	6
" "	Do. do. do. Chairman,	175	0	0
April 16.	Do. do. do. five Commissioners to 31st March, 1855, one year,	1000	0	0
June 30.	Cash paid salary of Chief Engineer,	234	7	6
" "	Do. do. do. Chairman,	175	0	0
				July

July 6.	Do. a quarter's salary of Commissioners to 30th June,	£250	0	0
Sept. 30.	Do. paid salary of Chief Engineer,	234	7	6
" "	Do. do. do. Chairman,	175	0	0
Oct. 19.	Do. paid a quarter's salary of Commissioners to 30th December,	250	0	0
Dec. 31.	Cash paid salary of Chief Engineer,	234	7	6
" "	Do. do. do. Chairman,	175	0	0
Oct. 9.	Do. interest to Bank of Nova Scotia, to 31st July on money borrowed,	405	9	3
	Cash paid expense of importing 10,000 Sovereigns, at $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.	93	15	0
	Cash paid interest on money received previous to 1st of July, for debenture bonds to be issued,	15	4	8
Dec. 1.	This amount charged Baring, Brothers, & Co. for interest on broken periods, to 1st December,	3226	0	4
" 31.	This amount credited Baring, Brothers, & Co. for interest due on bonds, to 31st December, as per contra,	5362	10	0
" "	Cash paid cost of engraving bonds in London, freight, &c.	229	8	10
	Balance carried down,	27149	16	0
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		£186,329	19	3

1855.

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Feb. 5.	By Cash from Provincial Revenue,	£10000	0	0
June 20.	Ditto, ditto,	8200	0	0
June 30.	Ditto, ditto,	3200	0	0
July 17.	Ditto, ditto,	4400	0	0
Dec. 28.	Ditto, ditto,	17971	17	6
	By Cash paid for 19 Debenture Bonds issued in Halifax, £500 sterling each,	9500	0	0
	By Cash received for 39 Bonds issued for £100 stg. each, Exchange, $\frac{1}{4}$,	3900	0	0
		3350	0	0
	By Cash received for premium on £2100 stg. of the above Bonds, at 5 per cent.	105	0	0
	Exchange, $\frac{1}{4}$,	26	5	0
	By Cash from Baring, Brothers, & Co., on account of Bonds for £150,000 stg., sold them at par, £73,021 9s. 7d., sterling,	91276	17	0
	Ditto, for this amount charged the Railway Board, as per contra,	25710	5	2
Dec. 1.	By this amount charged Baring, Brothers, & Co., for interest allowed by them on Bonds for broken periods, between July and 1st December,	3226	0	4
" 31.	By this amount from Baring, Brothers, & Co., for interest due on Bonds to 31st December, 1855, charged to interest, as per contra,	5362	10	0
				Dec.

By Cash for interest on Bonds issued in Halifax for broken periods, between the 1st July and 31st December, 1855,

£101	4	3
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£186329	19	3

1855.

Dec. 31. By Balance brought down,	£27149	16	0
31st December, 1855.			

JAMES McNAB, Receiver General.

DR. *Balance to 31st of December, 1855.*

Folio.	1 Rail Road (Commissioners),	£206075	17	8
	7 Cash,	27149	16	0
	36 Baring, Brothers, & Co. of London,	68376	8	2
	40 Interest Account,	2549	14	4
	41 Expense Account,	229	8	10
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		£304,381	5	0

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Folio.	23 Provincial Revenue,	£100000	0	0
	34 Debenture Bonds, Nova Scotia,	16750	0	0
	35 Debenture Bonds, London,	187500	0	0
	42 Premium Account,	131	5	0
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		£304,381	5	0

Receiver General's Office, 31st December, 1855.

JAMES McNAB, R. G.

The Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, appointed to examine the Public Accounts, beg leave to report as follows:

That they have carefully examined the various Accounts and Vouchers submitted to them, and find the same correct.

Your Committee observe that the Revenue of the past year, derived from Impost and Excise Duties, including the Duties on Distillery Licenses, amounts to £94,538 8s. 6d., Sterling.

The Revenue of the year 1854, from the same sources, amounted to £104,142 15s. 1d., shewing a difference in favour of the year 1854 of £9,604 6s. 7d., Sterling.

The Revenue from the same sources for 1853 amounted to £83,969 16s. 3d., which shews a balance in favour of 1855 over 1853 of £10,569 12s. 3d., Sterling.

The principal articles on which the decrease, during the past year, has taken place, are the Goods chargeable with $2\frac{1}{2}$ and $6\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. ad valorem duties; the deficiency on these two items of the Tariff amounts to £9,647 12s. 5d., or a sum exceeding the whole decrease of the year by £43 5s. 10d.

A further decrease of £2,170 1s. 2d., arises from the exceptions of the Reciprocity Treaty, but this is more than balanced by the additional Duties arising from Distilleries, Molasses, Tea, and Leather.

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The Light Duties collected in 1855, amounted to £5,767 2s. 0d. currency, equal to £4,613 13s. 7d. sterling. This branch of the revenue, therefore, shows a decrease as compared with 1854, of £834 4s. 0d. sterling. It is to be observed, however, that no returns have been received from the Collector at the Strait of Canso since 30th June, 1855, and that from this source a sum of £500 sterling, or thereabouts, ought to be forthcoming on the average of preceeding years; and if this were counted, the actual decrease of the Light Duties would be inconsiderable.

Your Committee feel it their duty to call the attention of the House and the Government to this neglect of the Collector at Canso, and think that no further delay should occur in having the accounts of that officer placed on a satisfactory footing.

They observe that orders, amounting to the sum of £1069 17s. 10d. given by masters of vessels in payment of Light Duties, upon their owners or consignees, have accumulated in the hands of this officer to the 31st December, 1854. In addition to this sum the returns of the officer for the past year, when made, will, in all probability, add largely to the amount of this unsatisfactory debt. It is exceedingly doubtful whether any part of it will ever be received, and your Committee, observing the unsatisfactory nature of this service, beg to recommend that the Government should adopt some more efficient mode of collecting the Light Duties at the Strait of Canso, or else abandon their collection there.

By the Account Current of the Receiver General, printed in the Appendix, page 68, it appears that the balance in the hands of that officer on the 31st December, 1855, amounted to £23,730 3s. 10d; the balance in his hands on the 31st December, 1854, was £11,226 0s. 8d.

The Committee subjoin a statement of the amounts due on the 31st December, 1855, from the various Collectors of Impost, Excise, and Light Duties, by which it appears there was due from those officers at that day the sum of £5,104 15s. 11d. Since that period there has been paid into the Treasury the sum of £4,595 7s. 11d., leaving a balance of £509 8s. still due by those officers. This amount is independent of what may be due from the Collector of Light Duties at the Strait of Canso, and also from the Collector of Cornwallis for the Quarter ending 31st December last, of which no returns have yet been received, and which ought to be called for without delay.

LIGHT, IMPOST & EXCISE.

Balances due by Collectors 31st December, 1855.

