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PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

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

Falkland.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued until Monday, the Twenty-third day of September instant :

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly until Monday the Second day of December next, of which all persons concerned are desired to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 16th day of September, in the 8th year of Her Majesty's Reign, and in the year of our Lord 1844.

By His Excellency's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

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

Falkland.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued until Monday the second day of December next :

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly until Tuesday, the Seventh day of January next, of which all persons concerned are desired to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 13th day of November, in the 8th year of Her Majesty's Reign, A. D. 1844.

By His Excellency's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.



PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

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

Falkland.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued until Tuesday the Seventh day of January next :

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly until Thursday, the Sixteenth day of the same month—of which all persons concerned are desired to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 19th day of December, in the 8th year of Her Majesty's Reign, A.D. 1844.

By His Excellency's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

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

Falkland.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Thursday the Sixteenth day of January next :

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly until Thursday the Thirtieth day of the same month, *then to meet for the despatch of business*, of which all persons concerned are desired to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 28th day of December, in the 8th year of Her Majesty's Reign, A.D. 1844.

By His Excellency's Command,

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

JOURNAL AND PROCEEDINGS
 OF
THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
 OF
THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA,
SESSION, 1845.
8th VICTORIE.

Thursday, 30th January, 1845.

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

The Honorable John Morton, one of the Commissioners appointed to administer the usual State Oaths according to law, being in attendance—

The Honorable Edmund Murray Dodd, Her Majesty's Solicitor General for this Province, returned as Member for the Township of Sydney in the County of Cape Breton, took and subscribed the usual Oaths required by law, in the presence of said Commissioner. Sol. Gen. sworn in.

After which a Message was delivered by John James Sawyer, Esquire, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod : Message commanding attendance on Gov.

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

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

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

It is gratifying to me that the state of the public business has again admitted of my calling you together, at a moment when the time required for the discharge of your Legislative functions will interfere less with your ordinary occupations than at any other season of the year.

I am confident that Her Majesty's loyal and attached subjects of this Province have sincerely shared in the joy which, since I last met you, has pervaded the rest of the Empire, at the happy birth of a Prince.

We have to be grateful for the blessing of an abundant harvest, and although some branches of the Fisheries on our coasts have been less productive than has sometimes been the case, it is a consolation to know that others have greatly prospered, and that there is no danger of a permanent diminution in this great source of comfort and independence to a hardy, enterprising, and valuable portion of our Provincial population.

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

The Accounts for the past, and the Estimates for the current year, will be submitted to you without delay.

I derive great satisfaction from being able to inform you, that the increase of the Revenue has been so great as to have rendered it unnecessary for me to act in accordance with your request, that I would endeavour to obtain an extension of the time within which it was originally arranged that the debt incurred to the Bank of British North America, during the year 1843, should be liquidated.

I shall take an early opportunity of acquainting you with the efforts I have made to justify the confidence you expressed in me by your Resolution of the 12th of April last.

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

The augmentation of our resources is a matter of congratulation to the Province, and I trust you will find that the measures adopted by me to induce increased vigilance and efficiency in the Revenue Department, have had some effect in producing results so beneficial to the interests of Nova Scotia. I shall direct several documents relating to the above important branch of the public service to be communicated to you.

From the period of my arrival amongst you to the present time, my observation has been anxiously directed to the deficiencies of the system in operation for the diffusion of Education throughout the Country. On the first occasion in which it was my duty to address you, I brought this subject under your notice, being then, as now, convinced that it is a matter in which your knowledge of the wants, feelings, and social position of your Constituents qualifies you to Legislate successfully. In again urging this important topic on your consideration, I would especially recommend to your regard the necessity which exists for rendering more general the participation in the benefits to be derived from the Common Schools, especially throughout the remote and more indigent Settlements, the inhabitants of which stand peculiarly in need of sympathy and assistance.

Your attention will, I trust, be directed to the improvement of the Election Laws, with a view to so framing them as to secure purity of election, and diminish unnecessary expense.

I shall, on the first convenient occasion, cause to be presented for your information Despatches on several subjects of great interest to the Country.

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

Mr.

Mr. Dickey then proposed the following Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and moved that the same do pass: viz:—

Address moved in Answer to Speech.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT DALKEILD,

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

May it please Your Excellency;

We the Representatives of Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the people of Nova Scotia, thank your Excellency for the Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature, and for having called us together at a time when the discharge of our Legislative functions will interfere less with our ordinary avocations than at any other season of the year.

Her Majesty's loyal and attached subjects in the Province, participating in whatever affects the happiness of our beloved Sovereign, have shared in the national joy on the birth of a Prince.

We are grateful for the plentiful harvest with which the Province has been blessed during the last season.

While it is the subject of our regret that some important branches of the Fisheries have been unproductive, we are happy that others have prospered, and we trust that no permanent diminution may take place in this great source of comfort and independence, to a portion of the Provincial population so hardy, enterprising, and valuable as its Fishermen.

Your Excellency may be assured of our attention to the Accounts for the past and the Estimates for the current year, when your Excellency shall have caused them to be laid before us. We derive great satisfaction from the information that the increase of the Revenue has been so great as to have rendered it unnecessary for your Excellency to obtain, in accordance with our request, any extension of the time for repayment of the sum borrowed by the Province from the Bank of British North America.

We thank your Excellency for the assurance, that at an early opportunity you will make us acquainted with the efforts you have made to justify the confidence expressed in your Excellency by the resolution of the 12th of April last.

We shall be happy to receive the documents relating to so important a branch of the Public Service as the Revenue department, which your Excellency has been pleased to say you will direct to be communicated to us.

The augmentation of the public resources is a matter of congratulation to the Province, and we shall be happy to find that measures adopted by your Excellency for inducing increased vigilance and efficiency in this department have been instrumental in a result so beneficial.

We are grateful for the earnest solicitude expressed by your Excellency on a subject of such importance as the diffusion of Education throughout the country,—and we will deem it to be among our highest duties to give to its consideration all the advantage that can result from our knowledge of the wants, the feelings and the social position of our constituents. We regard as of primary importance the more general extension of the benefits to be derived from Common Schools, and consider as entitled to our especial attention the wants of the remote and more indigent settlements, whose inhabitants we cordially agree with your Excellency in considering to stand peculiarly in need of sympathy

thy and assistance ; and it affords us great pleasure that our own views and feelings on this interesting part of the subject have the sanction of your Excellency's recommendation.

Our attention will be directed to the improvement of the Election laws, under a deep conviction of the importance of securing purity of Elections and diminishing unnecessary expense.

Your Excellency may be assured that the Despatches on subjects of great interest to the country, which you have been pleased to say you will cause to be presented for our information, will receive our early and attentive consideration.

Which motion being seconded :—

Consideration postponed until to-morrow.

Ordered,—That the consideration of the said proposed Address and motion thereon be deferred until to-morrow.

Com. of Pub. Accounts.

Ordered,—That Mr. McNab, Mr. Fraser, Mr. G. Smith, Mr. Thorne, and Mr. McLelan, be a Committee of this House for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts jointly with a Committee of the Legislative Council ; and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Com. on Expiring Laws.

Ordered,—That Mr. Hall, Mr. Fraser, and Mr. McKeagney, be a Committee to examine and report on the expiring laws.

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

Friday, 31st January, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Order of day, Consideration of Address.

The Order of the Day being read—The House pursuant to order proceeded to consider the Address in Answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session ; and the same having been read :

Address passed.

Resolved, That the Address do pass.

Ordered, That the Address be engrossed.

to be presented by whole House.

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

Address to be received to-day.

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

Time limited for presenting private petitions.

Ordered, That no Petition of a private nature be received after Saturday the Twenty-second day of February next, unless by special leave of the House.

Com. relating to Library of House.

On motion of Mr. G. R. Young, *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to consider and report to the House, if any, and what measures ought to be adopted, in reference to the Library of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. G. R. Young, Mr. Howe, and Mr. Hall, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.

House attend Lieut. Gov. with Address.

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

And being returned,

Report of Answer of Lt. Gov. to Address of House.

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

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

I thank you for your Address as well as for your assurance that those matters which it will

will be my duty to submit to you, shall receive your early and attentive consideration, an assurance from which I anticipate results highly beneficial to the interests of the Province.

The Hon. the Attorney General by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House Copies of Despatches and other papers relative to the Coal Mines of this Province and certain leases, agreements and information in regard thereof, and the same were read by the Clerk, and are designated as followeth, viz :

Despatches, &c., relating to Coal Mines laid before House.

Copy of a despatch from Lord Falkland to Lord Stanley, dated 3d June, 1844,—with Copy of a Memorial from the Chairman and Directors of the General Mining Association to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, dated 23d May, 1844—Copy of despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 31st January, 1844—Copy of a Communication from Robert Moser, Chairman of the General Mining Association, to Lord Stanley, dated 5th January, 1844,—Copy of Despatch from Lord Falkland to Lord Stanley, dated 17th December, 1843,—Copy of a Communication from S. Cunard, Agent for the General Mining Association, to Lord Falkland, dated 6th Decr. 1843, and Copy of a Despatch from Lord Falkland to Lord Stanley, dated 10th May, 1844—the same being referred to in or connected with the Despatch first above mentioned.

Also a Copy of a Despatch from Lord Falkland to Lord Stanley, dated 2d August, 1844.

A Copy of a Despatch from Lord Falkland to Lord Stanley, dated 16th August, 1844.

A Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 3rd January, 1845 ; and

A Copy of a Lease dated 30th August, 1822, made between Sir James Kempt, formerly Lieutenant Governor of this Province, and George William Bown and others, of Sydney, C. B. of certain Coal Mines and lands at Spanish River, C. B.

(See Appendix No. 1.)

On motion of the Hon. Attorney General, *resolved*, that the foregoing Copies of Despatches, and other Papers, be referred to a Select Committee to examine the same, and report thereon to this House, by Address to Her Majesty on the subject thereof, or otherwise.

Referred to Com. to report thereon.

Ordered, That the Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Ross, Mr. G. R. Young, and Mr. G. Smith, be a Committee for that purpose.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have appointed Mr. Tobin, Mr. Almon, and Mr. Kenney, to be a Committee to join the Committee of this Honorable House to examine the Public Accounts.

Council name Com. on Public Accounts.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Petition of William Johnson, of Horton, in King's County, Esquire, was presented by Mr. Dewolf, and read, setting forth that at an Election of a Representative for the Township of Horton, aforesaid, held in March last, the Petitioner and Perez M. Benjamin, Esquire, the sitting Member, were Candidates ; that a number of votes tendered on either side were objected to, and so entered on the Poll Books, and that the said Perez M. Benjamin, at the close of the Poll, having been declared duly elected by a majority of twenty votes, a scrutiny was demanded by the Petitioner, and also by said Benjamin, and was proceeded in ; and that the Petitioner, believing that he has a clear majority of the good and legal votes of said Township, prays therefore that the House will declare him to have been duly elected to Represent said Township in General Assembly, or grant other relief.

Petition of W. Johnson against Election of Mr. Benjamin for Horton.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will on Tuesday the 4th February next, at One of the Clock, take into consideration the said Petition, complaining of an undue Election for the Township of Horton.

Day for considering same.

Notices sent

MEMORANDUM.—In pursuance of the “ Act for regulating the Trials of Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in General Assembly,” the like notices as in former cases, were sent to the several parties, with orders for their attendance by themselves, their Counsel, or Agents, at the time on which the said Petition was ordered to be taken into consideration.

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

Saturday, 1st February, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Return of Scrutiny on Horton Election laid before House.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a return from the Sheriff of King’s County, of the proceedings had before him and his Assistants, upon a Scrutiny of the Election held in March last, for the Township of Horton in said County, sent to the House according to law.

Ordered,—That the said Return do lie on the table.

Report from Committee on Coal Mine Despatches.

The Hon. the Attorney General from the Committee appointed yesterday on the subject of the Despatches and information laid before the House in relation to the Coal Mines, reported, that the Committee had prepared an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Negotiations referred to in said Despatches, and also an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying him to forward the Address to Her Majesty, with his favorable recommendation, and he read the said Addresses in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk’s table.

The Address to Her Majesty was then again read by the Clerk, and is as followeth :

Address to Her Majesty on Coal Mines.

TO THE QUEEN’S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

May it please Your Majesty :

We, Your Majesty’s faithful and loyal subjects the Representatives of the People of Nova Scotia, approach the Throne with a sincere expression of attachment to Your Majesty’s person, and to the Constitution which under Your Majesty’s beneficent auspices secures to us the manifold blessings we enjoy.

By Despatches from Your Majesty’s Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of this Province, Your faithful subjects have observed with deep alarm and regret, that Negotiations are pending between Your Majesty’s Government in England and the Representatives of His late Royal Highness the Duke of York and the General Mining Association, in relation to the Coal Mines and Minerals of this Province, which from the information before us we apprehend are conducted on an imperfect knowledge of the facts, and on principles injurious to the just claims and the true interests of the people of this Province, and which are unsupported by any legal or equitable rights on the part of either the Representatives of His late Royal Highness or of the said Company.

We beg to assure Your Majesty that nothing ever has been further from the intention or desire of Your loyal subjects in Nova Scotia, than the violation of any obligations or agreements binding on Your Majesty with either of these parties ; but we should be alike wanting in our duty to Your Majesty and to our constituents, were we silently to acquiesce in claims which our knowledge of the circumstances leads us to believe are unsustained by the facts, and have no real foundation either in equity or law.

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In approaching Your Majesty on this subject, we would fail in the candor which its importance demands, did we not state that its settlement excites a feeling of intense interest both in the Legislature and the country, from the general conviction that in the disposal of the Mines and Minerals of this Province in 1826 and 1828, the Royal Prerogative was not exercised with that due regard to the rights and interests of the people, which usually distinguishes the Acts of the Crown, and that therefore the people of Nova Scotia view with jealous anxiety and alarm, the proposal for any modification in favor of the Grantees, of the terms originally imposed, which shall not be imperatively required from the honor of the Crown. That the people of Nova Scotia for years to come will continue to be most deeply interested in a subject, not only largely affecting their pecuniary interests—the introduction of local manufactures and their progress in national wealth, but touching rights of a higher nature, resulting from the alienation for a long period of years from the direct and immediate supervision and control of the local Government, of the Coals and Minerals which abound in this country, and which although they are Your Majesty's Royal property and possession, Your faithful subjects are assured Your Majesty desires only to hold for the benefit of those inhabiting the soil, thus richly endowed, subject to such existing obligations as bind the honor of the Crown.

Your faithful subjects having been very recently assembled, and the Mail by which this Address is to be transmitted to Your Majesty departing almost immediately, it is impossible to present for Your Majesty's consideration, our views on this important subject in a manner becoming its interest and deep moment. We beg respectfully to state to Your Majesty that a Committee have been appointed to enquire into and report on this subject, and we feel satisfied, that at an early period in the present Session, your faithful Commons will be ready to put Your Majesty in possession of the views of the Assembly, and enable Your Majesty's Advisers to deal with the question so as effectually to protect the Constitutional and Equitable rights of the People of Nova Scotia. We have therefore nothing left at this present juncture, but most earnestly to pray that Your Majesty, on a subject so deeply affecting the present and future prosperity and harmony of this country, will graciously be pleased to stay any further progress in the pending negotiation, until your loyal subjects the people of Nova Scotia can be further heard thereon.

And thereupon,

Resolved unanimously,—That the said Address do pass.

Passed unanimously

Ordered,—That the Address be engrossed.

The Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, reported from the Committee, was then again read by the Clerk, and is as followeth:—

Address to Lt. Gov.
on same subject.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

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

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF NOVA SCOTIA.

May it please your Excellency;

We thank your Excellency for the early transmission to us of the important Despatches and information, which your Excellency has laid before the House on the pending negotiations between Her Majesty's Government, the Representatives of His late Royal Highness the Duke of York, and the General Mining Association.

We have availed ourselves of the short interval before the Departure of the Mail on Monday,

Monday, unanimously to pass an Address to Her Majesty, praying a suspension of the negociation until the people of Nova Scotia shall have time to prepare and transmit to Her Majesty their reasons on which they found their opposition against the contemplated measure. And we pray your Excellency will be pleased immediately to forward their Address to the foot of the Throne, with your Excellency's favorable recommendation; which we are encouraged to anticipate from the manner in which your Excellency has already advocated the interests of the Province on this subject, in your Correspondence with Her Majesty's principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

And thereupon

Passed.

Resolved, That the said Address do pass.

Ordered, That the Address be engrossed.

Same Com. to present the Addresses to Lt. Gov.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Select Committee who prepared and reported said Addresses, be a Committee to present the same to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Libel Bill presented.

Mr. G. R. Young, pursuant to leave given presented a Bill to amend the Law respecting defamatory words and libel; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

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

Monday, 3rd February, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Report from Com. to present Addresses to Lt. Gov.

The Hon. The Attorney General reported from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Addresses passed by this House on Saturday last, that the Committee had performed that duty; and that His Excellency had been pleased to say in reply to the Address to him, that he would be exceedingly happy to comply with the wishes of the House, and would forward the Address to Her Majesty, with his favorable recommendation.

Com. on Coal Mines to make further investigation & report.

Ordered, That the same Committee to whom were referred the Despatches and other papers relative to the Coal Mines of the Province, and the negotiations pending thereon, do make further investigation and report thereon; and have power to send for persons and papers.

Arbitration Bill presented.

Mr. G. R. Young, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend the Act for determining differences by Arbitration, and to render references to Arbitration more effectual; and the same was read a first time.

Referred to Sel. Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to Mr. G. R. Young, Mr. Hall, and the Hon. Solicitor General, to examine and report thereon to this House.

Bill presented to regulate issuing of Commissions, &c. Referred to Sel. Com.

Mr. G. R. Young, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to regulate the issuing of Commissions, and the taking of Depositions, and the same was read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to Mr. G. R. Young, Mr. Hall, and the Hon. Solicitor General, to examine and report thereon to this House.

Petition from River John, Pictou, for Act to sell an Old Meeting House.

A Petition of Andrew Lauder, Chairman of a meeting of the Presbyterian Congregation at River John, in the County of Pictou, was presented by Mr. G. Smith, and read, praying that an Act may be passed to authorise the Sale of an Old Meeting House at that place, the funds arising therefrom to be applied towards the expense of a new one erected by them.

Leave for Bill given.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table, and that Mr. G. Smith have leave to bring in a Bill in accordance with the prayer thereof:—And thereupon,

Mr.

Mr. G. Smith presented a Bill to authorize the Sale of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House at River John, in the County of Pictou; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Bill presented for Sale of Old Meeting House at River John

Mr. Hall, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to provide for the Supervision and Management of the Burial Ground near Kentville; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Bill presented for supervision of Burial Ground, near Kentville.

The Hon. The Attorney General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House several Copies of Despatches and other Papers, and the same were read by the Clerk—viz: Copies of Despatches &c., laid before House, on following subjects, viz:

Copy of a Circular Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 7th August, 1844, announcing the Birth of an Infant Prince. Birth of Prince.

(See Appendix No. 2.)

Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 10th June, 1844, in reference to the Address of the House of Assembly, on the subject of the expense and management of the Post Office;—with Lord Falkland's Report thereon. And Post Office.

Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 12th September, 1844, in answer to the Addresses of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, relative to the change reported as about to take place in the transportation of the Canadian Mails. Transportation of Mails.

(See Appendix No. 3.)

Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 13th June, 1844, on the subject of the Provincial Light House Act.—And Light House Act.

Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 3rd November, 1844, on the same subject of the Light House Duty Act.

(See Appendix No. 4.)

Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 19th June, 1844, relative to the Acts for levying Impost Duties on Foreign Wheat Flour and Molasses, and to the Address of the House of Assembly on the same subject. Impost Duty Acts—Flour & Molasses.

(See Appendix No. 5.)

Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 10th July, 1844, in answer to the Address of the House of Assembly, praying that Barrington, Argyle, Cornwallis and Guysborough, be made Free Ports. Free Ports.

(See Appendix No. 6.)

Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 3rd August, 1844, relative to the suggested junction of the Customs and Excise Departments. Junction of Customs and Excise.

(See Appendix No. 7.)

Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 16th November, 1844, relative to the Registrar of Deeds Bill. Registrar of Deeds Bill.

(See Appendix No. 8.)

Five Copies of Orders of the Queen in Council, confirming certain Acts of the General Assembly, passed in 1844. Orders of Queen in Council confirming Acts.

(See Appendix No. 9.)

Ordered, That the said several Papers do lie on the Table.

The Hon. The Attorney General, also by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House several papers relative to the Treasury and Excise Departments, and the protection of the Revenue, and the same were read by the Clerk: Papers presented relative to the Treasury, Excise and Revenue.

—VIZ :

On Office of Excise
at Halifax.

Copies of the Provincial Secretary's letter of 21st April, 1844, to Thomas A. S. Dewolf, Esquire, offering him, conditionally, the situation of Collector of Excise at Halifax:—and of Mr. Dewolf's letter in reply.

Copies of Despatch from Lord Falkland to Lord Stanley, dated 1st June, 1844, reporting Mr. Dewolf's appointment;—and of Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 24th June, 1844, approving of Mr. Dewolf's appointment.

(See Appendix No. 10.)

Relating to Treasury

Copies of Provincial Secretary's letter of 1st May, 1844, to the Treasurer, requiring him to furnish monthly a transcript of his Cash Account, shewing the dates of the payments and receipts, the balance in hand, &c.

Of a Commission, dated 28th May, 1844, appointing Commissioners to examine into and report on the Treasury and Excise Departments.

Of a Report of the said Commissioners, dated 22d November, 1844.

Of a Letter from the Provincial Treasurer to the Provincial Secretary, dated 1st June, 1844, reporting his having paid the debt due by the Province to the Bank of British North America.

Revenue and Excise

Of a letter from the Provincial Secretary, dated 7th December, 1844, to the Collector of Excise at Halifax, requiring comparative statements of the Revenue for 1843 and 1844, &c.

Of Letter of Mr. Dewolf, the Collector of Excise at Halifax, in reply to the last mentioned, dated 29th January, 1845, with Returns.

(See Appendix No. 11.)

Proclamations and
Circulars relating to
Smuggling, Reve-
nues, &c.

Copies of a Proclamation of 14th May, 1844, against Smuggling.

Of a Proclamation of same date, to protect the Fisheries, and against Illicit Traffic.

Of a Notice from the Provincial Secretary's Office, of 8th June, requiring all Collectors of Excise to transmit Quarterly Lists of Defaulters on Bonds; with Copy of a letter addressed by the Provincial Secretary to the Collector of Excise at Halifax, dated 1st May, 1844, requiring returns of defaulters on Bonds, &c., according to a Circular of 4th September, 1843, addressed to Collectors of Impost throughout the Province.

Of Circular from the Provincial Secretary to Collectors of Excise, directing them to require in all cases the Invoices to be verified by Affidavit.

Ordered, That the said several Papers do lie on the Table.

Returns of Assess-
ments presented.

The Hon. The Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House several Returns of Assessments for the Counties herein-after mentioned, pursuant to a Resolution of this House of the 8th April last—viz: for the Counties of Pictou, King's, Queen's Annapolis, Inverness, Lunenburg, Sydney, Richmond, Guysborough, Hants, Shelburne, Lunenburg and Colchester.

Ordered, That the said Returns be referred to Mr. Huntington, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Hall, to examine and report thereon to this House.

Referred to Sel.
Com.

Petition from Justi-
ces of Colchester,
complaining of delay
in publishing of Acts

A Petition of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Colchester in General Session, was presented by Mr. McLelan and read, complaining of the lateness of the reception by the Magistrates, of the Acts of Assembly of last year, and praying that such delay may be remedied.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

Tuesday, 4th February, 1845.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to authorise the sale of the old Presbyterian Meeting House at River John, in the County of Pictou :—also

River John Meeting House Bill—

A Bill to provide for the Supervision and Management of the Burial Ground near Kentville,—were severally read a second time.

and Kentville Burial Ground Bill—
Read 2d time
And committed.

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

A Petition of the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Barrington, was presented by Mr. Wilson, and read, praying reimbursment of the expenses of a Transient Pauper.

Pet. of Overseers of Poor for Barrington

On motion, *resolved,* that Mr. Clements, Mr. Dickey and Mr. Hall, be a Committee to take into consideration and report upon all claims for the expenses of Transient Paupers.

Sel. Committee appointed on claims for Transient Paupers.
Barrington Pet. referred to Com.

Ordered, That the foregoing Petition of the Overseers of the Poor for Barrington, be referred to the said Committee.

A Petition of the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Clements, and read, praying reimbursment of the expenses of certain Transient Paupers in that Township.

Pet. of Overseers of Poor for Yarmouth

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the subject of Transient Paupers.

Referred to Com.

A Petition of Benjamin Dewolf and others, Inhabitants of Hants County, was presented by Mr. Fraser and read, praying that aid may be granted for running the Packet vessel called the "Ruth and Hannah," between Horton, Windsor and Parrsborough.

Pet. from Hants for aid to new Parrsboro' Packet.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. B. Smith, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the merits of the contested Election for the Township of Pictou, moved, in accordance with the direction of the Committee, that they have the leave of the House to adjourn over until Saturday next; which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the House.

Pictou Township Election Committee adjourned over.

A Petition of Overseers of the Poor for District No. 1, in the Township of Digby, was presented by Mr. Budd, and read, praying reimbursment of the expense of Transient Paupers.

Pet. of Overseers of Poor for Digby.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the subject of Transient Paupers.

Referred to Com.

At one of the clock, (being the time appointed for considering the Petition of William Johnson, against the election and return of Mr. Benjamin, the sitting Member for the Township of Horton,) the Sergeant-at-arms was directed to go to the places adjacent and require the immediate attendance of the Members on the business of the House, who having returned and reported that he had so done, the House was counted, and thirty-nine Members being present, (exclusive of Mr. Speaker, and Mr. Benjamin, the sitting Member,) and all other previous measures, prescribed by the Act of the General Assembly made and passed in the second year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act for regulating the Trials of Controverted Elections or Returns of Members to serve in General Assembly," having been taken, and the Petitioner and his Counsel, and the Counsel for the sitting Member, being in attendance at the Bar of the House, the doors of the House were locked, and the Order of the Day for taking into consideration the Petition complaining of an undue Election for the Township of Horton, was read, whereupon the House proceeded to ballot for a Select Committee to try the merits of the Return and Election of Perez M. Benjamin, Esquire, the sitting Member for the Township of Horton, in the manner prescribed by said Act, when the following names of fifteen Members

present

Order of Day, balloting for Horton Election Committee.

Names of Members drawn.

present, (and not appearing to be under the disqualifications mentioned in said Act, or not being excused at their own request, on account of their being then serving on a previous Election Committee,) were drawn, viz :—Mr. Wilson, Mr. Beckwith, Mr. Clements, Mr. Huntington, Mr. McNab, Mr. Logan, Mr. Martell, Hon. Solicitor General, Mr. Dimock, Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Thorne, Mr. Bourneuf, Mr. Ross and Mr. Fulton; and thereupon Lists of the fifteen Members, so chosen by lot, were given to the respective Counsel of the Petitioner and the sitting Member, who then withdrew with the Clerk Assistant, in order to reduce the same, pursuant to said Act;—and the doors were unlocked.

Petitions from Overseers of Annapolis

Two Petitions of Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Annapolis were presented by Mr. Whitman, and read, praying reimbursment of the expenses of Transient Paupers.

Referred to Com.

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on the Claims for expenses of Transient Paupers.

Petition from A. James for aid as Law Reporter.

A Petition of Alexander James, of Halifax, Attorney at Law, was presented by Mr. G. R. Young, and read, setting forth his having been appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to the Office of Reporter to the Court of Chancery, the Supreme Court, and Court of Vice Admiralty; and praying that a Grant may be made to defray the expense of publishing the Reports. And thereupon

Leave moved for to bring in Bill on Petition, negatived.

Mr. G. R. Young moved for leave to bring in a Bill pursuant to the prayer of said Petition: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion nineteen, against it twenty-four.

For the Motion—

Mr. McKeagney,	Mr. A. M. Uniacke,
“ Marshall,	“ Creighton,
Hon. Sol. General,	“ Dickey,
Mr. Fairbanks,	“ Owen,
“ Dewolf,	“ Thorne,
“ Holmes,	“ Taylor,
Hon. Atty. General,	“ Ryder.
Mr. Fraser,	
“ Wilkins,	
“ Budd,	
“ G. R. Young,	
“ Logan,	

Against the Motion—

Mr. Fleming,	Mr. Benjamin,
“ Crowell,	“ Bourneuf,
“ E. Young,	“ G. Smith,
“ Clements,	“ Wilson,
“ Martell,	“ Fulton,
“ Crowe,	“ Power,
“ Dimock,	“ Howe,
“ Hall,	“ Doyle,
“ Huntington,	“ Brennan,
“ McLelan,	“ Ross,
“ Beckwith,	“ McNab,
“ Whitman,	“ B. Smith.

So it passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

List of Names struck on Horton Election Com. delivered in.

The Clerk Assistant delivered in to the House the Names of the Seven Members remaining, after the number drawn by ballot this day, in regard to the Election for the Township of Horton, had been reduced according to law, by the Counsel for the parties alternately striking off names therefrom; and the names of the said seven Members so delivered in, being read, are as follows, viz :—Mr. Wilson, Mr. McNab, Mr. Dimock, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Thorne, Mr. Bourneuf, and Mr. Fulton:—who thereupon were duly sworn by the Clerk at the Table of the House, “ well and truly to try the merits of the Petition referred to them, and true judgment to give according to the evidence” pursuant to the provisions of the Statute.

Time for Meeting of Committee.

Ordered,—That the said Select Committee so formed, do meet to-morrow the fifth instant, at twelve of the clock at noon, in the Committee Room of this House, called the Grand Jury Room, for the purpose of hearing and determining the merits of the Election and Return of Perez M. Benjamin, Esquire, taken this day into consideration.

Petition against return of Mr. Benjamin, and Scrutiny, refer'd to Committee.

Ordered,—That the Petition of William Johnson, complaining of an undue Election and the return of Mr. Benjamin, the sitting Member for the Township of Horton, and the

the proceedings of the Scrutiny on said Election, be referred to the said Select Committee.

The Hon. the Solicitor General by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House several Returns in relation to the following Colleges, viz : Dalhousie College, Acadia College, St. Mary's College, and King's College ; also, Pic-tou Academy, pursuant to a Resolution of a former Session, and the same were read by the Clerk.

College Returns laid before House.

(See Appendix No. 12.)

Ordered,—That the Returns do lie on the Table.

The Hon. Solicitor General also by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House several returns and statements relative to several Academies, pursuant to a Resolution of a former Session, viz :—The Liverpool, Port Hood, Lunenburg, Guysborough, Yarmouth, Antigonishe, Annapolis, Shelburne and Albion (in Clements.)

Academy Returns laid before House.

Ordered,—That the Returns and Statements do lie on the Table.

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

Sheriff's Bill presented

A Petition of Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Newport, was presented by Mr. Dimock and read, praying reimbursment of the expenses of a Transient Pauper.

Pat from Overseers of Newport.

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

Refd. to Com.

Mr. Hall, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in relation to Trials by Jury of Summary Causes in the Supreme Court ; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Summary Trial Bill presented.

Mr. McLelan, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the appointment of Commissioners of Sewers, and to Repeal all former Acts relative thereto, and the same was read a first time.

Sewers Bill presented.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to Mr. McLelan, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Fleming and Mr. Logan, to examine and report upon.

Refd. to Select Com.

On motion of the Hon. the Solicitor General, *resolved*, That Select Committees on general subjects be now appointed :—And thereupon,

General Committees appointed.

Ordered, That Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Mr. G. R. Young, Mr. DesBarres, Mr. A. M. Uniacke, and Mr. Ross, be a Select Committee to examine and report on all matters connected with the Post Office Department.

On Post Office Department.

Ordered, That the Copies of Despatches and Papers relative to the Post Office Department, laid before this House yesterday, be referred to the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Howe, Mr. Ross, Mr. Dickey, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Brenan, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Martel, Mr. McKeagney, Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Mr. B. Smith, Mr. Hall, Mr. Whitman, Mr. Budd, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Owen, be a Select Committee to consider and report upon all matters connected with Agriculture.

Agriculture.

Ordered, That Mr. McNab, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Power, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Dewolf, and Mr. Ryder, be a Select Committee to examine and report upon all matters connected with Trade and Manufactures.

Trade and Manufactures.

Ordered, That Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Mr. Clements, Mr. G. R. Young, Mr. Martel, and Mr. Crowell, be a Select Committee to examine into and report upon all matters connected with the Fisheries.

Fisheries.

Navigation securities

Ordered, That Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Bourneuf, and Mr. Beckwith, be a Select Committee to examine and report upon all Petitions and matters connected with Navigation Securities.

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

Wednesday, 5th February, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Petition for aid to New Parrsborough Packet.

A Petition of Sherman Denison and others, Inhabitants of King's County, was presented by Mr. Hall, and read, praying aid towards the running of the Packet "Ruth and Hannah," between Horton, Parrsborough and Windsor.

Referred with former Pet. to Com. on Nav. Securities.

Ordered, That the Petition, together with the Petition of Benjamin Dewolf and others, of the County of Hants, presented yesterday, on the same subject, be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.

Pet. of Overseers of Poor for Windsor.

A Petition of the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Windsor, was presented by Mr. Fraser, and read, praying reimbursment of the expenses of certain Insane and Transient Paupers.

Referred to Com.

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

Pet for aid to Bay Verte Packet

A Petition of William Weeks, was presented by Mr. Dickey, and read, praying aid towards running a Packet Boat between Bay Verte and Prince Edward's Island.

Refd. to Com.

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

Pet. of Trustees of Sydney, C. B. Academy.

A Petition of the Trustees of the Academy at Sydney, Cape Breton, was presented by the Hon. Solicitor General, and read, praying aid towards paying off the debt due from that Institution, and a renewal of the Annual Grant therefor.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Pet. from Cumberland for aid to Parrsborough Packet.

A Petition of William Fullerton and others, Inhabitants of the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Fraser, and read, praying aid towards running the Packet "Ruth and Hannah," between Horton, Parrsborough and Windsor.

Refd. to Com. on Nav. Sec.

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

Poor Settlers Relief Bill presented.

Mr. Dickey, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill, further in relation to the Acts for affording relief to Poor Settlers, so far as respects the County of Cumberland; and the same was read a first time.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to Mr. Dickey, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. B. Smith, to examine and report thereon to the House.

Leave given to bring in Bill for Registration of Voters at Elections.

Mr. Wilkins moved for leave to bring in a Bill on the subject of Registration of Electors of Representatives in General Assembly, which being seconded and put was agreed to by the House.

Special Jury Returns laid before House.

The Hon. The Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House Returns of Lists of Special Jurors drawn and struck at Halifax during the last Michaelmas Term—and the same were read.

Ordered, That the Returns do lie on the Table.

Com. on Education appointed.

On motion of the Hon. The Attorney General, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to consider the subject of Education, and more especially with reference to the improvement and extension of the benefits of Common Schools, and the greater participation in those benefits of the remote and poorer settlements, and to report by Bill or otherwise.

Names.

Ordered, That Mr. Howe, Mr. Ross, Mr. Fulton, Mr. G. R. Young, Mr. Holmes, Mr.

Mr. Brenan, Mr. DesBarres, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. McKeagney, The Hon. Solicitor General, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Hall, The Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Creighton, and Mr. Budd, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.

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

Thursday, 6th February, 1845.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Andrew Henderson, Teacher of the Albion Academy, near Annapolis Royal, was presented by Mr. Huntington, and read, praying continued aid to that Institution. Pet. for Albion Academy.

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

A Petition of William Davis, Mail Courier between Annapolis and Digby, was presented by Mr. Whitman, and read, praying compensation for extra services performed by him in that capacity. Pet. of W. Davis, Mail Carrier.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Post Office Affairs. Refd. to Post Office Com.

A Petition of the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Whitman, and read, praying reimbursment of the expenses of certain Transient Paupers. Pet. of Overseers, Annapolis.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the claims for expenses of Transient Paupers. Refd. to Com. on expenses of Paupers.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved,* That a Committee be appointed to ascertain the progress made in the revision of the Provincial Statutes, and to report upon cost of publication, preparatory thereto, and generally on the subject. Sel. Com. in regard to revision of laws.

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. DesBarres, and Mr. Fraser, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.

Mr. J. B. Uniacke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. Insolvent Debtors Bill presented.

A Bill in relation to Trials by Jury of Summary Causes in the Supreme Court, was read a second time. Summary Trials Bill read 2d time

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

Mr. G. R. Young, from the Select Committee to whom were referred the Bill to amend the Act for determining differences by Arbitration, and to render references to Arbitration more effectual; and the Bill to regulate the issuing of Commissions and the taking of Depositions; reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills respectively, and recommend them to the favorable consideration of the House without amendment: and he delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table:—And thereupon, Report from Sel. Com. on Arbitration Bill—and Commission and Deposition Bill without amendment.

The said Bills were severally read a second time. And Bills read 2d time—and Committed.

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

A Bill to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel, was read a second time. Libel Bill read 2nd time—and

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

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

Cons. of whole on Bills.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. B. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report River John Meeting House Bill, and Summary Trial Bill, without amendment.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to authorise the Sale of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House at River John, in the County of Pictou; and the Bill in relation to Trials by Jury of Summary causes in the Supreme Court, and had directed him to report the said Bills to the House without any amendment:—and he thereupon delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

Bills to be engrossed

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

Bill presented to Incorporate Agricultural Societies.

Mr. Hall, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to Incorporate Agricultural Societies, and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

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

Friday, 7th February, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Engrossed River John Meeting House Bill read 3d time. Passed.

An Engrossed Bill to authorise the Sale of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House at River John, in the County of Pictou, was read a third time,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to authorise the Sale of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House at River John, in the County of Pictou.

And ordered to Council.

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

Engrossed Summary Trials Bill read 3d time. And re-committed.

An Engrossed Bill in relation to Trials by Jury of Summary Causes in the Supreme Court, was read a third time: and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Hall, *resolved*, that the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Committee on Bills.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. B. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Reported Summary Trials Bill with amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had again gone through the Bill in relation to Trials by Jury of Summary Causes in the Supreme Court, and had made some Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill;—that the Committee had also gone through the Bill to amend the Act for determining differences by Arbitration, &c., and the Bill to regulate the Issuing of Commissions, &c., and had directed him to report the said Bills to the House without any Amendment. And he afterwards delivered the three several Bills, together with the Amendments to the said first mentioned Bill, in at the Clerk's Table.

And Arbitration and Commission Bills without amendment.

Amendments agreed to Bills to be engrossed

The said Amendments were then read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendments be re-engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bills reported without Amendment be engrossed.

Provincial Account Current for 1844 laid before House.

The Hon. the Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House an Account from Mr. Treasurer Wallace, of all monies received into, and payments made from the Provincial Treasury, between the 1st January and the 31st December, 1844,—and the same was read.

(See Appendix No. 13.)

Refd. to Com. on Public Accounts.

Ordered, That the Account be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

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

A Copy of a Despatch from Lord Falkland to Lord Stanley, dated 28th April, 1844, transmitting to Lord Stanley a letter addressed to Lord Falkland from Sir Rupert George, Provincial Secretary, complaining of the effect the Civil List Bill will have on the emoluments of his office, &c.—Also,

A Copy of a Despatch from Lord Falkland to Lord Stanley, dated 30th April, 1844, transmitting Copy of a Bill concerning the Registrar of Deeds, &c., with observations thereon:—and the same were severally read by the Clerk.

(See Appendix No. 14.)

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

The Hon. the Attorney General, also by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House several Copies of Letters and Despatches, containing a Correspondence held in the course of the last year, on the subject of filling up vacancies in, or adding to the number of the Executive Council of this Province:—And the same were read by the Clerk, viz :

Letter from His Excellency Lord Falkland to the Hon. Mr. Dodd, dated at Government House, February 24th, 1844.

Letter from the Hon. Mr. Dodd to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, dated Halifax, 26th February, 1844.

Letters containing a Correspondence held in July last, between the Honorable the Provincial Secretary and several Gentlemen to whom offers were made of Seats in the Executive Council.

Despatch from Lord Falkland to Lord Stanley, dated 2nd August, 1844.

Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 24th August, 1844.

(See Appendix No. 15.)

Ordered, That 200 copies of the Despatches, Letters and Correspondence, laid this day before the House, be printed.

On motion of Mr. Doyle, *resolved*, That this House will on Wednesday next, the 12th instant, proceed to the consideration of the Despatches and Correspondence in relation to the Executive Council, laid this day before the House by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow at One of the Clock.

Saturday, 8th February, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Doyle, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to Incorporate the Cole Harbor Dike Company; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Cole Harbour Dike Bill presented.

A Petition of the Trustees of the Annapolis Academy, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying that in any Act passed for the Encouragement of Schools, that Institution may be placed upon the same footing as other Academies.

Pet. for Annapolis Academy.

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

Referred to Ed. Com.

A Petition of the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Granville, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying reimbursement of the expenses of certain Transient Paupers.

Pet. of Overseers Granville.

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

Refd. to Com. on Paupers.

Despatches laid before House relative to Civil List and Registrar's Bills.

Despatches and Correspondence laid before House on subject of filling up Executive Council.

Printing of Despatches, &c. ordered

Consideration of Despatches, &c., on subject of Executive Council made order of day.

Pet. for Bridgetown Grammar School.

A Petition of Richard James and others, was presented by Mr. Thorne, and read, praying continued aid to the Combined Common and Grammar School at Bridgetown.

Refd. to Ed. Com.

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

Pet. of T. James for aid as seizing officer in Wilmot.

A Petition of Thomas James, late Seizing Officer at the Breakwater in Wilmot, County of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Thorne, and read, praying that provision may be made to enable him to resume his duties in that situation, and for compensation for past services.

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

Petition of Fishermen at Wallace for protection against asserted legal claim.

A Petition of James Robertson and others, Inhabitants of Wallace and Fox Harbor, in the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Fulton and read, setting forth that Petitioners have for a long time past been engaged in the Fishery on the shore of the east end of Oak or Fox Island, encamping at night in the woods of that Island; and that lately they have been threatened that they will be prevented from so doing, by one Fanning, a native of the United States lately arrived in this Province, and claiming Title to said Island under the Will of General Fanning, who never attempted to prevent Petitioners in following their aforesaid avocations; and praying that measures may be adopted for the protection of Petitioners.

Withdrawn.

Ordered, That the Petition be withdrawn.

Pet. from a part of Maxwelton, for separate Poor District.

A Petition of Freeholders of the Gulf Shore and Big Island in the Township of Maxwellton, was presented by Mr. Holmes, and read, praying that those Settlements may be by law set off as a distinct district for the support of their poor.

Leave to bring in Bill thereon.

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

Pet. for New Road Merigomishe.

A Petition of the Freeholders of Gulf Shore and Merigomishe, in the County of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Holmes, and read, praying aid to complete an alteration of the Main Post Road from New Glasgow to Guysborough.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Pet. for bounty on Oat Mill at Baddeck, C. B.

A Petition of James Crowdes, senior, was presented by the Hon. Solicitor General, and read, praying a bounty on the erection of a Grist and Oatmill; and Kiln, by him at a poor settlement near the Baddeck River, in the County of Cape Breton.

Refd. to Com. on Agriculture.

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

Pet. for Revenue Boat at Little Canso.

A Petition of William J. Bigelow, of Canso, in the County of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. DesBarres, and read, praying that a grant may be made for the providing of a Revenue Boat to assist him, the Petitioner, in the performance of his duties as Collecting and Seizing Officer at the Port of Little Canso.

Refd. to Com. on Trade.

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

Pet. for aid to Ferry, Low Point, C. B.

A Petition of Duncan McPhee, was presented by the Hon. Solicitor General, and read, praying aid towards keeping up the Ferry at Low Point and Sydney Mines, in the County of Cape Breton.

Refd. to Com. on Nav. Sec.

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

Pet. of E. Bulger for payment for land taken for road.

A Petition of Edward Bulger, of the River Tear, in the County of Richmond, was presented by the Hon. Solicitor General, and read, praying payment for land taken from him in the year 1837, in the alteration of a road.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next at One of the clock.

Monday, 10th February, 1845.

PRAYERS.

A re-engrossed Bill in relation to Trials by Jury of Summary Causes in the Supreme Court was read:—And thereupon, Re-engrossed Summary Trials Bill read

On motion of Mr. Hall, *resolved*, That the following Clause do pass, and be added to the Bill by way of Rider:—viz: Rider added.

Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed or held to extend in any way or manner whatsoever, to repeal or alter the Acts of the General Assembly now in force, relating to or in any way touching or concerning the Summary Trials of Actions before Justices of the Peace, or the Mayor's or City Court at Halifax, or any part thereof, or to abrogate or limit the powers and authority of such Justices of the Peace, and the said Mayor's or City Court at Halifax, under or by virtue of the said Acts or any of them.

And the said clause having been accordingly added to the Bill,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act in relation to Trials of Summary Causes in the Supreme Court. Bill passed, &c.

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act for determining differences by Arbitration, &c., was read a third time. Engrossed Arbitration Bill read 3d time

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be An Act for determining differences by Arbitration, and to render references to Arbitration more effectual. Passed, &c.

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

A Petition of William Slocomb, was presented by Mr. Heckman, and read, praying compensation for Medical Attendance and Medicines, bestowed upon a Sick Indian in the County of Lunenburg. Pet. of Dr. Slocomb for compensation for attending sick Indian

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on claims for expenses of Transient Paupers. Refd. to Transient Poor Com.

A Petition of James Purves and others, Merchants of Pictou, was presented by Mr. G. Smith and read, praying a renewal of the Grant for a Revenue Boat at that Port. Pet. from Pictou for Revenue Boat.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade. Refd. to Com. on Nav. Sec.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Indian Harbour, in the District of St. Mary's in the County of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. Desbarres, and read, praying aid in the construction of a Breakwater at Indian Harbour. Pet. for Breakwater at Indian Harbour.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities. Refd. to Com. on Nav. Sec.

A Petition of John Vino was presented by Mr. Owen and read, praying for increased compensation for carrying the Mail between Lunenburg and Bridgewater. Pet. for encreased pay for carrying mail from Lunenburg to Bridgewater.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Post Office affairs. Refd. to Com. on Post Office Affairs.

A Petition of John Bonyman, Junior, was presented by Mr. Ross and read, praying that a loss sustained by him in building a Bridge over the French River of Tatamagouche, by Contract, may be reimbursed to him. Pet. of Contractor for building Bridge in Tatamagouche.

Ordered, That the Petition be withdrawn. Withdrawn.

A Petition of Ladies of the Town of Pictou, was presented by Mr. G. R. Young, and read, praying a continuance of aid to the Infant School at that place. Pet. for aid to Infant School, Pictou.

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

A Petition of Merchants and others interested in the trade of the Port of Sydney in Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. J. B. Uniacke, and read, praying that a grant may be made for compensation of the Harbor Master at that Port, and that such regulations may be made in regard to his duties as may appear necessary. Pet. for aid for Harbour Master at Sydney, C. B.

Ordered,—That the Petition do lie on the Table. A

- Sheriff's Bill read 2d time.
Refd. to Sel. Com. A Bill relating to the appointment of Sheriffs was read a second time.
Ordered,—That the Bill be referred to Mr. Ross, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Hall, Mr. Huntington, and Mr. McLelan, to examine and report thereon to this House.
- Absconding Debtors Bill, and A Bill to enable Creditors to recover their just debts out of the real estate, personal property and effects of absent or absconding debtors. Also—
- Cole Harbour Dike Bill
Read 2d time A Bill to Incorporate the Cole Harbor Dike Company.
Were severally read a second time.
- And Committed. *Ordered*,—That the Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
- Bastard Bill presented.
Mr. Dickey, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in relation to Bastard Children, and the same was read a first time.
Refd. to Sel. Com. *Ordered*, That the Bill be referred to Mr. Dickey, Mr. Creighton, and Mr. Des Barres, to examine and report thereon to this House.
- Digby Assessments laid before House. The Hon. the Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House a List of Assessments for County Rates for the County of Digby for the year 1843.
Refd. to Sel. Com. *Ordered*, That the said List be referred to the same Committee to whom were referred the Returns of Assessments laid before this House on Monday last the 3rd Instant.
- Report of Indian Commissioners for Cape Breton. The Hon. the Solicitor General also by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House a Report of Commissioners for Indian affairs in the Island of Cape Breton, with account of Expenditure and Vouchers—and the same were read.
(See Appendix No. 16.)
- Refd. to Sel. Com. *Ordered*, That the said Report, Account and Vouchers, be referred to Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Hall, Mr. Ryder, Mr. McKeagney, and Mr. Power, to examine and report thereon to this House.
- Report on Expiring Laws, 37 bills to continue acts relating to Summary Trials Mr. Hall reported from the Committee on the Expiring Laws, and thereupon, presented thirty-seven Bills—viz :
A Bill to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace.
- Agriculture A Bill to continue the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture and Rural Economy in this Province.
- Schools. A Bill to continue the Acts for the encouragement of Schools.
- Halifax Public School. A Bill to continue the Act to amend the Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax.
- Annapolis Academy A Bill to continue the Act to provide for the regulation and management of the Grammar School or Academy at Annapolis.
- Lunenburg Grammar School. A Bill to continue the Act for the regulation and management of the Combined Common and Grammar School at Lunenburg.
- Light Houses. A Bill to continue the Acts for the support and regulation of Light Houses.
- Commissioners of Sowers. A Bill to continue the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers.
- Wickwire Dike. A Bill to continue the Act relative to the assessment of Dike Rates, for the new or Wickwire Dike in Horton.
- Preservation of Moose. A Bill to continue the Act for the preservation of Moose.
- Setting snares for Moose. A Bill to continue the Act for making Regulations relative to the setting of Snares for catching Moose.
- Militia. A Bill to continue the Acts for regulating the Militia.
- Settlement of Poor. A Bill to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province.
- Sydney Pilotage. A Bill to continue the Act now in force to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Sydney, in the Island of Cape Breton.

A Bill to continue the Act to regulate the weighing of Beef, and the Acts in amendment thereof.	Weighing of Beef.
A Bill to continue the Act for establishing a Harbour Master at Bridgeport in the Island of Cape Breton.	Bridgeport Harbor Master.
A Bill to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.	Assize of Bread.
A Bill to continue the Act additional concerning Nuisances.	Nuisances.
A Bill to continue the Act to direct and ascertain the mode of Assessing County and District Rates, and for other purposes, and the Acts in amendment thereof.	Assessment of County rates.
A Bill to continue the several Acts to provide for the accommodation and billeting of Her Majesty's Troops or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another.	Billeting troops, &c.
A Bill to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island in this Province.	Sable Island.
A Bill to continue the Acts to regulate the survey of Timber and Lumber.	Survey of Timber.
A Bill to continue the Act relating to Marriage Licenses.	Marriage licenses.
A Bill to continue the Act to amend the Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Nova Scotia.	Bank of Nova Scotia.
A Bill to continue the Act to extend to the Town of Dartmouth, the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.	Dartmouth Assize of Bread.
A Bill to continue the Act for setting off a part of the Township of Egerton, as a separate District for the support of the Poor.	Setting off Egerton as poor district.
A Bill to continue the Act respecting the collection of Poores' rates of Pictou, as amended.	Collection of Poores' rates of Pictou.
A Bill to continue the Act to extend to the Township of Egerton the Act respecting the Collection of Poores' rates of Pictou, and to amend the said Act	Extension of Pictou Poor rates Act to Egerton.
A Bill to continue the Act for dividing the Township of Digby into separate districts for the support of the Poor.	Digby Poor districts
A Bill to continue the Act to prevent the taking of Oysters from Tracadie in the County of Sydney.	Tracadie Oysters.
A Bill to continue certain Acts in amendment of the Act for Incorporating the Town of Halifax.	Amendments of Halifax Incorporation Acts.
A Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Shad Fishery in King's County.	Shad Fishery King's
A Bill to continue the Acts for the regulation of Juries.	Jury Acts.
A Bill to continue the Acts for the inspection of Flour and Meal.	Inspection of Flour, &c.
A Bill to continue the Acts to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.	Expenditure of Road Money.
A Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Halifax, and the several Acts in amendment thereof and additional thereto.	Halifax Pilotage.
A Bill to continue the Acts in amendment of the Act for the choice of Town Officers and regulating of Townships, and the Acts to alter and amend the same.	Town Officers.
And the said Bills were respectively read a first time.	Bills read first and
<i>Ordered, nem. con.,</i> That the said Bills be now read a second time.	second time.
And the said Bills were then severally read a second time.	
<i>Ordered,</i> That the Bill to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace, be referred to Mr. Fraser, Mr. Brennan, and Mr. Dickey, to examine and report thereon to this House.	Bill to continue summary trial Act ref'd to Sel. Com.
<i>Ordered,</i> That the Bill to continue the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture and Rural Economy in this Province, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.	Bill to continue Agricultural Act, refer'd to Com. on Agriculture.
<i>Ordered,</i> That the Bill to continue the Acts for the encouragement of Schools, the Bill to continue the Act to amend an Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax, the Bill to continue the Act to provide for the regulation and management of the Grammar School or Academy at Annapolis, and the Bill to continue the Act for the regulation	Bills continuing School Acts ref'd to Com. on Education.

gulation and management of the Combined Common and Grammar School at Lunenburg, be referred to the Committee on Education.

Bill to continue Light House Acts, ref'd to Com. on Nav. Securities.

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

Bills to continue Sewers' Acts ref'd to Com. on Sewers Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to continue the Acts in amendment of the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers, and the Bill to continue the Act relative to the assessment of Dike Rates, for the new or Wickwire Dike in Horton, be referred to the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill for the appointment of Commissioners of Sewers, &c.

Remaining Bills committed.

Ordered, That the remainder of the Bills reported from the Committee on the Expiring Laws, be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

Tuesday, 11th February, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Bedford Basin burial ground Bill presented

Mr. A. M. Uniacke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill respecting the Burial Ground near the Three Mile House, Bedford Basin; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Pet. for expense of pauper at Musquodoboit.

A Petition of Michael and Robert Geddes, was presented by Mr. Doyle, and read, praying compensation for board, lodging, and services performed and bestowed in the case of a Transient Pauper at Musquodoboit, whose feet were frozen.

Ref'd. to Com. on transient pauper claims.

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

Pet. of H. Palmer for return of duties.

A Petition of Henry Palmer was presented by Mr. Fraser, and read, praying a return of Duties paid by him upon the importation of two Mares, one of which was afterwards exported.

Ref'd. to Com. on Trade.

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

Pet. of overseers, Pictou.

A Petition of Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Pictou, was presented by Mr. G. Smith, and read, praying repayment of expenses incurred by them in the support of Transient Paupers.

Ref'd to Com. on pauper claims.

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

Pet. from a part of Maxwelton for separate Poor district.

A Petition of Freeholders of the Middle Division of the Township of Maxwelton, was presented by Mr. Holmes, and read, praying to be set off in a separate District for the support of the Poor.

Laid on table.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Pet. of Newport Agricultural Society

A Petition of the Newport Agricultural Society, was presented by Mr. Dimock, and read, praying a continuance of the Legislative Grant for the encouragement of Agriculture.

Ref'd to Agri. Com.

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

Pet. from Eastwood and others, for ret'n of duties.

A Petition of George Eastwood and others, Mill owners at Sackville Bridge, was presented by Mr. Dewolf, and read, praying a drawback of Duties paid by them on the importation of Machinery and Dye Stuffs for their Cloth Factory.

Ref'd to Com. on Trade.

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

Pet. of Dr. Gesner relative to Coal and other Mines.

A Petition of Abraham Gesner, was presented by Mr. Dewolf, and read, setting forth the advantages to be derived from the opening of Mines of Coals and Minerals in this Province,

Province, and praying that he and others may be allowed to open and work the Coal Mines of the County of Cumberland; and that notice to that effect may be given to the General Mining Association, agreeably to a reserve made in their Lease.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the subject of the Coal Mines. Ref'd to Coal Mine Committee.

A Petition of Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Connty of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. DesBarres, and read, praying further aid towards completing the opening of the new great Eastern Road from Halifax, by St. Mary's and Guysborough, to the Gut of Canso. Pet. from Guysboro' for New Great Eastern road.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table. Laid on Table.

A Petition of James Wilson, a Distiller, residing at Dartmouth, was presented by Mr. McNab, and read, setting forth the inability of Distillers of Spirituous Liquors to compete with Importers, owing to the high duty imposed on the distillation of spirituous liquors within the Province, and the frauds practised in regard thereof, and praying that a remedy may be applied thereto. Pet. relating to Distilleries.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade and Manufactures. Ref'd to Com. on Trade.

A Petition of Settlers on Pictou Island, in the County of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Holmes, and read, praying Provincial aid for the establishment of a School, the erection of a Breakwater, and the making of a Road in that Island. Pet. from Pictou Island.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table. Laid on Table.

A Petition of the Bridgetown Agricultural Society, was presented by Mr. Thorne, and read, praying a continuance of the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture. Pet. of Bridgetown Agricultural Soc'y.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Ref'd to Com. on Agriculture.

A Petition of Doctor Morrison Oakes, was presented by Mr. Thorne, and read, praying compensation for Medical Attendance and Medicines bestowed upon poor negroes in the vicinity of Bridgetown. Pet. of Dr. Oakes for attendance on Negroes near Bridgetown.

And thereupon, Mr. Thorne moved that the Petition be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon—which being seconded,

Mr. A. M. Uniacke moved by way of amendment to the question, that the Petition be withdrawn:—which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Petition be withdrawn. Withdrawn.

Two Petitions, one of Magistrates, Freeholders, and others, inhabitants of Louisburg, in the County of Breton—and the other of Magistrates, Freeholders, and other inhabitants of St. Anns, in said County, were presented by Mr. J. B. Uniacke, and read, respectively praying that a suitable provision may be made for a Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court, who shall reside permanently in Cape Breton;—and thereupon, Petitions from Cape Breton for resident Judge.

On motion of Mr. J. B. Uniacke, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to consider the state of the Judiciary, and the Administration of the law in connection therewith. Com. on Judiciary.

Ordered, That Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. DesBarres, Mr. B. Smith, and Mr. McLelan, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose. Names.

Ordered, That the two last mentioned Petitions be referred to the said Committee. Petitions referred.

On motion of Mr. A. M. Uniacke, the Bill respecting the Burial Ground, near the Three Mile House, Bedford Basin, was *nem. con.* read a second time. Bedford Basin burial ground Bill, read 2d time and committed.

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

The Honorable The Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House an estimate of the expenses of the Civil Government of the Province for the current year, 1845, and the same was read. Estimate of expense of Civil Government presented.

(See Appendix No. 17.)

Ordered,

	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Estimate do lie on the Table.
Supply granted.	On motion of The Hon. the Solicitor General, <i>resolved</i> , That a supply be granted to Her Majesty.
Com. of Supply.	<i>Ordered</i> , That this House do on Monday next, the 17th February, instart, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.
Estimate ref'd to Com. of Supply.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the estimate of the expense of the Civil Government of the Province for the present year, be referred to the Committee of Supply.
Pet. for aid to Lock up house at Grand Narrows, C. B.	A Petition of Inhabitants of the County of Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. J. B. Uniacke, and read, praying aid in the erection of a Lock up House or Town House at the Grand Narrows. <i>Ordered</i> , That the Petition do lie on the Table.
Pet. for aid to Public house at Boysdale C. B.	A Petition of the Inhabitants of Boysdale and its vicinity, was presented by Mr. J. B. Uniacke, and read, praying aid towards the establishment of a House of Entertainment for Travellers in that settlement, there being none at present within a distance of Thirty-five miles. <i>Ordered</i> , That the Petition do lie on the Table.
Com. on Bills.	On motion, the House resolved itself into the Committee on Bills. Mr. Speaker left the Chair, Mr. B. Smith took the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
Report without amendment Bills continuing Acts respecting preservation of Moose. Setting snares for catching Moose. Militia. Settlement of Poor. Sydney Pilotage. Weighing of Beef. Bridgeport Harbor Master. Assize of Bread. Nuisances. County Assessments. Billiting of Troops, &c. Sable Island. Survey of Timber. Marriage licenses. Nova Scotia Bank. Dartmouth Assize of Bread. Egerton Poor district. Pictou Poores' rates. Collection of Poores' rate, Egerton. Digby Poor districts. Tracadie Oyster Bill to be deferred.	The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to continue the Act for the preservation of Moose; the Bill to continue the Act for making regulations relative to the setting of Snares for catching Moose; the Bill to continue the Acts for regulating the Militia; the Bill to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province; the Bill to continue the Acts now in force to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Sydney, in the Island of Cape Breton; the Bill to continue the Act to regulate the weighing of Beef, and the Acts in amendment thereof; the Bill to continue the Act for establishing a Harbour Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape Breton; the Bill to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread; the Bill to continue the Act additional concerning Nuisances; the Bill to continue the Act to direct and ascertain the mode of assessing County and District Rates, and for other purposes, and the Acts in amendment thereof; the Bill to continue the several Acts to provide for the accommodation and billeting of Her Majesty's Troops or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another; the Bill to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island in this Province; the Bill to continue the Acts to regulate the survey of Timber and Lumber; the Bill to continue the Act relating to Marriage Licenses; the Bill to continue the Act to amend the Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the President, Directors, and Company of the Bank of Nova Scotia; the Bill to continue the Act to extend to the Town of Dartmouth the Act to regulate the assize of Bread; the Bill to continue the Act for setting off a part of the Township of Egerton as a separate District for the support of the Poor; the Bill to continue the Act respecting the collection of Poores' rates of Pictou, as amended; the Bill to continue the Act to extend to the Township of Egerton the Act respecting the collection of Poores' rates of Pictou, and to amend the said Act; and the Bill to continue the Act for dividing the Township of Digby into separate Districts for the support of the Poor; and had directed him to report the said Bills to the House severally without amendment. That the Committee had also considered the Bill to continue the Act to prevent the taking of Oysters from Tracadie in the County of Sydney, and recommend to the House to defer the further consideration of the Bill until this day three months: and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.
Bills reported without amdt. ordered to be engrossed.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Bills reported without Amendment be engrossed.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Bill to continue the Act to prevent the taking of Oysters from Tracadie, in the County of Sydney, be deferred until this day three months. Tracadie Oyster Bill deferred 3 months.

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

Wednesday, 12th February, 1845.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of John Lewis Tremain, Collector of H. M. Customs at Port Hood, was presented by Mr. McKeagney, and read, praying payment of a sum of money for his services as such Collector during the last year, out of monies collected by him, pursuant to a Report of a Committee of this House in the winter Session of that year. Pet. of J. L. Tremain for allowance as Customs Officer.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition of Magistrates, Freeholders, and other inhabitants of the County of Inverness, was presented by Mr. McKeagney, and read, praying that provision may be made for a resident Puisne Judge in the Island of Cape Breton. Pet. from Inverness for resident Judge in Cape Breton.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the subject of the Judiciary. Refd. to Com. on Judiciary.

A Petition of Owners and Mariners of Vessels of Margaree and Cheticamp, was presented by Mr. McKeagney, and read, praying payment of bounties on vessels fitted out last Spring for prosecution of the Seal Fishery. Pet. from Co. Inverness for payment of Seal Bounties.

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

A Petition of Inhabitants of Margaree and the adjacent settlements in the County of Inverness, was presented by Mr. McKeagney, and read, praying a grant towards repayment to Henry Taylor, Esquire, of monies expended by him in the formation of a Breakwater and other necessary public works for the preservation of Margaree Harbour. Pet. for payment of monies expended on Breakwater, Margaree.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities. Refd. to Com. on Nav Sec.

Mr. B. Smith, Chairman of the Select Committee on the Pictou Township Election, by direction of the Committee, moved that they have the leave of the House to adjourn over until Saturday next, the 15th instant, which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the House. Leave to Pictou Election Com. to adjourn over.

The Order of the Day being read,

Ordered, That this House do now proceed to the consideration of the Despatches, &c., laid before this House by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in relation to the Executive Council: and thereupon, Order of Day—Consideration of Despatches, &c. relating to Ex. Council

On motion of Mr. Doyle, the House resolved itself in a Committee thereon. Com. of whole thereon.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair. Com. adjourn.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some some progress in the business referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the same subject, which the House agreed to. Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House do again to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the foregoing subject. Same subject Order for To-morrow.

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

 Thursday, 13th February, 1845.

PRAYERS.

House informed of accident to Sergeant at Arms.

The Speaker informed the House, that George R. Grassie, Esquire, the Sergeant at Arms, would by an accident, which had happened to him last evening, be prevented from attending this House for a short time :—and thereupon,

Temporary Assistant chosen.

On motion of Mr. Fulton, *resolved*, That Mr. Thomas Cooke be appointed an Assistant Sergeant at Arms of this House, to attend and officiate in the place of the Sergeant at Arms, during his necessary and temporary absence in consequence of such accident.

Pet. from colored people near Windsor for education of their children.

A Petition of certain persons of Colour, resident in the vicinity of Windsor, was presented by Mr. Wilkins, and read, praying that provision may be made for the Education of their children.

Refd. to Com. on Education.

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

Pet. from Rawdon for aid to rebuild School House.

A Petition of Inhabitants of Number One School District in Rawdon, was presented by Mr. B. Smith, and read, praying aid towards rebuilding a School House recently erected by them and destroyed by fire.

Refd. to Ed. Com.

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

Pet. for further aid to Seal Island Establishment.

A Petition of Edmund Crowell, was presented by Mr. Wilson, and read, praying continuance of aid towards his Establishment at Seal Islands, for relief of Shipwrecked Mariners.

Refd. to Com. of Supply.

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

Pet. from Agricultural Society in Queen's County.

A Petition of an Agricultural Society in the Northern District of Queen's County, was presented by Mr. Fairbanks, and read, praying a continuance of the Act for promoting Agriculture.

Refd. to Ag. Com.

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

Horton Election Com. adjourn over by leave.

Mr. Marshall, Chairman of the Select Committee on the Horton Township Election, by direction of the Committee, moved that they have leave to adjourn over until Monday next, the 17th instant :—which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the House.

Engrossed Commission Witnesses Bill read 3rd time. Passed, &c.

An engrossed Bill to regulate the issuing of Commissions and the taking of Depositions, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to regulate the issuing of Commissions and the taking of Depositions in the Supreme Court.

Ordered to Council.

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

Order of Day—
Consideration of despatches, &c., on Executive Council. Com. of whole thereon.

The Order of the Day being read,

The House resolved itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the Despatches, &c., relative to the Executive Council.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report progress.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some further progress in the business referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the further consideration of the same subject, which the House agreed to.

Made further order.

Ordered, That this House do again to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the foregoing subject.

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

 Friday, 14th February, 1845.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Lemuel Morehouse, mail courier between Digby and Westport, praying a continuance of the Grant made to him on account of ferriages paid on that route. Pet. of L. Morehouse
Mail Courier.

A Petition of Edward L. Brown, of Horton, Physician, was presented by Mr. Hall, and read, praying compensation for medical attendance bestowed upon, and medicines furnished to a poor sick Indian. Pet. of Dr. Brown.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on claims for expenses of Transient Paupers. Refd. to Com. on
claims for transient
pauper expenses.

A Petition of William F. Bowes, a teacher of one of the Common Schools in the Township of Windsor, was presented by Mr. Wilkins, and read, praying that the Commissioners of Schools for the County of Hants, may be authorised to pay to him the Government allowance as such teacher, which they withheld on account of the law not having been fully complied with. Pet. of W. Bowes,
Teacher.

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

A Petition of the Cornwallis Agricultural Society, was presented by Mr. Beckwith, and read, praying a continuance of the Grant in aid of Agriculture. Pet. of Cornwallis
Ag. Society.

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

The Hon. The Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House a return of Ships and Vessels registered at the Port of Halifax, and other Registry Ports in the Province; and the same was read. Return of Ships,
&c., presented.

(See Appendix No. 18.)

Ordered, That the Return do lie on the Table.

The Hon. The Solicitor General, also by command of His Excellency, presented to the House an abstract account of articles on which Duties have been paid at the Custom House at Halifax and Out Bays in 1844, and the same was read. Custom House re-
turns of duties
presented.

Ordered, That the Account be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts. Refd. to Com. on
Pub. Accounts.

The Hon. Solicitor General, also by command of His Excellency, presented to the House a Return relative to the Wesleyan Academy at Sackville, in New Brunswick, and the same was read. Return of Methodist
Academy at Sack-
ville.

(See Appendix No. 12.)

Ordered, That the Return do lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day being read,

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the further consideration of the Despatches, &c., relative to the Executive Council. Order of Day—
Further Considera-
tion of subject of Ex.
Council.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some further progress in the business referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration thereof, which the House agreed to. Report progress.

Ordered, That this House do again to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee for the purpose of further considering the Despatches, &c., on the subject of the Executive Council. Same subject
Made further order.

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

Saturday, 15th February, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Engrossed continuing Bills read 3d time, viz:
Preservation of Moose.
Passed.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for the preservation of Moose, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act for the Preservation of Moose.

Snares for Moose.

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

Passed.

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

Militia.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Acts for regulating the Militia, was read a third time.

Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act for regulating the Militia.

Settlement of Poor.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province, was read a third time.

Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province.

Sydney Pilotage.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Acts now in force to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Sydney, in the Island of Cape Breton, was read a third time.

Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Acts now in force to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Sydney, in the Island of Cape Breton.

Weighing of Beef.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to regulate the weighing of Beef, and the Acts in amendment thereof, was read a third time.

Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act to regulate the weighing of Beef, and the Acts in amendment thereof.

Bridgeport Harbor Master.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for establishing a Harbour Master at Bridgeport in the Island of Cape Breton, was read a third time.

Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act for establishing a Harbor Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape Breton.

Assize of Bread.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, was read a third time.

Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.

Nuisances.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act additional concerning Nuisances, was read a third time.

Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act additional concerning Nuisances.

County Rates.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to direct and ascertain the mode of Assessing County and District Rates, and for other purposes, and the Acts in amendment thereof, was read a third time.

Passed,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act to direct and ascertain the mode of Assessing County and District Rates, and for other purposes, and the Acts in amendment thereof.

Billeting of Troops, &c.

An engrossed Bill to continue the several Acts to provide for the accommodation and billeting

billeting of Her Majesty's Troops or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the several Acts to provide for the accommodation and billeting of Her Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another. Passed.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island in this Province, was read a third time. Sable Island.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island, in this Province. Passed.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Acts to regulate the survey of Timber and Lumber, was read a third time. Survey of Timber.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Acts to regulate the survey of Timber and Lumber. Passed.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act relating to Marriage Licences, was read a third time. Marriage Licences.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act relating to Marriage Licences. Passed.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to amend the Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Nova Scotia, was read a third time. Nova Scotia Bank.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act to amend the Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the President, Directors, and Company, of the Bank of Nova Scotia. Passed.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to extend to the Town of Dartmouth, the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, was read a third time. Assize of Bread, Dartmouth.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act to extend to the Town of Dartmouth the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread. Passed.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for setting off a part of the Township of Egerton, as a separate District for the support of the Poor, was read a third time. Egerton Poor District.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to continue the Act for setting off a part of the Township of Egerton as a separate district for the support of the Poor. Passed.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act respecting the collection of Poores' rates of Pictou, as amended, was read a third time. Poores' Rates, Pictou.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to continue the Act respecting the collection of Poores' rates of Pictou as amended. Passed.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to extend to the Township of Egerton the Act respecting the Collection of Poores' rates of Pictou, and to amend the said Act, was read a third time. Egerton Poores' rates.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act to extend to the Township of Egerton the Act respecting the collection of Poores' Rates of Pictou, and to amend the said Act. Passed.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for dividing the Township of Digby into separate districts for the support of the Poor, was read a third time. Digby Poor Districts.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act for dividing the Township of Digby into separate Districts for the support of the Poor. Passed.

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

Election Bill presented.

Mr. J. B. Uniacke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the better regulation of Elections, and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill presented to amend Pictou Poor Districts Act.

Mr. G. R. Young, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend the Act for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate Districts for the support of the Poor; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill presented to Repeal Tracadie Oyster Act.

Mr. Power, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to Repeal the Act to prevent the taking of Oysters from Tracadie, in the County of Sydney; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Pet. for aid to Ferry at Pictou, on account of Mails.

A Petition of William McDougall, ferryman between the Town of Pictou and Fisher's Grant, was presented by Mr. G. R. Young, and read, praying compensation for the increased number of times and extra services in conveying the Mail by said Ferry, during the past and present year.

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

Refd. to Post Office Com.

Petitions from Yarmouth in favor of Common Schools.

Four Petitions of Inhabitants of Yarmouth, were presented by Mr. Clements, and read, respectively setting forth that it would be more conducive to the general interests, if the funds that can be spared out of the Revenue be applied for the present in aid of the lower classes of Schools, particularly of the Common Schools, Petitioners considering it injudicious to endow a number of Sectarian Colleges, and praying that all monies granted for the promotion of Education may be applied to the diffusion of knowledge amongst the whole people.

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

Refd. to Ed. Com.

Pet. of Coloured people in Yarmouth for School.

A Petition of colored Inhabitants of Salmon River, in the County of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Clements, and read, representing their poverty, and praying aid for a School in that District.

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

Refd. to Ed. Com.

Pet. from Cumberland against New Road.

A Petition of the Settlers in the Wilderness, on the South Side of the Napan River, in the County of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Dickey and read, representing the undue means employed by one James Shipley to open a new Road there in opposition to the interests of the Petitioners, settlers on the old road, and praying that further aid may be withheld from such new road.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Pet. of Overseers of Poor, Cornwallis.

A Petition of the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. Hall and read, praying reimbursment of the expenses of certain Transient Paupers.

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

Refd. to Pauper Com.

Pet. for aid to School in North Suburbs of Halifax.

A Petition of the Revd. Ralph Robb, the Pastor, and of the Trustees and Congregation of St. John's (Presbyterian) Church in the north end of the City of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Howe and read, praying aid towards a School established by them.

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

Refd. to Ed. Com.

Pet. for aid to National School, Halifax.

A Petition of the Trustees of the National School at Halifax, was presented by Mr. A. M. Uniacke and read, praying continued aid to that Institution.

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

Refd. to Ed. Com.

Pet. from Horton in relation to Schools.

A Petition of the Revd. William Somerville and others, Inhabitants of Horton, in King's County, was presented by Mr. Dickey and read, praying for a more efficient system of Grammar and Common Schools, as set forth in the Petition.

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

Refd. to Ed. Com.

A Petition of Joseph Langley was presented by Mr. Howe and read, praying aid to an Establishment by him for the entertainment of Travellers on the Great Eastern Road from Halifax to St. Mary's, there being no other accommodation of the kind for a distance of thirty miles.

Pet. for aid to Public House, new road to Guysborough.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition of Inhabitants of the Township of Aylesford, in King's County, was presented by Mr. Dewolf and read, praying an alteration of a section of the Road surveyed by Mr. Elder, under direction of the Government, between Lower Pereaue, in Cornwallis, along the foot of the North Mountain, to Bridgetown, in the County of Annapolis; and thereupon,

Pet. from Aylesford, for alteration of road.

Mr. Huntington moved that the Petition be referred to the Members from King's County to provide for the object thereof, which being seconded,

Motion to refer Pet. to members for County.

Mr. Hall moved as an amendment to the question, that the words thereof after the word "Petition," be left out, and that the words "do lie on the Table," be substituted therefor; which being seconded and put and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Amendment fifteen, against it fourteen.

Amendt. that Pet. lie on Table.
Amendt. carried.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Pet. to lie on Table.

The Order of the Day being read,

Order of Day—

The House resolved itself into a Committee, on the further consideration of the Despatches, &c., relative to the Executive Council.

Com of whole on subject of Executive Council.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some further progress in the business referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof, which the House agreed to.

Report progress.

Ordered, That this House do on Monday next again resolve itself into Committee on the further consideration of the Despatches, &c., relative to the Executive Council.

Made further order for Monday.

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

Monday, 17th February, 1845.

PRAYERS.

A Bill for the better regulation of Elections.

Election Bill

A Bill to amend the Act for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate Districts for the support of the Poor—and

Pictou Poor District Bill

A Bill to repeal the Act to prevent the taking of Oysters from Tracadie in the County of Sydney—were severally read a second time.

Bill to Repeal Tracadie Oyster Act.

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

Read 2d time.
And Committed.

Mr. Dickey reported from the Select Committee on the Bill further in relation to the Acts for affording relief to Poor Settlers, &c., that the Committee had examined the Bill and had prepared some amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill, and he thereupon delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Clerk.

Report from Com. on Poor Settlers Relief Bill.
Amendments.

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

Bill read 2d time, with amendments.

And the same were read a second time.

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

And committed.

Mr.

Bill presented to divide Maxwelltown into Poor Districts.

Mr. Holmes, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to divide the Township of Maxwelltown into a separate District for the support of the Poor, and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Road expenditure Bill.

Mr. Fulton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in relation to the expenditure of Public Monies on the Highways, and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Pet. for further grant towards building Baddeck Bridge.

A Petition of William Jones and Duncan McRae, Commissioners for building a Bridge across the Baddeck River in the County of Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. J. B. Uniacke, and read, praying an additional Grant to carry that object into effect.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Pet. for aid to Breakwater on St. Mary's River.

A Petition of Hugh McDonald and others, Inhabitants of St. Mary's River, in the County of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. DesBarres and read, praying aid in the construction of Breakwaters on that River to prevent the flooding of the lands on that part called the Stillwater, through the jamming of the ice.

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

Refd. to Com. on Nav. Sec.

Pet. for payment for gravel for Shubenacadie Road.

A Petition of James Fulton was presented by Mr. Ross and read, praying payment of the Rent agreed to be paid by the Government Commissioner for the expenditure of money on the new Line of Road through Shubenacadie for the use of a Field of Gravel, for the purpose of gravelling the road.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Hall, Mr. Clements, and Mr. J. B. Uniacke, to examine into the facts set forth therein, and to report thereon to this House.

Refd. to Ssl. Com.

Pet. from Londonderry and Economy for protection of their Shore Fisheries.

A Petition of Joseph Fulton and others, Freeholders of the Townships of Londonderry and Economy, in the County of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Ross, and read, praying that measures may be adopted for the protection of their Shore Fisheries, which are encroached upon by Vessels said to be fitted out in New Brunswick, but believed to belong to the United States of America.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Orders of Day—
Com. of Supply postponed.

The Orders of the Day being read.

Ordered, That this House do To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

House go in Com. on further consideration of Despatches, &c., relative to Ex Council.

Ordered, That this House do now again resolve itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the Despatches, &c., relative to the Executive Council;—and thereupon—

The House resolved itself into such Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some further progress in the business referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration thereof;—which the House agreed to.

Further order of day on same subject.

Ordered, That this House do again to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the Despatches, &c., relative to the Executive Council.

Return of Road Monies granted presented.

The Hon. The Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House An Abstract of Monies granted for Roads and Bridges, from 1836 to 1844 inclusive; and the same was read, and is as followeth:—

1836	.	.	.	.	£10,750	0	0
1837	.	.	.	.	10,300	0	0
1838	.	.	.	.	11,395	0	0
1839	.	.	.	.	16,800	0	0
1840	.	.	.	.	44,000	0	0
1841	.	.	.	.	24,000	0	0
1842	.	.	.	.	33,400	0	0
1843	.	.	.	.	16,414	1	2
1844	.	.	.	.	10,000	0	0
					£177,059	1	2

Ordered, That the Abstract do lie on the Table.

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

Tuesday, 18th February, 1845.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of George Edward Jean, of Arichat in the County of Richmond, was presented by Mr. Martell, and read, praying Remuneration for his Services as Clerk of the Peace, in preparing and furnishing for the information of the Legislature, a Copy of the Assessments for the County of Richmond. Pet. for payment for preparing returns of Assessments in Co. of Richmond.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee to whom was referred the Returns of Assessments laid before the House. Refd. to Com. on Assessments.

A Petition of Overseers of the Poor for New Glasgow, in the County of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Holmes, and read, praying reimbursment of the expenses of certain Transient Paupers. Pet. from Overseers of New Glasgow.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on claims for expenses of Transient Paupers. Refd. to Transient Pauper Committee.

A Petition of the Annapolis Royal Agricultural Society, was presented by Mr. Whitman, and read, praying a continuance of the Grant in aid of Agriculture. Pet. of Annapolis Agricultural Society.

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

A Petition of William Allen Chipman and others, of King's County, and a Petition of John Wier and others, of the County of Colchester, were presented by Mr. Ross, and read, praying that this House may use every Constitutional means to prevent the Proposals of the General Mining Association in reference to the Coal Mines of the Province, being acceded to. Petitions in relation to Coal Mines.

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on the subject of the Coal Mines. Refd. to Coal Mine Committee.

A Petition of Daniel Wier and John Chambers, Commissioners appointed to build a Bridge over the St. Croix River, between Windsor and Newport, was presented by Mr. B. Smith, and read, praying reimbursment of certain expenses incurred by them in the defence of an action brought against them on account of the construction of said Bridge. Pet. from Commissioners for building St. Croix Bridge.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Dickey, Mr. Ryder, and Mr. Logan, to examine into the merits thereof, and report thereon to this House. Refd. to Sel. Com.

A Petition of the Dartmouth Agricultural Society, was presented by Mr. Howe, and read, praying a continuance of the Grant in aid of Agriculture. Pet. of Dartmouth Ag. Society.

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

Pet. against denomi-
national Colleges.

A Petition of Inhabitants of Stewiacke was presented by Mr. Howe, and read, praying that provision may be made for endowing one respectable Central College, and that all Grants may be withheld from every Denominational Institution in the Province.

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

Refd. to Com. on
Education.

Petitions from Parrs-
borough and Macan
for further aid to
Agriculture.
Refd. to Com. on
Agriculture.

A Petition of Inhabitants of Parrsborough and Macan, was presented by Mr. Dickey, and read, praying that the Grant in aid of Agriculture, may be continued.

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

Refd. to Com. on
Trade.

A Petition of George Eastwood and others, was presented by Mr. Dewolf, and read, praying further aid to their Cloth Manufactory at Sackville.

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

Pet. of Chas. Clark,
for relief from con-
finement for debt.

A Petition of Charles Clark, a prisoner confined in Her Majesty's Gaol at Horton, in King's County, was presented by Mr. Dewolf, and read, praying that an Act may be passed, to enable him to be relieved from such his confinement.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Pet. from Halifax for
Law to revise Grand
Jury List.

A Petition of Inhabitants of the County of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Doyle, and read, praying that measures may be taken for enabling the Jury List for said County to be revised by adding thereto a number of persons qualified by law who have been omitted therefrom.

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

Leave to bring in
Bill.

Bills read 2d time.
Incorporation of Ag.
Societies.
Maxwelton Poor
Districts.
Road expenditure.

A Bill to Incorporate Agricultural Societies.

A Bill to divide the Township of Maxwelton, into separate Districts for the support of the Poor: And

A Bill in relation to the Expenditure of Public monies on the Highways.

Were severally read a second time.

Bills committed.

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

Committee on Bills.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. B. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report Poor Settlers
Bill with amendts.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill further in relation to the Acts for affording relief to Poor Settlers, &c., and had made some amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill; that the Committee had also gone through the Bill to provide for the supervision and management of the Burial Ground near Kentville; the Bill to amend the Act for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate Districts for the support of the Poor; and the Bill to Repeal the Act to prevent the taking of Oysters from Tracadie, in the County of Sydney; and had directed him to report the said Bills to the House without any amendment: And he thereupon delivered the said Bills, with the amendments to the first mentioned Bill, in at the Clerk's Table.

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

Kentville Burial
Ground Bill.

Pictou Poor District
Bill
And Tracadie Oys-
ter Bill.

without amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

Bills to be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

Pet. from Guysboro'
to restrain Geese.

A Petition of Inhabitants of the Town of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. Marshall, and read, praying that an Act may be passed to prevent Geese going at large.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Pet. from settlements
in Co. of Guysboro'
for separate Poor
Districts.

A Petition of Inhabitants of Esamsegon, Mary Joseph, and Liscomb and Jegogan Harbors, was presented by Mr. DesBarres, and read, praying that those settlements may be set off into a separate and distinct District for the support of their Poor.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition of Inhabitants of the County of Inverness, was presented by the Hon. The Solicitor General, and read, praying certain enactments in regard to the Academy and Education generally in that County; and that a grant may be made for discharging a debt incurred in erecting a Building for the Academy at Port Hood. Pet. from Co. of Inverness on Education

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

A Petition of Jacob D. Kuhn, Publisher and Proprietor of the Newspaper called "The Spirit of the Times," was presented by The Hon. The Solicitor General, and read, praying aid in the publication of a work on Agriculture in the Gaelic Language. Pet. for aid to Agricultural publication in Gaelic

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

Mr. Howe, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to encourage the killing of Wolves; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Bill for killing Wolves presented.

The Orders of the Day being read.

Ordered, That this House do To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty. Orders of Day—
Com of Supply postponed.

Then, on motion, the House pursuant to order resolved itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the Despatches, &c., relative to the Executive Council. House go into Com. on consideration of Ex. Council.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some further progress in the business referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the same subject;—which the House agreed to. Report Progress.

Ordered, That this House do again to-morrow in Committee of the whole House, resume the consideration of the subject of the Despatches, &c., relative to the Executive Council. Consideration of Despatches, &c., made further order.

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

Wednesday, 19th February, 1845.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to encourage the killing of Wolves, was read a second time. Wolf Bill read 2d time
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House. And Committed.

A Petition of Isaac Winchester, ferryman at Bear River, in the County of Digby, was presented by Mr. Budd, and read, praying remuneration for conveying the Mails across said River. Pet. from Bear River Ferryman.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Post Office Affairs. Refd. to Post Office Com.

A Petition of Inhabitants of Trout Cove, in the Township of Digby, was presented by Mr. Budd and read, praying that an Act may be passed to regulate the taking of Sea Manure in that vicinity. Pet. from Digby for Act relating to Sea Manure.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table, and that Mr. Budd have leave to bring in a Bill in accordance with the prayer thereof; and accordingly Leave to bring in Bill.

Mr. Budd presented a Bill to authorise the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Digby, to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the Township of Digby: and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. Bill presented for regulating the gathering Sea Manure in Digby.

Pet. from Shelburne in relation to transient pauper.

A Petition of Robert Currie, of Louis Head, in the County of Shelburne, was presented by Mr. Spearwater and read, praying compensation for expenses incurred by him in relation to a lame and diseased shipwrecked Seaman being a transient person.

Refd. to pauper Com

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

Pet. from Isle Madame for payment of Seal Bounties.

A Petition of Abraham Landry and others, of Isle Madame, in the County of Richmond, was presented by Mr. Turnbull and read, praying payment of Bounties under the Act for encouraging the Seal Fisheries, the same being withheld from them on account of informalities in the application therefor.

Refd. to Com. on Trade.

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

Savings Bank Statement laid before House.

The Hon. The Attorney General by command of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, presented to the House, a detailed Statement of the Halifax Savings Bank to 31st December, 1844 :—and the same was read by the Clerk.

(See Appendix No. 19.)

Ordered, That the Statement do lie on the Table.

Pet. for Act and aid to Breakwater at Marshall's Cove.

A Petition of Handley Starrat and others, was presented by the Hon. Attorney General and read, praying that a Grant may be made in aid of rebuilding a Pier or Breakwater at Marshall's Cove, in Wilmot, and that an Act may be passed to Incorporate certain persons for holding such Pier or Breakwater.

Refd. to Com. on Nav. Sec.

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

Pet. for bounty on Grist Mill at Long Point, Co. Inverness.

A Petition of Alexander Chisholm was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying a Bounty upon a Grist Mill with three pair of stones, erected by Petitioner at Long Point, in the County of Inverness.

Pet. for bounty on Grist Mill and Kiln at River Inhabitants.

A Petition of Angus McInnis, was also presented by Mr. McKeagney, and read, praying a bounty upon the erection by him of a Grist Mill, with two pair of Stones and a Kiln for drying Oats, in the vicinity of River Inhabitants.

Refd. to Com on Agriculture.

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

Pet. for having Poll at St. Peter's in Elections.