Since paid.			
£135 12 5	Halifax,		£135 12 5
20 7 9	Halifax Light,		20 7 9
15 0 0	Advocate Harbor,		23 19 2
458 12 7	Amherst,		459 4 3
120 18 8	Annapolis,		190 18 7
118 0 0	Antigonish,		122 2 9
75 17 6	Arichat,		133 18 7
49 18 11	Barrington,		49 18 11
	Do. late Collector,	£24 16 10	
12 12 10	Beaver River,		12 12 10
145 0 4	Bridgetown,		145 0 4
	Bridgeport,		0 18 3
95 8 6	Canada Creek		95 8 6
108 16 6	Church Point,		108 8 5
61 0 0	Clementsport,		61 0 0

£0 10 10	Cornwallis,	£0 10 10
85 0 0	Cape Canso,	
	Canso Strait, McKeen,	
	Do. Hadley, old balance, £46 1 5	
493 6 9	Digby,	493 6 9
63 9 0	French Cross,	63 9 0
5 0 1	Great Bras d'Or,	6 7 10
	Guysborough, late Collector,	5 7 2
23 9 1	Hantsport,	23 9 1
9 0 0	Harbour au Buchie,	10 8 4
100 0 0	Horton,	161 19 1
99 9 10	Joggins Mines,	99 9 10
124 15 0	LaHave,	124 15 0
423 18 10	Liverpool,	423 17 8
	Do. J. Newton, old balance, £40 1 9	
169 5 6	Londonderry,	169 5 9
0 13 0	Lunenburg,	0 13 0
92 19 5	Maitland,	92 19 5
20 7 2	McNair's Cove,	20 7 2
267 2 5	North Sydney,	274 4 10
	Parrsborough,	286 1 4
117 0 8	Pictou,	117 0 8
9 7 11	Port Hood,	9 7 11
70 0 0	Port Medway,	110 3 1
	Do. Late Collector,	2 16 7
8 16 11	Pubnico,	8 16 11
116 9 0	Pugwash,	116 17 1
9 3 2	Ragged Islands,	9 3 2
65 0 0	Sydney, C. B.	90 0 2
5 7 6	Sandy Cove,	4 13 10
	Sheet Harbor,	10 18 6
25 12 3	Shelburne,	25 12 3
	Ship Harbor,	16 8 6
2 1 3	St. Ann's,	2 1 3
11 1 10	Tatamagouche,	11 1 10
19 3 1	Thorne's Cove,	19 3 1
165 19 2	Truro,	165 19 2
	Do. late Collector,	6 3 8
63 6 3	Tusket,	63 8 4
12 15 5	Wallace,	13 11 8
5 12 10	Walton,	5 12 10
35 0 0	Westport,	33 12 9
58 19 1	Weymouth,	59 1 1
206 10 0	Wilmot,	275 12 2
	Windsor,	5 14 0
122 8 8	Yarmouth,	119 19 0
<u>£4,595 7 11</u>		<u>£5,104 15 11</u>

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This statement is, upon the whole, satisfactory. On the 31st December, 1854, the amount in the hands of the same Officers was £7364 18s. 3d., and the payments made before the Committee on Public Accounts reported, amounted to £6724 4s. 6d., reducing the balance in the hands of the Collectors to £640 13s. 9d.

In reference to the foregoing Account, your Committee call the attention of the House to the amount due by the Collector at Parrsborough; this sum ought to be paid into the revenue without further delay.

The amounts paid into the Treasury during the year 1855, from the Casual and Territorial Revenue, are as follows:

Abstract of sums received on account of Casual Revenue, between the 1st January and 31st December, 1855.

1855.

Jany. 11.—By received for half year's Rent of Coal Mines,	£1875	0	0		
May 7.—Do. for Royalty on Coal Mines,	5133	7	3		
Do. do.	3152	0	11		
July 24.—Do. half year's Rent do.	1875	0	0		
“ Do. one year's Lease, Duke of York's Rent,	1	5	0		
				£12,036	13 2
Jany. 16.—Do. Fees from Secretary's Office,	217	15	0		
June 2.—Do. do.	200	0	0		
July 21.—Do. do.	52	10	2		
July 28.—Do. do.	100	0	0		
Dec. 11.—Do. do.	261	0	0		
				831	5 2
Jany. 23.—Do. Commissioner of Crown Lands,	£1500	0	0		
March 24.—Do. do.	1000	0	0		
July 11.—Do. do.	2000	0	0		
Sept. 19.—Do. do.	1000	0	0		
				5500	0 0
				£18,367	18 4

The gross proceeds of the lands sold and applied for during 1855, amount to £10,184 3s. 6. The nett proceeds, after deducting the monies returned to applicants and charges, amounted to,

£6,687 4 9

Add to this the balance in hand, 31st December, 1854,

31 10 3

£6,718 15 0

Of which has been paid into the Treasury,

5,500 0 0

Leaving in the hands of the Commissioner, since paid over,

£1,218 15 0

The whole Revenue for 1855 may be stated as follows:

Statement of the Provincial Revenue for the year 1855.

Impost and Excise Duties, including Licenses to Distilleries,	£118,173	0	7
Light Duties,	5,767	2	0
Due from Provincial Secretary's Office for Fees,	858	12	5
Crown Land Department,	6,687	4	9
Mining Association, including the sum of £3,152 0 11, due for Slack Coal raised in 1851, 1852, and 1853,	12,466	15	0
	£143,952	14	9

The whole Revenue of 1854 may be stated as follows :

Statement of the Provincial Revenue for the year 1854.

Impost and Excise Duties, including Licenses to Distilleries,	£130,178	8	10
Light Duties,	6,809	17	0
Due from Provincial Secretary's Office for Fees,	809	11	2
Crown Land Department,	11,127	19	4
Mining Association,	9,198	6	0
	<u>£158,124</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>

The amounts expended during the past year, in different departments of the public service, are as follows :

1st. The expenditure of the Board of Public Works is exhibited in the following general abstract, which shows also the different sources from which the monies expended by them have been received, and also sets forth a balance of £5,804 6s. 7d. due to the Board on the 31st December, 1855.

DR. *Province of Nova-Scotia in account with the Board of Works.*
1854.

Dec. 31.—To balance due to date,		£4,279	19	2
Hospital for Insane,	£2,836	13	9	
Penitentiary,	1,214	10	0	
Sable Island,	1,304	4	6	
Daring,	702	19	11	
Acadienne,	3,440	8	0	
Light House Service, including St. Paul's and Scattarie,	10,060	3	0	
Public Buildings,	4,873	8	10	
Board of Works Salaries,	637	9	0	
Advertising, Post Office, and various charges,	59	12	4	
Amount paid to Receiver General for Govt. Houses, Sable Island, &c. &c.	2,219	10	2	
		<u>27,348</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>6</u>
		£31,628	18	8
1855.—Dec. 31.—To balance brought down,		5,804	6	7
1854.				CR.
Dec. 31.—By cash from Receiver General for 1854,		£4,279	19	2
Do. do. for 1855,		18,970	0	10
Do. from Penitentiary,	13	16	6	
Do. from Daring,	380	7	2	
By amount of Acadienne's freight,	30	0	0	
Received from Sable Island,	1,970	11	3	
" " from Light House service,	109	2	9	
" " from Public Buildings,	70	14	5	
		<u>2,574</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>1</u>
By balance carried down,		5,804	6	7
		<u>£31,628</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>8</u>

Halifax, N. S. 31st December, 1855.

H. BELL, C. B. W.

Your Committee feel it proper to notice that they have observed in the Accounts of the Board of Works some small charges which they think unnecessary, and they cannot recommend too strongly the necessity of the most rigid economy in respect of a department charged with such large disbursements.

2dly. The expenditure by the Commissioners of St. Peters Canal is exhibited in the following statement :

DR. *The Province of Nova-Scotia in account with the Commrs. of St. Peters Canal, 1855.*

Dec. 31.—To paid G. T. Handley as compensation for damage to Barn, Forge, &c.	£30	0	0
paid McLeod, Contractor, for removing Buildings, &c. from Canal ground,	70	0	0
paid McKenzie, Surveyor, per bill,	2	18	0
paid Ward, for Advertising,	1	5	0
paid A. McPherson, for debrz Tools,	0	12	0
paid Construction of Bridge,	66	3	4
paid John McLeod, Contractor, for excavating 39,600 cubic yards, at 1s. 1d., £2145, less 6 per cent. re- served, £128 15s. 3d.	2016	4	9
paid C. W. Folsam, Engineer, per Account,	266	11	11½
paid David Landry, Ferryman,	4	11	0
paid George E. Jean, Esq., Registrar,	0	8	0
Commission on £2458 14s., at 5 per cent.,	122	18	8
Balance remaining in Bank of Nova-Scotia to credit of Commissioners,	448	7	3½
	£3,030	0	0

1855.

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Dec. 31.—By amounts placed to our credit with Bank Nova-Scotia by Receiver General,	£3,000	0	0
“ amount of Tools, sold to Contractor,	30	0	0
	£3,030	0	0

Errors and omissions Excepted.

JAMES McLEOD;
ISAAC LEVISCONTE, } Commissioners of
THOMAS H. FULLER, } St. Peters Canal.

Arichat, December 31, 1855.

By this it appears that the sum expended in 1855 was,	£2,581	12	8½
The amount paid to Captain Barry,	60	0	0
Add the expenditure in 1854,	1,508	0	0
And the whole expenditure in this service is,	£4,149	12	8½

There is a balance in the hands of the Commissioners of £448 7s. 3½d. to their credit, in the Bank of Nova-Scotia.

The expenditure on the Railway by the Commissioners during the past year has been, £146,194 5 0½
 In the year 1854 it was, 56,288 2 6

Making in all, £202,482 7 6½

There has been paid to the Commissioners by the Receiver General, to 31st December, 1855, 206,075 17 8

Leaving in the hands of the Board at that day in Cash, £3,593 10 1½

Of the sum paid by the Receiver General on account of the Railway, there has been supplied from the new issue of Notes, £45,000 0 0

From the Savings' Bank loan, 42,000 0 0

From the General Revenue, 13,000 0 0

Amounting in all to £100,000 0 0

The remaining sum of 106,075 17 8

has been drawn, 1st, from the proceeds of Provincial Debentures sold within the Province; and 2dly, from those sold to Baring & Brothers. £206,075 17 8

Of the proceeds of the latter Debentures, the sum of about £100,000 remains still available.

Your Committee subjoin a Balance Sheet, exhibiting the state of the Books of the Commissioners to the 31st December, 1855.

Balance, December, 1855.

	Dr.	Cr.
1 Cash,	£78 17 0½	
7 Bank,	3,514 13 1	
20 The Receiver General,		£206,075 17 8
26 Premium and Discount,		73 11 9½
36 Baring, Brothers, & Co.,		12,408 15 8½
58 Wheelbarrows,	23 15 4½	
67 Insurance account,	150 7 6	
72 Sleepers,	2,576 7 11	
89 Materials,	330 3 0	
96 Iron Rails,	45,684 16 0	
103 William Marshall,		62 10 0
105 Office Furniture,	153 12 8	
115 Firewood,	143 9 8½	
122 Station House, &c. at Terminus,	1,444 4 7	
124 Spikes,	1,330 14 4½	
126 Iron Chairs,	10,582 9 0½	
132 Permanent Way,	54,535 6 7	
140 Switches and Crossings,	998 19 10½	
141 Keys,	1,324 14 4	
142 Wharf,	618 17 1	
143 Gunpowder,	22 14 4	
147 Creelman & Co.,	18,278 3 11½	
148 Pickford & Co.,	59 6 6	
157 Elias Woodworth,	0 1 6	
161 Rolling Stock,	13,082 16 2	
167 William McCully		48 11 7
174 Thomas Hanright,	27 10 0	

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

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176	Omnibuses,	£329	3	0			
184	John Stairs,				£220	1	7
188	Interest account,				112	15	7½
149	Joseph Jennings & Son,				59	10	8
151	Thomson & Esson,				15	15	0
191	Sawing Machine,	392	15	0			
192	Blacksmith shop,	81	19	1½			
193	Wm. Grant,	2,514	0	3			
194	Robert Graham,	130	0	0			
198	Governor's Farm,				9	3	2
199	Thomas Shey,	64	17	6			
202	Robert Caudle & Co.	1,774	12	7			
203	Bridge at Sackville,	2,937	10	4½			
205	Wm. Fairbairn & Sons, Manchester,	1,000	0	0			
210	Wm. Adams,	435	9	9½			
213	Wheels and axles per "Plantagenet,"	479	11	5½			
215	Brickmaking machine,	936	10	2½			
218	Station at Sackville,	519	2	7½			
221	Stairs, Son, & Morrow,				89	1	2
222	Black, McDonald, and Irons,	21,297	9	0			
230	Survey into Halifax,	10	15	6			
232	Angus Campbell,				1	2	6
234	Executive Government,	306	2	3			
240	Scows,	77	10	0			
244	King, Bros.,	13	18	9			
248	Lumber, Timber, &c.,	586	19	9½			
252	Revenue,				901	18	3
256	Thomas Foot,	51	0	0			
268	McDonald & Simpson,	48	2	10			
270	Uniforms, Guards, &c.,	2	15	3			
272	Mitchell,	5	0	0			
278	Contract No. 4, Trunk Line,	1,388	12	6			
282	Station at Nine Mile House,	3	10	8			
288	Express Waggons,	66	12	2½			
290	Johnson & Dimock,	223	14	4			
294	Blacksmith Shop at Sackville,	44	2	2			
306	Cameron & Co., Contract No. 4, W. Branch,	12,832	0	0			
314	Do. do. General Account,	204	18	0			
332	Thomas Gahegan,	185	13	10			
334	Locomotive & Cars,				22	2	7
338	Cameron & Co. Contract No. 3, W. Branch,	2,238	0	0			
342	McDonald & Simpson, No. 5, Do.	2,141	0	0			
346	Contract No. 3,	137	5	3			
348	Embankment across Rocky Lake,	833	6	8			
352	Bridge at Fletcher's,	722	1	0½			
356	Chairs and Spikes, per "Highland Mary,"	1,382	8	9			
358	Henry Yeomans,				37	15	0
360	Edward Goudge,				47	17	6
362	Cameron & Co., Contract No. 1, W. Branch,	2,145	0	0			
366	Contract at Sackville Bridge,	159	7	10½			
370	New Engine House,	64	16	0			
372	Alexander Stewart,				162	10	0
374	Freight of Iron,	653	4	8½			

376	McDonald & Simpson, Contract 2,	2,094	0	0			
380	Donald Fraser,	3,726	6	2			
382	Alexander Moir,	32	10	0			
383	Rock Cutting, Contract 4,	188	9	11			
384	John Kennedy,	8	0	0			
385	James Bowes & Son,				78	12 3	
378	P. M. Cunningham,				6	9 0½	
386	George Smithers,				36	14 3	
388	Freight of Iron up the road,	38	9	4			
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		£220,470	15	4	£220,470	15 4	

Halifax, 31st December, 1855.

Errors and omissions excepted,

JOHN MORROW.

Your Committee have enquired into the expenditure of the monies granted for the Colored Population, which amounted to the sum of £190, as per annexed abstract, but there are no vouchers for the expenditure, except for Halifax.

Cumberland has received its grant, and sent vouchers since 31st December, 1855.

Granted to Colored Population, and drawn previous to 31st December, 1855.