A Petition of Freeholders and other Inhabitants of St. Peter's, L'Ardoise River, and Bourgeoise, and other adjacent parts of the County of Richmond, was presented by Mr. McKeagney, and read, praying that by re-enactment of a former law, a place for polling at Elections in the County of Richmond, may be again established at St. Peters, or some convenient place adjacent.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Pet. for Act relative to Court House at Arichat.

A Petition of Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the County of Richmond, was presented by the Hon. Solicitor General, and read, praying that an Act may be passed to remedy certain deficiencies in the Act of the Winter Session of last year, to authorise the sale of the old Court House and Jail at Arichat, &c.

Leave to bring in Bill.

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

Pet. for alteration of County Assessment Act.

A Petition of Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the County of Richmond, was presented by the Hon. Solicitor General, and read, praying an alteration of the Law for the collection of County Rates in regard to the payment thereof before determination upon appeal.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to The Hon. Solicitor General, Mr. Fulton, and Mr. Clements, to examine into the merits of the matter therein stated, and to report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Petitions from Hants relative to Shad Fishery.

A Petition of Fishermen and other Inhabitants of the Townships of Windsor and Falmouth, was presented by Mr. Fraser; and a Petition of Inhabitants of the Township of Kempt,

Kempt, was presented by Mr. Wilkins, and the same were read, respectively praying that further enactments may be made relative to the Shad Fishery in the Basin of Mines.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Orders of the Day being read,

Ordered, That this House do to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

Orders of Day—
Com. of Supply postponed.

Then, on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the Despatches, &c., relative to the Executive Council.

Com. of whole on Despatches relative to Ex. Council.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some further progress in the business referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration thereof;—which the House agreed to.

Progress reported.

Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House do again to-morrow in Committee of the whole House, resume the consideration of the Despatches, &c., relative to the Executive Council.

Made further order.

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

Thursday, 20th February, 1845.

PRAYERS.

A Bill to authorise the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Digby, to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the Township of Digby, was read a second time.

Digby Sea Manure Bill read 2d time.

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

And committed.

A Petition of Ebenezer Annan, M. D., of Liverpool, in Queen's County, was presented by Mr. Freeman, and read, praying compensation for attendance upon and medicines furnished to sick and wounded Indians.

Pet. of Dr. Annan for compensation for attendance, &c. upon Sick Indian.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on claims for expenses of transient Paupers.

Refd. to Com. on Transient Poor.

A Petition of G. H. Deinstadt and Andrew Barclay, Esquires, appointed by the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Shelburne, in this behalf, was presented by Mr. Spearwater and read, praying that an Act may be passed, authorising the Sale of the old Court House at Shelburne, and the land on which it stands, a sum of money having been appropriated for the building of a new Court House.

Pet. for Act to sell Old Court House at Shelburne.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition of Thomas Ogilvie Geddes, Surgeon of Barrington, was presented by Mr. Wilson, and read, praying compensation for attendance upon and surgical operations performed and expenses incurred in regard to shipwrecked and frozen Seamen.

Pet. of Dr. Geddes, for compensation for attendance on frost bitten seamen.

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

A Petition of Inhabitants of Cape Sable Island, in the Township of Barrington, was presented by Mr. Wilson, and read, praying aid towards a Common School Education for their children.

Pet. from Cape Sable Island for aid to Common Schools there.

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

Refd. to Com. on Education.

A Petition of Inhabitants of the Township of Barrington, was presented by Mr. Wilson and read, praying that one sitting of the Supreme Court, in the County of Shelburne,

Pet. for one sitting annually of Supreme Court at Barrington.

burne, may be held annually at Barrington, in the new Town House lately erected there.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Pet. from Barrington in relation to School House.
Refd. to Com. on Education.

A Petition of J. K. Wilson and others, was presented by Mr. Wilson, and read, praying aid in relation to a School House in a central part of the Township of Barrington.

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

Petitions for aid to African School—School in North Suburbs—and Acadian School in Halifax.

A Petition of the Revd. Dr. Willis, on behalf of the African School—A Petition of the Revd. R. F. Uniacke, on behalf of the Free Schools under his superintendance, in the North Suburbs—and a Petition of the Committee of the Royal Acadian School, all in the City of Halifax, were presented by Mr. McNab, and read, praying continued aid to those Institutions respectively.

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

Refd. to Com. on Education.

Halifax Poor House Accounts presented.

The Honble. The Attorney General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House Accounts of the Receipts and Disbursements for the Asylum of the Poor at Halifax, for the year 1844—and the same were read.

(See Appendix No. 20.)

Ordered, That the Accounts do lie on the Table.

Pet. for transferring Poor House Burial Ground at Halifax to Commissioners of Poor.
Leave for Bill.

A Petition of Commissioners of the Poor for the Town of Halifax, was presented by Mr. McNab and read, praying that an Act may be passed for transferring to them as such Commissioners, the Poor House Burying Ground in Halifax,

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table, and that Mr. McNab have leave to bring in a Bill to effect the object thereof:—and accordingly,

Poor House Burial Ground Bill presented.

Mr. McNab presented a Bill to transfer the Land in the City of Halifax, called the Poor House Burying Ground, to the Commissioners of the Poor—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Pet. for aid to Seal Fisheries.

A Petition of Merchants, Traders and others, of the City of Halifax, was presented by Mr. McNab, and read, praying that the Bounties for encouragement of the Seal Fisheries may be continued.

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

Refd. to Com. on Fisheries.

Pet. for Lighthouse near Barrington.

Three Petitions of Persons subscribing the same in behalf of themselves and others, concerned in the Commerce and Navigation of the Province, were presented by Mr. Wilson, and read, praying the erection of a Light House on Baccarow Point, on the Eastern side of the Harbor of Barrington.

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

Refd. to Com on Nav. Sec.

Pet. that Barrington be made a Free Port.

Three Petitions of Persons interested in the Foreign Trade of the Province, were presented by Mr. Wilson, and read, praying that measures may be taken by the House to induce Her Majesty's Imperial Government to declare the Port of Barrington a Free Port or Port of Entry.

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

Refd. to Com. on Trade.

Pet. for aid to W. Logan, in relation to invention of Screw Springs.

A Petition of William Logan, also a Petition of Joshua Borden and others of Horton, in King's County, were presented by Mr. Hall, and read, praying aid and encouragement by way of patent or otherwise, to the said William Logan, in regard to an original invention by him of certain Steel Springs called Screw Springs, adapted to Carriages, Mills and Machines for threshing grain, &c.

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to Mr. G. R. Young, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Dickey, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Logan, to examine the merits of the subject thereof, and to report thereon to this House.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

The Orders of the day being read.

Ordered, That this House do to-morrow resolve itself into Committee on the consideration of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

Orders of Day—
Com. of Supply
postponed.

Then, on motion, the House again resolved itself into a Committee, on the further consideration of the Despatches, &c., relative to the Executive Council.

House in Com. on
Despatches, &c., re-
lative to Ex. Council

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some further progress in the business referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the same subject, which the House agreed to.

Progress Reported,
&c.

Ordered, That this House do again to-morrow resolve itself into Committee on the further consideration of the Despatches, &c., relative to the Executive Council.

Made further Order
of Day.

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

Friday, 21st February, 1845.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to provide for the supervision and management of the Burial Ground near Kentville, was read a third time.

Engrossed Bills read
3d time, viz :
Kentville Burial
Ground.
Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to provide for the Supervision and Management of the Burial Ground near Kentville.

An engrossed Bill further in relation to the Acts for affording relief to Poor Settlers, &c., was read a third time.

Poor Settlers Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act further in relation to the Acts for affording relief to Poor Settlers.

Passed.

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate districts for the support of the Poor, was read a third time.

Pictou Poor Districts

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to amend the Act for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate Districts for the support of the Poor.

Passed.

An engrossed Bill to repeal the Act to prevent the taking of Oysters from Tracadie, in the County of Sydney, was read a third time.

Tracadie Oysters.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to repeal the Act to prevent the taking of Oysters from Tracadie, in the County of Sydney.

Passed.

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

Mr. Ross, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to protect Public Officers from pecuniary liabilities in certain cases, and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill presented to pro-
tect Public Officers.

A Petition of Daniel Owen, Guager. of the Port of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Heckman, and read, setting forth that in 1842, the Petitioner seized a quantity of French Brandy at Lunenburg, which was condemned and sold, and the Customs duties retained from the proceeds and paid into the Provincial Treasury, in addition to the Provincial share of net proceeds—and praying that the moiety of said Customs' duties may be refunded to Petitioner, who has understood that it has lately been decided in the Court of Vice Admiralty at Halifax, that the Province is not entitled to duty and forfeiture on the same goods.

Pet. of D. Owen, for
return of duties paid
upon Goods seized
by him.

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

Refd. to Com. on
Trade.

Pet. of T. Barnabe,
for return of Duties
on Stage Coach.

A Petition of Timothy Barnabe, Proprietor of the Western line of Stage Coaches, was presented by Mr. Dewolf, and read, praying a return of duties paid by him upon the importation of a Coach for that line in July last.

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

Refd. to Com. on
Trade.

Pet. from Falmouth
against Shad Fishery
Act.

A Petition of Fishermen and other inhabitants of Falmouth, in the County of Hants, was presented by Mr. E. Young, and read, complaining of the operation of the Act of 1844, relative to the Shad Fishery, and praying to be relieved therefrom.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Petitions from Doug-
las for division into
separate Poor Dis-
tricts.

Five Petitions of the Inhabitants of the Township of Douglas, in the County of Hants, were presented by Mr. B. Smith, and read, praying that an Act may be passed, to enable the Court of Sessions in that County to divide the said Township into separate Districts for the support of the Poor.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Petitions from Hants
as to Mail routes.

Two Petitions of Inhabitants of Walton, Kempt, and the lower part of Newport, in the County of Hants, were presented by Mr. B. Smith, and read, complaining of the mode of conveyance of the Mail through those places, and praying a remedy of the evil.

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

Refd. to Com. on
Post Office.

Petitions relative to
over expenditure on
and completion of
new section of Post
Road near Truro.

A Petition of Samuel Archibald, praying payment of a sum of money over-expended by him in opening a section of the Great Eastern Post Road near Truro, between Robert Barry's and Thomas Dickson's; also a Petition of Hiram Hyde, Mail Carrier between Halifax and Pictou, and a Petition of Inhabitants of the County of Pictou, respectively praying aid to complete said section of Road, were presented by Mr. G. R. Young, and read—

And a Petition of James D. Blair, of Truro, was presented by Mr. Ross, and read, praying an investigation as to the expenditure of monies by Mr. Archibald, on the above section of road, and that the line may be altered.

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

Pet. from King's Co.
against Shad Fishery
Act.

A Petition of owners of Drift Nets, and other Inhabitants of King's County, was presented by Mr. Benjamin, and read, complaining of the injurious operation of the Act passed last year relative to the Shad Fishery, and praying that the evils arising therefrom may be remedied.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Orders of Day—
Com. of Supply
postponed.

The Orders of the Day being read.

Ordered, That this House do to-morrow, resolve itself into Committee on the consideration of the Supply granted to Her-Majesty.

House go into Com.
on Despatches rela-
tive to Ex. Council.

Then, on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the Despatches, &c., relative to the Executive Council.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report of further
progress.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some further progress in the business referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the same subject, which the House agreed to.

Leave to sit again.

Made further Order
for To-morrow.

Ordered, That this House do to-morrow again resolve itself into Committee on the further consideration of the Despatches, &c., relative to the Executive Council.

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

A Petition of John Edward Starr and Arthur W. Godfrey, was presented by Mr. McNab, and read, praying that an Act of Incorporation may be passed, enabling them and others subscribing, to erect a Bridge across the Harbor of Halifax, from Richmond to Dartmouth, and also for the loan of a sum from the Provincial Treasury for that object.

Pet. for Act of Incorporation for Bridge over Halifax harbor, and aid by way of Loan.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Brennan, and Mr. Dickey, to examine into the subject, and report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

A Petition of the last named Petitioners was also presented by Mr. McNab, and read, praying an Act of Incorporation to construct a Turnpike Road on the Eastern side of Halifax Harbor, from Dartmouth to Sackville, in connection with the above proposed Bridge.

Pet. for Act. for Turnpike Road from Dartmouth to Sackville.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the same Committee last named, to report thereon in like manner.

Refd. to Com.

A Petition of the Revd. William Chipman and others, of Cornwallis, in King's County, was presented by Mr. Dewolf, and read, praying further aid towards the Education of William Sanford, a deaf and dumb young man, at the Hartford Asylum in America.

Pet. for aid to Deaf and Dumb Boy.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Dewolf, Mr. J. B. Uniacke, and Mr. Fraser, to examine into the merits thereof, and report thereon to this House.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

A Petition of John Ross, of Dartmouth, in the County of Halifax, was presented by Mr. G. R. Young, and read, praying an investigation in regard to the affairs of the Halifax Steam Boat Company, and that Petitioner and others may have a License to run one or more Steam Boats across the Harbor of Halifax.

Pet. relative to steam boat Co, Halifax.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. G. R. Young, Mr. Creighton, and Mr. Huntington, to examine the merits thereof and to report thereon to this House.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of Halifax, was presented by Mr. A. M. Uniacke, and read, praying aid towards a Lunatic Asylum, or General Hospital in said City, for which large subscriptions have been made.

Pet. from Halifax for aid to Lunatic Asylum, &c.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. A. M. Uniacke, Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Spearwater, Mr. McNab, Mr. Huntington, and Mr. Des Barres, to examine the merits thereof and to report thereon to this House.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

A Petition of Alexander McFarlane and James Dickson, was presented by Mr. Fulton, and read, praying a return of duties upon Articles shipped to the Province of New Brunswick.

Pet. for return of Duties.

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

Refd. to Com. on Trade.

A Petition of George Le Cain and Andrew Le Cain, of Halifax, Merchants, was presented by Mr. A. M. Uniacke, and read, praying a return of duties upon Merchandise destroyed by fire.

Pet. for return of duties on goods destroyed by Fire.

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

Refd. to Com. on Trade.

A Petition of Fishermen of Ketch Harbor and Duncan Cove, in the County of Halifax, was presented by Mr. A. M. Uniacke, and read, praying that Regulations may be made in regard to the Shore Fisheries at those places.

Pet. of Fishermen, Ketch Harbour, &c.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition of Branch Pilots for the Port of Halifax, was presented by Mr. A. M. Uniacke, and read, praying additional Regulations as regards Pilotage at said Port.

Pet. of Halifax Pilots

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole House on Bills, to be considered with the Bill for continuing the Halifax Pilotage Acts.

Refd. to Com. on Bills.

A Petition of Inhabitants of St. Margaret's Bay, in the Township of Halifax, was presented by Mr. A. M. Uniacke and read, praying that the District in which they reside

Pet. from St. Margaret's Bay for division of Parish.

side may be made a separate Parish from that of St. Paul's, in Halifax, by the name of St. Paul's, St. Margaret's Bay.

Ordered, That the Petitions do lie on the Table.

Pet of New Glasgow Ag. Society.

A Petition of the New Glasgow Agricultural Society was presented by Mr. Holmes, and read, praying that the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture may be continued.

Refd. to Ag. Com.

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

Pet. for survey of New Line of Road from Albion Mines.

A Petition of Peter Ross and others, resident on the East River of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Holmes, and read, praying that a survey may be made of a new line of Road from the Albion Mines to join the great Eastern Road; and thereupon,

Motion to refer to members for County of Pictou.

Mr. Benjamin moved that the Petition be referred to the Members for the County of Pictou to provide for the object thereof; which being seconded,

Amt. that Pet. lie on Table carried.

Mr. Holmes moved that the question be amended by inserting after the word "Petition," instead of the words following the same, the words "do lie on the Table;" which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, twenty-three, against it, sixteen:—So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Orders of Day—

The Orders of the Day being read,

Com. of Supply postponed.

Ordered, That this House do on Monday next resolve itself into Committee to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

House in Com. on Despatches, &c., relative to Ex. Council

Then, on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the Despatches, &c., relative to the Executive Council.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Progress Reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some further progress in the business referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration thereof, which the House agreed to.

Leave to sit again.

Made further Order of Day.

Ordered, That this House do again on Monday next, resolve itself into Committee on the further consideration of the Despatches, &c., relative to the Executive Council.

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

Monday, 24th February, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Bill presented to amend Act to vacate seats of Members of Assembly.

Mr. G. R. Young, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend the Act to vacate the Seats of Members on the acceptance of certain Offices of place or emolument under the Crown;—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill to amend Juries Act, presented.

Mr. Doyle, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend the Act for the regulation of Juries; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Pet. for aid to Breakwater at Metegun Cove, in Clare.

A Petition of Inhabitants of Metegun River and its vicinity, was presented by Mr. Comeau, and read, praying aid in addition to their private subscriptions, to build an additional block to the Pier or Breakwater at that place.

Refd. to Com. on Nav. Sec.

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

Pet. from Clerk of Peace, Pictou.

A Petition of James Skinner, Clerk of the Peace for the County of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Holmes, and read, praying compensation for various services performed by

Saturday, 22nd February, 1845.

PRAYERS.

- Mr. Wilkins, pursuant to leave given on a former day, presented a Bill to amend the Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly, and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. Bill presented to amend Act regulating Elections.
- A Petition of Inhabitants of Whale Cove and its vicinity, was presented by Mr. Comeau, and read, praying aid to build an additional block to the Pier or Breakwater at that Cove:—And Petitions for aid to Breakwaters in Claro
- A Petition of Sonia's Cove and its vicinity, was also presented by Mr. Comeau, and read, praying aid to build an additional block to the Pier or Breakwater, at the latter Cove. Refd. to Com. on Nav. Sec.
- Ordered,* That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.
- A Petition of Alexander Patterson and others, Farmers and others, resident in the Township of Aylesford, was presented by Mr. Hall, and read, praying a continuance of aid to Agriculture, and that aid may also be given to Manufactures. Pet. from Aylesford for aid to Agriculture and Manufactures.
- Ordered,* That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Refd. to Com. on Agriculture.
- A Petition of John Meryon and others, Inhabitants of Cornwallis, in and near the vicinity of Canady Harbor, was presented by Mr. Hall, and read, praying aid to complete the Pier or Breakwater at that place—and Petitions for aid to Breakwaters in Cornwallis.
- Two Petitions of Inhabitants of Cornwallis and Shipmasters trading in the Bay of Fundy, and others, were also presented by Mr. Hall, and read, praying aid towards the completion of the Pier or Breakwater at Givan's Cove, in Cornwallis.
- Ordered,* That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities. Refd. to Com. on Nav. Sec.
- A Petition of Frederick Mantovani, of Windsor, in the County of Hants, Doctor of Laws, and Professor of Modern Languages in King's College, Windsor, was presented by Mr. Fraser, and read, praying that an Act may be passed to naturalize the Petitioner, he being a native of Milan, in Lombardy, and wishing to hold real estate and become permanently settled in this Province. Pet. of Dr. Montovani, of Kings College, for Act of Naturalization.
- Ordered,* That the Petition be referred to Mr. Fraser, Mr. Creighton, and Mr. Des Barres, to examine into the facts and merits, and report thereon by Bill or otherwise. Refd. to Sel. Com.
- A Petition of Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Wilmot, in the County of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. Des Barres, and read, praying reimbursment of the expenses of a transient pauper. Pet. of Overseers of Poor for Wilmot, Co. of Guysboro'.
- Ordered,* That the Petition be referred to the Committee on claims for expenses of Transient Paupers. Refd. to Com. on Pauper claims.
- A Petition of the Committee of the Wesleyan Methodist School, at Halifax, was presented by Mr. Dewolf, and read, praying continued aid to that Institution. Pet. for Methodist School, Halifax.
- Ordered,* That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Education. Refd. to Ed. Com.
- A Petition of Merchants and others, of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Clements, and read, praying a remission of Provincial duties on Salted Provisions for Ships' Stores on Sea Voyages, in the same manner as the Imperial duties are remitted thereon. Pet from Yarmouth for remission of duties on Sea Stores.
- Ordered,* That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Trade. Refd. to Com. on Trade.
- Two Petitions of Inhabitants of Yarmouth, were presented by Mr. Huntington, and read, praying aid to Common Schools, and against a number of Sectarian Colleges. Petitions from Yarmouth for aid to Common Schools. Refd. to Ed. Com.
- Ordered,* That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Education.
- A Petition of Jesse Wyman and others, Inhabitants of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Huntington, and read, representing the long services of the said Jesse Wyman, as a Pet. of Jesse Wyman formerly Mail Courier for pecuniary aid.
Mail

Mail Courier between Yarmouth and Digby, and his having lost the contract for conveying such Mail, and praying pecuniary assistance in his advanced age and crippled condition occasioned by accidents and exposure in conveying the Mail, having also a large family to support.

Withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Dickey, *ordered*, That the Petition be withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. G. R. Young,

Resolved, That the four Petitions presented yesterday, on the subject of the expenditure by Samuel Archibald, on the section of the main Road near Truro, be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report thereon.

Ordered, That Mr. Fraser, Mr. Creighton, and Mr. Huntington, be a Committee for that purpose.

Pet. for aid to Oat Mill, Co. Sydney.

A Petition of Kenneth Chisholm and others, Inhabitants of Morrestown, in the County of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Brennan, and read, praying aid towards an Oat Mill and Kiln, now in the course of erection by said Chisholm, at Ogden's Brook.

Refd. to Ag. Com.

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

Pet. relative to Fisheries, St. Mary's Bay.

A Petition of John Abbott and others, Inhabitants of the Township of Digby, was presented by Mr. Budd, and read, praying that certain privileges may be secured to them in relation to the Fisheries at the head of St. Mary's Bay, on account of their having been set off into a separate district for the support of the Poor.

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

Refd. to Com. on Fisheries.

Pet. of Capt. Douglas for aid to establish Steam communication between Pictou and Quebec.

A Petition of Walter Douglas, Commander of the Steam Ship Unicorn, carrying the Mails between Pictou and Quebec, was presented by Mr. McNab, and read, setting forth that the Government having abandoned said Mail Route, Petitioner is desirous of establishing a private steamboat communication thereon, and praying Legislative aid in furtherance of that object.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Mr. G. R. Young, and Mr. Hall, to examine into the matter thereof, and report to this House thereon.

Pet. for aid to Whale Fishery.

A Petition of W. A. Black and others, Merchants of Halifax, was presented by Mr. McNab, and read, praying further aid towards the prosecution of the Whale Fishery in the Southern Pacific Ocean.

Refd. to Com. on Trade.

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

Pet. from Corp. of Halifax against 3 mile House Burial Ground Bill.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Councilmen of the City of Halifax, was presented by Mr. McNab, and read, praying that the Bill relating to the Burial Ground near the Three Mile House, on Bedford Basin, be not passed in its present shape.

Refd. to Com. of whole on Bills.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole House on Bills, to be considered with the Bills therein referred to.

Pet. from Halifax for City Member.

A Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of Halifax, was presented by Mr. McNab, and read, praying that an Act may be passed, securing to the Citizens of Halifax the Election of a Member to represent the City in General Assembly.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Pet. of J. Woodin, for compensation in regard to shipwrecked Mariners.

A Petition of John Woodin, Master Mariner, was presented by Mr. McNab, and read, praying remuneration for the conveyance of the Captain and Crew of the wrecked Brigantine "John," of this Province, from St. Domingo to Halifax, by order of the Acting British Consul at that Island.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. G. R. Young, Mr. Turnbull, and Mr. Spearwater, to examine into the merits thereof, and report thereon to this House.

by him in preparing Returns required by this House, including the Assessment rolls lately forwarded.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition of Settlers resident at the Gulf Shore in the County of Sydney, and the Townships of Maxwelltown and Egerton in the County of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Holmes, and read, praying further aid towards opening the new line of Road from the West River of Merigomishe to New Glasgow in the County of Pictou.

Pet. for aid to new road from New Glasgow to Merigomishe.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition of Frecholders and other Inhabitants of the County of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Ross, and read, praying that Proposals made by the General Mining Association to Her Majesty's Government, in reference to the Coal Mines of Nova Scotia, may be resisted by every constitutional means.

Pet. in relation to Coal Mines.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the subject of the Coal Mines.

Refd. to Coal Mines Com.

A Petition of Inhabitants of Truro, Salmon River District, and others, was presented by Mr. Ross, and read, praying aid to rebuild a Bridge over that River.

Pet. for aid to rebuild Salmon River Bridge Truro.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Select Committee appointed on Saturday last, on the subject of the Petitions relative to the New Section of Road near Truro.

Refd. to Com. on Petitions relative to road near Truro.

A Petition of Jesse Oaks, and others, was presented by the Hon. the Attorney General, and read, praying aid to enable Abraham Chute to erect a Grist Mill on what is called Bloody Creek Stream on the Morse road leading to Dalhousie, in the County of Annapolis.

Pet. for aid to erect Grist Mill in Co. of Annapolis.

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

Refd. to Ag. Com.

A Petition of Timothy Barnabe, was presented by Mr. Hall, and read, praying aid towards the line of Stage Coaches owned by the Petitioner, running between Halifax and Annapolis.

Pet. for aid to Western line of Stage Coaches.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Huntington, Mr. Creighton and Mr. Brenan, to examine into the merits thereof, and to report thereon.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

A Petition of Alexander Patterson and others, was presented by Mr. Hall, and read, setting forth the inconveniences that would result from an alteration of the Road running along the base of the North Mountain in Aylesford, as prayed for by a Petition presented to this House, and that a Petition therefor to the Court of Sessions for King's County had been rejected, and praying that such alteration may not be made.

Pet. from Aylesford against alteration of Road.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition of John Steele and others was presented by Mr. Dodd, and read, praying that a certain portion of the Inhabitants of Ward No. 6, in the City of Halifax, may be relieved from Assessments and other effects resulting from their being included within the bounds of the City as Incorporated, by a new Line being run as the northern boundary so as to exclude the Petitioners whose occupations are chiefly agricultural.

Pet. from certain Inhabitants of Ward No 6 in Halifax to be excluded from bounds of City.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition of James B. Hadley, of Melford in the County of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. Marshall, and read, praying that an allowance may be made to Petitioner for forwarding the Mails between Melford and Cape Breton.

Pet. of Jas. B. Hadley for compensation for carrying Mails across Gut of Canso.

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

Refd. to Post Office Com.

A Petition of John Steele and others, was presented by Mr. Howe, and read, praying a Grant of a sum of money expended by them in the completion of the new Road from Sackville to Scott's in Dartmouth.

Pet. for payment of over-expenditure on Sackville NewRoad.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Pet. from Canso for
exclusive aid to
Common Schools.

A Petition of Inhabitants of the Strait of Canso was presented by Mr. Howe, and read, praying that no more money may be granted for Colleges, Academies or Grammar Schools, but that all the monies that can be spared may be applied for the benefit of Common Schools.

Refd. to Com. on Ed.

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

Report from Com. on
Library of House.

Mr. G. R. Young reported from the Select Committee appointed on the 31st January last in reference to the Library of the House, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix No. 21.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Message from Coun-
cil agreeing to 20
continuing Bills
without amendment.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Haliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the several Bills entitled as follows, viz :

An Act to continue the Act for the preservation of Moose ; An Act to continue the Act for making regulations relative to the setting of Snares for catching Moose ; An Act to continue the Acts for regulating the Militia ; An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province ; An Act to continue the Acts now in force to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Sydney, in the Island of Cape Breton ; An Act to continue the Act to regulate the weighing of Beef, and the Acts in amendment thereof ; An Act to continue the Act for establishing a Harbor Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape Breton ; An Act to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread ; An Act to continue the Act additional concerning Nuisances ; An Act to continue the Act to direct and ascertain the mode of assessing County and District Rates, and for other purposes, and the Acts in amendment thereof ; An Act to continue the several Acts to provide for the accommodation and billeting of Her Majesty's Troops or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another ; An Act to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island, in this Province ; An Act to continue the Acts to regulate the Survey of Timber and Lumber ; An Act to continue the Act relating to Marriage Licenses ; An Act to continue the Act to amend the Act to incorporate certain persons by the name of the President, Directors, and Company of the Bank of Nova Scotia ; An Act to continue the Act to extend to the Town of Dartmouth the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread ; An Act to continue the Act for setting off a part of the Township of Egerton as a separate District for the support of the Poor ; An Act to continue the Act respecting the collection of Poors' Rates of Pictou, as amended ; An Act to continue the Act to extend to the Township of Egerton the Act respecting the collection of Poors' Rates of Pictou, and to amend the said Act ; and, An Act to continue the Act for dividing the Township of Digby into separate Districts for the support of the Poor.

Also, to Pictou Pres-
byterian Meeting
House Bill.
And the Commis-
sions Bill.

Also, to the Bill, entitled, An Act to authorise the Sale of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House at River John, in the County of Pictou.

And to the Bill to regulate the issuing of Commissions and the taking of Depositions in the Supreme Court.

Without amendmt.

Severally without amendment.

And to Summary
Trials Bill with
amendment.

The Council have also agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to Trials of Summary Causes in the Supreme Court—with an amendment to which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Orders of Day—
Com. of Supply
postponed.

The Orders of the Day being read,

Ordered, That this House do To-morrow resolve itself into Committee on the consideration of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

House in Com. on
Despatches.

Then, on motion, the House again Resolved itself into a Committee, on the further consideration of the Despatches, &c., relative to the Executive Council.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,
Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some further progress in the business referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof, which the House agreed to.

Ordered, That this House do to-morrow again resolve itself into Committee on the further consideration of the Despatches, &c., relative to the Executive Council.

Further order for Com. thereon To-morrow.

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

Tuesday, 25th February, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Huntington, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend the Act for providing Fire Engines for the Town of Yarmouth, and for other purposes,—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill presented to amend Yarmouth Fire Engine Act.

Mr. Dewolf, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the relief of Charles Clarke, an Insolvent Debtor,—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill for relief of Charles Clarke, Insolvent Debtor.

A Petition of Caleb Lewis was presented by Mr. Dickey, and read, praying payment of a balance of his Salary for conveying the Mails between Amherst and Parrsborough, withheld from him, as he states, by the Deputy Post Master General.

Pet. of C. Lewis for payment of Mail allowance, Cumb.

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

Refd. to Post Office Com.

A Petition of Charles Tupper, M. D., was presented by Mr. Logan, and read, praying remuneration for having professionally attended a sick Indian at Amherst—and

Pet. of Dr. Tupper for compensation for attendance on Sick Indian.

A Petition of Benjamin G. Page, of Amherst, Surgeon, was also presented by Mr. Logan, and read, praying remuneration for professional attendance upon and Medicines furnished to a Transient Pauper and sick Indians.

Pet. of Dr. Page for remuneration for attendance on transient pauper & sick Indians Refd to Pauper Committee.

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

A Petition of the Congregation worshipping at St. John's Chapel, near the Three Mile House, on the Peninsula of Halifax, and others interested, was presented by Mr. Doyle, and read, praying that the Bill relating to the Burial Ground attached to said Chapel, may pass into a law.

Pet. of congregation near 3 mile house.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole House, on Bills to be considered in connection with the Bill therein referred to.

Refd. to Com. of whole on Bills.

A Petition of Farmers, and others, residing in King's County, was presented by Mr. Hall, and read, praying that the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture may be continued, and that a portion of the Funds undrawn by the Central Board, may be applied towards the purchase and importation of entire Horses of the breed of the Leicester Hunter.

Pet. from King's Co. for further aid to Agriculture.

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

Refd. to Com. on Agriculture.

A Petition of certain Inhabitants of the County of Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. J. B. Uniacke, and read, representing the limited circulation of the Royal Gazette, Newspaper, in which legal Advertisements are by Law required to be published, and praying that the publication of such Advertisements in the Newspaper at present published

Pet. from Cape Breton relative to legal advertisements in Gazette.

lished in the Island of Cape Breton, or in any Newspaper which may hereafter be published there, may be legalised by Act of Assembly.

Refd. to Sol. Com.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Hall, Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. G. R. Young, to examine into the merits of the matter therein stated, and to report generally upon the subject.

Papers presented relative to building Bridge at Truro.

The Hon. the Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House Accounts of Expenditures in Building a Bridge over the Salmon River at Truro, by Samuel Archibald, Commissioner, in the year 1842.

Refd. to Com.

On motion of Mr. Ross, *resolved*, that the Accounts be referred to the Committee to whom were referred the several Petitions of Samuel Archibald, and others, relative to a Section of a Road near Truro, to examine and report upon.

Pet. from Co. Richmond for alteration of Assessment law.

A Petition of Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the County of Richmond, was presented by the Hon. Solicitor General, and read, praying an alteration of the Law as regards the Collection of County Assessments.

Refd. to Com.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Select Committee to whom was referred the Petition on the like subject on the 19th February, instant, with power to report in like manner.

Pet. from Co. Richmond for alteration of law for Sale of Court House at Arichat.

A Petition of Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the County of Richmond, was presented by the Hon. Solicitor General, and read, praying that an Act may be passed to remedy certain alleged deficiencies in the Act of last year, to authorise the Sale of the Old Court House and Jail, at Arichat, &c.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Pet. from Gulf Shore Co. of Pictou, for Way office.

A Petition of the Freeholders of the Gulf Shore Settlement, in the County of Pictou, was presented by Mr. G. R. Young, and read, setting forth the advantages resulting from the Way Office, for Letters by Mail, lately established in the Settlement, and praying aid to enable a continuation thereof.

Refd. to Com. on Post Office.

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

Pet. relative to Coal Mines.

A Petition of Alexander Kent, and others, Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the County of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Fleming, and read, praying that every constitutional means may be used to prevent the acceptance by the Imperial Government of certain proposals made by the General Mining Association, in regard to the Coal Mines of this Province.

Refd. to Coal Mines Com.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the subject of the Coal Mines.

Pet. from Old Barns, Colchester, for survey of New Road.

A Petition of Inhabitants of the Old Barns and adjacent Settlements in the County of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Fleming, and read, praying aid for a Survey of a New line of Road from Old Barns, aforesaid, to intersect the Main Halifax Road at Lower Stewiacke :—and thereupon,

Refd. to members of County.

Mr. Fleming moved that the Petition do lie on the Table ; which being seconded, Mr. Benjamin moved as an Amendment to the question, that the words after the word "Petition" be left out, and that the words "be referred to the Members from the County of Colchester, to provide for the object thereof," be inserted in place of the words so left out :—which being seconded and put and the House dividing thereon, passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Members from the County of Colchester, to provide for the object thereof.

Time for private Petitions extended.

Ordered, That the time limited for receiving Private Petitions, be extended until to-morrow.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Haliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for determining differences by Arbitration, and to render references to Arbitration more effectual—with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Orders of the Day being read,

Ordered, That this House do to-morrow resolve itself into Committee on the consideration of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

Then, on motion, the House resolved itself into Committee on the further consideration of the Despatches, &c., relative to the Executive Council.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some further progress in the business referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration thereof, which the House agreed to.

Ordered, That this House do again to-morrow resolve itself into Committee on the further consideration of the Despatches, &c., relative to the Executive Council.

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

Message from Council agreeing to Arbitration Act with amendments.

Orders of Day—
Com. of Supply postponed.

Further consideration of Despatches, &c.

Further order thereon.

Wednesday, 26th February, 1845.

PRAYERS.

The amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to Trials of Summary Causes in the Supreme Court, was read a first and second time, and is as follows: "At the end of the Bill insert the following clause, *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall continue and be in force for one year, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly."

Amendment of Council to Summary Trials Bill agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Hall, *resolved*, That the said amendment be agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendment to the Council, and inform them that this House have agreed to the said amendment.

Sent to Council.

The amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act for determining differences by Arbitration, and to render references to Arbitration more effectual; were read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Amendments of Council to Arbitration Bill read 1st time, &c.

Mr. Doyle, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to enable Members of the House of Assembly to vacate their seats therein; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill presented to enable members of Assembly to vacate their seats.

Mr. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for making regulations to prevent Geese going at large; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill presented respecting Geese.

Mr. Beckwith, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend the Act respecting Stray Horses and Cattle in King's County; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill presented respecting Stray Cattle in King's County.

Mr. Dewolf reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of John E. Starr, and Arthur W. Godfrey, relative to the building of a Bridge across the Harbour of Halifax, and thereupon presented

Report of Bill to incorporate Company for building Bridge over Halifax Harbor.

A Bill to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of "The Richmond Bridge Company," for the purpose of erecting a Toll Bridge across the Harbour of Halifax; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Petition from Clare for Post Office.

A Petition of Inhabitants of the Township of Clare, was presented by Mr. Comeau, and read, representing that in that Township for a distance of forty miles, there is neither a Post Office or Way Office for letters by mail, and praying relief by the establishment of one in a central part.

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

Refd. to Post Office Committee.

Pet. of Ferryman at Gut of Canso for Post Office allowance.

A Petition of Edward Forrestall, of the Gut of Canso, licensed ferryman, was presented by Mr. McKeagney, and read, praying an allowance for conveying the Mails across the said Gut of Canso.

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

Refd. to Post Office Committee.

Pet. relative to restriction of Importation of reprints of works of Literature.

A Petition of Arthur W. Godfrey and others, was presented by Mr. G. R. Young, and read, praying that an enquiry may be instituted on the subject of importing into this Province from Foreign places, reprints of Works of modern Literature, now prohibited.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. G. R. Young, Mr. Hall, Mr. Huntington, The Hon. Solicitor General, and Mr. J. B. Uniacke, to examine into the subject matter thereof, and to report thereon to this House.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

Pet. from A Stephens relative to his employment in Government Revenue Cutters, &c.

A Petition of Andrew Stephens, lately Commander of the Government Schooner "British Queen," but at present of Prince Edward Island, was presented by Mr. McKeagney, and read, setting forth the exertions made by Petitioner, for the protection of the Fisheries against the aggressions of Foreigners, and to prevent illicit trade, and the expenses incurred by him therein, and the loss sustained by his having been dismissed from the Government service in relation thereto, and praying redress and compensation for such his loss.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. McLelan, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Dickey, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. McKeagney, to examine into the merits thereof, and to report thereon to this House.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

Pet. from Douglas for separate Poor Districts.

A Petition of Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Township of Douglas, in the County of Hants, was presented by Mr. Smith, and read, praying the division of said Township into separate districts for the support of their Poor.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Orders of Day—Com. of Supply postponed.

The Orders of the Day being read,

Ordered, That this House do to-morrow resolve itself into Committee to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

House in Com. on Despatches, &c., relative to Ex. Council

Then, on motion, the House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider further of the Despatches, &c., relative to the Executive Council.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Resolution reported from the Committee.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the business referred to them, and had come to a Resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Resolution in his place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as followeth:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the House to adopt the following Resolution:

Resolution as reported.

Whereas, This House on the 12th day of April last, Resolved, that placing implicit confidence in His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the House felt satisfied that His Excellency would, as soon as circumstances permitted, carry out his intention as declared in his opening Speech, of calling to His Executive Council men representing the different interests of this country. *And Whereas,* it being just that the people of this Province

Province should have the fullest means of judging of the endeavours of His Excellency to carry out the principles of equal justice to all parties as far as practicable announced in that Speech, this House is of opinion that the recent communication by His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, of the Correspondence and Despatches relating to the offers of certain Seats in the Executive Council and other offices, was consonant with sound policy and the just claims of the House and people, and that the frank and unreserved communications made by His Excellency on the subject, tend to increase the confidence of this House in His Excellency, and are entitled to its grateful acknowledgment.

And Whereas, while this House continues to entertain the opinion that the Retirement of the Gentlemen who seceded from the Executive Council in December, 1843, was not made necessary by the appointment of which they complained as the cause of their Resignations, this House is further of opinion that when on the 24th February these Gentlemen were invited to resume their seats and offices, together with an additional member of the Roman Catholic persuasion of the same political sentiments, the chief ground of complaint assigned for their Resignations was removed, as they would have occupied the same relative position in the Council as to numbers as when they retired, and the House is of opinion that there was nothing in the terms offered and the stipulations demanded to justify the rejection of the proposal.

And Whereas, the proposition made by His Excellency in July last, to James B. Uniacke, Herbert Huntington, James McNab, George Brennan, Esquires, and the Hon. Michael Tobin, two of whom were of the Roman Catholic persuasion, and all of them of the party styling itself the Opposition, to enter the Council with Benjamin Smith, Esq. having the office of Solicitor General placed also at their disposal, was fair and liberal.

And Whereas, the ready acquiescence of His Excellency on the rejection of the foregoing proposition to consent at the request of the party in opposition to form a Council of Nine Members, in which that party should be fully represented, and which was intended to involve the retirement of at least one of His Excellency's present Councillors, evinced the earnest and sincere desire of His Excellency Lord Falkland and his advisers, to advance the interests of the people, restore harmony to the country, and do justice to all parties; and this House regrets that the party in opposition by withdrawing from the negotiation should have frustrated His Excellency's beneficent and disinterested intention, and perpetuated party strife to the great detriment of the public peace and welfare, and this House is of opinion, that the exclusion of one of the retired Councillors from the last mentioned offer and negotiation, afforded no just proper or reasonable ground for the rejection by the said party of His Excellency's offer, or for their terminating the negotiation.

And Whereas, His Excellency having felt that He could not consistently with the respect due to the high office of Her Majesty's Representative in this Province, confided to him by His Sovereign, or to His own character as a Gentleman, include Mr. Howe in the offers and negotiations made and entered upon in July, (in consequence of his having publicly and grossly insulted the Queen's Representative, in the Newspapers of which he is an Editor,) this House is deeply sensible of the disinterestedness of the Lieutenant Governor in tendering to His Sovereign the resignation of his office in case the interests of the Province should be considered to require the readmission of that Gentlemen to the Council Board, and this House cannot fail to express its decided satisfaction in the feelings and conduct of the Right Honorable Secretary of State for the Colonies, as expressed in his Despatch in approving of His Excellency's conduct and views in a case of such unusual occurrence and difficulty, and in securing to the Province the continuance of His Excellency as our Sovereign's Representative and the head of the Government in Nova Scotia:

Resolved therefore, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with a copy hereof, informing His Excellency that this House has taken into consideration the Correspondence and Despatches submitted by His Excellency on this subject to the House, and has thereupon come to the conclusion as herein expressed, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to communicate the same, by transmitting a Copy of the foregoing opinions and this Resolution of the House, to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be submitted to Her Majesty.

Motion that Report
be not received, and
other Resolutions
be adopted.
Resolutions moved.

And the said Resolution being read a second time by the Clerk,

Mr. J. B. Uniacke moved, that the Report of said Resolution from the Committee, be not received by the House, and that the following Resolutions be substituted in place thereof, and do pass this House, viz. :

1. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this House, it was impossible for the Gentlemen who retired from the Executive Council in December, 1843, to have retained their places without forfeiting the confidence of their friends in the Assembly, and of a large and influential body throughout the Country, without whose support they could have given no real strength to the Government.

2. *Resolved*, That when on the 24th of February those Gentlemen were invited to resume their seats, the terms offered and the stipulations demanded justified the rejection of the proposal.

3. *Resolved*, That the propositions made to several Gentlemen to enter the Executive Council in July last, were quite as objectionable as those before made, and therefore their rejection was equally justified.

4. *Resolved*, That the communication by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to this House of the negotiation and Despatch relating to the offer of certain seats in the Executive Council, appears at variance with sound policy, unless with the assent of the parties interested therein ; and if established as a precedent, will tend to destroy the confidence indispensable to any future negotiation for the formation of a Government in this Province.

5. *Resolved*, That the statements in the foregoing Despatch, of an agreement by the Opposition in the House to the exclusion of Mr. Howe from the Executive Council, is founded on a misapprehension of the facts, although that Gentleman had generously offered to waive his claim to facilitate a satisfactory arrangement, provided corresponding concessions were made on the part of the Government ; and the impression conveyed by the language and tenor of the Despatch, both as to the personal influence of Mr. Howe, and the position and views of the Opposition in this Province, tends to mislead the Colonial Secretary and Her Majesty's Government.

6. *Resolved*, That the principles recognized by the Imperial Authorities for the Constitutional administration of the Government of British North America, place the Representative of the Sovereign above the strife of party ; and contemplate on his part in the management of their affairs, the absence of all personal predilection or hostility in relation to public men ; and this House cannot but express their deep regret that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor should have been advised to pursue on the present occasion a course tending to embarrass their deliberations by questions purely of a personal nature, arising from a contest avowedly between His Excellency and a popular leader.

7. *Resolved*, That the proposition made for the formation of a Council, to consist of nine Members, without any stipulation for the introduction of particular individuals, evinced a disposition on the part of the Opposition to conciliate and restore harmony ; and if His Excellency's consent and the concurrence of his Advisers to make corresponding concessions had been frankly communicated, a negotiation pregnant with good and based on principles of justice, might have revived that confidence in the Government so necessary for the advancement of the true interests of the country.

8. *Resolved*, That while this House admits the Constitutional right of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, as the Representative of Majesty in this Province, to appoint such Members as he may prefer, to the Executive Council of Nova Scotia, and considers such exercise of power unquestionably legal, they cannot recognise the exclusion by name of any individual as constitutional, being clearly of opinion that the reciprocal confidence between Her Majesty's Representative and the people, is not personal but official, resulting from that division of power and those restrictions which belong to the nature and are essential to the purity and safe working of Representative Government.

9. *Resolved*, That this House desires to see the Lieutenant Governor surrounded by a full Council, possessing the confidence of the People and of each other, who can command a Parliamentary majority, and thus be prepared to introduce practical measures to advance the general interests of the Country.

Which

Which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion twenty-three, against it twenty-seven.

For the Motion—

Against the Motion—

Mr. McKeagney,	Mr. Martell,	Mr. Holmes,	Mr. A. M. Uniacke,
" McNab,	" McLelan,	" Crowe,	" Heckman,
" Clements,	" Dimock,	" Owen,	" Beckwith,
" Doyle,	" Howe,	" Taylor,	" Fairbanks,
" DesBarres,	" Wilson,	" Fleming,	" Thorne,
" Brenan,	" Huntington,	" Dickey,	" Fraser,
" Power,	" Turnbull,	" Budd,	" Dewolf,
" G. Smith,	" Spearwater,	" E. Young,	" B. Smith,
" Comeau,	" Crowell,	" Fulton,	" Hall,
" Benjamin,		" Ross,	" Wilkins,
" J. B. Uniacke,		" Creighton,	Hon. Sol. General,
" Logan,		" Whitman,	Mr. Marshall,
" Bourneuf,		" Freeman,	" Ryder.
" G. R. Young,		Hon. Atty. General,	

So it passed in the negative.

Negatived.

The Resolution reported from the Committee being then put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Resolution twenty-seven, against it twenty-three.

Resolution put as reported from Committee.

For the Resolution—

Against the Resolution—

Mr. Holmes,	Mr. A. M. Uniacke,	Mr. McKeagney,	Mr. Martell.
" Crowe,	" Heckman,	" McNab,	" McLelan,
" Owen,	" Beckwith,	" Clements,	" Dimock,
" Taylor,	" Fairbanks,	" Doyle,	" Howe,
" Fleming,	" Thorne,	" DesBarres,	" Wilson,
" Dickey,	" Fraser,	" Brenan,	" Huntington,
" Budd,	" Dewolf,	" Power,	" Turnbull,
" E. Young,	" B. Smith,	" G. Smith,	" Spearwater,
" Fulton,	" Hall,	" Comeau,	" Crowell.
" Ross,	" Wilkins,	" Benjamin,	
" Creighton,	Hon. Sol. General,	" J. B. Uniacke,	
" Whitman,	Mr. Marshall,	" Logan,	
" Freeman,	" Ryder,	" Bourneuf,	
Hon. Atty. General,		" G. R. Young,	

So it passed in the affirmative.

Passed.

The Hon. The Solicitor General then moved that the following Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor do pass, viz :

Address to Lt Governor pursuant to the Resolution.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

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

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA, IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

May it please your Excellency;

The House of Assembly has taken into consideration the Correspondence and Despatches, relating to the offers of certain seats in the Executive Council, and other offices, submitted

submitted by your Excellency during the present Session to this House, and has thereupon come to certain conclusions, and passed a Resolution of which a copy accompanies this Address for your Excellency's information; and the House of Assembly pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to communicate the same, by transmitting a copy of the foregoing conclusions and Resolution of this House to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion twenty-seven, against it twenty-three.

For the Motion—		Against the Motion—	
Mr. Holmes,	Mr. A. M. Uniacke,	Mr. McKeagney,	Mr. Martell,
“ Crowe,	“ Heckman,	“ McNab,	“ McLelan,
“ Owen,	“ Beckwith,	“ Clements,	“ Dimock,
“ Taylor,	“ Fairbanks,	“ Doyle,	“ Howe,
“ Fleming,	“ Thorne,	“ DesBarres,	“ Wilson,
“ Dickey,	“ Fraser,	“ Brennan,	“ Huntington,
“ Budd,	“ Dewolf,	“ Power,	“ Turnbull,
“ E. Young,	“ B. Smith,	“ G. Smith,	“ Spearwater,
“ Fulton,	“ Hall,	“ Comeau,	“ Crowell.
“ Ross,	“ Wilkins,	“ Benjamin,	
“ Creighton,	Hon. Sol. General,	“ J. B. Uniacke,	
“ Whitman,	Mr. Marshall,	“ Logan,	
“ Freeman,	“ Ryder,	“ Bourneuf,	
Hon. Atty. General,		“ G. R. Young,	

Passed.

So it passed in the affirmative, and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Address do pass.

Ordered, That the Address be engrossed.

Resolution for Committee to wait on Gov.

On motion of the Hon. Solicitor General, *resolved*, That the Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. B. Smith, Mr. Hall, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Holmes, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with copies of the foregoing Address, and of the Resolution therein referred to.

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

Thursday, 27th February, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Bills read 2d time, viz: Juries. Yarmouth Fire Engines.

The following Bills were severally read a second time—viz:

A Bill to amend the Act for the Regulation of Juries.

A Bill to amend the Act for providing Fire Engines for the Town of Yarmouth, and for other purposes.

Relief of Clarke.

A Bill for the relief of Charles Clarke, an Insolvent Debtor.

Geese regulations.

A Bill for making Regulations to prevent Geese going at large.

Stray Cattle.

A Bill to amend the Act respecting Stray Horses and Cattle in King's County—and

Richmond Bridge Company.

A Bill to Incorporate sundry persons by the Name of “The Richmond Bridge Company,” for the purpose of erecting a Toll Bridge across the Harbor of Halifax.

Committed.

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

Amendments of Council to Arbitration Bill.

The Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill entitled An Act to amend the Act for determining differences by Arbitration, and to render references to Arbitration more effectual, were read a second time:—and are as follow:

“After the third clause insert the following clause:

And be it Enacted, that in all other Cases of submission to reference when any Witness

ness or Witnesses may be required to be examined on Oath, it shall and may be lawful for any one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace (when applied to by either party,) to administer an Oath to such Witness or Witnesses, for the purpose of his or their giving evidence on such reference.

At the end of the Bill add the following Clause:

And be it Enacted, that this Act shall continue and be in force for two years, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly."

And the said proposed Amendments having been considered by the House—

On motion of Mr. G. R. Young, *resolved*, that the following Amendments be made to the said Amendments proposed by the Council to said Bill, and do pass this House, *Amendments made by House to Council's amendments.*
viz :

" In the Enacting Clause proposed to be inserted after the third Clause,
4th. line—after the word " Oath" insert the following words, " or affirmation in cases where affirmation is allowed by law."

7th. line—after the word " Witnesses" insert the following words, " or to take their affirmation in cases where affirmation is allowed by law."

At the end of the Clause add the following words, " and if upon such Oath or affirmation any person making the same shall wilfully and corruptly give any false evidence, every person so offending shall be deemed and taken to be guilty of perjury, and shall be prosecuted and punished accordingly."

Resolved, That the Amendments proposed by the Council to the said Bill be agreed to, with the foregoing Amendments of this House thereto. *Amendments agreed to with amendments.*

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill, with the several Amendments, to the Council, and inform them that this House have agreed to the said Amendments of the Council, with the foregoing Amendments of this House thereto. *Sent to Council.*

Mr. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to disable Collectors of the Customs and of Excise from being elected or sitting as Members of the House of Assembly, and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. *Bills presented, viz: Bill to disable Collectors of Revenue from being members of Assembly.*

Mr. Ross, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to regulate the Shad Fishery on the Shores of Londonderry and Economy; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time on Saturday next. *Bill to regulate Shad Fishery, Co. Colchester.*

Mr. J. B. Uniacke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for Lighting the City of Halifax, and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. *Bill for lighting City of Halifax.*

Mr. Spearwater, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorise the Sale of the Court House and Jail at Shelburne, and the purchase of a new site therefor;—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. *Bill for sale of Court House, Shelburne.*

Mr. Ross moved for the Special leave of the House, to present a Petition of the Shareholders and Owners of the old Presbyterian Church in Shubenacadie, for an Act to be passed to authorise the Sale of such Church: which being seconded and put passed in the negative. *Leave refused to present petition for Sale of Meeting House.*

Mr. Creighton, pursuant to special leave given, presented a Petition of William Slocomb, M. D., and the same was read, praying compensation for Medical Aid to a Transient Pauper. *Pet. for expenses of Transient Pauper.*

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on expenses of Transient Paupers. *Refd. to Pauper Committee.*

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. B. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report Digby Sea
Manure Bill.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to authorise the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Digby, to make Regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the Township of Digby, and had directed him to report the same to the House without Amendment; and that they had also gone through the Bill to amend the Act for the Regulation of Juries, and had made an Amendment thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill, and he afterwards delivered the Bills and Amendment in at the Clerk's Table.

And Juries Bill.

The said Amendment having been read, was agreed to by the House.

Bills to be engrossed.

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

Ordered, That the Bill reported without Amendment, be engrossed.

Order of Day—
Com. of Supply
postponed.

The Order of the Day being read,
Ordered, That this House do to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

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

Friday, 28th February, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Engrossed Bills read
3d time.
Digby Sea Manure
Bill.

An Engrossed Bill to authorise the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Digby, to make Regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the Township of Digby, was read a third time.

Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be An Act to authorise the Sessions of the Peace to make Regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the Township of Digby.

Juries Bill.

An Engrossed Bill to amend the Act for the Regulation of Juries, was read a third time.

Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to amend the Act for the Regulation of Juries.

Bills sent to Council.

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

Shelburne Court
House Bill read 2nd
time and committed.

A Bill to authorise the Sale of the Court House and Jail at Shelburne, and the purchase of a new site therefor, was read a second time.

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

Light Houses Bill
presented.

Mr. J. B. Uniacke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to continue and amend An Act for the support and regulation of Light Houses, and to repeal certain Acts and Clauses of Acts relating thereto; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill to divide Doug-
las into Poor Dis-
tricts presented.

Mr. B. Smith, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for dividing the Township of Douglas into separate Districts for the support of the Poor;—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill presented for
Taxing Dogs in
Halifax.

Mr. J. B. Uniacke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorise the Taxation of Dogs in the City of Halifax; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Pet. for expenses of
transient Pauper in
Horton.

A Petition of Alexander Buchanan and Benjamin Terfry, was by special leave presented by Mr. Hall, and read, praying remuneration of expenses incurred by them in relation to a Transient Pauper in the Township of Horton.

Refd. to Pauper
Committee.

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

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- The Hon. The Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House several Returns and Papers; and the same were read, viz:—
- Returns of lists of names of Grand Jurors throughout the Province.
Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table. Sol. Gen. presents papers by command, viz.
- A Return of Assessments for the County of Cape Breton in the year 1843.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the Committee on Assessments. Returns of Grand Jurors.
- A Report of the Collector of Impost and Excise duties at the Port of Sydney, C. B., on the services of the Revenue Boat under his direction during the past year.
(See Appendix No. 22.)
Ordered, That the same be referred to the Committee on Trade. Return of Assessments Co. Cape Breton.
Refd to Com. on Assessments.
Report on Revenue boat at Sydney, C.B.
- A Report of the Commissioners for issuing and cancelling Treasury Notes for the past year.
(See Appendix No. 23.)
Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table. Refd. to Com. on Trade.
Report of Treasury Notes Commissioners
- A Letter from Captain W. F. Owen, of Her Majesty's Steamer Columbia, Naval Surveyor in the Bay of Fundy, to the Provincial Secretary, dated 2nd August, 1844, with accompanying papers, relative to the Pier or Breakwater at Margareville, in the Bay of Fundy, as a proper station in the conveyance of the Mails between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and otherwise.
(See Appendix No. 24.)
Ordered, That the same be referred to the Committee on Post Office Affairs. Letter from Capt. Owen on Margareville Breakwater.
- A Letter from Vice Admiral Sir Charles Adam to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, dated 31st October, 1844, on the subject of Light Houses in the Bay of Fundy.
(See Appendix No. 25.)
Ordered, That the same be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities. Refd. to Post Office Com.
Letter from Admiral Adam as to Light Houses Bay of Fundy.
- Accounts and claims of John Quillinan and John Rude, in regard to expenses incurred for the maintenance and passages of Seamen shipwrecked at Labrador, in the Brigantine Plym. Also,
An Account of John Ferguson, Overseer of Poor for the Township of Sydney, C. B., for expenses of a disabled Seaman.
Ordered, That the Accounts be referred to the Committee on claims for the expenses of Transient Paupers. Refd. to Com. on Nav. Sec.
Accounts of expenses of Shipwrecked Seamen, &c.
- Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated 28th November, 1844, requiring payment of £9 9s. sterling, for a Volume of Reports of Decisions in the Privy Council.
(See Appendix No. 26.)
Ordered, That the same be referred to the Committee of Supply. Refd. to Pauper Com.
Despatch for payment for report of cases in Privy Council.
- Letter from the Deputy Post Master General at Halifax, to the Provincial Secretary, dated 31st January, 1845, requesting that the subject of any deficiency in the Post Office Revenue for the present year, may be brought under the notice of the Legislature.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the Committee on Post Office Affairs. Refd. to Com. of Supply.
Letter from Dy. Post Master General.
- An Account of Rent paid by the Messrs. Bown, under their Lease of the Coal Mines at Spanish River, Cape Breton.
(See Appendix No. 27.)
Ordered, That the same be referred to the Committee on the Coal Mines. Refd. to Post Office Com.
Account of rent paid by Messrs. Bown for Coal Mines.
- An Account of expenses incurred during the year 1844, for the support of the office Refd. to Coal Mines Com.
Accounts of expenses

Accounts of Prov. Secretary's and Crown Lands offices.

of the Provincial Secretary; and an Account of Fees received at that office during the same year. Also, An Account of Cost of the Crown Land Department for Nova Scotia Proper, for 1844.

(See Appendix No. 28.)

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

Com. on Bills.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. B. Smith took the Chair of the Committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report Bills, viz.

Geese regulations
and King's Co. Stray
Cattle—
without amendt.
Wolf Bill to Sel.
Com.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill for making regulations to prevent Geese going at large; and the Bill to amend the Act respecting Stray Horses and Cattle in King's County; and had directed him to report the said Bills to the House severally without any amendment; that they had also considered the Bill to encourage the killing of Wolves, and recommend to the House that the same be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon with amendments or otherwise:—and he thereupon delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

Bills to be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

Com. on Wolf Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to encourage the killing of Wolves be referred to Mr. Hall, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. DesBarres, to examine and report thereon to this House, with amendments or otherwise.

Report, final, from
Pictou Township
Election Committee.

Mr. B. Smith, Chairman of the Select Committee on the Election of a Member for the Township of Pictou, reported finally from the said Committee; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as followeth:

The Committee drawn, struck, and sworn to try the merits of the Petition of Martin I. Wilkins, against the election and return of George Smith, Esquire, sitting Member for the Township of Pictou, have agreed to report and do report as follows:

That with regard to the charge contained in the said Petition against the return of the said George Smith, on the ground of his being a Legislative Councillor at the time of his offering as a candidate for the representation of the Township of Pictou, at the late Election, and as such ineligible to be elected as a Member for the said Township, it having been made appear to the Committee that the said George Smith had received permission from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to retire from the Legislative Council previous to the termination of the Election, the Committee are of opinion that the said charge of ineligibility ought not to be considered as a sufficient cause to prevent the Election of the said George Smith.

And the Committee do further report, that the force and violence used at the entrance of the Hustings, by persons in the interest of Mr. Smith, towards persons attempting to vote for Mr. Wilkins at the said Election, was of such a character as to violate the freedom of Election, and to be subversive of the rights and liberties of the Electors of the said Township of Pictou, and had the effect of intimidating Mr. Wilkins' voters; and it has been satisfactorily proved that in consequence thereof many of the Freeholders of the said Township, who were prepared to record their votes for the said Martin I. Wilkins, were prevented and debarred from exercising their Elective Franchise.

Election null and void.

The Committee do therefore find and report that the said George Smith has not been duly elected and returned as a Member to represent the said Township of Pictou—that the Election for the said Township is null and void, and that a Writ ought to issue for Electing a Member to serve in General Assembly for the said Township.

And the Committee do further report, that from the novel and injudicious construction of the Hustings at the said Election, the entrance to the gangway, and consequently the obstruction to the voters thereat, could not conveniently be seen from the polling stand, and the Committee are of opinion that had the gangway been so constructed as to come up directly in front of the stand, whereby the entrance would be in full view of the presiding

presiding officer, much if not all of the force and violence before referred to might have been prevented, and peace and order maintained; and they cannot forbear expressing their regret that the Sheriff should have considered it his duty to proceed with the Poll without making such alteration in the Hustings as would have afforded greater accommodation to the Freeholders, when applied to for that purpose by Mr. Wilkins' Committee, and after the said Martin I. Wilkins had protested against the construction of the same at the opening of the Poll. That it also appears that unnecessary and frivolous questions were repeatedly during the progress of said Election put by the Agent of Mr. Smith to Mr. Wilkins' voters, after their qualifications had been duly entered upon the Poll Book, and they had offered to take the Freeholder's Oath, which led to much delay and unnecessary waste of time, and which the Committee, without charging the presiding officer with partiality or wilful dereliction of duty, deem it their duty to state should not have been allowed.

The Committee would also express in the strongest terms their disapprobation of the course pursued by persons in the interest of Mr. Smith, in obstructing the passage to the Hustings, and of the intimidation used towards Freeholders attempting to vote for Mr. Wilkins, thereby destroying the freedom of Election; and they are of opinion that neither the presiding officer nor the Magistrates of the County used to the full extent the power which they might have exercised to insure peace and good order at the said Election.

That having come to the determination as hereinbefore expressed to declare the said Election null and void, in consequence of the force and violence used thereat, the Committee have deemed it unnecessary to come to any decision on the various other minor points submitted for their investigation, which are not herein adverted to.

And lastly, the Committee do find and do report, that the Petition of the said Martin I. Wilkins, so referred to them, is not frivolous or vexatious, and that the opposition thereto is not frivolous or vexatious.

Petition and opposition not frivolous.

Committee Room, House of Assembly, 28th February, 1845.

BENJ. SMITH, Chairman.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table, and be entered on the Journals of this House.

On motion of Mr. Holmes, *resolved*, That Mr. Speaker do request His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to issue a Writ for the Election of a Member to represent the Township of Pictou in General Assembly, in the place of George Smith, Esquire, whose Election has been declared null and void by a Select Committee of this House.

Resolution for Speaker to apply for new Writ for Election for Pictou.

The Hon. The Attorney General reported from the Committee appointed on Wednesday last to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and present to him the Address of this House to His Excellency, and the accompanying Resolution, that the Committee had performed that duty, and that His Excellency in answer had been pleased to say that he had received the Address with much pleasure, and would by the earliest opportunity transmit the Resolution of the House of Assembly to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in order that it might be submitted to the Queen.

Report of Answer of Lt. Gov. to Address.

The Order of the Day being read,

On motion of the Hon. Solicitor General, the House resolved itself into Committee on the consideration of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

Order of Day.
Com. of Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business referred to them, and had come to several Resolutions which they had directed him to report to the House, and he delivered them in at the Clerk's Table.

Resolutions reported

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

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Viz. The Resolutions reported from the Committee were then read by the Clerk, and are as follow:—

£200 Speaker. 1. *Resolved*, That the sum of Two Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to the Speaker of the House of Assembly, in full for his salary as Speaker for the present year.

£200 Clerk. 2. *Resolved*, That the sum of Two Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, for his services in the present year.

£25 Chaplains. 3. *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted and paid to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to be by him paid to the Chaplains attending the House of Assembly during the present year.

£100 Clerk Asst. 4. *Resolved*, That the sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to the Clerk Assistant of the House of Assembly for his services for this Session.

£50 Sergeant-at-Arms. 5. *Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted and paid to George R. Graspie, Esquire, for his services as Sergeant at Arms to the House of Assembly for this Session.

£30 Assistant Sergeant. 6. *Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty Pounds be granted and paid to John Jennings, for his services as Assistant Sergeant at Arms to the House of Assembly for this Session.

£40 Messenger of Gov., L. Councils. 7. *Resolved*, That the sum of Forty Pounds be granted and paid to the Messenger of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, and the Executive and Legislative Councils for the present year.

£30 Messenger of House. 8. *Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty Pounds be granted and paid to John Gibbs, for his services as Messenger to the House of Assembly for the present Session.

£45 Clerk of Revenue. 9. *Resolved*, That the sum of Forty-five Pounds be granted and paid to the Clerk of the Commissioners of the Revenue, for his services for the present year.

£200 Guager of Excise. 10. *Resolved*, That the sum of Two Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to the Guager and Weigher for the Collector of Impost and Excise for the District of Halifax, for his services for the present year.

£60 Keeper of Assembly room, &c. 11. *Resolved*, That the sum of Sixty Pounds be granted and paid to the keeper of the Assembly House, and Council Chamber, and Law Library, for the present year.

£400 Sable Island. 12. *Resolved*, That the sum of Four Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to the Commissioners of Sable Island, for the support of that establishment for the present year.

£25 Edmd. Crowell, Seal Islands. 13. *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty Pounds be granted and paid to Edmund Crowell, to enable him to keep up his establishment at the Seal Islands, for the relief of Shipwrecked Mariners for the present year.

£50 Halifax Dispensary. 14. *Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted and paid to Doctors Grigor and Sterling, in aid of the Halifax Dispensary for the present year—provided they keep during the year a sufficient quantity of vaccine matter.

Resolutions agreed to. And the said Resolutions being then read a second time, were upon the question severally put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Report of Address to Lieut. Gov. from Com. on Coal Mines. The Hon. The Attorney General, from the Select Committee on the subject of the Coal Mines, reported an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor on that subject, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as followeth:

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

Address.

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

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

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA, IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENED.

May it please your Excellency;

The Committee of the House of Assembly appointed to investigate the subject of the Coal Mines of the Province, in relation to certain negotiations pending between Her Majesty's Government and certain parties interested therein, have been engaged in collecting the necessary information to enable them to make a full Report thereon to the House, but have as yet been unable, in consequence of the pressure of other business, to bring their researches to a termination. The House of Assembly, in a matter of such great importance to the Province, therefore pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to make Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies acquainted with the cause of the delay, and to urge the continued suspension of any proceedings, until the House shall have had time to conclude their deliberations in the matter, and to communicate the same for the information of Her Majesty's Government by the next Mail.

And thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Address do pass.

Ordered, That the Address be engrossed, and be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

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

Saturday, 1st March, 1845.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for making Regulations to prevent Geese going at large, was read a third time. Engrossed Bills read 3d time, viz: Bill to prevent Geese going at large. Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for making Regulations to prevent Geese going at large.

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act respecting Stray Horses and Cattle in King's County, was read a third time. King's County Stray Cattle Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to amend the Act respecting Stray Horses and Cattle in King's County. Passed.

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

The following Bills were read a second time, viz.:

A Bill to continue and amend an Act for the support and regulation of Light Houses, and to repeal certain Acts and Clauses of Acts relating thereto. Bills read 2d time, viz: Light Houses.

A Bill for dividing the Township of Douglas into separate Districts for the support of the Poor:—and Division of Douglas into separate Poor Districts.

A Bill to authorise the Taxation of Dogs in the City of Halifax. Taxation of Dogs.

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

Mr. G. R. Young, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to extend to the Town of Pictou, Bill presented to extend

- tend Firewards Acts to Pictou. Pictou, the several Acts for appointing Firewards, and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
- Bill presented for Prison regulations. Mr. G. R. Young, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for the Regulation of Prisons, and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
- Pet. from Digby for aid to Breakwater. A Petition of James Everitt and others, Inhabitants of the County of Digby, was by special leave, presented by Mr. Budd, and read, praying aid towards the completion of a Breakwater at Everitt's Landing, on the south side of St. Mary's Bay.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.
- Refd. to Com. on Nav. Sec.
- Petition from Co. Richmond for alteration of Court House Law. A Petition of Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the County of Richmond, was by special leave, presented by the Hon. the Solicitor General, praying an alteration of the Act for the Sale of the Old Court House and Jail at Arichat.
Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.
- Table.
- Petition from Overseers, Arisaig. A Petition of Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Arisaig, in the County of Sydney, was, by special leave, presented by Mr. Brenan, and read, praying reimbursement of the expense of a Transient Pauper.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on claims for expenses of Transient Paupers.
- Refd. to Pauper Committee.
- Petitions relative to Coal Mines. Four Petitions of Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the County of Colchester, were by special leave, presented by Mr. Ross, and read, respectively praying that the Proposals of the General Mining Association, lately made to the Imperial Government, may be resisted.
Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on the Coal Mines.
- Refd. to Com. on Coal Mines.
- Bill presented to Incorporate Atlantic Marine Ins. Co. Mr. McNab, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to Incorporate certain Individuals therein named, under the style and title of The Atlantic Marine Insurance Company, and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
- Pet. for aid to Mackerel Fishery. A Petition of Merchants, Fishermen, and others, of Halifax, was by special leave presented by Mr. McNab, and read, praying aid towards the Mackerel Fishery on the Coast of Sable Island.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Fisheries.
- Refd. to Com. on Fisheries.
- Addition to Com. on Fisheries. *Ordered*, That Mr. Fairbanks and Mr. Spearwater be added to the Committee on the Fisheries.
- Addition to Com. on Coal Mines. *Ordered*, That Mr. DesBarres be substituted on the Committee in reference to the Coal Mines, for Mr. G. Smith, whose seat has been vacated.
- Agricultural Petitions. A Petition of the Stirling Agricultural Society, was by special leave presented by Mr. Ross, and read, praying that Model Farms, combined with Agricultural Schools, may as a system be substituted for the present mode of aid to Agriculture.
A Petition of the Stewiacke Agricultural Society, was by special leave presented by Mr. Howe, and read, praying a continuance of aid to Agriculture on the system now in operation.
Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.
- Refd. to Com. on Agriculture.
- Report from Com. on Sewers Bill. Mr. McLelan reported from the Committee on the Bill for the appointment of Commissioners of Sewers, &c., that the Committee had considered the Bill and had prepared certain amendments thereto, which they recommend to the House with the Bill, and he delivered the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table, when the amendments were read.
- Amendments.
- Bill read 2nd time with amendments, and committed. The Bill was then read a second time with the amendments.
Ordered, That the Bill and amendments be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

A Petition of Inhabitants of the Counties of Colchester and Cumberland, was by special leave presented by Mr. Ross, and read, praying aid to make alterations in, and improve the road between Onslow and Tatamagouche. Pet. for aid to Road from Onslow to Tatamagouche.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition of Inhabitants of Clements and Hillsburg, was by special leave presented by Mr. Budd, and read, praying aid towards making a Draw in the Bear River Bridge, in the County of Digby. Pet. for aid to Draw in Bear River Bridge Digby.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. B. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to Incorporate Agricultural Societies, and had made an amendment thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill, and that they had also gone through the Bill for dividing the Township of Douglas into separate Districts for the support of the Poor, and had directed him to report the same to the House without amendment—
And he thereupon delivered the Bills and amendment in at the Clerk's Table. Report Bill to Incorporate Agricultural Societies with amendments—and Douglas Poor District Bill without amendment.

The said Amendment being read, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be engrossed. Bills to be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bill reported without Amendment, be engrossed.

Mr. McNab reported from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Legislative Council, in the examination of the Public Accounts; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table. Report from Com. on Public Accounts.

(See Appendix No. 29.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. G. R. Young, *resolved,* That the Accounts of James B. Hadley, and the mode of collecting the Light Duty at the Gut of Canso, be referred to a Committee with power to send for persons and papers, and report thereon by Bill or otherwise. Accounts of J. B. Hadley, Collector of Light Duties at Gut of Canso refd. to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That Mr. Creighton, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Huntington, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.

The Hon. the Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House a Memorial of the Prince Edward Island Steam Navigation Company, praying aid to enable them to maintain a communication, by their Steam Boat the Saint George, between Charlotte Town, Pictou, and Miramichi—and remuneration for services therein during the past year. Memorial of P. E. Island Steam Nav. Co. laid before House.

Ordered, That the Memorial be referred to the Committee on the Petition of Walter Douglas, to also examine and report on the subject of this Memorial. Refd. to Com. on Pet. of Capt. Douglas.

The Order of the day being read,

The Bill to regulate the Shad Fishery on the Shores of Londonderry and Economy, was read a second time—and thereupon, Order of Day—Colchester Shad Fishery Bill read 2d time.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to Mr. Huntington, Mr. Fairbanks and Mr. Crowell, to examine and report thereon, and generally upon the subject of the Fishery thereby proposed to be regulated. Refd. to Sel. Com. on subject generally.

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

Monday, 3rd March, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Engrossed Bills read
3d time.
Incorporation of Ag-
ricultural Societies.
Passed.

An engrossed Bill to Incorporate Agricultural Societies, was read a third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be An Act to Incorporate Agricultural Societies.

Division of Douglas
into Poor Districts.

An engrossed Bill for dividing the Township of Douglas into separate Districts for the support of the Poor, was read a third time.

Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be An Act for dividing the Township of Douglas into separate Districts for the support of the Poor.

Bills sent to Council.

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

Bills read 2d time,
viz :

The following Bills were read a second time, viz :

Insolvent Debtors.
Members vacating
seats on accepting
office.

A Bill for the relief of Insolvent Debtors.

To enable members
to vacate their seats.

A Bill to amend the Act to vacate the Seats of Members on the acceptance of certain offices or places of emolument under the Crown.

To disable Collec-
tors from being

A Bill to enable Members of the House of Assembly to vacate their Seats therein.
A Bill to disable Collectors of the Customs and of Excise from being elected or sitting as Members of the House of Assembly.

Members.
Pictou Firewards.
Prison regulations.

A Bill to extend to the Town of Pictou the several Acts for appointing Firewards.

Incorporation of At-
lantic Marine Ins.
Co.

A Bill for the Regulation of Prisons—and
A Bill to Incorporate certain Individuals therein named, under the style and Title of The Atlantic Marine Insurance Company.

Bills committed.

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

Bill presented for
setting off a part of
Sherbrooke as sepa-
rate Poor District.

Mr. Desbarres pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for setting off a part of the Township of Sherbrooke in the District of St Mary's, as a separate District for the support of the Poor :—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Motion for Ccm. on
Bills.

Mr. McLelan moved that the House do resolve itself into a Committee on Bills ; which being seconded—

Amendment propo-
sed relating to pro-
ceedings of House in
regard to resolutions
on former day.

Mr. Ross moved as an Amendment to the question, that all the words thereof after the words " House do " be left out, and the following be substituted in place of the words so to be left out, viz : " come to a Resolution as followeth, viz :

Whereas this House being in Committee on the General State of the Province after a debate of thirteen days touching a series of Resolutions and an Amendment in reference to certain Despatches referred to the House by order of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, did agree to conclude the discussion by a division on the evening of the 26th of February last. *And Whereas* this House in Committee did so divide and report the Amendment and reject the original Resolutions, and thereon finally adjourn and report the Amendment as the decision of this House. *And Whereas* the Minority wished to have the original Resolutions recorded on the Journals as embodying the reasons of their dissent. and being handed to the Speaker for that purpose, it was discovered that other Resolutions were added, not before submitted to the House, containing sentiments different to those expressed in the original Resolutions. *And whereas*, such a mode of introducing Resolutions involving principles affecting the rights of the people, is at variance with the English Parliamentary practice of giving previous notice, and calculated to mislead and entrap this House into hasty conclusions :—*Resolved* therefore, that in rejecting the additional Resolutions above alluded to, being Numbers 7 and 8, this House was actuated more by a desire to disapprove the mode of introducing the same, than expressing an opinion of the sentiments they contain."

Debate.

Which motion being seconded, and a debate had thereon,

The Hon. the Solicitor General, moved that the question be now put—which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the negative :—and thereupon,

Previous question.

Resolved, That the question be not now put.

Question not to be put.

On motion of Mr. G. R. Young, *resolved*, that the Claim made by John McKay, for the balance of £100 9 1, claimed for over-expenditure on the Bridge at New Glasgow, and also that of John McKay, of the Lime Rock, for the sum of £228, for over-expenditure on the Bridge at the Ten-mile House, West River, Pictou, be referred to a special Committee to report thereon, with power to send for persons and papers.

Accounts of Commissioners for Building Bridges in Co. of Pictou, referred to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That Mr. Huntington, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Brennan, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Mr. Huntington reported from the Select Committee, to whom were referred the Returns of Assessments in the several Counties of this Province, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report from Com. on Assessments.

(See Appendix No. 30.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton.

Message from Council.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill entitled An Act further in relation to the Acts for affording relief to Poor Settlers—and to the Bill entitled An Act to amend the Act for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate Districts for the support of the Poor—severally without any amendment.

Agree to Poor Settler's Relief Bill.

The Council have also agreed to the Bill entitled An Act in relation to Trials of Summary Causes in the Supreme Court, as amended.

Pictou Poores' District Bill. Without amendment And to Summary Trials Bill as amended.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. McLelan, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill for the appointment of Commissioners of Sewers, &c.

Com. of whole on Sewers Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. B. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had taken into consideration the Bill referred to them, and recommend that the same be again referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon—and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Recommend Bill to Select Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to Mr. McLelan, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Dewolf, Mr. Fleming, Mr. Logan, Mr. Creighton, and Mr. Dickey, to examine and report upon to this House.

Bill refd. to Sel. Com.

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

Tuesday, 4th March, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Dickey reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of Daniel Wier and John Chambers, Commissioners for Building a Bridge over the St. Croix River, in Newport,—recommending part payment in regard to the expenses incurred by them in defending a suit instituted against them on account of their building said Bridge, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report from Com. on Pet. of Wier and Chambers.

(See Appendix No. 31.)

Ordered, That the Report and Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Refd. to Com. of Supply.

- Report on Sheriffs Bill. Mr. Ross reported from the Select Committee, on the Bill relating to the appointment of Sheriffs, that the Committee had examined the Bill, and recommend that the same be referred to a Committee of the whole House, for consideration of the details thereof.
- Bill committed. *Ordered*, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
- Pet. for aid to Pier at Hall's harbor, Cornwallis. A Petition of Silvanus Whitney, and others, was by special leave presented by Mr. Beckwith, and read, praying aid towards securing the Pier or Breakwater at Hall's Harbor, in Cornwallis, and to make the Harbor more safe and commodious.
- Refd. to Com. on Nav. Sec. *Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.
- Bill presented to reduce fees of Registrars of Deeds. Mr. McLelan, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to reduce the Fees on the Registry of Deeds; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time,
- Bill presented to postpone Sup. Court sittings. Mr. Wilkins, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to postpone the next ensuing Sittings of the Supreme Court at Halifax and on the Western Circuit; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
- Read 1st and 2d time and committed. The said Bill was then on motion *nem. con.* read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
- Bill presented to reduce fees of Prothonotaries. Mr. McLelan, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to reduce the Fees of Prothonotaries; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
- Message from Council. A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton.
- Agreeing to amendments on Arbitration Bill. Mr. Speaker,
The Council have agreed to the Amendments made by this Honorable House, to the Amendments of the Council to the Bill entitled An Act to amend the Act for determining differences by Arbitration, and to render references to Arbitration more effectual. And then the Messenger withdrew.
- Bill agreed to as amended. *Resolved*, That the said Bill do pass this House, as finally amended by the amendments of the Council and this House.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendments to the Council, and acquaint them with the foregoing Resolution.
- Com. on Bills. On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. B. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
- Report Progress. The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in regard to Bills referred to them.
- Made order for to-morrow. *Ordered*, That this House do again to-morrow resolve itself into the Committee on Bills.
- Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Wednesday, 5th March, 1845.

PRAYERS.

- Petition to open passage for Boats at Tusket. A Petition of Dominique Boudreau, and others, Inhabitants of Argyle, residing at Tusket Wedge, and other parts of the County of Yarmouth, praying aid to open a passage for Boats through the sluice between the Great Tusket Island and the main land.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.
- Bill to amend Halifax Incorporation Act. Mr. J. B. Uniacke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in amendment of the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax, and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr.

Mr. J. B. Uniacke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for abolishing Imprisonment for Debt, and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill to abolish imprisonment for debt.

Mr. A. M. Uniacke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill for making Regulations relative to the setting of Nets and Seines within certain parts of the County of Halifax, and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill for regulating setting of Nets and Seines near Halifax.

The Order of the Day being read,
On motion the House resolved itself into the Committee on Bills.

Order of Day—
Com. on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. B. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to amend the Act to vacate the Seats of Members on the acceptance of certain Offices of place or emolument under the Crown, and the Bill to disable Collectors of the Customs and of Excise, from being elected or sitting as Members of the House of Assembly, and have directed him to recommend to the House as the sense of the Committee, that the further consideration of the said Bills should be deferred until the next Session,—and he thereupon delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

Bills considered relative to Offices of Collectors of Customs and Excise.

Recommended to be deferred until next Session.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said two Bills, so reported upon as aforesaid, be deferred until the next Session.

Bills deferred until next Session.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton.

Message from Council.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill entitled An Act to provide for the Supervision and Management of the Burial Ground near Kentville, without Amendment.

Agree to Kentville Burial Ground Bill.

The Council have agreed to the Bill entitled An Act to amend the Act for the regulation of Juries, with an Amendment,—to which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

To Juries' Bill with amendment.

The Council have finally agreed to the Bill entitled An Act to amend the Act for determining differences by Arbitration, and to render references to Arbitration more effectual as now amended.

To Arbitration Bill as amended.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill entitled An Act to amend the Act for the regulation of Juries, was read a first and second time, and is as followeth:—

Amendment of Council to Juries Bill agreed to.

“ 5th Clause.

Leave out this Clause.”

On motion, *resolved*, that this House do agree to the Amendment proposed by the Council to said Bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and Amendment to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the said Amendment.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the general state of the Province, in relation to the Road Service, and the paying off a part of the Funded Debt.

Com. on State of Province in regard to Road Service, and paying part of funded debt.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had considered the subjects referred to them, and had come to two Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he delivered them in at the Clerk's Table.

Resolutions reported viz :

The said Resolutions were then read by the Clerk, and are as followeth—

1st. *Resolved*, That £25,000 can and ought to be appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges for the present year, and £7,026 towards paying off the old Funded Debt, now at five per cent. interest.

For £25,000 for Roads, and £7,026 for paying Funded debt.

For dividing Road Money by Scale among counties.

2d. *Resolved*, That the Sum of £25,000, to be appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges in the present year, be divided and applied in and among the several Counties of the Province, according to a Scale of Division to be agreed upon by the House.

1st Resolution agreed to.

The first Resolution reported from the Committee being again read, was upon the question put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the affirmative—and thereupon, *Resolved*, That the said first Resolution be agreed to by the House.

Motion not to receive 2d Resolution.

Mr. J. B. Uniacke then moved, that the report from the Committee of the said second Resolution, be not received by the House,—which motion being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty—against it, twenty-seven.

For the Motion—

Mr. Doyle,
 “ McKeagney,
 “ G. R. Young,
 “ Marshall,
 “ McNab,
 “ Wilkins,
 “ B. Smith,
 “ Dimock,
 “ DesBarres,
 “ Ross,
 “ Hall,
 “ Dewolf,
 “ Fleming,
 “ J. B. Uniacke,
 “ Creighton,
 “ Howe,
 “ A. M. Uniacke,
 “ Owen,
 “ Spearwater,
 “ Crowell.

Against the Motion—

Mr. McLelan,
 “ Crowe,
 “ Turnbull,
 “ Wilson,
 “ Bourneuf,
 “ Thorne,
 “ Taylor,
 “ Fairbanks,
 “ Freeman,
 “ E. Young,
 “ Whitman,
 “ Logan,
 “ Budd,
 “ Holmes,
 “ Brennan,
 “ Martell,
 “ Huntington,
 “ Benjamin,
 Hon. Atty. General,
 Mr. Heckman,
 Mr. Power,
 “ Comeau,
 “ Dickey,
 “ Fulton,
 “ Fraser,
 “ Beckwith,
 “ Clements.

Negatived.

So it passed in the Negative.

2d Resolution agreed to.

The Resolution being then put from the Chair, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Resolution twenty-seven, against it twenty. So it passed in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the Resolution be agreed to by the House.

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

Thursday, 6th March, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Motion to rescind Resolution for dividing Road Money negatived.

Mr. Dewolf moved that the Resolution passed yesterday for dividing the Road Money among the several Counties of the Province, be rescinded:—which being seconded and put and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion eighteen, against it twenty-eight.

So it passed in the negative.

Bill to revive and continue Act relating to Highways.

Mr. Hall reported further from the Committee on the expiring Laws, and thereupon presented a Bill to revive and continue the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges;—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr.

Mr. Brenan, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Antigonishe, and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill to preserve Navigation of Harbor of Antigonishe.

Mr. McKeagney, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in further amendment of the Act for establishing the times and places for holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill for amending Polls Act.

Mr. DesBarres, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend the Act relative to the performance of Statute Labour on Highways; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill to amend Statute Labor Act.

Mr. Fraser reported from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace; that the Committee had prepared some amendments to the Act proposed to be continued by said Bill, which they recommend to the favorable consideration of the House—and he delivered the Bill and proposed amendments in at the Clerk's Table, where the said amendments were read.

Report from Com. on Summary Trials Bill.

Amendments.

The Bill was then read a second time with the amendments.

Bill read 2nd time and committed with amendments.

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

A Bill for making regulations relative to the setting of Nets and Seines within certain parts of the County of Halifax, was read a second time.

Bill for setting Nets near Halifax read 2d time and referred to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to Mr. Huntington, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Crowell, Mr. J. B. Uniacke, and Mr. Spearwater, to examine and report upon to this House.

A Bill for setting off a part of the Township of Sherbrooke, in the district of Saint Mary's, as a separate District for the support of the Poor. Also,

Sherbrooke Poor District Bill, and Bill to amend Halifax Incorporation Act Read 2nd time, and committed.

A Bill in amendment of the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax.

Were severally read a second time.

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

A Petition of the Trustees of the Yarmouth Academy was by special leave presented by Mr. Clements, and read, praying a continuance of the usual grant in aid of that Institution.

Pet. for aid to Yarmouth Academy.

A Petition also of Inhabitants of Yarmouth, was by special leave presented by Mr. Clements, and read, praying that aid may be granted for Common Schools and withheld from Sectarian Colleges.

Pet. from Yarmouth for aid to Common Schools.

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

Refd. to Com. on Education.

A Petition of Inhabitants of Ship Harbour, in Cape Breton, was by special leave presented by Mr. McKeagney, and read, praying that payment may be made of salary withheld from the Teacher of the Combined Grammar and Common School at that place, by the Board of School Commissioners.

Pet. from Ship Harbour for payment of Teacher of Grammar School.

A Petition of William McKeen and others, Inhabitants of the County of Inverness, was also by special leave presented by Mr. McKeagney, and read, making various suggestions in regard to the Port Hood Academy, and praying aid towards conducting the same, and defraying the expense of the Building erected therefor.

Pet. relative to Port Hood Academy.

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

Refd. to Com. on Ed.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the consideration of the Bill to postpone the next ensuing Sittings of the Supreme Court at Halifax, &c.

Com. of whole on Sup. Court postponement Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill referred

Bill reported without amendment.

ferred to them, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment, and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

To be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed, and be read a third time this day.

Com. of Supply.

On motion, the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Two Resolutions reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had come to two Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he delivered them in at the Clerk's Table.

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

The said Resolutions were then read by the Clerk, and are as follow :—

£25,000 voted for Roads and Bridges.