Hants County,	£10	0	0
Queen's "	10	0	0
Yarmouth "	10	0	0
Guysboro' "	10	0	0
Annapolis "	10	0	0
Sydney "	10	0	0
Shelburne "	10	0	0
Digby "	10	0	0
Kings "	10	0	0
Halifax,	100	0	0
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	£190	0	0

1856. Jany 30.—Paid Cumberland County,

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Your Committee report a list of undrawn monies, exclusive of Road Grants, to 31st December, 1855.

Undrawn Monies, 31st December, 1855.

Ferries,	£1,359	10	0
Bahama Grant,	17	7	5
Salaries,	4,127	10	0
Education,	661	2	3
Revenue Expenses,	3,430	0	0
Agriculture,	79	3	4
Navigation Securities,	2,770	2	6
Post Communication,	574	14	1
Lunatic Asylum,	9,913	6	3
River Fisheries,	435	0	0
Road Compensation,	170	0	0
Drawbacks,	24	16	10
Public Printing,	6	10	0
Transient Paupers,	2	1	3
Militia,	520	0	0

Grant to two blind children,	£25	0	0
Furniture to Government House,	1,170	1	1
Dawson's Work on Agriculture,	150	0	0
	<u>£25,436</u>	5	0

Your Committee also report a list of monies undrawn for Roads.

UNDRAWN ROAD MONIES,—31ST DECEMBER, 1855.

ANNAPOLIS.

No. 38 Philip Dukeshire,	1853,	£7	10	0
132 Josiah S. Harris,	"	10	0	0
27 Elliot Sproul,	1854,	25	0	0
74 John Munro,	"	2	2	2
147 Alfred Munro,	"	1	1	3
24 J. Anderson,	"	0	1	6
27 John Brenton,	1855,	5	0	0
55 George Orde,	"	37	0	0
46 Jonathan Miller,	"	10	0	0
76 Jacob Kempton,	"	1	15	6
98 John Stoddard,	"	15	0	0
99 Robert Stoddard,	"	10	0	0
130 Harris Ward,	"	5	0	0
132 Thomas Moody,	"	5	0	0
140 Benjamin Brown,	"	5	19	3
	"	15	10	10
151 Josiah S. Harris,	"	15	0	0
168 Samuel Parker,	"	7	10	0
		<u>£178</u>	10	6

COLCHESTER.

32 80, 207, 189, 104,	1853,	£0	14	4
123 James Seaton,	1854,	3	0	0
44 John McLaughlin,	1855,	4	0	0
47 James Dismore,	"	3	0	0
50 Robert Atken,	"	3	0	0
73 Simpson,	"	3	0	0
79 John Fletcher,	"	0	1	0
92 Joshua Corbet,	"	4	0	0
94 Alexander Vance,	"	5	0	0
96 Ferguson McNutt,	"	5	0	0
97 Francis Fulton,	"	3	0	0
117	"	7	10	0
122	"	6	0	0
132 David Archibald,	"	3	0	0
138	"	4	0	0
171 John Higgins,	"	5	0	0
231	"	0	13	9
243	"	0	10	0
		<u>60</u>	9	1

CUMBERLAND.

No. 104 Daniel McLeod,	1852,	£10	0	0	
130	"	15	2	9	
132	1853,	10	0	0	
142 James Ward,	"	6	0	0	
144	"	5	0	0	
Sundries,	"	0	7	3	
81 Aaron Ross,	1854,	5	0	0	
104 Nelson Forrest,	"	5	0	0	
124 Chas. Baker, junr.	"	10	0	0	
130 Josiah Ruscoe,	"	5	4	9	
137 Nathan Noulton,	"	5	0	0	
138 John Noulton,	"	10	0	0	
143 J. H. Newcombe,	"	10	0	0	
154 Wm. Tinpell,	"	5	0	0	
158	"	35	0	0	
160	"	53	14	0	
55	"	1	9	8	
64	"	0	3	0	
69 Aaron Ross,	1855,	5	0	0	
78 William Taylor,	"	5	0	0	
92 Joseph Chappel,	"	5	0	0	
96 Thompson Bond,	"	10	0	0	
97 Henry Purdy,	"	4	11	10	
129 John Knowlton,	"	7	10	0	
130 William Eldrikin,	"	10	0	0	
134 William Leech,	"	7	0	0	
135 William Skidmore,	"	8	0	0	
143 Joshua Ward,	"	5	0	0	
145 Gaius Lewis,	"	7	10	0	
149	"	4	3	2	
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CAPE BRETON.

2	1855,	£10	0	0	
75 John W. Swaine,	"	5	0	0	
78 Malcolm Johnston,	"	5	0	0	
88	"	15	9	7	
104	"	0	0	9	
109	"	15	0	0	
112	"	12	10	0	
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DIGBY.

95 Daniel Rice,	1850,	9	17	0	
69 Luke Therrio,	1853,	10	0	0	
Sundries,	"	0	15	0	
17 Jacob Roop,	1854,	2	0	0	
31 George Cook,	"	0	3	0	
63 William Harris,	"	0	4	0	
92 William Mann,	"	12	0	0	
93 Luke Therrio,	"	5	0	0	
10 Daniel Rice,	1855,	5	0	0	

No.

No. 13 Robert Haines,	1855.	£13	0	0	
25 John Brophy,	"	0	7	6	
43 Maurice Melanson,	"	10	0	0	
53	"	8	0	0	
55 Richard Clarke,	"	12	0	0	
69 James Ray,	"	12	0	0	
71	"	12	0	0	
77 Ceril Melanson,	"	20	0	0	
87 William Berry,	"	10	0	0	
108 Janvray Mallet,	"	9	0	0	
144 Charles F. Comeau,	"	10	0	0	
147 Claude Termeth,	"	7	0	0	
154 George Derous,	"	15	0	0	
173 Stephen Marshall,	"	1	0	0	
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GUYSBOROUGH.

36 Thomas Cooper,	1852,	1	0	0	
Sundries,	1853,	1	8	0	
74 Ira Whitman,	1854,	20	0	0	
76 Andrew Hall,	"	5	0	0	
82 Elie Maltrie,	"	5	0	0	
30 1s. 5d. 35, 8s.	"	0	9	5	
6 Daniel Kennedy,	1855,	2	0	0	
18 James A. Tony,	"	25	0	0	
30 George Norriss,	"	0	4	0	
31	"	4	0	0	
32	"	0	2	0	
34 David Archibald,	"	20	0	0	
42	"	10	0	0	
44 Samuel Rude,	"	7	10	0	
69	"	7	10	0	
81	"	0	6	0	
88 Alexander Fraser,	"	10	0	0	
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HALIFAX.

7	1855,	0	16	4	
10 Alexander Hubley,	"	0	1	6	
31 John Drysdale,	"	0	0	3	
39 Benjamin Umlah,	"	5	0	0	
42 William Shea	"	0	0	3	
44 Philip Fink,	"	3	0	0	
56 Contingencies,	"	0	8	9	
59 James Myers,	"	20	0	0	
66 John Leslie,	"	0	2	0	
81 Peter Mosher,	"	10	0	0	
84 William Anderson,	"	5	0	0	
88 Do.	"	10	0	0	
94	"	5	10	0	
135 Charles Hamilton,	"	12	10	0	
137	"	4	4	10	
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HANTS.