1. *Resolved*, That the sum of £25,000 be granted for the service of Roads and Bridges, for the present year.

Two-fifths of Road Money to be applied on Great Roads.

2. *Resolved*, That two-fifth parts of the money granted for the Road Service in each County, shall be applied to the repairs and improvement of the Great Main Roads in such County.

Resolutions agreed to.

The said Resolutions being then read a second time, upon the question severally put thereon, were respectively agreed to by the House.

Road Vote sent to Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the first of said Resolutions to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Engrossed Sup. Court Bill read 3rd time. Passed.

An engrossed Bill to postpone the next ensuing Sittings of the Supreme Court at Halifax, and on the Western Circuit, was, pursuant to order, read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to postpone the next ensuing sittings of the Supreme Court at Halifax, and on the Western Circuit.

Sent to Council.

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

Message from Council, agreeing to Bills without amendment. viz: Digby Sea Manure.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to authorise the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Digby to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the Township of Digby; the Bill, entitled, An Act for making regulations to prevent Geese going at large; the Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act respecting Stray Horses and Cattle in King's County; and the Bill, entitled, An Act for dividing the Township of Douglas into separate Districts for the support of the Poor:—Severally without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Geese regulations. King's Co. Stray Cattle.

Douglas Poor Districts.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for the regulation of Juries, as amended.

Council agree to Jury Bill as amended.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

House go into Com. on Election Law.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the consideration of the state of the Law regulating Elections of Representatives in General Assembly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. B. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again, on the further consideration of the same subject, which the House agreed to.

Ordered.

Ordered, That this House do again to-morrow resolve itself into Committee on the further consideration thereon.

Further order for to-morrow.

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

Friday, 7th March, 1845.

PRAYERS.

The following Bills were severally read a second time—viz :

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

The Bill to preserve and regulate the Harbor of Antigonishe.

The Bill in further amendment of the Act for establishing the times and places for holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives.

And the Bill to amend the Act relative to the performance of Statute Labour on Highways.

Bills read 2d time, viz :
To continue and revive Highways Act.
Antigonishe Harbor Bill.
Polls at Elections Bill.

Bill to amend Highway Labour Act.

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

Bills committed.

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

House in Committee on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. B. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to preserve and regulate the Harbor of Antigonishe, and had made some amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill; and that they had also considered the Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Halifax, &c., with certain amendments proposed to be made thereto, and recommend to the House to refer the same to a Select Committee to examine and report upon—and he thereupon delivered the Bills and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Report Antigonishe Harbor Bill with amendments.

Halifax Pilotage continuing Bill with proposed amendments to be refd. to Sel. Com.

The amendments to the first mentioned, viz : the Antigonishe Harbor Bill, were read and agreed to by the House.

Amendments to Antigonishe Harbor Bill agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

Bill to be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bill to continue the Halifax Pilotage Acts, and the amendments proposed to be made thereto, be referred to Mr. Clements, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Crowell, to examine and report thereon to this House.

Halifax Pilotage Bill and amendments refd. to Sel. Com.

The Order of the Day being read,

The House again resolved itself into Committee on the consideration of the Law regulating the Election of Representatives in General Assembly,

Order of Day—
Further consideration of Election Law in Com. of whole.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. B. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made further progress in the business referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again thereon, which the House agreed to.

Report Progress.
Leave to sit again.

Ordered, That this House do again to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the Law for regulating the Election of Representatives in General Assembly.

Made further Order for to-morrow.

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

Saturday,

Saturday, 8th March, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Engrossed Antigonishe Harbor Bill read 3rd time. Passed.

Sent to Council.

Bill relating to Saw Mill in Queen's Co.

Petition from Cumberland relating to Road Expenditure law.

Refd. to Com. of whole on Bills.

Pet. from Wallace Agr. Society, and Pet. from River Philip for aid to Agriculture. Refd. to Com. on Agriculture.

Pet. from St. Mary's Bay, Weymouth, relating to Fishery.

Pet. from inhabitants on Bay of Fundy, Digby, relating to Fishery.

Refd. to Com. on Fisheries.

Pet. in regard to Coal Mines. Refd. to Coal Mine Com.

Refd. to Coal Mine Committee.

Com. on Bills.

Report Cole Harbor Dike Bill.

Bill to continue Flour Inspection. Sherbrooke Poor District Bill.

Bills to be engrossed.

An engrossed Bill to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbor of Antigonishe, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbor of Antigonishe.

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

Mr. Fairbanks, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to enable the proprietors of a certain Saw Mill in Queen's County to make regulations for its management, and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

A Petition of Joseph N. B. Kerr, of the County of Cumberland, was by special leave presented by Mr. Fulton, and read, complaining of the alteration of the Act relating to the expenditure of Monies on Roads and Bridges, and praying that the wages for labor on the Roads may be raised to the former rate of four shillings.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole House on Bills, to be considered in connexion with the law therein referred to.

A Petition of the Wallace Agricultural Society; also, A Petition of Inhabitants of River Philip, in the County of Cumberland, were by special leave presented by Mr. Fulton, and read, respectively praying a continuance of the aid to Agriculture.

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

A Petition of Inhabitants of St. Mary's Bay, residing in the Township of Weymouth, was by special leave presented by Mr. Budd, and read, praying that no Act may be passed granting exclusive privileges in regard to the Fisheries at the head of said Bay.

A Petition of certain Inhabitants living adjacent to the Bay of Fundy, in the Township of Digby, was also by special leave presented by Mr. Budd, and read, complaining of vessels encroaching on the Herring Fishery in the Coves of that shore, and praying that a law may be passed for the protection of the Fishery carried on by the Shore Inhabitants.

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

A Petition of Inhabitants of Colchester, was by special leave presented by Mr. Ross, and read, praying that this House may resist the acceding by the Imperial Government to certain proposals made by the General Mining Association in regard to the Coal Mines of the Province.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Coal Mines.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to Incorporate the Cole Harbor Dike Company, and had made some amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill; that they had also gone through the Bill to continue the Acts for the Inspection of Flour and Meal, and the Bill for setting off a part of the Township of Sherbrooke, in the District of Saint Mary's, as a separate district for the support of the Poor; and he delivered the several Bills, with the amendments to the first mentioned Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

The said amendments to the first mentioned Bill were read a first and second time, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

<p>A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.</p>	<p>Message from Liout. Governor.</p>
<p>Mr. Speaker, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor commands this Honorable House to attend His Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber.</p>	<p>Commands attend- ance of House.</p>
<p>Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber ;</p>	<p>House attend.</p>
<p>And being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the several Bills, entitled as followeth, viz. :</p>	<p>Lient Gov. assents to Bills, viz :</p>
<p>An Act to authorise the Sale of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House at River John, in the County of Pictou.</p>	<p>Sale of Old Presbyte- rian Meeting House.</p>
<p>An Act to regulate the issuing of Commissions, and the taking of Depositions in the Supreme Court.</p>	<p>Commissions, &c., Sup. Court.</p>
<p>An Act further in relation to the Acts for affording relief to Poor Settlers.</p>	<p>Poor Settlers.</p>
<p>An Act to amend the Act for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate Districts for the support of the Poor.</p>	<p>Pictou Poor Districts</p>
<p>An Act in relation to Trials of Summary Causes in the Supreme Court.</p>	<p>Summary Trials.</p>
<p>An Act to provide for the Supervision and Management of the Burial Ground near Kentville.</p>	<p>Kentville Burial Ground.</p>
<p>An Act to amend the Act for determining differences by Arbitration, and to render references to Arbitration more effectual.</p>	<p>Arbitration.</p>
<p>An Act to authorise the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Digby, to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the Township of Digby.</p>	<p>Digby Sea Manure.</p>
<p>An Act for making Regulations to prevent Geese going at large.</p>	<p>Geese.</p>
<p>An Act to amend the Act respecting Stray Horses and Cattle in King's County.</p>	<p>Stray Cattle, King's Co.</p>
<p>An Act for dividing the Township of Douglas into separate Districts, for the support of the Poor.</p>	<p>Douglas Poor Dis- trict.</p>
<p>An Act to amend the Act for the Regulation of Juries.</p>	<p>Juries.</p>
<p>An Act to continue the Act for the Preservation of Moose.</p>	<p>Contg. Bills, viz :</p>
<p>An Act to continue the Act for making Regulations relative to the Setting of Snares for catching Moose.</p>	<p>Moose Preservation. Snares for Moose.</p>
<p>An Act to continue the Acts for Regulating the Militia.</p>	<p>Militia.</p>
<p>An Act to continue the Act in Amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships within this Province.</p>	<p>Settlement of Poor.</p>
<p>An Act to continue the Acts now in force to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Sydney, in the Island of Cape Breton.</p>	<p>Sydney Pilotage.</p>
<p>An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Weighing of Beef, and the Acts in amend-ment thereof.</p>	<p>Weighing of Beef.</p>
<p>An Act to continue the Act for establishing a Harbor Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape Breton.</p>	<p>Bridgeport Harbor Master.</p>
<p>An Act to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.</p>	<p>Assize of Bread.</p>
<p>An Act to continue the Act additional concerning Nuisances.</p>	<p>Nuisances.</p>
<p>An Act to continue the Acts to direct and ascertain the mode of Assessing County and District Rates, and for other purposes, and the Acts in Amendment thereof.</p>	<p>County Rates.</p>
<p>An Act to continue the several Acts to provide for the Accommodation and Billeting of Her Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another.</p>	<p>Billeting of Troops, &c.</p>
<p>An Act to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island, in this Province.</p>	<p>Sable Island.</p>
<p>An Act to continue the Acts to regulate the Survey of Timber and Lumber.</p>	<p>Survey of Timber.</p>
<p>An Act to continue the Act relating to Marriage Licences.</p>	<p>Marriage Licences.</p>
<p>An Act to continue the Act to Amend the Act to Incorporate sundry Persons by the name of the President, Directors, and Company, of the Bank of Nova Scotia.</p>	<p>Nova Scotia Bank.</p>

Assize Bread, Dartmouth.

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

Egerton Poor District.

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

Poors' Rates, Pictou.

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

Egerton Poors' Rates

An Act to continue the Act to extend to the Township of Egerton the Act respecting the Collecting of Poors' Rates of Pictou, and to amend the said Act.

Digby Poor Districts.

An Act to continue the Act for dividing the Township of Digby into separate Districts for the support of the Poor.

Council agree to Road Vote.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this House, granting £25,000 for the Service of Roads and Bridges for the present year.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Order of Day—
House in Com. on
Election Law.

The Order of the day being read,

The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the Law relating to Elections of Representatives in General Assembly.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Recommend deferring of Bill for Regulating Elections.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the business referred to them, and had directed him to recommend to the House to defer the further consideration of the Bill for the better regulation of Elections until the next Session.

And thereupon,

Division thereon.

The question being put from the Chair, that the Report from the Committee be agreed to, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for so deferring the further consideration of the Bill thirty-eight, against it nine.

For deferring the Bill—

Mr. McNab,
" Fraser,
" Beckwith,
" Benjamin,
" Hall,
" Fulton,
" McKeagney,
" Fairbanks,
" Doyle,
" McLelan,
" Power,
" Martell,
" Howe,

Mr. Smith,
" Dewolf,
Hon. Atty. General,
Mr. Holmes,
" Creighton,
" Thorne,
" Ross,
" Wilkins,
" Logan,
" DesBurres,
" Dimock,
" Turnbull,
" Freeman,

Mr. E. Young,
" Whitman,
" Crowe,
" Taylor,
" Heckman,
" Marshall,
" Fleming,
" A. M. Uniacke,
" Dickey,
" Ryder,
" Owen,
" Budd,

Against it—
Mr. Wilson,
" Crowell,
" Bourneuf,
" Huntington,
" J. B. Uniacke,
" G. R. Young,
" Spearwater,
" Clements,
" Comeau,

So it passed in the affirmative.

Bill deferred.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said Bill for the better regulation of Elections be deferred until the next Session.

On motion, resolved, That the Bill be printed.

Resolution moved as to Simultaneous Polling.

The Hon. The Attorney General then moved that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth, viz :

Resolved, That it would remedy many evils to which contested Elections are now incident were all the Electors to be polled in one day, and that for effecting this object the system of Simultaneous Polling at Contested Elections for Members to serve in General Assembly, may be introduced into this Province with advantage to the People:—which being seconded,

Mr.

Mr. J. B. Uniacke moved as an amendment of said proposed Resolution, to leave out all the words thereof except the words "Resolved, That", and to insert instead of the words so left out the following, viz :

Amendment as regards Registration moved.

" This House are fully sensible of the benefits which would result from introducing the principle of Simultaneous Polling in the conduct of Elections, but are also satisfied from the experience of England and of the Colonies, that no benefit can result from that system, until a system of Registration of Votes shall be established."

Which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment nineteen, against it twenty-seven.

Amendment Negated.

For the amendment—

Against it—

Mr. McNab,	Mr. Huntington,	Mr. Creighton,	Mr. Freeman,
" McKeagney,	" Turnbull,	" Ryder,	" Whitman,
" Martell,	" Crowell,	" Holmes,	" Logan,
" Howe,	" Wilson,	" Taylor,	" Wilkins,
" Power,	" Bourneuf.	" Heckman,	" Ross,
" Benjamin,		" Owen,	Hon. Atty. Gen.
" Doyle,		" Thorne,	Mr. McLelan,
" Clements,		" Budd,	" Beckwith,
" Comeau,		" Fleming,	" Smith,
" Spearwater,		" Dickey,	" Hall,
" G. R. Young,		" A. M. Uniacke,	" Dewolf,
" J. B. Uniacke,		" Crowe,	" Fraser,
" Fulton,		" E. Young,	" Fairbanks.
" DesBarres,		" Dimock,	

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. J. B. Uniacke then moved as an amendment to the original proposed Resolution, to leave out all the words thereof after the words "Resolved, That," and to insert instead of the words so left out, the following, viz :

Further amendment as regards Registration moved.

" This House are satisfied, from the deliberate investigation they have given to the question, that the Votes in this Province could not be polled in one day, until Registration be introduced."

Which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment nineteen, against it twenty-seven.

Negated on Division.

For the amendment—

Against it—

Mr. McNab,	Mr. Huntington,	Mr. Creighton,	Mr. Freeman,
" McKeagney,	" Turnbull,	" Ryder,	" Whitman,
" Martell,	" Crowell,	" Holmes,	" Logan,
" Howe,	" Wilson,	" Taylor,	" Wilkins,
" Power,	" Bourneuf.	" Heckman,	" Ross,
" Benjamin,		" Owen,	Hon. Atty. Gen.
" Doyle,		" Thorne,	Mr. McLelan,
" Clements,		" Budd,	" Beckwith,
" Comeau,		" Fleming,	" Smith,
" Spearwater,		" Dickey,	" Hall,
" G. R. Young,		" A. M. Uniacke,	" Dewolf,
" J. B. Uniacke,		" Crowe,	" Fraser,
" Fulton,		" E. Young,	" Fairbanks.
" Des Barres,		" Dimock,	

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Howe then moved as an amendment to the Resolution originally proposed, to leave out all the words thereof after the words "Resolved, That," and in place of the words so left out, to insert the following, viz :

Amendment proposed to defer until next Session.

" This House are not prepared to perfect at this Session a measure for the improvement

ment of the Election Laws, but will take the subject into deliberate consideration at the next Session, after the Bills now before the House have been printed and examined by the Constituency."

On Division.

Which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment twenty, against it twenty six.

For the amendment—

Against it—

Mr. McNab,	Mr. Des Barres,	Mr. Creighton,	Mr. Dimock,
" McKeagney,	" Huntington,	" Ryder,	" Freeman,
" Martell,	" Turnbull,	" Holmes,	" Whitman,
" Howe,	" Crowell,	" Taylor,	" Logan,
" Power,	" Wilson,	" Heckman,	" Wilkins,
" Benjamin,	" Bournouf,	" Owen,	" Ross,
" Doyle,	" McLelan.	" Thorne,	Hon. Atty. Gen.
" Clements,		" Budd,	" Beckwith,
" Comeau,		" Fleming,	" Smith,
" Spearwater,		" Dickey,	" Hall,
" G. R. Young,		" A. M. Uniacke,	" Dewolf,
" J. B. Uniacke,		" Crowe,	" Fraser,
" Fulton,		" E. Young,	" Fairbanks.

Negatived.

So it passed in the negative.

Another amendment proposed in regard to Registration.

Mr. J. B. Uniacke then moved, that the said originally proposed Resolution be amended by leaving out all the words thereof except the words "Resolved, That," and in place of the words so left out, to insert the following, viz :

"To adopt the principle of Simultaneous Polling of Votes in one day, without the system of Registration, would not remedy the existing evils of our present system, and would therefore be holding out to the Country a relief which would be utterly impracticable as well as disadvantageous."

On Division

Which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment nineteen, against it twenty-seven.

For the amendment—

Against it—

Mr. McNab,	Mr. Huntington,	Mr. Creighton,	Mr. Freeman,
" McKeagney,	" Turnbull,	" Ryder,	" Whitman,
" Martell,	" Crowell,	" Holmes,	" Logan,
" Howe,	" Wilson,	" Taylor,	" Wilkins,
" Power,	" Bournouf.	" Heckman,	" Ross,
" Benjamin,		" Owen,	" Hon. Atty. Gen.
" Doyle,		" Thorne,	" Mr. McLelan,
" Clements,		" Budd,	" Beckwith,
" Comeau,		" Fleming,	" Smith,
" Spearwater,		" Dickey,	" Hall,
" G. R. Young,		" A. M. Uniacke,	" Dewolf,
" J. B. Uniacke,		" Crowe,	" Fraser,
" Fulton,		" E. Young,	" Fairbanks.
" Des Barres,		" Dimock,	

Negatived.

So it passed in the Negative.

Original Resolution passed on Division.

The Resolution originally proposed by the Hon. the Attorney General was then put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Resolution twenty-seven, against it nineteen.

For the Resolution—		Against the Resolution—	
Mr. Creighton,	Mr. Freeman,	Mr. McNab,	Mr. Huntington,
“ Ryder,	“ Whitman,	“ McKeagney,	“ Turnbull,
“ Holmes,	“ Logan,	“ Martell,	“ Crowell,
“ Taylor,	“ Wilkins,	“ Howe,	“ Wilson,
“ Heckman,	“ Ross,	“ Power,	“ Bourneuf.
“ Owen,	Hon. Atty. Gen.	“ Benjamin,	
“ Thorne,	Mr. McLelan,	“ Doyle,	
“ Budd,	“ Beckwith,	“ Clements,	
“ Fleming,	“ Smith,	“ Comeau,	
“ Dickey,	“ Hall,	“ Spearwater,	
“ A. M. Uniacke,	“ Dewolf,	“ G. R. Young,	
“ Crowe,	“ Fraser,	“ J. B. Uniacke,	
“ E. Young,	“ Fairbanks.	“ Fulton,	
“ Dimock,		“ Des Barres,	

So it passed in the affirmative.

The Hon. the Attorney General, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly. Bill presented to improve Election Law.

On motion of Mr. Dewolf, *resolved*, that the Bill be read a first time on Monday next.

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

Monday, 10th March, 1845.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Acts for the Inspection of Flour and Meal, was read a third time. Engrossed Bill to continue Flour Inspection Acts read 3rd time. Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be An Act to continue the Acts for the Inspection of Flour and Meal.

An engrossed Bill for setting off a part of the Township of Sherbrooke, in the District of Saint Mary's, as a separate District for the support of the Poor, was read a third time. Engrossed Bill to set off part of Sherbrooke, St. Mary's, as Poor District, read 3rd time. Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for setting off a part of the Township of Sherbrooke, in the District of Saint Mary's, as a separate District for the support of the Poor.

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

The Hon. The Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House several Documents, Copies of Despatches, and other Papers, viz :

1. The Blue Book for the year 1843. Blue Book.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

2. Copies of Despatches and accompanying papers relative to the Union of the Departments of the Customs and the Colonial Impost and Excise Duties in this Province, which being read, Despatches on subject of union of Revenue departments.

(See Appendix No. 32.)

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

3. Returns relating to the Academies at Digby and Arichat, which were read. Returns of Digby and Arichat Academies.

Ordered, That the Returns be referred to the Committee on Education. Refd. to Ed. Com.

- Report of late Comr. on Indian Affairs. 4. A Report of Joseph Howe, Esquire, late Commissioner for Indian Affairs, with an Account and Vouchers; and the said Report and Account were read.
(See Appendix No. 33.)
- Refd. to Com. on Indian Affairs. *Ordered*, That the Report, Account, and Vouchers, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.
- Letter from Surveyor of Post Office, &c., relative to Eastern Road. 5. Letter from H. M. Watson, Surveyor G. P. O., dated General Post Office, Halifax, 21st August, 1844, to the Provincial Secretary, reporting the bad state of the Road between Pictou and Halifax, and the consequent detention of the Express Mails; with a letter on the same subject from the Mail Contractor, which being read,
(See Appendix No. 34.)
- Refd. to Post Office Com. *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the Committee on Post Office Affairs.
- Report on state of Eastern Mail Roads, &c., 6. Report of Peter Crerar, Road Surveyor, of the state of the Post Road from Halifax to Pictou, and from Truro to Amherst, and estimate of Repairs, with account for examining the same; which were read,
(See Appendix No. 35.)
- Refd. to Com. of Supply. *Ordered*, That the said Papers be referred to the Committee of Supply.
- Despatches relating to Light House Act, and Penitentiary Act 7. Copies of Despatches from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, relating to the Provincial Acts on the subjects of the Light House Duties and the Provincial Penitentiary: which were read.
(See Appendix No. 36.)
- Light House Despatch refd. to Com. on Nav. Sec. *Ordered*, That the Copy of Despatch relating to the Light House Duties Act, be referred to the Committee on Navigation Securities.
Ordered, That the Copy of Despatch on the subject of the Penitentiary Act, do lie on the Table.
- Com. on Steam Navigation to Newfoundland. On motion of Mr. Doyle, *resolved*, that a Select Committee be appointed, to enquire into the state of and report upon the Steam Navigation between this Province and Newfoundland, with power to send for persons and papers.
Ordered, That the Hon. Solicitor General, Mr. Doyle, and Mr. Clements, be a Committee for the above purpose.
- Report of amendment to Halifax Pilotage Bill. Mr. Clements reported from the Select Committee, to whom were referred the Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Halifax, &c., and the proposed Amendments thereto—that the Committee had considered the same, and had prepared a further Amendment to the Bill, which they recommend to the House, and he delivered the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table, where the said last mentioned Amendment was read.
- Bill re-committed with amendments. *Ordered*, That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, with the Amendments.
- Petition of Church Wardens of St. Paul's in Halifax, against Bill for transfer of Poor Burying Ground. A Petition of the Church Wardens and Vestry of Saint Paul's Church, in Halifax, was presented by Mr. A. M. Uniacke, and read, praying that the Bill for transferring the Burial Ground for the Poor in Halifax to the Commissioners of the Poor, may not pass into an Act.
Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.
- Order for 2d reading of Poor House Burying Ground. On motion, *resolved*, That the Bill to transfer the Land in the City of Halifax, called the Poor House Burying Ground, to the Commissioners of the Poor, be read a second time on Wednesday next, with the Petitions relating thereto.
- Orders for committing the 3 Mile House Burying Ground, and Petitions, discharged Bill and Petitions refd. to Sel. Com. On motion, *resolved*, That the Orders for committing to a Committee of the whole House, the Bill respecting the Burial Ground near the Three Mile House, Bedford Basin, and for referring the Petitions on the same subject to such Committee, be discharged.
Ordered, That the said Bill and Petitions be referred to a Select Committee to examine and report upon, with power to send for persons and papers.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Creighton, Mr. Fulton, and Mr. Doyle, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Ordered, That the Petition of John Steele and others, praying that the northern part of the City of Halifax, in which they reside, may be excluded from the City Bounds, be referred to the same Committee to examine and report upon.

Pet. for excluding a part of the north from the bounds of the City refd. to same Com.

Mr. McLelan, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill for appointment of Commissioners of Sewers, &c., and the amendments before proposed, reported that the Committee had examined the same, and had prepared some further amendments to the Bill, which they recommend to the House: and he delivered the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table, where the additional amendments were read.

Report of amendment to Sewers Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted with the Amendments, to a Committee of the whole House.

Bill recommitted with amendments.

A Petition of Jacomiah Seamans, of Horton, was by special leave presented by Mr. Dewolf and read, praying remuneration for board, lodging, and care bestowed upon two Transient Paupers.

Pet. for expense of Transient Paupers, Horton.

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

Refd. to Pauper Com.

A Petition of Ladies, the Committee of the Infant School at Halifax, was by special leave presented by Mr. McNab, and read, praying that the public aid to that Institution may be continued.

Pet. for Infant School, Halifax.

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

Refd. to Com. on Education.

A Petition of the Court of Sessions for the County of Halifax, and the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Halifax, was by special leave presented by Mr. McNab, and read, praying that the Prisoners now confined in the Bridewell in Halifax, and such as may hereafter be sentenced or liable to be confined there, may be transferred to the Provincial Penitentiary.

Petition from Sessions and Corporation of Halifax to transfer Bridewell prisoners to Penitentiary.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Owen, Mr. Freeman, and Mr. J. B. Uniacke, to examine and report thereon by Bill or otherwise.

Refd to Special Com.

On motion of Mr. Huntington, *resolved*, That the Sum of £25,000, granted for the Service of Roads and Bridges in the present year, be applied as follows:—

Resolution for division and application of £25,000 Road Money.

For the County of Yarmouth,	-	-	-	-	£1250	0	0
“ “ Shelburne,	-	-	-	-	1250	0	0
“ “ Digby,	-	-	-	-	1250	0	0
“ “ Sydney,	-	-	-	-	1250	0	0
“ “ Guysborough,	-	-	-	-	1250	0	0
“ “ Queen's,	-	-	-	-	1250	0	0
“ “ Richmond,	-	-	-	-	1250	0	0
“ “ Halifax,	-	-	-	-	1900	0	0
“ “ Hants,	-	-	-	-	1750	0	0
“ “ Inverness,	-	-	-	-	1725	0	0
“ “ Cape Breton,	-	-	-	-	1825	0	0
“ “ King's,	-	-	-	-	1375	0	0
“ “ Pictou,	-	-	-	-	1825	0	0
“ “ Colchester,	-	-	-	-	1500	0	0
“ “ Cumberland,	-	-	-	-	1500	0	0
“ “ Lunenburg,	-	-	-	-	1550	0	0
“ “ Annapolis,	-	-	-	-	1300	0	0
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					£25,000	0	0

Ordered,

Order for bringing in Scales of Subdivision

Ordered, That the several Members from the respective Counties, do prepare and report to this House on or before Monday next, the 17th instant, Scales of Subdivision of the respective Sums allotted to each County, out of the Sum of £25,000, agreeably to the foregoing Resolution.

Ordinary Road Petitions referred to Members.

Ordered, That the several Ordinary Petitions, praying aids for Roads and Bridges, presented this Session, (and by the course and practice of the House placed on the file of Road Petitions, without being entered on the Journal at the time of presentation,) be referred to the several Members from the Counties, respectively, from which the Petitions have been sent.

List of Road Petitions

For a List of which Petitions,

(*See Appendix No. 37.*)

Com on Bills.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report Bill for Taxation of Dogs in Halifax, And Bill to revive and continue Highway Act, with amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to authorise the Taxation of Dogs in the City of Halifax, and the Bill to revive and continue the Act in Amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges, and had made Amendments to the said Acts respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bills: and he delivered the Bills and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendts. agreed to.

The said Amendments being then read a first and second time, respectively, were upon the question severally put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Bills to be engrossed

Ordered, That the Bills with the amendments be engrossed.

Order of day—

The Order of the day being read,

1st. reading of Election Bill to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives to serve in General Assembly, be read a first time To-morrow.

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

Tuesday, 11th March, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Engrossed Cole Harbor Dike Company Bill read 3d time. Amendment to Bill by leaving out clause

An engrossed Bill to Incorporate the Cole Harbor Dike Company, was read a third time:—and thereupon—

Resolved, That the Bill be amended by leaving out the last clause.

On motion, *resolved*, That the following enacting clause do pass, and be added to the Bill by way of rider, to wit:

Clause passed and added by way of rider.

And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend, to relieve, or discharge the said Company, or any person or persons who may become Shareholders in the said Company, from any responsibility, contract, duty, or obligation whatsoever, to which he, she, or they, at any time hereafter may be, or would have been subject or liable, had this Act not been passed, as between such Company, and any other party or parties whomsoever, in any manner or way howsoever; and every such shareholder in the said Company, his Lands, Goods, and Chattels, shall be liable under any execution which may be issued against the said Corporation, in the same manner, and to the same extent as if this Act had not been passed.

And the said Bill having been so amended, by leaving out the last Clause and adding the said enacting Clause, passed as a rider thereto.

Bill passed as amended.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be An Act to Incorporate the Cole Harbor Dike Company.

Ordered,

- Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence. Sent to Council.
- A Bill to enable the Proprietors of a certain Saw Mill in Queen's County, to make regulations for its management, was read a second time. Queen's County Saw Mill Bill read 2d time, and committed.
- Ordered*, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
- Mr. Power, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in amendment of the Act concerning persons licensed to keep Public Houses or Shops, and the duties thereon, and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. Bill presented in amendment of licensed Public Houses Act.
- Mr. Power, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in addition to the Acts to direct and ascertain the mode of Assessing County and District Rates, and for other purposes; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. Bill presented in addition to Co. Assessments Act.
- Mr. Power, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to alter the Act for the regulation of Juries, so far as respects the County of Sydney:—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. Bill presented for regulation of Juries in Co. Sydney.
- Mr. G. R. Young, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to alter and amend the Act to regulate and support the Pictou Academy, and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. Bill presented relating to Pictou Academy.
- A Petition of the Pictou Agricultural Society was by special leave presented by Mr. G. R. Young, and read, praying that the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture may be continued, with such improvements as experience may suggest. Pet. of Pictou Ag. Society.
- Ordered*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Reld. to Com. on Agriculture.
- A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton. Mr. Speaker, Message from Council.
- The Council have agreed to the Bill entitled An Act to postpone the next ensuing sittings of the Supreme Court, and on the Western Circuit, without amendment. Agree to Bill to postpone sittings of Sup. Court.
- And then the Messenger withdrew.
- On motion the House resolved itself into the Committee on Bills. Com. on Bills.
- Mr. Speaker left the Chair.
- Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
- The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace, the Bill to continue the Acts to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges, and the Bill in amendment of the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax, and had made amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bills:—and that they had also had under consideration the Bill in relation to the expenditure of Public Monies on the Highways, and recommend to the House to defer the further consideration thereof until this day three months; and he afterwards delivered the Bills and amendments in at the Clerk's Table. Report Bill to continue Act for summary trials before Justices. Bill to continue Road expenditure Acts. Bill to amend Halifax Incorp. Act, severally with amendment. Bill in relation to expenditure on roads to be deferred.
- Mr. Fulton moved that the Report of the Committee in regard to the Bill to continue the Acts to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges, be not received—and that the Bill and amendment be referred back to the Committee for the purpose of raising the wages of laborers to four shillings per day, and commissions to five per cent. on all sums:—which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, nine, against it, twenty-five. Motion not to receive report on Bill to continue road expenditure Acts, &c.

Division thereon.

For the motion—

Mr. Ryder,
 “ Huntington,
 “ Fulton,
 “ Dickey,
 “ Logan,
 “ McLelan.
 “ Clements,
 “ Beckwith,
 “ Fleming,

Against the motion—

Mr. Taylor, Mr. Smith,
 “ Thorne, “ G. R. Young,
 “ E. Young, “ Ross,
 “ Heckman, “ Hall,
 “ Crowell, “ J. B. Uniacke,
 “ Benjamin, “ Brennan,
 “ Budd, “ Howe,
 “ Owen, “ Martell,
 “ Fraser, “ Bourneuf,
 “ Turnbull, “ McNab,
 “ Wilson, “ Comeau,
 “ Dimock, “ McKeagney,
 Hon. Sol. Gen.

Motion negatived.

So it passed in the negative.

Motion not to receive amendment, negatived.

The Amendment to said Bill as reported from the Committee, being then read,
 Mr. Fraser moved that the said Amendment, by which the Commission on all sums expended not exceeding £20, is raised from 2½ to 5 per cent., be not received by the House; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, seventeen, against it, twenty.

For the motion—

Hon. Sol. Gen. Mr. Benjamin,
 Mr. McKeagney, “ Budd,
 “ Howe, “ Owen,
 “ McNab, “ Heckman,
 “ Comeau, “ E. Young,
 “ Bourneuf, “ A. M. Uniacke,
 “ J. B. Uniacke, “ Thorne.
 “ Brennan,
 “ Fraser,
 “ G. R. Young,

Against the motion—

Mr. Taylor, Mr. Wilson,
 “ Beckwith, “ Dimock,
 “ Clements, “ Smith,
 “ Spearwater, “ Fulton,
 “ Crowell, “ Ross,
 “ Fleming, “ Hall,
 “ McLelan, “ Martell,
 “ Logan, “ Power,
 “ Dickey, “ Huntington,
 “ Turnbull, “ Ryder.

So it passed in the negative.

The Amendment was then upon the question put thereon agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendment be engrossed.

The amendments reported from the Committee to two other Bills having been then respectively read, were upon the question severally put thereon agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bills with the amendments be engrossed.*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the Bill in relation to the expenditure of Public Monies on the Highways, be deferred until this day three months.

Amendment agreed to.

Bill to be engrossed. Amendments to other Bills agreed to.

Bills engrossed.

Consideration of Bill in relation to road expenditure deferred.

Order of day—

1st reading of Election Bill postponed.

The Order of the day being read,

Ordered, That the Bill to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives in General Assembly, be read a first time to-morrow.

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

Wednesday, 12th March, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Bill in amendment of License Act read 2d time.
 Defd. 3 mos.

A Bill in amendment of the Act concerning persons licensed to keep Public Houses or Shops, and the duties thereon, was read a second time: and thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Spearwater, *resolved*, That the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months.

A Bill

A Bill in addition to the Acts to direct and ascertain the mode of assessing County and District Rates, and for other purposes ; and

Bills in addition to Co. assessments Acts, &c. Bill to alter Jury Act in Co. Sydney,

A Bill to alter the Act for the regulation of Jurics, so far as respects the County of Sydney.

Were read a second time.

read 2d time and committed.

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

Mr. Hall moved that the Order for committing to a Committee of the whole House, the Bill for the appointment of Commissioners of Sewers, &c., be discharged, and that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until the next Session ; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion fifteen, against it twenty.

Motion to defer Sewers Bill negatived.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Hon. The Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House the Fourth Annual Report of the Central Board of Education, being for the year 1844 ; with Tabular Abstracts and Correspondence in connexion therewith : and the said Report and Abstracts were read by the Clerk.

Report of Central Board of Education presented.

(See Appendix No. 38.)

Ordered, That the Report and accompanying Papers be referred to the Committee on Education.

Refd. to Com. on Education.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace, was read a third time.

Engrossed Bills read 3d time, viz.—Summary Trials before Justices, passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace.

An engrossed Bill to authorise the Taxation of Dogs in the City of Halifax, was read a third time.

Taxation of Dogs in Halifax.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to authorise the Taxation of Dogs in the City of Halifax.

Passed.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Acts to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges, was read a third time ; and thereupon,

To continue Road expenditure Acts.

On motion of Mr. Huntington, *resolved*, That the second, being the last clause of said Bill, and which is in amendment of the Acts thereby continued, be left out of the Bill. And the Bill having been amended by leaving out said clause—

Amendment made.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Acts to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.

Passed.

An engrossed Bill to revive and continue the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads, and Bridges, was read a third time.

To revive and continue Act relating to Highways. Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to revive, alter, and continue the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads, and Bridges.

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

Bills sent to Council.

Mr. J. B. Uniacke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to authorise an Assessment for supplying the City of Halifax with Water ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill presented to supply Halifax with water.

Mr. Ross, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in further amendment of the Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly, and the same was read a first time, and ordered to read a second time.

Bill presented relating to Elections.

Bill presented to exempt from Church taxation persons not belonging to Church of England.

Mr. Smith, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to explain the provisions of the several Acts now in force relating to Rates or Assessments for the maintenance of Ministers and repairs of Churches in connexion with the Church of England; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Return of Halifax Co. Assessments, &c. laid before House.

The Hon. The Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House a return of Assessments for the County of Halifax, with a letter from James S. Clarke, Esquire, the Clerk of the Peace at Halifax, to the Honble. the Provincial Secretary, requesting payment of an account therewith sent, for preparing said Return; which were read.

Refd. to Com. on assessments.

Ordered, That the said Return, Letter, and Account, be referred to the Committee on Assessments.

Casual Revenue Accounts laid before House.

The Hon. The Solicitor General, also by like command, presented Accounts of Receipts and Payments of H. M. Casual Revenue in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, for the year 1844; and the same were read.

(See Appendix No. 39.)

Ordered, That the Accounts do lie on the Table.

Reports on Western post road presented.

Also, Reports of Daniel Wier, Road Commissioner, in regard to the present state of the Main Western Post Road, and the management thereof in future; which were also read.

(See Appendix No. 40.)

Ordered, That the Reports do lie on the Table.

Pet. of Trustees of Sydney, C. B. Academy. Refd. to Com. on Education.

On motion of the Hon. Solicitor General, *resolved*, That the Petition of the Trustees of the Academy at Sydney, C. B., presented on the 5th February last, be referred to the Committee on Education.

Com. on Bills.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report Sewers Bill and Libel Bill, to be deferred.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone into consideration of the Bill for the appointment of Commissioners of Sewers, &c., and the Bill to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel, and recommend to the House to defer the further consideration of the said Bills respectively until the next Session: that they had gone through the Bill to continue the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers; the Bill to continue the Act relative to the assessment of Dike Rates for the new or Wickwire Dike, in Horton; the Bill to continue certain Acts in amendment of the Act for incorporating the Town of Halifax; the Bill to continue the Act for the regulation of Juries; and the Bill for the regulation of Prisons; and had directed him to report the said Bills to the House severally without any amendment: and that they had also gone through the Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Halifax, and the several Acts in amendment thereof and additional thereto, and had made amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill: and he afterwards delivered the several Bills, with the amendments to the last mentioned Bill, in at the Clerk's Table.

Bill to continue Sewers Acts. Wickwire Dike Bill. Bill to amend Halifax Incorporation Act. Juries continuing Bill and Prisons Bill without amendt.

Halifax Pilotage Bill with amendments.

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

Amendts. agreed to. Bill to be engrossed. Bills without Amndt. to be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

Motion not to receive report on Sewers Bill negatived.

Mr. McLellan moved that the Report from the Committee as to the Bill for the appointment of Commissioners of Sewers, &c., be not received by the House, and that the Bill be recommitted for further consideration; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion twelve, against it nineteen.

For the Motion—

Mr. Ryder,
 “ McNab,
 “ McLelan,
 “ Crowe,
 “ Dewolf,
 “ Dickey,
 “ Fulton,
 “ Spearwater,
 “ Smith,
 “ Wilson,
 “ Benjamin,
 “ Clements,

Against the Motion—

Mr. Taylor,
 “ Owen,
 “ J. B. Uniacke,
 “ Marshall,
 “ Budd,
 “ Thorne,
 “ Whitman,
 “ Fairbanks,
 “ Crowell,
 Hon. Sol. Gen.
 Mr. Creighton,
 “ Hall,
 Mr. Wilkins,
 “ Bourneuf,
 “ Heckman,
 “ Beckwith,
 “ Comeau,
 “ Martell,
 “ Freeman,

So it passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until the next Session. Bill deferred to next Session.
Ordered, That the said Bill be Printed.

Mr. G. R. Young moved that the Report from the Committee in regard to the Bill to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel, be not received, and that the Bill be recommitted; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion nineteen, against it twenty-seven. Motion not to receive report on Libel Bill negatived

So it passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred until the next Session. Bill deferred.

The Orders of the Day being read, Orders of Day—
Ordered, That the Bill to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives, &c., be read a first time to-morrow. 1st reading of Election Bill postponed.

Ordered, That the Bill to transfer the land in the City of Halifax called the Poor House Burying Ground, to the Commissioners of the Poor, be read a second time to-morrow, with the Petitions relating to the same. And 2nd reading of Poor House Burial Ground Bill postponed.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to continue and amend an Act for the support and regulation of Light Houses, &c., and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment, and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table. Report Light House Act without amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. McLelan, *resolved*, That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested to direct the Treasurer of the Province to pay off £7,026 of the oldest part of the Funded Debt, bearing an interest of five per cent., as soon as the notices required by law can be given, and the time to be limited therein shall expire. Lt. Gov. requested to pay off part of Funded Debt.

Mr. Clements reported from the Select Committee on claims for expenses of Transient Paupers, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read. Report from Transient Pauper Committee.

(See Appendix No. 41.)

Ordered, That the Report, with the Petitions and Accounts connected therewith, be referred to the Committee of Supply. Refd. to Com. of Supply.

On motion of Mr. McLelan, *resolved*, as followeth:

Whereas a Resolution was passed by this House in the year, 1843, desiring that the Lt. Gov. requested to direct accounts due for Marshall's Justice to

to be handed to
Crown Officer for
Collection.

Accounts for money due to the Province for the Book called Marshall's Justice, should be handed over to the Attorney General for collection, if not paid in three months, which has not had the desired effect, therefore

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested to direct that the claims of the Province against persons for the said Book, be handed over to one of the Crown Officers for collection.

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

Thursday, 13th March, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Engrossed Light
House Bill read 3rd
time.
Amended.

An engrossed Bill to continue and amend An Act for the support and regulation of Light Houses, &c., was read a third time, and thereupon—

On motion of Mr. Huntington, *resolved*, That the said Bill be amended by leaving out the word "Sterling" wherever it occurs in the Bill, and substituting therefor the word "Currency,"—which amendment being made—

Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue and amend An Act for the support and regulation of Light Houses, and to repeal certain Acts and clauses of Acts relating thereto.

Sent to Council.

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

Report of Bill to
naturalize Dr.
Montovani.

Mr. Fraser reported from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Frederick Montovani, and thereupon presented a Bill to Naturalize Frederick Montovani, Doctor of Laws of the University of Pavia, and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Petition relating to
Pictou Academy.

A Petition of Inhabitants of the County of Pictou, convened at a Public Meeting, was by special leave presented by Mr. Holmes, and read, stating the agreement of parties to have the Pictou Academy placed upon a fair basis under new Trustees—the present Trustees having consented to resign their trust, and praying that the arrangement may be carried out by Act of Assembly, and that further aid may be granted to the Institution.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Pet. Bridge, Onslow.

A Petition of William Lynds and others, was presented by Mr. G. R. Young, and read, praying reimbursment of the expense of building a Bridge near E. H. Blair's and Onslow, and complaining of the conduct of the Commissioner.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to Mr. Fulton, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Turnbull, to examine into the merits thereof, and report thereon.

Report from Com. as
regards reprints of
English Works.

Mr. G. R. Young reported from the Select Committee in regard to the importation from Foreign Countries of Reprints of English Works of Literature; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix No. 42.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Report from Com. on
3 mile house Burial
Ground Bill, &c.

Mr. Creighton reported from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill respecting the Burial Ground near the Three Mile House, Bedford Basin, and the Petitions relative thereto; as also the Petition of John Steele and others, praying that a part of the North Suburbs may be excluded from the bounds of the City of Halifax—and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix No. 43.)

Mr. Creighton also from the same Committee delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table, with the amendment proposed by the Committee to be made thereto, and the said amendment was read.

Bill delivered in with amendment.

Ordered, That the Report so far as regards the said Bill, with the Bill and amendment, be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Bill re-committed with Report and amendment.

The Hon. The Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House Accounts of the expenditure of the Casualty Votes for Roads and Bridges, for the years 1843 and 1844; and the same were read,

Expenditure of Casualty votes for Roads laid on Table.

(See *Appendix No. 44.*)

Ordered, That the Accounts do lie on the Table.

The Hon. The Attorney General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House a communication from the Clerk of the Board of Revenue, to the Honorable Provincial Secretary, accompanied by a Memorial of the Overseers of Distilleries in Halifax, praying an increase of remuneration for their services, and further compensation for the past—recommended by the Board of Revenue to favorable consideration.

Petition of Overseers of Distilleries laid before House.

(See *Appendix No. 45.*)

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

Refd. to Com. on Trade.

Mr. Creighton reported from the Select Committee on the Accounts and claims of James B. Hadley, Collector of Light Duties at the Strait of Canso, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report from Com. on accounts of Hadley, Collector of Light Duties at Gut of Canso.

(See *Appendix No. 46.*)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Message from Council.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for setting off a part of the Township of Sherbrooke, in the District of Saint Mary's, as a separate District for the support of the Poor, without amendment.

Agree to Sherbrooke Poor District Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Bill to reduce the fees of Prothonotaries was read a second time : and thereupon—

Bill to reduce Prothonotaries Fees. Motion to defer consideration.

The Hon. The Solicitor General moved that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion twenty-six, against it six.

For the motion—

Against the motion—

Mr. Wilkins,	Mr. Bourneuf,
" Dewolf,	" Spearwater,
" Dickey,	Hon. Atty. Gen.
" Whitman,	Mr. Hall,
" Howe,	" Freeman,
" Creighton,	" G. R. Young,
" Smith,	" Budd,
" Brennan,	" Dimock,
" Ryder,	" Turnbull,
Hon. Sol. Gen.	" Heckman,
Mr. Owen,	" Taylor,
" Fulton,	" Thorne,
" Fairbanks,	" Crowell,

Mr. J. B. Uniacke,
" E. Young,
" Wilson,
" McLelan.
" Power,
" Clements,

Carried in affirmative on division.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until this day three months.

Bill deferred.

Balance due from
Annapolis Loan
Office remitted.

On motion of Mr. Whitman, *Resolved*, That the Securities now held at the Loan Office, in the County of Annapolis, for the balance of £16 13s., reported as due from that office, be cancelled, and that such amount be remitted to the persons from whom the same is due, and that the Loan Commissioners be relieved from further accounting for said balance.

Orders of day—
Election Bill
postponed.

The Orders of the day being read,
Ordered, That the Bill to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives, &c., be read a first time to-morrow.

Poor Burial Ground
Bill postponed.

Ordered, That the Bill to transfer the Land in the City of Halifax, called the Poor House Burying Ground, to the Commissioners of the Poor, be read a second time to-morrow, with the Petitions.

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

Friday, 14th March, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Engrossed Bills read
3rd time, viz :
Bill to continue
Sewers Acts.
Passed.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act relating to Commissioners of Sewers.

Bill to continue
Wickwire Dike Act.
Passed.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act relative to the Assessment of Dike Rates for the new or Wickwire Dike in Horton, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Act relative to the Assessment of Dike Rates in Horton.

Bill to continue
Juries Acts.
Passed.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Acts for the regulation of Juries, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue the Acts for the regulation of Juries.

To continue Acts in
amendment of Hal-
ifax Incorporation
Act.
Passed.

An engrossed Bill to continue certain Acts in amendment of the Act for Incorporating the Town of Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue certain Acts in amendment of the Act for Incorporating the Town of Halifax.

Bill to continue Pi-
lotage Acts, Halifax.
Passed.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Halifax, &c., was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to continue and amend the Acts to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Halifax.

Bill for regulation of
Prisons
Passed.

An engrossed Bill for the regulation of Prisons, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act for the regulation of Prisons.

Bills sent to Council.

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

Bill to Naturalize Dr
Montovani, read 2nd
time and committed.

A Bill to naturalize Frederick Montovani, Doctor of Laws of the University of Pavia, was read a second time.

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

Message from
Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton.

Agree to Cole Har-
bour Dike Co. Bill
with amendment.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agree to the Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Cole Harbour

bour Dike Company, with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said amendment from the Council to the said Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Amendment read 1st time.

Mr. Dickey reported from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill in relation to Bastard Children, that the Committee had examined the Bill, and recommended it to the House without amendment: and thereupon—

Report on Bill relative to Bastards.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2nd time and committed.

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

Mr. Dickey, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to consolidate the several Acts made for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, and the same was read a first time.

Bill presented to consolidate Insolvent Acts.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to Mr. Creighton, Mr. Dickey, Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Mr. Wilkins, and Mr. McKeagney, to examine and report thereon with amendments or otherwise.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

The Hon. The Attorney General, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to Incorporate the Marshall Cove Pier Company, and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill presented to Incorporate Marshall Cove Pier Company.

The Hon. The Attorney General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House a Report of the Commissioners of the Provincial Penitentiary, with documents annexed, and the same were read.

Report of Comms. of Prov. Penitentiary presented.

(See Appendix No. 47.)

Ordered, That the Report and other documents be referred to Mr. Huntington, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Marshall, to examine and report thereon to this House.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That no Bill be received after Wednesday next, the 19th instant, unless by special leave of the House.

Time limited for receiving Bills.

The Hon. The Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House a Copy of a Despatch from His Excellency Sir William Colebrooke, Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, to His Excellency Lord Falkland, dated March 6th, 1845, relative to the establishment of a Lunatic Asylum, jointly for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, with copies of Resolutions of the House of Assembly of New Brunswick, on that subject, and the same were read.

Despatch, &c., from New Brunswick relative to Lunatic Asylum presented.

(See Appendix No. 48.)

Ordered, That the said Copies of Despatch and Resolutions be referred to the Select Committee to whom was referred the Petition relative to a Lunatic Asylum at Halifax, to be examined and reported upon in connexion therewith.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

Com. of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

Progress reported.

Ordered, That this House do again to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee on the consideration of Ways and Means.

Made order for to-morrow.

Orders of day—
Election Bill

The Orders of the Day being read,
Ordered, That the Bill to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives, &c. be read a first time to-morrow.

And Poor House Burying Ground Bill postponed.

Ordered, That the Bill to transfer the Land in the City of Halifax, called the Poor House Burying Ground, to the Commissioners of the Poor, be read a second time to-morrow, with the Petitions.

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

Saturday, 15th March, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Marshall Cove Pier Co. Bill read 2d time and committed.

A Bill to Incorporate the Marshall Cove Pier Company, was read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Bill presented relative to Streets in Maitland.

Mr. Smith, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to extend to the Village of Maitland, in the County of Hants, the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax and certain other places, and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Report on Petition of Wm. Lynds.

Mr. Fulton reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of William Lynds and others relative to the building of a Bridge in Onslow,—that the Committee had partially examined the matter thereof, and recommend that the further consideration of the subject be deferred until the next Session,—and thereupon

Consideration of Petition deferred until next Session.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the subject matter of the said Petition be deferred until the next Session.

Pet. from King's Co. relative to Coal Mines.

A Petition of Freeholders and others, Inhabitants of King's County, was by special leave presented by Mr. Beckwith, and read, praying that certain propositions made by the General Mining Association to the Imperial Government in relation to the Coal Mines of this Province, may be opposed by every Constitutional means.

Refd. to Coal Mine Com.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee on the Coal Mines.

Petition from Co. of Richmond, on subject of Court House and Assessments.

A Petition of John Jean, Esquire, Custos Rotulorum, and others Justices of the Peace for the County of Richmond in Sessions assembled, was by special leave presented by Mr. Martell, and read, controverting the statements made in Petitions from that County, heretofore presented to this House in regard to the proceedings of the Commissioners for purchasing a new site for a Court House at Arichat, and also in relation to County Assessments and the collection thereof, and praying that the objects of those Petitions may not be granted.

Refd. to Sel. Com. with other Petitions.

Ordered, That the Petition, together with the several Petitions therein mentioned, be referred to Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Howe, and Mr. Taylor, to examine and report upon to this House.

Report from Com. on Coal Mines.

The Hon. the Attorney General reported from the Select Committee on the subject of the Coal Mines, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, together with sundry documents connected therewith, and the said Report being again read.

(See Appendix No. 49.)

To be Printed.

Ordered, That the Report and other documents do lie on the Table, and that the Report be printed.

Made order of Day.

Resolved, That this House do on Thursday next, the 20th, proceed to the consideration of the Report and other documents and matters connected with the question of the Coal Mines.

The Hon. the Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid before the House the Annual Report of the Central Board of Agriculture for the year 1844, with papers connected therewith, and the said report was read.

(See Appendix No. 50.)

Ordered, That the Report and other papers be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

On motion, *resolved*, That it be referred to a Select Committee to consider the preparation of a Scale of division of Road Monies for the County of Colchester, and to report thereon, together with any facts connected therewith that they may deem advisable.

Ordered, That Mr. Fraser, Mr. Clements, and Mr. Freeman, be a Committee for the above purpose.

Mr. Dewolf reported from the Select Committee on a Petition of John E. Starr, and Arthur W. Godfrey; and thereupon presented a Bill to Incorporate Sundry Persons for the purpose of making or constructing a Turnpike Road from the head of the contemplated Richmond Bridge, across the Harbour of Halifax, at Dartmouth, until it joins the great Road leading from Halifax to Windsor; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Hall reported from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill to encourage the Killing of Wolves, that the Committee had made sundry amendments to the Bill, which they recommend to be adopted by the House, and he delivered the Bill and proposed amendments in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read:—and thereupon,

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

A Petition of the Commissioners of the Poor at Halifax, was by special leave presented by Mr. McNab, and read, praying that the Bill may be passed now before the House, for Incorporating the Poor House Burial Ground, with the other lands held by the Petitioners for the Poor House.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table, to be taken into consideration upon the second reading of the Bill therein referred to.

The Orders of the day being read,

Ordered, That the Bill to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives, &c., be read a first time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to transfer the Land in the City of Halifax, called the Poor House Burying Ground, to the Commissioners of the Poor, be read a second time on Monday next, with the Petitions.

Then, on motion, the House again resolved itself into a Committee on the further consideration of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had come to two Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he delivered them in at the Clerk's Table.

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

Ordered, That this House do again on Monday next resolve itself into a Committee on the further consideration of Ways and Means.

The Resolutions reported from the Committee were then read, and are as followeth:—

1. *Resolved*, That on, from, and after the thirty-first day of March instant, on all the articles, whether of British or Foreign growth, production, or manufacture, in the following

Annual Report of Central Board of Agriculture presented.

Referred to Com. on Agriculture.

Sel. Com. to prepare Colchester Road Scale.

Bill presented for Turnpike Road, Dartmouth.

Report on Bill for killing Wolves.

Amendments.

Re-committed.

Petition of Commissioners of Poor at Halifax, for passage of Poor House Burying Ground Bill.

To be considered with Bill.

Orders of Day—

Bill to improve Election Law, 1st reading postponed.
2nd Reading of Poor House Burying Ground Bill postponed.

Com. on Ways and Means.

Report two Resolutions.

1st Resolution, Tariff of Colonial Duties.

lowing Table of Articles, subject to Colonial Duties, and exempted from Colonial Duties, specified, which are not therein declared to be duty free, there shall be raised, levied, imposed, and collected, the several and respective Duties set opposite to such Articles in the Column of Duties to the said Table affixed, payable in Sterling Money of Great Britain.

Table of Colonial
Duties.

TABLE OF COLONIAL IMPOST DUTIES.

ARTICLES.	COLONIAL DUTIES IN STERLING MONEY.		
	£.	s.	d.
Anchors and Grapnels and Anchor Palms,	duty free		
Apples, fresh or dried—per barrel,	0	4	0
Ashes, to wit—Pot Ashes and Pearl Ashes,	duty free		
Bacon—per cwt.	0	6	0
Baggage and Apparel of Passengers, not intended for sale,	duty free		
Barley, unground.	duty free		
Barilla and Soda Ash,	duty free		
Beans,	duty free		
Beef, salted of all sorts—per cwt.	0	3	0
“ fresh, brought by land or inland navigation, or otherwise imported —per cwt.	0	5	0
Biscuit or Bread—per cwt.	0	1	8
“ fine called Crackers or Cakes—per cwt.	0	3	4
Books prohibited to be imported into the United Kingdom,	prohibited		
“ not so prohibited,	duty free		
Bullion, Gold or Silver,	duty free		
Burr Stones,	duty free		
Butter—per cwt.,	0	4	0
Cables, of Hemp, or other vegetable substance, and of Iron,	duty free		
Candles, Wax, Spermaceti or Composition—for every pound weight,	9	6	3
“ of Tallow—for every pound weight,	0	0	1
Carriages of Travellers, not for Merchandize or intended to be sold,	duty free		
Cattle, viz—Asses and Mules	duty free		
Horse, Mare, or Gelding—each,	2	0	0
Neat Cattle, viz—Ox or other Neat Cattle, three years old or upwards—each,	1	10	0
Cows and Cattle, under three years old—each,	0	10	0
Sheep—each,	0	3	0
Hogs over 100lbs. weight—each,	1	0	0
“ of 100lbs. weight and under—each,	0	2	0
Chocolate or Cocoa Paste—for every pound weight,	0	0	1
Coal,	duty free		
Cocoa, used in the manufacture of Chocolate,	duty free		
Coffee, Green—per cwt.	0	4	4
“ Roasted, burned or ground—for every pound weight,	0	0	2
Clocks—on all Clocks costing under 20s.	0	5	0
“ All others,	0	10	0
All wheels, machinery, and materials for manufacturing Clocks, —for every £100 of the value,	20	0	0
Corkwood,	duty free		
Coin—base or counterfeit,	prohibited		
“ Gold and Silver Coins, and British Copper Coins,	duty free		
Copper, viz.—Copper Ore, or in pigs or bricks,	duty free		
“ in plates, sheets, bars or bolts, for Ship building,	duty free		
	Copper		

ARTICLES.	COLONIAL DUTIES IN STERLING MONEY.			Table of Colonial Duties.
	£.	s.	d.	
Copper, viz—Wrought or Cast, for machinery, pure or without other metal,				duty free
“ Copper Castings of every description, for Machinery, for Mills or Steam Boats; Copper and Composition Nails and Spikes, for Ship Building,				duty free
“ Old or worn, or fit only to be re-manufactured,				duty free
Corn, viz—Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn, and Buckwheat, unground—Barley Meal, Rye Meal, Oat Meal, Indian Meal, Buckwheat Meal, Peas, Beans, and Calavances,				duty free
Cordage, tarred or untarred,				duty free
Fish, viz—Fresh, Salted, Dried, or Pickled,				duty free
Fish Hooks,				duty free
Fish Oil, viz—Train Oil, Spermaceti Oil, Head Matter and Blubber,				duty free
Fins and Skins, the produce of Fish or creatures living in the Sea, taken or caught by the Crews of British Ships,				duty free
Not taken or caught by British Subjects, or the crews of British Ships, or imported otherwise than from the United Kingdom, or a British Possession,				duty free
Flax,				duty free
Fruit, fresh, not otherwise charged with duty, for every £100 value,	5	0	0	
dried, viz:—Currants and Figs—for every £100 value,	10	0	0	
Raisins in Boxes—for every pound weight,	0	0	0½	
Raisins in other packages—for every pound weight,	0	0	0¼	
Furniture, Working Tools, and Implements, the property of Emigrants, not intended for sale,				duty free
Hay and Straw—for every £100 of the value,	20	0	0	
Hams, Smoked or dried—per cwt.	0	6	0	
Hemp,				duty free
Hides, or pieces of Hides—raw, not tanned, curried, or dressed,				duty free
Horns,				duty free
Iron, viz.—In bars or pigs, unwrought or Pig Iron,				duty free
“ Ores of Iron, of all kinds,				duty free
“ Castings for Mills, for steam engines, and for other machinery, and cast or wrought Pipes and Tubes,				duty free
“ Sheet Iron, intended to be used in manufacturing Cut Nails,				duty free
“ Iron Rails for Rail Roads, Boilers, Plates and Plough Moulds,				duty free
Lard—per cwt.	0	8	0	
Leather—Sole Leather, including Hides and Skins, partially dressed therefor—for every pound weight,	0	0	1	
“ Upper Leather of all sorts, including Hides and Skins, partially dressed therefor—for every pound weight,	0	0	2	
“ Boots, Shoes and Leather manufactures of all sorts—for every £100 value,	10	0	0	
Lentils,				duty free
Lime and Limestones,				duty free
Lines for the Fisheries—of all kinds,				duty free
Maps and Charts,				duty free
Machinery, or parts of Machinery, for Steam Engines or Carding Machines, or Agricultural purposes,				duty free
Manures—of all kinds,				duty free
Meat—fresh, for every £100 value,	10	0	0	
Nets—Fishing Nets and Seines of all kinds,				duty free

Table of Colonial Duties.

ARTICLES	COLONIAL DUTIES IN STERLING MONEY.		
	£	s.	d.
Oats—unground,			duty free
Oakum,			duty free
Onions—per cwt.	0	2	6
Ores—of all kinds,			duty free
Paintings,			duty free
Pears—fresh or dried—per barrel,	0	4	0
Pitch,			duty free
Plate of Gold and Silver, old, and fit only to be re-manufactured,			duty free
Plants, Shrubs and Trees,			duty free
Pork, salted, of all kinds—per cwt.	0	3	0
“ fresh, brought by land or inland navigation or otherwise—per cwt.	0	4	0
Potatoes,			duty free
Poultry, of all sorts, dead—for every £100 value,	10	0	0
Rags, viz.—Old Rags, Old Rope, Junk, and Old Fishing Nets,			duty free
Rice, unground,			duty free
Rosin,			duty free
Sails or Rigging, saved from Vessels wrecked on the Coasts of the Province,			duty free
Sail Cloth of all kinds, Canvas included,			duty free
Salt,			duty free
Seeds of all kinds,			duty free
Skins, Furs, Pelts, or Tails undressed,			duty free
Spirits, viz.—Brandy, Gin, Rum, or other Spirituous Liquors, (save and except Rum or Spirits distilled from Molasses, Grain, or Fruit,) which by any way or method whatsoever, shall be manufactured, compounded, or extracted, distilled or made within the Province, not exceeding the strength of Proof by Sykes' Hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of Proof—the gallon,	0	1	4
Run or Spirits, distilled in this Province, from Molasses, Grain, or Fruit, not exceeding the strength of five per cent. above proof, by Sykes' Hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of five per cent. above proof—the gallon,	0	0	7
Brandy, Whiskey, Geneva, Cordials, and other Spirits, except Rum not exceeding the strength of Proof, by Sykes' Hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of Proof—the gallon,	0	1	8
Rum, not exceeding the strength of five per cent. above Proof by Sykes' Hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of five per cent. above Proof—the gallon,	0	1	6
Shrub or Santee—the gallon,	0	1	4
Stone, unmanufactured, not otherwise charged with duty,			duty free
Sugar, viz.—Of the Maple,			duty free
Refined—per cwt.,	0	8	0
Crushed—per cwt.,	0	6	0
Called Bastard Facings—per cwt.,	0	4	0
Brown or Muscovado, not refined—per cwt.,	0	2	0
Tar,			duty free
Tea, viz.—Souchong, Congo, Pekoe, Bohea, Pouchong, and all other Black Teas—for every pound weight,	0	0	1½

Tea,

ARTICLES.	COLONIAL DUTIES IN STERLING MONEY.			Table of Colonial Duties.
	£	s.	d.	
Tea, viz.—Gunpowder, Hyson, Young Hyson, Twankay, and other Green Teas—for every pound weight,	0	0	3	
Twines and Lines, used in the Fisheries,	duty free			
Tobacco, manufactured, (except Snuff and Cigars)—for every pound weight,	0	0	1½	
“ Cigars and Snuff—for every £100 of the value,	15	0	0	
“ Unmanufactured,	duty free			
Tongues of Cattle, dried or pickled—per cwt.,	0	6	0	
Tow,	duty free			
Turpentine,	duty free			
Whale Fin or Bone,	duty free			
Wines, viz.—Hock, Constantia, Malmsley, Tokay, Champagne, Burgun- dy, Hermitage, Claret, called Lafitte, Latour, Margeaux, or Hautbrian—the gallon,	0	3	0	
“ Madeira and Port—the gallon,	0	2	6	
“ Sherry Wine, of which the first cost is £20 per pipe, or up- wards—the gallon,	0	2	6	
“ Other Claret Wines, Barsac, Sautern, Vin de Grave, Mo- selle, and other French Wines, and Lisbon and German Wines—the gallon,	0	1	3	
“ All other Sherry Wines, Teneriffe, Marsala, Sicilian, Mala- ga, Fayal, and all other Wines—the gallon	0	1	3	
“ All Wines, the produce of the Cape of Good Hope, except Constantia—the gallon,	0	1	3	
Wood, viz.—Of all Sorts, (except the manufactures of Wood, next here- after enumerated,)	duty free			
“ Manufactures of, viz—Chairs, Tables, and other Household Furniture and Utensils, Carriages of all sorts, Carts, Wag- gons, Cabinet Maker’s Work, Carpenter’s Work, and Wheelwright’s Work, of all kinds—for every £100 of the value,	10	0	0	
All other Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, not otherwise charged with duty, and not herein declared to be free of duty, (except Wheat Flour and Molasses)—for every £100 of the Value,	5	0	0	

2. *Resolved*, That Salted Beef and Pork be allowed to be taken out of the Warehouse and used as Ships’ Stores free from Colonial duty, upon the same conditions as are allowed by the Imperial Act 6 & 7 Victoria, Cap. 84.

Resolution that Salted Beef and Pork for Sea Stores be exempted from Col. Duty.

And the said Resolutions being again read—

The first Resolution was upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

*First Resolution
Tariff agreed to.*

Mr. Smith then moved that the second Resolution be not received by the House, which being seconded and put and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion eighteen, against it twenty-three.

*Motion not to re-
ceive 2nd resolution*

Division thereon.

For the motion—		Against the motion—	
Mr. Power,	Mr. Fleming,	Mr. Clements,	Mr. Howe,
“ Fulton,	“ E. Young,	“ Ryder.	“ Huntington,
“ Smith,	“ Dickey,	“ Spearwater,	Hon. Atty. Gen.
“ Dewolf,	“ Thorne.	“ Freeman,	Hon. Sol. Gen.
“ Ross,	“ Beckwith,	“ Taylor,	Mr. Doyle,
“ Holmes,	“ Fraser,	“ Crowell,	“ Brennan,
“ McLelan,		“ Budd,	“ Martell,
“ Whitman,		“ Turnbull,	“ DesBarres,
“ Benjamin,		“ Heckman,	“ McKeagney,
“ Logan,		“ Wilson,	“ G. R. Young,
“ Crowe,		“ Bourneuf.	“ A. M. Uniacke,
“ Dimock,		“ Comeau,	

Motion negatived.

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolution agreed to

The Resolution was then upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Leave of absence to Mr. G. R. Young.

Ordered, That Mr. G. R. Young have leave of absence on urgent private business, until Wednesday next the 19th inst. inclusive.

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

Monday, 17th March, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Engrossed Bill in amendment of Halifax Incorporation Act, read 3d time. Passed. Title altered.

An engrossed Bill in amendment of the Act to Incorporate the City of Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be An Act in further addition to the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax.

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

Halifax Water Bill read 2d time—and

A Bill to authorise an Assessment for supplying the City of Halifax with Water, was read a second time, and thereupon,

Refl. to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Doyle, and Mr. J. B. Uniacke, to report thereon with amendments or otherwise.

Maitland Streets Bill read 2d time and committed.

A Bill to extend to the Village of Maitland, in the County of Hants, the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, was read a second time.

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

Report on Pet. of Jas. Fulton in regard to gravel field.

Mr. Hall Reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of James Fulton, relating to the Lease of a Field of Gravel by him to the Government, for the use of the Main Post Road in the County of Colchester,—and he read the Report in his place, and then delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix No. 51.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Report from Sel. Com. on Colchester road money division.

Mr. Fraser reported from the Select Committee in regard to the division of Road Monies for the County of Colchester, and he read the Report in his place and delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix No. 52.)

Adopted.

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

Despatches presented from Colonial office, viz.

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

A Copy of Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated Downing Street, 2d March, 1845, stating that an arrangement had been made for conveying the Mails between Great Britain and Canada, through the United States, and the same was read. *(See Appendix No. 53.)*

Relating to conveyance of Mails to Canada, through United States.

Also, a Copy of a Despatch from Lord Stanley to Lord Falkland, dated Downing Street, 3d March, 1845, stating that the Addresses of the Legislative Council and this House to Her Majesty, on the Coal Mines question, had been received, and that H. M. Government would defer until the arrival of another Mail from Halifax, any final decision upon the proposal of the Mining Association—and the same was read.

And on subject of Coal Mines.

(See Appendix No. 54.)

Ordered, That the Copies of Despatches do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Budd, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill further to amend the Act to regulate certain Landings in the County of Digby—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Digby Landings Bill presented.

Mr. McLelan, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill relating to the funded debt of the Province, and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Funded Debt Bill presented.

The Orders of the Day being read,

Orders of Day—
Election Bill postponed.

Ordered, That the Bill to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives, &c., be read a first time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to transfer the Land in the City of Halifax, called the Poor House Burying Ground, to the Commissioners of the Poor, be read a second time to-morrow with the Petitions.

Poor House Burying Ground Bill postponed.

Then, on motion, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the further consideration of Ways and Means.

Com. of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had come to two further Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he delivered them in at the Clerk's Table; and that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again, which the House agreed to.

Report two Resolutions, viz :

The said Resolutions were then read, and are as followeth:

1st. *Resolved,* That Foreign Wheat Flour and Foreign Molasses imported into this Province, which shall not pay the Imperial Duty imposed thereon, shall be liable to the same or corresponding Colonial Duties, that is to say,—On such Wheat Flour a duty of Two Shillings sterling per barrel, and on such Molasses three pence halfpenny sterling per gallon.

For duty on Foreign Wheat Flour and Molasses.

2. *Resolved,* That the several Duties imposed upon Licensed Houses and Shops, be respectively continued from the 31st March, instant, at the amounts and rates as at present, both in the City of Halifax, and elsewhere, in this Province.

And Licensed Houses Duty to be continued.

Which Resolutions being again read, were upon the question severally put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Resolutions agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. The Solicitor General, Mr. Fraser, and Mr. Dewolf, be a Committee to prepare and report Bills in accordance with the Resolutions reported from the Committee on Saturday last and this day, as agreed to by the House.

Com. to bring in Revenue Bills.

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

Com. on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report with amend-
ments Town Officers
Bill.
Bill for killing
Wolves.
Yarmouth Fire En-
gines Bill.
Bill to amend Statute
Labour Act.
and Bill to naturalize
Dr. Montovani with-
out amendment.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to continue the Acts in amendment of the Act for the choice of Town Officers and regulating of Townships; the Bill to encourage the killing of Wolves; the Bill to amend the Act for providing Fire Engines for the Town of Yarmouth, and for other purposes, and the Bill to amend the Act relative to the performance of Statute Labour on Highways, and had made sundry amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bills; and that they had also gone through the Bill to Naturalize Frederick Montovani, &c., and had directed him to report the said Bill to the House without amendment; and he delivered the several Bills and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments agreed
to.

The said several amendments to the Bills, as reported from the Committee, were read a first and second time respectively, and upon the question severally put thereon, were agreed to by the House.

Bills to be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bills with the amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bill reported without amendment be engrossed.

Consideration of
Private Petitions.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of Private Petitions remaining upon the Table—and thereupon,

Pets. and claims for
compensation for
Returns refd to Com.
on Assessments.

The Petition of James Skinner, Clerk of the Peace at Pictou, praying remuneration for furnishing Returns of Assessments and otherwise, presented on the 24th February last, and the letter and account of James S. Clarke, Clerk of the Peace for Halifax, in relation to Returns of Assessments for the County of Halifax, laid before this House on the 12th instant, were severally read.

Ordered, That the same, together with all claims for preparing returns of Assessments, be referred to the Committee heretofore appointed upon the subject of the assessments, to examine and report upon.

Petitions for aid to
Houses of Entertain-
ment, refd. to Sel.
Com.

The Petition of Joseph Langley, of the new Road between Halifax and St. Mary's, and of Inhabitants of Boysdale, in the County of Cape Breton, for aid to Houses of Entertainment in remote places, were severally read—and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Petitions be referred to Mr. Dickey, Mr. Thorne, and Mr. Heckman, to examine and report upon.

Pet. of J. L. Tremain
refd. to Com. of
Supply.

A Petition of John L. Tremain, Collector of H. M. Customs at Port Hood, was read.

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

Pet. of Edwd. Bulger
refd. to Com. of
Supply.

A Petition of Edward Bulger, for compensation for Land taken for a road at River Tear, in Cape Breton, was read—and thereupon,

On motion of the Hon. the Solicitor General, *resolved,* that the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

Tuesday, 18th March, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Message from Coun-
cil.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton.

Mr. Speaker,

Agreeing to High-
ways Bill with an
amendment.

The Council have agreed to the Bill entitled An Act to revive, continue and alter the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges, with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Amendment read
1st time, &c.

The Amendment from the Council to the said Bill was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

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- An engrossed Bill to encourage the killing of Wolves, was read a third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to encourage the killing of Wolves. Engrossed Wolves Bill read 3rd time. Passed.
- An engrossed Bill to amend the Act for providing Fire Engines for the Town of Yarmouth, was read a third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to amend the Act for providing Fire Engines for the Town of Yarmouth. Engrossed Yarmouth Fire Engines Bill read 3rd time. Passed.
- An engrossed Bill to amend the Act relative to the performance of Statute Labor on Highways, was read a third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to amend the Act relative to the performance of Statute Labor on Highways. Engrossed Bill amdt. of Statute Labor Act, read 3rd time. Passed.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council and desire their concurrence. Bills sent to Council.
- The Amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill entitled an Act to Incorporate the Cole Harbour Dike Company, was read a second time, and is as followeth:—
6th Clause.
 At the end of the Clause add the following Proviso—
 “Provided always, that any person or persons so retiring from the said Company, shall be liable to pay his or their portion or portions of the expense of making such estimate, and of all other expenses incurred previous to such meeting.”
 And thereupon—On Motion, *resolved*, that the Amendment be agreed to. Amendment agreed to.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and Amendment to the Council, and inform them that this House have agreed to the Amendment. Sent to Council.
- A Bill to Incorporate sundry persons, for the purpose of making or constructing a Turnpike Road from the head of the contemplated Richmond Bridge, &c. Also,
 A Bill further to amend the Act to regulate certain Landings in the County of Digby,
 Were severally read a second time.
Ordered, That the Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House. Turnpike Road Bill, and Digby Landings Bill, Read 2nd time, and Committed.
- The Hon. the Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House an Account of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Post Office Establishment, for the year 1844; and the same was read.
 (See Appendix No. 55.)
Ordered, That the Account be referred to the Committee on Post Office Affairs. Post Office Accounts for 1844, presented. Refd. to Post Office Committee.
- Mr. J. B. Uniacke, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Merchant Seamen, and for keeping a Register of Seamen; and the same was read a first time.
Ordered, That the Bill be referred to Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Mr. Clements, and Mr. Hall, to examine and report upon. Merchant Seamen Bill presented. Refd. to Sel. Com.
- A Petition of Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the County of Richmond, was by special leave presented by Mr. Martell, and read, controverting allegations made in former Petitions against the conduct of the Commissioners for purchasing a site for, and building a new Court House and Jail at Arichat—and also in regard to the collection, &c., of County Assessments, and praying that the Laws now in force on those subjects may be continued.
Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee to whom were referred the former Petitions on the same subject. Petition from Co. Richmond on subject of Court House and Assessments. Refd. to Com. on former Petitions.
- Mr. McNab, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to provide for a Member to represent the City of Halifax in General Assembly, and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Bill presented for City Member for Halifax.

Report from Com. on Navigation Securities.

Mr. J. B. Uniacke reported from the Select Committee on Navigation Securities, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix No. 56.)

Parts referred to Com. of Supply.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table, and that such parts thereof as recommend Grants of Money, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Report from Com. on Insolvent Laws Consolidation Bill.

Mr. Creighton from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill to consolidate the several Acts made for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, reported that the Committee had examined the Bill, and recommend that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until the next Session.

Bill deferred until next Session.

Ordered, That the Report be adopted, and the further consideration of the Bill deferred accordingly.

Com. on Bills

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report 3 Mile House Burying Ground Bill with amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill respecting the Burial Ground near the Three Mile House, Bedford Basin, and had made amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill :— That they had also gone through the Bill to Incorporate certain individuals therein named under the style and title of the Atlantic Marine Insurance Company; the Bill in further amendment of the Act for establishing the times and places for holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives; the Bill to enable the Proprietors of a certain Saw Mill in Queen's County to make regulations for its management; the Bill to alter the Act for the regulation of Juries, so far as respects the County of Sydney; the Bill to Incorporate the Marshall Cove Pier Company; the Bill to extend to the Village of Maitland, in the County of Hants, the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax and certain other places; and the Bill to extend to the Town of Pictou the several Acts for appointing Firewards; and had directed him to report the said Bills to the House severally without any amendment:—and that they had also had under consideration the Bill to authorize the Sale of the Court House and Jail at Shelburne, and the purchase of a new site therefor, and recommend to the House to defer the further consideration of the Bill until the next Session. And he afterwards delivered the several Bills in at the Clerk's Table, with the amendments to the first mentioned Bill.

And Bills without amendment, viz: Atlantic Ins. Co.

Polls amendment.

Saw Mill in Queen's Co.

Juries, Co. of Sydney.

Marshall Cove Pier.

Maitland Streets.

Pictou Firewards.

Shelburne Court House Bill to be deferred.

The said amendments were read and agreed to by the House.

Bills to be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

Shelburne Court House Bill deferred.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Bill to authorize the Sale of the Court House and Jail at Shelburne, &c., be deferred until the next Session.

Report from Com. on Pet's. of S Archibald and others, on Road near Truro.

Mr. Fraser reported from the Select Committee to whom were referred the several Petitions of Samuel Archibald and others, relative to over-expenditure on a road near Truro, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read,

(See Appendix No. 57.)

Ordered, That the Report be received, and do lie on the Table.

Part refd. to Com. of Supply.

On motion of Mr. Huntington, *resolved*, That so much of the Report as recommends payment from the Provincial Funds for Land taken in the formation of the Road therein mentioned, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Fraser then moved the following Resolution, viz :

Motion thereon to refer payment of over expenditure to Members.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Members for the County of Colchester, to provide out of the Road Monies allotted to said County the sum of £300 13s. 3d., or so much thereof

thereof as shall appear to be due to Samuel Archibald, Esquire, by three annual instalments, according to the Report of the Committee, and to be paid to him on his account being regularly audited; which being seconded—

The Hon. The Solicitor General moved that the House do now adjourn.

Which previous question being seconded and put, was agreed to by the House, and accordingly,

Previous question of adjournment carried.

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

Wednesday, 19th March, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Huntington, from the Committee on the Assessments, reported upon the claims of Clerks of the Peace for preparing and making Returns of the Assessments, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report on claims of Clerks of Peace for preparing Returns of Assessments.

(See Appendix No. 58.)

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Refd. to Com. of Supply.

Mr. Huntington reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of Timothy Barnabe, Proprietor of the Western Line of Stage Coaches, unfavorably to the prayer of the Petition, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report on Pet. for aid to Western Stage Coaches.

(See Appendix No. 59.)

On motion, Resolved, That the Report be received and adopted by the House.

Adopted.

Mr. Wilkins reported from the Select Committee on Indian Affairs, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report on Indian Affairs.

(See Appendix No. 60.)

On motion, Resolved, That the Report be received and adopted by the House.

Adopted.

An engrossed Bill to Naturalize Frederick Montovani, Doctor of Laws of the University of Pavia, was read a third time, and thereupon—

Engrossed Bill to Naturalize Dr. Montovani read 3rd time.

On motion of Mr. Fraser, resolved as followeth, viz:

Whereas it appears that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor would be precluded by the Royal Instructions from assenting to such a Bill: Resolved therefore, That the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until the next Session, and that His Excellency be respectfully requested to apply for Her Majesty's permission to assent to a similar Bill at the next Session.

Resolution thereon, to defer Bill and to request Lt. Gov. to obtain H. M. permission to assent thereto next Session.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Acts in amendment of the Acts for the choice of Town Officers and regulating of Townships, was read a third time.

Engrossed Bill to continue Town Officers Acts read 3rd time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to continue and amend the Acts in amendment of the Acts for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating of Townships.

Passed. Title altered.

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

Bill Sent to Council.

Mr. Fraser (in the absence of the Chairman) reported from the Select Committee on Trade and Manufactures, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report from Com. on Trade.

(See Appendix No. 61.)

On motion, Resolved, That the Report be adopted, and do lie on the Table.

Adopted.

Ordered, That such parts of the Report as recommend grants of Money be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Parts referred to Com. of Supply.

Resolution for Officers of Customs and Excise to keep Accounts of Seizures.

On motion of Mr. Fraser, *resolved*, That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested to direct the proper Officers of the Customs and Excise, to keep distinct accounts of duties collected on articles seized by the Officers of the respective Departments, and that the House at its next Session will grant such proportion thereof to the Seizing Officers as shall appear to be just and reasonable.

Report from Com. on Revenue Bills.
Bills reported, viz :
General Impost Bill.

The Hon. The Solicitor General reported from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and bring in the Revenue Bills, and thereupon presented ten Bills, viz :

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

Bill for duty on Flour and Molasses.

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

Distilleries Bill.

A Bill to continue and alter the Act to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province.

Importation Bill.
Smuggling prevention Bill.

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

A Bill to continue and amend the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling.

Warehousing Bill.
Duties Regulation Bill.

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

A Bill to continue the Act for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties.

Exportation and Drawbacks Bill.

A Bill to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods Exported, and for granting Drawbacks.

Bill for Licenses for Sale of Liquors.

A Bill to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors.

Bill for Liquor Licenses and Auctions, Halifax.
Read, &c.

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

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

Return of Assessments, Co. of Yarmouth.

The Hon. The Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House a Return of Assessments for the County of Yarmouth.

Ordered, That the Return do lie on the Table.

Report on Petitions for aid to Public Houses.

Mr. Dickey reported from the Select Committee to whom were referred the Petitions of Joseph Langley, and of Inhabitants of Boysdale, praying aid towards Houses of Entertainment for Travellers, unfavorably to the prayer of the respective Petitions, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix No. 62.)

Adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Report be received, and adopted by the House.

Bill reported for encouragement of Schools.

The Hon. the Attorney General reported in part from the Committee on Education, and thereupon presented a Bill for the encouragement of Schools, and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Message from Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton.

Mr. Speaker,

Agree to Cole Harbour Dike Bill.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Cole Harbour Dike Company, as amended.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Motion as regards over expenditure on Road near Truro.

Mr. Ross moved that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth :

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested to appoint a Commissioner to audit the Accounts submitted to this House, claiming for Samuel Archibald, Esquire, a balance of £300. 13s. 3d., alleged to have been expended in addition to £200 paid in the year 1842, on the Road between Robert Barry's, in Truro,

Truro, and Thomas Dickson's, in Onslow ; Also, to examine and audit the accounts relative to the erection of the Truro Bridge, in the same year, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Mr. Archibald's Petition—and that the expenses incurred by such auditing shall be paid out of the Road Money that may be allotted to the County of Colchester in 1846, and that the People of Colchester, before any action be taken on the Report now on the Table of the House relative to the money so claimed, be afforded an opportunity of appearing by Petition before this Honorable House: which being seconded,

Mr. Fraser moved as an amendment to the proposed Resolution, to leave out all the words thereof except the word "Resolved," and in place of the words so left out, to insert the words following, viz :—"That it be referred to the Members for the County of Colchester to provide out of the Road Monies allotted to said County, the sum of £300 13s. 3d., or so much thereof as shall appear to be due to Samuel Archibald, Esquire, by three annual instalments, according to the Report of the Committee, and to be paid to him on his accounts being regularly audited :"—which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment twenty-four, against it twenty-three.

Amendment moved.

For the amendment—

Mr. Power,
 " Fraser,
 " McKeagney,
 " Doyle,
 " McNab,
 " Clements,
 " Hall,
 " DesBarres,
 " G. R. Young,
 " Benjamin,
 " Howe,
 " Brenan,
 Mr. Comeau,
 " Fulton,
 " Owen,
 " Wilson,
 " Spearwater,
 " Crowell,
 " Turnbull,
 " Bourneuf.
 " Creighton,
 " Martell,
 " Huntington,
 " J. B. Uniacke.

Against the amendment—

Mr. Taylor,
 " E. Young,
 " Marshall,
 " A. M. Uniacke,
 " Freeman,
 " Thorne,
 " Crowe,
 " Budd,
 " Whitman,
 " McLelan,
 " Dimock,
 " Fleming,
 Hon. Sol. Gen.
 Mr. Beckwith,
 " Holmes,
 " Ross,
 Hon. Atty. Gen.
 Mr. Heckman,
 " Fairbanks,
 " Logan,
 " Wilkins,
 " Dickey,
 " Smith,

And carried.

So it passed in the Affirmative.

The Resolution as amended being then put, was agreed to by the House.

Amended Resolution agreed to.

The Orders of the Day being read,

Ordered, That the Bill to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives be read a first time to-morrow.

Orders of Day—
 Election Bill postponed.

Then, pursuant to order, the Bill to transfer the Land in the City of Halifax called the Poor House Burying Ground to the Commissioners of the Poor, was read a second time, with the Petitions relating thereto—and thereupon,

Poor House Burying Ground Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered, That the Bill and Petitions be referred to Mr. Doyle, Mr. A. M. Uniacke, and Mr. Creighton, to examine and report thereon.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

On motion of Mr. Dickey, resolved, That a Committee be appointed to consider the subject of Land Surveying, and to report thereon.

Com. on Land Surveying.

Ordered, That Mr. Holmes, Mr. Huntington, and Mr. Smith, be a Committee for the above purpose.

On motion, the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Com. of Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had come to a Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table.

The

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

Report Resolution
for Grant of £5,000
on Roads.

The Resolution reported from the Committee being then read by the Clerk, is as followeth:—

Whereas there exists an urgent and pressing necessity to open a more direct and less circuitous communication with the increasing Settlements on the Eastern, as well as with the growing and populous Counties of the Western Shores, and the Capital of the Province: *Therefore Resolved*, That the sum of Five Thousand Pounds be appropriated to and for the following objects:

To open the Great Eastern Road to Guysborough,	£800	0	0
To open the Great Western Shore Road from Halifax to Chester,	1000	0	0
On the Road from Halifax to Pictou,	500	0	0
On the Road round Cumberland Mountain,	500	0	0
From New Glasgow to Merigomishe,	200	0	0
From Antigonishe to the Gut of Canso,	150	0	0
From Truro to Tatamagouche,	150	0	0
From Halifax to Annapolis,	500	0	0
From Annapolis to Dalhousie,	200	0	0
From Middle Cape to Soldiers' Cove,	500	0	0
From Port Hood to Margaree,	250	0	0
For Baddeck Bridge,	125	0	0
From Margaree to Middle River,	125	0	0
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	£5,000	0	0

And the said Resolution having been read a second time,

Amendment moved

Mr. Huntington moved as an amendment thereto, to leave out all the words thereof except the word "Resolved," and to insert after the word *Resolved*, the words following, viz:

"That as large a provision for the Road Service has been already made by the Grant of £25,000 as the state of the Finances will justify:"—which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment seventeen, against it thirty-one.

And lost.

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolution as reported
passed on division

The Resolution as reported from the Committee being then put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for agreeing to the Resolution thirty-one, against it seventeen.

For the Resolution—		Against the Resolution—	
Mr. Power,	Mr. Whitman,	Mr. Beckwith,	Hon. Atty. Gen.
" J. B. Uniacke,	" Martell,	" Budd,	
" McKeagney,	" Brenan,	" Spearwater,	
" McNab,	" Fulton,	" Clements,	
" Fairbanks,	" Ross,	" Bournouf,	
" Wilkins,	" McLelan,	" Crowell,	
Hon. Sol. Gen.	" Crowe,	" Dimock,	
Mr. A. M. Uniacke,	" Heckman,	" E. Young,	
" Logan,	" Thorne,	" Wilson,	
" Howe,	" Turnbull,	" Comeau,	
" DesBarres,	" Taylor,	" Benjamin,	
" Dickey,	" Holmes,	" Hall,	
" Owen,	" G. R. Young,	" Fraser,	
" Freeman,	" Marshall,	" Huntington,	
" Fleming,	" Creighton,	" Smith,	
	" Doyle.	" Dewolf,	

So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Resolution to the Council and desire their concurrence. Res. ordered to Council.