No. 79 Dougald McDonald,	1852,	£5	0	0
25 John Murphy,	1853,	5	0	0
25 John Murphy,	1854,	510	0	
139 William Davison,		2	0	0
40 5s. 71, 2s. 6d., 94, 2s. 9d., 98, 3s., 105, 1s. 6d., 124, 1s.,	1854,	0	15	9
10 Philip Harvey,	1855,	5	0	0
12 William McKay,	"	5	0	0
18 John A. Burgess,	"	5	0	0
20 William Reynolds,	"	2	10	0
23 Eben Sweet,	"	4	10	0
32 John McDonald,	"	8	0	0
53 James Ellis,	"	6	0	0
66 John Wright, junr.	"	8	0	0
127	"	8	0	0
142 Edward Stoddart,	"	10	0	0
144 William Davison,	"	5	0	0
146 Jonathan Smith,	"	6	0	0
152 William Chambers,	"	46	13	4

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INVERNESS.

134 Campbell and Miller,	1852,	1	0	0
148 P. Godett,	"	3	0	0
156 McDonald & McKeen,	"	7	10	0
157 John McGregor,	"	7	0	0
123 Malcolm McKay,	1853,	4	16	0
Sundries,	"	0	16	0
30 John McDonald,	1854,	15	0	0
78 Donald Campbell,	"	7	0	0
137	"	50	0	0
Sundries,	"	0	10	11
27 H. McMasters,	1855,	15	0	0
41 Malcolm McKay,	"	35	0	0
44 John McAuley,	"	5	0	0
46 Malcolm McKay,	"	5	0	0
48 Alexander Chisholm,	"	15	0	0
52 Donald McKay,	1855,	5	0	0
54 D. McDonald, (big)	"	15	0	0
55 John Murray, Esq.	"	15	0	0
63 Archibald Campbell	"	15	0	0
62 Angus Campbell,	"	10	0	0
99 Neil Campbell,	"	7	0	0
102 Harding Smith,	"	10	0	0
112 J. McFarlane,	"	7	0	0
125 Rev. H. J. Chenal,	"	10	0	0
143 John McFarlane,	"	20	0	0
145 G. C. Lawrence,	"	100	0	0
146 Reserved,	"	30	13	6
Sundries,	"	0	8	7

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 Kings.

KINGS.

No. 185	1853,	£5	0	0	
188 Robert King,	"	5	0	0	
Bal. from Nos. 95, 193, & 199,	"	4	12	9	
18 Nathan Firt,	1854,	6	0	0	
23 A. Beckwith,	"	6	0	0	
60 Joseph Kinsman,	"	5	0	0	
66 William Thomas,	"	10	0	0	
94 William A. Foot,	"	4	0	0	
Unappropriated,	"	15	0	0	
116 Thomas Fansworth,	"	20	0	0	
118	"	7	10	0	
123 William Crezly,	"	6	0	0	
144 Benjamin Spring,	"	5	0	0	
Unappropriated,	"	12	1	3	
168 George Harvey,	"	10	0	0	
200 Unappropriated,	"	0	1	6	
22 2s. 130 4s.	"	0	6	0	
104 Samuel Beckwith,	"	3	0	0	
5 Ephraim Patterson,	1855,	14	0	0	
15 Patrick Sarsfield,	"	6	0	0	
29 George Newcombe,	"	5	0	0	
36 Joel Cogswell,	"	7	0	0	
41 Richard Woodsworth,	"	6	0	0	
48 Ephraim Terry,	"	5	0	0	
51 Judah Wells,	"	5	0	0	
59	"	23	6	8	
68 Isaiah Shaw,	"	5	0	0	
71 William Logan,	"	4	0	0	
77 Cambell Ruggles,	"	8	0	0	
80	"	5	0	0	
93 Enoch Condon,	"	5	0	0	
99 Sydney Shaw,	"	20	0	0	
112 Cyrus Atwell,	"	12	10	0	
113 James Nowlin,	"	5	0	0	
116 James T. Davison,	"	5	0	0	
121 J. L. Pelton,	"	10	0	0	
132 J. Forsyth & D. O'Leary,	"	50	0	0	
147 Unappropriated,	1855,	53	12	2	
Over-expenditure, 1854,	"	3	1	9	
152 William McKitrick,	"	0	10	0	
187 William Patterson,	"	0	1	9	
190 Unappropriated cross road money,"	"	28	6	3	
196 Thomas Welden,	"	44	11	4	
					£455 11 5

LUNENBURG.

42	1854,	1	10	0
109 Jacob Will,	"	10	0	0
168 L. Wambolt,	"	2	0	0
177 Jno. Frank,	"	1	15	0

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Sundries,	1854,	£0	8	3	
No. 41 Edward Vienot,	"	12	0	0	
143 Unappropriated,	"	4	2	9	
167 John Publicover,	"	10	0	0	
184	"	300	0	0	
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PICTOU.

134 D. McKay,	1854,	2	19	3	
89 3s. 158, 11s.	"	0	14	0	
17	1855,	0	12	7	
23	"	3	17	6	
26	"	0	13	0	
28	"	1	0	0	
32	"	1	0	0	
48	"	1	8	5	
51	"	1	0	0	
62	"	60	0	0	
68	"	0	2	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	
73	"	0	2	9	
75	"	100	0	0	
80	"	24	0	6	
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QUEEN'S.

Sundries,	1853,	3	7	9	
89 Benjamin Pazant,	1854,	5	0	0	
10 Thomas Leslie,	1855,	0	2	0	
12 Solomon Lewis,	"	10	0	0	
48 Simon Hunt,	"	5	0	0	
68 Michael McDonald,	"	10	0	0	
69 Neal McDonald,	"	7	10	0	
78 Barnabas Freeman,	"	15	0	0	
90 John Armstrong,	"	5	0	0	
97 James Purdy,	"	0	12	3	
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RICHMOND.

Sundries,	1853,	0	7	6	
15	1854,	0	2	0	
0 Angus McDonald,	1855,	2	0	0	
Murdoch Smith,	"	0	8	11	
18 Malcolm McDonald,	"	14	0	0	
20	"	0	12	6	
34 Maurice Kavanagh,	"	10	0	0	
57	"	0	8	3	
63	"	11	0	0	
79	"	50	0	0	
117 Hypolite Marraud,	"	8	0	0	
119 Unappropriated	"	10	0	4	
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					Sydney

SYDNEY.

Fraser and McKenzie,	1851,	£2	12	0		
Sundries,	1853,	0	7	6		
48	1854,	3	7	4		
102 John Bown,	"	5	0	0		
Sundries,	"	2	5	2		
21 Angus McDonald,	1855,	4	0	0		
42 William McDonald,	"	5	0	0		
	"	0	0	6		
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SHELburnE.

Sundries,	1853,	0	12	4		
99 William McQuhae,	1854,	1	6	9		
A. Hamilton,	"	7	13	6		
59 2s. 106, 12s. 6d.	"	0	14	6		
39 Thomas Crowell,	1855,	8	0	0		
43 John Payzant,	"	0	5	0		
72 Joshua Nickerson,	"	0	3	9		
73 Daniel Smith, junr.	"	0	2	5		
76 Josiah Snow, junr.	"	0	6	8		
88 Herman Kenny,	"	0	9	11		
93 Stephen Banks,	"	0	4	6		
Unappropriated,	"	5	0	0		
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VICTORIA.

14	1853,	2	5	0		
4	1854,	10	0	0		
7	1855,	116	13	4		
9 Francis W. McKenzie,	"	80	0	0		
26	"	10	0	0		
34 John Munro,	"	12	10	0		
44	"	4	0	0		
47 & 48 John Munro,	"	89	6	8		
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YARMOUTH.

35 Leon Porter,	1855,	1	8	0		
51 David Saunders,	"	23	0	0		
64 John Parry,	"	10	0	0		
107 Samuel Holmes,	"	20	0	0		
121	"	16	5	0		
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31st December, 1855.

Your Committee also report a list of the undrawn Grammar School Monies.

Undrawn

Undrawn Grammar School Monies for 1855.

Halifax—Western Division,		£50	0	0
Guysborough—St. Mary's District,	£4	3	4	
“ Guysborough District,	50	0	0	
				54 3 4
Cumberland—Eastern District,	28	2	6	
“ Parrsborough District,	25	0	0	
				53 2 6
Digby—Clare District,	33	6	8	
Yarmouth—Argyle District,	33	6	8	
Inverness—South District,	30	11	0	
Annapolis,	50	0	0	
Hants—Rawdon District,	11	11	2	
Sydney,	10	10	0	
				169 5 6
Pictou—South District,	16	13	4	
“ North District,	8	6	8	
				25 0 0
				£351 11 4

Your Committee have received from the Provincial Secretary £4,000 in torn and defaced Province Notes, which they have destroyed.

There have been issued during the past year £34,000 in Province notes, of the new issue, which, added to the £11,000 reported last year, makes in all £45,000 of the new issue.

There has been borrowed from the Savings Bank during 1855,
the sum of

£21,500 0 0

Which, added to the sum borrowed in 1854,

20,500 0 0

Makes in all the sum of
received from the Savings Bank under the Acts of 1854 and 1855.

£12,000 0 0

The whole amount of the Provincial indebtedness appears to your Committee to be as follows:

Amount of Province Notes, old issues, in circulation, 31st December, 1855,	£59,682	0	0
Amount of funded debt, deposits in Savings Bank, to 31st December, 1855,	50,000	0	0
Undrawn of Roads and Bridges,	3,114	9	11
Undrawn for other services,	25,436	5	0
Due Board of Works for different services,	5,804	6	7
	£144,037	1	6

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Balance in hands of Receiver General to 31st December, 1855,	£23,680	3	10
Due from Collectors of Colonial Duties,	5,400	0	0
Due from Casual Revenue,	9,560	12	11
Do. do. Canada, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island, for Lights,	1,271	1	9

Due

Due from Counties for advance for road service,	£1,759	7	4	
Do. do. Dalhousie College,	5,000	0	0	
Do. do. Railway to General Revenue,	13,000	0	0	
				59,671 5 10
				£84,365 15 8

RAILWAY.

Province notes, new issue, appropriated to Railway purposes,	£45,000	0	0
Additional deposits in Savings' Bank, under Acts of 1854 and 1855, appropriated to Railway purposes,	42,000	0	0
Advance to Railway out of Debentures sold in Nova Scotia,	16,750	0	0
Advance to Railway out of Debentures sold to Baring & Brothers,	85,732	7	6½
	189,482	7	6½
Cost of Railway,	£202,482	7	6½

Due Provincial Revenue, £13,000, being amount advanced therefrom.

Your Committee annex the annual abstract of the Savings' Bank for the year 1855, shewing a balance in the hands of the Cashier of £364 14s. 2d.

Annual Abstract of the Accounts of the Halifax Savings' Bank for the year 1855.

1854.				
December 31—To balance,				£306 15 2
1855.				
March 12—To this sum, being interest on £20,500 received and paid between 1st January and 31st December, 1854, on broken periods,				270 12 3
December 31—To this sum received from depositors between the 1st January and 31st December, 1855,				42,882 14 5
Ditto To one year's interest on £70,500, at 4 per cent.				2,820 0 0
Ditto To interest on £19,500, paid between 16th January and 31st December, on broken periods,				333 13 3
				£46,613 15 1
1855.				
December 31st—By this sum repaid depositors between 1st January and this date,				24,487 10 5
By interest paid thereon,				255 12 9
By this sum paid into the Treasury between 16th Jan. and this date, under Acts passed in 1854 and 1855,				21,500 0 0
By this sum paid for expenses of management,				5 17 9
				46,249 0 11
	By balance,			364 14 2
				£46,613 15 1

Savings' Bank Office, Halifax,
31st December, 1855.

E. DUCKETT, Cashier.

Your Committee are informed by the Provincial Secretary that the Government of Nova Scotia are in correspondence with the Prussian Government in reference to the amount advanced from the treasury on account of the passengers per the ship Arcadia, wrecked on Sable Island in 1854, and that the amount, which is about £700, is likely to be refunded.

There has been likewise paid out of the Provincial Treasury the sum of £39 10s. for the maintenance of Imperial Officers on their way to Bermuda, which amount has been refunded, and will appear in next year's accounts.

Your Committee report the Estimate furnished by the Financial Secretary of the probable assets and expenditure of the present year.

Statement of the probable assets of the Province of Nova-Scotia for the year 1856.

Balance in the hands of the Receiver General 31st Dec., 1855,	£23,680	3	10
Due from Collectors of Colonial Duties,	5,400	0	0
Casual Revenue,	9,560	12	11
Canada, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island, for Lights,	1,271	1	9
Counties for advances for Road Service,	1,759	7	4
	<u>£41,671</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>

PROBABLE RECEIPTS.

From Collector of Excise at Halifax,	£92,000	0	0	
Collectors at Outports,	23,000	0	0	
Collectors of Light Duty,	5,000	0	0	
Casual Revenue,	10,000	0	0	
Distilleries,	6,500	0	0	
		<u>136,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		178,171	5	10
Deduct undrawn monies for roads and bridges,	3,114	9	11	
For other services,	25,436	5	0	
Balance due Board of Works,	5,804	6	7	
		<u>34,355</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>
		143,816	4	4

Deduct ordinary and Legislative Appropriation, viz :

Salaries of Lieut.-Governor, and Public Officers,	15,910	0	0
Legislative Expenses,	7,000	0	0
Revenue Department, Halifax,	5,450	0	0
General Education,	16,000	0	0
Saint Peter's Canal,	3,000	0	0
Interest on funded debt,	3,680	0	0
Interest to be provided for Railroad Bonds,	13,000	0	0
Support of Light Houses,	8,000	0	0
Sable Island,	400	0	0
Provincial Penitentiary,	800	0	0
Public buildings £1000, Rations to Troops £25,	1,025	0	0
Poor Asylum £2,000, Transient Paupers, £250,	2,250	0	0
Immigrant Expenses,	250	0	0
Halifax Dispensary,	50	0	0
Post Communication,	5,600	0	0

Packets and Ferries £1300, Indians £300,	£1,600	0	0
Road Compensation £1000, casualties £1000,	2,000	0	0
Drawbacks £6,500, River Fisheries £450,	6,956	0	0
Miscellaneous,	8,500	0	0
		101,465	0 0
		£42,351	4 4

They are happy to perceive that after making due allowance for the permanent and other usual grants, and adding the sum required for the payment of the interest on the Railroad Debentures for the present year, a balance will remain sufficiently large to enable the House to appropriate towards the Road and Bridge Service from £35,000 to £40,000.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

STAYLEY BROWN, Chairman. }
 JOHN MORTON, }
 T. D. ARCHIBALD, } Committee
 of
 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

JOHN ESSON, Chairman. }
 THOMAS KILLAM, }
 JOHN LOCKE, }
 ADAMS G. ARCHIBALD, }
 CORNELIUS WHITE, } Committee
 of
 HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

MINES AND MINERALS.

(Copy.)

No. 28.

Downing Street, 22nd February, 1856.

SIR—

With reference to former Correspondence on the subject of the proposed Lease of the General Mining Association, I have to inform you that I have received a Letter addressed to this Department by the Directors of the Association, in which they urge their claims to have their Title to their property finally established, and request that I will intimate to the Local Government and Assembly of Nova-Scotia, the opinion of Her Majesty's Government, that policy and propriety demand the protection of parties who have acted on the faith of engagements with the Crown.