Mr. Wilkins reported from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill to authorize an Assessment for supplying the City of Halifax with Water, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read. Report on Halifax Water Bill.

(See Appendix No. 63.)

And he also delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

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

Mr. McKeagney, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill further to amend the Act for consolidating and reducing into one Act all the Acts heretofore made relating to Trespasses—and the same was read a first time. Bill presented to amend Trespass Act.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to Mr. Marshall, Mr. McKeagney, and Mr. Owen, to examine and report thereon, with amendments or otherwise. Refd. to Sel. Com.

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

Thursday, 20th March, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Ross moved that the Resolution passed yesterday, for paying to Samuel Archibald £300 13s. 3d., expended on a Road near Truro, be rescinded: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the negative. Motion to rescind vote to Saml. Archibald negatived.

Mr. Huntington moved that the Resolution passed yesterday granting £5,000 for certain Roads, be rescinded: which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion twenty-one, against it seventeen. Motion to rescind Road Vote negatived

For the motion—

Against the motion—

Mr. Doyle,	Mr. Dimock,	Mr. Holmes,	Mr. Marshall,
" Smith,	" Bourneuf,	" Martell,	" Ross,
" J. B. Uniacke,	" Budd,	" Owen,	" A. M. Uniacke,
" Fraser,	" E. Young,	" Fleming,	Hon. Sol. Gen.
" Dewolf,	" Clements,	" Taylor,	Mr. DesBarres,
" Huntington,	" Spearwater,	" Freeman,	" Brennan,
Hon. Atty. Gen.	" Beckwith.	" Logan,	" Heckman,
Mr. Ryder,		" Creighton,	" Wilkins,
" Benjamin,		" Turnbull,	" Howe,
" Comeau,		" Thorne,	" Dickey,
" Crowell,		" Fairbanks,	" Fulton,
" Wilson,		" Crowe,	" McNab,
" Hall,		" Whitman,	" Power,
" G. R. Young,		" McLelan,	

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Mr. Creighton have leave of absence; on and from Saturday next, for the remainder of the Session, to return home on urgent private business. Leave of absence to Mr. Creighton.

An engrossed Bill respecting the Burial Ground near the Three Mile House, Bedford Basin, was read a third time. Engrossed Bills read 3d time, viz. Three Mile house Burying Ground Bill Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act respecting the Burial Ground near the Three Mile House, Bedford Basin.

Maxweltown Poor
Districts Bill.

An engrossed Bill to divide the Township of Maxweltown into separate Districts for the support of the Poor, was read a third time.

Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to divide the Township of Maxweltown into separate districts for the support of the Poor.

Amendment of Polls
Act Bill.

An engrossed Bill in further amendment of the Act for establishing the times and places for holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives, was read a third time.

Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act in further amendment of the Act for establishing the times and places for holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives.

Queen's Co. Saw
Mill Bill.

An engrossed Bill to enable the Proprietors of a certain Saw Mill in Queen's County, to make regulations for its management, was read a third time.

Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to enable the Proprietors of a certain Saw Mill in Queen's County to make regulations for its management.

Maitland Streets Bill

An engrossed Bill to extend to the Township of Maitland, in the County of Hants, the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places.

Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to extend to the Village of Maitland, in the County of Hants, the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places.

Bills ordered to
Council.

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

Amendmt. of Council
to Highway Bill
read 2nd time.

The amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to revive, continue, and alter the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads, and Bridges, was read a second time : and is as followeth :

4th Clause.

At the end of the Proviso add the following words : " Nor until such old Road shall be abandoned, and such proceedings had for shutting up the same as are prescribed in and by the Act passed in the sixth year of Her Majesty's reign, entitled, An Act for disposing of Old Roads."

And the said amendment being again read and considered by the House,

Agreed to.

Resolved, That this House do agree to the said amendment.

Sent to Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendment to the Council, and inform them that this House have agreed to the said amendment.

The Ten Revenue
Bills read 2nd time.

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

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

A Bill to continue and alter the Act to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province.

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

A Bill to continue and amend the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling.

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

A Bill to continue the Act for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties.

A Bill to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods Exported, and for granting Drawbacks.

A Bill to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors. And,

A Bill to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors and Sales by Auction, in Halifax,

Were severally read a second time.

Ordered,

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

And Committed.

A Bill to explain the provisions of the several Acts now in force relating to Rates or Assessments for the maintenance of Ministers and repairs of Churches in connexion with the Church of England,—was read a second time.

Church Rates Bill read 2nd time and committed.

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

Mr. Huntington then moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the consideration of the said Bill;—which being seconded—

Motion to go into Com. on said Bill.

The Hon. the Solicitor General moved by way of amendment to the question, that the Bill for the encouragement of Schools be now read a second time;—which being seconded and put and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment twenty six, against it sixteen.

Amendment 2nd reading of School Bill.

For the amendment—

Against the amendment—

Mr. Freeman,	Mr. Dewolf,
“ McKeagney,	“ Heckman,
“ Whitman,	“ Marshall,
“ J. B. Uniacke.	“ Dickey,
“ DesBarres,	“ Turnbull,
“ Hall,	“ Budd,
“ Comeau,	“ Holmes,
“ Ryder,	“ Thorne,
“ Ross,	“ Taylor,
“ Brennan,	“ Owen.
Hon. Atty. Gen.	
Hon. Sol. Gen.	
Mr. Fairbanks,	
“ A. M. Uniacke,	
“ Beckwith,	
“ Fulton,	

Mr. Spearwater,
“ Dimock,
“ Crowe,
“ Crowell,
“ Logan,
“ Wilson,
“ Bourneuf,
“ Power,
“ Huntington,
“ Fraser,
“ McLelan,
“ G. R. Young,
“ Doyle,
“ Smith,
“ Clements,
“ Howe.

So it passed in the affirmative—and thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Bill for the encouragement of Schools be now read a second time.

Carried.

And the said Bill was read a second time.

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

Com. of whole thereon.

Then on motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bill for the encouragement of Schools.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress as regards the Bill referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration thereof:—which the House agreed to.

Ordered, That this House do on Saturday next, in Committee, resume the consideration of the said Bill for the encouragement of Schools.

Bill made order of Day.

Mr. Smith reported from the Committee on Agriculture, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report from Com. on Agriculture.

(See Appendix No. 64.)

Ordered, That the Report be adopted and lie on the Table.

Adopted.

Mr. Smith also from the same Committee reported the Bill to continue the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture, &c., without amendment, and delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Bill to continue Agricultural Act reported.

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

And Committed.

Orders of Day—	The Orders of the Day being read,
Election Bill postponed.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Bill to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives, &c., be read a first time on Saturday next.
Coal Mine question postponed.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the consideration of the subject of the Coal Mines be deferred until Saturday next.
House adjourn over Good Friday.	Then (to-morrow being Good Friday) the House adjourned until Saturday next, at twelve of the clock.

Saturday, 22nd March, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Engrossed Bill to Incorporate Atlantic Marine Ins. Co. read 3rd time. Passed & title altered	An engrossed Bill to Incorporate certain Individuals therein named, under the style and title of the Atlantic Marine Insurance Company, was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to Incorporate the Atlantic Marine Insurance Company.
Engrossed Marshall Cove Pier Company Bill read 3rd time. Passed.	An engrossed Bill to Incorporate the Marshall Cove Pier Company, was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to Incorporate the Marshall Cove Pier Company.
Bills sent to Council.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council and desire their concurrence.
Engrossed Co. Sydney Jury Bill read 3rd time. Deferred 3 months.	An engrossed Bill to alter the Act for the regulation of Juries, so far as respects the County of Sydney, was read a third time; and thereupon— On motion of Mr. Power, <i>resolved</i> , that the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until the next Session.
Bill to amend Election Act read 2nd time. and committed.	A Bill in further amendment of the Act for regulating Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly, was read a second time. <i>Ordered</i> , That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Further Report of Com. on Education.	The Hon. the Attorney General reported further from the Committee on Education, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read. <p style="text-align: center;">(See Appendix No. 65.)</p>
Adopted.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Report be adopted, and do lie on the Table.
Writ for Election of member for Township of Pictou, with special return thereon, laid before House.	The Hon. the Attorney General by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House a Writ for the Election of a Representative in General Assembly for the Township of Pictou, in the usual form, dated 28th February, 1845, and returnable on or before the 25th day of March instant, with a Return of the Sheriff of the County of Pictou thereto, and endorsed thereon, which was read and is as followeth :— In obedience to the within Writ, I duly advertized an Election to take place at the Court House, in Pictou, on Monday the 17th instant, and did proceed in said Election by erecting a barrier to separate Voters of the opposing Candidates, Messrs. Martin I. Wilkins and James D. B. Fraser, and by taking a vote for each Candidate alternately from day to day, until this day at a quarter before twelve o'clock noon, when I was prevented from proceeding further with said Election, in consequence of the Voters of Mr. Fraser crowding in on both sides of the barrier, and forcibly occupying the position assigned Mr. Wilkins' Voters, and demanding to be polled as they came to the stands, and denying the legality of alternate polling, and thereupon finding it impossible to carry out the Election according to said arrangement, I was obliged to close said Election without declaring

declaring either of the Candidates duly elected. The number of Votes polled for Martin I. Wilkins being four hundred and fifty-four, and for James D. B. Fraser four hundred and fifty-six.

JOHN W. HARRIS,
Sheriff.

Pictou, 20th March, 1845.

Ordered, That the Writ and Return do lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. Doyle, *resolved*, that the Speaker do issue his Warrant, requiring the attendance of the High Sheriff of the County of Pictou forthwith, at the Bar of this House, and that he be required there to produce the original Poll Book kept by him at the polling that lately took place for the Candidates for the Representation of the Township of Pictou.

Sheriff of Pictou to attend House with Poll Book.

Mr. Doyle reported from the Select Committee to whom were referred the Bill to transfer the Land in the City of Halifax called the Poor House Burying Ground, to the Commissioners of the Popr, with the Petitions relating thereto, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report from Sel. Com. on Poor House burying ground Bill.

(See Appendix No. 66.)

And he also delivered in at the Clerk's Table the Bill with the Petitions.

Ordered, That the Report, Bill and Petitions, do lie upon the Table.

Mr. Holmes, pursuant to special leave given, presented a Bill for extending the time for holding the Poll for the Township of Pictou, and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill presented to extend time for holding Poll at Pictou.

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

Com. on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. B. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bills for granting Colonial Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries thereof,—The Bill to continue the Act for granting a Colonial Duty of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, on Flour and Molasses in certain cases,—the Bill to continue and amend the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling,—the Bill to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the sale of Spirituous Liquors,—and the Bill to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Liquors for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors and Sales by Auction in Halifax :—and had directed him to report the said Bills to the House severally without any amendment :—and he thereupon delivered the Bills in at the Clerk's Table.

Report—General Impost Bill.

Flour and Molasses Impost Bill.

Prevention of Smuggling Bill.
General liquor license Bill.
Halifax liquor and Auction license Bill, without amendt.

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

The Orders of the Day being read,

Ordered, That the Bill to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives, &c. be read a first time on Monday next.

Orders of day.
Postponement of 1st reading of Election law.

Ordered, That this House do on Monday next proceed to the consideration of the subject of the Coal Mines.

Coal Mine question postponed.

Ordered, That this House do on Monday next resolve itself again into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill for the encouragement of Schools.

Postponement of consid'n of School Bill.

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

Monday, 24th March, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Engrossed Bills
read 3d time, viz.
General Impost Bill.

Passed.

An engrossed Bill for granting Colonial Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries thereof, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for granting Colonial Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries thereof.

Impost Bill, Flour
and Molasses.

Passed.

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

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to continue the Act for granting a Colonial Duty of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, on Flour and Molasses, in certain cases.

Bill to prevent
Smuggling.

Passed.

An engrossed Bill to continue and amend the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act to continue and amend the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling.

General liquor
license Bill.

Passed.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors.

Halifax Liquor and
Auctions license Bill

Passed.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors and Sales by Auction in Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors and Sales by Auction in Halifax.

Sent to Council.

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

Pictou Polls Bill
read 2d time.

Committed.

A Bill for extending the time for holding the Poll for the Township of Pictou, was read a second time.

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

Petition from Loch-
aber, Co. of Sydney,
for new township.

A Petition of Inhabitants of Lochaber, was by special leave presented by Mr. Brennan, and read, praying that the Settlements of Lochaber and Ohio, in the County of Sydney, may be erected into a separate Township by the name of Lochaber.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Change of appropri-
ation Road in Hants.

On motion of Mr. Smith, *resolved*, that the Sum of Eight Pounds granted in the first Session of the Legislature held in 1844 for an alteration of Road at Hugh Ross', in the County of Hants, and remaining undrawn, be applied to rebuild the Bridge over the Mill Creek, near Archibald Smith's, and to repair the road leading to the said Bridge.

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

Message from
Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton.

Mr. Speaker,

Agree to amended
Highway Bill.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to revive, continue and alter the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges, as amended.

Agree to Bills.
Summary Trials
before Justices.
Sewers Acts.

The Council have agreed to the Bill entitled an Act to continue and amend the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace. The Bill to continue the Acts in amendment of the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers. The Bill entitled

an Act to continue the Act relative to the assessment of Dike rates for the new or Wickwire Dike in Horton. The Bill entitled an Act to continue the Act to direct and ascertain the mode of assessing County and District Rates, and other purposes, and the Acts in amendment thereof. The Bill entitled an Act to continue certain Acts in amendment of the Act for Incorporating the Town of Halifax. The Bill entitled an Act to continue the Acts for the regulation of Juries. The Bill entitled an Act to continue and amend the Acts to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Halifax, and the Bill entitled an Act for the Regulation of Prisons—severally without any amendment.

Wickwire Dike Act
County Assessment Act.

Amendt. Halifax
Incorporation Act.
Juries.
Halifax Pilotage
Acts.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Orders of the Day being read.

Ordered, That the Bill to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives, &c., be read a first time to-morrow.

Orders of day.
1st reading of Elec-
tion law postponed.

Ordered, That this House do again to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill for the Encouragement of Schools.

Consid'n of School
Bill postponed.

Then the House pursuant to order proceeded to the consideration of the question of the Coal Mines, and thereupon

House proceed to
consider Coal Mine
question.

On motion, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the consideration of the subject of the Coal Mines.

Com. of whole
thereon.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the consideration of the subject referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again thereon:—which the House agreed to.

Ordered, That this House do again to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the subject of the Coal Mines.

Further order for
consideration there-
on.

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

Tuesday, 25th March, 1845.

PRAYERS.

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

Com. on Bills.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to continue and alter the Act to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province—the Bill to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods—the Bill to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods—the Bill to continue the Act for the general regulation of the Colonial duties—and the Bill to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks,—and had made amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bills,—and he delivered the Bills and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Report Rev. Bills,
viz:
Distilleries Bill.
Importation Bill.
Warehousing Bill.
Duties Regulation
Bill.
Exportation and
Drawback Bill.
with amendments.

The said Amendments being then respectively read, were upon the question severally put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Amendments
agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills with the amendments be engrossed.

Bills to be engrossed.

Mr. G. R. Young reported from the Select Committee on the Petitions of William Logan and of Joshua Borden and others, presented to this House on the 20th February last —unfavorably

Report from Sel.
Com. on Petitions of
W. Logan and others
for

For aid to new inven-
tion of Carriage
Springs unfavorably.

—unfavorably to the prayer of the Petitions ;—and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix No. 67.)

Report Adopted.

Ordered, That the Report be adopted and do lie on the Table.

Report from Sel.
Com. on Arichat
Court House, and
Co. of Richmond
Assessments.

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Select Committee on the several Petitions from the County of Richmond, relative to the conduct of the Commissioners for selling the old Court House at Arichat, and purchasing a site for a new one to be erected—And also in regard to the Collection of Assessments for that County, &c., and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix No. 68.)

Adopted.

Ordered, That the Report be adopted, and do lie on the Table.

Report from Com. on
Pet. for transfer of
Bridewell prisoners
to Penitentiary.

Mr. Owen reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of the Court of Sessions and City Corporation of Halifax relative to the transfer of Prisoners, under conviction, from the Bridewell in Halifax to the Provincial Penitentiary—and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix No. 69.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Bill in amendment
of Penitentiary Act.

Mr. Owen also from the same Committee reported and presented a Bill in amendment of the Act for the Government and Regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary ;—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Report from Com.
on Lunatic Asylum.

Mr. Fairbanks reported from the Select Committee to whom were referred the Petition of the Court of Sessions and Corporation of Halifax, and the Despatch from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, in relation to a Lunatic Asylum, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix No. 70.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Petition of Jas. D. B.
Fraser, Esq., late
candidate for Town-
ship of Pictou, repre-
senting circumstan-
ces and claiming the
seat.

A Petition of James D. B. Fraser, of Pictou, in the County of Pictou, Esquire, was presented by Mr. J. B. Uniacke, and read, setting forth that he was a Candidate for the Representation of the Township of Pictou, at the Polling lately held for a Member for that Township, Martin I. Wilkins, Esquire, being the other Candidate ; that the Sheriff in conducting said Election, acting as he stated under advice, adopted a plan of alternate polling, with a barrier erected, on separate sides of which the voters of each Candidate were required to come up and present themselves, and that this plan was suggested by Mr. Wilkins' Committee, but opposed by Petitioner and his Committee ; and that the Sheriff received a letter from certain Magistrates in Mr. Wilkins' interest, threatening him in case he did not adopt the proposition of Mr. Wilkins' Committee they would make a representation against him ; That before the first opening of the Poll on Monday morning above three hundred men in Mr. Wilkins' interest appeared, marching with Flags and a Bagpipe, and armed with sticks, and made a serious attack upon some of the party of the Petitioner, wounding and injuring several of them ; That before the commencing of the Poll the said Martin I. Wilkins was duly required to give in a Schedule of his qualification, and to take the Candidate's Oath, which Mr. Wilkins promised to do, and exhibited a paper which he said contained his Schedule ; that next day upon examining the paper handed in, it was found not to contain an Oath sworn before the Sheriff, as was supposed, but before Peter Crerar, Esquire, previous to the opening of the Election—whereupon Petitioner protested against any more votes being received for Mr. Wilkins ; that Mr. Wilkins subsequently took the Oath before the Sheriff, to which Petitioner objected as not being in time, and continued to give notice generally, and to the individual voters, that Mr. Wilkins was ineligible, and that the votes given for him would be thrown away ; That the Sheriff however persisted in taking the votes alternately until Thursday,
being

being the third day, some of the Petitioner's friends and voters appeared on the Stand on the side of the hustings by the Sheriff assigned for Mr. Wilkins' voters, and claimed their right to vote there, and refusing to go away when required by the Sheriff, he adjourned the Poll for one hour, when it was again opened, and the same Freeholders remained there and demanded to be then polled—That the Sheriff refused to take down the name of the voter who demanded to be polled until he told him for whom he was about to vote, which the voter declined to do, alleging that the Sheriff could not ask him that question until his name was down in the Poll book—That the Sheriff then called for votes for Mr. Wilkins, and a man from the crowd gave his name, which the Sheriff directed to be taken down on the Poll, and his vote to be recorded for Mr. Wilkins, though neither the Sheriff nor Petitioner could see the voter—Petitioner requiring the privilege of questioning the Freeholders, and protesting against his vote being so received—That the persons on the stand still persisted in demanding to be polled where they stood, and refused to leave the place—That Petitioner being fully confident of his ultimately having a majority of votes if the polling had been continued, this proceeding was adopted without the advice or opinion of Petitioner, by his friends and voters and not by his instigation or suggestion, although after that course was adopted Petitioner did openly and publicly insist upon their right to have their votes recorded, and desired the Sheriff to poll them, which he refused to do, and after attempting for some time to get the voters away closed the Poll without declaring any Candidate elected, stating that he would not proceed, as the arrangement made at the outset was thus interrupted. That at the time the Poll was so closed, about two hundred voters for Petitioner were present at or about the hustings, ready to be polled, and the number of votes polled then stood for Petitioner Four hundred and fifty-six, and for Mr. Wilkins, including the voter irregularly polled by the Sheriff from the crowd, Four hundred and fifty-four; Petitioner having on the day before obtained a majority of two, in consequence of two of the voters for Mr. Wilkins having refused the Oath; Petitioner submitting that the arrangement made by the Sheriff in regard to the hustings, was unauthorised by law, and subversive of the rights of every Elector to have free access to the hustings, and not to be required to declare for whom he votes until after he has come to the hustings and has had his name recorded; and that the Sheriff should have polled the votes tendered for Petitioner, and not have closed the Poll, and that Mr. Wilkins was ineligible, and could not remedy his refusal or neglect to take the Candidate's Oath in time, and that the votes given for him after notice of such ineligibility were thrown away. And lastly, that Petitioner having had the majority of votes when the Sheriff illegally and improperly closed the Poll, and the said Martin I. Wilkins not having duly qualified himself when thereto required, Petitioner ought to have been declared elected, and is entitled to his seat in this Honorable House, as Representative for the Township of Pictou: And therefore praying that this House would cause the Return of the Writ for holding said Election to be amended by inserting the name of Petitioner as duly elected, and that Petitioner may be permitted to take his seat in this Honorable House, as Member for the said Township of Pictou.

Praying that he may be returned as duly elected.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On motion *resolved* that the said Petition be taken into consideration by this House on Saturday next, the 29th inst. at twelve of the clock.

Consideration of Petition on Saturday next.

A Petition of Thomas G. Taylor and others, Freeholders residing in the Town of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Howe, and read, setting forth that in their opinion the rights and privileges of the Freeholders of that Township, and through them the Constituency of the whole Province have been grossly invaded through the mode of conducting the late Election for that Township,—denying that the High Sheriff of that County although acting under the advice of the highest Crown Officer, possesses the right to obstruct Her Majesty's loyal subjects in the lawful prosecution of their business by erecting barriers across a Public Street, and that it is unconstitutional as well as insulting to the Freeholders of that Township for the Returning Officer acting under any instructions whatever, at Elections, to attempt to compel them by means of such barricades to assemble in distinct parties to

Petition from Pictou complaining of barricades at Election for Pictou.

which invidious names are attached for the purpose of alternate polling, and praying that Legislative measures may be adopted to prevent the recurrence of such dangerous and unconstitutional innovations upon the rights of the People of this Province.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Message from
Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton.

Mr. Speaker,

Agree to £5,000
Road vote.

The Council have agreed to the Resolution for granting £5,000 for the service of Roads and Bridges in the present year.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Bill presented to
provide for Special
Sessions in Inver-
ness.

Mr. McKeagney, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill to provide for the holding of a Special Sessions of the Peace in Inverness, for certain purposes therein mentioned, and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Orders of day.

The Orders of the Day being read.

1st reading of Elec-
tion Bill postponed.

Ordered, That the Bill to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives, &c., be read a first time to-morrow.

School Bill
postponed.

Ordered, That this House do again to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill for the encouragement of Schools.

House proceed in
Com. to consider
subject of Coal Mines

Then, on motion, The House pursuant to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the consideration of the subject of the Coal Mines.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the business referred to them, and had come to a Resolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he delivered the Resolution in at the Clerk's Table.

Resolutions reported
on subject of Coal
Mines.

The said Resolution being then read, is as followeth :

Resolved, That it be recommended to the House to adopt the following Resolutions :—

1. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this House, the Lease made to His late Royal Highness the Duke of York, for the period of 60 years from the 25th August, 1826, of all the Mines and Minerals of Nova Scotia, except those which had been opened and were then in course of working, coupled with the subsequent agreement entered into on behalf of the Crown in 1828, for a Lease of the reserved Mines at Pictou, and all the Mines of Cape Breton, for a like period of 60 years, to the General Mining Association, being also the Assignees of the Lease to the Duke of York, of all the Mines, Beds, and Seams of Gold, Silver, Coal, Iron Stone, Lime Stone, Slate Stone, Slate Rock, Tin, Clay, Copper, Lead, and all other Mines, Minerals, and Ores of every kind and description, belonging to the Crown within this Province, and thus creating in their hands a close monopoly, was an improvident and unconstitutional exercise of the Royal Prerogative, injurious to the public interests, and tending to fetter the enterprise, limit the Foreign Trade, and impede the introduction of Local Manufactures for the inhabitants of this Province.

2. *Resolved*, That this House are fully satisfied, after reviewing the Correspondence that has been conducted by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, and His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Agents of the General Mining Association, relative to a remission of the fixed rent, a reduction of the royalties paid by them, and an extension of their term, that the said Association have no available claim, founded either in Law or in equity, for a modification of the terms contained in their original agreement, and that if any such modification were made, this House and the People of Nova Scotia would regard it as a surrender of their just rights.

3. *And Whereas* Her Majesty having been graciously pleased to offer to place under the controul of this Legislature, the Casual and Territorial Revenues, on condition of an adequate Civil List being provided, and the Legislature having accepted such offer

fer and passed last Session "An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues," which Act has not been sanctioned by Her Majesty in Council, in consequence, among other things, of the negotiation now in progress with said General Mining Association, relative to their rent, royalties, and term of tenure, and this House deeming it of importance that this negotiation should be speedily and satisfactorily terminated :

Resolved therefore, That this House, while respecting the obligations of the Crown, from their anxiety to relieve the enterprise and industry of this Province from the injurious effects of a monopoly so improvidently made, and to render unnecessary a reference to those constitutional remedies which they believe to be open to them, would be content, provided the rest of the Mines and Minerals are consigned to the controul of this Legislature, to confirm the possession of said Mining Company to the Coal Fields of Pictou and Spanish River, Cape Breton, where the said Company have erected their works, and the supply of Coal is inexhaustible, for the residue of the term now claimed by them, on the payment of the fixed rent of £3,333 6s. 8d. currency, per annum, and the royalty of 2s. per chaldron, for every chaldron raised beyond the quantity of 20,000 chaldrons ; and this House engage that if such compromise be effected, the limits of these fields being carefully defined, that this House will confirm such compromise by every constitutional sanction, and adhere to the Act passed last Session, entitled, "An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova Scotia, and commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues."

4. *Resolved,* That this House, after due investigation of the documents and facts within the command of the House, relating to the Suit in Chancery now pending between the Representatives of His late Royal Highness the Duke of York, and the said Mining Company, referred to in the late Despatch of the Right Honorable the Colonial Secretary, see no reason to suppose, that the conditions sought to be enforced by the former as against the Company, create any obligations affecting either the honor of the Crown, or the interests of this Legislature, and that the pendency of such suit cannot affect, and therefore ought not to delay, the immediate and satisfactory settlement of this question.

5. *Resolved,* That a dutiful Address to Her Majesty be prepared and passed, embodying the purport of the foregoing Resolutions, and that such Address, together with a copy of said Resolutions, and of the Report of the Committee on the Coal Mines, with the Appendices and plans annexed thereto, be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with a respectful request that the same may be transmitted to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in order that such Address and documents may be laid as early as possible at the foot of the Throne.

And thereupon, *Ordered,* That the Report be received.

The said Resolutions, recommended by the Committee to be adopted by the House, were then read a second time, and, upon the question severally put thereon, were respectively agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. G. R. Young, Mr. Huntington, and Mr. DesBarres, be a Committee to prepare an Address to Her Majesty, in accordance with the last Resolution.

Report received,
and Resolutions
agreed to.

Com. to prepare
Address to Her
Majesty.

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

Wednesday, 26th March, 1845.

PRAYERS.

A Bill in amendment of the Act for the government and regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary—and

A Bill to provide for the holding of a Special Sessions of the Peace in Inverness, for certain purposes therein mentioned.

Were severally read a second time.

Bill to amend Peni-
tentiary Act, and

Inverness Sessions
Bill,

Read 2nd time.

Ordered,

- and committed. *Ordered*, That the Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
- Engrossed distilleries Bill read 3d time. An engrossed bill to continue and alter the Act to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province, was read a third time.
- Passed. *Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province.
- Title altered.
- Engrossed importation regulation Bill read 3d time. An engrossed Bill to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods, was read a third time.
- Passed. *Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods.
- Engrossed Warehousing Bill read 3d time. An engrossed Bill to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods, was read a third time.
- Passed. *Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods.
- Engrossed Bill regulation of duties bill read 3d time. An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties, was read a third time.
- Passed. *Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties.
- Title altered.
- Engrossed Drawbacks Bill read 3d time. An engrossed Bill to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks, was read a third time.
- Passed. *Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks.
- Bill sent to Council. *Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bills to the Council, and desire their concurrence.
- Pet. of P. Cameron for aid to have tumour removed. A Petition of Peter Cameron, of St. George's Channel, in the County of Inverness, was by special leave of the House presented by Mr. McKeagney, and read, praying aid to enable him to obtain surgical assistance and to meet necessary expenses in having a large Tumour removed a second time from his head, he being poor, with a large family, and not able otherwise to incur the expense.
- Ordered*, That the Petition do lie on the Table.
- Provl. Stud horse to stand in Guysboro'. On motion of Mr DesBarres, *resolved*, that the Provincial Stud Horse, Bell Founder Morgan, be stationed and kept in the County of Guysborough for the present year.
- Report from Sel. Com. on Dartmouth ferry communication. Mr. G. R. Young reported from the Select Committee, on the Petition of John Ross, of Dartmouth, relative to the Ferry Steam Boat Communication between Halifax and Dartmouth, and he read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.
- (See Appendix No. 71.)
- Ordered*, That the Report do lie on the Table.
- Report from Sel. Com. on over-expenditure on Bridges, Pictou. Mr. Huntington reported from the Select Committee on Over-expenditures upon Bridges over the East and West Rivers of Pictou, and he read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.
- (See Appendix No. 72.)
- Adopted. *Ordered*, That the Report be adopted by the House and do lie on the Table.
- Message from Council—who agree to. A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton.
- Road expenditure. Mr. Speaker,
- The Council have agreed to the Bill entitled An Act to continue the Acts to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the Service of Roads and Bridges. The Bill entitled An Act to encourage the killing of Wolves. The Bill entitled An Act to amend the Act for providing Fire Engines for the Town of Yarmouth, and for other
- Wolves killing Bill. Yarmouth Fire engines Bill,

other purposes; and the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Acts for the choice of Town Officers, and regulating of Townships—severally without any amendment.

And Town Officers Bill without amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Orders of the Day being read,
Ordered, That the Bill to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives, &c., be read a first time to-morrow.

Orders of day.
1st reading of Election Bill further postponed.

Then, on motion, the House pursuant to order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill for the encouragement of Schools.

House go into Com. on School Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some further progress in the consideration of the Bill referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof, which the House agreed to.

Progress reported.

Ordered, That this House do again to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill for the encouragement of Schools.

Same made further order.

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

Thursday, 27th March, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Huntington reported from the Select Committee on the Accounts of Expenses of the Provincial Penitentiary, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report from Sel. Com. on expenses of Prov. Penitentiary.

(See Appendix No. 73.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

A Petition of William Starr, of Cornwallis, a Seizing Officer in the Provincial Revenue Department, was by special leave presented by Mr. Hall, and read, praying that he may receive by grant the share of a Seizure made by him, paid into the Treasury of the Province.

Pet. of W. Starr, seizing officer, for Crown share of seizures.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Refd. to Com. of Supply.

Ordered, That the Bill relating to the Funded Debt of the Province be referred to Mr. McLelan, Mr. Fraser, and Mr. DesBarres, to examine and report upon with amendments or otherwise.

Funded Debt Bill reld. to Sel. Com.

Mr. G. R. Young, from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Coal Mines, reported that the Committee had framed a draft of an Address accordingly, and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report from Com. of Address to Her Majesty on Coal Mines.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table for consideration at a future day.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton.

Mr. Speaker,

Message from Council.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act for granting Colonial Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce, and Fisheries thereof; the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for granting a Colonial Duty of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, on Flour and Molasses in certain cases; the

Agree to 8 Revenue Bills without amendment.

Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province; the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling; the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties; the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods Exported, and for granting Drawbacks; the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors; and the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors and Sales by Auction in Halifax, severally without any amendment.

Agree to 2 Revenue Bills and Flour Inspection Bill with amendments.

The Council have also agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods; the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods; and the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for the inspection of Flour and Meal: with amendments thereto respectively, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

Also to change of appropriation in Co. of Hants.

The Council have agreed to the Resolution of this Honorable House for changing the appropriation of £8, granted for alteration of a Road in the County of Hants.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Amendment of Council to regulating Importation read 1st and 2nd time, and agreed to.

The amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods, was read a first and second time, and is as followeth:

6th Clause.

In the 8th, 9th, and 10th lines, leave out the words "where such Importer cannot attend in person by reason of indisposition or other necessary cause," and insert instead thereof, the words "of sufficient age and capacity."

And thereupon,

Resolved, That this House do agree to the said amendment.

Amendment of Council to Warehousing Bill agreed to.

The amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods, was read a first and second time, and is as followeth:

3rd Clause.

3rd and 4th lines, leave out the words "on the recommendation of the Collector of Impost and Excise."

And thereupon,

Resolved, That this House do agree to the said amendment.

Bills and amendments sent to Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Bills and amendments to the Council, and inform them that this House have agreed to the said amendments.

Amendments of Council to Flour Inspection Bill read, &c.

The amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts for the Inspection of Flour and Meal, were read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Message from Council agreeing to Revenue Bills as amended.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods; and the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods—severally as amended.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Orders of day. Election Bill postponed.

The Orders of the Day being read.

Ordered, That the Bill to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives, &c., be read a first time to-morrow.

Then,

Then, pursuant to Order, the House on motion, again resolved itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill for the encouragement of Schools.

House go into Com.
on School Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some further progress in the consideration of said Bill, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration thereof, which the House agreed to.

Progress reported.

Ordered, That the House do again to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill for the encouragement of Schools.

Made further order.

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

Friday, 28th March, 1845.

PRAYERS.

The draft of Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Coal Mines, as reported from the Select Committee, was again read, and is as followeth :

Address to Her Ma-
jesty on Coal Mines
read, &c.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

May it please your Majesty ;

The Representatives of Your loyal People of Nova Scotia, in General Assembly convened, solicit Your Majesty's gracious consideration of this their humble Address.

That Your Majesty's faithful Commons in consequence of the submission to them of the late Despatches which have passed between His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Your Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies relative to the application made by the General Mining Association for a reduction of the Rent and Royalties agreed by them to be paid for the Mines and Minerals of Nova Scotia Proper and Cape Breton, have had this subject under consideration, and after due enquiry have deemed it a solemn duty incumbent on them to convey to Your Majesty in clear but most respectful language the opinions they entertain upon it.

That Your Majesty's faithful Commons are of opinion that the Lease made to His late Royal Highness the Duke of York, for the period of 60 years from the 25th August, 1826, of all the Mines and Minerals of Nova Scotia, except those which had been opened and were then in course of working, coupled with the subsequent Agreement entered into on behalf of the Crown in 1828, for a Lease of the reserved Mines at Pictou, and all the Mines of Cape Breton, for a like period of 60 years, to the General Mining Association, being also the Assignees of the Lease to the Duke of York, and thus creating in their hands a close monopoly of all the Mines, Beds, and Seams of Gold, Silver, Coal, Iron Stone, Lime Stone, Slate Stone, Slate Rock, Tin, Clay, Copper, Lead, and all other Mines, Minerals, and Ores of every kind and description, belonging to the Crown within this Province, was an improvident and unconstitutional exercise of the Royal Prerogative, injurious to the public interests, and tending to fetter the enterprise, limit the Foreign Trade, and impede the introduction of Local Manufactures for the Inhabitants of this Province.

That they are fully satisfied, after reviewing the correspondence that has been conducted by Your Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, and His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the General Mining Association, relative to a remission of the fixed Rent, a reduction of the Royalties paid by them, and an extension of their Term, that the said Association have no available claim, founded either in Law or in equity, for a modification of the terms contained in their original Agreement, and that if any such mod-
ification

ification were made, this House and the People of Nova Scotia would regard it as a surrender of their just rights.

That as Your Majesty has been graciously pleased to offer to place under the controul of the Legislature of the Province, the Casual and Territorial Revenues, on condition of an adequate Civil List being provided, and the Legislature having accepted such offer and passed last Session "An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues," which Act has not been sanctioned by Your Majesty in Council, in consequence, among other things, of the negotiation now in progress with said General Mining Association, relative to their Rent, Royalties, and Term of tenure, and this House deeming it of importance that this negotiation should be speedily and satisfactorily terminated, beg to express their opinion to Your Majesty, that, while respecting the obligations of the Crown, from their anxiety to relieve the enterprise and industry of this Province from the injurious effects of a monopoly so improvidently made, and to render unnecessary a reference to those constitutional remedies which they believe to be open to them, Your most faithful Commons would be content, provided the rest of the Mines and Minerals were consigned to the controul of the Legislature, to confirm the possession of said Mining Company to the reserved Coal Mines of Pictou and Spanish River, Cape Breton, where the said Company have erected their works, and the supply of Coal is inexhaustible, for the residue of the term now claimed by them, on the payment of the fixed rent of £3,333 6s. 8d. currency, per annum, and the royalty of 2s. per chaldron, for every chaldron raised beyond the quantity of 20,000 chaldrons; and this House engage that if such compromise be effected, the limits of such reserved Mines being carefully defined, that Your most faithful Commons will confirm such compromise by every constitutional sanction, and adhere to the Act passed last Session, entitled, "An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenues."

Your Majesty's faithful Commons beg further to state to Your Majesty, that after due investigation of the documents and facts within the command of this House, relating to the Suit in Chancery now pending between the Representatives of His late Royal Highness the Duke of York, and the said Mining Company, referred to in the late Despatch of the Right Honorable the Colonial Secretary, they see no reason to suppose, that the conditions sought to be enforced by the former as against the Company, create any obligations affecting either the honor of the Crown, or the interests of the People of Nova Scotia, and that the pendency of such Suit cannot affect, and therefore ought not to delay, the immediate and satisfactory settlement of this question.

Your Majesty's faithful Commons in performing this act of duty, which they conceive to be necessary for the protection of the just and inherent rights of the People of this Province, beg to assure Your Majesty that they and their Constituents entertain a sincere attachment to your Royal person, and to that noble Constitution which confers on all Your Majesty's subjects so many sacred and inestimable blessings.

Address passed
unanimously.

Resolved unanimously, That the said Address do pass.

Ordered, That the Address be engrossed.

Address with Report
on Coal Mines, &c.,
to be laid before Lt.
Governor for trans-
mission to Colonial
Secretary.

Resolved, That the said Address, together with a Copy of the Report of the Committee on the Coal Mines, and of the Appendices and plans thereto annexed, be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with a respectful request that he will transmit the same as early as possible to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Report from Com.
on Bill to amend
Trespass Acts.

Mr. Owen from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill further to amend the Act for consolidating and reducing into one Act all the Acts heretofore made relating to Trespasses, reported that the Committee had examined the Bill and recommend to the House to defer the further consideration thereof until next Session, and he thereupon delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Bill deferred.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until the next Session.

Mr.

Mr. Marshall, Chairman of the Horton Election Committee, reported finally from the said Committee, and he read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as followeth :

Final Report from Horton Election Committee that sitting member is entitled to his seat.

The Committee drawn, struck and sworn, to try the merits of the Petition of William Johnson, against the Election and return of Perez M. Benjamin, Esquire, sitting Member for the Township of Horton, have agreed to Report and do Report as follows :

That the Committee having heard the evidence adduced, as well on the part of the Petitioner as on the part of the sitting Member, have deducted from the votes given for the sitting Member twenty-eight votes, which the Committee have resolved and adjudged bad, leaving the sitting Member on the Poll book one hundred and seventy-two good and legal votes—and they have also deducted from the votes given for the Petitioner eleven votes, which they have resolved and adjudged bad, thereby leaving the Petitioner on the Poll, one hundred and sixty-nine good and legal votes, whereby the sitting member retains a majority of three votes.

The Committee have therefore finally determined, and do accordingly report, that Perez M. Benjamin, Esquire, the sitting Member for the Township of Horton, has been and is duly elected and returned as a Representative for the said Township in General Assembly, and as such is entitled to retain his seat in the House.

And the Committee have further determined and do Report, that the Petition of the said William Johnson, so referred to them, did not appear to be frivolous or vexatious, and that the opposition thereto did not appear to be frivolous or vexatious.

Petition and opposition thereto reported not frivolous or vexatious.

Committee Room, House of Assembly, 27th March, 1845.

JOHN JOS. MARSHALL, *Chairman.*

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table, and be entered on the Journals of this House.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax—with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

* Message from Council.

The Council have not agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the support and regulation of Light Houses, and to repeal certain Acts and clauses of Acts relating thereto.

Have agreed to Bill in addition to Halifax Incorporation Act (Gas Light) as amended. Have not agreed to Light House Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said amendments from the Council to the Bill, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax, were read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Amendments of Council to Bill read 1st time.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor commands this Honorable House to attend His Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber.

Message from Lieut. Gov. commanding attendance of House.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the House attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber.

House attend.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the several Bills entitled as follows, viz :

Lieut. Governor assents to 25 Bills, viz :

An Act to postpone the next ensuing Sittings of the Supreme Court in Halifax, and on the Western Circuit.

Bill to postpone Sup. Court.

An Act for setting off a part of the Township of Sherbrooke, in the District of St. Mary's, as a separate District for the support of the Poor.

St. Mary's Poor District Bill.

- Cole Harbor Incorporation Bill.
Summary Trials Bill.
Sewers Bill.
- Wickwire Dike Bill.
- Halifax Incorporation Acts.
- Juries continuing Bill.
Halifax Pilotage Bill.
- Prisons Bill.
Highways Bill.
- Road expenditure Bill.
- Wolf Bill.
- Yarmouth Fire Engine Bill.
- Town Officers Bill.
- General Impost Bill.
- Flour and Molasses Impost Bill.
- Distilleries Bill.
Prevention of Smuggling Bill.
Duties regulation Bill.
- Drawback Bill.
- Warehousing Bill.
Importation Bill.
General License Bill.
- Halifax License Bill.
- Orders of day.
- 1st reading of Election Bill postponed.
- Com. of whole on School Bill.
- Made further order.
- An Act to Incorporate the Cole Harbor Dike Company.
- An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace.
- An Act to continue the Acts in amendment of the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers.
- An Act to continue the Act relative to the Assessment of Dike Rates for the new or Wickwire Dike in Horton.
- An Act to continue certain Acts in amendment of the Act for Incorporating the Town of Halifax.
- An Act to continue the Acts for the regulation of Juries.
- An Act to continue and amend the Acts to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Halifax.
- An Act for the Regulation of Prisons.
- An Act to revive, continue, and alter the Act in amendment of the Act relating to Highways, Roads, and Bridges.
- An Act to continue the Acts to regulate the expenditure of Monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.
- An Act to encourage the killing of Wolves.
- An Act to amend the Act for providing Fire Engines for the Town of Yarmouth, and for other purposes.
- An Act to continue and amend the Acts for the choice of Town Officers and regulating of Townships.
- An Act for granting Colonial Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce, and Fisheries thereof.
- An Act to continue the Act for granting a Colonial Duty of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, on Flour and Molasses in certain cases.
- An Act to amend the Act concerning Duties on Liquors distilled within this Province.
- An Act to continue and amend the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling.
- An Act to continue and amend the Act for the general regulation of the Colonial Duties.
- An Act to continue and amend the Act concerning Goods exported, and for granting Drawbacks.
- An Act to continue and amend the Act for the Warehousing of Goods.
- An Act to continue and amend the Act for regulating the Importation of Goods.
- An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors.
- An Act to continue the Acts for granting Duties on Licenses for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors and Sales by Auction in Halifax.
- The Orders of the Day being read.
- Ordered*, That the Bill to improve the law relating to the Election of Representatives, &c. be read a first time to-morrow.
- Then on motion the House again resolved itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill for the further encouragement of Schools.
- Mr. Speaker left the Chair.
- Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
- The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some further progress in the consideration of the Bill referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again thereon, which the House agreed to.
- Ordered*, That the House do again to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the said Bill.
- Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Saturday, 29th March, 1845.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the day for taking into consideration the Petition of James D. B. Fraser, being read, Order of day—consideration of Petition of J. D. B. Fraser postponed.

Ordered, That this House do proceed to take the said Petition into consideration on Monday next.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that the Sheriff of the County of Pictou was in attendance, ready to appear at the Bar pursuant to the order of this House:—and thereupon, House informed that Sheriff of Pictou is in attendance.

Ordered, That the said Sheriff do attend at the Bar of this House on Monday next. His attendance ordered on Monday.

Mr. Fraser, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill relating to the Funded Debt of the Province, reported that the Committee had considered the Bill and had made amendments thereto, which they recommend to the House, and he delivered the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table. Report of Com. on Funded Debt Bill. Amendments.

The said Bill was then read a second time with the amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill and amendments be committed to a Committee of the whole House. Bill read 2nd time with amendments, and committed.

The Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill entitled An Act in further addition to the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax, were read a second time and are as followeth: Amendments of Council to Bill to amend Halifax Incorporation Act (Gas Light) read 2d time.

In the Preamble.

3d line—after the word “ Gas ” leave out the remainder of the Preamble.

First Clause.

18th line—after the word “ question ” insert the following words, “ or be proprietor of Stock or interested in any Gas Company.”

27th and 28th lines—leave out the words “ Halifax Gas Light Company ” and insert instead the words “ Gas Company supplying such light.”

32d line—leave out the word “ said ” and insert instead the word “ such.”

2d Clause.

12th line—leave out the words “ the Halifax ” and insert instead the word “ any.”

14th line—leave out the word “ six ” and insert instead the word “ four.”

And thereupon,

On motion, *resolved,* that this House do agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and amendments to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the said amendments. House agree to amendments.

The Bill to protect Public Officers from pecuniary liabilities in certain cases, was read a second time. Bill to protect public Officers read 2d time

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

The Order of the day for the first reading of the Bill to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives, &c. being read, Order of day—first reading of Election Bill postponed.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a first time on Monday next.

The Order of the day for the further consideration, in Committee, of the Bill for the encouragement of Schools, being read. Order of day for consideration of School Bill postponed.

Resolved, That this House do on Monday next resolve itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the said Bill.

Then on motion the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Com of Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The

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

Then the House adjourned until Monday next at ten of the clock.

Monday, 31st March, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Message from Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton.

Mr. Speaker,

Agree to Bill in addition to Halifax Incorporation Act.

The Council have agreed to the Bill entitled An Act in further addition to the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax, as amended.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Orders of day.

The Orders of the Day being read,

Election Bill postponed.

Ordered, That the Bill to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives, &c. be read a first time to-morrow.

Consideration of Petition of J. D. B. Fraser postponed. Sheriff of Pictou to attend to-morrow.

Ordered, That this House do proceed to take into consideration to-morrow the Petition of James D. B. Fraser.

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the County of Pictou do attend at the Bar to-morrow.

Com. of Supply.

Then on motion the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report Resolutions.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had come to four Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House—and he delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follow :

Grant to Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society.

1. *Resolved*, That the sum of Two hundred and fifty Pounds be granted and paid annually by quarterly payments to the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society, in support of their Institutions at Horton, during the period for which the School Bill of the present Session may be limited, on its being certified to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that in each year ten youths of exemplary conduct and poor parentage have been educated at those Institutions, if so many shall apply, one half of them to be nominated by the Lieutenant Governor.

£250 for St. Mary's Seminary.

2. *Resolved*, That the sum of Two hundred and fifty Pounds, be granted and paid annually, by quarterly payments, to the President and Trustees of the Seminary of St. Mary's, in support of their Institution at Halifax, during the period for which the School Bill of the present Session may be limited, on its being certified to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that in each year ten youths of exemplary conduct, and poor parentage, have been educated at that Institution, if so many shall apply, one half of them to be nominated by the Lieutenant Governor.

£250 Pictou Academy.

3. *Resolved*, That the sum of Two hundred and fifty Pounds be granted and paid annually, by quarterly payments, to such persons as shall be appointed Managers of the Pictou Academy, under any Act of the Assembly that shall be passed at the present Session, on the like terms and conditions, and for the same period as the grants to Acadia and Saint Mary's Colleges.

£150 Wesleyan Academy, Sackville, N. B.

4. *Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred and fifty Pounds be granted and paid annually, in quarterly payments, to the Treasurer of the Wesleyan Academy at Sackville, New Brunswick, in aid of the funds of that Institution, during the period for which the School Bill of the present Session shall be limited.

And the said Resolutions having been again read,

Mr. Howe moved as an Amendment to the said first Resolution, to leave out all the words thereof except the word "Resolved" and instead thereof to insert before the said word "Resolved" the words "Whereas the system pursued for some years past, for providing the higher branches of education in Sectarian Colleges is burthensome to the Treasury, and whereas this House intends to provide an Academy in each County: Therefore," and after the said word "Resolved," to insert the words "That the sum of Two hundred Pounds be granted in aid of the funds of the Acadia College, for two years only."

Amendment moved to first Resolution.

Which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Amendment thirteen, against it thirty-five.

Amendment negatived.

For the amendment—

Against the amendment—

Mr. McNab,	Mr. Thorne,	Mr. Turnbull,	Hon. Atty. Gen.
" Power,	" Owen,	" Heckman,	Hon. Sol. Gen.
" J. B. Uniacke,	" Fleming,	" Beckwith,	Mr. Huntington,
" Doyle,	" Dewolf,	" Hall,	" Ryder,
" McKeagney,	" Holmes,	" Crowe,	" Freeman,
" G. R. Young,	" Clements,	" Crowell,	" McLelan,
" Dickey,	" Marshall,	" Spearwater,	" Comeau,
" Benjamin,	" Taylor,	" Dimock,	" Fraser,
" Fulton,	" Wilson,	" Wilkins,	" Smith,
" Howe,	" Ross,	" A. M. Uniacke,	
" DesBarres,	" Whitman,	" Bourneuf,	
" Logan,	" Budd,	" Brenan,	
" Martel,	" E. Young,	" Fairbanks,	

So it passed in the Negative.

The question being then put upon the said first Resolution, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for agreeing to the Resolution twenty-five, against it twenty-three.

First Resolution agreed to on division.

For the Resolution—

Against the Resolution—

Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Ross,	Mr. Clements,	Mr. Benjamin,
" Ryder,	" Heckman,	" Wilson,	" Power,
" Fairbanks,	" Dewolf,	" Martel,	" G. R. Young,
" Smith,	" Owen,	" J. B. Uniacke,	" Dickey,
Hon. Sol. Gen.	" Taylor,	" Turnbull,	" Huntington,
" Atty. Gen.	" Hall,	" Logan,	" Doyle,
Mr. Freeman,	" Budd,	" Crowell,	" McKeagney,
" Dimock,	" E. Young,	" Spearwater,	" McNab,
" A. M. Uniacke,	" Holmes,	" DesBarres,	" McLelan,
" Wilkins,	" Whitman,	" Howe,	" Comeau.
" Marshall,	" Fleming,	" Fulton,	
" Crowe,	" Thorne.	" Bourneuf,	
" Beckwith,		" Brenan,	

So it passed in the affirmative.

The question was then put upon the second Resolution reported from the Committee, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for agreeing to the Resolution thirty, against it eighteen.

Second Resolution put and agreed to on division.

For the Resolution—

Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Ross,
“ Power,	“ Heckman,
“ McNab,	“ Dewolf,
“ McKeagney,	“ Owen,
“ Doyle,	“ Taylor,
“ Holmes,	“ J. B. Uniacke.
“ Fairbanks,	“ Whitman,
“ G. R. Young,	“ Thorne,
“ Smith,	“ Hall,
Hon. Atty. Gen.	“ Martel,
Hon. Sol. Gen.	“ Fleming,
Mr. Freeman,	“ Ryder.
“ Dimock,	
“ A. M. Uniacke,	
“ Wilkins,	
“ Marshall,	
“ Crowe,	
“ Beckwith,	

Against the Resolution—

Mr. Clements,
“ Wilson,
“ Budd,
“ Turnbull,
“ E. Young,
“ Logan,
“ Crowell,
“ Spearwater,
“ DesBarres,
“ Howe,
“ Fulton,
“ Bourneuf,
“ Brennan,
“ Benjamin,
“ Dickey,
“ Huntington,
“ McLelan,
“ Comeau.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Third Resolution
put and agreed to.

The question upon the third Resolution being then put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for agreeing to the Resolution twenty-seven, against it twenty-one.

For the Resolution—

Mr. Fraser,	Mr. Crowe,
“ Power,	“ Beckwith.
“ McKeagney,	“ Ross,
“ Doyle.	“ Heckman,
“ Holmes,	“ Dewolf,
“ G. R. Young,	“ Owen,
“ Smith,	“ Taylor,
Hon. Sol. Gen.	“ Hall,
Hon. Atty. Gen.	“ J. B. Uniacke,
Mr. Freeman,	“ Martel,
“ Dimock,	“ Whitman,
“ A. M. Uniacke,	“ Fleming,
“ Wilkins,	“ Thorne,
“ Marshall,	

Against the Resolution—

Mr. Clements,	Mr. Dickey,
“ Wilson,	“ Huntington,
“ Budd,	“ McLelan,
“ Turnbull,	“ Comeau,
“ E. Young,	“ McNab,
“ Logan,	“ Fairbanks,
“ Crowell,	“ Ryder,
“ Spearwater,	
“ DesBarres,	
“ Howe,	
“ Fulton,	
“ Bourneuf,	
“ Brennan,	
“ Benjamin,	

So it passed in the affirmative.

Motion to amend
fourth Resolution.

Mr. Marshall then moved that the fourth Resolution reported from the Committee be amended, by leaving out the words “One hundred and fifty,” and inserting in place thereof the words “One Hundred,” which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, passed in the negative.

Negatived.

Fourth Resolution
agreed to on division

The said fourth Resolution being then put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for agreeing to the Resolution twenty-seven, against it twenty.

For the Resolution—

Mr. Fraser,
 “ Power,
 “ Hall,
 “ Doyle,
 “ McKeagney,
 “ Fairbanks,
 Hon. Sol. Gen.
 Mr. Dickey,
 Hon. Atty. Gen.
 Mr. Smith,
 “ Freeman,
 “ Dimock,
 “ Fulton,
 “ Dewolf,

Against the Resolution—

Mr. Clements,
 “ Wilson,
 “ Fleming,
 “ Turnbull,
 “ Budd,
 “ E. Young,
 “ Marshall,
 “ Spearwater,
 “ DesBarres,
 “ Howe,
 “ G. R. Young,
 “ Bourneuf,
 “ Brenan,
 “ Benjamin,

Mr. Crowell,
 “ Huntington,
 “ McNab,
 “ McLelan,
 “ Comeau,
 “ Ryder.

So it passed in the affirmative.

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

Resolution sent to Council.

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

Tuesday, 1st April, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Huntington moved that the Resolution of Yesterday, granting £250 for Acadia College, be rescinded, for the purpose of referring the matter of the support of Academies to the Committee of Supply, with a view towards granting £150 for each County, to be applied to such purposes as the Members representing such Counties may suggest in aid of Education :—which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion eighteen, against it twenty-eight.

Motion to rescind grant for Acadia College.

For the motion—

Mr. McNab,
 “ Huntington,
 “ Power,
 “ Brenan,
 “ Comeau,
 “ Bourneuf,
 “ Benjamin,
 “ DesBarres,
 “ Logan,
 “ Crowell,
 “ McLelan,
 “ Wilson,
 “ Fulton,
 “ Spearwater,
 “ Martel,
 “ Turnbull,
 “ Clements,
 “ McKeagney,

Against the motion—

Mr. Beckwith,
 “ Hall,
 “ Dickey,
 “ Fleming,
 “ Owen,
 “ Ross,
 “ Crowe,
 “ Thorne,
 “ A. M. Uniacke,
 “ Taylor,
 “ Whitman,
 “ Dimock,
 “ Budd,
 “ E. Young,
 “ Freeman,
 “ Holmes,
 “ Dewolf,
 “ Marshall,
 Hon. Sol. Gen.
 “ Atty. Gen.
 Mr. Fairbanks,
 “ Heckman,
 “ Wilkins,
 “ Howe,
 “ Ryder,
 “ G. R. Young,
 “ Smith,
 “ Fraser.

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr.

Motion for rescinding grant to St. Mary's Seminary, negatived.

Mr. Huntington then moved that the Resolution of Yesterday, for granting £250 for St. Mary's Seminary, be rescinded, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion eighteen, against it twenty-eight.

For the motion—

Mr. Huntington,
 “ Brenan,
 “ Howe,
 “ Comeau,
 “ Bourneuf,
 “ Benjamin,
 “ Des Barres,
 “ Logan,
 “ E. Young,
 “ Crowell,
 “ McLelan,
 “ Wilson,
 “ Dickey,
 “ Fulton,
 “ Spearwater,
 “ Fleming,
 “ Turnbull,
 “ Clements.

Against the motion—

Mr. Beckwith,
 “ Hall,
 “ McKeagney,
 “ Martel,
 “ Owen,
 “ Ross,
 “ Crowe,
 “ Thorne,
 “ A. M. Uniacke,
 “ Taylor,
 “ Whitman,
 “ Dimock,
 “ Budd,
 “ Freeman,
 “ Holmes,
 “ Dewolf,
 “ Marshall,
 Hon. Sol. Gen.

Hon. Atty. Gen.
 Mr. Fairbanks,
 “ Heckman,
 “ Wilkins,
 “ Power,
 “ Ryder,
 “ G. R. Young,
 “ McNab,
 “ Smith,
 “ Fraser.

So it passed in the Negative.

Motion for rescinding grant to Pictou Academy negatived.

Mr. Huntington then moved that the Resolution of Yesterday, for granting £250 for the Pictou Academy, be rescinded, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion twenty-one, against it twenty-five,

For the motion—

Mr. Ryder,
 “ Marshall,
 “ Huntington,
 “ Brenan,
 “ Fairbanks,
 “ Howe,
 “ Comeau,
 “ Bourneuf,
 “ Benjamin,
 “ Des Barres,
 “ Logan,
 “ Budd,
 “ Crowell,

Mr. McLelan,
 “ Wilson,
 “ Dickey,
 “ Fulton,
 “ Spearwater,
 “ Fleming,
 “ Turnbull,
 “ Clements.

Against the motion—

Mr. Beckwith,
 “ Hall,
 “ McKeagney,
 “ Martel,
 “ Owen,
 “ Ross,
 “ Crowe,
 “ Thorne,
 “ A. M. Uniacke,
 “ Taylor,
 “ Whitman,
 “ Dimock,
 “ E. Young,

Mr. Freeman,
 “ Holmes,
 “ Dewolf,
 “ G. R. Young,
 Hon. Sol. Gen.
 “ Atty. Gen.
 Mr. Heckman,
 “ Wilkins,
 “ Power,
 “ McNab,
 “ Smith,
 “ Fraser.

So it passed in the negative.

Motion for rescinding grant to Wesleyan Academy negatived.

Mr. Huntington then moved that the Resolution of Yesterday, for granting £150 for the Wesleyan Academy at Sackville, N. B., be rescinded;—which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion nineteen, against it twenty-seven.

For the motion—

Mr. *Ryder*,
 “ *Marshall*,
 “ *Huntington*,
 “ *Brenan*,
 “ *G. R. Young*,
 “ *Howe*,
 “ *Comeau*,
 “ *Bourneuf*,
 “ *Benjamin*,
 “ *DesBarres*,
 “ *Budd*,
 “ *Crowell*,
 “ *McLelan*,
 “ *Wilson*,
 “ *Whitman*,
 “ *Spearwater*,
 “ *Fleming*,
 “ *Turnbull*,
 “ *Clements*,

Against the motion—

Mr. *Beckwith*,
 “ *Hall*,
 “ *Fulton*.
 “ *McKeagney*,
 “ *Martel*,
 “ *Owen*,
 “ *Ross*,
 “ *Crowe*,
 “ *Thorne*,
 “ *A. M. Uniacke*,
 “ *Taylor*,
 “ *Dimock*,
 “ *Dickey*,
 “ *E. Young*,
 “ *Freeman*,
 “ *Dewolf*,
 “ *Holmes*,
 “ *Fairbanks*,
 “ *Heckman*,

Mr. *Wilkins*,
 “ *Logan*,
 “ *Power*,
 “ *McNab*,
 “ *Smith*,
 “ *Fraser*.
 Hon. Sol. Gen.
 “ *Atty. Gen.*

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Huntington, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill for making regulations relative to the setting of Nets and Seines within certain parts of the County of Halifax, reported that the Committee had examined and considered the subject therein referred to, and recommend to the House to defer the further consideration thereof until next Session, and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table—and thereupon,

Report from Sel. Com. on Bill setting Nets, Co. Halifax.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until the next Session.

Bill deferred.

Mr. Huntington moved for the special leave of the House, to present a Bill to repeal the first clause of the Act for founding, establishing, and maintaining a College in this Province; which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion twenty-one, against it twenty-two.

Special leave to present Bill to repeal 1st clause of King's College Act, refused.

For the motion—

Mr. *McNab*,
 “ *G. R. Young*,
 “ *Doyle*,
 “ *Comeau*,
 “ *Howe*,
 “ *Dickey*,
 “ *Martel*,
 “ *Huntington*,
 “ *Logan*,
 “ *Brenan*,
 “ *Hall*,

Mr. *Ryder*,
 “ *McLelan*,
 “ *Benjamin*,
 “ *McKeagney*,
 “ *Crowell*,
 “ *Bourneuf*,
 “ *Spearwater*,
 “ *DesBarres*,
 “ *Wilson*,
 “ *Clements*,

Against the motion—

Mr. *Fairbanks*,
 “ *Beckwith*,
 “ *Budd*,
 “ *Taylor*,
 “ *Thorne*,
 “ *Marshall*,
 “ *Wilkins*,
 “ *Whitman*,
 “ *A. M. Uniacke*,
 “ *Freeman*,
 “ *Ross*,

Mr. *Holmes*,
 “ *E. Young*,
 “ *Dewolf*,
 Hon. *Atty. Gen.*
 Hon. *Sol. Gen.*
 Mr. *Heckman*,
 “ *Dimock*,
 “ *Smith*,
 “ *Owen*,
 “ *Fraser*,
 “ *J. B. Uniacke*,

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Dewolf reported from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Revd. William Chipman and others, praying the continuance of the grant for the education of William Sandford, a Deaf Mute, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report on Pet. for continuance of aid to deaf and dumb.

(See Appendix No. 74.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Motion to go into Com. on School Bill.
Amendment moved in regard to Sectarian Colleges.

The Hon. The Solicitor General moved that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee for the purpose of considering the School Bill, which being seconded.

Mr. Huntington moved as an amendment to the question, to leave out all the words thereof after the word "that," and insert in place of the words so left out, the words following after the said word "That," viz: "It is the opinion of this House that the principle of endowing Sectarian Colleges is unwise and ought to be abandoned," which being seconded.

Previous question put and negatived.

The Hon. The Solicitor General moved that the question be now put, which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion twenty-three, against it twenty-five.

So it passed in the Negative. And thereupon,

Resolved, That the question on said proposed amendment be not now put.

Another amendment moved in relation to Sectarian Colleges.

Mr. Doyle then moved as an amendment to the original question, to leave out all the words thereof after the word "that," and insert in place of the words so left out, the words following after the said word "That," viz: "In the present state of the Province, and the inadequacy of the Public Funds for the support of Common School Education, it is the opinion of this House that the principle of endowing Sectarian Colleges is improvident and unwise, and ought to be abandoned,—which being seconded.

Previous question put and negatived.

The Hon. The Solicitor General moved that the question be now put,—which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion twenty-three, against it twenty-five.

For the motion—

Mr. McKeagney,
" DesBarres,
" Dickey,
" McNab,
" J. B. Uniacke,
" Howe,
" Doyle,
" Brennan,
" G. R. Young,
" Huntington,
" Fulton,
" Martel,

Mr. Logan,
" Benjamin,
" McLelan,
" Power,
" Comeau,
" Crowell,
" Spearwater,
" Turnbull,
" Bournneuf,
" Clements,
" Wilson,

Against the motion—

Mr. Beckwith,
" Dewolf,
" Marshall,
" Fleming,
" E. Young,
" Thorne,
" Budd,
" Taylor,
" Heckman,
" Whitman,
" Holmes,
" Crowe,
" Owen,

Mr. Ross.
" A. M. Uniacke,
" Dimock,
" Ryder.
" Hall,
Hon. Atty. Gen.
Hon. Sol. Gen.
Mr. Fairbanks,
" Freeman,
" Wilkins,
" Smith,
" Fraser,

So it passed in the Negative.—And thereupon,

Resolved, That the question on said amendment be not now put.

Order for consideration of School Bill to-morrow.

Ordered, That this House do to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill for the encouragement of Schools.

Message from Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

Agree to Atlantic Marine Insurance Company without amendment.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Atlantic Marine Insurance Company, without amendment.

And to Statute labor amendt. Bill with an amendt.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Acts relative to the performance of Statute Labor on Highways, with an amendment,—to which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

Desire Conference on general state of Province.

The Council desire a Conference by Committee, with a Committee of this Honorable House, on the General State of the Province.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Conference agreed to.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House do agree to the Conference desired by the Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Huntington, do manage the Conference. Managers.

The Orders of the Day being read,

Ordered, That the Bill to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives, &c., be read a first time to-morrow. Orders of day.
Election Bill postponed.

Ordered, That this House do to-morrow take into consideration the Petition of James D. B. Fraser. Petition of Mr. Fraser postponed.

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the County of Pictou do attend at the Bar of this House to-morrow. Sheriff of Pictou's attendance postponed.

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

Wednesday, 2nd April, 1845.

PRAYERS.

A Petition of Inhabitants of Wallace and Pugwash, in the County of Cumberland, was by special leave presented by Mr. Fulton, and read, praying that the Port of Wallace may be made a Free Port. Petition to have Wallace made a Free Port.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. Fulton, *resolved* as followeth :—

Whereas the making of the Port of Wallace in this Province a Free Port, would be attended with advantages to the Trade, Commerce and Agriculture of this Province—*Resolved therefore*, That a Copy of the Petition of the Inhabitants of Wallace and Pugwash, praying that such a measure may be carried into effect, be laid before His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with a respectful request that His Excellency will transmit the same to the Right Honorable The Colonial Secretary for the consideration of Her Majesty's Government in reference to that subject, with His Excellency's favorable recommendation of the object of said Petition. Resolution to have Petition laid before Lieut. Govr. with request to transmit it to H. M. Government.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Order for referring the Bill to continue the Acts for the support and regulation of Light Houses be discharged. Order for referring Light House continuing Bill to Com. on Nav. Sec. discharged.

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

The Orders of the Day being read.

Ordered, That the Bill to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives, &c., be read a first time to-morrow. Election Bill postponed.

Ordered, That this House do to-morrow take into consideration the Petition of James D. B. Fraser. Petition of J. D. B. Fraser postponed.

Ordered, That the Sheriff of the County of Pictou do attend at the Bar of this House to-morrow. Attendance of Sheriff of Pictou postponed.

Then, on motion, the House again resolved itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill for the encouragement of Schools. House in Com. on School Bill.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some further progress in the consideration of the Bill referred to them, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again on the consideration thereof, which the House agreed to. Progress reported.

Ordered, That this House do again to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the said Bill. Made further order.

Mr.

Report from Sel.
Com. on Shad
Fishery.

Mr. Huntington reported from the Select Committee to whom were referred the Bill to regulate the Shad Fishery on the shores of Londonderry and Economy, and the several Petitions relative to the Shad Fishery on the shores of the Province; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix No. 75.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Returns presented
of Causes in Sup.
Court brought from
Com. Pleas, &c.

The Hon. The Solicitor General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House, Returns of Causes brought before the Supreme Court by Appeal or *Certiorari* from the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas, or removed by *Rule Nisi* for argument at Halifax from the Circuit Courts, for the three years immediately preceding the abolition of the Courts of Common Pleas, and also of causes removed from the Circuit Courts by rule *Nisi* or otherwise, for argument before the Supreme Court at Halifax since that period—and the same were read.

Ordered, That the Returns do lie upon the Table.

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

Thursday, 3rd April, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Pet. of Post rider,
Co. of Inverness.

A Petition of Donald McLeod, Post Courier, was by special leave presented by Mr. McKeagney, and read, praying an increased compensation for conveying the Mail between Malagawatch and River Inhabitants in the County of Inverness.

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

Refd. to Post Office
Com.

Bill presented for
Harbor Master at
Spanish River, C. B.

Mr. J. B. Uniacke pursuant to special leave given, presented a Bill to make provision for a Harbor Master at Spanish River, in the County of Cape Breton, and the same was read a first time.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to Mr. Fraser, the Hon. the Solicitor General, and Mr. Spearwater, to examine and report thereon, with amendments or otherwise.

Order of day on
School Bill.

The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Bill for the Encouragement of Schools, being read.

House go into Com.
thereon.

The House resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Bill reported with
amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill referred to them, and had made sundry amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill; and he delivered the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments agreed
to.

The said amendments being read, were upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Bill to be engrossed

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

Report from Com.
on Spanish River
Harbor Master Bill.

Mr. Fraser, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill to make provision for a Harbor Master at Spanish River, in the County of Cape Breton, reported that the Committee had examined the Bill, and had prepared some amendments thereto, which they recommend to the House with the Bill; and he delivered the Bill and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments.

The said amendments being then read,

Bill and amendts. to
be read a 2nd time.

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

On motion *resolved*, that the Order for referring the Bill to continue the Act to provide for the regulation and management of the Grammar School or Academy at Annapolis be discharged.

Order to refer Annapolis Grammar School Bill to Com. on Education discharged Bill committed.

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

The Amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill, entitled, an Act to amend the Act for the performance of Statute Labor on Highways, was read a first and second time, and is as followeth :

Amendment of Council to Bill to amend Statute Labor Bill.

“ At the end of the Bill add the following Clause :

“ *And be it enacted*, That any person liable to perform Statute Labor under the said Act, who has been duly notified according to law, but who may have left the district, and shall be absent therefrom during the time appointed for the performance of Statute Labor, and shall not have provided a proper substitute, or paid the sum of two shillings and six pence for each day’s labor in commutation thereof, such person shall in case of his return to his usual place of abode within the year, be liable to pay the Surveyor of Highways in the district, or to his successor in office, the sum of three shillings for each and every day’s labor such person shall be liable to perform, to be sued for and recovered in like manner as debts of the like amounts may and can be ordinarily sued for and recovered, to be applied to the repair of the Highways, Roads, Streets and Bridges, within the said district.”

And thereupon, *Resolved*, That this House cannot consider the said amendment, as it extends to the levying monies upon the subject.

House cannot consider amendment.

On motion of Mr. DesBarres, *Resolved*, That the further consideration of the Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the performance of Statute Labor on Highways, be deferred until this day three months.

Bill deferred.

Mr. DesBarres, pursuant to special leave given, presented a Bill to amend the Act concerning the performance of Statute Labor on Highways—and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill presented to amend Statute Labor Act.

The Managers appointed on Tuesday last to manage the Conference desired by the Council on Tuesday last, on the General State of the Province, and agreed to by this House, went to the Conference.

Report from Com. on Conference.

And being returned,

Mr. J. B. Uniacke reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and that the Committee of Council thereat having suggested to the Managers on the part of this House a grant of Monies, they do not consider it consistent with the privileges of this House to report the same.

Communication inconsistent with privileges of House.

The Orders of the Day being read.

Orders of day.

Ordered, That the Bill to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives, &c., be read a first time to-morrow.

Election Law postponed.

Ordered, That this House do to-morrow take into consideration the Petition of James D. B. Fraser.

Petition of Mr. Fraser postponed.

Then, pursuant to order, the Sheriff of the County of Pictou attended at the Bar of the House, and was examined in relation to the polling and proceedings at, and connected with the late attempted Election of a Representative for the Township of Pictou, his answers being taken down in writing by the Clerk Assistant ; and after some time employed in such examination—

Sheriff of Pictou attends at Bar of House, and is examined.

Ordered, That the said Sheriff do now withdraw from the Bar.

Sheriff withdraws from Bar.

Ordered, That the said Sheriff do again to-morrow attend at the Bar of this House, for the purpose of his examination being resumed.

Ordered to attend again to-morrow.

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

Friday, 4th April, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Spanish River Harbor Master Bill, and amendment of Stat. Labour Bill, Read 2nd time, and Committed.

A Bill to make provision for a Harbor Master at Spanish River, in the County of Cape Breton;—and a Bill to amend the Act concerning the performance of Statute Labor on Highways.

Were severally read a second time.

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

Order for referring to Ed. Com. Bills relating to Halifax and Lunenburg Grammar Schools discharged. Bills committed.

On motion *resolved*, that the Order for referring to the Committee on Education the Bill to continue the Act to amend an Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax, and the Bill to continue the Act for the regulation and management of the Combined Common and Grammar School at Lunenburg, be discharged.

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

Petition of Treasury Notes Commissioners.

A Petition of the Commissioners for issuing and cancelling Treasury Notes, was by special leave presented by Mr. McNab, and read, praying remuneration for their services in that department, for five years now last past.

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

Refd. to Com. of Supply.

Report from Com. on Steam Navigation to Quebec and Prince Edward Island.

Mr. J. B. Uniacke reported from the Select Committee to whom were referred the Petition of Walter Douglas, and the Memorial of the Prince Edward Island Steam Navigation Company, relative to the subject of Steam Navigation between Pictou, Prince Edward Island, and Quebec; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(*See Appendix No. 76.*)

Refd. to Com. of Supply.

On motion, *resolved*, That the Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Leave of absence to Mr. Power.

Ordered, That Mr. Power have leave of absence for the remainder of the Session, to return home on account of Sickness in his Family.

and Mr. Crowell.

Ordered, That Mr. Crowell have leave of absence after to-morrow, for the remainder of the Session, to return home on account of the ill state of his health.

Bill presented relative to Registry of Deeds.

Mr. Hall, pursuant to special leave given, presented a Bill in further amendment of the several Acts relating to the Registry of Deeds and the conveyances of Real Estates, and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Message from Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton.

Mr. Speaker,

Agree to Bill to Incorporate Agricultural Societies, with amendments.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate Agricultural Societies, with amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Orders of day. Election Bill postponed.

The Orders of the Day being read,
Ordered, That the Bill to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives, &c., be read a first time to-morrow.

Petition of J. D. B. Fraser postponed.

Ordered, That this House do to-morrow proceed to the consideration of the Petition of James D. B. Fraser.

Examination of Sheriff of Pictou resumed.

Then pursuant to order the Sheriff of the County of Pictou again attended at the Bar of the House, and his examination having been resumed and continued for some time,

Ordered, That the said Sheriff do now withdraw.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the said Sheriff do again attend at the Bar of this House to-morrow, for the purpose of his examination being resumed. Order for his further attendance.

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

Saturday, 5th April, 1845.

PRAYERS.

The Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill entitled An Act to Incorporate Agricultural Societies, were read a first and second time, and are as follow—viz: Amendments to Bill to Incorporate Agricultural Societies considered.

"In the Preamble."

2d and 3d lines—leave out the words "have lately become" and insert the word "are".

First Clause.

8th line—after the word "Nova Scotia" insert the words "or any larger sum of money."

19th line—leave out the word "forever."

50th line—leave out the word "five" and insert instead the word "one."

53d line—after the word "pounds" insert the following words "or any such larger sum."

Between the first and second clauses insert the following clause:

"Provided always and be it Enacted, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be deemed construed or taken to extend to relieve or discharge such Corporation or any of the present or future Proprietors or other holders of Shares in such Society, from any responsibility, contract, duty or obligation whatsoever, to which by law such proprietors or holders of shares now are or at any time hereafter may be or would have been subject or liable, had not this Act been passed as between such Society and any other party or parties whomsoever, in any manner or way howsoever,—and every proprietor or holder of shares in such Society, his or her lands, goods and chattels, shall be liable under any execution that may be issued against the said Corporation in the same manner and to the same extent as if this Act had not been passed."

On motion of Mr. Hall, *resolved*, that the said Amendments be agreed to. Agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the said Amendments.

An engrossed Bill for the encouragement of Schools was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for the encouragement of Schools. Engrossed School Bill read 3rd time. Passed.

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

A Bill to alter and amend the Act to regulate and support the Pictou Academy—and
A Bill in further amendment of the several Acts relating to the Registry of Deeds—
Were severally read a second time. Pictou Academy Bill, and Registry of Deeds Bill, Read 2nd time, And committed.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Shad Fishery in King's County, and had made amendments thereto; and had also gone through the Bill to amend the Act concerning the performance of Statute Labor on Highways, and had made an amendment thereto; which Bills and amendments they had directed him to report to the House;—and that they had also gone through the Bill to provide for the holding of a Special Sessions of the Peace in Inverness Report. King's Co. Shad Fishery Bill, with amendments. Amendt. of Statute Labor Bill, with amendments. Inverness Seissions Bill

- Bill without amend-
ment.
And Spanish River,
C. B. Harbor Master
Bill, with amend-
ments. Inverness, for certain purposes therein mentioned, and had directed him to report the said Bill without amendment; and had also gone through the Bill to make provision for a Harbor Master at Spanish River in the County of Cape Breton, and had made amendments to the last mentioned Bill, as recommended by the Select Committee thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill. And he afterwards delivered the several Bills and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.
- Amendments
agreed to.
Bills to be engrossed. The said Amendments to the Bills were read and respectively agreed to by the House.
Ordered, That the Bills with the amendments be engrossed.
Ordered, That the Bills reported without amendment be engrossed.
- Orders of day.
Election Bill postponed. The Orders of the Day being read.
Ordered, That the Bill to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives &c., be read a first time on Monday next.
- Petition of Mr. Fraser post-
poned. *Ordered*, That this House do on Monday next proceed to the consideration of the Petition of James D. B. Fraser.
- Examination of Sheriff of Pictou resumed and closed. Then pursuant to Order the Sheriff of the County of Pictou again attended at the Bar of the House—and his examination was resumed, and having been gone through—
His several answers to the questions put to him from the beginning of said examination until the close thereof, were read by the Clerk Assistant.
And thereupon—*Ordered*, that the said answers do lie upon the Table.
Ordered, That the said Sheriff do now withdraw from the Bar of the House.
- Report on Petitions from Cape Breton, for resident Judge. Mr. J. B. Uniacke reported from the Select Committee to whom were referred the several Petitions praying that a resident Judge may be provided for the Island of Cape Breton, and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.
(See Appendix No. 77.)
Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.
- Com. on Bills. On motion the House again resolved itself into a Committee on Bills.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair.
Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
- Report—
Halifax Water Bill, without amendment. The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to authorize an Assessment for supplying the City of Halifax with water, and had directed him to report the Bill to the House without amendment, and had also gone through the Bill relating to the Funded Debt of the Province, and had made amendments thereto, recommended by the Select Committee thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill:—and he delivered the Bills and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.
- Funded Debt Bill with amendments. The said amendments being read were agreed to by the House.
Ordered, That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.
Ordered, That the Bill reported without amendment be engrossed.
- Amendments
agreed to.
Bills to be engrossed. Then the House adjourned until Monday next at eleven of the clock.

Monday, 7th April, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Engrossed Spanish River Harbor Master Bill read 3rd time.

An engrossed Bill to make provision for a Harbor Master at Spanish River, in the County of Cape Breton, was read a third time: and thereupon

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On motion of the Hon. The Solicitor General, *resolved*, that the following enacting Clause do pass, and be added to the Bill by way of Rider, viz :—

Contg. Clause added as Rider.

“ And be it Enacted that this Act shall continue and be in force for one year, and thence to the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly.”

And the said Clause having been added to the Bill,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to make provision for a Harbour Master at Spanish River in the County of Cape Breton.

Bill passed.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to regulate the Shad Fishery in King's County, was read a third time:

Engrossed King's Co. Shad Fishery Bill read 3rd time. Bill passed and made a Repealing Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to repeal An Act to regulate the Shad Fishery in King's County.

An engrossed Bill to authorize an Assessment for supplying the City of Halifax with Water, was read a third time.

Engrossed Halifax Water Bill, read 3rd time. Bill passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to authorize an Assessment for supplying the City of Halifax with Water.

An engrossed Bill relating to the Funded Debt of the Province was read a third time.

Engrossed Funded Debt Bill read 3rd time. Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act relating to the Funded Debt of the Province.

An engrossed Bill to provide for the holding of a Special Sessions of the Peace in Inverness, for certain purposes therein mentioned, was read a third time.

Engrossed Inverness Sessions Bill read 3rd time. Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to provide for the holding of a Special Sessions of the Peace in Inverness for certain purposes therein mentioned.

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act concerning the performance of Statute Labor on Highways, was read a third time.

Engrossed Statute Labor Bill read 3rd time. Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the title be, An Act to amend the Act concerning the performance of Statute Labor on Highways.

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

Bills sent to Council.

Mr. Hall reported from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Cape Breton, praying that the publication of Legal Advertisements may be made in the Newspaper now or hereafter to be published in that Island; and he read the Report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

Report from Com. on Legal Advertising, &c.

(See Appendix No. 78.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

On motion, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to examine and report upon the Accounts for Printing and Publishing for Government and the Legislature in the last year.

Committee on Printing, &c.

Ordered, That Mr. Fraser, Mr. G. R. Young, and Mr. Clements, be a Committee for the foregoing purpose.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks,

Resolved, That a Copy of the Report presented to this House by the Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of a Lunatic Hospital, be transmitted to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and that he be respectfully requested to reply to the communication of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick on the same subject, that this House is disposed to favor the proposition for a United Hospital, if the same can be established with advantage to the lower Colonies: And further, That His Excellency be requested to issue a Commission, directed to two or more persons, resident within this Province, authorizing them to communicate with the Govern-

Resolution in regard to Lunatic Hospital.

ment of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, or such persons as may be named for that purpose, upon the practicability of such a measure,—the most favorable site for the necessary buildings, and the cost of putting in operation and sustaining such an establishment, with the relative portion of expense to each Colony—said Commissioners being also required to collect all necessary information touching the erection of a similar establishment within this Province, under its own control,—and with this view to select a site—to obtain the best plans for the Buildings and Grounds—and to suggest such a system of management as experience may warrant,—including both the first cost and probable expense of sustaining such an Institution. And that this House will provide for the necessary expenses to be incurred in the execution of said Commission.

New Writ to issue for Pictou Election.

On motion of Mr. Holmes, *resolved*, That Mr. Speaker do request His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to issue a Writ for the Election of a Member to represent the Township of Pictou in General Assembly, in the place of George Smith, Esquire, whose Election has been declared null and void by a Select Committee of this House.

Pet. of Mr. Wilkins against removal of Polls in Co. of Pictou.

A Petition of Martin I. Wilkins, of Pictou, in the County of Pictou, Barrister at Law, was by special leave presented by Mr. Fairbanks, and read, setting forth the Petitioner's having been a Candidate at two successive Elections for the Township of Pictou, and the proceedings consequent thereon; that he believes he possesses the confidence of a large majority of the Freeholders of the said Township, and is assured that they are averse to the Poll being opened at River John, or at any other place than the Town of Pictou, until a system of Simultaneous Polling can be advantageously introduced—and praying that this House will take no further action on the subject until such system can be introduced.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Message from Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

Agree to Tracadie Oyster Bill. And to Marshall's Cove Pier Incorporation, &c.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act to prevent the taking of Oysters from Tracadie, in the County of Sydney; and to the Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Marshall's Cove Pier Company, severally without amendment.

Agree to Incorporation of Ag. Societies Bill as amended.

The Council have agreed to the Bill to Incorporate Agricultural Societies, as amended.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Com. on Bills.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report Lunenburg School Bill,

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to continue the Act for the regulation and management of the Combined Common and Grammar School at Lunenburg; and the Bill to continue the Acts for the support and regulation of Light Houses; and had made sundry amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bills—and he thereupon delivered the Bills and amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

And Bill to continue Light House Acts, With amendments.

The said several amendments reported from the Committee to the foregoing Bills were read, and upon the question put thereon respectively, were agreed to by the House.

Amendments agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bills with the amendments be engrossed.

Leave of absence to members.

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks have leave of absence to return home to-morrow, upon urgent private business.

Ordered, That Mr. Benjamin have leave of absence after Thursday next, to return home on urgent private business.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Fulton have leave of absence after Monday next, to return home on urgent private business.

The Orders of the Day being read.

Ordered, That the Bill to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives, &c. be read a first time to-morrow.

Ordered, That this House do to-morrow proceed to the consideration of the Petition of James D. B. Fraser.

Orders of Day—
Election Bill postponed.

Petition of Mr. Fraser postponed.

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

Tuesday, 8th April, 1845.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for the regulation and management of the Combined Common and Grammar School at Lunenburg, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to repeal the Act for the regulation and management of the Combined Common and Grammar School at Lunenburg.

Engrossed Lunenburg School Bill read 3rd time.
Passed.
Title altered to repeal of Act.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Acts for the support and regulation of Light-Houses, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act concerning the support and regulation of Light Houses.

Engrossed Light House Bill read 3rd time.
Passed and Title altered.

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

The undermentioned Members, pursuant to order, presented to the House Scales of Subdivision of the several Sums allotted to the following Counties respectively, out of the Sum of £25,000 granted for the support of Roads and Bridges in the present session, viz:

Scales of subdivision of Road Monies presented.

Mr. Howe—for the County of Halifax.

Mr. Smith—for the County of Hants.

Mr. Hall—for King's County.

The Hon. the Attorney General—for the County of Annapolis.

Mr. Budd—for the County of Digby.

Mr. Huntington—for the County of Yarmouth.

Mr. Wilson—for the County of Shelburne.

Mr. Freeman—for Queen's County.

Mr. Heckman—for the County of Lunenburg.

Mr. Fulton—for the County of Cumberland.

Mr. Crowe—for the County of Colchester.

Mr. Brenan—for the County of Sydney.

Which being respectively read, *resolved*, that the said several Scales of Subdivision be agreed to and do pass this House as separate Resolutions upon each of the said Scales so agreed to.

Agreed to.

For the several Scales of Subdivision of Road Monies so agreed to and respectively resolved upon by the House,

(See Appendix No. 79.)

On motion of Mr. Martel, *resolved*, that the sum of £1,250 allotted for the service of Roads and Bridges for the County of Richmond for the present year, be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to be expended in that service.

Resolution to place Co. of Richmond Road at disposal of Lieut. Gov.

On

Cape Breton road vote placed at disposal of Lt. Gov.

On motion of the Hon. the Solicitor General, *resolved*, that the Sum of £1,825 allotted for the Service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Cape Breton for the present year, be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to be expended in that service.

Inverness road vote placed at disposal of Lt. Gov.

On motion of Mr. McKeagney, *resolved*, that the Sum of £1,725 allotted for the Service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Inverness for the present year, be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to be expended in that service.

Guysborough road vote at disposal of Lt. Gov.

On motion of Mr. Des Barres, *resolved*, that the Sum of £1,250 allotted for the Service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Guysborough for the present year, be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to be expended in that service.

Road Resolutions sent to Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry to the Council the Resolution passed in this House on the 10th March last, for the general division among the several Counties of the Province, of the Sum of £25,000 granted for the Service of Roads and Bridges, and the several Resolutions passed by this House for subdivision thereof, according to Scales thereof presented as aforesaid, with the Resolutions in regard to the Sums allotted to the Counties of Richmond, Cape Breton, Inverness and Guysborough respectively, and desire the concurrence of the Council thereto.

Pictou Polls Bill.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Order for committing the Bill for extending the time for holding the Poll for the Township of Pictou be referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Refd. to Sel. Com.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to Mr. Huntington and Mr. Fraser, to examine and report thereon in regard to the times and places for holding the Polls.

Petition of John Chamberlain, reporter of debates.

A Petition of John Chamberlain was by special leave presented by Mr. Fraser, and read, praying that an allowance may be made to Petitioner for Reporting the Debates of the House in the present Session.

Refd. to Com. of Supply.