2. There is no doubt that the Crown is bound to execute its engagements to grant a Lease to these parties, and that the difficulty which at present impedes that execution, is of a simply technical nature, arising only from the peculiar wording of the Civil List Act, which vests the legal estate in the Assembly, subject to all the rights of the Association.

But as the Law Adviser's opinion, which has been already communicated to you, fully explains this circumstance, this Department has not hitherto thought it necessary to urge on yourself, or the Assembly, by arguments of the description above adverted to, the performance of what appears to be simply a ministerial duty, that of enabling the Crown to perform, in the most direct and regular manner, a legal duty which the Crown is bound to perform at all events.

But the Directors are entitled, since they think it required, to this statement on my part.

I have, &c.

(Signed) W. LABOUCHERE.

RETURN shewing the several Applications which have been made, and notices given within the last eighteen months, under the reservation in the Duke of York's Lease for the working of Coal Mines, with the dates thereof, and the applicants names, and any correspondence relating thereto which has taken place with the Government, what Districts under that reservation are now at the disposition of the Provincial Government, and what steps have been taken for the working of any Coal therein :

APPLICATIONS.

NAME.	DATE
1 Hypolite Marmaud, Thomas Lenoir, Simon LeBlanc, George S. Handley, Thomas H. Fuller, Benjamin Gerroir, Elias Boudrot, Desire Boudrot, Louis Boudrot, Dominique Boudrot,	13th February, 1854.
2 James D. Fraser,	16th October, 1854.
3 James Purves,	11th January, 1855.
4 A. S. Hanglan,	January, 1855.
5 James G. McKeen,	January, 1855.
6 Abraham Patterson,	November, 1855.

Notices as subjoined, Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive, published in the Royal Gazette :

Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax,
June 7, 1854.

Whereas Hypolite Marmaud and ten other persons, resident in the County of Richmond, have proposed to work a Coal Mine on the Little River Inhabitants, in said County, within the boundaries following, that is to say : on the north by lands in possession of Hector McDonald, formerly held by John Jean, Esquire ; on the south by Lands of Walter and John Murray ; on the west and east by vacant lands ; notice of such proposal, and of an application to the Lieutenant-Governor of this Province for a Lease of the said Mine, is hereby given to all persons interested therein, pursuant to the first Section of the Act 16th Victoria, Chapter 15, entitled, An Act to regulate the Mines of this Province.

By His Excellency's Command,

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS.

Whereas

Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax,

November 1, 1854.

Whereas James D. B. Fraser, of Pictou, in the County of Pictou, Esquire, hath proposed to open and work a Mine or Mines of Coal in a tract of land including an area of three miles square, and as its central part what is generally known as Spring Hill Coal Mine, in the County of Cumberland, notice of such proposal, and of an application to the Lieutenant-Governor of this Province for a Lease of the said Mine or Mines is hereby given to all persons interested therein, pursuant to the Act 16th Victoria, Chapter 15, entitled, An Act to regulate the Mines of this Province.

By His Excellency's Command,

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS.

Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax,

January 17, 1855.

Whereas James Purves, of Pictou, in the County of Pictou, Esquire, hath proposed to open and work a Mine or Mines of Coal in Cape Breton, situated at Point Anconi, on the east end of Boularderie Island, contained within that part of said Island which lies to the northward and eastward of the Main Post road leading across said Island of Boularderie. Notice of such proposal, and of an application to the Lieutenant-Governor of this Province for a Lease of the said Mine or Mines is hereby given to all persons interested therein, pursuant to the Act 16th Victoria, Chapter 15, entitled, An Act to regulate the Mines of this Province.

By His Excellency's Command,

LEWIS M. WILKINS.

Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax,

February 14, 1855.

Whereas Alexander Scott Hanglan, of Truro, in the County of Colchester, hath proposed to work a Mine or Mines of Coal at Salmon River, in said County, within the following limits: "All those Lots of Land, situate at Kemptown, in the County of Colchester, and originally granted to Daniel Hingly, David Archibald, the second, and Isaac Archibald, comprising in all about fifteen hundred acres." Notice of such proposal, and of an application to the Lieutenant-Governor of this Province for a lease of the said Mines is hereby given to all persons interested therein, pursuant to the first Section of the Act 16th Victoria, Chapter 15, entitled, An Act to regulate the Mines of this Province.

By His Excellency's Command.

LEWIS M. WILKINS.

Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax,

February 21, 1855.

Whereas James G. McKeen, of Plaister Cove, in the Island of Cape Breton, Merchant, hath proposed to work a Mine or Mines of Coal in a Tract of Land situated in that Island, between the Barrasois and the Low Point Light House, near the mouth of Sydney Harbor, bounded on the north-east by the sea, and the south-west by a line parallel to the Coast, and at a distance therefrom one mile and a half—the space thus described being known as the Low Point Coal Mines. Notice of such proposal,

and of an application to the Lieutenant-Governor of this Province for a Lease of the said Mine or Mines is hereby given to all persons interested therein, pursuant to the Act 16th Victoria, Chapter 15, entitled, An Act to regulate the Mines of this Province.

By His Excellency's Command,

LEWIS M. WILKINS.

COPPER MINE NOTICE.

*Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax,
November 27, 1855.*

Whereas Abraham Patterson, of Pictou, Esquire, hath proposed to open and work a Mine or Mines of Copper Ore in a Tract of Land seven miles in length, and one and a half miles in width, at Tatamagouche, in the County of Colchester, described as follows:

“Beginning on the north-east corner of Lot No. 70, on the west side of Tatamagouche, or Waugh's River, as described on a Plan of the late Governor DesBarres' Tatamagouche Estate, made by James McNab, Esquire, Deputy Surveyor; thence extending east three miles and one half; thence north one and a half miles; thence west seven miles; thence south one and a half miles; thence east three and one half miles to the place of beginning.” Notice of such proposal, and of an application to the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province for a Lease of the said Mine or Mines, is hereby given to all parties interested therein, pursuant to the Act 16th Vict. Chap. 15, entitled, An Act to regulate the Mines of this Province.

By His Excellency's Command,

LEWIS M. MILKINS.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Copies of Letters annexed from Messrs. Cunard, Boggs, & Cunard, dated May 5, 1855.

From the Deputy Secretary to J. G. McKeen, Esq., dated May 18, 1855.

From Messrs. Cunard, Boggs, and Cunard, dated 24th December, 1855.

NOTE.

All the Tracts to which the foregoing notices relate are considered to be within the proviso, and subject to the condition in the Lease to His late Royal Highness the Duke of York, under which those Notices were given.

No steps have yet been taken for the working of any Coal Mine in any of the above Tracts.

Provincial Secretary's Office, }
Halifax, Feb. 21, 1856. }

Copy.

(Copy.)

Halifax, 5th May, 1855.

SIR—

The Royal Gazette announces, under date 21st February, 1855, by Your Excellency's Command, that J. G. McKeen hath proposed to work a Mine or Mines of Coal in a Tract of Land, situated in the Island of Cape Breton, between the Barrasois and the Low Point Light House, near the mouth of Sydney Harbor, bounded on the north-east by the sea, and the south-west by a line parallel to the Coast, and at a distance therefrom one mile and a half; the space thus described being known as the Low Point Coal Mines, and notice of such proposal, and of an application to the Lieutenant-Governor for a Lease of the said Mine or Mines, was given to all persons interested therein, pursuant to the first Section of the Act 16th Victoria, Chapter 15, entitled, An Act to regulate the Mines of this Province.

We have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the same Seam of Coal which is contained in this Tract of Land, and at no great distance from the Tract so described, was opened during the last year by the General Mining Association, and is now being extensively worked; for this purpose the Association have made large expenditures in the purchase of Land, construction of a Railway, and other measures to facilitate the shipment of Coal. The operations this year will be increased, and preparations are being made to meet any demand that may arise.

Under these facts we trust that Your Excellency will see the injustice of granting a Lease of the Tract of Land applied for by Mr. McKeen, after the Association have proved the Seam, decided upon working it, and have expended a large sum of money with that object.

We therefore pray that Your Excellency would be pleased to order the notice referred to, to be withdrawn.

We have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's obedient Servants,

CUNARD, BOGGS, & CUNARD,
Agents.

To His Excellency Colonel Sir John Gaspard LeMarchant,
Lieutenant-Governor, &c., &c., &c.

(Copy.)

*Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax,
May 18, 1855.*

SIR—

With reference to your application for a Lease of a Mine or Mines of Coal in a Tract of Land between the Barrasois and the Low Point Light House, near the mouth of Sydney Harbor, I transmit, by the command of the Lieutenant-Governor, the enclosed copy of a Letter from Messrs. Cunard, Boggs, and Cunard, Agents for the General Mining Association, and I am to request that any observations you see fit to make thereon may be furnished without delay, for His Excellency's information.

I am, &c.,

W. H. KEATING,

Deputy Secretary.

James G. McKeen, Esquire, Plaister Cove.

General

*General Mining Association, Halifax,
December 24, 1855.*

SIR—

We beg again to bring under your Excellency's notice, Mr. McKeen's application to work a Mine, or rather Seam of Coal, at Low Point, Cape Breton, the same Seam being since last year worked by the Mining Association.

We now enclose a Map or Plan of the Coast, from the entrance of Sydney Harbor to Lingan or Bridgeport, shewing the situation of the Tract of Land applied for by Mr. McKeen, of Plaister Cove, as notified in the Gazette. The strike of the Seam of Coal upon this Land runs parallel with the sea shore, the dip being to the north-east, its outcross is shewn by the dotted line A, B, C. In its course to the north-west it is cut off by a fault at C, beyond which it cannot be traced. It so happens that the Mine recently opened by the Association at Bridgeport or Lingan is in this very Seam of Coal. The situation of the Pit is at A, which was chosen on account of its proximity to the shipping place in Lingan Harbor; at the same time, with a view to future operations of a more extensive nature, a Lot of Land was purchased at the Barrasois, marked B on the Map, for the purpose of striking a Pit thereon, from thence the Coal might be conveyed by a Railway to D, on the south shore of Sydney Harbor.

The Harbor of Lingan being too small to accommodate a large number of Vessels at one time, it was supposed that if the Coal proved as suitable for Gas Works as was expected, the extent of the demand might render a shipping place in Sydney Harbor absolutely necessary; all this clearly shews that when the Works were began the Association considered that they would extend very shortly to the ground now applied for by Mr. McKeen, and that in fact the Association have been working this Seam, and were in possession of the Mine some time previous to Mr. McKeen's application. The Government must therefore understand from this, that the ground applied for is occupied.

Again, the area of this Seam is by no means too great for such a work as the Association contemplate. The distance from the Mine lately opened at Lingan to the Barrasois, the south-east boundary of the tract applied for by Mr. McKeen, is only 140 chains, a distance which the workings lately commenced will not be long in reaching at the rate our levels are now advancing in that direction, and our workings will be much more rapid should a more extended demand arise, which is this season very limited.

Under these circumstances we beg respectfully to point out once more to Your Excellency the injustice of Mr. McKeen's application for a Lease of the same Seam of Coal as that already in course of working, claiming, as he does, the right of entering into the Association's Works, if not immediately, at no very distant day, a result which we can only view as a decided act of encroachment on the just rights of the Association.

With reference to the Notice as it appeared in the Gazette of the Seventeenth of January last, that James Purves, of Pictou, had proposed to open a Mine at Point Anconi, or Little Bras d'Or, we beg to state that early in the season, when it was thought that an increased demand might arise, the Association commenced operations at Point Anconi, where they have erected buildings, sunk a pit, and are now prepared to ship Coals the moment they are required, or there can in any way be found a market for them.

And with respect to the general operations of the Association, at their different Mines in the Province, namely, at the Albion, Sydney, Lingan, and Joggins Mines, the Company have this year greatly extended their Works, and invested very large sums of money in anticipation of an increased demand for their Coal, in consequence

of

of the abolition of the Duty in the United States, but which however has not resulted in causing any increase in the quantity of Coals usually exported thence ; and we may here state that, comparing the total shipments of Coal from all the Mines during the past year, with those of the preceding one, it will be found that there has been no increase in the shipments of the season just closed.

We are prepared to ship this season, at the Albion Mines alone, 150,000 chaldrons Coal, whereas we have not shipped much over half that quantity. We beg strongly to impress upon Your Excellency's attention, that notwithstanding the facilities afforded for the shipment of our Coal, the demand has not, either in the United States or in the Province, been at all commensurate with the quantity we are enabled to supply, nearly all the Coal exported from this Province to the United States being consumed only in Boston and its neighbourhood, where it is used, with but trifling exceptions, for Gas purposes and in Foundries, but little, if any, being sought after for Steam purposes or domestic use.

Nor have our anticipations been realized at either the Sydney or Lingan Mines, so far as the demand is concerned, for at these Mines there are now on the banks waiting shipment about 14,000 chaldrons, which, with 26,000 chaldrons on the banks at the Albion Mines, makes a total of 40,000 chaldrons Coal ready for shipment in advance of the quantity required ; notwithstanding the Pits have been worked for sometime past for a period of only 14 to 18 days in each month.

We beg respectfully to state, on behalf of the Association, that they are fully prepared, whenever there is an increased demand for Coal, to work any Mines in the Province which the necessities of the Trade may require.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's most obdt. humble Servants,

(Signed)

CUNARD, BOGGS, & CUNARD,

Agents G. M. A.

His Excellency Major General Sir Gaspard LeMarchant, &c. &c. &c.

DISTRESSED COLONIAL SEAMEN.

(Copy.)

Circular No. 11.

Downing Street, 21st December, 1855.

SIR—

My attention has recently been called to the frequent cases which occur of Seamen arriving in this Country from the North American Provinces in a destitute condition, and in many instances unable to work, for whose relief no funds are provided, either by the Imperial or by the Local Government.

You are probably aware that by the Merchant Shipping Act of last Session, power is conferred on the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade to cause Distressed Seamen found in Foreign Ports, being subjects of Her Majesty, to be sent home either to this Country or to the Colony to which they belong. For this purpose an annual vote is taken, but the Act in question does not confer the power to send home to the Colonies to which they may belong, Colonial Seamen found distressed in this Country.

The duty which the Act in question devolves upon the Imperial Government is founded on the principle that each Government is bound to provide for its own Seamen, and I cannot doubt that the Legislature of Nova Scotia would readily admit the justice of this principle, and that it applies with equal force to the case of Seamen belonging to Colonial Ports.

I have therefore to request that you will bring the subject under the consideration of your Council, and it will afford me much gratification to learn that the Legislature is prepared to undertake the necessary expense, and to co-operate with Her Majesty's Government in making any arrangements which may be necessary for effecting the object they have in view.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

H. LABOUCHERE.

His Excellency Sir J. G. LEMARCHANT,

I N D E X
TO THE
J O U R N A L S
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.
1856.

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