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

Report on Petition of John Woodin.

Mr. G. R. Young reported from the Select Committee on the Petition of John Woodin, and he read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix No. 80.)

Refd. to Com. of Supply.

Ordered, That the Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Antigonishe Firewards Bill presented

Mr. Brenan, pursuant to special leave given, presented a Bill to extend to the Village of Antigonishe the several Acts for appointing Firewards, and the same was read a first time.

Read 1st. & 2d time and committed.

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

And the said Bill was read a second time accordingly.

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

Petition of A. McMillan for aid to Ferry, Gut of Canso.

A Petition of Alexander McMillan, Ferryman from McMillan's Cove to Auld's Cove, in the Gut of Canso, was by special leave presented by Mr. McKeagney, and read, praying an increase of the grant for said Ferry, to enable him to keep suitable Boats and Scows therefor.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Com. on Bills.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill to continue the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture and Rural Economy in this Province, and had made sundry amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill:—that they had also gone through the Bill to continue the Act to amend an Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax; the Bill in amendment of the Act for the Government and Regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary; and the Bill to extend to the Village of Antigonishe the several Acts for appointing Firewards, and had directed him to report the said Bills to the House severally without any amendment:—and that they had also had under consideration the Bill to transfer the land in the City of Halifax, called the Poor House Burying Ground, to the Commissioners of the Poor; and the Bill for the relief of Charles Clarke, an Insolvent Debtor, and recommend to the House to defer the further consideration of the two last mentioned Bills until the next Session:—and he thereupon delivered the Bills, with the amendments to the first mentioned Bill, in at the Clerk's Table.

Report Agricultural Bill with amendments, and

Halifax Grammar School Bill, Amendment of Penitentiary Act Bill, Antigonishe Firewards Bill, without amendment. And to defer until next Session Poor House Burying Ground Bill, and Bill for relief of Charles Clarke.

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

Ordered, That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

Bills to be engrossed

Ordered, That the Bills reported as passed in Committee without amendment be engrossed.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Bill to transfer the Land in the City of Halifax, called the Poor House Burying Ground, to the Commissioners of the Poor; and of the Bill for the relief of Charles Clarke, an Insolvent Debtor, be deferred until the next Session.

Bills deferred to next Session.

Ordered, That Mr. Heckman have leave of absence after Thursday next, to return home on urgent private business.

Leave of absence to members.

Ordered, That Mr. Logan, Mr. Beckwith, and Mr. McLelan, respectively have leave of absence after Friday next, to return home on urgent private business.

The Orders of the Day being read.

Ordered, That the Bill to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives, &c. be read a first time to-morrow.

Orders of day postponed.

Ordered, That this House do to-morrow proceed to the consideration of the Petition of James D. B. Fraser.

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

Wednesday, 9th April, 1845.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture and Rural Economy in this Province, was read a third time—and thereupon

Engrossed Agricultural Bill read 3rd time. Amended.

Mr. Huntington moved that the Bill be amended, by leaving out the word "four" and inserting in place thereof the word "two" throughout the Bill, so as thereby to limit the grants and continuance of the Bill to two years instead of four years:—which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion nineteen, against it eighteen.

So it passed in the Affirmative.

And the Bill being amended accordingly,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for the encouragement of Agriculture and Rural Economy in this Province.

Bill passed.

An engrossed Bill to continue the Act to amend an Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax, was read a third time.

Engrossed Bill Public School Halifax, read 3rd time.

Passed.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to continue the Act to amend An Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax.

Engrossed Bill to amend Penitentiary Act read 3rd time.
Passed.

An engrossed Bill in amendment of the Act for the government and regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act in amendment of the Act for the government and regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary.

Engrossed Antigonishe Firewards Bill read 3rd time.
Passed.

An engrossed Bill to extend to the Village of Antigonishe the several Acts for appointing Firewards, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act to extend to the Village of Antigonishe the several Acts for appointing Firewards.

Bills ordered to Council.

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

Report from Sel. Com. on Pictou Polls Bill.

Mr. Huntington reported from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill for extending the time for holding the Poll for the Township of Pictou, and he read the report in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix No. 81.)

Mr. Huntington also from the Committee delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Bill re-committed with Report.

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House with the Report.

Resolution passed to call Her Majesty's attention to Free Port Address of April 1844.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, resolved as followeth :

Whereas it appears by a Despatch from the Right Honorable Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, dated 10th July, 1844, that the Address of this House to Her Most Gracious Majesty, passed on the 12th day of April, 1844, praying that the Ports of Barrington, Argyle, Cornwallis, and Guysborough, may be declared Free Ports, had been referred to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, who had deemed it expedient to call upon the Collector of Customs at Halifax for further information upon the points adverted to in the Address:— and this House is not informed whether any further action has been had upon the subject, and being desirous that the object of said Address should be carried into effect.—
Resolved therefore, that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested again to call the attention of Her Majesty's Government to said Address, and to the earnest desire of this House that the prayer thereof may be granted.

Message from Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton.

Mr. Speaker,

Agree to amendment of Polls Bill.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act in further amendment of the Act for establishing the Times and Places for holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives; the Bill, entitled, An Act to divide the Township of Maxweltown into separate Districts for the support of the Poor; and the Bill to extend to the Village of Maitland, in the County of Hants, the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax and certain other places—severally without amendment.

Maxweltown Poor District Bill, and Maitland Streets Bill, without amendment.

And to Antigonishe Harbor Bill with an amendment.

The Council have agreed to the Bill, entitled, An Act to preserve and regulate the Harbor of Antigonishe, with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Amendments of Council to Bill read.

The amendment proposed by the Council to the last mentioned Bill, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Message from Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

Agree to College and Academy Grants.

The Council have agreed to the following Resolutions of this House for granting Monies, viz :

£250 annually for the support of Acadia College, during the continuance of the School Bill.

£250 annually for the support of St. Mary's Seminary, for a like period.

£250 annually for the support of the Pictou Academy, for a like period.

£150 annually for the support of the Wesleyan Academy at Sackville, N. B., for a like period.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the several Resolutions of this Honorable House, for dividing, sub-dividing, and applying monies granted for the support of Roads and Bridges, by the vote of £25,000 for that purpose in the present Session.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had come to several Resolutions which they had directed him to report to the House.

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

Ordered, That the Chairman do report the Resolutions at a future day.

Ordered, That Mr. Dimock have leave of absence after Friday next to return home on urgent private business.

The Orders of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Bill to improve the Law relating to Elections of Representatives, &c. be read a first time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Order for considering the Petition of James D. B. Fraser be discharged.

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

Message from Council.

Agree to Road division and appropriations.

Com. of Supply.

Resolutions passed.

To be reported at future day.

Leave of absence to Mr. Dimock.

Orders of day.

Election Bill postponed.

Order for considering Petition of J. D. B. Fraser discharged.

Thursday, 10th April, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Smith moved that the Resolution of yesterday for amending the Bill for the encouragement of Agriculture, by substituting two years for four years, as regards the continuance of the Grant, and the Bill together with so much of the Order for sending to the Council the engrossed Bills, passed yesterday, as relates to this Bill, be rescinded:—which being seconded and put and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion twenty, against it nineteen.

For the motion—

- Mr. Fraser,
- " Howe,
- " J. B. Uniacke,
- " G. R. Young,
- " DesBarres,
- " Fairbanks,
- Hon. Sol. Gen.
- Mr. Brennan,
- " Dimock,
- " Smith,
- Mr. Fulton,
- " Holmes,
- " Dewolf,
- " Logan,
- " Hall,
- " McKeagney,
- " Taylor,
- " Freeman,
- " Owen,
- " Beckwith,

Against the motion—

- Mr. Clements,
- " Turnbull,
- " Heckman,
- " Ross,
- " A. M. Uniacke,
- " Fleming,
- " Thorne,
- " Spearwater,
- " Crowe,
- " Whitman,
- Mr. Budd,
- " Huntington,
- " Bourneuf,
- " Benjamin,
- " Wilson,
- " Comeau,
- " E. Young,
- " Dickey,
- " Ryder.

So

Resolution, &c. of yesterday for limiting Agricultural Bill to two years rescinded.

Passed.
Bill remodelled and
sent to Council.

So it passed in the affirmative.

And thereupon, the Bill was restored to its original state as first engrossed, by again inserting four years throughout the same instead of two years.

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

Report from Sel.
Com. on revising
Laws.

Mr. Fraser reported from the Select Committee on the subject of revising the Laws of the Province, preparatory to the publishing a new edition thereof;—and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix No. 82.)

Adopted.

On motion, *resolved*, that the Report be adopted and do lie on the Table.

Resolution for Con-
solidation of Laws.

On motion of Mr. Fraser, *resolved*, that the Clerk of this House do proceed during the ensuing vacation, to consolidate such of the Acts of the Assembly, as may appear most advisable to the Speaker and the Hon. the Attorney General, procuring such assistance therein as he may find necessary;—and that he do accept the lowest Tender for the Printing of the revised Edition, according to the Report of the Committee, taking good security for the faithful performance thereof, and including such conditions as shall be approved of by the Speaker and Attorney General.

Resolution relative
to Claims for expen-
ses of transient pau-
pers

On motion of Mr. Dickey, *Resolved* as follows:—

Whereas the manner in which the Accounts are rendered to this House by Overseers of the Poor and other persons claiming to be reimbursed for monies advanced for the support of Transient Paupers and their conveyance to Halifax, has in many parts of the Province been found to be irregular and unsatisfactory, and in consequence thereof it is desirable that certain Regulations should be adopted by this House, having for their object a uniformity of system and proceedings in reference thereto for the information and guidance of such person or persons as shall apply to this House for repayment of Monies advanced for the maintenance of such Paupers.

Resolved, That upon all applications hereafter to be made to this House for the relief of Transient Paupers, and for the reimbursement of expenses incurred by Overseers or other persons on their account, the following Regulations shall be strictly adhered to:

1st, That the examination of all Transient Paupers shall be taken in writing under Oath, before some one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County where such application shall be made, except in case where the sudden death of the Pauper prevented its being done, or where other circumstances prevented such an examination being taken, the truth of which shall be verified by Affidavit.

2nd, That all Accounts rendered by the Overseers of the Poor shall state the items of their Account duly attested to, but the claims of other persons shall state the items of their Account also attested to, in addition to the Affidavit of the Overseers of the Poor.

3rd, Medical men in rendering their Accounts shall make Affidavit to the truth of their Accounts, and that the items charged in their Accounts are reasonable and moderate charges, and not more than are usually made in their ordinary attendance on the Poor.

Printing ordered.

Ordered, That two hundred Copies of the foregoing Resolution be printed for distribution by the Members of this House.

Resolution proposed
relative to model
farm, &c. and for
address to Her Ma-
jesty as regards ad-
mission of Agricul-
tural produce into
Great Britain.

Mr. Ross moved that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that in Nova Scotia as in other Countries where the Rural Population are the great bulk of the people, Agriculture is a pursuit deserving the favourable consideration of the Legislature, and ought not to yield any superiority to any other branch of industry or enterprise—and that sound policy points out an early and urgent necessity of directing the attention of Farmers generally to the value of the remains of vegetable deposits, which Nature has distributed with a lavish hand over the face of the Midland and Eastern Counties, which when compounded with the various mineral manures also abounding in the same Districts, and their fertilising properties thoroughly understood, there is every reason to believe that the capabilities of the soil are such

such as to justify the embarking of capital with a view to ample profits—and that it is the duty of this House to take immediate steps to found an Experimental Farm, where the chemical compounds used in husbandry, and which impart fertility to soils, may be tested, and the practical results demonstrated and exemplified to the people as a means to direct their industry to the end of securing to themselves a return for their labour, and stimulate their endeavours to public improvement.

And Whereas this House highly approve of the policy enunciated by a Despatch from the Colonial Office to the Government of Canada, declaring that the Agricultural produce of Canada should be regarded in the British markets with the same favorable consideration as regards Legislature Enactments as that produced by the Counties in England, thus in fact making the British North American Colonies an integral portion of Great Britain,

Resolved therefore, That an Humble Address be forwarded to Her Gracious Majesty, praying that the actual and bona fide Agricultural produce of Nova Scotia may be introduced into the markets of Great Britain and Ireland duty free, and that a Committee of three Members be appointed to frame the said Address, and report the same to this House at an early day.

Which being seconded,

The Hon. the Solicitor General moved that the question be now put—which being seconded and put and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion nine, against it twenty-two.

Previous question moved, and negatived.

For the motion—

Against the motion—

Mr. Hall,
 “ Smith,
 “ Röss,
 Hon. Atty. Gen.
 Mr. Holmes,
 “ Dewolf,
 “ Crowe,
 “ Beckwith.
 “ Dickey,

Mr. Freeman,
 “ Thorne,
 “ Taylor,
 “ Martel,
 “ Crowell,
 “ Spearwater,
 “ Dimock,
 “ Turnbull,
 “ McLelan,
 “ Bourneuf,
 “ Fulton,

Mr. G. R. Young,
 “ Huntington,
 “ Benjamin,
 “ Wilson,
 “ Whitman,
 Hon. Sol. Gen.
 Mr. Clements,
 “ Brennan,
 “ Howe,
 “ Comeau,
 “ Logan,

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the question be not now put.

Question not to be now put.

On motion of Mr. G. R. Young,

Resolved, That a Copy of the Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the state of the Library of this House be laid before His Excellency The Lieutenant Governor, with a respectful request that His Excellency would endeavour to obtain the Publications therein referred to.

Resolutions for sending report on Library to Lieut. Gov. &c.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House do open a Correspondence with the Clerks of the Houses of Assembly and Council in the neighbouring Colonies to obtain an exchange of the Journals and other important public printed documents laid before their different Legislatures.

Clerk to correspond with Colonial Legislatures.

Ordered, That Mr. Marshall and Mr. Crowe have respectively leave of absence on and after Saturday next, to return home on urgent private business.

Leave of absence to Mr. Marshall and Mr. Crowe.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to a Bill entitled an Act to repeal the Act to regulate the Shad Fishery in King's County ; a Bill entitled an Act concerning the support and regulation of Light Houses ; a Bill entitled an Act to provide for the holding of a Special Ses-

Message from Council.

Agree to Bills, viz. Repeal of Shad Fishery, King's. Support of Light Houses.

Inverness Sessions.
Repeal Lunenburg
School Act.
Funded Debt.

Statute labor.
Schools severally
without amendt.

And to Halifax
Water Bill, with
amendments.

Order to report reso-
lutions from Com. of
Supply.
Resolutions reported

£600 Treasurer.

Writers of Excise.

£600 Transient Poor
Halifax.

£50 Guysboro'
Packet.

£20 Bay Verte
Packet.

£20 Shubenacadie
Ferry to London-
derry.

sions of the Peace in Inverness, for certain purposes therein mentioned; a Bill entitled an Act to repeal the Act for the regulation and management of the Combined Common and Grammar School at Lunenburg; a Bill entitled an Act relating to the Funded Debt of the Province; a Bill entitled an Act to amend the Act concerning the performance of Statute Labor on Highways; and a Bill entitled an Act for the encouragement of Schools;—severally without any amendment.

The Council have also agreed to a Bill entitled an Act to authorise an Assessment for supplying the City of Halifax with Water—with amendments—to which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Chairman of the Committee of Supply do now report to the House the several Resolutions passed Yesterday in the Committee: and thereupon

Mr. Clements reported from the Committee the following Resolutions, which were read, viz:—

1st. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Six Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to the Treasurer of the Province for his Salary and as Comptroller and Auditor of Public Accounts, and in lieu of Office Rent, Clerks, and all other contingent expenses for the present year.

2d. *Resolved*, That there be granted and paid on the Certificate of the Commissioners of the Revenue, at the rate of seven shillings and six pence per day, to such person or persons as shall be employed during the present year, by the Collector of Impost and Excise, for the district of Halifax, as extra Waiter or Waiters for the Port of Halifax; five shillings per day to such extra Waiters, when unemployed, and at the rate of five shillings per day to temporary Waiters

3d. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Six Hundred Pounds be granted for the support of the Transient Poor for the present year, to be paid to the Commissioners of the Poor at Halifax.

4th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Fifty Pounds be granted to such person or persons as will run a proper Packet between Guysborough and Arichat, touching occasionally at Fox Island and Canso, under such regulations as shall be established by any Special Sessions of the Peace for the County of Guysborough, to be held for that purpose, to be paid upon the Certificate of such Special Sessions, that such Packet has been properly kept and run during the present year;—*Provided*, that the Judge or Judges of the Supreme Court shall be taken without charge, if required, from Guysborough to Arichat, and from Arichat to Guysborough, on their Circuit to Cape Breton; and that the said Packet shall also carry the Mail to be established between Guysborough and Arichat if required.

5th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Twenty Pounds be granted and paid to W. Weeks, or any person who will run a Packet between the Bay Verte and Prince Edward's Island, when it shall be made satisfactorily to appear to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, that such Packet Boat has been run agreeably to such regulations as may be established by the Justices in their Sessions for the County of Cumberland.

6th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Twenty Pounds be granted to aid the Inhabitants of Douglas, at the Mouth of the River Shubenacadie, in supporting a suitable Boat or Scow to run between Londonderry and that place—the said Boat or Scow to be run under the regulations of the General Sessions of the County of Hants—to be paid by Warrant from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, upon Certificate from said Sessions that said Boat has been running at least twice a week for six months, to the satisfaction of said Sessions under their regulations.

- 7th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Thirty Pounds be granted and paid to aid the Inhabitants of Cape Breton in supporting a suitable Boat or Scow to run between McMillan's Point in Cape Breton, and Auld's Cove in the County of Sydney—the said Boat or Scow to be placed under the regulation of the General Sessions for the County of Inverness. £30 Gut of Canso ferry, McMillan's Point and Auld's Cove.
- 8th. *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 on the Certificate of the General or Special Sessions of each County respectively, that such Ferry has been duly attended and proper Boats procured and used. £10 each to Shubenacadie ferryman.
- 9th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted and paid to John Pernette and Charles Pernette, for keeping up the Ferry over LaHave River. £15 La Have ferry.
- 10th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to Cornelius Craig, to enable him to keep up the Ferry across the Narrows at the entrance of Sable River, in the County of Shelburne. £10 C. Craig for Ferry, Shelburne.
- 11th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to Richard Carter, to enable him to run a suitable Ferry Boat or Scow between his Landing on the Western side of the Gut of Canso, and David McPherson's on the Eastern side thereof, the said Ferry Boat or Scow to be run under the regulations of the General Sessions for the County of Guysborough. £10 Richard Carter, Ferry.
- 12th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to the Ferryman on the Eastern side of the Gut of Canso, to enable him to run a suitable Ferry Boat or Scow between Richard Carter's Landing on the Western side of said Gut, and David McPherson's on the Eastern side thereof—the said Ferry Boat or Scow to be run under the Regulations of the General Sessions for the County of Richmond. £10 Ferry east side of Gut of Canso.
- 13th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Ten Pounds each be granted to such persons as shall respectively keep up a Ferry at the mouth of the Harbour of Port L'Herbert—provided a Boat be kept to convey Horses and Cattle across said Harbour, said Sum to be paid upon the Certificate of the Court of Sessions in the County of Shelburne. £10 each to Ferrymen at Port L'Herbert.
- 14th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to continue the service during the Fishing Months of the Revenue Cutter, in addition to the Sable Island Schooner (which latter is to be borne exclusively on the Sable Island Fund) on the Coast of Nova Scotia as heretofore, and that no further sum be expended for that purpose. £500 Revenue Cutter.
- 15th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Forty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to enable him to continue a suitable Revenue Boat at Sydney, Cape Breton. £40 Revenue Boat at Sydney, C. B.
- 16th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of One thousand three hundred and fifty-nine Pounds, seventeen shillings and four-pence, be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Penitentiary, to pay the Salaries of the Officers, and defray the outlay and other expenses, agreeably to the Report of the Committee. £1,359 17 4 Com-miss. of Penitentiary
- 17th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for the benefit of the Indians for the present year, to be expended agreeably to the Acts of the General Assembly to provide for the instruction and permanent settlement of the Indians. £200 Indians.
- 18th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of One thousand one hundred and fifty-eight Pounds, thirteen shillings and ten-pence, be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Public Buildings, to defray the expenses incurred by them during the last year. £1,158 13 10 Com-missrs. of Public Buildings.

£682 4 5 Expenses
of Leg. Council.

19th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Six hundred and eighty-two Pounds, four shillings and five pence, be granted and paid to defray the expenses of the Legislative Council for the present year.

£25 School in Poor
House.

20th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Poor in Halifax, to defray the expense of continuing the School in the Poor House for the present year, for the benefit of Orphans and poor children in that establishment.

£97 11 10 Station-
ery and Binding
Winter Session.

21st. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Ninety-seven Pounds, eleven shillings and ten-pence, be granted and paid to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the expense of Stationery and Binding of the Journals and Laws for the House of Assembly during the last year, for the Winter Session.

£100 each to Clerks
of House.

22d. *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.

£10 each to Chair-
man of Committees.

23rd. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Ten Pounds each be granted and paid to the two Chairmen of the Committees on Bills and of Supply, for their services for the present Session.

£25 Sergeant at
Arms of House
additional.

24th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Twenty-five Pounds additional be granted and paid to the Sergeant at Arms for his expenses incurred in consequence of the accident that occurred to him in the present Session.

£25 Seed Potatoes
Negroes.

25th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for the purchase of Seed Potatoes for distressed Families among the Coloured Population at Hammond's Plains and Preston, to be applied under the direction of His Excellency to the relief of such individuals as shall be found in circumstances of urgent necessity.

Resolution for Grant
on H. M. assent be-
ing given to Civil
List Bill.

26th. *Resolved*, That in the event of a Bill entitled "An Act to provide for the Civil List of Nova Scotia, and to commute the Casual and Territorial Revenue," receiving Her Majesty's assent and passing into a Law—the Sum of Two hundred Pounds sterling be granted and paid to the present Lieutenant Governor for Contingencies for the present year—it not being the intention of the House of Assembly to renew such Grant to any future Lieutenant Governor.

And also in the like event, the Sum of Two hundred and fifty Pounds sterling to the present Lieutenant Governor for a Private Secretary for the present year—it not being the intention of the House of Assembly to renew such Grant to any future Lieutenant Governor.

And also in the like event the Sum of One hundred Pounds sterling to the Superintendent of Mines in Cape Breton for the present year.

And also in the like event the Sum of One hundred and fifty Pounds sterling to the Surveyor General of Nova Scotia, as his salary for the present year.

And also in the like event the Sum of One hundred Pounds sterling to the Surveyor General of Cape Breton as his salary for the present year.

And also in the like event the Sum of Two hundred Pounds sterling as the salary of the First Clerk in the Provincial Secretary's Office for the present year.

And also in the like event the Sum of One hundred and sixty Pounds sterling as the salary of the Second Clerk in the Provincial Secretary's Office for the present year.

And also in the like event the Sum of One hundred Pounds sterling as the salary of the Third Clerk in the Provincial Secretary's Office for the present year.

And also in the like event a Sum not exceeding One hundred Pounds sterling for the Messenger of the Lieutenant Governor and Executive Council, and for Stationery, Printing,

Printing, and other Contingencies of the Provincial Secretary's Office for the present year—the expenditure to be accounted for at the next Session of the General Assembly.

27th. *Resolved*, That the Board of Revenue for the time being shall be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to allow a Drawback upon all Wines imported for or consumed by the Commissioned Officers of Her Majesty's Army composing the several Regimental Messes of the Garrison at Halifax, or to relinquish the Duties upon all such Wines, upon proof being made to the satisfaction of the said Board that the Wines whereon a Drawback or relinquishment of Duty is claimed, were actually imported for or consumed by such Officers of the Army—Provided the whole amount do not exceed the Sum of Three hundred Pounds in any one year.

£300 Drawback on Army Officers wine

28th. *Resolved*, That if any of the Bridges on the Main Post Roads in this Province shall give way during the recess, or any of such Roads shall be unexpectedly obstructed by any unforeseen obstacle or accident, it shall and may be lawful for His Excellency The Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to order a Commissioner or Commissioners to repair or rebuild such Bridges, or to remove such obstructions, and it shall and may be lawful further for the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to draw Warrants on account and in favor of such Commissioner or Commissioners.—Provided the same shall not exceed in the whole the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, and the Sums so drawn shall be charged at the next Session of Assembly as against the several Counties, in which the same shall be expended.

£500 Casualty vote for roads and bridges

29th. *Resolved*, That the Collector of Impost for the Port of Halifax shall and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to keep a distinct account of all Duties by him collected upon the importation from the United States of America of Live Stock, Apples, Onions, Fruit, Biscuit, and Bread, under the several Acts of the General Assembly, passed in the First Session of 1844, and in the present Session of the General Assembly respectively entitled "An Act for granting Colonial Duties of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province, and for promoting the Agriculture, Commerce and Fisheries thereof," and that the said Duties upon the above specified Articles during the present year, shall be paid Quarterly to the Commissioners of the Poor for the use of the Transient Poor—Provided the amount so paid do not exceed One thousand Pounds.

£1000 Duties on Live Stock &c. for transient Poor.

30th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of One Pound per day be granted and paid to each and every Member of the House of Assembly for their attendance in General Assembly for the present Session, to be paid on the Certificate of the Speaker, also the travelling charges as heretofore—Provided that no Member shall receive pay for more than forty days' attendance.

Members' Pay.

31st. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Five Pounds be granted and paid to each Clerk of the Peace in the several Counties of this Province in full for their services in the distribution of Road Commissions and execution of the Bonds during the two past years, and that no future allowance be made for such services.

£5 each to Clerks of Peace for Road Commissions.

32nd. *Resolved*, That such Sum be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor as will suffice to pay the Sum of Five Pounds each to the Clerks of the Peace in the several Counties following, that is to say—Lunenburg, Colchester, Annapolis, Pictou, Inverness, Guysborough, Sydney, Shelburne, Queen's, Richmond, Digby, Cape Breton, Yarmouth, Hants, and Halifax, being for services performed by them in making Returns to the House of Assembly of the Assessment Rolls in their respective Counties—and to pay the like sum to such other Clerks of the Peace as may return such Assessment Rolls from other Counties previous to the next Session—pursuant to the Report of the Committee.

£5 each to Clerks of Peace for assessment Rolls.

£187 10 2 for Government expenses paid.

33rd. *Resolved*, That the Sum of One hundred and eighty-seven Pounds, ten shillings and two-pence, be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to defray that amount advanced as follows, that is to say:—

Salary of Mr. George Wightman as Superintendant of Roads from January to May, when his services were discontinued,	£85	0	0
Report of Cases of Judicial Committee,	11	16	3
Crew and Passengers Lady Colebrooke,	30	6	0
Crew and Passengers Sir Geo. Prevost,	38	16	8
Crew of the Morning Star,	3	0	0
Crew of the William Rippon,	5	0	0
Frederick LeBlanc, copying Minutes of Council,	9	1	3
do. do.	4	10	0

£187 10 2

£11 10 7 McFarlane & Dickson, Drawback on Goods exported.

34th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Eleven Pounds ten shillings and seven-pence, be granted and paid to Messrs. McFarlane and Dickson, Executors of Trenholm deceased, for Drawback on Goods exported from Pugwash to New Brunswick, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures.

£2 10 1/2 H. Palmer Drawback.

35th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Two Pounds and ten shillings be granted and paid to Henry Palmer, being for return of Duties paid by him on a Breeding Mare imported into this Province, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures.

£32 4 Drawback to George Eastwood & Co.

36th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Thirty-two Pounds and four shillings, be granted and paid to George Eastwood and Company, being on account of Duties paid by them on Machinery and Dye Stuffs imported by them for the use of their Cloth Manufactory at Sackville, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures.

£361 18 7 Seal Bounties.

37th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Three hundred and sixty-one Pounds eighteen shillings and seven-pence, be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency The Lieutenant Governor, to pay the respective parties named in a List or Schedule contained in a Report of the Committee of the House of Assembly on Trade and Manufactures, at the Rates in such Report mentioned, being for bounties for prosecuting the Seal Fishery in 1844.

£333 14 9 1/2 Transient Paupers.

38th. *Resolved*, That such Sum be granted and paid as will be sufficient to defray the several amounts following, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on the subject of expenses incurred for the support of transient Paupers, that is to say:—

To Doctor Benjamin Page, of Amherst, for Medical attendance on Indians,	£7	0	0
“ Doctor Charles Tupper, of Amherst, for Medical attendance on Indians,	3	0	0
“ Doctor Ebenezer Annan, Liverpool, for Medical attendance on Indians,	13	4	9
“ Robert Currie, Shelburne, for aid to transient Paupers,	10	0	0
“ the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Egerton, County of Pictou,	7	19	7 1/2
“ Doctor Edward L. Brown, Horton, for Medical attendance on Indians,	3	0	0
“ the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Cornwallis,	10	16	9
“ Doctor William Slocomb, Lunenburg, for Medical attendance on Indians and others,	7	18	6
“ the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Annapolis,	24	2	9
“ “ “ “ “ “ Newport,	10	2	0
“ “ “ “ “ “ Yarmouth, }	27	8	5

(£10 of which to be paid to Dr. Farish)

To

To the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Digby, . . .	£13	4	3
“ “ “ “ Granville, } . . .	22	6	10
“ “ “ “ (£2 of which to be paid to Dr. Oakes, } . . .	8	7	3
“ “ “ “ Windsor, . . .	22	0	0
“ “ “ “ Pictou, . . .	9	11	9
“ “ “ “ Barrington, . . .	4	17	11
“ “ “ “ Arisaig, } . . .			
“ “ “ “ County of Sydney, } . . .			
“ John Rude £9 4 0, and to John Quillinan £4 12 0, for bringing Shipwrecked Seamen from Labrador to Halifax, making in the whole . . .	13	16	0
“ the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Horton, to pay Benjamin Terfry and Alexander Buchanan, for taking care of and burying a Pauper named Robert Masters . . .	6	8	9
“ the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Wilmot, County of Guysborough . . .	12	10	0
“ Michael and Robert Geddes, Musquodoboit, for relief to a transient Pauper . . .	10	0	0
“ Jacomiah Seaman, Horton, for relief to transient Paupers . . .	4	0	0
“ John Ferguson, Overseer of the Poor for the Township of Sydney, C. B. . . .	4	10	0
“ Dr. Thos. O. Geddes, of Barrington, for expenses incurred and medical attendance on two Seaman saved from the Wreck of the Brig Sarah Lovett, of Saint Stephen's, New Brunswick, . . .	77	9	3
	£333 14 9½		

39th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Thirty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to continue the Education of William Sandford, a deaf and dumb Lad, at the Asylum in Hartford, Connecticut, for another year, from the first of May next, in conformity with the prayer of the Petition and the Report of the Committee on that subject.

£30 Wm. Sandford, deaf and dumb.

40th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Fifty-two Pounds and ten shillings, be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to be drawn Twenty six Pounds and five shillings annually, in the years 1846 and 1847, and paid towards defraying the expense of maintaining a deaf and dumb Boy, the son of James Allison of Windsor, at an Asylum at Hartford, Connecticut, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject.

£52 10 James Allison's Son, deaf and dumb boy.

41st. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Fifty-two Pounds and ten shillings, be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to be drawn Twenty six Pounds and five shillings annually in the years 1846 and 1847, and paid towards defraying the expense of maintaining a deaf and dumb Boy, the son of James Stephens, of Horton, at an Asylum for the education of such, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject.

£52 10 James Stephens' Son, deaf and dumb.

42nd. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Ninety Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to be applied Forty-five Pounds annually in 1845 and 1846, under such guards as he may deem necessary, to assist John Campbell of St. Paul's Island, to send three of his Children to a deaf and dumb Asylum.

£90 John Campbell's children, deaf and dumb.

43d. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Two Hundred and fifty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to aid in the completion of the Margaree Breakwater, it having been made appear that the Inhabitants have already subscribed and expended on such Breakwater more than three times the amount hereby granted.

£250 Margaree Breakwater.

£10 Low Point
Ferry, C. B.

44th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Ten Pounds be granted to Duncan McPhee, to enable him to maintain a Ferry between Low Point and the Sydney Mines, at the mouth of Spanish River, in the County of Cape Breton—to be paid on the Certificate of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Cape Breton, that he has faithfully discharged the duties assigned to him by such Sessions.

£15 Buoys, Anti-
gonishe.

45th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Sydney, to be applied towards the placing of Buoys at the entrance of the Harbor of Antigonishe.

£30 Removing
Rocks, Tusket.

46th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Thirty Pounds be granted to aid the Inhabitants in removing Rocks in the Sluice Passage, between Great Tusket Island and the main land—to be drawn when it shall appear to the satisfaction of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that at least Twenty Pounds has been subscribed by the Inhabitants and actually expended on such undertaking.

£25 Breakwater
Everitt's Cove,
Digby.

47th. *Resolved*, That such Sum be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, as will suffice to pay to the Inhabitants a Sum in aid of the completion of the Breakwater at Everitt's Landing, in the County of Digby, equal to one-third of any amount which shall be satisfactorily proved to His Excellency to have been subscribed by the Inhabitants, and actually expended on said Breakwater—Provided that the Sum hereby granted shall not exceed Twenty-five Pounds.

£50 Meteghan
Breakwater, Clare.

48th. *Resolved*, That such Sum be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, as will suffice to pay to the Inhabitants a Sum in aid of the completion of the Meteghan Breakwater, in the Township of Clare, equal to one third of any amount which shall be satisfactorily proved to His Excellency to have been subscribed by the Inhabitants and actually expended on said Breakwater—Provided that the Sum hereby granted shall not exceed Fifty Pounds.

£25 Sonia's Cove
Breakwater, Clare.

49th. *Resolved*, That such Sum be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, as will suffice to pay to the Inhabitants a sum in aid of the completion of the Breakwater at Sonia's Cove, in the Township of Clare, equal to one-third of any amount which shall be satisfactorily proved to His Excellency to have been subscribed by the Inhabitants, and actually expended on said Breakwater. Provided that the sum hereby granted shall not exceed Twenty five pounds.

£60 Breakwater
Whale Cove, Clare.

50th. *Resolved*, That such Sum be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, as will suffice to pay to the Inhabitants a sum in aid of the completion of the Breakwater at Whale Cove, in the Township of Clare, equal to one-third of any amount which shall be satisfactorily proved to His Excellency to have been subscribed by the Inhabitants, and actually expended on said Breakwater. Provided that the sum hereby granted shall not exceed sixty pounds.

£50 Breakwater Givan's
Cove, Cornwallis.

51st. *Resolved*, That such Sum be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, as will suffice to pay to the Inhabitants a sum in aid of the completion of the Breakwater at Givan's Cove, in King's County, equal to one third of any amount which shall be satisfactorily proved to His Excellency to have been subscribed by the Inhabitants, and actually expended on said Breakwater. Provided that the sum hereby granted shall not exceed Fifty Pounds.

£50 Breakwater at
Canady's Creek,
Cornwallis.

52nd. *Resolved*, That such Sum be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, as will suffice to pay to the Inhabitants a sum in aid of building a Pier and re-building an additional Breakwater at Canady's Creek, in King's County, equal to one-third of any amount which shall be satisfactorily proved to His Excellency to have been subscribed by the Inhabitants, and actually expended on such Pier and Breakwater. Provided that the sum hereby granted shall not exceed Fifty Pounds.

53rd. *Resolved*, That such Sum be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, as will suffice to pay to the Inhabitants a Sum in aid of the completion of the Breakwater at Marshall's Cove, in the Township of Wilmot, in the County of Annapolis, equal to the third of any amount which shall be satisfactorily proved to His Excellency to have been subscribed by the Inhabitants, and actually expended on said Breakwater—Provided that the Sum hereby granted shall not exceed Twenty-five Pounds.

£25 Breakwater at Marshall's Cove, Co. Annapolis.

54th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds annually, for three years, be granted and paid to such person or persons as shall in each year first establish and run weekly, a suitable Steam Boat between Yarmouth and Halifax, touching at the intermediate Ports of Liverpool and Lunenburg—to be drawn by Warrant from the Treasury, when it shall be certified to the satisfaction of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, that such Boat has plied between the said Ports as hereinbefore mentioned, for seven months in each year.

£500 annually for three years Western Const Steam Boat.

55th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to repair or replace the Buoys on the west Ledge in Barrington Passage.

£15 Buoys, Barrington.

The said several Resolutions being then again read, were upon the question respectively put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Resolutions agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Resolutions (excepting the Resolutions not usually sent to the Council,) and also the Resolutions for granting £20 to Edmund Crowell, and £50 for the Halifax Dispensary, passed on the 28th February last, to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Order to send Resolutions to Council.

On motion the House again resolved itself into a Committee on the further consideration of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

House go into Com. of Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Clements took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had come to several Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table.

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

The several Resolutions reported from the Committee were then read, and are as follow :—

Report of Resolutions.

1st. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Three Hundred and Twenty-eight Pounds be granted to defray the expenses of extra Messengers, and other services and articles for the House of Assembly, and for Fuel according to estimate ; and also to pay the Sum of Seventy-five Pounds towards services performed in relation to a revision of the Laws, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject—the said Sum to be drawn and applied by the Clerk of the House of Assembly, under the sanction of the Speaker.

£328 Contingent expenses of House of Assembly.

2nd. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Twenty Pounds Twelve Shillings and Nine Pence be granted and paid to the Clerk of the House of Assembly to defray the expense of Stationery and Binding for the House of Assembly during the late Summer Session.

£20 12 9 Stationery for House.

3rd. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Four Pounds Five Shillings and Four Pence be granted and paid to William Starr, Seizing Officer at Cornwallis, being the Government proportion of a Seizure made by him during the past year, and paid into the Treasury pursuant

£4 5 4 Wm. Starr.

suant to the prayer of his Petition, and the recommendation of the Board of Revenue thereon.

- £15 John Woodin. 4th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted and paid to John Woodin, for assistance rendered to Captain Blagden and Francis Hays, of the Brigantine "John," wrecked on the Silver Keys, and brought to Halifax in the Schooner Dartford, by order of the British Consul at Cape Haytien—in pursuance of the Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into such claim.
- £29 Dr. Gesner and Mr. W. Dawson. 5th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Twenty Pounds each be granted and paid to Doctor Abraham Gesner and Mr. John W. Dawson, for their attendance before the Committee on the subject of the Coal Mines.
- £30 Sheriff of Pictou 6th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Thirty Pounds be granted and paid to John W. Harris, Esquire, High Sheriff in and for the County of Pictou, to repay his travelling and other expenses while in attendance by the order of the House before the Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petitions relating to the late Election in and for the Township of Pictou, and also at the Bar of the House.
- £100 John L. Tremain. 7th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of One Hundred Pounds be granted and paid to John Lewis Tremain, Esquire, Sub-Collector of Her Majesty's Customs at Port Hood, agreeably to the prayer of his Petition and in accordance with the Report of a Committee of this House in 1844.
- £500 Sig. for 6 years for Steamer between Pictou and Quebec. 8th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds Sterling annually for six years, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, to aid in the establishment and support of a Steam Boat between Quebec and Pictou, to be drawn and applied for that service under such guards as may be deemed necessary by the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being.
- £350 Steamer between Pictou and Prince Edward Island and Miramichi. 9th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Three Hundred and fifty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to encourage the running of the Steamer "St. George" weekly between Pictou, Prince Edward Island and Miramichi, and once in each week from Pictou to St. Peter's Bay, touching to land Passengers and Mails at Canso and Arichat—to be drawn and paid to the Owners of such Steamer on their engagement to the satisfaction of His Excellency to perform such services.
- £200 Steamer between Annapolis and St. John, N.B. 10th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds annually for the next three years, be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to compensate some person for carrying the Mails between Annapolis, Digby, and St. John, N. B., at least once in each week during such period. Provided the said Mails be conveyed in a good and sufficient Steam Boat, the voyage to be extended to Annapolis at all times when practicable—the said Sum to be drawn quarterly, on the Certificate of the Deputy Post Master at Digby that the duty has been faithfully performed.
- £12 15 Peter Crerar 11th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Twelve Pounds and fifteen shillings be granted and paid to Peter Crerar, being amount of his account for inspecting and making Report of the state of the Roads and Bridges from Halifax to Pictou, and from Truro to Amherst.
- £150 Comms. for issuing and cancelling Treasury notes. 12th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of One Hundred and fifty Pounds be granted and paid to the Commissioners for signing Treasury Notes, for their services in that department for the last five years.
- £100 Pro. Treasurer 13th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of One hundred Pounds be granted and paid to the Treasurer of the Province, for his extra services in issuing and cancelling Treasury Notes during the past five years.

14th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Twenty-two Pounds sixteen shillings and four pence, be granted and paid to the Honorable the Speaker, being Balance of Monies advanced by him during the last year, to procure the Annual Register and other Publications for the use of the House of Assembly. £22 16 4 to Speaker Bal. for Books.

15th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Honorable the Speaker, to procure various Works and Publications necessary for conducting the Business of the House of Assembly. £15 to Speaker to purchase Books.

16th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Fourteen Pounds and eleven shillings, be granted and paid to Daniel Wier and John Chambers, Commissioners for Building the Bridge over the St. Croix River, being Balance of expenses incurred by them in that capacity, agreeably to the Report of the Committee. £14 11 Wier and Chambers.

17th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Twelve Pounds be granted and paid to Margaret Nickerson, to enable her to keep a House of Entertainment on the Post Road from Shelburne to Barrington, in this present year. £12 Margaret Nickerson.

18th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Ten Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, for the purpose of replacing the Buoys in Cockawit Passage, in the County of Shelburne. £10 Buoys in Cockawit Passage.

19th. *Resolved unanimously*, That the Sum of Four Thousand Dollars be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to be applied for the relief of the Sufferers by the late extensive Conflagration at Bridgetown, in the Island of Barbadoes. \$4000 Sufferers by Fire in Barbadoes.

20th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Fifteen Pounds be granted to William Cunningham and John Knowles, or such other 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 Certificate of two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace residing in the Township of Barrington, that the said services have been performed for this present year. £15 Ferry Cape Sable Island.

And the said several Resolutions having been read a second time,

Mr. McLelan moved that the thirteenth Resolution for granting £100 to the Treasurer of the Province be not received by the House; which being seconded and put and the House dividing thereon,—there appeared for the motion three, against it thirty-six. Motion not to receive 13th Resolution. Negatived.

For the motion—

Against the motion—

Mr. Huntington,
" McLelan,
" Crowell,

Mr. Logan,
" Smith,
" Fulton,
" A. M. Uniacke,
" Holmes,
" McKeagney,
" E. Young,
" Dimock,
" Beckwith,
" Martel,
" Doyle,
" Fairbanks,
" Marshall,
" Owen,
" Spearwater,
" Ross,
" Wilkins,
" Fleming,

Mr. Crowe,
Hon. Sol. Gen.
Mr. Fraser,
" Bourneuf,
" Thorne,
" Whitman,
" Budd,
" Heckman,
" Dewolf,
" Benjamin,
" Wilson,
Hon. Atty. Gen.
Mr. Ryder,
" Howe,
" J. B. Uniacke,
" McNab,
" DesBarres,
" Dickey.

So it passed in the Negative

Mr.

Motion not to receive 6th Resolution

Mr. Wilkins then moved that the Sixth Resolution for granting £30 to the Sheriff of Pictou, be not received by the House:—which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Motion fifteen, against it twenty-nine.

For the Motion—

Mr. Hall,
 “ Ryder,
 “ Holmes,
 “ E. Young,
 “ Dewolfe,
 “ Thorne,
 “ Heckman,
 “ Budd,
 “ Ross,
 “ A. M. Uniacke,
 “ Wilkins,
 “ Whitman,
 “ Fleming,
 “ Bourneuf,
 “ Beckwith.

Against the Motion—

Mr. Fairbanks,
 “ Huntington,
 “ McKeagney,
 “ Doyle.
 Hon. Atty. Gen.
 “ Sol. Gen.
 Mr. Fraser,
 “ Marshall,
 “ Owen,
 “ Freeman,
 “ Spearwater,
 “ Clements,
 “ Comeau,
 “ Crowell,
 “ Crowe,
 Mr. Dimock,
 “ Logan,
 “ Smith,
 “ G. R. Young,
 “ Fulton,
 “ McLelan,
 “ Benjamin,
 “ Wilson,
 “ Martel,
 “ McNab,
 “ Howe,
 “ J. B. Uniacke,
 “ DesBarres,
 “ Dickey,

negative.

So it passed in the Negative.

Motion not to receive 8th Resolution.

Mr. Fraser then moved that the eighth Resolution for granting £500 sterling annually for six years, for a Steam Boat between Quebec and Pictou, be not received by the House:—which being seconded,

Amendment for re-committal negatived

Mr. J. B. Uniacke moved as an amendment of the question to add thereto the words following, viz: “but be re-committed to the Committee of Supply for further consideration:” which being seconded and put passed in the negative.

Resolution not received.

The original Motion being then put passed in the affirmative:—and thereupon *Resolved*, That the said Resolution be not received by the House.

Resolutions agreed to.

The said several Resolutions as reported from the Committee (with the exception of the said last mentioned Eighth Resolution) were then upon the question put thereon, respectively agreed to by the House.

And sent to Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Resolutions, so agreed to, to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Order of Day.
 First reading of Election Bill postponed.

The Order of the Day being read.

Ordered, That the Bill to Improve the Law to regulate the Election of Representatives, &c., be read a first time to-morrow.

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

Friday, 11th April, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Amendment of Council to Antigonishe Harbor Bill.

The Amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill entitled an Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbor of Antigonishe, was read a second time, and is as followeth—

“3rd Clause.

Third Line—Leave out the words “or special”
 And the same being considered,

On

On motion of Mr. Brenan, *resolved*, that this House do agree to the said Amendment. Agreed to.
Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and Amendment to the Council, and inform Sent to Council.
 them that this House have agreed to the said Amendment.

The Amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill entitled An Act to authorise an Assessment for supplying the City of Halifax with Water, was read, and is as followeth— Amendment to Halifax Water Bill.

“1st Clause.

15th Line—After the word “in” leave out the remainder of the Clause, and insert instead the following words “the said City to be assessed, levied, collected, and paid in the same manner as the other City rates and taxes are assessed, levied, collected, and paid.”

And thereupon :

Resolved, That the said Amendment relates to taxation in such a manner that this House cannot take the same into consideration. House cannot consider as relating to taxation.

On motion of Mr. J. B. Uniacke, *resolved*, that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred until this day three months. Bill deferred 3 mos.

Mr. J. B. Uniacke pursuant to special leave given, presented a Bill for supplying the City of Halifax with Water, and the same was read a first time. Bill presented for supplying Halifax with water.

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

And the Bill was read a second time accordingly.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House. Read 1st and 2d time and committed.

On motion of Mr. Clements, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested to transmit to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, a Copy of the documents in support of the claim for Medical attendance on two Seamen saved from the wreck of the Brig Sarah Lovett, of St. Stephen's, New Brunswick, in order to obtain from the Assembly of New Brunswick, repayment of the sum of Seventy-seven Pounds, nine shillings, granted therefor in the present Session. Govt. of New Brunswick to be requested to reimburse expenses of Shipwrecked Mariners.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill for extending the time for holding the Poll for the Township of Pictou ; and the Bill to alter and amend the Act to regulate and support the Pictou Academy, and had made amendments to the said Bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bills. And that they had also gone through the Bill for supplying the City of Halifax with Water, and had directed him to report the last mentioned Bill to the House without any Amendment,—And he afterwards delivered the Bills and Amendments in at the Clerk's table. Report Pictou Polls Bill, and Pictou Academy Bill, with amendments, and Halifax Water Bill, without amendment.

The said Amendments to the said two first mentioned Bills respectively were read, and upon the question severally put thereon, were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bills with the Amendments be engrossed. Bills to be engrossed

Ordered, That the Bill reported without Amendment be engrossed.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill entitled an Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbor of Antigonishe as amended. Message from Council.

Also to the Bill entitled An Act to continue the Act to amend an Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax. The Bill entitled An Act to make provision for a Harbor Master at Spanish River in the County of Cape Breton,—and the Bill entitled An Act to extend to the Village of Antigonishe the several Acts for appointing Firewards—severally without amendment. Agree to Antigonishe Harbor Bill as amended. and to Halifax Grammar School Bill, Spanish River Harbor Master Bill, and Antigonishe Firewards Bill, without amendt.

Penitentiary Bill
with amendment.

And dog tax bill
with amendments.

The Council have also agreed to the Bill entitled An Act for the government and regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary, with an Amendment,—And to the Bill entitled An Act to authorise the taxation of Dogs in the City of Halifax, with sundry amendments, and desire the concurrence of this Honourable House to the said amendments respectively.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Amendment to Pen-
itentiary Bill agreed
to and sent to Coun-
cil.

The Amendment proposed by the Council to the Penitentiary Bill was read a first and second time, and is as followeth—

“ At the end of the Bill insert the following Clause,

“ And be it enacted that this Act shall continue and be in force for four years, and from thence to the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly.”

And thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that the said Amendment be agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and Amendment to the Council, and inform them that this House have agreed to the said Amendment.

Message from Coun-
cil.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

Agree to Agricul-
tural Bill without
amendment.

The Council have agreed to the Bill entitled An Act for the encouragement of Agriculture and Rural Economy in this Province, without amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Message from Coun-
cil.
Agree to 26 Reso-
lutions for granting
Monies.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to twenty-six Resolutions of this Honorable House, for granting the following mentioned Sums for the services and purposes following, viz :

£50	0	0	To Drs. Grigor & Sterling, for the Halifax Dispensary.
20	0	0	To Edmund Crowell, for Seal Island Establishment.
60	0	0	For the Guysborough Packet.
20	0	0	To W. Weeks, for Bay Verte Packet.
20	0	0	For Ferry, Mouth of Shubenacadie.
30	0	0	For Ferry from McMillan's Point.
10	0	0	Each to Ferrymen, Shubenacadie.
15	0	0	To Messrs. Pernette, for La Have Ferry.
10	0	0	To C. Craig, for Ferry, Sable River.
10	0	0	To Richd. Carter, for Ferry, Western side of Strait of Canso.
10	0	0	For Ferry from Eastern side of Gut of Canso.
10	0	0	Each to Ferrymen at Mouth of Port L'Herbert.
500	0	0	For a Revenue Cutter.
40	0	0	For a Revenue Boat at Sydney, C. B.
200	0	0	For Indian Service.
1,158	13	10	For Public Buildings.
682	4	5	Expenses of Legislative Council.
25	0	0	For School in Poor House.
97	11	10	Stationery and Binding for House in Winter Session of 1844.
100	0	0	Each to Clerks of House for extra Services.
10	0	0	Each to Chairmen of House.
25	0	0	For Seed Potatoes for Colored population.
1,390	0	0	Sterling for Services formerly borne on Casual Revenue, provided the Civil List Bill pass into a Law.
300	0	0	Drawback of Wines to Military Officers.
500	0	0	For casualties to Roads and Bridges.
1,000	0	0	(Not exceeding) for transient Poor out of certain duties on Apples, &c.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr.

Mr. DesBarres moved that the House do come to a Resolution as followeth, viz :

Whereas this House, in the Act passed last Session for the settlement of the Civil List, provided for Sir Rupert D. George, Baronet, as Provincial Secretary, an Annual Salary of £560 sterling, equal to £700 currency, being the same Salary provided for The Honorable The Master of the Rolls and the Judges of the Supreme Court.

Resolution moved in regard to Registrars' of Deeds Bill and Sir R. D. George.

And whereas for a series of years past the said Sir Rupert D. George, as Registrar of Deeds in and for the Province of Nova Scotia, has received in addition to his Salary as Provincial Secretary, one half of the Fees of Registry, (deducting the charge of Books, &c.,) from Deputies in the different Counties of this Province appointed by him, "which on an average of three years previous to the year 1843, amounted to the sum of £500 per annum."

And whereas it having appeared to this House and to the Country that the receipt of this large sum was accompanied by the discharge of no corresponding duties on the part of that Officer, and that the existing Scale of Fees for Registry paid to said Deputies was kept too high in consequence, and thus impeded the easy transfer of Real Estate, by entailing an unnecessary burthen or tax upon the Country, the Legislature at its last Session passed an Act to make the said Deputies Principals; and after reducing their Fees one-fourth, directed that a third part of the Fees collected thereafter should be paid into the Treasury, and out of this Fund that an annuity should be paid to the said Sir Rupert D. George of £200 per annum, having further provided that on the decease of that Officer the Fees of Registry should be still further reduced.

And whereas the said Sir Rupert D. George being continued by such Bill as Registrar of Deeds in and for the County of Halifax, which Office yielded at least a net annual income of £250 per annum, this House by such arrangement secured to the said Sir Rupert D. George from the three sources above stated, an annual income derived from the Funds of the People of not less than £1,150, a sum which this House conceived to be fully adequate to the services and just claims of that Officer.

And whereas the said Registrar's Bill after due consideration was passed by both Branches of the Legislature, and received the assent of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the operation of said Bill being delayed until the assent of Her Majesty was obtained thereto.

And whereas it appears that the said Sir Rupert D. George, after the passage of said Bill, and while a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council, addressed a Letter to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with a view of having the same transmitted to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, complaining of the passage of said Registrar's Bill, and the effect the Civil List Bill would have on the emoluments of his Office, and expressing a hope that he might be protected from loss.

And whereas it appears that such Letter was transmitted to the Colonial Office by His Excellency, and that in consequence of the objections therein contained, as stated in the Despatch of the Right Honorable Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated sixteenth November last, lately submitted, Her Majesty cannot be advised to assent to the Act respecting the office of Registrar.

And whereas on a Copy of said Letter being requested in the Assembly from the Members of Her Majesty's Government, it was stated in answer thereto that His Excellency did not consider it expedient to submit said Letter to the House, thereby excluding from the view of this House and of the Country, the real grounds upon which the said Sir Rupert D. George has been able by his said communication to thwart the wishes and defeat the policy of this Legislature.

And whereas this House being of opinion that the salary and remuneration provided as aforesaid for the said Sir Rupert D. George, as Provincial Secretary and Registrar of Deeds, were liberal in themselves, dictated by justice and good feeling, and made full compensation for the duties performed by that Officer, and while adequate to sustain his rank and position in Society, were as much as the limited resources of this Province, and the sense of the Country would justify, and that the steps resorted to by him to prevent the assent of Her Majesty being obtained to a measure which had passed the Legislature and

and had received the sanction of the Government of which he then was and continued to be a Member, will on being submitted to Her Gracious Majesty, meet Her Majesty's disapprobation.

Therefore Resolved, That an humble Address to Her Majesty be prepared, respectfully submitting the facts above stated, and praying that Her Majesty may cause instructions forthwith to be sent to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to give his assent to another Bill, similar in its provisions and effect to the Bill passed last Session, entitled, "An Act concerning the Registrar of Deeds in the County of Halifax, and other Counties of this Province," and conveying the pledge of this House that on such instructions being communicated to them, such Bill shall be forthwith introduced and perfected.

Which being seconded,

Amendment moved
thereon.

The Hon. the Attorney General moved as an amendment thereof, to leave out all the words of the proposed Resolution except the first word "Whereas," and in place of the words so left out, to insert the words following after the said word "Whereas," viz: Her Majesty has deemed it proper to withhold the Royal Assent from an Act passed by the Legislature of this Province, entitled, An Act concerning the Registrars of Deeds in the County of Halifax, and the other Counties of this Province.

"*And whereas* by the said Act the Fees payable on the Registry of Conveyances of Land were reduced, and a pension of £200 was created for Sir Rupert D. George, the Registrar of Deeds throughout the Province during his life time, and that Office was abolished, that the duties heretofore done by Deputy Registrars in the Country, might be performed by Principal Officers.

"*And whereas* the benefits designed by the said Act might essentially be secured by an Act making a moderate reduction in the Fees to take effect immediately, and ensuring the desired change in the system of establishing Principals in the place of Deputies, to take effect as soon as the present Incumbency shall terminate.

"*And whereas* by this mode no necessity will exist for creating a pension for Sir Rupert D. George, whereby a precedent will be avoided of adopting a measure which, depending on a principle generally unsuited to the feelings and opinions of the people of Nova Scotia, ought not to be resorted to except where the public service clearly demands it, and should Her Majesty be pleased to sanction such modification of the disallowed Bill, this House will have the satisfaction of carrying out the policy deemed beneficial for the People in harmony with the views of Her Majesty's Government.

"*Resolved therefore*, That an humble Address to Her Majesty be prepared, praying that Her Majesty would be pleased to assent to the introduction of a Bill into this House, by which the Fees chargeable on the Registry of Deeds shall be moderately reduced, and by which it shall be enacted that as soon as the present incumbency of the office of Registrar of Deeds for the Province of Nova Scotia shall determine and cease, the said Office shall not be continued, but that Principal Officers in each County shall be appointed for the Registry of Deeds, according to the intention and meaning of the said Act, with such Fees as it may be deemed suitable to establish on such contingency, and in which Bill no such pension shall be created as is created in the said Act; and further, that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested to transmit the Address of this House to the foot of the Throne."

Amendment nega-
tived on division.

Which proposed Amendment being seconded and put—and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Amendment seventeen; against it twenty-eight.

For the Amendment—

Mr. Ryder,
 “ Marshall,
 “ Fairbanks,
 “ Owen,
 Hon. Atty. Gen.
 Hon. Sol. Gen.
 Mr. Wilkins,
 “ Freeman,
 “ Dewolf,
 “ A. M. Uniacke,
 “ Taylor,
 “ Heckman,
 “ Whitman,
 “ Budd,
 “ Thorne,
 “ Beckwith,
 “ Holmes.

Against the Amendment—

Mr. Dickey.
 “ Huntington,
 “ Turnbull,
 “ Logan,
 “ Ross,
 “ Fleming,
 “ McKeagney,
 “ Dimock,
 “ E. Young,
 “ Brennan,
 “ Crowe,
 “ Spearwater,
 “ Wilson,
 “ Fulton,
 “ Bourneuf,
 “ Benjamin,
 “ Martel,

Mr. Howe,
 “ Clements,
 “ Hall,
 “ G. R. Young,
 “ J. B. Uniacke,
 “ DesBarres,
 “ Fraser,
 “ Doyle,
 “ McNab,
 “ Smith,
 “ Comeau.

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Fraser then moved as an Amendment of the proposed original Resolution, to leave out the whole of the words in the preamble thereof after the first word “Whereas” down to the words “Therefore resolved.” And in place of the words so to be left out, to insert the words following as the preamble to said Resolution, after the said first word “Whereas,” viz.—“This House have been informed by a Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, “that Her Majesty cannot be advised to assent to the Act respecting the office of Registrar, passed by the Legislature in 1844, for the reasons stated in said Despatch. And Whereas, although this House have given their most careful consideration to the contents of the said Despatch,—they yet remain of opinion that a fair and suitable provision was in and by the said Bill made for Sir Rupert D. George, the present Registrar, and that the state and circumstances of the country require that a Bill of a similar nature should be enacted.”

Another amendment
 moved and negatived

Which last proposed Amendment being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for such Amendment ten ; against it thirty-six.

For the Amendment—

Mr. Ryder,
 “ Fraser,
 “ Smith,
 “ Fulton,
 “ E. Young,
 “ Crowe,
 “ Ross,
 “ Fleming,
 “ Dickey,
 “ Beckwith.

Mr. Marshall,
 “ McLelan,
 “ Dewolf,
 “ McKeagney,
 Hon. Atty. Gen.
 “ Sol. Gen.
 Mr. Whitman,
 “ Holmes,
 “ Heckman,
 “ Turnbull,
 “ Logan,
 “ Budd,
 “ Thorne,
 “ Taylor,
 “ Wilkins,
 “ Dimock,
 “ Brennan,
 “ A. M. Uniacke.

Against the Amendment—

Mr. Spearwater,
 “ Wilson,
 “ Freeman,
 “ Bourneuf,
 “ Benjamin,
 “ Martel,
 “ Howe,
 “ Clements,
 “ Hall,
 “ G. R. Young,
 “ J. B. Uniacke,
 “ DesBarres,
 “ Fairbanks,
 “ McNab,
 “ Doyle,
 “ Huntington,
 “ Owen,
 “ Comeau.

So it passed in the Negative.

Original resolution
put and negatived.

The Resolution originally moved being then put and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the Resolution twenty, against it twenty-six.

For the Resolution—

Against the Resolution—

Mr. Huntington,	Mr. Beckwith,	Mr. Hall,
“ McNab,	“ Holmes,	“ Ryder,
“ Clements,	“ Heckman,	“ Smith,
“ Doyle,	“ Dickey,	“ Dewolf,
“ J. B. Uniacke,	“ Marshall,	“ Fairbanks,
“ DesBarres,	“ Budd,	“ Owen.
“ Comeau,	“ Thorne,	
“ Martel,	“ Taylor,	
“ G. R. Young,	“ Wilkins,	
“ Howe,	“ Fleming,	
“ Benjamin,	“ Ross,	
“ Brennan,	“ A. M. Uniacke,	
“ McKeagney,	“ E. Young,	
“ Bourneuf,	“ Whitman,	
“ Wilson,	Hon. Atty. Gen.	
“ Logan,	“ Sol. Gen.	
“ Spearwater,	Mr. Freeman,	
“ Dimock,	“ Crowe,	
“ Turnbull,	“ Fraser,	
“ McLelan.	“ Fulton,	

So it passed in the Negative.

Leave of absence.

Ordered, That Mr. Spearwater have leave of absence to return home after to-morrow on urgent private business.

Order of Day—
1st. reading of Elec-
tion Bill postponed.

The Order of the Day being read,
Ordered, That the Bill to improve the Law relating to Election of Representatives, &c. be read a first time to-morrow.

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

Saturday, 12th April, 1845.

PRAYERS.

Engrossed Pictou
Polls Bill read 3d
time.
Passed—title altered

An engrossed Bill for extending the time for holding the Poll for the Township of Pictou, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act further to alter the Acts for establishing the times and places for holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives.

Engrossed Pictou
Academy Bill read
3d time.
Passed.

An engrossed Bill to alter and amend the Act to regulate and support the Pictou Academy, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be an Act to alter and amend the Act to regulate and support the Pictou Academy.

Engrossed Halifax
Water Bill read 3d
time.
Passed.

An engrossed Bill for supplying the City of Halifax with Water, was read a third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, an Act for supplying the City of Halifax with Water.

Bills sent to Council.

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

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Clements and Mr. Huntington have leave of absence on and after Monday next, to return home on urgent private business. Leave of absence.

The Hon. The Solicitor General by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House Lists of the Divisions and Appropriations of Road Monies for the Counties of Inverness, Cape Breton, Richmond and Annapolis, in the year 1844—and the same were read. Road appropriations of 1844 laid before House.

(See Appendix No. 83.)

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Hon. The Solicitor General also by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House a Report of Commissioners appointed by His Excellency pursuant to a Resolution of the last Session to collect from the Public Archives of the Province, information in regard to the Annexation, &c. of the Island of Cape Breton to this Province—and the same was read. Report of Government Commissioners on subject of Cape Breton Annexation, laid before House.

(See Appendix No. 84.)

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton.

Message from Council.

Mr. Speaker.

The Council have agreed to Forty-six Resolutions of this Honorable House for granting the following Sums of Money for the following services and purposes, viz : Agree to 46 Money resolutions.

£1359	17	4	For expenses of Provincial Penitentiary.
25	0	0	Additional for Sergeant at Arms.
5	0	0	To each of the Clerks of the Peace for services in regard to Road Commissions for the last two years.
5	0	0	Each to Clerks of the Peace for making up and returning Lists of Assessments.
187	10	2	To meet certain advances made by the Government.
11	10	7	To Executors of Trenholm, for Drawback.
2	10	0	To Henry Palmer, for Drawback.
32	4	0	To George Eastwood and others, Drawback.
361	18	7	For Bounties on the Seal Fishery.
333	14	9½	For expenses of Transient Paupers.
30	0	0	For Education of William Sandford, deaf and dumb.
52	10	0	“ of son of James Allison, “ “
52	10	0	“ of son of James Stephens, “ “
90	0	0	“ of sons of John Campbell, “ “
250	0	0	For Breakwater at Margaree, C. B.
10	0	0	To Duncan McPhee, for Ferry at Low Point, C. B.
15	0	0	For Buoys in the County of Sydney.
30	0	0	To clear out the Sluice Passage at Tusket River.
25	0	0	For Breakwater at Everitt's Landing, Digby.
50	0	0	“ “ “ Meteghen, Clare.
25	0	0	“ “ “ Sonia's Cove, “
60	0	0	“ “ “ Whale Cove, “
50	0	0	“ “ “ Givan's Cove, Cornwallis.
50	0	0	“ “ “ Canady's Creek, “
25	0	0	“ “ “ Marshall's Cove, Wilmot.
500	0	0	Annually for three years for Steam Boat between Halifax and Yarmouth.
15	0	0	For Buoys on the West Ledge, Barrington.
328	0	0	Contingent Expenses of House of Assembly.
20	12	9	For Stationery and Binding for House in Summer Session of 1844.
4	5	4	To William Starr.
15	0	0	To John Woodin.

£20	0	0	Each to Dr. Gesner and John W. Dawson.
30	0	0	To the Sheriff of the County of Pictou.
100	9	0	To John L. Tremain.
350	0	0	For running of Steamer St. George.
200	0	0	Annually for three years for Steam Boat between Annapolis and St. John N. B. with Mails.
12	15	0	To Peter Crerar.
150	0	0	To Commissioners for Issuing Treasury Notes.
100	0	0	To Provincial Treasurer " " "
22	16	4	To Speaker to pay balance for Books.
15	0	0	" " to purchase "
14	11	0	To Wier and Chambers.
12	0	0	To Margaret Nickerson.
10	0	0	For Buoys at Cockawit.
Four Thousand Dollars for Sufferers by Fire at Barbadoes.			
15	0	0	For Sable Island Ferry.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

House go into Com. of Supply.

On motion the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Com. finally closed and resolutions reported, viz.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the business referred to them, and had come to some further Resolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House:—and he delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table, where they were read, and are as follows:—

£9 9 Stg. for reports of Cases before Privy Council.

1st. *Resolved*, That such Sum be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency The Lieutenant Governor, as will enable him to transmit to the Colonial Office £9 9 sterling, in payment of Reports of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

£25 Peter Cameron.

2nd. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted and paid to Peter Cameron, to enable him to defray the expense of proceeding to Boston for the purpose of having a tumor removed with which he is afflicted.

£750 for Seal Bounty

3rd. *Resolved*, That the Sum of £750 in each year, be granted and paid for the encouragement of the Seal Fishery for two years, to be distributed and paid in tonnage duties under such provisions as may be prescribed by Law.

£111 19 5 James B. Hadley.

4th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of One hundred and eleven Pounds, nineteen shillings and five-pence, be granted and paid to James B. Hadley, being Balance due him for his services as Collector of Light Duties in the Gut of Canso in the years 1843 and 1844, agreeably to the Report of the Committee.

£19 John McKay.
£6 14 John Cameron

5th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to John McKay, of the West River of Pictou, being expenses incurred by him as Commissioner for building the West River Bridge, agreeably to the Report of the Committee appointed to investigate the subject—and also the further Sum of Six Pounds and fourteen shillings to John Cameron, for his expenses in attending before such Committee.

£40 at rate of for Chaplain of Penitentiary

6th. *Resolved*, That such Sum be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, as will suffice to pay to the Chaplain of the Provincial Penitentiary a salary at the rate of Forty Pounds per annum, from the date of his appointment up to the present time.

7th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Twenty-five Pounds be granted and paid to John Chamberlain, towards remunerating him for his services in Reporting the Debates at this present Session, agreeably to the prayer of his Petition. £25 John Chamberlain, Reporter.

8th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Ten Pounds be granted and paid to Edward Bulger, as compensation for Land taken for the purpose of altering a Road—pursuant to the prayer of his Petition. £10 Edward Bulger.

9th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of One hundred Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency The Lieutenant Governor, to assist in paying the claim of George Mitchell against the New Glasgow Bridge in the County of Pictou. £100 George Mitchell, overexpenditure.

10th. *Resolved*, That the Sum of Seven hundred and seventy-three Pounds, three shillings and three-pence halfpenny be granted and placed at the disposal of His Excellency The Lieutenant Governor, to defray that amount advanced and paid from the Treasury to support the Post Office Department for the last year. £773 3 3/4 for Post Office Communication advance of last year.

The said several Resolutions being read a second time,

Mr. Dickey moved that the third Resolution for granting £750 annually for two years, for Bounties on the Seal Fisheries, be not received by the House:—which being seconded and put and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion twenty, against it sixteen. Resolution for Bounty on Seal Fishery not received.

For the motion—

Against the motion—

Mr. Ryder,	Mr. Whitman,	Mr. Taylor,	Hon. Atty. Gen.
“ Smith,	“ Budd,	“ Marshall,	Hon. Sol. Gen.
“ Dewolf,	“ G. R. Young,	“ Comeau,	Mr. Bourneuf,
“ Dickey,	“ Thorne,	“ Turnbull,	“ Doyle,
“ Huntington,	“ Wilson,	“ Martel,	“ J. B. Uniacke,
“ Wilkins,	“ E. Young,	“ Howe,	“ McNab.
“ Dimock,	“ Fleming,	“ Holmes,	
“ Fulton,	“ Ross,	“ McKeagney,	
“ Fraser,	“ Beckwith,	“ A. M. Uniacke,	
“ Hall,	“ Clements.	“ Brennan,	

So it passed in the Affirmative.

The other Resolutions reported from the Committee were then upon the question severally put thereon, respectively agreed to by the House. Other resolutions agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Resolutions so agreed to, to the Council, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. J. B. Uniacke reported from the Committee on Post Office Affairs, and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read. Report from Post Office Committee.

(See Appendix No. 85.)

On motion *resolved* that the Report be received and adopted and do lie on the Table. Adopted.

On motion of Mr. J. B. Uniacke,

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be authorised and respectfully requested to direct such advances of Monies from the Treasury as may be necessary to keep up the Post Communication throughout the Province for the current year;—and that this House will provide for the granting thereof at the next ensuing Session of the General Assembly. Resolution for advance of monies to keep up Post Communication.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be authorised and respectfully requested to direct an advance from the Treasury of Sixty-two Pounds ten shillings, to be paid to the following named persons the respective Sums following, viz : Resolution for advance to pay Post Office services.

To William Davis,	-	-	-	-	-	£30	0	0
“ Lemuel Morehouse,	-	-	-	-	-	10	0	0
“ William McDougall,	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	0
“ J. B. Hadley,	-	-	-	-	-	10	0	0
“ Donald McLeod, in addition to his Salary,	-	-	-	-	-	5	0	0
							£62 10 0	

And that the same be provided for by Grant at the next ensuing Session of the Legislature.

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

Change of Appropriation road money, Horton.

On motion of Mr. Dewolf, *resolved*, that the Sum of Ten Pounds granted in 1842, for the purpose of opening a New Road from Beech Hill, in Horton, to Black River, and thence to Falmouth—which has not been drawn—be appropriated to pay expenses incurred in the Survey of that Road, in such way as may be recommended and approved by the Members of the County.

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

Amendments to Dog tax Bill.

The Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill entitled An Act to authorise the Taxation of Dogs in the City of Halifax, were read,

Not considered as touching taxation.

And thereupon, *resolved*, that the said Amendments relate to Taxation in such manner as to preclude the consideration thereof by this House.

Bill deferred.

On motion of Mr. J. B. Uniacke, *resolved*, that the further consideration of the said Bill to authorize the Taxation of Dogs, be deferred until this day three months.

Bill presented for taxing dogs, &c.

Mr. J. B. Uniacke, pursuant to special leave given, presented a Bill for Taxing Dogs in the City of Halifax;—and the same was read a first time.

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

And the same was read a second time accordingly.

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

Com. on Bills.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Smith took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Report Dog taxation Bill without amendt.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill for Taxing Dogs in the City of Halifax, and had directed him to report the Bill to the House without any amendment—and that they had also gone through the Bill to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of “the Richmond Bridge Company”, for the purpose of erecting a Toll Bridge across the Harbor of Halifax—and had made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House with the Bill;—and he thereupon delivered the Bills and Amendments in at the Clerk’s Table.

The said several Amendments to the last mentioned Bill being read, were agreed to by the House.

Bills to be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bill reported without Amendment be engrossed.

Order of day. 1st reading of Election Bill postponed.

The Order of the day for the first reading of the Bill to improve the Law relating to Elections of Representatives, &c. being read,

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a first time on Monday next.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next at eleven of the Clock.

Monday,

Monday, 14th April, 1845.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed Bill for Taxing Dogs in the City of Halifax, was read a third time. Engrossed Dog tax Bill read 3d time and passed.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for Taxing Dogs in certain parts of the City of Halifax.

An engrossed Bill to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of "the Richmond Bridge Company," &c. was read a third time. Engrossed Richmond Bridge Co. Bill read 3d time and passed.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass and that the Title be, An Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of "the Richmond Bridge Company," for the purpose of erecting a Toll Bridge across the Harbor of Halifax.

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

Mr. Holmes presented to the House, pursuant to order of a former day, a Scale of Subdivision of Road Monies for the County of Pictou—and the same was read. Pictou road Scale presented and passed.
(See Appendix No. 79.)

Resolved, That the said Scale be agreed to and do pass this House as a Resolution for such subdivision.

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

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton.

Mr. Speaker.

The Council have agreed to the Bill entitled An Act in amendment of the Act for the Government and Regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary as amended. Agree to amended Penitentiary Bill.

The Council have agreed to nine Resolutions of this Honorable House for granting the following Sums for the services and purposes respectively as followeth, viz : Also to nine resolutions for granting monies.

- £ 9 9 0 Sterling to pay for Reports of Cases in Privy Council.
- 25 0 0 To Peter Cameron.
- 111 19 5 To James B. Hadley.
- 10 0 0 To John McKay and £6 14 0. to John Cameron.
- 40 0 0 (at rate of per year) for past services of Chaplain of Provincial Penitentiary.
- 25 0 0 To John Chamberlain.
- 10 0 0 To Edward Bulger.
- 100 0 0 To Pay Geo. Mitchell on account of over expenditure.
- 773 3 3½ Post Office Advances of the past year.

The Council have also agreed to the Resolutions of this Honorable House, requesting advances of Monies to keep up the Post Communication for the present year, and for payment of £62 10 to various persons on account of services connected with the Post Office Establishment. Also to Post Office votes of credit

Also to the Resolution for changing the appropriation of the Sum of Ten Pounds granted in 1842 for a Road in Horton. And change of appropriation road, Horton.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the Clerk do prepare and present an engrossed Bill for appropriating such part of the Supplies granted in the present Session, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province. Order for Clerk to prepare appropriation Bill.

The Order of the Day being read.

The Bill to improve the Law relating to the Election of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly, was read a first time. Order of day.
Election Bill read 1st time.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Bill be deferred until the next Session, and that Four hundred Copies thereof be printed. Ordered to be deferred until next Session, and to be printed.

On

Resolution for enquiry and return as regards Schools in the City of Halifax.

On motion of Mr. Doyle, *Resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested to appoint a Commission to enquire during the Recess into the state of the Schools in the City of Halifax, at present receiving Provincial aid from the Treasury,—the number of their Pupils—the names and condition of the Parents—whether destitute and indigent or capable of defraying the expenses of their instruction—the amount of Endowment, annual or other Subscriptions, if any—the scale or rate of Tuition Fees in each, and the Salaries of the several Superintendants—the system of Instruction, and as far as practicable, the state of the private Schools, mode of tuition and income :— in order that this House may at its next Session so adjust and amend its Appropriations as to apply them to the exigencies of that poor and needy portion of the community whose education should be more immediately contemplated as the object of its sympathy.

Resolution for enquiry and return as regards School lands.

On motion of the Hon. The Attorney General, *Resolved*, that His Excellency The Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested by means of Commission or otherwise, to cause information to be procured and laid before the House at its next Session, as to the situation, condition and value of all the Lands reserved or granted for the use of Schools within this Province,—their present and past possession, occupation and improvement—and the income they have annually realised, with its appropriation—and the claims that have been at any time set up to their control or use—and generally such facts as may tend to elucidate the title and history of these Lands :—and that this House will at the next Session provide for the expense incurred.

Returns of School lands presented.

The Hon. The Attorney General, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, presented to the House several Reports and Returns relative to the School Lands, viz :—A Letter from the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, addressed to the Hon. the Provincial Secretary, with a Report on the School Lands,—also Returns and Reports in relation to the School Lands in Lunenburg, Newport, Horton, and Onslow, and the same were read.

(See Appendix No. 86.)

Ordered, That the said several Returns and Reports do lie on the Table.

Resolution for correspondence in regard to Consular fees on small vessels trading to United States.

On motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested to correspond with Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, with a view to the reduction of the charges at the British Consular Offices in the United States, in favor of Vessels of small size in this Province, which trade constantly between its Ports and Boston and other United States Ports, and which being charged the same amount of Consular fees on the occurrence of each voyage, are in consequence of the great number of voyages often made by such vessels in the course of the same season, obliged to pay an annual amount for Consular Fees, very greatly beyond what the small value of the vessels and cargoes can afford.

Resolution for Gazette to be sent to Clerks of Peace.

On motion of the Hon. the Attorney General, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested to direct Copies of the Gazette for the present year to be transmitted to the several Clerks of the Peace throughout the Province, for the use of the Courts of General Sessions of the Peace,—with directions to such Clerks of the Peace to file and carefully preserve them.

Report of Com. on Fisheries.

Mr. J. B. Uniacke reported from the Committee on the Fisheries, and he read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

(See Appendix No. 87.)

Adopted

Ordered, That the Report be adopted and lie on the Table.

Message from Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton.

Mr. Speaker,

Agree to Pictou Polls Bill, &c.

The Council have agreed to the Bill entitled An Act further to alter the Acts for establishing

blishing the times and places for holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives, with amendments. with amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Amendments were read a first time and ordered to be read *nem con.* a second time this day. Read 1st. time.

Mr. Fraser reported from the Select Committee to whom were referred the Accounts for Printing for the Government and Legislature, and he read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read. Report from Com. on Printing.

(See Appendix No. 88.)

Ordered, That the Report be adopted and lie on the Table. Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fraser,

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be authorised and respectfully requested to direct an advance from the Treasury of One Hundred and fifty-three Pounds ten shillings and ten pence, to be paid to the following persons, agreeably to the report of the Committee on Printing, viz: Resolution for advances for past printing.

Jacob Kuhn, (Spirit of the Times)	-	-	-	£5	0	0
Gossip & Coade, (Times)	-	-	-	5	16	3
English & Blackadar, (Recorder)	-	-	-	7	7	6
John H. Crosskill, Esq., balance allowed him on his Accounts as rendered	-	-	-	135	7	1
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				£153	10	10

And that this House will provide for the same at the next Session.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be authorised and respectfully requested to direct advances from the Treasury of such Sums as may be required towards defraying the expense of Public Printing—Provided the Accounts for said Printing are properly certified, and Provided that no greater Sum shall be advanced in the whole than Five Hundred Pounds, and this House will provide for the same at its next Session. Resolution for advance to Amount of £500 for printing in this year.

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

The Clerk pursuant to order presented an engrossed Bill for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the Year of Our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and for other purposes,—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. Engrossed Appropriation Bill presented Read 1st & 2d time.

Ordered, *nem con.*, That the same be now read a second time.

And the same was read a second time accordingly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the Year of Our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and for other purposes. Passed.

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

On motion of Mr. J. B. Uniacke, Resolved, that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested to call the attention of the proper Authorities to the Reports of the Post Office Committees made in 1844 and 1845, on the state of our Provincial Department;—and more particularly to the equalization of Postage, and the establishment of a uniform rate of Four-pence sterling within the Province, with the privilege of stamps or dies approved by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury or Postmaster General and under their control, and to use the influence of the Executive Government to accomplish the above object, this House being of opinion that the Revenue of the Resolution in regard to Post Office and uniform rate of Postage, by request to Lt. Gov. to call attention thereto, &c.

the Post Office will be increased beyond the Expenditure by such reduction ;—and if there should be a deficiency the House of Assembly is prepared to provide therefor.

Resolution for advance to import Sykes' Hydrometers Scales, &c.

On motion of Mr. Dewolf, *Resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested to direct the proper Officer to import or procure for the use of the several Excise Offices hereafter named, viz : Halifax, Yarmouth, Liverpool, Lunenburg, Sydney Cape Breton, Arichat, Pictou and Digby, a good and sufficient Sykes' Hydrometer for each, and for the use of the Excise Warehouses in Halifax three sets of Scales and Weights of such dimensions as are requisite for that purpose ;—and that this House will provide for the expense thereof at its next Session.

Message from Council—agree to Bills, viz. Halifax Water Bill.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill entitled an Act for Supplying the City of Halifax with Water—the Bill entitled an Act to alter and amend the Act to regulate and support the Pictou Academy—and the Bill entitled an Act for Taxing Dogs in certain parts of the City of Halifax,—severally without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Pictou Academy Bill. Dog tax Bill without amendment.

Message from Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill entitled an Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of "The Richmond Bridge Company," for the purpose of erecting a Toll Bridge across the Harbour of Halifax,—and the Bill entitled an Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and for other purposes—severally without any amendment.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Agree to Richmond Bridge Bill, and Appropriation Bill, without amendment.

Amendments of Council to Pictou Polls Bill, &c. read 2d time.

The Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill entitled an Act further to alter the Acts for establishing the times and places for holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives, were pursuant to order read a second time and considered—and are as followeth :

" *First Clause.*

21st Line—Leave out the word "four," and insert instead thereof the word "nine"—after the word "days" leave out all the words to the end of the thirtieth line."

And thereupon

Motion not to agree thereto

Mr. Doyle moved that the said Amendments be not agreed to by this House :—which being seconded and put, and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion seventeen, against it sixteen.

For the Motion—

Mr. J. B. Uniacke,
 " McNab,
 " McKeagney,
 " Smith,
 " Doyle,
 " Fulton,
 " Fraser,
 " Howe,
 " Brennan,
 " G. R. Young,
 " Dimock,
 " Comeau,
 " Hall,
 " Martel,
 " Wilson,
 " Bourneuf,
 " Turnbull,

Against the Motion—

Mr. Whitman,
 " Ryder,
 " Fleming,
 " Thorne,
 " A. M. Uniacke,
 " Taylor,
 " Freeman,
 " Ross,
 " Dickey,
 " Wilkins,
 " Holmes,
 " Budd,
 " Dewolf,
 " Beckwith,
 Hon. Atty. Gen.
 " Sol. Gen.

Passed in affirmative.

So it passed in the Affirmative.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the said Amendments be not agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill and Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have not agreed to the said Amendments.

Amendments not agreed to. Message to Council accordingly.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton.

Mr. Speaker,

The Council adhere to the Amendments proposed by them to the Bill entitled an Act further to alter the Acts for establishing the times and places for holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives.

Message from Council adhering to amendments to Pictou Polls Bill.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On motion of Mr. G. R. Young, *resolved*, that the following Address to Her Majesty on the subject of Copyright, in accordance with the Report of a Select Committee made on a former day, do pass, viz :

Copyright Address to Her Majesty passed.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

May it please Your Majesty,

We Your Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects, the Representatives of the People of Nova Scotia, approach the Throne with feelings of sincere attachment to Your Majesty's person, and to the Constitution which under Your Majesty's auspices, secures to us so many inestimable privileges.

This House looking to the past history and present position of their fellow subjects at Home, are satisfied that much of their distinctive prosperity and greatness is attributable to the encouragement given to the National Literature, and to the wide circulation of the popular publications of the Age. This House having lately caused a full enquiry to be made into the Law of Copyright, as now in force in the United Kingdom and extending to these Colonies, are satisfied from the review given to these Statutes and the evidence collected, that while their operation has a most injurious effect in curtailing in British North America the circulation and influence of Modern English Literature, in affecting the tone of sound feeling and impeding the advancement and refinement of the Provincial mind, they confer no adequate or corresponding protection on the British Author or Publisher. This House therefore most respectfully solicit Your Majesty's gracious consideration to the facts and opinions contained in the accompanying Report of a Committee of this House, and pray that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to direct Your Majesty's Advisers to refer this question to the consideration of the Imperial Parliament, in order that the existing Law of Copyright may be so modified as to relieve Your Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects in British North America from the serious evils inflicted by said Statutes, and the Provincial mind improved and elevated by the more extensive circulation of the best publications of the British Press.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Address to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. G. R. Young,

Resolved, That His Excellency The Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested to forward the Address to Her Majesty, and a Copy of the Report of the Committee relating to the Law of Copyright, to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with an earnest request that the subject matter referred to in said Address may engage, at as early a period as possible, the attention of Her Majesty's Government.

Resolution to request Lt. Gov. to transmit Address with copy of report.

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House be requested to transmit to the different Speakers of the Assemblies in the neighbouring Colonies a Copy of said Address and Report, in order that the questions referred to therein may be brought under the consideration of said Assemblies, and their united action be obtained to effect a modification of the existing Law of Copyright, so far as it affects the Literature and intellectual advancement of these Colonies.

Resolution for Speaker to send Address and Report to other Speakers of Col. Assemblies.

Message from
Council.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton.

Mr. Speaker,

Agree to Resolutions
for advances for
Printing.

The Council have agreed to two Resolutions of this Honorable House, requesting that advances may be made from the Treasury to defray the expenses of Public Printing. And then the Messenger withdrew.

Resolution to request
time for payment of
Public Debt of T.
Dickson, Esq. to be
extended.

On motion of Mr. Fraser, *resolved*, that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested to direct the proper Officers to suspend the sale of the Property of Thomas Dickson, Esquire, taken or liable to be taken under Execution at the Suit of the Crown, for the period of one year from this date, unless it should at any time appear that the interest of the Province is likely to suffer by such extension of time, and if at the expiration of that period one quarter of the amount due thereon be paid, then that the sale of such property be further suspended for another year, and so on from year to year, so long as such proportionate amount of one quarter of the whole sum now due shall be paid in each year until the whole is liquidated.

Message from Lieut.
Governor command-
ing attendance of
House.

A Message from His Excellency The Lieutenant Governor by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor commands this Honorable House to attend His Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber.

House attend His
Excellency, who
assents to Bills, viz.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House, attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the several Bills entitled as followeth:—

Addition to Halifax
Incorporation Act.
Atlantic Marine
Insurance Co.
Marshall's Cove Pier
Company.
Tracadie Oysters.

An Act in further addition to the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax.

An Act to Incorporate the Atlantic Marine Insurance Company.

An Act to Incorporate the Marshall's Cove Pier Company.

An Act to repeal the Act to prevent the taking of Oysters from Tracadie, in the County of Sydney.

Incorp. of Agricul-
tural Societies.
Maitland Streets.

An Act to Incorporate Agricultural Societies.

An Act to extend to the Village of Maitland, in the County of Hants, the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax and certain other places.

Support of the poor
of Maxweltown.

An Act to divide the Township of Maxweltown into separate Districts for the support of the Poor.

Election of Repre-
sentatives.

An Act in further amendment of the Act for establishing the times and places for holding the Poll at Elections of Representatives.

Shad Fishery.

An Act to repeal the Act to regulate the Shad Fishery in King's County.

Light Houses.

An Act concerning the support and regulation of Light Houses.

Special Sessions
County of Inverness.

An Act to provide for the holding of a Special Sessions of the Peace in Inverness, for certain purposes therein mentioned.

Combined Common
and Grammar School
at Lunenburg.

An Act to repeal the Act for the regulation and management of the Combined Common and Grammar School at Lunenburg.

Funded Debt.

An Act relating to the Funded Debt of this Province.

Statute Labor.

An Act to amend the Act concerning the performance of Statute Labor on Highways.

Schools.

An Act for the encouragement of Schools.

Public School.

An Act to continue the Act to amend An Act for establishing a Public School in the Town of Halifax.

Appointing Fire-
wards village of
Antigonishe.

An Act to extend to the Village of Antigonishe the several Acts for appointing Firewards.

Harbor Master at
Spanish River, C. B.

An Act to make provision for a Harbor Master at Spanish River in the County of Cape Breton.

Harbor of Antigo-
nishe
Agriculture.
Provincial Peniten-
tiary.

An Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Antigonishe.

An Act for the encouragement of Agriculture and Rural Economy in this Province.

An Act in amendment of the Act for the government and regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary.

An Act to amend and alter the Act to regulate and support the Pictou Academy.	Pictou Academy.
An Act for supplying the City of Halifax with Water.	Water.
An Act for taxing Dogs in certain parts of the City of Halifax.	Dog Tax.
An Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the Richmond Bridge Company, for the purpose of erecting a Bridge across the Harbour of Halifax.	Richmond Bridge Company.

After which Mr. Speaker spake as followeth :—

Speaker presents Appropriation Bill.

May it please Your Excellency—

Your Excellency having been graciously pleased to give your Assent to all the Bills passed in this present Session, it becomes my agreeable duty on behalf of Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, Her faithful Commons of Nova Scotia, to present to Your Excellency a Bill for Appropriating the Supplies granted in this present Session for the support of Her Majesty's Government during this present Year, and to request Your Excellency's Assent to the same.

His Excellency was then pleased to give His Assent to the Bill following, viz :—

Governor assents to Appropriation Bill.

An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and for other purposes.

His Excellency was then pleased to make the following

Speech of His Excellency on closing of Session.

SPEECH.

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

The Public business having been brought to a close, I have great pleasure in relieving you from further attendance in General Assembly.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

I thank you on behalf of the Queen, for the provision you have made for the support of Her Majesty's Government.

It shall be my care that the Monies which have been granted by you be faithfully applied and economically expended.

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

I cannot dismiss you without expressing my satisfaction at the attention you have given to the several subjects recommended by me to your notice in my Speech at the opening of the Session—and I am specially gratified by your having passed an Act by which the means of Education are placed within the reach of the children of the poorer classes residing in the distant and scattered settlements of the Province.

In parting from you for a season, I perform a pleasing duty in testifying that I have recognised in all the measures you have adopted the influence of sound and Constitutional principles, honorable alike to yourselves as Legislators, and to the moral and loyal People who inhabit this favored portion of the Empire ; of whose interests you are the Guardians, and of whose feelings and sentiments you are the best interpreters.

After which the Honorable the President of the Legislative Council, by His Excellency's command, said—

Prorogation of Assembly.

Gentlemen—

It is His Excellency's will and pleasure that this General Assembly be prorogued to Thursday the Fifth day of June next, then to be here held.

And this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the Fifth day of June next.

JOHN WHIDDEN, }
Clerk of the House of Assembly. }

APPENDIX

TO THE

JOURNAL

OF

THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

OF THE

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

FOR THE SESSION.

Commencing the 30th January, 1845, and ending the 14th April, 1845.

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APPENDIX.

No. 1.

(See Page 185.)

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No. 167.

Downing Street, 3rd June, 1844.

MY LORD,

The accompanying Memorial of the Chairman and Directors of the General Mining Association of Nova Scotia, having been transmitted by that body to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, has, by their Lordships, more recently been communicated to me.

Her Majesty's Government are disposed to accede to the proposition of the Company for the extension of the term of their tenure of the Mines. We are also of opinion that it would be desirable to accede to their proposal for modifying the agreement in regard to the royalty, to which, as a temporary measure, your Lordship was authorised to accede by my despatch of 31st January last, No. 152. But, referring to the statement in the Memorial that, in the course of the discussion relating to the Civil List, some question had been raised affecting the rights of the Association, both as Sub-lessees under the Grant to His late Royal Highness the Duke of York and as tenants of the Crown; I cannot state to your Lordship too distinctly, that Her Majesty will not be advised to assent to any act for the cession of the Crown Revenue which shall not provide in specific and comprehensive terms for the maintenance and integrity of all rights and titles under existing grants, leases, or agreements. Full provision to this effect was made in the Civil List of New Brunswick, nor would it be compatible with the honor of the Crown to depart from that precedent.

On referring to the Address to Her Majesty from the House of Assembly, which accompanies your Lordship's despatch of the 10th May, No. 236, I perceive that the House, while disclaiming any desire that the existing obligations on the part of the Crown to the Company should be infringed, refer to the terms of the Lease as yet being open to adjustment, and solicit that the Lease may be submitted to the Provincial Legislature before it is finally executed. Her Majesty is graciously pleased to assent to this request; yet the terms in which it is preferred, seem to require that this assent should be qualified by the declaration I have already made.

Your Lordship is aware of the pendency before the Queen in Council, of a petition disputing the validity of the annexation of Cape Breton to Nova Scotia, in the year 1820. It will probably be necessary that you should hold an extraordinary session of the Provincial Legislature, in order to submit to them the question whether they will constitute Agents to appear in their behalf to oppose that petition. At the same time it would be expedient that the present proposals of the General Mining Association should be brought under the notice of the Legislative Council and Assembly, and recommended for their sanction. The adoption of it by the Local Legislature could, I apprehend, in no contingency be otherwise than advantageous to the Province. In the contingency of the

failure of the petition to the Queen in Council, it may reasonably be doubted whether such terms as the present, if now rejected, would then be offered by the Association.

Respecting the convening the Legislature in an extraordinary Session, to consider of the petition from Cape Breton, I shall address your Lordship in a separate despatch ; but whether by the present, or by the ensuing Mail, must remain in some degree of doubt until a Correspondence on the subject, in which I am engaged with the Lord President of the Council, shall have reached its close.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Lieutenant Governor, The Viscount Falkland.

COPY.

To the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

The humble Memorial of the Chairman and Directors of the General Mining Association,

SHEWETH :

That the recent agitation in the House of Assembly at Halifax of the question affecting the rights of the General Mining Association conveyed to them both as Sub-lessees of the grant to his late Royal Highness the Duke of York, and as tenants of the Crown, in connection with the settlement of the Civil List, and the doubt which has been expressed by the local Legislature, and embodied in an Address to the Queen, of the sufficiency of the agreement for a Lease of the reserved Mines of Pictou and Sydney, (the draft of which as prepared by your Lordship's Solicitor, is in possession of your Memorialists,) under which they have been worked and payments made to the Crown to the amount of upwards of seventy thousand pounds currency, has compelled your Memorialists to address your Lordships on this important subject, in order that the completion of the said Lease may be no longer delayed.

That, with the view of an amicable arrangement of the litigation in the Court of Chancery with the Representatives of the late Duke of York, which has been pending for so long a period, your Memorialists have submitted a mode of compromise, which they have every reason to believe will be acceded to, if your Lordships will afford them relief, by a modification of the payment at present made to the Crown in the shape of rent and royalty.

That your Memorialists are informed that the reserved Mines not included in the original grant to the Duke of York, and of which they are in possession as before stated under the agreement for a lease, form one of the points which have been the subject of frequent discussion between Her Majesty's Government and the Duke's Representatives. Your Memorialists therefore, with the view of removing this ground of contention, have expressed their willingness to acquiesce in an arrangement by which the Duke's Representatives shall participate in the benefits arising from the working of these Mines in common with those comprehended in the original grant, provided your Lordships will consent to an arrangement by which the fixed annual rent of three thousand pounds sterling per annum shall cover a shipment of Coals to the extent of fifty thousand chaldrons, Newcastle measure, a royalty of two shillings currency per chaldron of the same measure being paid on the excess of shipments beyond that quantity, and that, with these conditions, the Lease be forthwith completed.

That your Memorialists were most thankful for the relief afforded to the Association last year by a remission, with your Lordships' sanction, of a portion of the royalty, but having still to lament a falling off in their shipments of Coal exceeding 12,000 chaldrons during the past season, and after an expenditure of a capital of more than three hundred thousand

thousand pounds without one shilling of return to the shareholders, they are reluctantly driven once more to seek relief from your Lordships by an arrangement which, while it will enable your Memorialists, as they hope and believe, to effect a satisfactory settlement with the Duke of York's Representatives, will, at the same time materially relieve the Association from the burthen of the royalty, which they find it impossible to sustain with any reasonable prospect of success in their extensive operations.

Your Memorialists therefore most earnestly trust that your Lordships will afford them your co-operation and assistance in the manner, and to the extent they have humbly solicited, so that your Memorialists may be enabled to continue the working of the Mines without the fear of any future interference or doubt as to their rights under the Lease, and also to attain the important object of a final arrangement with the Representatives of the late Duke of York. And your Memorialists will ever pray.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

(Signed)

ROBERT MOSER,
Chairman.

General Mining Association,
52 Old Broad Street,
23d May, 1844.

COPY.

(Referred to in No. 167.)

No. 152.

Downing Street, 31st January, 1844.

MY LORD,

I have received your Lordship's Despatch of the 17th December, 1843, No. 199, enclosing a letter addressed to yourself by the Agent for the General Mining Association, requesting that the yearly rent payable under the Company's Lease might be remitted.— In deference to your Lordship's opinion, I declined to recommend this request to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury for their sanction. But, on the 5th instant, I received from the Association a letter, of which I enclose a copy, soliciting permission to raise and sell annually 50,000 Newcastle Chaldrons of Coal instead of 20,000, on account of the rent payable by them, and without the exaction of any royalty in respect of this increased produce. To this proposal there appears to be no valid objection, provided that the proposed concession should not continue in force for more than some definite period, varying from a minimum of five to a maximum of ten years. But, although such is the opinion which, in concurrence with the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, I have adopted on this subject, I have not thought it right that any steps should be taken or assurance given on the subject, binding in any degree on Her Majesty's Government, until your Lordship shall have first maturely weighed the proposal. Should you think it unobjectionable, you will consider and report to me what should be the corresponding modification of the terms of the Lease; and it will be in your power at once to apprise the Company's Agent in the Province, that such a change in the terms of the arrangement is to take effect. If, on the other hand, your Lordship should see good reason to dissuade the adoption of this course, you will inform the Agent that such is the conclusion which you are about to report to me, and that in the meantime the question must remain upon its present footing.

The Company in this Country have been apprised of the discretionary power thus vested in your Lordship to give, or to decline giving, effect to the views of Her Majesty's Government on the subject.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Lt. Governor, The Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

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COPY.

*General Mining Association,
52 Old Broad Street, London, 5th January, 1844.*

MY LORD,

On the 23rd February last I had the honor of receiving a communication from Mr. Hope, transmitting by direction of your Lordship, the copy of a letter from Mr. Trevelyan, conveying the decision of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to remit for the year first closed the royalty payable by the Association on the Coal raised from the Mines leased to them in Nova Scotia to the extent of 20,000 chaldrons, Newcastle measure, beyond the quantity covered by the rent paid by the Association.

This concession, obtained as it was on the recommendation of your Lordship, was most thankfully received by the Association, who had strong hopes that the reduction in the selling price of the coal, which they were thus enabled to effect, would insure its sale in the markets of the United States, by placing it in a better position to meet the competition caused by the existing Tariff of Duties levied on all foreign Coal imported into that country.

In this expectation, however, I lament to inform your Lordship the Mining Association have been altogether disappointed; the sales of Coal during the past year having fallen off, compared with the year 1842, to an extent exceeding 10,000 chaldrons; and the Agent of the Company in Nova Scotia has found it necessary to give notice to all the workmen employed at their principal Colliery at Pictou, that they must hold themselves in readiness to quit the Mines in the expectation of their being closed.

In the discharge of his duty as Agent to the Association, Mr. Cunard has addressed a letter to Lord Falkland, setting forth the present position of the Company's affairs at the close of the shipping season, and entreating his Excellency to recommend to your Lordship a permanent modification in the existing payments to the Crown for rent and royalty, without which it will be quite impossible to carry on the operations much longer, in the face of such a continued falling off in the shipments of Coal from the Mines; and, being informed that a copy of that letter has been transmitted to your Lordship, it is my duty unequivocally to corroborate every fact therein stated, proving, as it does, the utter inability to sustain a competition in the American markets, it being now unfortunately too manifest that "the difficulty occasioned by the altered Tariff of the United States is not a temporary one", and has not been "counteracted to any extent by the recent increase of Coal Export duty in England"; this duty when exported in British vessels to the United States being only 2s. per ton, whilst the Association have to complain of the entire removal of an Export duty of 11s. per ton, which existed at the time they entered upon the lease of the Nova Scotia Mines, the abrogation of which has so seriously depreciated its value, and without which protection the Association would not have accepted a lease under such a heavy rent and royalty, or made so large an investment in a new country, with any hope of competing successfully with Coal raised in Great Britain.

I will not venture to trouble your Lordship by again repeating the many other grounds in which, in the judgment of the Mining Association, their claim to relief, as respects the rent and royalty they pay, was fully borne out; and which they conceive have now a double force in recommending their present application to your favourable attention.—The Company would reluctantly ask for any reduction in the rent at present paid, knowing its mode of appropriation, and the serious inconvenience which might possibly arise from its non-payment to the Casual Revenue of the Province; I am therefore respectfully instructed to state that, while the Association express their willingness to continue the payment of the existing rent, (which with the royalty forms an aggregate payment to the Crown since the commencement of operations of upwards of £70,000 currency,) they trust your Lordship will be of opinion, looking to the unfortunate position of their affairs, and the struggles they are making to continue the working of the Mines, in the success of which the whole Province is so deeply interested, that the Association is not asking too
much

much at the hands of Her Majesty's Government, in requesting that the rent now paid may cover a yearly sale of 50,000 chaldrons Newcastle measure, before any royalty becomes payable, and that such arrangement may be permanently established for the remaining term of their Lease.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) ROBERT MOSER,
Chairman.

Permit me to add, that in this undertaking about £300,000 has been laid out by the Shareholders, and not one penny of interest or dividend has yet been divided amongst them: Two of the Collieries have been abandoned, and a third is now in peril of the same fate.

(Signed) ROBERT MOSER.

The Right Honorable The Lord Stanley.

[COPY.]

No. 199.

Government House, Halifax, 17th December, 1843.

MY LORD,

I have the honor to inclose a copy of a letter I have received from Mr. Cunard, the Agent of the General Mining Association in Nova Scotia, by which it appears that that Gentleman, not satisfied with the remission made last year of 2s. royalty per chaldron, to the extent of 20,000 chaldrons Newcastle measure, now seeks on behalf of his employers for the remission of the yearly rent, which the Company are by the terms of the Lease bound to pay.

Your Lordship will at once perceive that if this request be acceded to, all hope of any satisfactory arrangement with regard to the Civil List, must be given up; and I really cannot conceive how it will be possible, under such circumstances, to carry on the Government of Nova Scotia. I therefore trust that your Lordship will decline complying with the request of Mr. Cunard.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) FALKLAND.

The Right Honble. The Lord Stanley, &c. &c. &c.

COPY.

Halifax, 6th December, 1843.

MY LORD,

The season for shipping Coal at the Albion Mines having closed, and very little more can now be shipped at the Sydney Mines, I beg to lay before your Lordship a statement of the shipments for the year.

At the commencement of the year, Lord Stanley was pleased to make a remission in the royalty of 2s. currency per chaldron, Newcastle measure, to the extent of 20,000 chaldrons; (an indulgence that we have not been able to avail of, having only shipped half that quantity, on which duty would have to be paid), and I received instructions from the Directors in London to make a corresponding reduction in the price to the manufacturers and others in the United States; but I found that I could not dispose of any at that rate, and was compelled to take upon myself the responsibility of a reduction of 6s. the Newcastle chaldron, (or 3s. Winchester measure), otherwise I should not have sold a single chaldron in the States. The general use of Anthracite Coal, and the high duty

duty exacted, operate nearly to a prohibition of the use of Foreign Coal. Notwithstanding this great reduction in the price, the shipments this year have fallen far short of former years.

1841 . . .	51,670	Sydney & Bridgeport,	40,110	Pictou,	91,780	Total	} Chaldrons Winchester measure.
1842 . . .	48,616	. . . . .	30,050	. . .	78,666	.
1843 to Nov. 25,	42,150	. . . . .	19,582	. . .	61,732	.

The deductions made from the Mines price this year, amount to	£4,103	18	5
The allowance in the royalty under Lord Stanley's Order, being only on 21,732 Winchester chaldrons, or 10,866 Newcastle, at 2s.,	1,086	12	0
	£3,017 6 5		

Shewing a deduction from the Mines price of upwards of £3000, beyond the sum allowed by Lord Stanley. In addition to which the Association are obliged to give long credits, in which they have sustained heavy losses by failures. Under these circumstances, I hope and trust that your Lordship will see the equity of relieving the Association from the payment of any rent or royalty in future, or until the annual shipments shall amount to 50,000 Newcastle chaldrons, after which the Association would be in a position to pay a royalty.

To close the Pictou Mines would be a great loss to the Province, and a dreadful sacrifice to the Association, after the great expense that has been incurred; but, unless Lord Stanley should be pleased to grant relief, I do not see any other course to pursue than to close the Mines, and to send the Engines, Rails, &c., to the States for Sale.

I do not think it necessary to trouble your Lordship with a long statement at this time, having fully explained the affairs of the Association in a letter I had the honor of addressing to your Lordship, dated 22nd December, 1842.

The Association made an unfortunate arrangement with the Government, in total ignorance of the difficulties they had to contend with. They have struggled along for a period of seventeen years, and have paid a very large amount into the Revenue, beside expending all their capital; and it may not appear unreasonable, under such circumstances, to ask for a remission of rent. I am sure your Lordship would not be disposed to exact rent from tenants so situated; and I hope Lord Stanley will look upon the Association as unfortunate tenants who have expended all their means before they applied to their Landlords for relief, and that his Lordship will grant them the relief prayed for.

No rent or royalty is obtained from Coal raised in any of the other Colonies, and this Province has already had all the advantages from the vast expenditure made by the Association.

As our arrangements for the ensuing year will much depend upon Lord Stanley's consideration of our application, I have to beg that you will be pleased to request an early reply.

I am sure that you will bear testimony to the zeal and diligence devoted by me to the management of the Mines since you have governed the Province.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) S. CUNARD,
Agent for the General Mining Association.

His Excellency Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

COPY. *(Referred to by Lord Stanley in No. 167.)*

No. 236.

Government House, Halifax, 10th May, 1844.

MY LORD,

I have the honor to forward an Address from the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia to the

the Queen, on the subject of the Bill which has been lately passed by the Provincial Legislature with a view of granting a Civil List to Her Majesty in lieu of the Casual and Territorial Revenues of the Crown in this Colony.

This Address ought to have been transmitted with my Despatch, No. 225, date 26th April, 1844, which accompanied the Bill above mentioned, and I have to express my regret that it did not do so, but was accidentally left out of the inclosure.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

The Right Honble. The Lord Stanley.

[COPY.]

No. 262.

Government House, Halifax, 2nd August, 1844.

MY LORD,

With reference to my Despatch, No. 249, date July 2nd, 1844, being in answer to your private letter of the 3rd June last, relative to the concession asked for in the petition of the Mining Association, viz: "that they should hereafter be allowed to raise 50,000 chaldrons *Newcastle* measure, in consideration of the annual payment to the Crown of a "rent of £3,000 sterling, a royalty of 2s. currency per chaldron being paid on the excess "of shipments above that quantity;" and in which you express a desire, should I not think it advisable to recommend the proposal to the favourable consideration of the Assembly, to receive my opinion and that of my Executive Council on the subject: I have to inform you that, on the return of the Members of Council to Halifax immediately previous to the recent meeting of Parliament, I submitted to the Board your Lordship's letter above alluded to, as well as my communication in reply.

With regard to the individual opinion I expressed in that communication, that the relief proposed to be granted to the petitioners was nothing more than might reasonably be afforded them, I would explain that it was founded on the single view of the case as one existing between a Lessor and Lessee, who had concluded a bargain under the impression that both would derive benefit from its stipulations; whereas one of the contracting parties (the Lessee) had been, whether by extravagant management or not, unexpectedly ruined. Regarding the matter in this light, I felt that were it a case between private persons, the utmost liberality would probably be extended to the suffering party. On consulting the Council, however, as to the expediency of proposing the concession demanded to the Assembly, and recommending its adoption on the ground that the arrangement would be beneficial to the Province, it became necessary to review the reasons to be given why it would be desirable that a settlement of the question between the Duke of York's Creditors and the Mining Association, should be effected on the terms above mentioned, and I confess that a consideration of the arguments by which a proposal of the kind would certainly be met in the Provincial Legislature, has led me to modify my opinion very considerably, if not as to the equity of the proposition on the part of the Association, at any rate as to any benefit which Nova Scotia would derive from the amicable conclusion of a suit in which the Province has no interest whatever, that I can discover.

Your Lordship states that "the Province of course could obtain nothing from the "Crown which shall not ultimately be determined to belong to the Crown. The interests, therefore, of the Province, as against the Creditors of the Duke of York, are *identical with those of the Crown*, and it is obviously for the interests of both, that the question with them should be settled." This would be met by a counter statement on the part of the Provincial Legislature, that—The Duke of York's Creditors claim the Mines of Cape Breton. The Vice Chancellor has intimated an opinion in favor of this claim, which would give to those creditors the Bridgeport Mines now unworked, and also the
Mines

Mines at Spanish River commonly called the Sydney Mines, unless these latter shall be found to be included (which the Bridgeport Mines are not) in the reservation of Mines already under Lease when the Duke of York's Lease was granted; in which case they belong to the Mining Association under the agreement made by them with the Crown.

It has but recently been understood that, at the time the grant passed to the Duke of York, a then existing Lease to the Messrs. Bowns' (a copy of which I have been unable to obtain, but which I will send by the next Packet) of the Spanish River Mines was more comprehensive in its terms than it was known to be, and it is thought the Mines which Messrs. Bowns' held under such Lease could not pass to the Duke or his Representatives, being comprehended within the reservations of the Lease to His Royal Highness. Admitting however, that all these points in the pending suit shall be determined in favour of the Creditors of the Duke of York, it is not easy to perceive how the interest of Nova Scotia could be prejudicially affected by the decision, because the Mining Association, were it decreed that they were Lessees under the Duke of York's Creditors, to the full extent claimed by these, would under the terms of the Duke of York's Lease, pay to the Crown more than the Mining Association now actually pay, as clearly appears from the following statement;—

Statement, shewing the difference between the Duke of York's Lease and the subsequent agreement with the Mining Association, as far as regards the payment of rent and royalties for Coals in the Province of Nova Scotia.

	<i>Sterling.</i>
Suppose 40,000 chaldrons Newcastle measure, to be raised in the year :	
40,000 chaldrons Newcastle measure, are equal to 96,363 tons, which would	
under the Duke of York's Lease, pay 1s. per ton, or	£4,818 3 0
The Mining Association, raising the same quantity would, under their	
agreement, pay for the first 20,000 chaldrons the fixed annual rent of	2,666 13 4
And for the next 20,000 chaldrons, 2s. currency, or 1s. 7½d. sterling per	
chaldron, amounting to	1,600
Therefore—the Mining Association would pay in all	£4,266 13 4
The difference between which and	£4,818 3 0
payable under the Duke of York's Lease, is	£551 9 8

Being a balance in favour of the Province to that amount.

Under these circumstances the Executive Council felt they could not concur in representing to the House of Assembly, who are fully aware of all the facts I have stated, that any benefit could accrue to the Province from the assent of the Legislature being obtained to such an arrangement as that proposed by your Lordship in your private letter of the 3rd June, and in your Despatch No. 167, therein referred to.

There is less hope of inducing the House to come to such a conclusion, because it is known that the Mines have been worked profitably; and might be so again, by any parties who had not sunk, and that most unnecessarily, as shewn in my Despatch No. 54, date 24th March, 1842, and the Report which accompanied it, an enormous sum of money. The former Lessees of the Cape Breton Mines alone, though their sale, which was limited to Colonial consumption, had never come up in any one year to 9,000 chaldrons, Winchester measure, paid to the Crown in 1826, more than £2,900, and yet, for several years previous to the Duke of York's Lease, realised, on this small quantity, a profit of £3,000 sterling per annum on an average. In proof of the value of the Mines in prudent hands, I may refer to a Memorandum copy of which I enclose, dated 20th May, 1832,

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sent home by Sir Peregrine Maitland, in which it is stated that an offer of £6000 sterling per annum was made for the Cape Breton Mines alone, and the individual making it, one of the principal merchants in Halifax, was prepared to extend his offer to £7,000. At this very time there are gentlemen to be found here who would willingly pay a handsome rent to the Government for unopened Mines, and enter into competition with the Association, which shews that, if that Company has suffered much, the Crown has likewise suffered severely, as it is evident that in the hands of Colonial speculators, who would have limited the quantity raised, and the expenditure consequent upon it to the consumption, the various Mines would by this time have realized to the Government probably from £10,000 to £12,000 per annum.

I admit and regret the state to which the Association is reduced, but know that if the Mines were granted to them for nothing they never could hope to repay themselves the money they have lost, either principal or interest, and the House of Assembly, aware of this, and feeling that the Province loses annually some thousands a year in consequence of the bad management of the Association, would certainly refuse to grant them any further indulgence.

Under these circumstances it is for your Lordship to consider whether you will make the concessions asked for to the Mining Company, and reject the Civil List Bill, or whether you will accept that Bill, and refuse further relief to the Association.

I confess that the latter course, however painful it may be, seems to me the only one which can be adopted.

In conclusion, I feel it right to allude to what your Lordship says in your Despatch, No. 167, that "Her Majesty's Government are disposed to accede to the proposition of the Company for the extension of the term of their tenure of the Mines."

No such proposition appears in the Copy of the Memorial transmitted to me, but I do not hesitate to say, that this or any other arrangement which shall alter the terms on which the Association held the Mines at the time at which the House of Assembly passed the Civil List Bill, will go far to render any settlement of that question impossible.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

The Right Honorable The Lord Stanley, &c. &c. &c.

No. 265.

Government House, Halifax, 16th August, 1844.

MY LORD,

With reference to my Despatch, No. 262, date 3rd Instant, I have now the honor to inclose for your Lordship's information, a Copy of the Lease to Messrs. Bowns', therein mentioned, which I think will be found to substantiate the opinion I then entertained, as to the comprehensiveness of its terms.

I have, &c,

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

The Right Honble. The Lord Stanley, &c. &c. &c.

[COPY.]

No. 201.

Downing Street, 3rd January, 1845.

MY LORD,

Before your Lordship's receipt of this Despatch the period of holding the annual Session of the Legislature of Nova Scotia will have so nearly arrived, as to forbid any longer postponement

ponement in announcing to you the course which it is proposed to pursue regarding the Provincial Civil List Bill of the Session of 1844. I have hitherto postponed that announcement, in the hope that the difficulties which have thus far opposed any final decision, would ere now have been surmounted. But they still exist in almost undiminished force.

First, the pendency of the debate respecting the annexation of Cape Breton to Nova Scotia, renders it scarcely possible to form any firm conclusion on the question of the proposed financial settlement. Secondly, the continuance of the litigation between the Legal Representatives of the late Duke of York and the Nova Scotia Mining Association and the Crown, creates impediments of another, and scarcely a less serious nature; and thirdly, a proposal which has recently been made for compromising that litigation, may, if accepted, affect the basis on which the negotiation for the grant of a Civil List has hitherto proceeded. Altho' this proposal has not been acceded to, the terms submitted are still under discussion, and I have reason to anticipate that a compromise may result from them.

Under these circumstances it is impossible that Her Majesty should be advised to take, at present, the steps necessary for giving effect to the Civil List Act. Neither, indeed, have I sufficient grounds to expect that it will be possible to adopt those steps hereafter, unless the House of Assembly after carefully considering the terms of the contemplated compromise, shall be of opinion that the effect of it is not such as to require a departure on their side from the terms of the proposals, which they have already made.

The negotiations with the Legal Representatives of the Duke of York and with the Mining Association, not having yet reached their close, I am unable to communicate to you the effect of them. But I trust that the Treaty will have advanced far enough for that purpose before the departure of the next ensuing mail. In the meantime this Despatch will enable you to explain the actual state of this question to the two Houses of the Provincial Legislature.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

The Viscount Falkland.

THIS INDENTURE, made the Thirtieth day of August, in the third year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth, King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, &c. &c. &c., and in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Two, *Between* His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir James Kempt, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable the Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia and its Dependencies, &c., acting for and on behalf of His Majesty, by virtue of the power and authority to him given for that purpose; of the one part; and George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, of Sydney, in the Island of Cape Breton, and Province aforesaid, Merchants, of the other part. *Witnesseth* that for and in consideration of the Rents, Reservations, Covenants, and Agreements hereinafter expressed and contained, on the part of the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their Executors and Administrators, to be paid, rendered, done and performed, He the said James Kempt, acting in this behalf for His Majesty, by virtue of the power and authority in him vested to that effect, *Hath* leased, demised, set and to farm let, and by these presents *Doth* lease, demise, set and to farm let, unto the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their Executors and Administrators, *All* and all manner of Mines, Pits, and veins of Coal now open and known, or that may be found out by digging, delving, sinking, or otherwise howsoever, commonly called and known by the name of the King's Coal Mines, or by whatsoever other name or names they are or were called or known, and situate, lying, and being at Spanish River, in the said Island of Cape Breton, and Province of Nova Scotia, with all and singular that certain Piece, Parcel, and Tract of Land thereto belonging and appertaining, and which is abutted and bounded as follows: Beginning

Leased the Mines in Spanish Town.

Description of Land Leased.

ginning at the North Eastern corner boundary of lands granted to James Edward Boisseau, Esquire, thence running Westerly along the Northern boundary line of said Boisseau's lands, about fifty-nine chains to the Eastern boundary line of lands granted to John Mowett, thence along the said eastern line sixty-three chains, to the western angle of lands granted to Susannah Archer, thence Easterly along the Southern boundary line of the said Archer's lot to the sea, thence Southerly along shore to the place of commencement, containing four hundred acres, more or less, saving and reserving to the King so much and such parts of the said land above described, with the buildings thereon, as are at present used and occupied for fortifications and other military purposes, and so much and such other parts of the said land as may be hereafter considered useful and necessary for the King's use and service, either for the defence of the said Mines and River, or for any other military purpose whatsoever. And also saving and reserving to the King so much and such other parts of the said land, as the said James Kempt, or his successor or successors in office in the administration of the Government of the said Province of Nova Scotia, may hereafter elect and appoint for opening any new vein or pit of Coal, or new veins or pits of Coal, with full liberty of ingress, egress, and regress, to and for the superintendant of the King's Mines, together with such workmen as he shall think fit from time to time, and at all times during the term hereby leased, the same to dig, delve, search, sink, trench and mine in and through the said leased premises, or any part thereof, doing no wilful hurt or damage to the works of the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their Executors and Administrators, (provided no Coal be cut, raised, or shipped from any of the said new vein or veins, Pit or Pits of Coal, during the term hereby leased, to the prejudice or disadvantage of the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their Executors and Administrators,) together with all and singular the houses, buildings, edifices, wharves, and ginns thereon or thereunto belonging, with all ways, passages, waters, water courses, water levels, drains, cuts, commodities, emoluments, privileges, and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging, or therewith hitherto used and enjoyed; with the full and free liberty and license to and for the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their executors and administrators, from time to time and at all times during the term hereinafter mentioned, to work and carry on the same according to the established usage and custom, and to dig, delve, search, sink, trench, and mine in and upon the said before mentioned and described lands, and every or any part or parcel thereof, at their will or pleasure, for the searching out and taking up such coal, as shall be there found, and to follow the same according to the established laws and customs of working the said mine, and the same so trenched, digged, and found to take and carry away from time to time, and at all times during the term by these presents demised, mentioned, or intended so to be, and of shipping, selling, and vending the same at and for a sum not to exceed twenty-three shillings of the current money of the said Province of Nova Scotia for each and every chaldron of coal measuring thirty six bushels of the same. To have, hold, use, occupy, possess and enjoy the said before described mines, pits, and veins of coal, with the free liberty of digging, trenching, searching, and carrying away the same, with all and singular other the premises hereby leased, set, demised, or meant, or intended so to be, with their and every of their rights and appurtenances to the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their executors and administrators, from henceforth for and during and unto the full end and term of Five years, to be computed from the first day of January last past, and from hence next fully to be complete and ended, they the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their executors and administrators, or some or one of them yielding, paying, rendering and delivering therefore, from time to time during the said term of Five years unto the said James Kempt, and to his successor or successors in the administration of the Government of the said Province of Nova Scotia, for the King's use, the sum of seven shillings and sixpence of the current money of the said Province of Nova Scotia, for each and every chaldron of coals (according to the before recited admeasurement) which during the said term of

Reservation for Military purposes.

Superintendent to have liberty of ingress, egress and regress.

Lessees to carry on the Mines according to the established custom,

To sell the Coal at Twenty-three Shillings per chaldron

Lease for Five years.

Lessees to pay 7s 6d for every chaldron shipped.

five

five years shall be got, had, raised, gained, taken, vended or shipped from or out of the said described Mines, which said sum of seven shillings and sixpence current money as aforesaid, being the duty reserved on the shipment of each and every chaldron of coals for the use of the King, is to be paid, settled, and accounted for at the end and expiration of every two months; and if it shall so happen that the amount of the said duties or any part or parcel thereof be behind hand and unpaid for the space of thirty-one days next over or after the day on which the same ought to have been paid, or that the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their executors or administrators, shall at any time or times during the said term, refuse, omit, or neglect to carry on and work the said Mines, with such a competent number of workmen as shall be thought proper by the Superintendant of the said Mines, to work and carry on the same in the best and most effectual manner, and according to the usual practice and course of carrying on and working said Mines with effect for the space of thirty days together, in any one year of the said term, (cases of inevitable necessity and unavoidable accidents only excepted,) or if the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their executors or administrators, or any of them at time or times during the said term of five years, do not pay or cause to be paid, the duty reserved upon each and every chaldron of coals vended and shipped as aforesaid, according to the true intent and meaning of these presents, within the space of thirty-one days next after the same ought to be paid, and accounted for as aforesaid, that then and from thenceforth and at all times from thence after it shall and may be lawful to and for the said James Kempt or his successor or successors in office in the administration of the Government of the said Province of Nova Scotia, for and on behalf of the King into and upon the said mines, messuages, tenements and buildings, and all and singular other the said demised lands and premises, and every part and parcel thereof, with their appurtenances, wholly to reenter and the same to have again and repossess, and the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their executors and administrators, and every of them, their and every of their agents, workmen, servants, and occupiers of the said demised premises or any part or parcel thereof, thereout and therefrom to expel and remove. And the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, for themselves, their executors and administrators, and every of them, do jointly and severally covenant, promise and agree, to and with the said James Kempt, and with his successor or successors in office, acting in this behalf for the King, in manner as follows, that is to say, that they the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their executors and administrators, shall and will not at any time or times during the said term of five years, receive, take or cause to be received or taken, any larger sum for each and every chaldron of coals which may be taken, shipped, vended, or carried away from the said Mines, than the before mentioned sum of twenty three shillings of lawful money of the said Province, and shall and will from time to time during the said term of five years, well and truly yield, pay and deliver, or cause to be yielded, paid and delivered unto the said James Kempt and to his successor or successors in office, in the administration of the Government of the said Province of Nova Scotia, the sum of seven shillings and sixpence, current money of the Province aforesaid, for each and every chaldron or thirty-six bushels of coals which they the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their executors or administrators, or any of them, shall raise, vend, sell or ship for sale from the aforesaid Coal Mines during the aforesaid term of five years. And the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, for themselves, their executors and administrators, do hereby further jointly and severally covenant, promise and agree to and with the said James Kempt and his successor and successors in office in the administration of the Government of the said Province of Nova Scotia, for and on behalf of the King, that for and during the before mentioned period of five years they the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their executors and administrators, or some of them, will undertake to raise, ship and vend from the before described Mines

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Lessee omitting to carry on Mines.

Not to receive more than Twenty-three shillings per chaldron.

at least seven thousand chaldrons of coals in each and every year during the period of this lease, provided there is a demand for the same, and further that they the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their Executors or Administrators, or some of them, shall and will at all times during the period of the said lease, raise any larger quantity of coals in case there should be an increased demand for the same; and further, that they the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their executors and administrators, shall and will not vend, ship or sell, or cause to be vended, shipped, or sold, any coals from the said Mines, without the permit of the officer duly appointed by the King's Government to superintend the said Mines being first had and obtained, specifying the quantity of coal to be shipped or vended, all which permits when received are to be acted upon by the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their executors and administrators, according to their number, provided they are satisfied with the mode of payment for the same, and further the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, for themselves, their executors and administrators, do jointly and severally covenant, promise, and agree that they will not ship, vend, or sell, or cause to be shipped, vended, or sold, any coals which were not measured upon their being raised and delivered from the aforesaid Mines, and again re-measured by the proper officer appointed for that purpose, upon their being shipped, vended, or sold therefrom. And further, the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, for themselves, their executors and administrators, do jointly and severally covenant, promise, and agree to and with the said James Kempt, and with his said successor or successors in office, acting in this behalf for the King, that they the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their executors and administrators, or some of them, shall and will keep up and support the said before described Mines in a proper manner, according to what has been established by custom in the working of the said Mines, and by suitable props and columns of coal, and by all other measures which are usually adopted to secure the same, particularly such part of the said Mines as they shall be using and working: and also that all other parts of the said Mines which are not used or worked, shall be left with all the props and columns of coal which have been placed for their support, and shall and will deliver the same at the expiration of this lease, in the like good order and condition in which they now receive them.

Not to ship any Coal without a permit.

To keep up and support the Mines in the usual manner.

To be delivered up in like good order as received.

And also the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, for themselves, their executors and administrators, do jointly and severally covenant, promise and agree to and with the said James Kempt, and with his successor or successors in office, that they or some of them at their own proper cost and charge, shall and will at all times during the said term of five years, well and sufficiently repair, uphold, sustain, support and keep the said before mentioned Mines, together with all houses, out houses, buildings, *wharves*, ginns, and every other appurtenance now thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, or which at any time during the said term may hereafter be made, built and erected, in or upon any part of said lands, and all and singular other the premises, and every part and parcel thereof, in by and with all and all manner of needful and necessary reparation whatsoever, and will render and deliver up the same at the expiration of the said Lease in the like good tenantable order and condition, a reasonable and proper allowance being made for the wear and tear thereof, and further that they the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their executors and administrators, shall and will not at any time or times during the before mentioned period of five years, erect or cause to be erected, permit or cause to be permitted, any house or houses, building or buildings whatsoever, to be placed on the said lands belonging to the before described Mines, but with the concurrence of the Officer in the Administration of the Government of the said Province, and further, that they the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their executors and administrators, or some of them, at their own proper costs and charges, shall and will always keep sufficiently repaired, supported and cleared the wharf which at

Wharf included in this clause to be delivered in like good repair, with a suitable proper allowance for wear and tear.

And deliver them at the expiration of the lease in as good order as they receive them

Not to erect Buildings.

To keep the wharf in repair.

present is made use of at the said Mines for the shipment of coals, and further that they the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their executors and administrators, shall and will at all times make such addition thereto as may be considered necessary for the shipment of any additional quantity of coals which may be required, and will also make every effort to prevent the same being destroyed or injured by the sea, ice, worms, or any other thing to which from its present situation it is exposed, and deliver it up at the expiration of the above mentioned period, in all respects sound, perfect, and in good condition; and in case the aforesaid wharf should be destroyed, or in any part injured by storms or casualties, during the said term of this lease, that then the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their executors and administrators, or some of them, shall and will immediately cause the same to be rebuilt or repaired as occasion may require, at their own costs and charges; and further, that the same shall not be used, disposed of, or employed to any other use or purpose whatsoever, but for the shipment of coals or any other service which may be connected with the said Mines; and further, the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, for themselves, their executors and administrators, do jointly and severally promise, covenant, and agree, to and with the said James Kempt, and with his successor or successors in office, for and on behalf of the King, that all scows, waters, levels, and drains, for the said mines and premises, belonging or in any way appertaining, or which may hereafter be made therein and thereto, shall be kept open, secured, cleansed, repaired and amended from time to time, when need shall be and require during the said term of five years, and the same premises and every part and parcel thereof be well and sufficiently repaired, supported, maintained, scoured, cleansed, and amended, together with all locks, keys, bolts, staples, hooks, hinges, windows, doors, and glass, of all the before described premises so well and sufficiently made, glazed, and amended, and at the end of the said term of five years, and one calendar month, shall peaceably and quietly leave, surrender, and yield up the same to the King or his government, and also that it shall and may be lawful to and for the Superintendent of the said Mines, together with such workmen as he may think proper, during the said term of this lease, to enter in and upon the before demised mines, lands, and premises, and every or any part thereof, and to view, search, and see the estate and condition of the same, and to examine and see that the interests of the King are in all respects preserved and taken care of, and upon every such view and search to give or leave notice in writing at the said before described lands and demised premises, to and for the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their executors and administrators, of all defaults on their part, in the execution of the several covenants and agreements contained in this lease, and of all repairs then and there essential and necessary to repair and amend the same and every part thereof, and they the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their executors and administrators, shall well and sufficiently make all such repairs and amendments, within thirty days after such view made and notice given as aforesaid, and they the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, for themselves, their executors and administrators, and every of them, do jointly and severally covenant, promise, and agree, well and sufficiently to repair and amend all and every part of the said premises, as shall from time to time be pointed out, and notified by the said Superintendant. And the said James Kempt for himself and his successors in office, on behalf of the King, doth promise and agree to and with the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown; their executors and administrators, and to and with every of them by these presents, that for and during the period of the lease now made, there shall not any mine or mines of coal be allowed or permitted to be opened or worked in the said Island of Cape Breton, to the prejudice or disadvantage of the one now opened and worked on the Spanish River, in the Island aforesaid, and which is leased by these presents, nor shall there be any coals allowed to be shipped from any other part of the said island during the term aforesaid, unless by and with the concurrence of

of the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their executors and administrators, and further, that if during the period of the lease now made, the water should so increase in the pit at present worked, as to render the said pit incapable of being worked, and if it shall appear that every reasonable exertion shall have been made to drain and carry off the same, and that precaution had been previously taken to prevent such accident, that then and in such case the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their executors and administrators, shall not be subject to suffer on that account, under any of the covenants hereinbefore contained; and further, that at the expiration of this lease the King's Government will receive and take upon a fair and impartial valuation and appraisement, made by disinterested persons to be named for that purpose by His Majesty's Government, all such stock, working cattle, tools, utensils, ginns, and implements, as may be considered by such persons useful and necessary to be used and employed in the future working of the said mines, together with whatever coals, not exceeding three thousand five hundred chaldrons, which may be then cut, raised, and ready to be shipped, the same to be paid for at a fair price and valuation; And further, that they the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, their executors and administrators, and every of them, paying the said duties as they are reserved in this lease, and as the same ought to be paid, and also doing and performing all the covenants, payments, and agreements in these presents mentioned, which on their part are, or ought to be paid, done, and performed, according to the true intent and meaning of these presents, shall and may lawfully, peaceably, and quietly have, hold, use, and occupy, possess, and enjoy the said mines, lands, and premises, and every part and parcel thereof hereinbefore by these presents demised for and during the said term of five years, without any suit, trouble, denial, eviction, or interruption or disturbance whatsoever, by the King or his government, of, in or to the same. In witness whereof the said James Kempt, by virtue of the power and authority to him given by the King for that purpose, Hath hereunto subscribed his name, and caused the great Seal of the Province of Nova Scotia to be affixed to these presents, and the said George William Bown, Thomas Samuel Bown, and William Richard Bown, have severally on their parts set their hands and seals to these presents, the day and year first before written.

(Signed)

G. W. BOWN, (L.S.)
 THOS. SAML. BOWN, (L.S.)
 W. R. BOWN, by his (L.S.)
 Atty. THOS. SAML. BOWN, (L.S.)

Signed, Sealed, and }
 Delivered in, &c., }
 CHARLES YORKE.
 FREDERICK LENNOX.

By His Excellency's Command,

WILLIAM HILL,

Deputy Secretary.

No. 2.

(See Page 206.)

CIRCULAR.

Downing Street, 7th August, 1844.

MY LORD,

It is my pleasing duty to announce to you that on the morning of the 6th instant, at 10 minutes before 8 o'clock, the Queen was happily delivered of a Prince, to the great joy of the nation, and of all the Royal Family. Her Majesty and the Infant Prince have through Divine Mercy continued to do well up to the present time.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

The Right Hon. Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

No. 3.

(See Page 206.)

[COPY.]

No. 170.

Downing Street, 10th June, 1844.

MY LORD,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 13th May, No. 238, with an Address to the Queen, and other documents from the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, on the subject of the expense and management of the Post Office at Halifax, and the rate of the inter-Colonial postage.

In the absence of any expression of your Lordship's opinion upon the measures recommended in that Address, it is not in my power to take the Queen's pleasure on the answer which it may be proper that Her Majesty should return to it. I have therefore to request that your Lordship will furnish me, at an early period, with your Report upon the several points referred to in this application.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Lieut. Governor, The Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

[COPY.]

No. 272.

Government House, Halifax, September 17, 1844.

MY LORD,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, No. 170, date 10th June, 1844, desiring that I will furnish you with a Report upon the several points referred to in the Resolutions passed by the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, during the last Session, in regard to the Post Office Department in the Province; which Resolutions, together with an Address to Her Majesty, were forwarded with my Despatch, No. 238, date 13th May, 1844.

On a careful consideration of these Resolutions, it appears to me, with regard to the first, that, although there is nothing unjust in itself in the proposal contained in it, yet under

under all the circumstances connected with the transmission of the Mails from England through this Province, and the benefit that is anticipated, as well as the convenience now enjoyed from the Steam Packets making Halifax their point of arrival and departure, it may seem ungracious, and be perhaps not ultimately prudent to press too closely these pecuniary calculations on the Department in England. If the Post Master General is content that the Province shall enjoy the benefit, in case the Packet postages shall exceed the expenditure, it would seem not unreasonable that the Province should bear the loss when the Revenue falls short of the expenses; and it may not be without advantage hereafter, that the Province should stand in such a relation to the Post Office Department, as will have a tendency to give it a voice in a matter in which it bears the pecuniary interest. If however the Authorities in England intend to take the benefit of the Revenue should the receipts hereafter exceed the expenditure, then it would appear but fair they should now act on that principle, and bear the present excess of expenditure over the receipts.

These remarks are meant to apply solely to the expenses of the Post Office Establishment in Halifax, and have no reference to the charge incurred for the transmission of the English Mails through Nova Scotia to Canada and New Brunswick.

This Province has a right to complain if made to bear the whole of these charges.

In the case of the Contract to Truro and Pictou, the claim of Nova Scotia for contribution is strong, as that Contract was not entered into in England until the House of Assembly had, in answer to the enquiry of the British Government, stated the proportion of the whole sums which it was willing to bear, that is to say, £550 sterling, and the arrangement was made on the plain understanding that Canada and New Brunswick should bear their proportion. This is apparent on reference to Lord John Russell's Despatch, No. 16, dated 17th Nov., 1840, inclosing the Post Master General's letter of 31st October, 1840, submitted to the House of Assembly on 8th February, 1841, and the Resolution of the House of the 17th March and 6th April in that year—(Journal 1841, p. 21, 106, 179, and Appendix p. 11, 12, and Resolutions of the Assembly, 17th March 1842, Journals of 1842, p. 342.)

The second Resolution opens a very reasonable ground of complaint. Nothing can be more unsatisfactory than the rate of internal Provincial postage, and the constantly occurring comparison between these rates and those on letters from England, cannot fail to keep up the dissatisfaction. A letter from England, which comes to Halifax for 1s. sterling, would cost nearly as much, in some instances more, to send it on to New Brunswick, or even to some parts of Nova Scotia, to say nothing of Canada, should the absence of the party from Halifax on its arrival require such transmission.

3. The proposal, therefore, in the third Resolution, of an uniform rate of reduced postage, seems well worthy of consideration.

The chief objection is anticipated loss of revenue. Should this be the result in the first instance, it might not be a permanent consequence of the change, and the indirect benefits of increased communication would compensate for some augmentation.

The Province, however, is not in a condition to bear any very largely increased burden in this service; and as the Imperial Government will doubtless require from the Assembly an engagement to make good any deficiency of revenue which may result from the proposed alteration, should it be concurred in, the Province is alone interested in the chief matter of doubt and inquiry, viz—the probable increase of expense in supporting the Post Office Establishment, and it is not unlikely the Assembly would deem it necessary to renew its considerations on this head before finally adopting the measure, should it be permitted to entertain the question.

4. The adoption of the course mentioned in this Resolution, as often as existing contracts expire, seems to be attended with no mischief.

5. To carry into effect the object of the fifth Resolution, the authority of the Imperial Parliament would be necessary. The measure has already been attempted by the introduction of a Bill which was sent from England, under sanction of the Government, and introduced into the Assembly in 1835, and reported upon in 1836, (see Journals of 1836 p. 10, 47, and Appendix 73,) which Bill did not pass into Law here, and was rejected

by the Legislatures of Canada and New Brunswick, to which it was likewise offered. It is evident, therefore, that unless the views of the Post Office Authorities in England, on this subject are changed, the House of Assembly must modify those expressed in their Resolution, No. 5, or things must remain on their present footing.

6. The object of this Resolution is connected with the preceding. In what measure the business of the department here can be facilitated by the Post Master General, that Officer appears to be left to judge, as the Assembly have not found themselves prepared to point out any distinct remedy for the evils complained of.

7. Every facility in the transmission of newspapers and periodicals is desirable, and therefore the object of this resolution is worthy of approval. Indeed, it would be beneficial could the charge now paid for the transmission of Newspapers be diminished, if not altogether discontinued.

8. The principle of this is the same as the preceding. If an objection from the weight shall be against the transmission of Reviews, &c., further than Halifax, yet it would not apply to their being sent as far as Halifax by the Packets.

An arrangement of this nature would be beneficial to this Province, and might assist the other Provinces by bringing such publications so far on their way, in case arrangement could be made in the Colonies for their further transmission.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's obedient Servant,

FALKLAND.

The Right. Hon. The Lord Stanley.

[COPY.]

No. 182.

Downing Street, 12th September, 1844.

MY LORD,

I have received your Lordship's Despatch dated 2nd August, 1844, No. 259, inclosing an Address from the Assembly of Nova Scotia, and another from the Legislative Council, to the Queen, on the subject of the change reported as about to take place in the transportation of the Canadian Mails.

I have laid those Addresses before the Queen, and I have received Her Majesty's commands to instruct you to acquaint the two Houses of Local Legislature, that Her Majesty's solicitude for the welfare of Her faithful subjects in Nova Scotia, and Her Majesty's desire to meet to the utmost possible extent the wishes of the Legislature of that Province, would have effectually prevented the adoption of the change referred to in the Addresses of the Legislative Council and Assembly, without the most careful preliminary enquiry, if that change had really been in contemplation; but that for the present no such measure has been brought under the consideration of Her Majesty's confidential Advisers.

In communicating to your Lordship Her Majesty's gracious Answer to the two Houses of Provincial Legislature, I think it necessary to add that I have reason to know that His Lordship the Post Master General is strongly of opinion, that the direct passage to New York or Boston from this Country, would be preferable to that via Halifax, particularly if a cheap arrangement could be made with the Government of the United States for the conveyance of the Canada Mails through that Territory; the really important Mails conveyed by the Packets being to and from Canada, while the correspondence with Nova Scotia and the adjoining Provinces is comparatively slight and unimportant. The Earl of Lonsdale has further informed me that from the difficulty and delay experienced in the conveyance of the Canada Mails from Halifax to Montreal, owing to the bad state of the roads, the present route is very objectionable.

Finding that such are the views of the Post Master General, derived from the most ample sources of information, it would be in vain to deny, and improper to conceal from your

your Lordship, that I regard the continuance of the present arrangements as far from certain, although no specific plan for changing them has hitherto been proposed to Her Majesty's confidential Advisers, or to the Post Master General. I fear that the necessity for a change may at no distant time become clear and urgent, if vigorous efforts be not made for improving the communications between Halifax and Canada. Nor is this the single ground of my apprehension. I have some reason to suppose that the Post Master General does not regard the number, the nature, and the amount of the pecuniary demands made in Nova Scotia on the public funds under his administration and controul, and the absence of that zeal and alacrity which is usually exhibited elsewhere in promoting the success of this branch of the public service, when brought into competition with interests merely local or personal.

Of the details of the subject I am unavoidably ignorant, nor would it answer any useful purpose for me to inquire into them. I earnestly hope that by cordially co-operating with the Post Master General, the Legislature and the inhabitants of the Province will relieve him from the very painful necessity of having to recommend to Her Majesty's Government the diversion of the Mails to Canada to the cheaper and better route which seems open to them through the United States. It is a measure which Her Majesty's Government would very reluctantly adopt, although there are possible contingencies in which they would regard the adoption of it as an inevitable, though most unwelcome duty.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's

Most Obedient,

Humble Servant,

(Signed)

STANLEY.

The Right Hon. Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

No. 4.

(See Page 206.)

[COPY.]

No. 171.

Downing Street, 13th June, 1844.

MY LORD,

I have received your Lordship's Despatch, No. 216, of the 2nd March, inclosing a Report from the Attorney General of Nova Scotia, in answer to the objection raised in my Despatch, No. 142, of the 4th November last, to the confirmation of the Act, No. 2400, passed by the Legislature of that Province, for amending and continuing for one year the Light House Duty Acts.

I have to acquaint your Lordship that as vessels trading with the Province are required to pay Light duties on their arrival within its Ports, and as it is impossible to frame a scale of charges for Lights which shall bear an accurately just relation to the benefits received by the vessels charged with this tax, I have not thought it right to press the objection contained in my previous Despatch, but have permitted it to expire.

In the event, however, of the former Act, namely, 4 Wm. 4, cap. 25, and 1 Victoria, cap. 21, being further continued by another Act, (if, indeed, that has not been already done during the recent session), your Lordship will point out to the Assembly the objections which I previously urged to the Light Duties imposed under those Acts, and press upon the House the propriety of amending them; for although the exemptions from Light dues in favor of small vessels owned in Nova Scotia are not of any serious importance, they

they may, unless confined to the Coasting Trade, eventually lead to remonstrance on the part of the Government of the United States.

It should also be distinctly understood, that vessels coming from a Port not within the Province, through the Gut of Canso, and then proceeding to a Nova Scotia Port, should not be charged with the ordinary Light Duties, in addition to the special charge for the Light in the Gut of Canso.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Lieut. Governor, Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

No. 193.

Downing Street, 30th November, 1844.

MY LORD,

I have received your Lordship's Despatch, No. 264, of the 15th August, in answer to mine of the 13th of June, 1844, and inclosing a Report from the Attorney General of Nova Scotia, upon the Light House Duty Acts.

It appears by this Report, that altho' the Provincial Legislature passed an Act during their last Session, No. 2499, continuing for another year the former Act, No. 2400, to which Her Majesty's Government had objected, there is a probability that an Act may be passed in the next Session which will remove those objections.

Under these circumstances Her Majesty has been advised to assent to the Light House Act No. 2499, and I inclose an Order made by the Queen in Council on the 28th instant, leaving it to its operation accordingly.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

No. 5.

(See Page 206.)

[COPY.]

No. 172.

Downing Street, 19th June, 1844.

MY LORD,

I have received your Lordship's Despatch of the 2nd ultimo, inclosing copies of two Bills passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, for the purpose of levying Duties of Impost upon Foreign Wheat, Flour, and Molasses, together with an Address to the Queen from the House of Assembly, praying that the Royal assent may be given to those enactments.

I have submitted this Address to the Queen, and have received Her Majesty's commands to instruct your Lordship to inform the House of Assembly in answer, that Her Majesty has noticed with much satisfaction the desire expressed by the House of Assembly to legislate as far as possible in conformity with the views of the Imperial Parliament in respect to the imposition of Impost Duties; and that looking to the moderate rate of the Imperial duty on Foreign Wheat, Flour and Molasses, imported into the Province, and to the disadvantageous effect on the Revenue of Nova Scotia, which the exemption of these articles from duty, when supplied for the use of the Fisheries appears to produce, no objection will be raised to the proposed Colonial duty, such duty being equal to the duty levied upon Foreign Wheat, Flour and Molasses, by Imperial authority.

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So soon therefore as the Acts giving effect to the wishes of the House of Assembly on this subject shall be completed and transmitted to this Country, the necessary measures will be taken for giving the Royal assent to them.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) STANLEY.

The Right Hon. Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

No. 6.

(See Page 206.)

[COPY.]

No. 175.

Downing Street, 10th July, 1844.

MY LORD,

I have received your Lordship's Despatch, No. 237, of the 4th May, inclosing an Address to the Queen from the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, praying that the Ports of Barrington, Argyle, Cornwallis on the Basin of Mines, and Guysborough, may be declared Free Ports.

Having referred this Address to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, their Lordships have informed me that it has been deemed expedient to call upon the Collector of Customs at Halifax, for further and more detailed information upon the points adverted to in the Address. Her Majesty's reply to it, will therefore be suspended for the present.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) STANLEY.

Lieut. Governor, Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

No. 7.

(See Page 206.)

[COPY.]

No. 178.

Downing Street, 3rd August, 1844.

MY LORD,

I have received your Lordship's Despatch, No. 243, of the 1st June, applying for certain information which is required by the House of Assembly for their assistance in considering the practicability of uniting the Customs and Excise Departments of Nova Scotia, or of improving the system on which the latter office is conducted.

Having requested the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to supply me with the particulars called for by the House, their Lordships have informed me that the Board of Customs have reported that not being in possession of sufficient information to enable them to reply to the questions proposed in your Despatch, they have desired the Collector of Customs at Halifax to furnish a special report upon the subject.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) STANLEY.

Lieut. Governor Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

No. 8.

(See Page 206.)

[COPY.]

No. 192.

Downing Street, 16th November, 1844.

MY LORD,

I have received your Lordship's Despatch of the 17th August, No. 267, with the accompanying transcript of a series of Acts passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia during their last Session. I have also received your Lordship's Despatches, Nos. 225, 227, and 228, dated respectively the 26th, the 28th, and the 30th April last, on the subject of the Act for granting Her Majesty a Civil List, and on the subject of the Act respecting the Office of Registrar of Deeds. The objections urged by Sir Rupert George to the confirmation by Her Majesty of the two last mentioned Acts have received the attention due to the importance of the questions themselves, and not less due to the representations of a gentleman who, for more than thirty years has been engaged in the service of the Crown in an important office, not only without reproach, but with a general acknowledgement from all quarters that he has conducted himself meritoriously. It appears that after so long and faithful a service the Legislature of Nova Scotia propose by the joint operation of these Acts to reduce his annual official income from £1500 to £820 sterling. I much regret that such a decision should have been adopted, because I do not believe the advantage accruing to the public at large from such a saving would at all compensate for the disadvantage which the public must sustain by such a departure from the principles on which the emoluments of public officers have been retrenched either in this Kingdom, or in the more considerable of the British Colonies. The disappointment in the evening of life of the prospects which have been reasonably indulged for so long a period, must impair the confidence, and diminish the zeal of all public officers, and must raise new and needless obstacles in the way of future reductions.

However, I fully admit that in the deficiency of funds at the disposal of the Crown to pay the salary of the office of Provincial Secretary, it would be vain to reject the Civil List Act on account of the reductions to which it subjects Sir Rupert George. The rejection of it on that account would not advance his interests, while it might be highly prejudicial to the public service in other directions. But the reluctant acquiescence of Her Majesty's Government in that deprivation of Sir Rupert George's emoluments does not justify, but rather forbids, their acquiescence in the Act respecting the Registry of Deeds, by which he is further deprived of fees to a much larger amount than is compensated for by the pension of £200 per annum, currency. Your Lordship will therefore signify to the Legislative Council and Assembly of Nova Scotia, that for these reasons Her Majesty cannot be advised to assent to the Act respecting the office of Registrar.

I transmit an Order made by Her Majesty in Council on the 8th instant, leaving to their operation several of the Acts contained in the series I have already mentioned.

I also inclose a List of such of the Acts contained in that series, as I reserve for the subject of a future communication.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

STANLEY.

The Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

P. S.—I also inclose an Order made by Her Majesty in Council on the 8th instant, specially confirming the Impost Duty Act, No. 2461.

No. 9.

*(See Page 206.)**At the Court at Windsor, the 8th November, 1844.*

PRESENT :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

&c. &c. &c.

WHEREAS, the Lieutenant Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did in the month of April, 1844, pass an Act which has been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz:

No. 2461. An Act for granting a Colonial duty of Impost for the support of Her Majesty's Government within this Province on Flour and Molasses, in certain cases.

And whereas, the said Act has been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported as their opinion to Her Majesty, that the said Act should receive Her Majesty's special confirmation. Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to declare Her special confirmation of the said Act, and the same is hereby specially confirmed, ratified, and finally enacted accordingly—whereof the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, and all other persons whomsoever it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed)

C. GREVILLE.

At the Court at Windsor, the 8th November, 1844.

PRESENT :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

&c. &c. &c.

WHEREAS, the Lieutenant Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did in the month of April, 1844, pass sixty-six Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows:

No. 2446. An Act for applying certain monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and for other purposes.

No. 2447. An Act in addition to and in amendment of the Act, entitled, An Act to vest certain Lands belonging to the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Cornwallis in Trustees, and to enable them to dispose of the same, and to purchase others in their stead.

No. 2451. An Act to authorise the Congregation of the Baptist Church at Canard, in Cornwallis, to appoint Trustees to take charge of the said Church and Cemetery adjoining the same, and to inclose and ornament the same.

No. 2452. An Act for the regulation of the Salmon Fishery in the River St. Mary's, in the County of Guysborough.

No. 2453. An Act to amend the Act to authorise the Congregation of the Baptist Meeting House at Bridgetown, to raise money from the Pews of the said Meeting House, for the repairing, ornamenting, altering, or enlarging the same, and for ratifying the appointment, and defining the duties of the Trustees of said Meeting House.

No. 2454. An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Liverpool, in Queen's County, to provide monies for procuring a Fire Engine for said Town.

No.

- No. 2455. An Act to amend the Act to provide for the regulation and management of the Grammar School or Academy at Sydney, in Cape Breton.
- No. 2456. An Act to exempt certain Officers and persons employed in Her Majesty's Ordnance Department, Dock Yard, Victualling and Naval Establishment at Halifax, from working on Highways and discharging other civil duties.
- No. 2457. An Act to continue the Act for granting duties on Licences for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors.
- No. 2459. An Act to continue the Acts for granting duties on Licences for the Sale of Spirituous Liquors and Sales by Auction in Halifax.
- No. 2464. An Act to postpone the next ensuing Sittings of the Supreme Court at Halifax and on the Western Circuit.
- No. 2465. An Act to continue the Act for the Regulation of the Fisheries at Chedabucto Bay.
- No. 2466. An Act to continue the Act to extend to the Township of Egerton the Act respecting the collection of Poor's rate of Pictou, and to amend the said Act.
- No. 2467. An Act to continue the Act respecting the Collection of Poores' Rates of Pictou, as amended.
- No. 2468. An Act to continue the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbour of Pugwash.
- No. 2469. An Act to continue the Act for setting off a part of the Township of Egerton as a separate District for the support of the Poor.
- No. 2470. An Act to continue the Act to extend to the Town of Dartmouth the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.
- No. 2471. An Act to continue the Act to amend the Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Nova Scotia.
- No. 2473. An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Survey of Timber and Lumber.
- No. 2472. An Act to continue the Act relating to Marriage Licences.
- No. 2474. An Act to continue the Act for the better regulation of Sable Island in this Province.
- No. 2475. An Act to continue the several Acts to provide for the accommodation and billeting of Her Majesty's Troops or of the Militia, when on their march from one part of the Province to another.
- No. 2476. An Act to continue the Act to direct and ascertain the mode of assessing County and District Rates, and for other purposes, and the Acts in amendment thereof.
- No. 2477. An Act to continue the Act to suspend the operation of the Acts to prevent forestalling, regrating, and monopolizing of Cord Wood in the Town of Halifax.
- No. 2478. An Act to continue the Act for the regulation of the Fisheries in the County of Richmond.
- No. 2479. An Act to continue the Act additional concerning Nuisances.
- No. 2480. An Act to continue the Act to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Halifax, and the several Acts in amendment thereof and additional thereto.
- No. 2481. An Act to continue the Act to revive the Act to amend the Act to regulate the Assize of Bread.
- No. 2482. An Act to continue the Act for establishing a Harbour Master at Bridgeport, in the Island of Cape Breton.
- No. 2483. An Act to continue the Act to regulate the weighing of Beef, and the Act in amendment thereof.
- No. 2484. An Act to continue the Acts now in force to regulate the Pilotage of Vessels at the Port of Sydney in the Island of Cape Breton.
- No. 2485. An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the settlement of the Poor in the several Townships of this Province.
- No. 2486. An Act to revive and make perpetual an Act, for enabling persons indicted for Felony to make their defence by Counsel.
- No. 2487. An Act relative to the performance of Statute Labor on Highways.
- No. 2488. An Act for the better securing the Revenues of the Province.

- No. 2490. An Act to amend the Act concerning duties on Liquors distilled within this Province.
- No. 2491. An Act to continue and amend the Act to regulate the expenditure of monies hereafter to be appropriated for the service of Roads and Bridges.
- No. 2492. An Act in relation to the Law concerning Courts of Probate.
- No. 2493. An Act to provide for an additional Sitting of the General Sessions of the Peace at Guysborough, and for other purposes.
- No. 2496. An Act to continue and amend the Acts for the regulation of Juries.
- No. 2497. An Act to alter the Sittings of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Halifax.
- No. 2498. An Act to amend the Act to extend to the Town of Arichat the provisions of the Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax and certain other places.
- No. 2500. An Act to repeal certain Acts to afford relief to the Poor Settlers of this Province, and to authorize the liquidation of the monies received thereunder by Labour on the Roads.
- No. 2501. An Act to amend the Act for the instruction and permanent settlement of the Indians.
- No. 2502. An Act to provide Two Lockup Houses and Town Houses in the County of Inverness.
- No. 2503. An Act further to amend the Act for regulating the Elections of Members to serve in General Assembly.
- No. 2504. An Act to provide for erecting a New Bridge across the Liverpool River at Milton, and for the repair of the Road leading from thence to Middlefield.
- No. 2506. An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Water Company.
- No. 2509. An Act to repeal certain Clauses of an Act relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax, and certain other places, and also to amend the said Act.
- No. 2510. An Act to regulate the Shad Fishery in King's County.
- No. 2511. An Act further to amend the Act to Incorporate the Town of Halifax, and in addition to and amendment of the Act relating to Halifax assessment, and a certain other Act.
- No. 2512. An Act to continue and amend the Acts for the regulation of the Militia.
- No. 2513. An Act relative to certain Streets in the Township of Guysborough.
- No. 2514. An Act for dividing the Township of Pictou into separate Districts for the support of the Poor.
- No. 2516. An Act to amend the Act for amending the Law relative to offences against the Person.
- No. 2517. An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Halifax Gas Light and Water Company, and Act passed in amendment thereof.
- No. 2518. An Act for the preservation of Moose.
- No. 2519. An Act to authorize the Sale of the Old Court House and Jail at Arichat, and the Lot of Land on which it stands, and the purchase of new site therefor, and for other purposes.
- No. 2520. An Act to authorize the Sessions of the Peace for the County of Halifax, to make regulations for the gathering of Sea Manure in the said County.
- No. 2521. An Act to provide for an additional Sitting of the General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Inverness.
- No. 2522. An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers.
- No. 2523. An Act to continue the Act for the Summary Trial of Actions before Justices of the Peace.
- No. 2524. An Act to continue the Act relative to the assessment of Dyke Rates, for the New or Wickwire Dyke in Horton.
- No. 2525. An Act to continue the Acts in force, relative to the Inspection of Pickled Fish.

No. 2526. An Act to continue the Act in amendment of the Act for the choice of Town Officers and regulating of Townships, and the Acts to alter and amend the same.

And whereas the said Acts have been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee having reported as their opinion to Her Majesty, that the said Acts should be left to their operation—Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve the said Report, whereof the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed)

C. GREVILLE.

At the Court at Windsor, the 23th November, 1844.

PRESENT :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

&c. &c. &c.

Whereas, the Lieutenant Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the month of April, 1844, pass an Act which has been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 2499. An Act to continue the Act for the support and regulation of Light Houses.

And whereas the said Act has been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations; and the said Committee have reported as their opinion to Her Majesty that the said Act should be left to its operation. Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve the said Report, whereof the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander-in-Chief for the time being of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed)

WM. L. BATHURST.

At the Court at Windsor, the 23th November, 1844.

PRESENT :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

&c. &c. &c.

WHEREAS, the Lieutenant Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did in the month of April, 1844, pass three Acts which have been transmitted, entitled as follows :

No. 2463. An Act to continue and amend the several Acts for the prevention of Smuggling.

No. 2505. An Act to prevent damage to the Nets of Fishermen in Chedabucto Bay.

No. 2515. An Act further to amend the Act to preserve and regulate the Navigation of the Harbor of Pictou.

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

their opinion to Her Majesty, that the said Acts should be left to their operation—Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve the said Report, whereof the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed)

WM. L. BATHURST.

(Circular.)

At the Court at Windsor, the 13th day of December, 1844.

PRESENT :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

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Whereas, the Lieutenant Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did in the month of April, 1844, pass an Act, which has been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 2448. An Act for the Government and Regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary.

And Whereas the said Act has been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported as their opinion to Her Majesty, that the said Act should be left to its operation. Her Majesty was thereupon pleased this day, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve the said Report—whereof the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander-in-Chief for the time being of Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed)

C. GREVILLE.

No. 10.

(See Page 207.)

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Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax, 21st April, 1844.

SIR,

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, having brought under the consideration of the Executive Council the subject of the conversation he had with you a few days since, is now pleased to offer for your acceptance the Office of Collector of Excise at Halifax, on the following conditions.

You are to hold it for only one year certain, to commence on 1st May next.

Before the expiration of that period, the Legislature will have probably determined whether or not the holding of that Office is compatible with the possession of a seat in the House of Assembly. If that question be decided in the negative, you will be allowed to retain the Office : if in the affirmative the situation is to be at the disposal of the Lieut. Governor at the end of twelve months from the time of your appointment to it,—or sooner, should circumstances render your earlier retirement from it, in His Excellency's opinion, desirable.

The Law which prescribes the remuneration of the Officer, remaining unaltered, you will

will be required to pay the Salaries of such Clerks as you may employ and all other expenses out of that remuneration.

But to prevent the recurrence of questions which have arisen on this subject, you will consider it as a condition on which the Office is accepted by you, that Commissions shall never be retained during any quarter, or other portion of a year, to an amount beyond the rate of £700 per annum, and that should your tenure of office be less than a year, your whole remuneration shall not exceed a sum to be estimated at that rate for the period the office shall be in your possession.

And His Excellency thinks it proper to subjoin, as a further condition, that Monies shall be paid into the Treasury as fast as collected at the Excise, without waiting for the end of the quarter or any other regular period.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

Thomas A. S. Dewolf, Esq.

Halifax, 30th April, 1844.

SIR,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 22nd instant, communicating my appointment, by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to the office of Collector of Excise at Halifax, under certain conditions therein enumerated.

I beg you will do me the honor to convey to His Excellency my sincere thanks for this renewed mark of his Lordship's confidence, and in accepting the appointment, so graciously conferred, I do not hesitate to agree to the stipulations under which it is granted, feeling an earnest hope that my conduct in the discharge of so important a trust, may be such as will confirm the confidence evidenced by His Excellency and the Executive Council.

I beg you to accept my apology for not earlier replying to your communication, which my absence from Halifax alone prevented.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

THOS. A. S. DEWOLF.

The Honorable Sir Rupert D. George, Bart., &c. &c. &c.

[COPY.]

No. 242.

Government House, Halifax, June 1st, 1844.

MY LORD,

I have the honor to inform you, that immediately after the close of the Legislative Session, I appointed (provisionally) Mr. Andrew Strange Dewolf, to be Collector of Excise for the District of Halifax, in room of Mr. Joseph Howe, resigned—the duties of Collector of Excise for the above district having in the interval between the retirement of Mr. Howe and the nomination of Mr. Dewolf, been very efficiently performed by two Gentlemen, commissioned by me for the purpose.

I should be gratified that your Lordship confirmed the appointment of Mr. Dewolf, the duration of which you will perceive by the inclosed correspondence, that I have made contingent on the determination of the Legislature, whether Collectors of Excise shall hereafter

hereafter hold seats in the Assembly or not. If it be decided they are not to be members of that Body, Mr. Dewolf will of course be continued in his office on resigning his seat. If, on the contrary, Collectors of Excise should still be deemed eligible to sit in the House, it may be necessary to give the place to a member of the Executive Council.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's

Obedient Servant,

FALKLAND.

(Signed)

The Lord Stanley, &c. &c. &c.

[COPY.]

No. 173.

Downing Street, 20th June, 1844.

MY LORD,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 1st June, No. 242, reporting the appointment on certain conditions of Mr. T. A. S. Dewolf to the office of Collector of Excise at Halifax.

I have much satisfaction in conveying to your Lordship my approval of the manner in which you have filled up this situation.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Lord Falkland.

No. 11.

(See Page 207.)

[COPY.]

Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax, 1st May, 1844.

SIR,

The attention of the Lieutenant Governor having been drawn by the House of Assembly to the mode in which the Public Accounts are kept, I am commanded by His Excellency to desire that on this day you will count and ascertain the actual sum in Money in the chest of the Provincial Treasury, and that, commencing with that sum, you will, on the 1st June next, and monthly thereafter, until you shall be authorised by His Excellency's written instructions to cease to do so, transmit to this office for the examination of His Excellency and a Committee of the Executive Council, a transcript of your Cash Account, shewing the actual Cash payments out of, and the actual Cash receipts into the Provincial Treasury during the foregoing month, with the dates of the payments and receipts; shewing also the specific authority under which the payments are made, and the source from which the receipts are derived,—as well as the actual amount of cash in the Chest, which amount you will check by counting. In this manner your accounts and monies will be the better prepared for examination whenever His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor shall direct such examination to take place.

His Excellency having also had under his consideration the practice that has prevailed in regard to the payment into the Treasury of the monies collected in the Excise Office at this port, I am further to acquaint you that His Excellency has given directions that

such monies shall be paid into the Treasury at least as often as once a week, and that no greater sum than £200 shall henceforth remain in the Excise Chest at any one time.

I am also directed to state that, as the Province is paying interest to the Bank of British North America, it is very desirable that the debt on account of which such interest is constantly accruing, should be paid off or diminished as the funds in your hands shall permit. Whenever, therefore, any surplus monies, amounting in the whole to £500 at the least, shall be in the Treasury, not instantly required for the public service, you will pay the same into the Bank, to be from time to time withdrawn when necessary, and repaid when possible, as may be most advantageous to the public interest.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

Charles W. Wallace, Esq., Provincial Treasurer.

Form of Certificate to be appended by the Treasurer to the Transcript from his Cash Account, required to be made Monthly, for the Lieutenant Governor's information.

I Certify that this is a true transcript from my Cash Account, of my receipts and payments during the preceding month, ending _____ that I have this day ascertained the balance shown hereby to be in my possession to be correct, and in the Provincial Chest in money, and further that the services for which, and the warrants by virtue of which I have paid the same Monies, are severally truly set against the said payments. Dated this _____ day of _____

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BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

TO THE HONORABLE MATHER BYLES ALMON, JOHN BAILEY BLAND,
AND DAVID ALLISON, ESQUIRE.

GREETING :

Whereas, a Committee of the House of Assembly at the last Session reported their opinion, that the mode in which the Accounts and Books have been kept, and the business transacted in the Offices of the Provincial Treasurer and the Collector of Excise at Halifax, required examination and improvement, and they recommended an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor from the House, respectfully requesting the appointment of a Commission for these objects during the recess; and the House passed thereon a Resolution, That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be requested to appoint the Commission recommended in the said Report: Now, Know ye, that having confidence in your ability, zeal, and integrity, I have appointed you the said Mather Byles Almon, John Bailey Bland, and David Allison, Commissioners to execute the said duty, and I do hereby authorise and require you carefully to examine the Accounts and Books of the Treasurer of the Province, and to report such examination to me, and also to examine and report the mode in which the business of the said office is and has been transacted, and whether the same is conformable to Law, and to suggest and report any defects or deficiencies which may appear to you to exist, and such improvements as may to you appear

appear to be necessary or proper, in the mode of keeping the Accounts and Books, and transacting the business of the said Office.

And I do hereby authorize and require you carefully to examine the Accounts and Books of the present Collector of Impost and Excise at Halifax, and of the late Collector of Impost and Excise, and of his predecessor, and to report such examination to me: and also to examine and report the mode in which the business of the said office is and has been transacted, and whether the same is conformable to Law, and to suggest and report any defects and deficiencies, which may appear to you to exist, and such improvements as may appear to you to be necessary or proper, in the mode of keeping the Accounts and Books, and transacting the business of the said Office. And generally to report whether the system pursued in relation to the business and accounts of the said office, affords the guarantees and checks necessary and proper for the public interest and security, and to report such improvements as may be necessary or proper in that respect.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this 28th day of May, in the 7th year of Her Majesty's Reign, 1844.

By His Excellency's Command,
(Signed) RUPERT D. GEORGE.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

&c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Excellency:

In pursuance of a Commission issued by your Excellency, authorising and requiring us carefully to examine the Accounts and Books of the Treasurer of the Province, the mode in which the business of the said office is and has been transacted, and to report to your Excellency any defects and deficiencies which may have appeared to us to exist, as well as to suggest any improvements which may be necessary in keeping the Books and transacting the business of the said office.

Also authorising and requiring us to make a like examination of the Accounts and Books of the present Collector of Impost and Excise at Halifax, and of the late Collector and his Predecessor, the mode in which the business of the said office is and has been transacted, and to make a like Report thereof, and to offer such suggestions of improvement as may have occurred to us as proper in the mode of keeping the Books and Accounts, and transacting the business of the said office of Collector of Impost and Excise at Halifax; and further, to report generally whether the system pursued in relation to the business and accounts of the said offices, affords the guarantees and checks necessary or proper for the public interest and security, and to report such improvements as may be necessary or proper in that respect.

We, the undersigned, most respectfully inform your Excellency, that we have performed the duties required, and beg leave to report as follows:

First—As respects the Office of *Provincial Treasurer*.

The Books of this Office are in number sufficient, but from the mode in which they are kept can only be considered as Books of reference, containing, doubtless, a correct record of the transactions of the Office, but defective in system, and altogether unsuitable for the most important of our Public Departments, the Books of which should be kept on the most approved principles, that they may exhibit the state of the Provincial Accounts at any given period of the current year, and also afford the checks which are essential to insure correctness in the Receipts and Payments of Monies.

Since

Since the commencement of the present year, the Treasurer has kept a Cash Book, which contains the total debts and credits of cash received and paid, but not the particulars of each day in detail.

This Book should contain minutely every cash transaction, and each day, at the close of the office hours, the Balance should be struck, the money counted, and if any difference appear it should be ascertained, and the error rectified before the officer leaves the premises. Besides the Cash Book, other subsidiary Books will be required, into which the annual appropriations may be transcribed, and all transfers from one account to another recorded.

The Ledger should contain a Dr. and Cr. account for each of the main branches of the Public Revenue, the Provincial and County Loans, and Miscellaneous services.

Monies appropriated by the Legislature should at once appear at the credit of their proper accounts, and the Payments being charged from time to time as made, the sums remaining unwithdrawn will at once be seen. Thus a regular balance sheet of the General Financial state of the Province could at any time be struck, and it is our opinion that the Books should be balanced monthly, and an abstract thereof transmitted to the office of the Provincial Secretary, at the expiration of each quarter.

The Order of your Excellency under date of the 1st May last, which has been shewn to us, whereby the Treasurer is directed at the close of each month to ascertain by actual count the Monies in the Provincial Treasury, and to transmit a statement thereof, with a transcript of his Cash Account, stating also the specific authority and service under and for which the payments and receipts occur, has already given a new complexion to the general business of the office, and has been productive of the most beneficial results.

We have not been able to ascertain that there is any Provincial Statute in operation which points out any mode by which the Books of the Provincial Treasurer shall be kept, or that regulates the general business of his office. The changes which we have recommended may occasion some additional labor, but they should not involve any additional expence to the Provincial Treasurer.

Secondly—As respects the Office of *the Collector of Impost and Excise, at Halifax.*

Previous to the year 1835, it does not appear that any daily account of Cash receipts was kept, beyond that paid into the office in liquidation of Bonds, but subsequently a Cash Book was opened, which embraced the amounts paid on the daily entries of Goods not bonded, without however particularising the names of the payers, or the distinct sums paid by each; there was also a Ledger kept by single entry, containing the personal accounts of parties giving Bonds for duties; and an account with the Province shewing the payments made for each quarter; and a Warehouse Book, containing the account of deposits into, and deliveries from the Warehouses. All these Books are still continued in the same form, with the exception of the Cash Book for daily entries, which was improved on by the Commissioners who executed the duties of Collector from the 1st January to the 1st of May of this present year. They also introduced another Book, which exhibited the daily balance of Cash on hand, and their system is still continued by the present incumbent.

To enter into a minute detail of the manner in which the various duties of this Office are conducted, is probably unnecessary, we believe they are most efficiently performed, but with reference to the mode of keeping the Accounts, to which our attention has been more especially directed, our opinion is, that the existing practice of the Department is susceptible of further improvement,—and we would recommend that instead thereof, a set of Books be kept by Double Entry, as required by the Provincial Act 47 Geo. 3, cap. 16, sect. 7, and according to the best system of Accounts adapted to Public Departments. In a Book (somewhat similar to that used in the Custom House for the same purpose) should be recorded all entries at the Office, whether for duties, for or from Warehouse, or for free goods, each entry and bond to be numbered, and a corresponding number to be prefixed to the entry in the Cash Book, and the Book in which entries are recorded, and the

the amount of duty (if any) extended in a money column, which will serve as a check upon the Collector—shewing the amount for which he is responsible, whether in Money or Bonds, and further, should any entry be lost or mislaid, the deficiency will be supplied by referring to the number : thus greater facility will be afforded for making out the quarterly returns, besides having an useful book of reference for various information, not to be obtained under the present system without much research and delay. The Cash Book will contain all sums daily received, whether for Duties or on account of Bonds, as well as all payments made to the Treasurer, which should not, as now, be introduced in one sum at the end of each quarter ; each day at the close of the office hours, the balance should be struck, the Cash counted, and the like mode adopted as has already been recommended at the Treasury.

The Ledger will contain Accounts of the Public Revenue, Provincial Treasurer, Cash, Personal Accounts of Merchants, &c. in the usual form : a trial balance of the Books should be made monthly, and a quarterly balance sheet with the accounts should be handed to the Provincial Secretary.

This system will, we think, be found to combine a safe, easy, and comprehensive mode of keeping the Books of this office ; in order, however, to carry it into effect, (the labor being considerably increased,) another Clerk may be necessary, that the Books containing the daily entries may always be written up immediately after they are passed by the officer who examines them and receives the duties.

The Order which your Excellency was pleased to give in the month of May last, namely, that all monies received by the Collector of Impost and Excise, should be paid by him into the Treasury, at least as often as once a week, and further, that no greater sum than two hundred pounds should be permitted to remain in the Excise Chest at any one time, is a great improvement on the previous practice of the Department.

In suggesting the foregoing alterations in the mode of keeping the accounts at the Treasury and the Excise Office, we have not deemed it necessary to go into a particular detail of all the changes which it may be desirable to introduce. In adopting a new system, improvements will often suggest themselves to a practical accountant, useful only to the peculiar business where they are intended to be applied ; but while this discretion may be safely reserved, it is indispensable that the Books and Accounts in all the Public Departments should be kept in a clear and systematic form, which may be readily understood by those whose duty it may be to have occasional reference to them.

In view of the great accumulation of duties at the Treasury, arising from the Provincial Debt, and other branches of the Public Service, we consider that we should not discharge the duty which we have undertaken if we did not state to Your Excellency, that in order to obtain the guarantees and checks necessary for the public interest, and to make the System efficient as a whole, it is in our opinion absolutely necessary that another office should be created, namely, that of an Inspector and Auditor of the Accounts of the respective Provincial Departments, and we feel the more encouraged to make this suggestion, as it is an appointment which was recommended by the joint Committee of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, appointed to examine the Public Accounts at the last Session, and who state that “ such an appointment the Committee believe would effect a saving probably far exceeding any expense it might involve.”

The duties of the Inspector and Auditor, we conceive, would be a general supervision of all the Excise Offices throughout the Province, the Treasury, the Savings Bank, the Quarterly Returns from the Custom House, and in fact all the accounts and papers in anywise connected with the public service should be subject to his minute and thorough investigation.

The Outports he should be required to visit once in each year, and oftener if directed by the Lieutenant Governor : he should introduce into all the Departments one uniform system of keeping the Accounts : to him should be sent their Quarterly or Annual Returns for examination, and he should have regular advice of all Remittances to the Treasurer on account of duties collected, at the time they were made.

The Inspector and Auditor should have free access at all times to the Books and Papers

of all the Departments : he should personally attend at the Treasury and Excise as often as he deemed necessary during the hours of business, in order that he might notice whether the affairs were conducted with correctness and punctuality : it should be his duty from time to time to examine the Books and ascertain whether they were rightly kept, and regularly posted.

The Inspector and Auditor should also be required to ascertain the correctness of the monetary balances at the Treasury and the Excise office once in each month, or oftener if necessary, and should any inaccuracy or deficiency appear, it should be immediately reported to the Lieutenant Governor.

A Balance Sheet of the Books of these two offices respectively should be given to the Inspector and Auditor quarterly, which, having been audited by him, should be transmitted to the Lieutenant Governor with a Report of their correctness.

The checks which would be necessary to insure the regular performance of the duties of the Inspector and Auditor, should be found in the Returns which he would be expected to make to the Lieutenant Governor at regular and stated periods of the year.

In concluding this Report we are desirous of stating to Your Excellency that we have experienced during the investigation of the Books and Papers of the Treasury and Excise Departments, the polite attentions of the Gentlemen in charge thereof, and every facility has been afforded to us by them in the discharge of the duties which your Excellency's Commission required us to perform.

Having also had occasion to refer to the System in operation at the Custom House, we feel it equally our duty to acknowledge the readiness with which the Hon. Collector and the Officers of that Department have exhibited its Books and explained its practice.

All of which we beg leave respectfully to submit.—Halifax, N. S., 22nd November, 1844.

(Signed)

M. B. ALMON,
J. B. BLAND,
DAVID ALLISON.

Treasurer's Office, Halifax, 1st June, 1844.

SIR,

I beg leave to state for the information of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, that in compliance with the Instructions, received from your Office on the 1st May last, I counted the actual Sum of Money in the Provincial Treasury on that day, which amounted to the Sum of Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty-nine Pounds, sixteen shillings and eight pence, half penny.

And I have the honor to enclose a Transcript of the actual Cash payments out of, as well as the actual Receipts into the Provincial Treasury from the 1st. to the 31st. day of May last, shewing the Balance on hand on the 1st. day of said month.

I have likewise to state, that as soon as I could procure such Monies as could be properly offered the Bank of British North America, I paid that Institution the amount due by the Province. for the constant use which is daily made by the Banks and the public, of the Provincial Paper, causes it to become very soon mutilated and defaced, and as the worst description of it only is paid into the Excise Office, it is impossible for me to pay it as I receive it. I have consequently to select such portions of it as will pass current, and the remainder having to be cancelled by the Commissioners of Province Notes, and others issued in their place, which requires much time and attention.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedt. humble servant,
(Signed)

CHARLES W. WALLACE,
Treasurer.

The Honorable Sir Rupert D. George, Bart., Provincial Secretary.

Provincial

Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax, 7th December, 1844.

SIR,

It being the desire of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to be informed of the state of the Provincial Revenue of the present, as compared with that of the last year, I have it in command from His Excellency to request, that you will, as soon after the first January next as possible, transmit to this Office a comparative Statement of the Revenue Paid and Received in your Office for the Years 1843 and 1844, respectively, and also of the several Payments at various times made by yourself and your Predecessors into the Provincial Treasury during the same period, with the dates at which the same were made.

It is the wish of His Excellency that the information to be furnished by you, should be as full and accurate as possible, in order that it may be, (if His Excellency think fit,) transmitted to the Legislature at its next Session: You will therefore give the quantities, as near as may be, in each year, of the Articles which have produced the greatest amounts, in order that by such comparative Statements His Excellency may be enabled to ascertain what effect the alterations made in the Revenue Laws in the Winter Session of the present year, have had in augmenting or diminishing the Revenue. With this view, your Statement should distinguish how far the Revenue is indebted for its very considerable increase in the last twelve months, to such alterations, and how far such increase is attributable to the more prosperous condition of the Trade of this Port, or to any other cause, during the same period.

Any further information which may suggest itself to you, as likely to assist His Excellency in his desire to obtain a thorough knowledge of this subject, will be acceptable.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed)

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

Thomas A. S. Dewolf, Esq., Collector of Excise.

Excise Office, Halifax, 29th January, 1845.

SIR,

In compliance with the request of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, communicated by your Letter of the 7th December last, I now beg to submit for the information of His Excellency the accompanying papers, shewing the comparative amounts of Revenue collected at this office, and the payments made therefrom to the Treasurer in the years 1843 and 1844, and the sources from which those collections have been made in the respective years.

I fear that the desire of His Excellency to ascertain, from these Returns, how far the alterations in the Revenue Laws made at the last Winter Session of the Legislature have contributed to the augmentation of the Revenue, will not be realised. This cannot be made definitively to appear by any statement I can make, though the satisfactory and beneficial results of those amendments, and especially of that clause which makes the producing of the Invoice, to be sustained by affidavit, imperative—have been to myself, and others conducting the business here, quite evident.

The prevailing opinion of Merchants, and others, conversant with the trade of the Province, is, that the Importations of dutiable goods during the past year, have not greatly exceeded those of former years.

It must therefore appear that the large increase in the receipts of this office, is attributable to other causes; among which, I conceive, are chiefly the following, viz:

First—The better and more strenuous collection of Bonds and Balances long due; and of payments on Bonds, more recently given, as they became due.

Secondly—

Secondly—The enlarged entries under the amended law ; the production of invoices, supported by affidavit, having, as there is reason to believe, secured a much more just and equitable collection of duties—particularly on importations from the United States, in which branch of the general Trade of the Province, it is supposed, extensive evasion of duties has heretofore been practised.

Thirdly—The increased duties realized upon entries from the Warehouses, arising from increased and improved attention to that branch of this Department, and by ascertaining more minutely the weights and contents of Parcels, as delivered in and taken out from thence.

Fourthly—The vigilance and persevering efforts of A. Richardson, Guager and Weigher, and of several of the Waiters, in endeavouring to detect and prevent illicit trading. The several seizures made by them, though comparatively of small amount, yet exceeding what has been done in that way for many years previous, have apparently given a very considerable check to the extensive smuggling known to be carried on here, and have, doubtless, induced many entries that would not otherwise have been made.

There are other, though minor causes, which might be referred to as tending to swell the amount of receipts during the past year: such as the enlarged amount paid by the Distillers in this City: the result, probably, of the appointment of Overseers to superintend their operations when at work. And it would appear that other advantages to the Revenue have arisen from these appointments, as there have been greatly increased importations of Rum from the West Indies and elsewhere, induced, probably, by the short supply from the Distilleries under these restrictions. These have added, materially, to the amount collected, and secured.

It has been my earnest endeavour to infuse into the Waiters, and others employed by and in this office, a deeper interest in the objects for which the office was created, and is sustained. And I have had the gratification to find in them, generally, a ready co-operation in striving to accomplish these objects. To this, together with the establishing a Night Watch upon vessels discharging dutiable goods, I attribute a very considerable part of the increased collections of the year; I should say more than almost any other cause yet assigned.

In reference to the mode of keeping the Accounts, and conducting the general business of the office, I consider the practice of the past year a decided improvement upon that of the former; and especially so in reference to the account kept of Cash entries; which formerly were entered at the close of every day in gross amount, without giving the names of the parties making the entries, or the amounts paid by them, respectively, and this, as I believe, without any supervision or check on the part of the Collector.—Whereas, now, the name of the party to each distinct entry is recorded, and the amount paid by each carried out separately; and these are examined, checked off, and the Momes counted, and the amounts carried into a separate Book, shewing the exact balance on hand every day, before closing the office.

I do not find from any Books or Records in the office, the means of ascertaining at what particular dates the payments into the Treasury were formerly made, further than by the Quarterly statements made in the General Cash Book; by which it appears that it was the practice with the former Collector to retain considerable balances in hand at the end of the Quarter, which sometimes amounted to over One Thousand Pounds.

During the past year, and especially since I assumed the duties of the office, the payments to the Treasurer have been made in accordance with His Excellency's Instructions at furthest once in every week, and frequently at much shorter periods; and the entire balance at the close of each quarter wholly paid up.

I feel it but just to add that the improvements here noticed, as well as many others in the general affairs of the office, were commenced by my more immediate predecessors, Messrs. Bland and Brown, Commissioners, from whose experience and suggestions I have derived very considerable advantage.

I presume it may not be thought amiss for me to observe that the alterations in the Revenue Laws, as well as the Law imposing additional guards and checks upon Distilleries, have added largely to the duties, labor and responsibilities of the office.

I have

I have to regret the delay that has unavoidably attended the making these Returns: the required Statistics could not be given until the whole accounts for the year were completed. And these have been made up with as much dispatch as was at all practicable.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

&c. &c.

(Signed)

THOS. A. S. DEWOLF,
Collector of Impost & Excise.

The Honorable Sir Rupert D. George, Bart., &c. &c. &c.

*Comparative Statement of Amounts collected and paid from the Excise Office,
in 1843 and 1844.*

1843.

The Receipts, as appear by the Quarterly Returns, for ordinary purposes of Revenue, - - - - -	£29,342	9	3
And for Duties appropriated to the support of the Poor, - - -	600	0	0
	<u>£29,942</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>

The Amount paid, as appears by the above Returns, was:

In March Quarter, - - - - -	£5,000	0	0
June " - - - - -	8,000	0	0
September " - - - - -	7,000	0	0
December " - - - - -	8,680	0	0
	<u>£28,680</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

And for Duties appropriated to the support of the Poor, - - -	600	0	0
	<u>£29,280</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Shewing a Balance of which was paid early in the ensuing year, and will appear in the Treasurer's Account for 1844, - - - - -	£662	9	3
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1844.

The Receipts, as appear by the Quarterly Accounts, for ordinary purposes of Revenue, - - - - -	£48,393	0	0
Ditto. for Duties appropriated to the Support of the Poor, - - -	940	0	0
	<u>£49,333</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

The amount paid, as appears by the above Accounts, between 1st January and 1st May, by the Commissioners, - - - - -	£13,809	0	0
Between the 1st May and 30th June, by present Collector, in 15 several payments, - - - - -	8,305	17	0
For the Quarter ending 30th September, in 20 several payments, - - -	9,764	10	5
For the Quarter ending 31st December, in 19 several payments, - - -	16,513	12	7
And on Account of Duties appropriated to the Support of the Poor, - - -	940	0	0
	<u>£49,333</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Excise Office, 29th January, 1844.

THOS. A. S. DEWOLF.

A Return

A Return of Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, entered for Duties between the 1st day of January and 31st December, 1843.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.	Duties Sterling.
Apples, 36 bbls.	4s. Stg. per bbl.	£ 7 4 0
Bacon, 6 cwt. 2 qrs.	6s. " per cwt.	1 19 0
Beef, 674 cwt.	9s. " per cwt.	25 5 6
Brandy, 418 galls.	1s. 4d. " per gall.	27 17 4
Brandy, 13648 galls.	1s. 8d. " per gall.	1137 6 8
Bread, 441 cwt.	9s. " per cwt.	16 10 9
Bread, 9 cwt. 3 qrs.	1s. 8d. " per cwt.	0 16 3
Butter, 17 cwt. 0 qrs. 21 lbs.	4s. " per cwt.	3 8 9
Butter, 36 cwt. 1 qr.	8s. " per cwt.	14 10 0
Coffee, 348 cwt.	4s. 4d. " per cwt.	75 8 0
Coffee, 4 cwt. 2 qrs.	5s. " per cwt.	1 2 6
Chocolate, 1140 lbs.	1-2d. " per lb.	2 7 6
Flour, 17,518 bbls.	2s. " per bbl.	1751 16 0
Geneva, 30 galls.	1s. 4d. " per gall.	2 0 0
Geneva, 7,238 galls.	1s. 8d. " per gall.	607 6 8
Lard, 5,014 lbs.	1-2d. " per lb.	10 8 11
Lard, 49 cwt.	8s. " per cwt.	19 12 0
Leather, 10,163 lbs.	1d. " per lb.	42 6 11
Leather, 25 lbs.	4d. " per lb.	0 8 4
Molasses, 73,186 galls.	2½d. " per gall.	762 7 1
Onions, 163 cwt. 2 qrs.	2s. 6d. " per cwt.	20 8 9
Pork, 2335 cwt.	1s. 3d. " per cwt.	145 18 9
Pork, 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs.	12s. " per cwt.	13 7 9
Rum, 5847 galls.	9d. " per gall.	219 5 3
Rum, 64,209 galls.	1s. 3d. " per gall.	4013 1 3
Rum, 12,141 galls.	1s. 4d. " per gall.	809 8 0
Spirits and Cordials, 245 galls.	1s. 8d. " per gall.	20 8 4
Sugar, 9,217 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs.	2s. " per cwt.	921 15 9
Sugar, 379 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.	6s. " per cwt.	113 16 3
Sugar, 2,999 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.	8s. " per cwt.	1199 17 6
Tea, 574,972 lbs.	¾d. " per lb.	1796 15 9
Tea, 273,706 lbs.	1½d. " per lb.	1710 13 3
Tea, 6,882 lbs.	3d. " per lb.	86 0 6
Tobacco, 119,554 lbs.	1-2d. " per lb.	249 1 5
Tobacco, 119,208 lbs.	1 1-2d. " per lb.	745 1 0
Whiskey, 1,487 galls.	1s. 4d. " per gall.	99 2 8
Whiskey, 196 galls.	9d. " per gall.	7 7 0
Wine, 30,165 galls.	1s. " per gall.	1508 5 0
Wine, 5,115 galls.	1s. 3d. " per gall.	319 13 9
Wine, 267 galls.	1s. 6d. " per gall.	20 0 6
Wine, 1539 galls.	1s. 8d. " per gall.	128 5 0
Wine, 10,780 galls.	1s. 11d. " per gall.	1033 1 8
Wine, 176 galls.	2s. 1d. " per gall.	18 6 8
Wine, 705 galls.	2s. 3d. " per gall.	79 6 3
Wine, 4,490 galls.	2s. 6d. " per gall.	561 5 0
Wine, 427 galls.	3s. " per gall.	64 1 0
Value of Goods, £ 1,080 0 0	2 1-2 per cent.	27 0 0
174,443 0 0	5 per cent.	8722 3 0
3,274 16 8	7 1-2 per cent.	245 12 3

Articles

Articles.	Rate of Duty.	Duties Sterling.
Value of Goods, £1,020 17 6	10 per cent.	£ 102 1 9
1,247 0 0	15 per cent.	187 1 0
99 8 9	20 per cent.	19 17 9
		£29,717 11 11
Less Duty paid at Customs on Pork,		2 16 2
	Sterling,	£29,714 15 9
	Add $\frac{1}{4}$,	7,428 13 8 $\frac{1}{4}$
	Currency,	£37,143 9 5 $\frac{1}{4}$

Excise Office, 29th January, 1845.

THOS. A. S. DEWOLF.

A Return of Goods, Wares, and Merchandise, entered for Duties between 1st January and 31st December, 1844.

Articles.	Rate of Duty.	Duties Sterling.
Apples, 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ bbls.	4s. Stg. per bbl.	£ 5 18 0
Beef, 543 cwt.	9d. " per cwt.	20 7 3
Beef, 72 cwt. 1 qr.	3s. " per cwt.	10 16 9
Brandy, 25,017 galls.	1s. 8d. " per gall.	2,084 15 0
Bread, 500 cwt.	9d. " per cwt.	18 15 0
Bread, 1,412 cwt. 2 qrs.	1s. 8d. " per cwt.	117 14 2
Butter, 45 cwt. 1 qr.	4s. " per cwt.	9 1 0
Bacon, 17 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs.	6s. " per cwt.	5 5 9
Clocks, 80.	10s. " each.	40 0 0
Coffee, 990 cwt., 1 qr.	4s. 4d. " per cwt.	214 11 1
Coffee, 347 lbs.	2d. " per lb.	2 17 10
Candles, 9,329 lbs.	1d. " per lb.	38 17 5
Candles, 4,670 lbs.	3d. " per lb.	58 7 6
Chocolate, 220 lbs.	1d. " per lb.	18 4
Flour, 26 bbls.	2s. " per bbl.	2 12 0
Geneva, 16,005 galls.	1s. 8d. " per gall.	1,333 15 0
Leather, 251 lbs.	4d. " per lb.	4 3 8
Leather, 6467 lbs.	2d. " per lb.	53 17 10
Leather, 79,853 lbs.	1d. " per lb.	332 14 5
Lard, 110 cwt. 3 qrs. 21 lbs.	8s. " per cwt.	44 7 6
Molasses, 126 galls.	3 1-2d. " per gall.	1 16 9
Onions, 130 cwt. 2 qrs.	2s. 6d. " per cwt.	16 6 3
Pork, 14 cwt. 1 qr.	12s. " per cwt.	8 11 0
Pork, 217 cwt.	1s. 3d. " per cwt.	13 11 3
Pork, 1130 cwt. 3 qrs.	3s. " per cwt.	169 12 3
Raisins, 9640 lbs.	1-4d. " per lb.	10 0 10
Raisins, 74,750 lbs.	1-2d. " per lb.	155 14 7
Rum, 7972 galls.	1s. " per gall.	398 12 0
Rum, 37,190 galls.	1s. 3d. " per gall.	2,324 7 6
Rum, 347 galls.	1s. 4d. " per gall.	23 2 8
Rum, 73,222 galls.	1s. 6d. " per gall.	5,491 13 0

Articles

Articles.	Rate of Duty.	Duties Sterling.
Spirits, 626½ galls.	1s. 8d. " per gall.	£ 52 4 2
Sugar, 21,641 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs.	2s. " per cwt.	2,164 2 3
Sugar, 138 cwt. 0 qrs. 21 lbs.	4s. " per cwt.	27 12 9
Sugar, 258 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs.	6s. " per cwt.	77 11 9
Sugar, 1,834 cwt. 3 qrs.	8s. " per cwt.	733 18 0
Tea, 380,740 lbs.	1 1-2d. " per lb.	2,379 12 6
Tea, 3,899 lbs.	3d. " per lb.	48 14 9
Tobacco, 197,288 lbs.	1 1-2d. " per lb.	1,233 1 0
Wine, 16,413 galls.	1s. 3d. " per gall.	1,025 16 3
Wine, 9,111½ galls.	2s. 6d. " per gall.	1,138 18 9
Wine, 1,461½ galls.	3s. " per gall.	219 4 6
Whiskey, 39 galls.	1s. " per gall.	1 19 0
Whiskey, 1,264 galls.	1s. 8d. " per gall.	105 6 8
Value, £ 971 10 0	2 1-2 per cent.	24 5 9
250,473 6 8	5 per cent.	12,523 13 4
30 0 0	7 1-2 per cent.	2 5 0
75 0 0	7 per cent.	5 5 0
10,096 7 6	10 per cent.	1,009 12 9
1,672 8 4	15 per cent.	250 17 3
27 0 0	20 per cent.	5 8 0
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		£36,042 13 0
	Less Duty paid at Customs on Pork,	2 2 10
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	Sterling,	£36,040 10 2
	Add ¼,	9,010 2 7
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	Currency,	£45,050 12 9

Excise Office, 29th January, 1845.

THOS. A. S. DEWOLF.

No. 12.

(See Page 210.)

STATEMENT WITH RESPECT TO DALHOUSIE COLLEGE,

Required by a Resolution of the House of Assembly, dated 18th April, 1844.

Fixed Funds, and how derived.—The sum of £9,342 11s. 1d. sterling, invested in the British Funds at £3 per cent, appropriated to the College by Government, on the application of the late Earl of Dalhousie.

Annual Funds, and how derived.—Dividends and interest on the above sum, (subject to charges for Agent's Commission, the Income Tax, &c.) One Hundred and Forty Pounds, Two Shillings, and Nine Pence, Sterling, equal to

	£350	6	10	currency.
Rents, One Hundred Pounds, Sterling, equal to	125	0	0	“
Provincial Grant,	400	0	0	“
	£875	6	10	“

Expenditure.

Salaries, viz :—President,	£300	0	0	currency.
Professor of Classics and Mathematics,	200	0	0	“
Professor of Modern Languages,	150	0	0	“
Secretary,	35	0	0	“
Repairs to Building, &c., &c.				

Cost of Board and Education.—No definite Statement can be made under this head, in the present state of the Institution.

Professors and Fees.

1. Professor of Moral Philosophy, and Rhetoric and Logic, 2 classes, now vacant. Fees £4 per annum in each class, from each Student.
2. Professor of Classics, Mathematics, and Natural Philosophy, 3 classes, now vacant. Fees £4 per annum in each class, from each Student.
3. Professor of Modern Languages. Fees £3 per annum, from each Student.

Value and Condition of Building, Library, Philosophical Apparatus.

Building and Ground, value about	£10,000	0	0
In good condition.			
Library—None.			
Philosophical Apparatus, value about	100	0	0
In good order.			

Classes and Number of Students.

Since the Constitution of the present Board of Governors.

	Classics.	Logic & Rhetoric.	Moral Philosophy.	Mathematics, Nat. Philosophy.	Modern Languages.	Total Number of Students.
1843, Winter Term.	3	2	5	11		16
1843, Summer Term.	4	4	3	9		15
1844, Winter Term.	5			3	12	18
1844, Summer Term.	1			2	7	10

Course of Study.—Not yet prescribed.

By order of the Board,

H. HARTSHORNE,

Secretary of Dalhousie College.

Halifax, January, 1845.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

GENERAL RETURN FOR 1844.

Funds—

Province Grant £400 Sterling, - - - - -	£444	0	0
Subscriptions and Contributions - - - - -	200	0	0
Rents for 1844, - - - - -	30	0	0
Tuition of Students, - - - - -	70	0	0

The above Funds are expended in common with those appropriated to the support of the Horton Academy, the additional funds being such as arise from the tuition of pupils in the Academy.

A large amount has also been raised from voluntary contributions during the past year, towards erecting and completing College Buildings.

Expenditures—

Classical Professorship, - - - - -	£250	0	0
Moral Phil. & Logic, do. - - - - -	250	0	0
Natural Phil. & Mathematics, do. - - - - -	150	0	0
Insurance on Buildings, - - - - -	27	10	0
Interest on Securities, - - - - -	75	0	0
Incidental Expenses, Books, Fuel, &c. - - - - -	30	0	0

The above Expenditures do not include any part of those laid out in the erection and completion of new College Buildings, on which about £1500 has been expended from voluntary contributions within two years past.

Professors—

<i>One</i> , Ancient Classics, &c. - - - - -	£250	0	0
<i>One</i> , Ethics, Logic, Belles Lettres, - - - - -	250	0	0
<i>One</i> , Nat. Philosophy and Mathematics, &c. - - - - -	150	0	0

Tuition—

All Students pay a uniform fee of *Five pounds* per annum, which goes into the general Funds of the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society, for the support of the Institutions, with the exception of *six* eleemosynary Students, under the provisions of the Province Grant.

Students—

The number of Students in 1844 was *Twenty-seven*.

Board—

Each Student pays *Eight Shillings* and *six-pence* per week during his residence in College.

Cost

Cost and Value of Buildings— - - - - £4500 0 0

The Buildings are all in the best repair, except parts of the College Buildings now in the course of completion, and requiring a probable outlay of £1000.

Library—

The Library as yet contains only about 500 Volumes.

Philosophical Apparatus—

Cost - - - - - £250 0 0

Collegiate Course—

CLASSES.

1st. Year.—Greek and Latin Classics, Ancient History, Antiquities, Biography, &c. &c., Logic, Mathematics, &c.

2nd Year.—Greek and Latin Classics, &c., Ancient History, Biography, &c., Ethics and Mathematics, &c.

3rd Year.—Greek and Latin Classics, &c., Antiquities, &c. as before, Rhetoric and Belles Lettres, Natural Philosophy, Mechanics, &c.

4th Year.—Greek and Latin Classics, &c., Political Economy and Law of Nations, &c., Natural History, Hebrew and Modern Languages.

There is also the sum of £1000 bequeathed by the late William Dewolf, Esq., of Liverpool, N. S., and yet in the hands of his Executors, to be invested, and the interest thereof yearly appropriated to increase the Library, and to the support of Beneficiary Students at College.

February 3rd, 1845.

J. W. NUTTING,

Sec'y. & Treas'r. Baptist Educ. Society.

FROM ST. MARY'S COLLEGE.

A Return required by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, conformable to a Resolution of the House of Assembly, in 1844.

Professors.	Classes.	Salaries per an.	Income.	Expenditure.	Remarks.
Rev. R. B. O'Brien,	Belles Lettres, Mathematics, Philosophy, Divinity.	£200	Provincial Grant, £444. Pupils' Fees, 250.	Salaries, £540 Genl. Expenses, 250	The course of Education, comprehends "Belles Lettres," Ancient and Modern Languages, Natural and Moral Philosophy, and Divinity.
Rev. T. L. Connolly, Rev. J. Nugent,	French and Italian. Astronomy, Globes, Algebra, Mensuration, Navigation and use of Nautical Instruments, Arithmetic, first and second classes.	120 100		Board and Education, £33 per an.	The number of Pupils has varied from 80 to 40, from merely transient causes, number this year has been at the minimum.
Rev. M. C. Hannan,	Four classes in Greek, and six in Latin.	75		Value of Buildings, about £7,000	From the causes alluded to, the class of Modern Languages has been suspended during the Past year.
Mr. M. Wallace,	Two classes in Latin, and Book-keeping, and General Superintendent. Spanish.	50		Library, 1,500 Philosophical Apparatus, 150	The Library is in good order, the Books are well selected. Philosophical Apparatus is very imperfect, owing to the low state of our Funds.
Vacant,				£9,350	Condition of Buildings, pretty good.

R. B. O'BRIEN,

Principal St. Mary's College.

Halifax, January 22nd, 1845.

Halifax,

KING'S COLLEGE, WINDSOR.

RETURN FOR 1844.

Halifax, 29th January, 1845.

SIR,

In compliance with the Resolution of the House of Assembly transmitted by you to me, I have the honor to send the following Statement relative to the University of King's College at Windsor.

<i>Funds—Permanent.</i>		<i>Sterling.</i>
Subscription or Building Fund	£4662 17 1—3 per Cent. Consols—Div.	£135 16 2

<i>Library Fund.</i>		
£1673 10 7—late New 3½ per Cents, now 3 per Cent.—Div.	- - -	50 4 1

<i>General Fund.</i>		
Provincial Allowance, - - - - -	per ann.	£400 0 0
Dr. Warneford's Donation £1000 - - - - -	Int.	40 0 0
		<i>Currency.</i>
Loan to Commissioners of Streets, £1000, - - - - -	Int.	50 0 6
Provincial Stock, £475, - - - - -	Int.	23 15 0

FUNDS ANNUAL.

<i>General Fund.</i>		<i>Sterling.</i>
Allowance from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, - - -	- - -	£500 0 0

<i>Visitors' Fund,</i>		
Allowance from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, - - -	- - -	300 0 0
Do. the Society for the Promoting Christian Knowledge for 1845,	(this will shortly cease) - - - - -	100 0 0

Professors and Masters.

The Rev. George McCawley, D. D., President.
 The Rev. John Stevenson, A. M., Vice President.
 Federico Mantovani, D. C. L., Lecturer on Modern Languages and Literature.
 The Rev. W. B. King, A. M., Principal of the Academy.
 Mr. Thomas Curren, Assistant.

Salaries Payable out of the General Fund.

	<i>Currency.</i>
President, - - - - -	£385 0 0
Vice President, - - - - -	220 0 0
Lecturer on Modern Languages, &c. - - - - -	125 0 0
Principal of the Academy, and Assistant, - - - - -	320 0 0
Four Scholarships on the Foundation, - - - - -	80 0 0
Secretary and Treasurer, - - - - -	22 10 0
Steward, - - - - -	60 0 0

Salaries Payable out of the Visitors' Fund.

1 Divinity Scholarship, - - - - -	£ 44 8 10
11 do. £33 each, - - - - -	363 0 0
3 Exhibitions, - - - - -	83 6 6

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Fees

Fees Payable at the College by each Student.

To his Private Tutor each year, - - - - -	£4 0 0
To the President, - - - - -	1 0 0
To the Vice President, - - - - -	1 0 0
To the Lecturer on Modern Languages, - - - - -	2 0 0
To the Steward for Board each week, - - - - -	0 12 6

At the Academy.

To the Principal for Board and Lodging, &c., per week -	£ 0 10 0
Latin Scholars, per annum, - - - - -	4 0 0
English do. do. - - - - -	3 0 0

Course of Study at the College.

Classics, Mathematics, Natural Philosophy and Astronomy, Logic, Rhetoric and Composition, Ethics, Divinity, Latin, Greek, Hebrew, French, Italian and German Languages.

At the Academy.

The usual course of Study at Academies.

<i>College.</i> —Number of Students, - - - - -	22
<i>Academy.</i> —Number of Boarders, - - - - -	6
Day Scholars, - - - - -	17

Supposed Value of Buildings (which are in good repair) and Lands, £10,000.

Value of Library and Philosophical Apparatus, - - - - - 6,000.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obed't humble serv't.

JOHN C. HALLIBURTON,
Secretary of King's College at Windsor.

Sir Rupert D. George, Bart.
Provincial Secretary,
&c. &c. &c.

PICTOU ACADEMY.

RETURN FOR 1844.

Pictou, 9th January, 1845.

SIR,

In compliance with the will of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of this Province, expressed in a communication from you, dated "Halifax, 6th June, 1844," that in terms of a Resolution of the House of Assembly, of the date of 18th April, 1844, there should be transmitted to His Excellency, accounts from the proper officers respectively, of the present condition of all the higher Literary Institutions throughout the Province, to be submitted to the consideration of the House during the ensuing Session; and also in compliance with a Circular in relation to the same subject, of the date of 1st January, 1845, I send you the following Report respecting the Pictou Academy. The funds on hand are One Pound, Sixteen Shillings, and Seven Pence, currency.

Since

Since the termination of the Legislative Grant, in the year 1842, the Trustees have had no fixed annual income at their command. From the close of the Grant, to the 1st of August last, there was in the Institution only one Teacher, who had no remuneration for his services but the fees of his pupils. He has now left the Institution, so that at present there is no system of Education conducted. There is consequently no report to be made in relation to Salaries, Fees, Classes, or Students. It may be stated, however, that the course of study which the Trustees, provided they had funds for the purpose, would carry out, embraces all that belongs to a proper English education, together with some of the more useful modern Foreign languages; and that to these they would add Latin, Greek, Mathematics, Logic, Moral and Natural Philosophy. Such a course they have not been able to establish, solely from the want of pecuniary means. Boarding, exclusive of washing, may be obtained for about £25 per annum. The Building, and the lot of land on which it is situated, are, in the opinion of the Trustees, worth £700. If exposed to sale in these depressed times, the probability is that they would not realize so much; still it is conceived that this is about their real value. The Building is 50 feet in length and 35 in breadth—two stories high—has two class rooms on the lower flat, each 19 feet by 32, and two rooms above, of the same size with those below, one of which contains the Library, and the other has been employed as a Museum. About £50 are necessary to put the Building in good condition. The Philosophical Apparatus cost upwards of £400. Some portions of it are worn out, or rendered less valuable in consequence of use; what it would realize in money, were it exposed to Sale, the Trustees could not undertake to determine. The Library contains 1200 volumes; not a few of the works are very valuable, but as to the worth of the whole, it is difficult to make an exact estimate. There are also two lots of land of 50 acres each, one on Mount Thom, the other on the Middle River, Pictou: the value of both may be stated at £50.

From the time of the expiration of the Legislative Grant to the 1st of August last, when the Teacher discontinued his labours, the average number of pupils (boys and girls) was about 50. The branches taught were English, English Grammar, Writing, Arithmetic, Book-keeping, Geography, and the use of the Globes, Mathematics, pure and practical, with Algebra, Latin, Greek, and French. Farther than frequent advices to the pupils, in relation to the good moral conduct which they ought uniformly to exemplify, there were never any instructions given of what may be called a religious nature. The reason was, that had the Trustees sanctioned anything farther, it might have been construed into an interference with the peculiarities of religious creeds, which they were always careful to avoid. While the great body of the pupils belonged to Presbyterian families, there were others that were members of Church of England, Roman Catholic and Quaker families, respectively. The Institution was at all times equally open to pupils from all religious denominations. In the English department the books in general use were chiefly those published by the late Lindley Murray. In Latin, the ordinary Classics were taught, such as Cornelius Nepos, Cæsar, Sallust, Ovid, Virgil, Horace, Livy, and Tacitus. In Greek, the "Collectanea Græca Majora and Analecta Græca Minora," of the late Professor Dalzel, of the College of Edinburgh. In Mathematics—Euclid, Bonnycastle's Mensuration and Algebra. In all the departments, except the learned languages, there were sometimes other books employed; but these were only exceptions to the uniformity as to elementary books, which was always kept in view. The scale of fees which the Trustees some years since adopted, was the following:—English and Writing, 8s. per quarter; English Grammar and Arithmetic, with the same, 10s.; Geography, 12s. 6d; Latin and Greek, 15s.; Elementary branches of Mathematics, viz., Algebra, Euclid, Conic Sections, Plane and Spherical Trigonometry, with their practical applications, Three Pounds per annum.

The Trustees respectfully offer it as their deliberate opinion, that an Institution in which their views, as stated in the former part of this Report, could be fully carried out, is essentially necessary to meet the present wants, and future prospects of the Eastern section of the Province in particular; and earnestly hope that to this point the Legisla-

ture will be pleased to direct their careful attention. The preceding is in the name, and by the authority of the Trustees of the Pictou Academy.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

JOHN MCKINLAY,

Secretary of the Pictou Academy.

To the Honorable Sir Rupert D. George,
Secretary of the Province of Nova Scotia.

No. 12.

(2d Part.)

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WESLEYAN ACADEMY.

Statement of the number of "Professors and Masters, Salaries, Fees, Classes, number of Students, and Course of Study, cost of Boarding and Education," at the Wesleyan Academy, Mount Allison, Sackville, N. B.

Committee—Revds. Messrs. Wood, Knight, DesBrisay, and McLeod, and C. F. Allison, Esqr. *Agent*—Revd. S. D. Rice. *Treasurer*—C. F. Allison, Esq.

Governor & Chaplain—Revd. A. Des Brisay. *Principal*—Revd. H. Pickard, A. M.

English Master—T. W. Wood, Esq. *French Tutor and Assistant in Classical Department*—Mr. J. R. Hea.

First Usher—Mr. John Outhouse. *Second Usher*—Mr. Joshua H. Turner. *Steward*—Mr. Thompson Trueman.

Salaries—See Appendix Account. *Fees*—None.

Classes—In Greek, Latin, French, Mental Philosophy, Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, Navigation, Trigonometry, Geometry, Algebra, English Grammar, Arithmetic, Geography, History and Book-keeping.

Number of Students—During the year ending 22nd January, ult., the number on the Books was 131.

Attendance first Term	-	-	-	-	-	67
Do. second do.	-	-	-	-	-	70
Do. third do.	-	-	-	-	-	93

Course of Study.—This is extensive, systematic, and thorough. For the purpose of securing the advantages of method and regularity, and at the same time accommodating different Classes of Students, there are three Courses of Instruction.

Primary Course.

Includes Geography, English Grammar, Parsing, Arithmetic, History, and First Lessons in Composition and Penmanship.

Literary and Scientific Course.

The Studies in the Second or Literary and Scientific Course, are arranged to occupy a period of two years.

First Year.—*First Term*—Algebra, Geometry, Chemistry and French. *Second Term*—Algebra, Geometry, Natural Philosophy and French.

Second

Second Year—First Term—Trigonometry, Mensuration, Mental Philosophy, Evidences of Christianity, and French on Mineralogy and Geology.
 Second Term—Rhetoric, Logic, Political Economy, Moral Philosophy, and Astronomy.

Classical Course.

The Third or Classical Course, includes in addition to all the Studies of the 1st and 2nd Courses, Latin Grammar and Exercises, Latin Reader, Cæsar or Sallust, Virgil's *Æneid* and *Bucolics*, Cicero's Select Orations, Horace, Cicero de Oratore, Livy and Tacitus. Greek Lessons, Greek Grammar and Exercises, Jacob's Greek Reader, Greek Testament, Homer's *Iliad*, Græca Majora, Eschines and Demosthenes de Corona, &c. &c. Roman and Grecian Antiquities. Ancient Geography, &c. &c.

General Exercises.

Public Declamation from all the Students once in two weeks, and Composition the alternate weeks.

A portion of every Sunday is devoted to the united Study of the Sacred Scriptures, under the direction of the Chaplain.

Cost of Boarding and Education.—For Board, Washing, Fuel, Lights, &c., and Tuition in the Primary Departments for the Academical Year - - - £25 0 0
 For Tuition and Incidentals to Day Scholars - - - - - 4 0 0
 Additional charges will be made for Tuition in the higher Departments, but the Expense for Board, &c., and Tuition, will in no case exceed £30 per annum.

The value and condition of Buildings, cost of Buildings and Furniture together, amounts to £7,665 0 7½d.

The Building has been occupied but two years, and is in a good state of preservation, as is also the Furniture.

The Library is but small—Value	-	-	-	-	-	-	£230	0	0
Cabinet	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	0	0
Philosophical Apparatus	-	-	-	-	-	-	150	0	0
The Total Amount Expended is	-	-	-	-	-	-	£8045	0	7½

H. PICKARD,

Principal.

CHAS. F. ALLISON,

Treasurer.

Sackville, N. B., 7th Feb'y, 1845.

WESLEYAN ACADEMY, SACKVILLE, N. B.

A Statement of Financial Condition, &c., January, 1845.

EXPENDITURE.

To Balance of General Account, shewn by statement of Financial condition, dated 24th January, 1844,	£2036	7	3
Sundry amounts expended for Furniture, &c., &c., to 22nd January, 1845.	315	10	7½
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	£2351	17	10½

Current Expenses for the year ending 22nd January, 1845.

SALARIES.			
To Rev. A. Desbrisay, Governor and Chaplain,	£110	0	0
Rev. H. Pickard, A. M., Principal,	175	0	0

To T. W. Wood, Esq., English Master,	153	10	0	
do. do. additional for removal of family, &c.	30	0	0	
Mr. J. R. Hea, French Tutor, &c.,	75	0	0	
Mr. J. Outhouse, 1st Usher (for one Term),	14	0	0	
Mr. J. Turner, 2nd do. do.	10	0	0	
Revd. S. D. Rice, Agent, 2-3rds year,	80	0	0	
Books and Stationery,	299	8	10½	
Printing Catalogues, &c.,	10	0	0	
Travelling expenses, <i>i. e.</i> Agents, £29 15s. 9d., Commit- tees, £24 16s.	54	11	9	
Insurance, £37 3s. 9d. Expense of Lectures, £10.	47	3	9	
Sundry Repairs, &c., &c.,	38	1	11	
Philosophical and Chemical Apparatus,	121	6	9	
Provisions, Steward's Salary, Servant's Wages, and other expenses for Students' commons.	1031	3	2	
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				£4601 4 1

To Balance brought down, £1755 10 0

Towards meeting the above Balance, there are subscriptions unpaid, and of which may be collected,	£700	0	0
Due for Board, Tuition, &c., as per credit side,	226	13	9
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	£926	13	9

RECEIPTS.

By sundry Subscriptions collected during past year,	£518	18	4½
do. Accounts collected, reported as unpaid last year,	130	0	0
2d Grant from New Brunswick Legislature, reported as unpaid last year,	200	0	0
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	£	848	18 4½

Current income for the year ending 22nd January, 1845.

By 3rd Grant from New Brunswick Legislature, received,	£200	0	0
2nd do. Nova Scotia, do	£200	0	0
Less Discount,	7	14	0
	192	6	0

Amount of Bills against the Students, &c.

For Tuition,	£370	16	8
Board, &c.,	1173	19	4
Incidentals,	73	16	11
Stationery, Books, &c.	212	10	6½

£1831 3 5½

Less remaining unpaid,

226 13 9

1604 9 8½

1996 15 8½

Balance due,

1755 10 0

£4601 4 1

Sackville, New Brunswick, 22d January, 1845.

H. PICKARD, *Principal.*
CHAS. F. ALLISON, *Treasurer.*

No. 13.

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THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA, DR.

*For Payments made by the Treasurer, between 1st January and 31st December, 1844.**MARCH QUARTER.*

March 31.—To paid the Salaries of the Officers of Government, per Abstract and Warrant	1	£1336	5	0
Secretary of King's College, Windsor,	2	111	2	2½
Master of the Halifax Grammar School,	3	37	10	0
Commissioners of Excise for pay of Waiters, Respective Stockholders, for one year's Interest on Funded Debt,	4	192	12	6
	5	250	0	0
The Commissioner and Treasurer of the Savings Bank, for Interest to date,	6	367	10	0
The Collector of H. M. Customs, to pay Salaries to Officers of the Customs,	7	1786	4	8½
Commissioners of the Poor,	8	150	0	0
Secretary of Dalhousie College,	9	100	0	0
Secretary of Acadia College,	10	111	0	0
President of St. Mary's College,	11	111	0	0
Clerk of Central Board of Education,	12	37	10	0
Commissioners for Building Bridewell,	13	1261	9	2
Sheriff of Colchester, returning Members,	14	6	0	0
Sheriff of Cumberland, do.	15	4	10	0
Sheriff of Inverness, do.	16	3	0	0
Sheriff of Annapolis, do.	17	4	10	0
Sheriff of Shelburne, do.	18	4	10	0
Boudrot and Trahan, damage created by the con- struction of an Aboiteau	19	40	0	0
John E. Mais, Drawback on Refined Sugar,	20	62	18	5
Dy. Post Mr. General for Post Communication,	21	210	11	4
The Members of the Assembly,	22	2657	0	0
The Clerk of the House of Assembly,	23	398	0	0
The Assistant Clerk of do.	24	200	0	0
G. R. Grassie, Sergeant at Arms, do.	25	50	0	0
John Jennings, Assistant Sergeant, do.	26	30	0	0
John Gibbs, Messenger,	27	30	0	0
Clerk of the Assembly to pay Chaplains,	28	25	0	0
Clerk of the Legislative Council,	29	646	3	0
Trustees of Liverpool Academy,	30	25	0	0
Trustees of Port Hood Academy,	31	25	0	0
Trustees of Arichat Academy,	32	25	0	0
		£10,299	6	4

JUNE QUARTER.

June 30—To paid Salaries of the Officers of Government, per Abstract and Warrant,	1	£1336	5	0
Secretary of King's College, Windsor,	2	111	2	2½
Master of the Halifax Grammar School,	3	37	10	0
Collector of Excise, for pay of Waiters,	4	316	7	5
The respective Stockholders, for half year's interest on Funded Debt,	5	200	0	0
Ditto., for the Quarter ending this day,	6	250	0	0
Commissioner and Treasurer of the Saving's Bank, for Interest,	7	255	0	0
The Collector of H. M. Customs, to pay salaries to Officers of Customs.	8	1786	4	8½
Commissioners of the Poor,	9	150	0	0
Ditto. ditto., for support of a School,	10	12	10	0
The Trustees of the Acadian School,	11	50	0	0
The Trustees of the National School,	12	50	0	0
The Trustees of the Catholic School,	13	50	0	0
The Secretary of Dalhousie College,	14	100	0	0
The President and Directors of Acadia College,	15	111	0	0
The Trustees of St. Mary's Seminary,	16	111	0	0
The Revd. Mr. Uniacke, School in the North Suburbs,	17	50	0	0
The Trustees of the African School,	18	50	0	0
The Trustees of the Methodist School,	19	50	0	0
The Clerk to Central Board of Education,	20	37	10	0
The Ladies, Managers of Infant School,	21	50	0	0
The Sheriff of Hants, for Returning Members,	22	7	10	0
The Sheriff of King's, for ditto.	23	13	10	0
The Sheriff of Lunenburg, for ditto.	24	4	10	0
The Sheriff of Pictou, for ditto.	25	10	10	0
Artillery Mess, for drawback on Wines,	26	45	7	1
James Whitney, for running Steam Boat,	27	125	0	0
Patrick Day, Road Alteration,	28	2	0	0
Richard Carter, running a Ferry Boat,	29	10	0	0
George Griffin, Breakwater at Lewis' Head,	30	50	0	0
Dy. Post Mr. General Post Communication,	31	290	18	4
James Whitney, for running Steam Boat to Western Ports,	32	450	0	0
Commissioners of Light Houses,	33	550	0	0
S. Trenholm return of Duties on Machinery,	34	3	15	0
J. S. Thompson, balance as Queen's Printer,	35	274	13	1
Richard Nugent, balance due him for Printing,	36	109	19	10
Commissioners of Bridewell,	37	490	8	5
Andrew Stevens, as granted to him,	38	22	0	0
King's College, for Drawback of Duties,	39	25	16	6
William F. Moffat, services as a Teacher,	40	26	11	7
Treasurer to repay O. Wilson and others,	41	14	4	8
Ebenezer Annand, as granted to him,	42	20	0	0
Doctor Pyke, services as Health Officer,	43	10	0	0
Thomas Frith, as granted to him,	44	10	0	0
Thomas I. Wood, do.	45	11	10	0
D. M. Cummin, for carrying Mails,	46	7	10	0
Trustees for the Sydney Academy,	47	25	0	0

June 30.—To paid Hugh McKenzie, erection of an Oat Mill,	48	10	0	0
Judge Haliburton, Travelling Fees,	49	42	0	0
Judge Hill, ditto.,	50	35	0	0
John Campbell, for carrying Mails,	51	25	0	0
L. Moorehouse, Ferriage between Digby and Brier Island,	52	10	0	0
Depy. Post Master General, for Post communication,	53	479	11	0
Dr. Carritt, as granted to him,	54	2	10	0
Commissioners of Light Houses,	55	400	0	0
Ladies, Managers Infant School, Pictou,	56	25	0	0
Charles E. Leonard, sums advanced to shipwrecked Mariners,	57	105	5	7
The Commissioners of Public Buildings,	58	455	9	3
J. S. Thompson, Printing for the Legislative Council,	59	98	3	9
R. Nugent, Printing for House of Assembly,	60	114	5	7½
Dr. Garraty, support of a Transient Pauper,	61	8	0	0
Dr. Fox, support of ditto.,	62	4	0	0
J. G. Bingay, for return of Duties,	63	3	17	8
Trustees of the Annapolis Academy,	64	18	15	0
William Chipman, for support of a Deaf and Dumb Boy,	65	15	0	0
Benjamin Dewolf, for drawback of Duties,	66	8	0	0
J. Ross, for claims against Post Office,	67	116	0	0
And. Henderson, Teacher of a School,	68	12	10	0
Commissioners of the Penitentiary,	69	300	0	0
The Queen's Printer, on account,	70	100	0	0
John C. Mais, drawback on Refined Sugar,	71	88	8	0
Fairbanks & Allison, drawback on refined Sugar,	72	5	18	2
William Mayberry, ditto.,	73	37	10	0
The Commissioners of Light Houses,	74	960	0	0
The Bank of British North America,	75	8000	0	0
Ditto, for Interest to date,	76	153	11	2
Trustees of Sydney Academy,	77	25	0	0
Trustees of Port Hood Academy,	78	25	0	0
Trustees of Liverpool Academy.	79	25	0	0
Trustees of Liverpool Academy,	80	100	0	0
Trustees of Digby Academy,	81	25	0	0
Trustees of Arichat Academy,	82	25	0	0
Trustees of the Guysborough Academy,	83	50	0	0
Trustees of Shelburne Academy,	84	50	0	0
Trustees of Truro Academy,	85	50	0	0
Edward O'Brien, Drawback on Flour,	86	13	1	7
		£19,797 0 7		

SEPTEMBER QUARTER.

Sept. 30—To paid Salaries of Officers of Government, per			
Warrant and Abstract,	1	£1336	5 0
Secretary of King's College, Windsor,	2	111	2 2½
The Master of the Halifax Grammar School,	3	37	10 0
Collector of Excise, for pay of Waiters,	4	343	13 9
The respective Stockholders, for one quarter's interest to date,	5	250	0 0
The Commissioner and Treasurer of the Saving's Bank, for Interest,	6	381	10 0
The Collector of the Customs, to pay the salaries of Officers of the Customs,	7	1786	4 8
The Commissioners of the Poor,	8	150	0 0
Clerk of the Central Board of Education,	9	37	10 0
Secretary of Dalhousie College,	10	100	0 0
Trustees of the Acadia College,	11	111	0 0
Trustees of St. Mary's Seminary,	12	111	0 0
David McPherson, for keeping a Ferry,	13	10	0 0
William Kidston, for Road Alteration,	14	5	0 0
Joseph S. Morse, for drawback of Duties,	15	12	10 0
John and Charles Pernet, Ferry at LaHave,	16	15	0 0
The Hon. Chief Justice, Travelling Expenses,	17	39	13 4
Judge Bliss, ditto.	18	43	3 4
Richard Nugent, Printing for the Assembly,	19	100	0 0
James Whitney, for running Steam Boat,	20	25	0 0
Commissioners of Light Houses,	21	1155	0 0
Cornelius Craig, for keeping a Ferry,	22	10	0 0
Charles E. Leonard, as granted to him,	23	53	5 0
Dr. W. L. Bent, as granted to him,	24	2	12 0
McDonald and Richardson, keeping a Ferry,	25	20	0 0
Trustees of the Inverness Academy,	26	25	0 0
The Members of the Assembly,	27	1080	0 0
Clerk of the House of Assembly,	28	130	0 0
Hugh McLean, Land compensation,	29	20	0 0
Commissioners of Light Houses,	30	72	13 8
E. Crowell, keeping Seal Island Establishment,	31	20	0 0
Clerk of the Legislative Council,	32	71	0 0
Alexr. McMillan, keeping a Ferry,	33	10	0 0
Commissioners of Light House,	34	250	0 0
J. L. Tremain, as granted to him,	35	62	10 0
The Officers 52nd Regiment, Drawback on Wines,	36	75	5 8
Trustees of the Yarmouth Academy,	37	101	5 0
Michael Sellars and others, for Road alteration,	38	164	8 0
Trustees of Methodist Academy, Sackville,	39	200	0 0
Trustees of Sydney Academy,	40	25	0 0
Trustees of Antigonish Academy,	41	50	0 0
Trustees of Liverpool Academy,	42	25	0 0
Trustees of Arichat Academy,	43	25	0 0
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		£8,654	1 8

DECEMBER

DECEMBER QUARTER.

Decr. 31.—To paid Salaries of Officers of Government, per			
Abstract and Warrant,	1	£1336	5 0
Secretary of King's College, Windsor,	2	111	2 2½
Master of the Halifax Grammar School,	3	37	10 0
Collector of Excise for pay of Waiters,	4	338	18 0
Respective Stockholders, for half year's Interest on			
Funded Debt,	5	200	0 0
Ditto., for the Quarter ending this day,	6	250	0 0
Commissioner and Treasurer of the Savings Bank,			
for Interest,	7	311	0 0
Commissioners of the Poor,	8	150	0 0
Ditto., for support of a School,	9	12	10 0
Clerk to Central Board of Education,	10	37	10 0
Collector of H. M. Customs, to pay Salaries of			
the Officers of Customs,	11	1786	4 8
Secretary of Dalhousie College,	12	100	0 0
Directors of the Acadia College,	13	111	0 0
Directors of St. Mary's Seminary,	14	111	0 0
Directors of the Acadian School,	15	50	0 0
Directors of the National School,	16	50	0 0
The Rev. Mr. Uniacke's School, North Suburbs,	17	50	0 0
The Rev. Dr. Willis, for support of African			
School,	18	50	0 0
The Honble. Hugh Bell, for support of Metho-			
dist School,	19	50	0 0
Trustees of the Truro Academy,	20	50	0 0
Trustees of the Guysborough Academy,	21	50	0 0
Trustees of the Arichat Academy,	22	25	0 0
And. Henderson, Grammar School, A. V.	23	12	10 0
Trustees of the Academy at Annapolis,	24	18	15 0
Trustees of the Liverpool Academy,	25	25	0 0
John Barss, for Drawback of Duties,	26	11	5 0
William Kidston, Road Alteration,	27	10	0 0
D. Nicholson, for erecting an Oat Mill,	28	10	0 0
J. Whitney, for carrying Mail,	29	25	0 0
Alexr. Forsyth, for Drawback of Duties,	30	34	5 3
The Hon. the Chief Justice, Travelling expenses	31	39	13 4
Judge Hill, ditto.	32	42	0 0
Judge Bliss, ditto.	33	31	10 0
Judge Haliburton, ditto.	34	51	6 8
William Annand, Printing for Government,	35	55	16 2
Commissioners of Light Houses,	36	350	0 0
Officers of the Royals, for drawback on Wines,	37	7	0 7½
Commissioners of the Penitentiary,	38	300	0 0
McKay and Stevens, maintenance of Deaf and			
Dumb Boy,	39	20	0 0
Isaiah Smith, for supporting a Boat,	40	30	0 0
Wm. Chipman, support of Deaf and Dumb Boy,	41	15	0 0
P. Crowell, for replacing a Buoy at Barrington,	42	24	9 3
Dy. Post Master Genl., for Post communication,	43	286	7 0
Matthew Quirk, Road Alteration,	44	2	0 0
James Whitney, Steam communication,	45	1000	0 0

Decr.

Decr. 31—To paid Commissioners of Light Houses,	46	£950	0	0
Collector at Sydney, C. B., support of Revenue Boat,	47	40	0	0
Bounty on Seal Fishery,	48	388	5	0
William Pryor & Sons, Drawback on Refined Sugar,	49	81	3	9
Deputy Post Master General, for Postage of Letters,	50	85	4	7½
Bounty on Ship Rose, on Whaling Voyage,	51	767	0	0
Drs. Grigor & Stirling, for Halifax Dispensary,	52	50	0	0
The Directors of the Catholic School,	53	50	0	0
The Trustees of the Inverness Academy,	54	25	0	0
Trustees of the Academy at Gra Breton,	55	25	0	0
James Whitney, for running Steam Boat,	56	25	0	0
Day & Johnston, expenses incurred on a Trial,	57	5	12	0
Clerk to Central Board of Education,	58	37	10	0
Trustees of the Shelburne Academy,	59	50	0	0
Trustees of the Sydney Academy,	60	50	0	0
Trustees of the Annapolis Academy,	61	18	15	0
Alex. Auld, for keeping Ferry Boat,	62	10	0	0
President and Directors of Central Board of Agriculture,	63	1301	10	11
Salary of the Lieutenant Governor,	64	2500	0	0
The Commissioners of the Penitentiary,	65	172	4	0
Depy. Post Master General, for Postages,	66	324	12	9½
The Commissioners of Bridewell,	67	1000	0	0
John Caldwell, Road Service,	68	20	0	0
Commissioners of Sable Island,	69	400	0	0
ditto. Fisheries,	70	500	0	0
		£16,546	16	3
Schools,		7,807	19	8½
Rations to Troops on Route, per Abstract,		252	18	6
Adjutants of Militia,		70	0	0
Militia Arms,		156	4	2
Coroners,		200	0	0
Criminal Prosecutions,		155	2	4
Overseers of the Poor,		274	9	4
Casualty Vote,		812	5	7
Old Road Votes and Balances,		805	1	8
Making and Repairing Roads and Bridges, throughout the Province,		9,789	16	5½
Commissioners of Light Houses,		783	11	5
Trustees of Digby Academy,		25	0	0
ditto. ditto.,		25	0	0
Grant to Indians,		200	0	0
Queen's Printer,		100	0	0
Central Board of Agriculture,		150	0	0
		£76,904	14	0
Balance,		12,628	12	6
		£89,533	6	6

IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH CHARLES W. WALLACE, TREASURER, CR.

Decr. 31, 1843.—By Balance of Account rendered at this date,		£463	14	8
Received from the late Collector, Mr.				
Howe,	£662	9	3	
Received from the Commissioners of				
Excise, while in Office,	13,809	12	3	
Received from the present Collector.				
June Quarter,	8,305	17	0	
September Quarter,	9,764	10	5	
December Quarter,	16,513	16	10	
				49,056 5 9
Received from the Collectors at the Out-ports, between 1st Jany., 1844, and 30th Jany., 1845.				
Liverpool,	£380	15	2	
Pictou, (£250 of which by the At- torney General,)	1000	0	0	
Lunenburg,	543	5	4	
Yarmouth,	738	7	6	
Digby,	144	5	0	
Shelburne,	219	19	6	
Barrington,	25	2	8	
Londonderry,	122	9	3	
Cumberland,	205	9	2	
Windsor,	180	0	0	
Argyle,	4	14	8	
Sydney,	34	6	11	
Cornwallis,	19	15	0	
Annapolis,	158	13	6	
Weymouth,	28	12	1	
Sydney, C. B.,	662	13	0	
Arichat,	262	10	0	
Port Hood,	31	0	1	
Pugwash,	69	17	4	
Brier Island,	1	2	3	
Antigonish,	19	7	0	
Chester.			Nil	
Tatamagouche,	36	17	10	
Parrsboro',			Nil	
Wilmot,			Nil	
				4,889 3 3
Received from the Collector of H. M. Customs, on account of Du- ties, between 1st Jan'y., 1844, and				28,943 14 5

LIGHT DUTY.

Received from the Collector at Halifax.				
March Quarter,	£163	16	2	
June Quarter,	510	7	6	
September Quarter,	404	3	0	
December Quarter,	291	12	3	
Received from the Collectors at the Out-ports, between 1st January, 1844, and				
Liverpool,	£143	17	3	

Shelburne,	£68	18	5	
Yarmouth,	200	1	7½	
Annapolis,	20	7	0	
Pictou,	119	17	8	
Argyle,	53	12	2	
Weymouth,	25	18	0	
Digby,	72	12	0	
Sydney Co.,	Nil			
Arichat,	Nil			
Hants County,	111	17	0	
Londonderry,	4	18	0	
Amherst,	38	0	0	
Barrington,	40	8	6½	
Lunenburg,	23	6	7	
Chester,	Nil			
Tatamagouche,	15	16	5	
Parrsboro,	6	18	5	
Brier Island,	16	0	0	
Pugwash,	56	0	0	
Sydney, C. B.,	443	8	8	
Antigonish,	4	3	3	
King's County,	4	12	6	
Gut of Canso, (Hadley),	175	11	8	
ditto., (Bigelow),	63	5	0	
Wilmot,	Nil			
Port Hood,	8	10	10	
Received from Government of Prince				
Edward Island,	149	1	4	
Ditto., ditto., Canada,	1984	9	11	
Ditto., ditto., New Brunswick,	769	4	7	
				5,990 15 9
By received on account of Marshall's Justice,				20 13 1
Ditto., Loan to Poor Settlers,				83 11 3
Ditto., Collector at Cornwallis, on acct.				
Seizure,				4 5 4
Ditto., ditto., Windsor, proceeds Re-				
venue Boat,				19 1 9
Ditto., Collector, Windsor,				50 0 0
Ditto., Collector of Parrsborough, omitted,				12 1 3
				£89,533 6 6

(Errors Excepted.)

Treasurer's Office, Halifax, 31st December, 1844.

CHARLES W. WALLACE, Treasurer.

Balance,	£12,628	12	6
Error in Road Account,	21	7	5
Overcharge in School Account, *	26	11	7
This Sum being excess of Interest on Provincial Stock,	722	10	9
	£13,399	2	3

CHARLES W. WALLACE, Treasurer.

No. 14.

(See Page 214.)

[COPY.]

No. 227.

Government House, Halifax, April 28, 1844.

MY LORD,

I herewith transmit a letter I have received from Sir Rupert George, Provincial Secretary of Nova Scotia, complaining of the effect the Civil List Bill will have on the emoluments of his office, and expressing a hope that he may be protected from loss.

The severe injury the interests of Sir Rupert George will sustain under the proposed arrangement, your Lordship will doubtless consider in conjunction with the public advantage and disadvantage likely to accrue from the Queen's assent to or rejection of, the Bill.

With regard to the apprehension expressed by Sir Rupert George, that so great and sudden a diminution of the remuneration attached to the appointments held by him might be construed into an expression by the House of Assembly of dissatisfaction at the manner in which he has performed the important duties which have so long devolved on him, I have the greatest pleasure in stating that his diligence, ability, and courtesy, in the discharge of his functions, are universally acknowledged by all parties.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

The Right Honble. The Lord Stanley, &c. &c. &c.

[COPY.]

No. 228.

Government House, Halifax, 30th April, 1844.

MY LORD,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, the certified Copy of a Bill entitled "An Act concerning the Registrar of Deeds in the County of Halifax and the other Counties of the Province of Nova Scotia."

I call your Lordship's particular attention to this Bill, because Sir Rupert George, the present Registrar of Deeds for the Province of Nova Scotia, holds the Office of Secretary of the Province, Registrar, and Clerk of Council, by virtue of Warrant under the Royal Signet and Sign Manual, bearing date the 15th October, 1813, and his Office of Registrar General is by the above Act abolished, leaving him however Registrar for the County of Halifax, and conferring on him, by way of compensation for his loss of income, a pension of £200 Currency per annum. Were it not for the interference of the Act with an Office held by Patent from the Crown, and with the emoluments of the individual holding it, I should deem it unobjectionable in principle, and likely to be productive of beneficial results.

The first consideration above mentioned, is a matter entirely for your Lordship's decision.

With regard to the second, Sir Rupert George complains of it solely as taken in conjunction with the very large reduction made in his annual income by the Civil List Bill, to which I have referred in my Despatch, No. 225, date 28th instant.

Should your Lordship determine on advising Her Majesty to give her assent to the accompanying

accompanying Bill, it may be worthy of deliberation, whether it will not be necessary to renew and remodel the Patent by which the office of Secretary is held.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

The Right Honble. The Lord Stanley, &c. &c. &c.

No. 15.

(See Page 214.)

Government House, Halifax, 24th February, 1844.

SIR,

I am sincerely desirous that the principles on which I, in my Speech from the Throne, stated myself to be of opinion that the Government of this Country ought to be conducted, should be carried out as speedily as possible, by the construction of a Council in which all interests shall be represented. On consideration of the mode in which this may be most conveniently effected, I have come to the conclusion that it may be best attained by the nomination to three of the four seats now at my disposal, (you having already, with my sanction, stated in the Assembly how I mean to fill up the fourth), of those Gentlemen who have lately seceded from the Government, on the appointment of Mr. Almon.

My sole object, as you Sir, very well know now is, as it ever has been since I assumed the Government of this Province, to do equal justice to all parties, and to promote the welfare and happiness of all classes, in as far as this can be done by Executive and Legislative means. In the proposal I am now about to authorise you to make, the public will have an additional proof of my anxiety on the subject, and cannot fail to observe that in taking the initiative step in this measure of conciliation, I have utterly disregarded the various misrepresentations and perversions to which I am well aware such a course is liable, and voluntarily incurred this hazard in order that the general good may not be sacrificed at the shrine of party conflict. Actuated by these motives, I therefore request you will have the goodness to be the medium of communication on this occasion, and to tender to Messrs. Howe, Uniacke, and McNab, the seats they have lately resigned, provided they will consent to be guided with regard to certain matters according to the principles which for the future stability and tranquillity of my administration, I deem it necessary to establish as those by which the conduct of the members of the Local Government should hereafter be regulated, and that they will likewise distinctly state their concurrence with me in opinion on other subjects of importance on which it is absolutely requisite that no difference of sentiment should subsist between myself and my advisers.

With regard to the first head, it must be clearly understood that no agitation must be promoted by members of the Government on points affecting the principle on which it is constructed, and further, that all open questions on which Councillors may differ, shall be settled at the Council Board, or in the Legislature, the discussion of such measures in Parliament being, whenever practicable, postponed to the consideration of those which emanate from the Executive.

As respects the second, I must require an express disavowal of the theory advanced in the Assembly that the Representative of the Sovereign stands in the same relation to the Representatives of the People of the Colony which he governs, that the Monarch does to the House of Commons in England, or that the constitutional principle that the Sovereign can do no wrong can be applied to a Provincial Authority. And further, a direct renunciation of the doctrine that any party in the Assembly has a *right* to be represented in Council in the numerical proportion in which it exists in the Elective Branch of the Legislature, together with a frank recognition of the right of the Lieutenant Governor

to select from each of the various interests composing that body, those who are to advise him in the proportions which expediency, the efficient conduct of public affairs, and the exigencies of the times seem to him to demand.

I believe any scheme of numerical representation in the Council to be impracticable, and to involve consequences dangerous to the independence of the Lieutenant Governor, and therefore to the connection between the Colony and the Mother Country.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

The Honble. Mr. E. Dodd.

Halifax, 26th February, 1844.

MY LORD,

In compliance with your Lordship's request, I had a personal interview with Messrs. Howe, Uniacke, and McNab, and communicated to them your Lordship's proposal for their return to the Executive Council, and to prevent any misapprehensions as to the terms upon which the offer of their return was made, I gave them a copy of your letter (of 24th instant) to me on the subject. The interview then terminated with a promise on their part that, after consultation with their friends, they would give me an answer, confining it either to an acceptance or rejection of the proposition;—and fully aware of the deep anxiety of your Lordship for the peace and good government of the Colony, I regret now to be under the necessity of acquainting you that those Gentlemen, about five o'clock this Evening, informed me, that, after consulting their friends, they have come to the conclusion of not accepting the proposal, and requested me so to communicate their decision to your Lordship, in the most respectful manner, and which I now have the honor of doing.

I remain,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's

Most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed)

E. M. DODD.

His Excellency, The Lieutenant Governor.

[COPY.]

Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax, 8th July, 1844.

SIR,

The Lieutenant Governor feeling every anxiety to justify the confidence reposed in him by the House of Assembly, as expressed in their Resolution of the 12th of April, and "to carry out his intentions, as declared in his opening Speech, of calling to the Executive Council men representing the different interests of the Country," has instructed me to offer you a seat at the Board, and to acquaint you that he has this day caused a similar proposal to be made to

J. B. Uniacke,
Jas. McNab,
Patrick Brennan,
Herbert Huntington,
Benjamin Smith,

to whom will be added some other Gentleman of the Roman Catholic Body; thus placing
five

five seats in the Council, and the office of Solicitor General, at the disposal of the Opposition.

His Excellency deems it unnecessary to refer more particularly to facts that are matters of public notoriety, and which render it impossible for him now to include in a proposition of this nature Mr. Joseph Howe (your late Colleague) than merely to express his regret at the circumstance.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) RUPERT D. GEORGE.

Yarmouth, 13th July, 1844.

SIR,

I received your communication by the last Mail of the 8th instant, tendering me the offer of a seat in the Executive Council.

In reply I beg to state most respectfully for the information of His Excellency, that I am not desirous at any time of obtaining a seat in the Executive Council—my private affairs, together with the duties required of me as a Member of the Assembly, fully occupy my time and attention.

I should not, however, decline a seat in the Council, if it was thought I could be of service there, provided the Liberals were a majority of the Assembly, and such gentlemen appointed as I believed the interests of the Province ought to be confided to.

From the best judgment I can form of the state of public affairs, I do not think the proposed arrangement such as will be most likely to advance the interests of the Province, and therefore beg most respectfully to decline the trust His Excellency is willing to repose in me.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) H. HUNTINGTON.

Sir Rupert George, Bt.

Halifax, 18th July, 1844.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, expressing the Lieutenant Governor's anxiety to justify the confidence reposed in him by the House of Assembly, as expressed in their Resolution of the 12th April, and his wish to carry out his intentions, as declared in his opening Speech, of calling to the Executive Council, men representing the different interests of the Country, with his instructions to offer me a seat at the Council Board, with other gentlemen named in your letter.

In reply, I beg to state that I withdrew from the Council for reasons then assigned, and which it is not now necessary to repeat,—that when, during the last Session, a seat was again offered me, I declined taking it, because I considered justice had not been done to the body with whom I had acted, and I regret to say that, in the proposition now communicated, they are not in my opinion placed in any more favorable situation, but, on the contrary, if this change were carried out, I think it would very much tend to weaken and destroy their influence. This being my deliberate conviction, I could not, either with credit to myself, or with a prospect of benefit to the country, accept the seat now offered to me, and therefore most respectfully decline it.

In communicating this decision to the Lieutenant Governor, may I ask the favor of your assuring His Excellency, that I come to this conclusion with very great regret, as I would willingly sacrifice much of my own personal opinion and comfort for the peace and quiet of the Province, but I feel assured this desirable object cannot be attained by the change now proposed.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) JAMES McNAB.

Sir

Sir Rupert D. George, Baronet.

SIR,

I have the honor of acknowledging your Letter of the 8th July, instant, offering to me, by direction of the Lieutenant Governor, a seat in conjunction with others in the Executive Council, and must apologise for having postponed my reply until I had an opportunity of conversing with the Gentlemen I am associated with. I regret exceedingly that I am compelled to decline the honor intended to be conferred upon me, as I feel that I could not without the approbation of the Gentlemen in opposition, draw with me that support necessary to render the Government of the Province strong and stable. Among the reasons for the course I have adopted, it is right to state that there is a serious objection in the minds of Members of the Assembly, as in my own, to increasing the number of the Council beyond nine, whereby we conceive the wholesome power of the former branch of the Legislature will be enfeebled, and we think the Executive Council should be so formed, as to insure equal representation to both parties.

I do not discover a disposition to press any question of extensive Party Government, but on the contrary I believe the sense of the Assembly is that the Queen's Representative should be surrounded by Executive Advisers sustained by a representative majority.

I cannot close this communication without expressing my feelings towards Lord Falkland, for having kept the office I felt it my duty to vacate, unfilled to the present time, and I assure you I am prepared to make any personal sacrifice to insure harmonious and tranquil Government to this Country, which I am most anxious to see accomplished.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

JAMES B. UNIACKE.

Halifax, July 26, 1844.

To The Honble.

Sir Rupert D. George.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter bearing date the 23rd June, offering me by command of His Excellency, a seat along with others in the Executive Council.

I beg you to convey to His Excellency my very high sense of the honor thus tendered, and regret that the duty I owe to the Gentlemen with whom I have acted since my return to the House of Assembly, and to my Constituents, oblige me to decline it. These Gentlemen and myself feel a sincere desire to see His Excellency surrounded by an Executive Council representing fairly the influence of the parties of which the House is now composed, and thus enjoying their confidence, and I declined the honor tendered from a circumstance believing the nomination would neither satisfy the House nor the country, because not doing justice to the party of whom I acknowledge myself to be a member.

I have delayed for some days sending in my reply, in the hope that some satisfactory arrangement would be made, and have to assure you that while taking this step I entertain the highest possible respect for His Excellency, and am compelled to do so only from a sense of duty.

I have, &c.

GEORGE BRENNAN.

Halifax, 27th July, 1844.

SIR,

I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 8th instant, acquainting me that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to offer me a seat at the Board of the Executive Council. In answer to which I beg leave to state that I feel grateful to

His Excellency for so special a mark of his favorable consideration, but that from circumstances which it may not be necessary for me now to explain, I feel that by accepting office I should not be enabled more efficiently to aid His Excellency in promoting the interests of the Country, than in the situation which I now hold, and most respectfully beg leave to decline accepting a seat at the Board so generously tendered to me by His Excellency.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

BENJ. SMITH.

Sir Rupert D. George, Bart., &c. &c. &c.

[COPY.]

No. 261.

Government House, Halifax, 2nd August, 1844.

MY LORD,

In my private Letter of the 2nd ultimo, I announced to you my intention shortly to make a further effort to induce the leaders of the opposition in the Assembly of Nova Scotia (with the exception of Mr. Joseph Howe), to lend their aid to the Provincial Administration.

In endeavouring to carry out this design, I availed myself of the permission kindly accorded to me by your Lordship, to augment the number of the Executive Council, in case of necessity, to twelve; and I offered seats at the Board to Messrs. McNab, Huntington, J. B. Uniacke, and two Catholic gentlemen, Messrs. Tobin and Brennan, thus placing *five* seats, and the Office of Solicitor General, at the disposal of those who style themselves the Liberal party. The sixth seat I offered to Mr. Benjamin Smith, an old and much respected Member of the House. I included Mr. Smith, not only because he is well qualified to perform the duties of an Executive Councillor, but in order to sustain the principle which I have always asserted, that no party is entitled to a numerical representation at the Council Board, in exact proportion to its force in the Assembly. My offer was declined by Messrs. Huntington and McNab, but it was intimated to me thro' Mr. Dodd, a member of the Government, that the opposition were ready to agree to the exclusion of Mr. Joseph Howe, if I would consent to the formation of a Council of nine provided it could be effected, and that if I would permit the Attorney General to hold a conference with Mr. J. B. Uniacke, (who, with Messrs. Brennan and Tobin, had as yet given no definitive answer to my overture) to endeavour to arrange the details, those who had refused the terms proffered in the first instance, would be willing to reconsider their resolution. I acceded to this proposition, and the Attorney General informed Mr. Uniacke I had done so, when the latter gentleman, after further communication with his friends, stated that a portion of them withdrew the authority that had been accorded to him, and objected to support the Government if Mr. Howe were to be shut out from the Council Table. Messrs. Uniacke, Brennan, and Tobin, the latter gentleman in a personal interview, then gave in their refusals, as did likewise Mr. Smith, who behaved in the handsomest manner, and rejected the seat solely from a fear of involving the Government in embarrassment, were he to become a member of it at this particular juncture. Mr. Uniacke doing the same because he felt that if he accepted it alone, he could bring me no efficient support, but must abandon his party, and by acting independently, divest himself of all political influence in the Assembly. The reasons assigned by the other gentlemen, to whom my proposition was addressed, will be found in their letters, copies of which, as well as of those of Messrs. Uniacke and Smith, I herewith transmit. Mr. Tobin verbally informed me that he could not accept office unless in conjunction with his friends, and the negotiation was finally broken off, because I felt it impossible to co-operate with one of the Leaders of the Elective branch of the Legislature. I have reason to know that a great proportion of the opposition look on the demand that I should receive Mr. Howe as unreasonable, but are unwilling to separate themselves from those with whom they have lately acted, and I have the satisfaction of being able to state

state that it has become evident, within the last fortnight, that the Government has acquired additional firmness and stability in the Assembly, while the opposition has manifestly lost in those respects, and having no acknowledged leader in the House, (where, I believe, as well as in the country, Mr. Howe's influence is greatly diminished), exhibit a want of concert and determinate action. In the Country also the Government is, I think, gradually gaining strength, and the spirit of party declining among the more moderate and well-thinking of that portion of the people who have sided with the opposition, and having redeemed my promise to endeavour to effect a coalition by every honorable means in my power, I have every ground for believing that by continuing to conduct the Government on principles of fairness and moderation, I shall, if I remain in the Province, be able to administer the public affairs successfully, during the next Session, though with not a large majority.

I have already acquainted your Lordship with my determination with respect to Mr. Howe, and the reasons which have led to it. His conduct has rendered it impossible for me to offer him a seat at any Board at which I preside, because the mere fact of his being restored to his former position, after having publicly and grossly insulted the Queen's Representative, and restored moreover by the very officer so outraged, would in my belief degrade the office I hold in the estimation of the community, and make Mr. Joseph Howe, *de facto*, Governor of Nova Scotia. I am aware that as a mere matter of political expediency this *may* be viewed in a different light—that it *may* be thought I can consistently with the dignity of my position recal Mr. Howe to the Council Board—that my doing so would neither lower myself *now*, nor the office I fill hereafter in the public estimation,—that Mr. Howe's re-admission to the Government would not be recognising as a legitimate mode of opposition the personal insults which he has in his capacity of a Journalist, heaped on the Representative of his Queen, in short, that I ought, for the sake of forming a strong Government, to yield the point; or that even if I am right as regards my individual position, it would under all the circumstances be desirable that I should retire from my post, and make way for some one to whom Mr. Howe would not be obnoxious. Should your Lordship, after reading what I have written, deem such a step likely to promote the public tranquillity, and should you not participate in the persuasion with which I am deeply imbued, that it would in all probability have an opposite tendency, and that were it even to be attended with a momentary appearance of harmony, that appearance would not only be purchased at the sacrifice of the dignity and respectability of the *future* Lieutenant Governor, but prove in itself delusive, I need not entreat you to allow no considerations, having reference to myself alone, to induce you to defer naming my successor—for I shall in such case feel that my opinion ought not to influence, and will not influence your Lordship, when opposed to your own convictions. If, however, your Lordship thinks that I have acted as became me under the difficulties in which I have been placed, and that my retirement at this period would not be likely to contribute to the tranquillity of the Province, because it might give a temporary triumph to those principles against which I have felt it my duty to contend, and would certainly mortify and irritate the large, respectable, and influential classes by whom I am supported, and thus in a degree increase discord, I venture to hope that you will give me the advantage of an expression of that opinion.

It is from no sense of weakness either in Parliament or in the Country, that I am induced to address your Lordship on this occasion, but as a junction of parties, for many reasons so desirable, has been prevented by considerations involving so much of a personal nature, and which reduce the question to a contest between myself and a political leader in the Province which I govern, I feel it right that you should have an opportunity of pronouncing a judgment on the course I have pursued, under circumstances so painful, and of counteracting without delay the evil consequences which may result from my conduct, if I have fallen into error.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

The Right Honorable The Lord Stanley.

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No. 180.

Downing Street, 24th August, 1844.

MY LORD,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 2nd August, No. 261, reporting your proceedings in reference to your attempt to increase the number of your Executive Council, from among the party which has lately acted with Mr. Howe.

I beg to assure your Lordship, that although your negotiations were unsuccessful on this occasion, your proceedings have met with my entire approval.

I have every confidence in your Lordship's judgment, and leave fully to your own discretion the selection of such individuals as you shall consider to be most eligible to serve in your Government.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

STANLEY.

The Right Honorable Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

No. 16.

*(See Page 217.)**Sydney, C. B., 16th January, 1845.*

SIR,

We have the honor to offer the following Report on the condition of the Micmac population in this Island, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

The presence of one of the Commissioners having been unexpectedly required at Halifax last summer, at the Extra Session of the Legislature, and the other being closely confined to his duties at the Crown Land Office, it has not been possible for them to bestow that degree of attention which is desirable, by personally inspecting all the Indian Settlements throughout the Island; and the same causes have prevented their laying out the whole of the Legislative Grant for the benefit of the Indians of Cape Breton, which is much required, and will yet be applied to their improvement.

One of the principal settlements, that of the Chapel Island, in the Bras d'Or, near St. Peter's, was visited by Mr. Dodd, during the past summer, and he also saw all the six settlements, including the small Reserve at Marguerite, during the summer of 1843.

Being at the Chapel Island in the beginning of August last, he found about 80 families congregated there from all parts of Cape Breton, and from Nova Scotia, as far west as Cape Sable. They meet annually on St. Anne's day, for religious observances, and are attended by several Roman Catholic Clergymen, but principally by the Priest stationed at L'Ardoise, at present the Revd. Julian Courteau, who remains with the Indian gathering on Chapel Island from ten to fourteen days, administering the ordinances of the Church of Rome, without remuneration, and subject to many personal inconveniences and privations.

This meeting afforded a good opportunity of judging of the general appearance and habits of the Indians, in which there is evident a decided improvement as compared with their state in former years. This is, without doubt, attributable to the advance of temperance amongst them, which, with few exceptions, is now general.

There is also to be seen a growing disposition in the Indians of Cape Breton, to elevate their moral and social position, as manifested by their increased attention to the improvement of their habitations, and to the cultivation of the soil. On the Reserve near Chapel Island, there were observed thirteen log houses, each of them being surrounded by a portion of cultivated ground. The Island itself contains the Chapel or Indian Place of Worship, and house for the Priest's residence. At Escasoni also is observable a similar tendency to permanent residence and agricultural employments. Another favorable symptom is the strong desire expressed by the Indians to obtain education for their children.

The accompanying account, with the vouchers numbered from 1 to 4, will show what the Commissioners have done towards relieving the distressed, and encouraging the wish for education, and for Agricultural Improvements. Much more there remains to do in these respects. A supply of farming tools and implements, seed, and stock, would be well bestowed; and as a beginning toward the acquisition of Schools, it might be advisable to construct cheap and simple buildings on the several Reserves, to serve as School Rooms, which, until teachers can be procured, might be used with advantage for the better accommodation and comfort of the sick and aged people in the Indian settlements.

These buildings would produce a beneficial effect by attracting attention, and keeping alive the desire for the comforts of a fixed habitation.

From information derived from the Priests, the Indian population of the whole Island is considered to be now about six hundred, of all ages. Their former erratic mode of life and dependence on the produce of their hunting and trapping, are already greatly circumscribed and diminished by the almost universal settlement of the country by European emigrants. It is beyond dispute that, sooner or later, their principal support will be derived from the cultivation of the lands reserved for their use. Deprived of that

provision, it is probable that the Indian families would become, at no distant time, extinct. Hence the importance of preserving intact these last remnants of their former possessions.

There are six of these Reserves in the Island of Cape Breton, and they are all adjacent to the Waters of the Bras d'Or Lake, or its inlets, excepting two small pieces of Land, containing about 150 Acres, at Marguerite River.* These Reserves have all been surveyed, and their Boundaries are established, with the exception of one of the small lots at Marguerite. They contain, in the aggregate, about twelve thousand Acres; but a great portion is hilly, broken land, only serviceable for providing fuel. These lands are eagerly coveted by the Scotch Presbyterian settlers. That the Micmacs' fathers were sole possessors of these regions is a matter of no weight with the Scottish emigrants. They are by no means disposed to leave the aborigines a resting place in the Island of Cape Breton; and it will not be easy for any Commissioner holding a seat in the Provincial Assembly, either for Cape Breton or Inverness, to do justice to the Indians, and to retain the good will of his constituents.

In these Counties are situated the Indian settlements of Wagamatkook, Whykokomagh, Malagawaatchkt, and Marguerite, all which have been trespassed on, and parts of them are forcibly held in possession by the Scotch. The French population of Richmond is not so hostile to their Indian neighbours of the Chapel Island; and the same exception will apply to the Catholic Scotch settlers near the Indians of Escasoni, which is in the County of Cape Breton. It is, however, absolutely necessary to take vigorous and decisive steps for the preservation of the Indian lands. The prevalence of irregular occupation in this Island is so universal, and hitherto unchecked, that it is now considered by numbers of the population as a right that cannot be questioned or taken away. On the Reserve at Wagamatkook, especially, which is one of the oldest Indian settlements, large encroachments have been made, and are persisted in, notwithstanding that the Government has repeatedly commanded the offenders to desist, and altho' they have been more than once actually served with a writ by the Sheriff, at considerable expense to the Government. Their impunity will no doubt encourage similar invasions on the other Reserves. They have been complained of also by the Indians of Whykokomagh and Malagawaatchkt, and it is understood that the Indians have been driven off altogether from the Marguerite Reserves. No lenient measures will make impression on these people. The Commissioners being now armed with full authority by legislative enactment, will feel themselves bound, if continued in office, to take immediate and determined action on that statute, in order to secure to the Indians the full benefit of the Lands set apart for their use and maintenance. To effect this end the most uncompromising proceedings alone will succeed. It is recommended that a small portion of the Crown Land still remaining near the Town of Sydney, be added to the Indian Reserves. Otherwise there will soon be left no spot on which to pitch their tents while prosecuting their fishery in this Harbor.

They are also desirous of obtaining a further allotment of Land on the road from Sydney to Mira River, for the purpose of procuring staves, hoops, and other materials

* They are as follows :

At Wayamutcook,	-	-	4,504	acres.
Escasoni,	-	-	2,800	"
Whykokomagh,	-	-	2,074	"
Malagawaatchkt,	-	-	1,500	"
Chapel Island,	-	-	1,281	"
Marguerite,	-	-	150	"

12,309 acres.

for

for coopering, by which they partly obtain their living. This we also beg to recommend, as likely to be advantageous in the way proposed.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servants,

EDM'D M. DODD,
H. W. CRAWLEY.

The Honble. Sir Rupert D. George, Bart., &c. &c. &c.

SYDNEY, C. B.

Expenditure in the year 1844, under Indian Commission.

May 9,—To	Cash to Widow Bask, a Blind Woman.	£0	5	0
Aug. 2,	do. to Mrs. Baleny Somia, (Sick).	0	5	3
19,	do. to two Old Women,	0	5	0
Sept. 2,	do. to Mr. Burchie, as per Voucher No. 1,	0	11	6
6,	do. to Archibald McDonald, for tuition of 4 Indians, as per Voucher No. 2,	1	16	0
	do. Postages, 2 Letters at 11½d.	0	1	11
Nov. 8,—Paid	Deblois and Merkel, for Great Coats and Blankets, as per Voucher No 3.	17	17	3
9,—Paid	Mr. Leonard, for Ram, for Escasoni Settlement, as per Voucher No. 4,	2	0	0
Dec. 6,—Cash	to Paul Andrew, Sick Wife and Family,	0	5	3
13,—Paid	Widow Bask, (Blind).	0	5	3
	Paid Captain Muggah, freight of Coats and Blankets,	0	7	6
	Truckage of do.	0	1	6
		£24	1	5

No. 17.

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ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 1845.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

Four Assistant Justices of Supreme Court.	£2,500	0	0
Travelling Expenses of ditto on Circuit.			
Hire of Vessel to convey Judges to Cape Breton.			
Master of the Rolls,	600	0	0
Counsel conducting Criminal Prosecutions.			
Allowance to Coroners.			
Keeper of the Law Library.	10	0	0
Pensions to late Judges of Common Pleas,			

LEGISLATURE.

Speaker of the House of Assembly,
Pay and Travelling Expenses of Members.

Clerk of Legislative Council.
 Law Clerk of ditto.
 Chaplain of ditto.
 Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod,
 Clerk of the House of Assembly,
 Clerk Assistant of ditto.
 Chaptain of ditto.
 Sergeant at Arms of ditto.
 Assistant ditto. of ditto.
 Messenger of Legislative Council,
 Assistant ditto. of ditto.
 Messengers, &c., of the Assembly,
 Stationary, Fuel, Contingencies of Legislative Council and Assembly.

REVENUE.

Treasurer,	600	0	0
Custom House Establishment,	7,144	18	9
Guager and Weigher,	235	0	0
Excise Waiters,	500	0	0
Clerk to Commissioners of Revenue, Revenue Boats.	45	0	0

MILITIA.

Adjutant General.
 Quarter Master General.
 Adjutants of Battalions.
 Cleaning Militia Arms.

EDUCATION.

Common and Combined Common and Grammar Schools.			
King's College,	444	8	8
Pictou Academy and Dalhousie College,	400	0	0
Halifax Grammar School	150	0	0
Horton Academy,	300	0	0
Other Academies in various parts of the Province.			
National, Acadian, Catholic, African, and Rev. Mr. Uniacke's Schools, Halifax,	460	0	0
Infant School and Poor House School,	75	0	0

MISCELLANEOUS.

For Maintaining Light Houses, For Establishment on Sable Island.	400	0	0
Expense of keeping up Post communication, Encouragement of Steam Boats, Sailing Packets, and Ferries.			
Commissioners of Asylum for Poor, Towards support of Bridewell and Penitentiary.	600	0	0
Interest of Funded Debt. Interest of Deposits in Savings Bank, For improving main lines of communication between Halifax and Pictou— between Truro and the New Brunswick Boundary—and between Ha- lifax and Digby, For opening and repairing other Roads, and building and repairing Bridges. For casualties to Roads and Bridges, To Clerks of the Peace for distributing Road Commissions.			

Drawbacks

Drawback on Wine imported for the Army,	300 0 0
Repairs of Public Buildings,	
For assisting Indians,	
For purchasing Seed Potatoes for Blacks at Preston and Hammond's Plains,	100 0 0
Towards support of Halifax Dispensary,	50 0 0
Towards support of the Mechanics Institute,	50 0 0
Rations of Troops on Route,	
Drawbacks,	
Keeping of Gunpowper at Halifax Magazine,	20 0 0
Hire of Vessels to protect Fisheries.	

FALKLAND.

Government House, Halifax, 11th February, 1845.

No. 18.

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PORT OF HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

Return of Ships and Vessels Registered at the Port of Halifax, and at the other Registry Ports of Liverpool, Yarmouth, and Pictou, in the Province of Nova Scotia, on the 31st. December, 1844, as per Annual Returns transmitted to the Register General of Shipping.

Ports.	No. of Ships.	Tons.
Halifax, - - - - -	1,658	83,076
Liverpool, - - - - -	30	2,589
Yarmouth, - - - - -	160	11,975
Pictou, - - - - -	70	9,020
Total - - - - -	1,918	106,660

THOS. N. JEFFERY.

Custom House, Halifax, 4th Feb'y, 1845.

PORT OF HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

Return of Ships and Vessels Registered at the Ports of Sydney and Arichat, in the Island of Cape Breton, on the 31st. December, 1843, as per Annual Returns to the Register General of Shipping, those for the Year 1844 having been transmitted to that Officer, and no Record thereof kept at this Office.

Ports.	No. of Ships.	Tons.
Sydney, - - - - -	397	18,111
Arichat, - - - - -	49	2,365
Total, - - - - -	446	20,476

THOS. N. JEFFERY.

Custom House, Halifax, N. S., 4th Feb'y, 1845.

No. 19.

(See Page 233.)

A Detailed Statement of the Halifax Savings Bank, for the year ending 31st of December, 1844.

RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR.

From 206 Depositors for the first time,	-	-	-	£3,168	4	10½
647 Deposits on Accounts previously opened,	-	-	-	4,123	2	8
<hr/>				853	7,291	7 6½
Interest Received during the year,	-	-	-	1,080	0	0
Balance in hand of Commissioner and Treasurer, 31st Dec., 1843.	-	-	-	64	12	8½
<hr/>				£8,436	0	3

PAYMENTS MADE DURING THE YEAR.

To 244 Depositors in full with interest,	-	£5,866	19	11		
372 Made in part,	-	2,542	3	11		
<hr/>				8,409	3	10
616	Balance in hand of Commissioner and Treasurer,			26	16	5

DEPOSITS MADE DURING THE YEAR.

91 Deposits of 1s. and not exceeding £1,	-	-	-	£ 43	13	7½
315 do. £1 do. £5,	-	-	-	691	10	5
153 do. £5 do. £10,	-	-	-	982	12	1
137 do. £10 do. £20,	-	-	-	1,738	7	0
157 do. £20 do. £25,	-	-	-	3,835	4	5
<hr/>				853	7,291	7 6½

Accounts remaining open on the 31st December, 1844, including Interest and Compound Interest, carried to the respective Accounts of the Depositors.

285 Depositors whose Deposits do not exceed £20,	-	-	-	£2,723	8	2½
279 do. above £20, and not exceeding £30,	-	-	-	7,055	9	4½
66 do. £30, do. £40,	-	-	-	2,281	10	1½
24 do. £40, do. £50,	-	-	-	1,060	1	10
128 do. £50, do. £100,	-	-	-	8,507	9	4½
43 do. £100, do. £150,	-	-	-	5,779	13	9
<hr/>				825	£27,407	12 8

CLASSIFICATION OF DEPOSITORS.

Domestic Servants,	-	-	-	273	Brought up,	-	-	-	718
Mechanics	-	-	-	143	Charitable Societies,	-	-	-	7
Labourers,	-	-	-	151	Truckmen,	-	-	-	11
Mariners,	-	-	-	21	Fishermen,	-	-	-	16
Widows,	-	-	-	13	Mantua Makers,	-	-	-	25
Minors,	-	-	-	52	Indians,	-	-	-	2
Military,	-	-	-	65	Not classed,	-	-	-	46
<hr/>				718	<hr/>				
								Total,	825
								GENERAL	

GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE INSTITUTION.

Invested in the Province Funds,	£27,000	0	0
Interest due the Bank to 31st December,	598	6	5
Balance in hand of Commissioner and Treasurer,	26	16	5
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	£27,625	2	10
There is due to 825 Depositors, including interest,	27,407	12	8
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Surplus interest accruing from broken periods,	£217	10	2
Saving's Bank Office, Halifax, 31st December, 1844.			

E. DUCKETT,
Commissioner & Treasurer.

No. 20.

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Aggregate List of Articles purchased for the use of the Halifax Asylum for the Poor, during the year 1844.

Arrow Root, 42 lbs.			£2	12	6	
Barley, 48 cwt.,	£42	9	6			
Beer, 6385 gallons,	50	10	7			
Beef, 18,617 lbs.	142	11	7			
Butter, 813½ lbs.	26	19	4			
Candles, 49½ lbs.,	1	18	1			
Coals, 83 chaldrons,	107	19	0			
	<hr/>			372	8	1
Contingencies, expended by the Matron, whose account is audited monthly by the Acting Commissioner,				93	12	6
Clothing, Blankets, Sheets, Bedticking, &c., &c.,	156	9	1			
Chocolate, 1008 lbs.,	29	8	0			
Flour, S'fine, 206 bbls.; Fine, 83 bbls.; Rye, 32 bbls.;	406	2	9			
Oatmeal, 134 cwt. 0 qrs. 15 lbs.	69	15	5			
Bread, 8 bags,	9	12	0			
	<hr/>			671	7	3
Molasses, 998 gallons,	78	7	4			
Milk, 1180 quarts,	14	15	6			
Oil, for Lamps, 253 gallons,	33	19	6			
Pork, 13 barrels and 24 lbs.,	36	3	0			
	<hr/>			163	5	4
Potatoes, 129 bushels,	10	8	4			
Peas, 26 bbls.,	17	5	0			
Sugar, 13 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.,	23	8	11			
Salt, 10 hhds.,	4	14	0			
Tea, 1040 lbs.	89	3	2			
	<hr/>			144	19	5
Wine, for the Sick, 113 gallons,	30	11	6			
Wood, 99 cords,	62	11	9			
Fish, 27 qts. Codfish, 2 brls. Pickled Fish, Fresh 27s. d5.,	15	10	5			
Rice, 1½ cwt.,	1	13	9			
Ironmongery, Nails, &c.,	15	13	3			

Lumber,

Lumber, for Coffins, Repairs, &c., 17,378 M.,	£32 17 4	
Leather, for Shoes and Repairs, and 163 pairs Shoes,	34 6 5	
	<u> </u>	£193 4 5
Miscellaneous Expenses, articles required for the Establishment, not of ordinary consumption, purchased by the Commissioners, which do not come under other heads,		85 13 7
Repairs to Buildings,	14 12 5	
Stationery and Printing,	22 6 1	
Straw, 71 cwt.,	6 18 7	
Soap, 228 cwt. 2 qrs. 17 lbs; and 348 lbs Hard Soap,	61 7 10	
	<u> </u>	105 4 11
Salaries, including Medicines and Medical Attendance,		295 0 0
Truckages,	22 14 7	
Tinware, and repairing ditto.	24 13 3	
	<u> </u>	47 7 10

COWS AND HORSE.

Paid for 274 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. Hay, £37 7s. 7d; 89 bus. Oats, £6 7s. 1d.;		
110 bus. Bran, £5 16s. 8d;	£49 11 4	
for 2 setts Harness, £7 2s. 6d.; Cow & Calf, £6 10s.;		
Shoeing Horse, 56s. 9d.	16 9 3	
for Bartering a Horse,	10 10 0	
	<u> </u>	76 10 7

LOTS ON THE COMMON.

Paid for Manure, £4 18s.; Grass Seed, £2 8s. 9d.;	£7 6 9	
for Ploughing, £12 10s.; Grinding 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ bus. Wheat,		
£1 1s. 4d;	13 11 4	
	<u> </u>	20 18 1

WATERLOO FARM.

Paid 1 year's Rent, £27 10s.; 13 bus. Seed Barley, £2 8s. 9d.,	£29 18 9	
for Ploughing,	6 0 0	
	<u> </u>	35 18 9

BAKERY.

Paid Robert Mitchell, 1 year's Salary, for Baking,	£50 0 0	
for 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ cords Wood, and Truckage,	7 7 6	
	<u> </u>	57 7 6

HAT MANUFACTORY.

Paid for Clothes, &c., for Hat maker at Boston,	£2 14 11	
Creighton & Grassie, 81 bundles Palm Leaf,	12 3 0	
	<u> </u>	14 17 11

NEW BUILDING FOR FEMALE LUNATICS.

Paid Boyer & Murphy, Masons Work, per contract,	£49 4 10	
W. & J. Marvin, Carpenter's Work,	142 2 6	
Thos. Boggs, Jr., for Glass and Putty, £2 8s. 8d.;		
A. Downs, Stove Pipe, &c., £10 19s. 2d.,	13 7 10	
S. Studley, Painting, £18; Wallace & Co., Stove, £4;	22 0 0	
	<u> </u>	226 15 2

COOPERAGE

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Paid for Iron Hoops	£1 17 6
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STRAW HOUSE.

Paid W. & J. Marvin, Carpenter's Work, per contract,	73 7 6
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Removal of Paupers,	28 7 1
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GAS LIGHT COMPANY.

Paid for Fittings, £37 10s. 4d. ; one quarter's Gas, per book, £7 4s. 10d.,	44 15 2
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Old Junk, 156 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.,	87 19 5
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To Balance in the Bank,	349 12 0
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	£3,193 2 6
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Examined and found correct,

M. B. ALMON,
EDWD. KENNY.

Account of the Funds received for the use of the Halifax Asylum for the Poor during the year 1844, and from whence received.

	Commissioners.	Treasury Transient Poor.	Treasury 10 per cents.	City and County Treasury.	Casual.	Total.
1844,		Balance in hand, 31st December, 1843.		80 0 0		£295 2 9
January,	J. W. Nutting, Esquire,				38 19 6	118 19 6
February,	Henry Pryor,	150 0 0	70 19 0	100 0 0	1 0 0	71 19 0
March,	Hon. Hurh Bell,		79 1 0	50 0 0	11 17 6	340 18 6
April,	Edward Milson, Esquire,			50 0 0	29 18 7	79 18 7
May,	Wm. Lawson, Jr. "			50 0 0	2 0 0	52 0 0
June,	Hon. Edward Kenny,	150 0 0	236 12 5	50 0 0	57 3 9	493 16 2
July,	Chas. Twining, Esquire,				29 17 6	29 17 6
August,	Hon. M. B. Almon,			200 0 0	17 10 0	217 10 0
September,	Thomas S. Tobin, Esquire,	150 0 0	300 0 0	100 0 0	3 0 0	553 0 0
October,	Thos. Williamson, "			200 0 0	52 8 4	252 8 4
November,	G. N. Russell, "			100 0 0	5 0 0	105 0 0
December,	W. M. Allan, "	150 0 0	253 7 7	150 0 0		553 7 7
		600 0 0	940 0 0	1080 0 0	248 15 2	25 0 0

Received from the Treasury, Legislative Grant for the Asylum School,
 Received from Collector of Excise, 1-3rd nett proceeds of Goods sold for illegal importation, and paid over for support
 of Poor,

There will be no other Funds at the disposal of the Commissioners, other than this balance of £349 12s., until the 31st
 March, 1845.

£3,193 2 6

By Balance in the Bank, brought down,

£349 12 0

Errors Excepted.

Halifax, 31st December, 1844.

HENRY PRYOR,
Chairman of Commissioners.

ROBERT PHELAN,
Clerk to the Commissioners.

Included

Included in the Expenditure of the Poor's Asylum for the past year, as per General Abstract, up to 31st December, 1844.

Repairs to Buildings,	£14	12	5
Cows and Horse, and feeding of ditto.,	76	10	7
Old Junk,	87	19	5
Lots on the Common,	20	18	1
Waterloo Farm,	35	18	9
Bakery,	57	7	6
Hat Manufactory,	14	17	11
Cooperage,	1	17	6
New Building for Female Lunatics,	226	15	2
Gas Light Company,	44	15	2
Lumber for Repairs, &c.,	32	17	4
Removal of Paupers,	28	7	1
New Building for Straw and Hay,	73	7	6
	£716	4	5

From which received:

11,811 Quarts Milk, at 3d.,	£147	12	9
851 Bushels Potatoes, at 1s. 3d.,	53	3	9
175 " Barley,	29	3	4
28 " Turnips, at 1s. 3d.,	1	15	0
3½ Tons Straw, at 35s.,	6	2	6
6 Tons Hay, at 60s.,	18	0	0
Sales of Oakum,	102	2	8
" of Fish Barrels,	4	15	6
" of Palm Leaf Hats,	49	17	6
Pasture for 5 Cows and a Horse,	20	0	0
Horse Labour,	43	14	1
	£476	7	1

Account of Paupers admitted into the Halifax Asylum for the Poor, during the past year, ending the 31st of December, 1844, distinguishing Halifax from the Transient.

Halifax Men,	43	
Transient "	259	
	—	Total 302
Halifax Women,	84	
Transient "	160	
	—	Total 244
Halifax Children,	105	
Transient "	49	
	—	Total 154
		700

Deaths in the Asylum, during the past year.

Men,	39	
Women,	16	
Children,	19	
	—	Total 74.

Number of Paupers in the Asylum, 31st December, 1844.

Men,	123,	of which 21 are Lunatics.
Women,	97,	of which 13 are Lunatics.
Children,	43,	—
		34 Total.

Casual Receipts during the past year, as per General Abstract.

Maintenance of Sundry persons in the Asylum,	£76	3	3
Sales of Oakum,	85	7	6
“ of Wheat,	12	5	9
“ of Fish Barrels,	4	15	6
“ of Palm Leaf Hats,	31	10	0
“ of Barley,	28	13	4
Bastardy, amount of Penalties for Bastard Children, during the past year,	10	0	0
	£248	15	4

No. 21.

(See Page 243.)

The Committee appointed to enquire into the state of the Library belonging to the House, and to suggest any practical plan for its improvement, beg to Report as follow :

That a more minute division of the shelves should be made under the direction of the Clerk, according to a plan by them submitted, and that a distinct and separate partition be set apart for each class of books. They further recommend that it should be prescribed as a duty to one of the Officers to have the books regularly arranged in the places set apart for them, every morning before the meeting of the House. This service would not entail an expense of more than £5 a year. They have had a List of the books prepared, and would recommend that it should be the further duty of this Officer to take charge of these books during the Session, and to see that they are complete and handed over to the Clerk at the end of each Session.

They question the expediency of recommending at present an union of the Libraries of the House and the Legislative Council.

Your Committee find upon examination, that the Sets of our own Journals are incomplete. and that we have neither a complete Set of the Journals nor Laws of any one of our Sister Colonies in British North America. They feel satisfied that if a correspondence were opened by our Clerks with the Clerks of the different Assemblies and Councils in these Colonies, by tendering a Set of our own in exchange, or of such at least as we can furnish, this deficiency would be cheerfully supplied. The value of these as books of reference, whether as suggesting useful hints on questions of local legislation, or in enquiries into constitutional rights, is too obvious to require enlargement.

Your Committee are satisfied also, that if a proper application were made through the Executive to the Colonial Secretary, a complete copy of the Journals of the House of Lords and of the Commons could be had free of expense. The Right Honorable Lord John Russell, while Secretary of State for the Colonies, on such application being made to His Lordship, directed a copy of these valuable records of constitutional history and usage to be furnished for the use of the Legislative Council, and as they have reason to believe that Her Majesty's Government have spare sets of these at their disposal, your Committee feel assured that if an application were preferred in this behalf, such boon would readily be granted to Her Majesty's faithful and loyal Commons of Nova Scotia.

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Your Committee beg further to recommend, that the sum of ten pounds be placed at the disposal of the Speaker, to obtain from London a complete set of all the Returns and Reports made to Parliament relative to the affairs of Canada and the Lower Provinces—being satisfied from their examination of many of these documents, and from the low price at which they are printed and sold, that the set could be procured for this outlay; and that the benefit they would confer in affording information and precedents on subjects of local legislation, would amply repay this trifling expense.

They further recommend that means should be taken to obtain from the Colonial Office or from the office of the Provincial Secretary here, copies of the Blue Book from the date of their first transmission up to the present time; and also a complete set of Norton's Colonial Tables. The latter could be obtained at the Board of Trade free of charge; and your Committee are satisfied, that on this subject being submitted to the Colonial Secretary, that he would for the future direct a copy of all Parliamentary Returns relating to these Colonies, to be sent for the use of the House free of expense, except perhaps the cost of carriage.

Your Committee are happy to state that they have examined the Copy of the Annual Register from 1760 up to the present time, consisting of 84 volumes, obtained by the Speaker since the last Session, and regard it as a most interesting and valuable addition to the Library. The Clerk has directed suitable shelves to be provided for its reception.

Your Committee beg lastly to state, that, in the present state of the Provincial Funds, and the imperative necessity which exists for carefully husbanding the public monies to promote useful objects of improvement, they are not disposed to recommend any costly additions to the Library. The objects above suggested will entail but a trifling expense in comparison with the benefits which will be derived from them, in the safe conduct of the public business, and in the promotion of sound and judicious Legislation.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. R. YOUNG, Chairman,
JOHN C. HALL.
JOSEPH HOWE.

Halifax, February 26th, 1845.

No. 22.

(See Page 254.)

Impost Office, Sydney, Cape Breton, 19th February, 1845.

SIR,—

I have the honor to offer the following Report on the services of the Revenue Boat employed under my direction during the past year.

In my Report of the preceding year, I stated that an encreasing trade with the French Island of St. Peters, was carried on from the Bras d'Or Lake, which occasioned the services of the Boat to be much engaged at that part of the station. The amount of Agricultural produce exported to the French market has been still greater during the past year, and about twenty vessels are owned in the harbors around the Lake, and employed in that trade. Ship building is also prosecuted to a greater extent in its more distant Bays, causing a considerable increase of traffic. I have therefore found it advisable, as in former years, to confine the employment of the Boat almost exclusively to the waters of the Bras d'Or, no other part of the station demanding so great a degree of vigilance.

As long as the allowance would defray the expenditure, the Boat was so employed; and during that time entries of return cargoes were made both at the Customs and Excise. The vessels engaged in the trade return with a French clearance specifying the articles on board, which is produced when there is a probability of detection by the Revenue Officers, but
when

when they can be evaded, the cargo is landed, and the papers destroyed. A seizure was made during the last season by a Magistrate at the Narrows, in the Bras d'Or Lake, of a quantity of Foreign Rum, said to have been introduced across the Portage at St. Peters. The Boat arrived at the Narrows on the next day, but not before the Rum had been forcibly rescued from the custody of the Magistrate, and carried off.

It is needless to multiply instances, as nothing can be more evident than the necessity of constant watchfulness over the increasing traffic in the Bras d'Or Lake, where there is not one Revenue Officer stationed in any part of it. If the visits of the Boat should be discontinued, there can be no doubt that the Revenue in both departments will be materially lessened.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

C. E. LEONARD.

Collector.

The Hon. Sir Rupert D. George, Bart., &c. &c. &c.

No. 23.

(See Page 254.)

Halifax, February 24th, 1845.

SIR,—

As Commissioners for the issuing and cancelling of Province Notes, we beg leave to make the following Report for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

The amount of Notes in circulation on the 1st January, 1844, was	£59,891	10	0
Since then we have cancelled, torn and defaced Notes			
amounting to	£7,000	0	0
And re-issued in lieu of part of those cancelled,	5,000	0	0
		2,000	0

Which leaves in circulation on the 31st of December last,	£57,891	10	0
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We have the honor to be,

Your most obedient Servants,

JAMES FORMAN,

WILLIAM LAWSON,

L. HARTSHORNE,

} Commissioners.

Sir Rupert George, Bart.

Calculation of Interest on Provincial Notes which have been in circulation at the periods stated below.

From March 9th, 1813, to 31st. Dec. 1824	-	-	-	-	£27,634	3	10
to 31st. do. 1832	-	-	-	-	21,814	19	9
to 31st. do. 1833	-	-	-	-	4,597	14	6
to 31st. do. 1835	-	-	-	-	7,922	9	2

From 31st. Dec. 1835 to 31st. Dec. 1844, for 9 years on £59,891 10,							
at 6 per cent	-	-	-	-	-	32,341	8

At 6 per cent. £94,310 15 5

At 5 per cent. 78,592 6 2

No.

No. 24.

*(See Page 254.)**H. M's. S. S. S. Columbia, St. John, N. B., 2nd August, 1844.*

SIR,—

On 28th July last year, I had the honor to announce for the information of His Excellency the Right Honorable the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, the fact of my being appointed by the Lords of the Admiralty, to survey the Bay of Fundy, including part of the Coasts, Bays, and Rivers, &c., of Nova Scotia, and I then also explained, (in obedience to His Excellency Lord Falkland's verbal request), my opinion as to the most proper site for a Light House, to give facility and security to the commercial navigation of these, the shores of Nova Scotia in the Bay of Fundy, &c., and also for a Lighthouse for the dangers in the approach to Windsor, or the Avon River, which communication, I hope, was duly received. It contained also an extract from the orders and instructions under which I am now acting.

I have now the honor to communicate to you, for His Excellency Lord Falkland's information, that about a month ago I was called on by some intelligent persons of Nova Scotia, to request me to examine particularly a small portion of their Coast about Wilmot, said to possess natural advantages for a more direct and immediate communication between Halifax and St. John, N. B.

I examined about ten miles of that coast, and more particularly the Coves and Breakwaters now existing at Margaretville and Gates's. The small indentation in the coast at Margaretville, is covered to seaward by a natural sandbank, one spot of which is nearly even with the surface at low water of low spring tides; it had only three feet at low water on our examination, four days from the lowest and highest tides, and so well as we could measure at our anchorage, the difference between high and low water was 33 feet, or 35 or 36 feet at greatest spring tides.

There was as little as 12 feet water on this bank, for an extent of 600 fathoms in the direction of the shore, and for a quarter mile in breadth, North and South, which in spring tides may be nine or ten feet deep. Such a foundation is capable of receiving any sort of superstructure, even the most substantial.

Within this bank, between it and the shore, there is a clear channel of 250 fathoms wide, with from 12 to 24 and 30 feet at low water. The strength of the tide stream is never sensible within the bank, nor on it, which being in the eddy of both ebb and flood tides, may owe its formation in some measure to this fact.

This spot offering, even now in its natural state, secure anchorage under all circumstances of wind and weather not extremely severe, is immediately available for Post Communication and transit of passengers, without any extraordinary outlay of money, requiring only a clear causeway from high to low water, in the vicinity of the present Pier, which may be made by the gross labour of ten men in three or four days, and this would furnish sufficient facility for present purposes, until more convenient and permanent establishment may be required.

I have been requested to offer an opinion on the comparative advantages which this Route for a Post Communication between Halifax and St. John, by way of Margaretville, may possess over—1, The Land Route now in use; 2, The route from Halifax to Windsor by land, and thence to St. John by water; 3, The route by Windsor to Annapolis by land, and thence to St. John by water; 4, By land to the Western extreme of Granville, in Digby Gut, and thence by Water to St. John.

I have considered all these routes, and am clearly of opinion that the route by Margaretville, to which there is now an excellent road, might be performed more conveniently and safely, and in much less time than by any of the others mentioned, and that the whole distance between St. John and Halifax, may in ordinary cases be performed

in eighteen hours, and under favorable circumstances in fourteen hours; whereas by existing arrangements, the mail which arrived at Halifax on the 30th July, may be expected in St. John possibly during this night of 2nd August, and possibly even so late as 5th of this month; and that the whole County of Charlotte cannot receive it before the night of the 4th, nor the Islands until the 6th, whereas by the route proposed by Margareville, the Mail would have been in St. John on 31st July, &c., &c.

I have the honor to enclose the very respectable Addresses to me, which induced me to give early attention to this portion of my public duty, and also a plan of that part of the coast of Nova Scotia in question, on a scale of ten inches to a nautic mile, or 100 fathoms to one inch.

I have the honor to remain,

Sir,

Your humble servant,

W. F. W. OWEN. Capt. R. N.

Naval Surveyor in the Bay of Fundy, &c. &c.

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary of Nova Scotia.

No. 25.

(See Page 254.)

Illustrious, Halifax, 31st October, 1844.

MY LORD,—

With reference to my former correspondence with your Excellency, on the subject of a Light House being placed on Haute Island, in the Bay of Fundy—

I beg leave to acquaint you that I have lately been in communication with Captain Owen, R. N., employed in the survey of the Bay of Fundy, and the adjacent Coasts of this Province. I find it to be his opinion that instead of a Light House being erected on Haute Island, a Light Vessel should be placed on Quaco Ledge, the dangerous shoal which the Light on Haute Island was intended to guard against.

Captain Owen has communicated this to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, and as it will obviate the necessity of rebuilding the Light House on Quaco Point, it will probably be adopted.

This measure would relieve the Government of Nova Scotia from the expence of building the Light House on Haute Island, but there is another security for the navigation of these Seas which Captain Owen strongly advises, and to which the money would be most usefully applied.

He is of opinion that a Floating Light should be placed on the Lurcher Shoal, on the South West Coast of this Province, near the entrance of Yarmouth—where he thinks a Light Vessel could be moored in safety.

I agree with Captain Owen in the view he takes of these subjects, and I think it right to communicate this to your Lordship.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Excellency's,

Very obedient Servant,

CHAS. ADAM,

Vice Admiral & Commander in Chief.

His Excellency Viscount Falkland,

Lieut. Governor, &c., &c., &c., Nova Scotia.

No. 26.

(See Page 254.)

CIRCULAR.

Downing Street, 28th November, 1844.

MY LORD,

With reference to Lord John Russell's Despatch of the 4th September, 1840, and to mine of the 12th June, 1843, I have the honor to transmit to you herewith six copies of the 3rd Volume of Reports of the Cases heard before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, in continuation of the series of Reports which accompanied the Despatches above referred to.

I have to desire that you will deliver this Volume to the same Officers in the Colony under your Government as received the previous volume; and that you will obtain from the Colonial Revenue, and remit to Mr. Peter Smith, the Chief Clerk of this office, the sum of £9 9s., being the price of the work.

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

(Signed)

STANLEY.

The Right Honble. Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

No. 27.

(See Page 254.)

Return to a Requisition of the House of Assembly, for a "Statement of the Rents paid annually by the Messrs. Bown, for the Cape Breton Coal Mines, during the period of their Lease."

Year.	Amount.	Number of Chaldrons Winchester Measure.
1820, 16th Octr., to 31st Decr. }	£ 597 2 6	1,885 3-4
1821,	2,439 13 10	8,099
1822,	2,012 5 0	5,366
1823,	1,985 15 0	5,295
1824,	2,905 7 6	7,747 2-3
1825,	2,805 5 0	7,480
1826,	3,271 13 1	8,724
	£16,017 1 11	44,596 5-12

Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax, 26th February, 1845.

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

Return

Return to a Requisition of the House of Assembly, for a "Statement of the Rents paid by the General Mining Association, and of the Quantities of Coal raised, shipped, and sold from the different Mines in operation.

Year.	Amount.	Pictou Mines. No. of Chaldrons Winchester Mea- sure.	Cape Breton Mines. No. of Chaldrons Winchester Mea- sure.	Total No. of Chaldrons Winchester Mea- sure.
1827	£3,223 10 0		8,596	11,169
	546 0 0	2,573		
1828	3,300 0 0	4,394	10,268	14,662
1829	3,333 6 8	5,381	11,126	16,507
1830	3,333 6 8	6,045	13,000	19,045
1831	3,333 6 8	6,439	21,391	27,830
1832	3,333 6 8	12,020	30,840	42,860
1833	3,341 2 2	18,698	25,108	43,806
1834	3,333 6 8	13,524	18,611	32,135
1835	3,333 6 8	16,185	22,938	39,123
1836	5,020 6 8	30,678	42,994	73,672
1837	5,262 16 8	30,740	47,822	78,562
1838	5,226 12 2	28,506	40,604	69,110
1839	6,372 8 1	41,080	55,566	96,646
1840	4,844 3 11	21,094	45,224	66,318
1841	6,184 4 5	40,110	51,670	91,780
1842	5,487 6 6	30,053	48,617	78,670
1843	3,473 10 4	20,187	46,916	67,103
1844	4,985 2 5	23,423	45,666	69,089
	£ 77,267 3 4	351,130	586,957	938,087

Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax, 26th February, 1845.

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

No. 28.

(See Page 255.)

Return to a Requisition of the House of Assembly for "an Account of the Expense incurred during the Year 1844, for the support of the Office of the Provincial Secretary."

	Currency.
Provincial Secretary's Salary,	£1250 0 0
First Clerk,	312 10 0
Second ditto,	200 0 0
Third ditto,	125 0 0
Messenger, &c.	13 16 0
Stationery,	25 18 3
Printing to 22d February, 1844,	4 16 6
Fuel	9 1 9
	£1,941 2 6

The Secretary has received on account of his Salary for 1844, the sum of £500 cy. only.

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax, 26th February, 1845.

Fees

Fees Received at the Secretary's Office in 1844.

Commissions of the Peace, 30,	-	-	£44	10	0
Captain of Militia,	-	-	1	6	8
Lieutenants do., 4,	-	-	2	14	0
Notary Public, 4,	-	-	9	6	8
Sewers, 4.	-	-	4	0	0
Judge of Probates,	-	-	2	6	8
Coroners, 2,	-	-	4	13	4
Trustees Dartmouth Common,	-	-	1	3	4
LaHave, do.,	-	-	1	3	4
Collector Excise,	-	-	5	16	8
Waiter do.,	-	-	1	10	0
Acting Sub-Collector Customs,	-	-	1	10	0
427 Marriage Licences,	-	-	427	0	0
A Grant,	-	-	2	12	0
Governor's Seal and Certificate, 2,	-	-	3	0	0
Search,	-	-	0	1	0
From Cape Breton,	-	-	33	2	3
			<hr/>		
			£545	15	10

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

Amount of Cost of the Crown Land Department for Nova Scotia Proper, for 1844.

Commissioner Crown Lands Salary	-	-	-	-	-	£500	0	0	
Surveyor General	-	-	-	-	-	60	0	0	
Clerk and Draftsman	-	-	-	-	-	80	0	0	
Contingent expenses, including Postage	-	-	-	-	-	26	4	6	
Advertizing	-	-	-	-	-	3	16	0	
Fees for Searches and Copies of Papers	-	-	-	-	-	10	0	0	
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						Stg.	£680	0	6

Department of Crown Lands, 27th February, 1845.

JOHN SPRY MORRIS,

Comm'r Crown Lands.

No. 29.

(See Page 260.)

The Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, appointed to examine the Public Accounts, Report as follows :

TREASURER OF THE PROVINCE.

His Accounts to 31st. December, 1844, have been received. Balance in hand to that date, £13,399 2 3

COLLECTORS OF IMPOST AND EXCISE.

HALIFAX.

His Accounts received to 31st December, 1844,
Bonds in hand, 21,146 8 1

LUNENBURG.

His Accounts received. Bonds in hand per Statement, £301 4 0
Two Bonds of 1841 outstanding.

LIVERPOOL.

His Accounts received. Bonds in hand per Statement, 49 11 10

SHELBURNE.

His Accounts received. Bonds in hand per Statement, 42 11 6

BARRINGTON.

His Accounts received. Paid in full, 0 0 0

ARGYLE.

His Accounts received. Paid in full, 0 0 0

YARMOUTH.

His Accounts received. Bonds in hand per Statement, 156 15 3

WEYMOUTH.

His Accounts received. Paid in full, 0 0 0

BRIER ISLAND.

His Accounts received. Paid in full, 0 0 0

DIGBY.

His Accounts received. Balance due, 226 15 0

PARRSBOROUGH.

His Accounts received to 30th September, 1844, due by him, 5 19 1
No Return for Quarter ending 31st December, 1844.

ANNAPOLIS.

His Accounts received. Balance due, 0 2 10

WILMOT.

No Return.

CORNWALLIS.

His Accounts received. Balance due, 1 12 2

WINDSOR.

His Accounts received. Balance due, 76 7 11

It does not appear that the Balance of the former Collector's Account, amount £555 5 0, has as yet been paid, £19 1 9 is credited in the Treasurer's account, as received for the Revenue Boat.

COLCHESTER.

His Accounts received. Paid in full, 0 0 0

AMHERST.

His Accounts received. Balance due, 38 11 9

PUGWASH & WALLACE.

His Accounts received. Balance due, 90 10 0

TATAMAGOUCHE.

His Accounts received. Balance due, 70 14 1

ANTIGONISH.

His Accounts received. Paid in full, 0 0 0

GUYSBOROUGH.

His Accounts received. Balance due, 20 13 1

ARICHAT.

His Accounts received. Balance due, 499 11 5

PORT HOOD.

His Accounts received. Paid in full, 0 0 0

SYDNEY, C. B.

His Accounts received. Balance due, 30 4 7

PICTOU.

To Balance due on Judgment and old Bonds, 1,585 13 8
 Bonds in hand, per account, 244 4 2 £1,829 17 10
 The amount collected for 1844 has been paid up, and the Judgment for former Balance reduced by the sum of £121 17s. 9d.

LIGHT DUTY COLLECTORS.

HALIFAX.

Collected in 1844, £1,369 18 11. Paid in, £1,369 18 11

LUNENBURG.

Collected, and paid in, 23 6 7

LIVERPOOL.

Collected, and paid in, 143 17 3

SHELBOURNE.

SHELburnE.			
Collected, and paid in,	68	18	5
On this account £2 8s. 8d. appears overcharged, being Commission on amount collected at the Ragged Is- lands, &c.			
BARRINGTON.			
No Returns received. Paid in,	40	8	6
YARMOUTH.			
Collected, £201 17s. 6d. Paid in,	200	1	7 due 1 15 11
ARGYLE.			
Collected, and paid in,	53	12	2
WEYMOUTH			
Collected, and paid in,	25	18	0
BRIER ISLAND			
Collected in 1844, £15 5 3			
Balance due 1843, 12 13 8—£27 18 11. Paid in,	16	0	0 due 11 18 11
DIGBY.			
Collected, and paid in.	72	12	0
ANNAPOLIS.			
Collected, and paid in,	20	7	0
WILMOT			
Collected,	Nil.		
CORNWALLIS			
Collected, and paid in,	4	12	6
WINDSOR.			
Collected, and paid in,	111	17	0
Due from former Collector,			53 1 1
PARRSBOROUGH			
No Return. Paid in,	6	18	4
AMHERST.			
Collected, £38 13 4. Paid in,	38	0	0 due 0 13 4
LONDONDERRY.			
Collected, and paid in,	4	18	0
TATAMAGOUCHE			
Collected and paid in,	15	16	5

PUGWASH.

Collected in 1844, £61 18 11
 Balance due 1843, 10 11 4—£72 10 3. Paid in, 56 0 0 due 16 10 3

PICTOU.

Collected, and paid in, 119 17 8

ANTIGONISH.

Collected, and paid in, 4 3 3

GUYSBOROUGH.

Collected, £9 4 5. Due, 9 4 5

GUT OF CANSO.

Collected in 1844, £320 4 4.
 Balance due 1843, 109 5 6.—£429 9 10. Paid in, 175 11 8

LITTLE CANSO.

Collected, and paid in, 63 5 0

SYDNEY, C. B.

Collected, and paid in, 443 8 8

ARICHAT.

Collected, £52 10 0. Since Paid. due 52 10 0

PORT HOOD.

Collected, and paid in, 8 10 10

ANNAPOLIS LOAN OFFICE.

Balance due, as reported in 1843, 16 13 0

THE COMMISSIONERS OF LIGHT HOUSES.

Their Accounts have been received to 31st Decr., 1844, amount, £5,746 16 6
 They have received from New Brunswick, half expenses
 of Seal Island, £156 8s. 8d., and
 Brier Island, £100, for 1843, £256 8 8
 Premium on the above sums, 3 16 11
 Proceeds of Oil Casks, &c. sold, 15 5 10
 From the Province Treasury, 5,471 5 1
 5,746 16 6

LIGHT HOUSES.

Amount of Annual expense, per account of the Com-
 missioners, £5,746 16 6
 Less, Cash received for sale of Oil Casks, 15 5 10
 5,731 10 8
 By amount received from Collectors of Light Duty, £3,087 19 11
 Due by Light Collectors to 31st Decr., 92 12 10
 Due by New Brunswick, for expenses of
 Seal Island, for 1844, 157 19 9

Allowance for Brier Island,	£100	0	0	
Annual contribution from Canada to St. Paul's and Scatarie,	500	0	0	
Proportion of over expenditure,	280	14	11	
Annual contribution of New Brunswick to the same,	250	0	0	
Annual contribution of Prince Edward Island to the same,	30	0	0	
Proportion of over expenditure,	16	16	11	
Deficiency, paid out of the general funds of the Province,	1,215	6	4	
				<u>£5,731 10 8</u>

CUSTOM HOUSE.

The Collector of Her Majesty's Customs has paid into the Treasury, to 31st December last,	28,943	14	5
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COMMISSIONERS OF SABLE ISLAND.

Their Accounts to 31st December have been received. Balance in hands of Treasurer,	726	7	11
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PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

By the Accounts of the Commissioners, the expenditure of the past year has been,			
On Government House, to 31st December, 1844,	£327	11	11
On Province Building,	831	1	11
			<u>1,158 13 10</u>

By the Report of Committee last year, there was due for the Book, entitled Marshall's Justice,	£144	0	4	
The Treasurer has received to 31st Decr., per account,	20	13	1	
				<u>123 7 3</u>
Short reported as due last year,				18 11 1
				<u>141 18 4</u>
				now due,

FUNDED DEBT.

Balance of amounts funded in 1834, 35 & 36, at 5 per ct,	£20,026	0	0	
Amount funded in 1836, at 4 per cent.	10,000	0	0	
do. do. in Savings Bank, at 5 per cent.	20,000	0	0	
do. do. do. at 4½ per cent.	7,000	0	0	
				<u>57,026 0 0</u>

PROVINCE NOTES.

Amount in circulation, 31st December, 1844,	59,864	10	0
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THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA, to 31st Decr., 1844. DR.

To this sum undrawn, on account of Roads, Bridges, and other services, per Abstract,	£2,651	7	8
Loan Certificates due sundry persons, including the amount funded in Savings Bank,	57,026	0	0
Amount due Commissioners of Public Buildings,	1,158	13	10
Annual vote to Sable Island,	400	0	0
Province Notes in circulation,	59,864	10	0
			<u>£120,700 11 6</u>
			CONTRA,

CONTRA,	CR.
By Balance in hands of the Treasurer, 31st Dec., 1844,	£13,399 2 3
do. do. on Account of Sable Island,	726 7 11
Due by Collectors of Light Duty,	92 12 10
Amount of Bonds in Excise Offices, viz:	
Halifax,	£21,146 8 1
Outports,	3,941 2 4
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	£25,087 10 5
Deduct Probable Drawbacks,	2,487 10 5
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	22,600 0 0
Due from Canada for Light Houses, 1844,	780 14 11
do. New Brunswick, ditto.	507 19 9
do. Prince Edward Island, ditto.	46 16 11
Balance due for Book entitled Marshall's Justice,	141 18 4
Loan to Dalhousie College,	5,000 0 0
Balance of Loan to Annapolis County,	16 13 0
Balance in Treasurer's hands on account Passengers Act,	4 0 1
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	43,316 6 0
Balance,	77,384 5 6
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	£120,700 11 6

The Committee have given their best attention to the examination of the Accounts submitted to them, and have found the Excise Accounts for the Outports generally in a more satisfactory state than last year, and the Balances paid up; there are however yet outstanding several large sums against which the Collectors have made claims for services, the justice of which the Committee have no means of ascertaining,—they would recommend that the Board of Revenue be requested to examine and adjust the same,—these remarks refer more particularly to Arichat and Digby.

The Committee deem it proper to remark on certain charges which have been included in the Accounts of the Collectors of Excise at the different Outports, and which, although they would appear to have been sanctioned by custom, the Committee deem improper and contrary to Law. They allude to the Collectors' commission, being charged on that already paid to the Guager and on his own commission previously inserted in his Accounts, thus subjecting the Province to commission not only on the amount of Revenue, but on the expenses of the collection. The commission of the Guager is charged not where duty is performed but on Merchandize, which pay ad valorem duty, and which from their nature do not require the supervision of that officer. These observations apply to Outport Excise Accounts, with but few exceptions. The collection of Light Duty in the Gut of Canso is attended with great expense, there was collected in the years 1843 and 1844, £635 3 8, the charge made by Mr. Hadley for collection in these two years, amounts to £343 12 9, leaving the net receipt £291 10 11, the Collector's charge if allowed makes the expense of collection amount to upwards of 50 per cent., the Committee therefore recommend that the Accounts of Mr. Hadley be referred to a Special Committee of the House of Assembly to examine and report thereon, that any balance found due to him should be provided for, the present expensive system of collection at once be abandoned, and no further sum be in future allowed but the legal commission for collecting these duties, or rather if practicable that the collection of the same should be offered to public competition.

The Committee refrain from making any suggestions on the system at present pursued in the Offices of the Treasurer and Collector of Excise, from their knowledge of the fact that

CAPE BRETON.

No. 831.	No Commissioners,	1844,	£5	0	0	
911.	Michl. McKeen,	1843,	10	0	0	
953.	Watson,	"	10	0	0	
	Unappropriated,	1844,	85	0	0	
						£110 0 0

QUEEN'S.

38.	Stephen Mack,	1844,				10 0 0
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INVERNESS.

973.	Donald McLean,	1843,	7	10	0	
974.	John G. McLean,	"	7	10	0	
983.	Alexander McDonald,	"	10	0	0	
1002.	Duncan McDonald,	"	5	0	0	
907.	John McLean,	1844,	5	0	0	
900.	Duncan Ferguson,	"	20	0	0	
912.	No Commissioner,	"	15	0	0	
881.	No Commissioner,	"	10	0	0	
890.	William McKeen,	"	5	0	0	
921.	Alexr. McDonald,	"	7	10	0	
	Unappropriated,	1843,	82	8	9	
	Unappropriated,	1844,	24	4	0	
						199 2 9

HALIFAX.

1014.	William Fultz,	1843,	10	0	0	
1036.	William Faulkner,	"	24	0	0	
1037.	Antoni Fouchi,	"	10	0	0	
						44 0 0

DIGBY.

159.	William Aymer,	1844,				10 0 0
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GUYSBOROUGH.

754.	Alexander Martin,	1844,				7 10 0
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RICHMOND.

1045.	Lauchlan McLean,	1843,				25 0 0
						£589 1 10

Balance due on Casualty Votes, for 1843 and 1844,
Undrawn,

	640	4	10
	£1,229 6 8		

Abstract of Undrawn Monies voted in 1844.

Sable Island, for 1844,	£400	0	0	
Balance of Drawback on Wine to Military Messes,	444	9	5	
Judges Expenses to Cape Breton,	25	17	6	
Balance on Whale Bounty,	391	0	0	
Breakwater, Spelt's Cove,	50	0	0	
Balance on Agricultural Vote,	110	14	1	
	<hr/>			£1,422 1 0

Committee Room, House of Assembly, 28th February, 1845.

JAMES McNAB,
JAMES D. FRASER,
G. W. McLELAN,
S. S. THORNE, } *Committee
of the
House of
Assembly.*

MICHAEL TOBIN, } *Committee of
M. B. ALMON, } Legislative
EDWD. KENNY, } Council.*

No. 30.

(See Page 262.)

The Committee to whom were referred the Copy of the Assessments in the several Counties of the Province, to ascertain whether these documents contain the information sought by the House in its Resolution of the Winter Session of 1844, or such information as would enable the House to come to any satisfactory conclusion on the propriety of adopting the payment of Rates as a qualification on which to base the Elective Franchise, beg to report that the most that can be ascertained from the Copies of the Assessments returned, is that in the year 1843, the number of Persons who paid Rates were as follows :

				Freeholders on the present qualification.		
Lunenburg,	-	-	1999	-	-	1400
Pictou,	-	-	3082	-	-	2839
Colchester,	-	-	1787	-	-	1500
Inverness,	-	-	2102	-	-	1500
Guysborough,	-	-	1457	-	-	800
Annapolis,	-	-	1450	-	-	1198
Sydney,	-	-	1572	-	-	1600
Shelburne,	-	-	1271	-	-	880
Queen's,	-	-	724	-	-	800
Richmond,	-	-	1476	-	-	750
Digby,	-	-	1634	-	-	1200
Cape Breton,	-	-	2340	-	-	
Yarmouth,	-	-	1850	-	-	1400

The Assessments from the other Counties have not as yet been laid before the Committee. The return from King's County was a statement of the persons to whom the County Funds had been paid. As a general rule, it appears that there are something less than a fourth more persons who pay County Rates, than there are qualified to vote at Elections under the existing Law.

Halifax, 3rd March, 1845.

Ht. HUNTINGTON,
S. P. FAIRBANKS,
JOHN C. HALL.

No. 31.

(See Page 262.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Daniel Wier and John Chambers, for expenses they incurred in defending a suit brought against them by James Sterling, for their erecting a Bridge over the St. Croix, your Committee beg leave to Report as follows, viz :

That they have carefully examined the Accounts of Petitioners ; that they have charged for expenses defending suit,	£24 12 6
Deduct expenses for their attendance at Windsor,	3 5 0

£21 7 6

Deduct the sum taxed against Plaintiff at the Supreme Court at Windsor, as per Prothonotary's Bill,

6 16 6

£14 11 0

The balance of Fourteen Pounds, Eleven Shillings, your Committee beg leave to report to the favourable consideration of your Honorable House, to be paid to the said Petitioners, Daniel Wier and John Chambers. All which is most respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, 4th March, 1845.

R. McG. DICKEY, JOHN RYDER, THOMAS LOGAN,	}	Committee.
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Copy.

No. 32.

(See Page 274.)

No. 243.

Government House, Halifax, 1st. June, 1844.

MY LORD,

I have the honor to inclose the Copy of a Report of a Committee appointed to inquire into the circumstances of the Excise Office at Halifax, with a view to its union with the Treasury or Customs Department, or the improvement of the present system, and also the propriety of an union of the Excise Department throughout the Province with that of the Customs ; in which it is stated to be desirable that certain information, the substance of which is condensed in the accompanying paper, should if possible be obtained from the Commissioners of Customs, to whom I have to request your Lordship will do me the favor to transmit both the Report and Queries.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

The Right Honble. the Lord Stanley, &c. &c. &c.

1. Is the Report of the Committee, that without any great additional labor or expense the Entries necessary for the collection of the Duties of Excise can be introduced into the books kept at the Customs, provided the Board of Customs in London would sanction the alteration in the prescribed forms necessary for the purpose above mentioned, without insisting on a set of separate Books being kept—correct, and if so would the Board of Customs consent to such an arrangement ?

2. Would the Customs Department in London sanction such relaxation in the strictness

ness in observing particular hours for the entry of Goods at the Custom House here as would accommodate the Trade ?

3. Would the Board of Customs and Lords of the Treasury concede to the Provincial authorities the appointment and control over all the Out Port Collectors ?

4. Would the Province be allowed to demand of the Out Port Collectors, executing both duties, security to the Province as well as to the Treasury, which they now give as Collectors of Customs alone ?

5. How would the Customs in London give to the Provincial Legislature the prompt and efficient control over the Revenues in the hands of the Collectors that is felt to be necessary ?

Copy.

No. 202.

Downing Street, 25th January, 1845.

MY LORD,

With reference to my Despatch No. 178, of the 3d August last, I have now the honor to transmit to your Lordship the Copy of a Letter from one of the Secretaries of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, communicating the information required by the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, to enable that House to decide whether or not it would be practicable to consolidate the Customs and Excise Departments of the Province, or to improve the system on which the latter Office is conducted.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Lieut. Governor the Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

Treasury Chambers, 17th January, 1845.

SIR,

With reference to your Letter of 3rd July last, transmitting copy of a Despatch from the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, on the subject of uniting the Customs and Excise Departments in that Colony, I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to transmit herewith Copy of a Report from the Commissioners of Customs on the subject, and I am to request that, in submitting the same for the consideration of Lord Stanley, you will apprise His Lordship of the concurrence of my Lords in the observations and suggestions of the Commissioners of Customs.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

G. CLERK.

J. Stephen, Esq. &c. &c. &c.

No. 46.

May it please your Lordships :

Your Lordships having referred to us the annexed letter from Mr. Stephen, transmitting by desire of Lord Stanley, a Copy of a Despatch from the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, with its enclosures, expressing the wish of the Lieutenant Governor, as well as the House of Assembly of that Province, to obtain from us certain information which is required for considering the practicability of uniting the Customs and Excise Departments, or of improving the system on which the latter Office is conducted,—We Report,

That having carefully considered the Reports of the Collectors of this Revenue at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and St. Andrew, New Brunswick, for whose observations we transmitted

mitted the Queries upon which the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia had requested our opinion, we beg in the first instance to state that any observations which we may offer in regard to the transfer of the collection of the Excise Duties in Nova Scotia to the Officers of this Revenue in that Province, must be considered as solely applying to that class of duties which are imposed by Colonial authority upon goods imported into the Province, or taken out of the Warehouse for Home consumption, and which duties, although denominated "Excise" in the Colonial enactments of Nova Scotia, must be considered essentially "Import Duties of Customs," it not being within the Province of this Board to offer any observations with respect to the internal duties that are levied upon Spirits and other articles the manufacture of Nova Scotia, and which must be deemed in the strictest sense "Excise duties," and consequently their collection could not be undertaken or superintended by the Officers of this Revenue.

With respect to the 1st. query upon which information is requested by Viscount Falkland, viz :

"Whether the entries necessary for the collection of the duties of Excise can be introduced into the Books kept at the Customs, provided this Board would sanction certain alterations in the prescribed forms, necessary for the purpose, without insisting on a set of separate Books being kept for the purpose."

We have to state that it would not be practicable to adapt the Books at present in use to the double purpose, as suggested in the query, of recording the entries for the Colonial Customs duties, as well as the Imperial duties of Customs; and that it would be necessary, in the event of the collection of the Colonial Import duties being transferred to the Officers of this Revenue at Halifax, that the Collector of Customs at that Port, as the several Sub-Collectors should keep separate and distinct Books for recording the receipt on account of Provincial duties on Goods imported, as well as upon Goods taken out of Warehouse under the Provincial Laws; separate bills of entry would not however be required for the Provincial duties, inasmuch as the bill of entry at present in use could be prepared agreeably to the annexed specimen marked A, on the face of which the Imperial duties are distinguished from the Provincial duties of Customs: It would however be absolutely necessary that the "Financial periods" of the Province should be assimilated to those observed by the Officers of this Revenue, and that quarterly Accounts should be made up on the 5th January, 5th April, 5th July, and 10th October, in each year.

With respect to the second query, viz :

"Would this Board sanction such relaxation in the strictness in observing particular hours for entry of Goods at the Custom House at Halifax, as would accommodate the Trade."

We have to state that the hours prescribed for the attendance of the in-door and out-door Officers of Customs at Halifax, are from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. throughout the year, and although we have received no complaint against the practice observed at Halifax in this respect, there could be no possible objection to requiring the Waterside and Warehousing officers to attend at their respective stations one hour earlier than at present, viz : 9 A. M. ; it would however be the duty of the Collector upon emergencies, or a press of business, to require all the Officers of the Department to attend before as well as after the hours above prescribed, in order that no unnecessary delay or inconvenience might be experienced by the trade and shipping of the Province.

With regard to the 3rd query, viz :

"Would the Lords of the Treasury and the Board of Customs concede to the Provincial authorities the appointment of and controul over all the Out Port Collectors."

We have to submit our opinion that in the event of the collection of the Provincial Duties of Nova Scotia being transferred to this Department, the several sub-Collectors employed in levying the same, must be placed under the immediate controul of this Board, and receive their appointments direct from your Lordships, and that it would not be practicable, consistently with the practice observed in the other British Possessions abroad, and what is due to the discipline and efficiency of the service, to concede to the Provincial authorities the point involved in this query.

It would, however, be at all times competent for the Provincial authorities to call upon the Collector at Halifax to furnish them with any information which they might at any time require, in regard to the proceedings of the sub-Collectors, and it would be the duty of the Collector, in accordance with your Lordship's orders, and the standing regulations of the Board, to pay prompt obedience to such requisition.

With respect to the 4th query, viz :

“ Would the Province be allowed to demand of the Out Port Collectors, (executing both duties), security to the Province as well as to the Crown, which they now give as Collectors of Customs alone.”

We have to state that adequate security would in all cases be required by us from the sub-Collectors, with reference to the extent of their pecuniary responsibility, whether arising from the collection of Imperial or Provincial duties of Customs, and that consequently any further security to the Province would not only be unnecessary, but opposed to the principle which has heretofore governed your Lordships, in declining your sanction to any measure having for its object the placing of the Officers of this Revenue under separate security to the Colonial authorities.

And with regard to the 5th and last query, viz :

“ How would the Customs in London give to the Provincial Legislature the prompt and efficient control over the Revenues in the hands of the Collectors that is felt to be necessary ?”

We have only to state that the sub-Collectors would at stated periods, render through the Collector at Halifax, their accounts connected with the collection of the Provincial duties, in order to their being audited in such manner as the Provincial authorities might deem necessary, in the same way as the Provincial accounts are at present audited at Newfoundland, Quebec, and Montreal, and it would be the duty of the Collector at Halifax, and the several sub-Collectors of the Province to pay over the monies received as Provincial duties of Customs either daily or weekly, or at such other periods, and to such Receivers or other Officers as the Provincial Government may think proper,—and thus, as we would submit, affording the Provincial Legislature of Nova Scotia the most prompt and efficient controul over the Revenue in the hands of the several Collectors and sub-Collectors of the Province.

(Signed)

R. B. DEAN,
S. G. LUSHINGTON,
S. E. SPRING RICE,
GEO. R. DAWSON.

Custom House, 10th January, 1845.

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WARRANT No. 30.

Inwards in the Charles Hart,

Master, from Leghorn.

Marks and Numbers.	Quantity and Quality of Goods.	Value in Sterling.	Rate of Duty.	Duties.	
				Imperial.	Colonial.
H.	4 boxes, containing 26 dozen Men's glazed Hats,	£19 7 0	15 per cent.	£2 18 0	
"	1 box, containing 16 dozen Straw Hats,	2 14 7	do.	8 2 2	
"	1 ditto. 11 dozen ditto.,	4 11 8	do.	13 9 9	
"	2 boxes, containing 25 dozen Pictures.	5 8 4	£7 10s. per cent.	8 1 1	
"	1 box Alabaster Ornaments,	12 3 3	do.	10 10	
"	6 hds. Currants, 820,	4 16 8	do.	7 3 3	
4.	50 bags Bread,	32 10 8	Free, use of Fisheries.		
	Total,	£70 1 2	Total,	£4 16 1	

I, William Hart, do hereby declare that the articles mentioned in the Entry above written, and contained in the packages therein specified, are of the value of Seventy Pounds one shilling and two pence, Sterling, and that I do now tender the same for all Duties. Witness my hand this day of January, 1833.

(Signed) W. HART.

The above declaration signed the day of January, 1833, in presence of
 (Signed) E. READ, Junr., Collector.
 All Duties Paid.
 Deliver the above Goods.
 (Signed) J. M. SPEARMAN, Collector.

To the Landing Waiter concerned,
 (Signed) GEO. BAILEY, Pro-Comptroller.

No. 33.

(See Page 275.)

Halifax, March 1, 1845.

SIR,

In submitting my Report, as Commissioner for Indian Affairs, to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in 1844, I stated "that the Balance in hand, (£43 12 0) would probably be sufficient to pay the amount due to the Seminary, and to cover any other expenses already authorized."

In my Report for 1842 I noticed a claim preferred by the family of Francis Paul, upon a property in possession of Tobias Cook. That claim was arranged finally last spring, and Thirty Pounds paid by Cook. This amount has been chiefly expended on a lot selected by Paul on the Shubenacadie Reserve. I enclose Vouchers for this expenditure, and also for Thirty Six Pounds seven shillings and three pence on the general Account. The final Balance remaining in my hands, is £7 4 9, for which I beg to enclose a Check.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JOSEPH HOWE.

The Hon. Sir Rupert D. George, Bart. &c. &c. &c.

INDIAN COMMISSION—1844.

Balance of Grant reported last year,				£43	12	0
Received from Tobias Cook, in full of all demands from F. Paul's Family,				30	0	0
				<hr/>		
				£73	12	0
Paid—on general Account—						
No. 1.	To St. Mary's Seminary,			£19	10	0
2.	Daniel Snide (Seed)			1	0	0
3.	Wm. R. Wallace (C. Louis)			2	0	0
4.	F. Parker (Hinges, do.)			0	8	9
5.	D. McKay, (Surveying)			3	12	6
6.	Z. Waterman, (Supplies)			3	10	3
7.	Wm. Evans, (Blankets)			0	10	0
8.	H. Mignowitz, (Blankets)			1	5	9
	Miscellaneous Charities,			4	10	0
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				£36	7	3
Paid to and on Account of F. Paul—						
	Cash, 25s. 10d., 10s. 5d., 10s. 5d.			£2	6	8
No. 1.	To Northrup & Son, for Supplies,			6	8	9
2.	J. Wallace, for clearing land, seed, &c.			12	9	0
3.	Barn frame,			6	10	0
4.	Cash balance,			2	5	7
				30	0	0
				<hr/>		
				66	7	3
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	Balance paid to the Pro. Secretary,			£7	4	9

No. 34.

*(See Page 275.)**General Post Office, Halifax, 21st August, 1844.*

SIR—

I have the honor to report for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that in consequence of an explanation given by the Sub-Contractor for carrying the Express Mails between Halifax and Pictou, to an enquiry made to him, by direction of His Lordship The Postmaster General, as to an excess of the Contract time consumed in the Journey to and from Pictou, that the Postmaster General has directed me to bring the subject of the bad state of the Road to Pictou, under the consideration of His Excellency, in the hope that measures may be taken for its improvement. I enclose copy of Mr. Hyde's letter giving the explanation alluded to.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

H. M. WATSON,

Surveyor G. P. O.

The Honorable Sir Rupert D. George, Bart., &c. &c. &c.

[COPY.]

Halifax, 6th July, 1844.

SIR—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 3rd Instant, enclosing 2 Time Bills, calling my attention to the length of time consumed between Halifax and Pictou. In answer I have to state that the bad state of the Roads has been the cause. With reference to the Time Bill from Halifax to Pictou 16th May, the Mail Coach sank into the mud so deep, that the axle dragged the earth in front of it, the Driver was obliged to unload the Mail, and raise the Coach with levers to get along. The Mail, from Pictou to Halifax 1st June, roads bad, did not arrive at Dartmouth till the Ferry-Boat had ceased running for the night, waited and crossed over in the morning, the Road round the Basin not being passable. When I contracted for the conveyance of the Mails the Roads were middling good, and in consequence of the new Mail arrangement, it was understood that the Roads were to be made perfectly good, instead of which for the last two years, the Roads have gone to decay and ruin for want of repair, and in rainy weather are almost impassable, which not only prevents my performing the Contract in the time specified, but is a very serious loss to me, for instance in January 1841, I commenced carrying the Mails with 42 horses, and during the Summer increased the number to 54, which did the work satisfactorily. I have now 75 as good horses as can be furnished in the Province, and with the increased force I cannot get the Mails through in as short a time as in 1841.—Were the Roads as good as I understood they were to be made when I signed the Contract, my Establishment is quite sufficient to carry the Mails through in 13 hours, with greater ease than I now can in 17 or 20 hours, and my expenses would be at least £400 per Annum less than at present. Your visits in an official capacity will enable you to bear testimony of the correctness or otherwise of my statements.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

H. HYDE.

H M. Watson, Esq., &c. &c.

No. 35.

(See Page 275.)

Pictou, 26th Feb'y. 1845.

SIR—

In compliance with the wishes of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, expressed in your Letter of the 10th instant, requesting me to furnish him with a full Report of the state of the Road from Halifax to Pictou, and from Truro to Amherst, with detailed Estimates of the expence of effecting the repairs they require, I beg respectfully to submit the following Report, and First from Dartmouth to Pictou, which I have divided into Sections as follows :—

Section 1st.

From Dartmouth to Taylor's Inn, comprising a distance of about Twelve Miles. This road is made on a dry firm bottom, the materials are good and in abundance, and the road is in a pretty good state of repair, it will require some side draining and some cross drains to be rebuilt. All the hollows and tracks will require to be filled up with durable materials. The rubbish on the upper side of the road, and on the slopes above the drain ought to be thrown over the lower sides of the road, and the water courses made clear. This latter remark ought to be attended to along the whole line. The expence of repairing this Section will not be very great.

Section 2nd.

From Taylor's to Schultz's, a distance of about Six Miles. The first one and a half miles of this Section are inconveniently and dangerously narrow, scarcely averaging a width of fifteen feet, it is otherwise defective by the side drains being filled up, the centre low and muddy, and in some instances rocky, the cross drains too small and deficient in number. This part would require to be widened and put in a good state of repair. The remaining four and a half miles from Fletcher's to Schultz's is getting flat and muddy in the centre, with some rock cutting not far from Schultz's. This Section will require considerable draining and gravelling. An excellent pit of this material is situate near about the middle of the Section.

Section 3rd.

From Schultz's to Hall's Bridge, is about four and a half miles. The first mile from Schultz's is rough and rocky, all the soil being worn and washed off, and the road is so rough, that it now looks more like the bed of a deserted river than a road. The remaining three and a half miles, being of a soft adhesive clayey nature, the constant travelling having worn it down, the centre has become flat or rather concave, the side drains filled up, and many of the cross drains are too small, and in a decayed state. It is in consequence thereof, in Spring and Fall, and in wet weather, deep and muddy, and in some parts overflowed. It is the worst Section between Halifax and Pictou, and is sometimes almost impassable. Abundance of good road materials may be had at Indian Point upon the Grand Lake, or at the end of Douglas Bridge, but being at an inconvenient distance the repairs of this Section will be rather expensive.

Section 4th.

From Hall's Bridge to New Bridge, on the Shubenacadie near Keys'. The Bridge first mentioned is in a dilapidated state and requires immediate attention. The small bridge near Black Brook requires planking, the road from opposite the mouth of the Nine Mile River to the new bridge near Key's, requires draining and gravelling. Distance about six miles.

Section 5th.

From New Bridge near Key's to Shubenacadie Bridge at Parker's. About eight miles. Gravelling is required at the following places, to wit, from Key's Bridge to Barney's Brook at Woodworth's, where there is good gravel, also from Calrossie Hill to Ross's, and on both sides of Blackburn's, and in the vicinity of Nelson's.

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Section 6th.

From Parker's Bridge to Stewiacke Bridge five miles. The first two miles from Parker's Bridge is very sandy and heavy, and will require to be metaled or gravelled.

Section 7th.

From Stewiacke Bridge to Polly's, a distance of five miles. The three miles next to Polly's is soft and muddy in Spring and Fall, and in wet weather almost impassable. It will require to be metaled or gravelled, which being at an inconvenient distance will be somewhat expensive.

Section 8th.

From Polly's to Truro, a distance of about twelve miles, a considerable part of this Road is beginning to flatten in the centre, and the side drains are filled up. It will require to be thoroughly drained and gravelled, which can be had in several places along the line.

Section 9th.

From Truro to Salmon River, a distance of about thirteen miles. The first three and one half miles of this Section is in an unfinished state, has been cleared and levelled, and is a good Winter Road. It will require to be cast up and properly formed and gravelled, before it can be made available for wheel-travelling. The rest of the Section is in a tolerable state of repair, but will require some gravelling, the expenses attending which will not be very great.

Section 10th.

From Salmon River to Reed's on Mount Thom, a distance of about ten miles. This has become very flat, the side drains are filled up in many places higher than the road in the middle, the cross drains are falling in. The water in wet weather flows down the mountain side, and runs along the middle of the road, which renders travelling in spring and fall muddy and very heavy, draining and gravelling is much required. There are some excellent materials on some parts of this Section, but the end next Salmon River for three or four miles, as well as that part between Mrs. Irvine's and the summit level, is composed of a soft adhesive clay, which will render the necessary improvements in the first instance somewhat expensive.

Section 11th.

From Reed's to the Ten Mile House, a distance of about five miles, will require some side draining and patches of gravelling, and about one half mile to be widened from sixteen to twenty feet in width. The Eight Mile Brook Bridge and the Bank at the north end, as well as the Bridge near the Ten Mile House and embankment, should be secured by a substantial railing. The expense of the repairs on this Section will not be very great.

Section 12th.

From the Ten Mile House to the Town of Pictou, a distance of upwards of ten miles. The first six miles of this Section being generally on a dry gravelly bottom, is at present in a tolerable fair state, but in course of the present repairs will require any hollows or tracks to be filled up with durable materials, and the surface left smooth and regular. The Bridges at Anthony Smith's and the Saw Mill are in a dilapidated state and dangerous. In consequence of a representation to this effect being made to the General Sessions of the Peace here at their late meeting, I was instructed to get them repaired without loss of time, and the Clerk of the Peace was directed to communicate the Resolution of the Sessions to the Pictou Members, with a request that they would provide for the expence. I have agreed with Contractors to have them rebuilt in a good and substantial manner, on or before the last day of March next. The ingress and egress to the Saw Mill Bridge is dangerous and inconvenient, being on a quick curve, and the clivity one foot in seven. Two years ago I submitted a plan by which the approaches would be nearly on a level, and which would be attended with great ease and benefit to travelling. From this Bridge to Pictou the road is in good condition, and will require

require little or no expences of repair at this season. The Estimate includes repair of Bridges and alteration in Road at Saw Mill Bridge.

I have the honour to be, with great respect,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

PETER CRERAR.

To the Honble.

Sir Rupert D. George, Bart., &c. &c. &c.

Probable Estimate for completing the foregoing suggested Improvements, in which the Repairing and Rebuilding of Bridges is considered.

No. of Section.	Where Situated.	Length in Miles.	£	s.	d.
1	From Dartmouth to Taylor's Inn,	12	72	0	0
2	" Taylor's Inn " Schultz's,	6	350	0	0
3	" Schultz's " Hall's Bridge,	4½	700	0	0
4	" Hall's Bridge " Keys' Bridge,	6	175	0	0
5	" Keys' Bridge " Parker's Bridge,	8	600	0	0
6	" Parker's " Stewiacke Bridge,	5	300	0	0
7	" Stewiacke Bridge " Polly's Old Clearing,	5	500	0	0
8	" Polly's " Truro,	12	450	0	0
9	" Truro " Salmon River,	13	450	0	0
10	" Salmon River " Reed's Mount Thom,	10	500	0	0
11	" Reed's " Ten Mile House,	5	120	0	0
12	" Ten Mile House " Pictou,	10	350	0	0
			£4567	0	0

The above improvements being judiciously made, I have no hesitation in declaring that the Mails might be conveyed from Halifax to Pictou in ten hours.

PETER CRERAR.

Report on the state of the Roads and Bridges from Truro to Amherst, the whole distance being about Sixty Miles, which I have divided into three Sections, nearly in an equal proportion of Twenty miles each.

Section 1st.

From Truro to Great Village, Londonderry, a distance of about Nineteen or Twenty miles. The Road along the whole of this distance is in tolerable fair repair, and there does not appear to be any very bad hills, that would seem to impede Mail travelling very materially, with the exception of the Hill at the north end of the Deburt Bridge, and another skirting the edge of the Folly Intervale. I pointed out to Mr. Wier, Road Commissioner in that neighbourhood, how these two Hills might be avoided without any very great expense to the Public. There are a number of Bridges in this Section, some of which are in a tottering and dilapidated state, and would require to be rebuilt in the course of the ensuing Summer. That over the North River is particularly dangerous, it is about One hundred and ten feet long, consisting of two spans and a pier in the centre. Perhaps a Bridge of one span, somewhat similar in construction to that built across the Stewiacke, would be cheaper and better. There are four small Bridges, in the neighbourhood of this Bridge, viz:—two on the Truro and two on the Onslow side, each about twelve

twelve feet span, that will require to be built, also the Debut Bridge of forty feet span, and the Great Village Bridge, Londonderry, of about the same length with the North River Bridge, which is in an unsafe state, and will either have to be rebuilt or substantially repaired.

Section 2nd.

From Great Village, Londonderry, to Hewson's, River Philip, a distance of about Twenty-one miles, and comprehending the noted Cumberland Mountains. This perhaps was the most hilly road in the Province, or perhaps in the American Colonies. In 1827 Sir James Kempt directed Mr. Munro to explore the passes of this place, for the purpose if possible of improving the Road over the Mountains, in which he has been very successful. Eight and one half miles of his proposed improvement is now completed to Warden's place, and are nearly equal in ease of draught to the road from Truro to Pictou. There are a number of Sections that remain yet to be completed, viz: from Warden's place to Stone House three and a half miles, from thence crossing the old road to the westward, and terminating at Atkinson's, a distance of about one and three quarters of a mile. Also an alteration at Griffin's of about one mile, from thence along the present road with some slight alteration to the River Philip. The materials along the line are excellent. Mr. Purdy the Road Commissioner says, that the average expenses of making these alterations will not exceed Two hundred pounds per mile. There are no bad Bridges on this Section.

Section 3rd.

From River Philip to Amherst, a distance of Twenty miles. On this Section two alterations are absolutely necessary, one at Birch Hill, consisting of five miles, the other at Sugar Wood Ridge, of two and a half miles. No Bridges of any importance will be required on any of the proposed improvements. The materials for Road making are said to be good. The lines of these alterations, before any money is expended, should again be carefully retraced, as the original marks are nearly obliterated or hard to follow. These improvements being completed, the Mail Carriers during the Summer six months, would be enabled to perform the distance between Truro and Amherst in six hours, or about ten miles an hour, with ease. What retards the Mail most is the Winter snow storms. This may be remedied in populous settlements by the conscious discharge of duty on the part of the Overseers of Statute labour, the Canada mail in winter being only once a month, and that with such regularity, that they may be even calculated on to a day. Any obstruction from the above cause, in the first Section of this Route, may be guarded against by the Overseers doing their duty, the Road being through a thick settled and populous part of the country. Section the 2nd, from the mountainous nature of the country, is much more liable to be obstructed with snow drifts than the former Section, as the Settlers are but few along the whole line. The Act might bear heavy on them, and they not be enabled to perform their duty satisfactorily. To prepare against any unforeseen occurrence of this nature, this Section might be divided into four Sections of five miles each, and entrusted to the care of some competent trustworthy persons, who would be bound to inspect the whole of this part monthly, immediately on the eve of the Mail becoming due, and see that the Road is cleared of obstructions, for which they should be paid reasonable charges, being properly certified in the usual manner, and countersigned by the Mail Courier. Any expense of this nature could not occur more than Six times, and not probably more than Three, and perhaps not so often. The cost could not be much, and in my humble opinion would be well bestowed, as without some regulation of this kind no regularity can be expected in the Winter Mails. Perhaps some arrangement of this kind should be extended where needed along the whole line to Quebec.

Probable Estimate for Completing the foregoing suggested Improvements.

<i>Section 1st.</i>	General Repairs	£95	0	0
	Alteration of the Hills at Deburt and Folly,	200	0	0
	Rebuilding of North River Bridge and 4 } small Bridges,	225	0	0
	Rebuilding Deburt Bridge,	95	0	0
	Do. Great Village Bridge, Londonderry	150	0	0
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			£765	0 0
<i>Section 2nd.</i>	Alterations from Warden's to Stone House .	£700	0	0
	Stone House to Atkinson's	350	0	0
	At Griffin's,	200	0	0
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			£1,250	0 0
<i>Section 3rd.</i>	Alteration at Birch Hill,	£1,000	0	0
	Do. Sugar Ridge Hill,	500	0	0
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			£1,500	0 0
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			£3,515	0 0
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PETER CRERAR.

Pictou, 27th February, 1845.

The Province of Nova Scotia,

To PETER CRERAR, *Road Surveyor.*

1845.

February 13. To Inspecting and making Report of the state of the Roads and Bridges from Halifax to Pictou, and from Truro to Amherst, twelve days, including travelling charges, &c. &c. &c. £12 15 0

No. 36.

(See Page 275.)

No. 193.

[COPY.]

Downing Street, 30th November, 1844.

MY LORD,

I have received your Lordship's Despatch No. 264, of the 15th August, in answer to mine of the 13th June, 1844, and enclosing a Report from the Attorney General of Nova Scotia, upon the Light House Duty Acts.

It appears by this Report that altho' the Provincial Legislature passed an Act during their last Session, (No. 2499) continuing for another year the former Act (No. 2400) to which Her Majesty's Government had objected—there is a probability that an Act may be passed in the next Session which will remove those objections.

Under these circumstances Her Majesty has been advised to assent to the Light House Act (No. 2499); and I enclose an order made by the Queen in Council on the 28th instant, leaving it to its operation accordingly.

I have the honor to be, &c.

STANLEY.

Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

Nova Scotia.

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No. 195.

Downing Street, 20th Decr. 1844.

MY LORD,

I have had under consideration an Act passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia on the 29th March, 1844, intituled, No. 2448, "An Act for the government and regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary."

I inclose an Order made by Her Majesty in Council on the 13th instant, leaving this Act to its operation, but I wish your Lordship to bring under the consideration of the Council and Assembly the propriety of reducing the maximum number of hours of daily labor from twelve to ten; as I should fear that twelve hours labor, exclusive of other engagements, would not leave sufficient time during the day for the moral and religious instruction, meals, and exercise of the prisoners.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

The Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.
Nova Scotia.

No. 37.

(See Page 277.)

Mr. Howe presented to the House several Petitions for aid to Roads in the County of Halifax.

A Petition of Charles Irvine and others, of Musquodoboit.

Thomas Gorham and others, of Lake Porter.

John Evans and others, of Preston.

Thomas Jameson and others, of the Eastern part of Musquodoboit.

Alexander Farquharson and others, of Cherrybucktoo.

W. J. Lydijard and others, of Meagher's Grant.

Ronald Bayer and others, of Lower Musquodoboit.

John Leslie and others, of Chizetcook, Three Fathom Harbor, &c.

Alexander McPhee and others, of Nine Mile River.

William Sedwidge and others, of Musquodoboit.

William Wilson and others, of Shubenacadie.

Peter Doyle and others, of Musquodoboit.

Samuel Moore and others, of Gay's River.

Archibald McPhee and others, of the McDonald Road, near Gay's River.

James Kerr and others, of New Antrim Settlement.

David Annand and others, of Lake Egmont District.

James Cruickshanks and others, of Little River Settlement.

John E. Fairbanks and others, of Dartmouth.

Joseph Smith and others, of Look-out Road.

William Graham and others, of Musquodoboit.

Thomas Jameson and others, of Musquodoboit.

N. Leech and others, of Musquodoboit.

Benjamin Smithers and others, of Preston.

George Cole and others, of Musquodoboit.

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Mr. Doyle presented to the House several Petitions for aid to Roads in the County of Halifax.

A Petition of Peter Crerar and others, of Musquodoboit.
James Robertson and others, of Lawrencetown.
Edward Bowen, of the South Eastern Passage.

Mr. DesBarres presented to the House several Petitions for aid to Roads in the County of Guysborough.

A Petition of Richard F. Meighan and others, of Guysborough.
Hugh McDonald and others, of St. Mary's.
Benjamin Pirang, Senior, and others, of Torbay.
William Bent and others, of Sherbrooke and Indian Harbor.
James B. Hadley and others, of the County of Guysborough.
James Hull and others, of Manchester.
Joseph Marshall and others, of Manchester.
Henry Tory and others, of Manchester.
Charles Archibald and others, of Country Harbor.

Mr. McKeagney presented to the House several Petitions for aid to Roads in the County of Inverness.

A Petition of the Reverend Alexander McLeod and others, of Black Glen.
William Judson and others, of New Canada and River Dennie Settlements.
P. McKeagney and others, of Margaree.
James Carroll, of the South West Branch Margaree River.
John McLean and others, of Mabou.
Ewen McKenzie and others, of New Canada.
John McDonald and others, of Mabou.
The Reverend John Gunn and others, of Loch Bar.
Arch. McKinnon and others, of the Eastern side of Lake Ainslie.
Hugh Campbell and others, of the Eastern side of Lake Ainslie.
John Green, of the Road between Broad Cove and Sydney.
Lauchlin McDonald and others, of the Basin of River Dennis, Malagawatch, and its Adjacencies, &c.
Donald McLean and others, of Broad Cove.
Lauchlan McDonald and others, of Malagawatch.
Hector McLean, of Malagawatch.
John McLellan and others, of River Inhabitants Settlement.
John McDonald and others, of Judique.
John McFarlane and others, of Margaree.
Irad Hart and others, of Margaree.

Mr. Fulton presented to the House several Petitions for aid to Roads in the County of Cumberland.

A Petition of John D. Taylor and others, of Cumberland.
Andrew Bacon and others, of Wallace River.
George Tuttle and others, of Wallace.
Alexander Porter and others, of Wallace River.
Peter Teed and others, of Malagash.
John McIntosh, of Wallace.
John C. Phalen and others, of Malagash.
George P. Phalen and others, of Malagash.
Samuel Mitchell and others, of Wallace.

A Petition of Edward Davison and others, of the River Philip.
 Rufus Mills and others, of Claremont.
 John Dotten and others, of Wallace.
 John David and others, of Fox Harbor.
 Amos Black and others, of the River Philip.
 H. G. Pineo and others, of Pugwash.

Mr. B. Smith presented to the House several Petitions for aid to Roads in the County of Hants.

A Petition of John Grant and others, of Douglas.
 William Nelson and others, of Douglas.
 Michael Wallace and others, of Douglas.
 Henry Blois and others, of Douglas.
 J. Withrow and others, of Nine Mile River District.
 John Wallace and others, of Douglas.
 Crofton Fitz G. Uniacke and others, of Brushy Hills.
 William Curry, of Douglas.
 Richard W. Card and others, of Kempt and Newport.
 Wentworth Parker and others, of Kempt.

Mr. Fraser presented to the House two Petitions for aid to Roads in the Township of Windsor.

A Petition of William C. King and others, of Windsor.
 Bennet Smith and others, of Windsor.

Mr. Dimock presented to the House two Petitions for aid to Roads in the Township of Newport.

A Petition of Magee Greeno and others, of Newport.
 George Dimock and others, of Newport.

Mr. Dewolf presented to the House the Petition of Daniel Rathburn and others, of Horton, for aid to repair the Lower Bridge on the Gaspereaux River.

Mr. Benjamin presented to the House several Petitions for aid to Roads in the Township of Horton.

A Petition of John F. Hutchinson and others, of Lunenburg and King's Counties.
 Joseph Long and others, of Horton.
 William McKettrick and others, of the Western part of Horton.

The Honorable The Attorney General presented to the House several Petitions for aid to Roads in the County of Annapolis.

A Petition of John Hicks and others, of Lower Granville.
 Charles Hudson and others, of the Parker Settlement, Granville.
 Robert Wilson and others, of Dalhousie Settlement.
 William Brown and others, of Wilmot.
 William Crawford and others.
 Bernard Campbell and others, of Dalhousie Settlement.
 James Long and others, of Dalhousie Settlement.

Mr. Thorne presented to the House the Petition of James Young and others, of Granville, for aid to the Shore Road leading Eastward from Young's Cross Road in that Township.

Mr. Huntington presented to the House the Petition of David Churchill and others, for aid to a Road in the County of Yarmouth.

Mr. Clements presented to the House the Petition of Richard Smith and others, of Yarmouth, for aid to the Road from the old Mill site to the Shore on the East side of Chebogue River.

Mr. Heckman presented to the House several Petitions for aid to Roads in the County of Lunenburg.

A Petition of William Marshall and others, of New Germany.

Henry Munro and others, of New Germany.

William Turner, senior, and others, of New Oxford.

B. Zwicker and others, of Northfield.

Philip Wagner and others, of LaHave.

William V. Andrews and others, of Lunenburg.

Mr. Fairbanks presented to the House two Petitions for aid to Roads in Queen's County.

A Petition of Thomas Stubbs and others, of the Eastern side of Port L'Herbert.

Allan T. Freeman and others, of Greenfield and Wellington.

No. 38.

(See Page 230.)

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Central Board of Education beg permission to report to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and the Honorable the General Assembly as follows, viz:—

The Central Board in comparing the Returns embraced in their three former Reports and in the present, comprehending the state of Education during the several years 1841, 1842, 1843, and 1844, have reason to believe that the liberal grants of the Legislature in aid of Schools and the system of regulation by law established for the management of this bounty, have been so far successful, that a steady increase and extension of Education have been and continue to be in progress in almost all sections of the Province.

The Table annexed to this Report will shew the progress in the several years referred to.

The Central Board have caused to be annexed to this Report Tabular Abstracts for the year 1844, shewing the state of the Academies, the Combined Grammar and Common Schools, and of the Common Schools in the several Counties and Districts.

They are happy to observe that these Reports are more full and complete than it was possible to make them heretofore: inasmuch as the Reports and Returns of the several Counties for 1844, have all been received by the Board with the one exception of the County of Richmond. The delays however which still exist in receiving these Returns cause backwardness in the preparation of the Abstracts and of this Report, which might have been ready a month earlier, had the Returns been sent in at the time appointed by law, and the Central Board believe some new enactment to be requisite to ensure a compliance with the law in this particular.

The Central Board conceive that the Academies established by the Act of 1841, to be in some Counties very useful establishments; but in others they find that the objects of that Law are so far defeated, that Schools far below the standard of usefulness contemplated by the Act receive the one hundred Pounds per annum allowed for an Academy: they therefore would most respectfully suggest that Legislative action is particularly requisite, if the system of Academies be continued, to ensure more stringent regulations and precautions, that the money intended to promote the study of the higher branches of knowledge, such as Mathematics, Logic, the Classics and Ancient Languages, &c. should not be paid to Teachers who are deficient either in the knowledge or the zeal required for such Institutions.

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The Board of School Commissioners for the County of Hants appear opposed to the Academies; they say, "The Combined Schools have been the means of securing a better class of Teachers, than could otherwise be had; they have done good and ought to be continued, but the Commissioners cannot see the propriety of establishing an Academy besides, in every County. This is just one more Grammar School, with another name, and a much larger grant of money:" (letter dated 8th Feb. 1845, addressed to the Central Board of Education.) This opinion is yet more strongly expressed in the letter from the Commissioners of Sterling, dated "Tatamagouche, 27th Jan'y, 1845," which says, "The greatest defect in the present existing School Law, as far as can be learned from general expressed opinion, is in what relates to the County Academies. These seem to be doing nothing more than well conducted Grammar Schools, while the expense to the public is double the amount. We would therefore humbly suggest, that the public money now given to these Institutions, should be appropriated for the support of an increased number of Grammar Schools in such situations, as would enable the inhabitants of the remote parts of the country to participate in the benefits resulting from such Schools. We are also of opinion that a small part of the money now granted to the County Academies, would be expended more beneficially, were it used under the direction of the Boards of Commissioners, for the purpose of furnishing such Schools with some simple apparatus for illustrating scientific subjects, including Maps, Globes, Mathematical Instruments, &c."

With respect to Combined Grammar and Common Schools, these appear in many instances to be very excellent establishments, affording education of the most useful kind to large numbers of pupils. Their management is left so much by the present Acts under the discretionary control of the several local Boards of Commissioners, (who have power to establish or suspend them entirely :) that it cannot be other than a good arrangement, wherever the Commissioners feel an interest in education, and bestow attention on the wants of their district.

In the Returns of the Common Schools for the past year, there is a marked increase in the number of Schools kept for very short periods, such as three or six months, receiving a portion of the government allowance; and a growing tendency is also perceptible in many of the Counties to subdivide the grant into very small sums. This no doubt is owing to a spirit of kindness towards Teachers, and a desire more equally to scatter over the land the blessings of education: but a good principle may be pushed too far; and the dividing the government bounty into very small sums of £2 or £3, tends to deprive the Commissioners of a district of the power of giving any effective encouragement or aid to really useful and valuable Teachers; who by perseverance in their occupation become qualified to follow it as a profession. The small amount of remuneration that appears in general to be received by the Teachers of Common Schools, is so far below what would compensate a well qualified Teacher: being little beyond the wages of an able-bodied laboring man; that there can be no doubt that with such slender encouragement those who could teach well have not the necessary stimulus, which fair reward of labor and talent would and ought to supply to make them effective instructors of youth.

The spread of Education may be considered almost universal in the rural districts. There being above 30,000 of the youth of the Country actually receiving instruction at the different Schools; being nearly one-seventh of the whole population; a proportion that in a young country where the inhabitants are scattered over a large surface can rarely be exceeded under any system of education that could be adopted. Much of the education so bestowed is conducted on an inferior system, by Teachers not trained or habituated to their calling, and slenderly recompensed for their exertions.

It is to be observed that in the Capital, and some of the adjacent shore settlements, the proportion of those who are receiving education is far below that of the rest of Nova Scotia. Thus in Halifax, whose population may be reckoned at nearly 20,000, there are in the public Schools only 1295 pupils, and those in the private Schools may be fairly estimated not to exceed 1000.

It would seem above all other things of importance, to raise the character of the Common Schools throughout the Province. In order to this desirable result the Central Board would suggest the very great advantages that might be derived from the establishment of a Normal Academy for the training of Masters and Mistresses of Schools. Such an establishment would of course be attended with expense; but the sum it would annually require would appear trifling, compared with the salutary influence it must speedily exercise over the general state of Education.

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Pictou in their letter addressed to the Secretary of the Central Board, dated 2d January, 1845, say—"We have still to regret that a large proportion of our Teachers are not as well qualified as they ought to be; nor can we discover any effectual remedy for this evil except the establishment of two or three *Normal Schools* for the training of those who are to become instructors of Youth. We hope this subject will engage the attention of the Legislature in framing any future Act. We also regard the great increase of Schools as a serious evil, as it tends to lessen the efficiency of the Teacher, by reducing the amount of his income."

If the Government and Legislature should act on this plan there would be an obvious saving of expense in connecting it with the Royal Acadian School, that being an institution which by the Act of the Province (Act of 1840, 3 Vict. c. 28,) establishing it, is made to be free from peculiar denominational or sectarian religious character, and having an excellent and substantial edifice for the purpose; and on both accounts preferable to any other existing School in the City.

The present advantages conferred on pupils at that School, would not be abridged but rather enlarged by this arrangement: while a Board of Trustees appointed by the Government to superintend the *Normal Academy*, could act in concert with the Corporation of Trustees at present governing the Royal Acadian School.

It is an opinion very prevalent among those who take an interest in matters connected with the public education of the Province, that if it were possible to introduce here the system of Township assessment and management of the Common Schools, which is in such successful operation in Massachusetts, its benefits would prove great and permanent. The Commissioners for the County of Pictou express their opinion, "that no efficient system of Education can be introduced until assessment be adopted,"—but although they say this, they do not appear to think it could *now* be introduced owing to the dislike entertained by the people to direct taxation, and the Commissioners for the County of Sydney, and of Township of Barrington, are decidedly averse to the introduction of assessment at the present time; although the former appear to approve of the principle.

In the absence of such a system, it is most desirable that every inducement should be held out to encourage the inhabitants of each School District to erect good School houses, and keep the Schools on a permanent footing. The existing Laws on the subject of Schools appear in most respects to form an excellent system improved by successive modifications, and to require but a few enactments to secure the regularity and uniformity of the School Returns and Accounts, and more regularity and promptitude in the transmission of these documents to the Central Board or Government.

[The opinions expressed by many of the Boards of Commissioners are very much in favor of the general system of enactments at present in force; particularly the Commissioners for Queen's and Sydney Counties.] It would seem advantageous to require that the Returns and Accounts of each district or Board of Commissioners or Trustees for the preceding half year, should be transmitted in the form required by law, before they should be entitled to draw any further sums from the Treasury.

It has been suggested by the Commissioners for Colchester, that it would be desirable to authorise the Commissioners for each County or District, to expend a certain sum in the purchase of School Books, to be afterwards sold for the use of the children in the Schools under their supervision. The existing Acts only allowing £5, which is quite inadequate for the purpose.

The Commissioners for Hants in the Letter before referred to, say "Whatever the new School Act be, let a sufficient number of Copies be printed at the expense of the Province, that every District may be furnished with a Copy, and that the people may know exactly what they are required to do, and what they may expect." This suggestion appears very judicious, and as there are 935 Teachers, it will require an Edition of about 1,000 Copies of the Act. If adopted it would be better that they should be printed in a convenient *Pamphlet* form. The Central Board also beg permission to transmit with the other documents, the Correspondence which has taken place in consequence of the Resolution of the House of Assembly, passed 19th April, 1844, requiring certain information from the several Boards of Commissioners and Trustees, respecting the state of Education. The replies of several of these Boards contain suggestions of great value, some of which have been herein cited already.

The Central Board would also respectfully refer to their *three* former Reports and the Tables and Abstracts appended thereto; which will be found printed in the Appendices to the Journals of the House of Assembly for the years 1842, 1843, and 1844, in which, from time to time, the Board has offered many suggestions respecting the progress of Education, and the obstacles that impede it; and among other points conceive it their duty not to lose sight of the great destitution of the means of Education among the many inhabitants of the scattered Settlements in the harbors of the Eastern Coast of the Province between Halifax and Canso, a long extent of Coast where but few Schools exist, very recently established, while in many places the inhabitants have grown up and are growing up without the slightest access to instruction of any kind.

J. W. JOHNSTON,
MICH'L. TOBIN,
JOSEPH HOWE,
BEAMISH MURDOCH.

Halifax, March 10th, 1845.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF COMMON SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 1844.

County or District.	SCHOLARS.		INCOME.			SCHOLARS.			SCHOLARS.		Remarks.
	No. of Schools.	Paid.	Free.	From People.	From Treas'y.	Total.	Male.	Fem.	Total.		
Halifax, Western } exclusive of City. }	23	1065	152	£661 13 6	£161 6 11	£823 0 5	663	554	1217		
Halifax, Eastern,	22	699	30	435 10 10	142 3 8	577 14 6	395	334	729		
Colchester,	48	1217	58	1068 8 7	285 0 0	1353 8 7	723	552	1275		
Sterling,	11	393	15	181 19 2	35 10 0*	217 9 2	223	185	408		
Pictou,	79	3637	260	1928 10 0	479 18 8	2408 8 8	2189	1708	3897		
Sydney,	40	1079	100	955 17 6	334 18 8	1290 16 2	662	517	1179		
Guysborough,	25	736	88	465 13 11	222 5 0	687 18 11	462	362	824		
St. Mary's,	13	302	36	145 16 10	74 18 4½	220 15 2½	194	144	338		
Hants,	50	1592	159	1107 16 2	351 10 10	1459 7 0	920	831	1751		
King's,	83	1558	153	1157 15 6	326 13 4	1484 8 10	961	750	1711		
Annapolis,	70	1804	358	1809 0 0	388 12 9½	2197 12 9½	1136	1026	2162		
Digby,	34	829	139	551 12 8	163 0 0	714 12 8	560	408	968		
Clare,	13	273	31	217 15 10	60 15 4*	278 11 2	179	125	304		
Yarmouth,	30	773	170	824 13 9	234 11 4½	1059 5 1½	526	417	943		
Argyle,	18	369	115	472 6 8	121 12 7	593 19 3	272	212	484		
Shelburne,	20	445	37	349 5 0	95 12 10*	444 17 10	278	204	482		
Barrington,	27	561	74	313 0 0	151 8 9	464 8 9	356	279	635		
Queen's,	28	753	9	539 10 0	206 0 0	745 10 0	447	315	762		
Lunenburg,	51	1349	125	1177 4 6	335 15 3	1512 19 9	828	646	1474		
Cumberland,	54	1475	164	1257 18 8	360 15 2	1618 13 10	876	763	1639		
Cape Breton,	47	1501	67	1109 19 8	338 19 8	1448 19 4	881	687	1568		
Richmond,	22	539	73	447 17 9	294 0 0	741 17 9	342	270	612		
Inverness,	44	1643	108	1234 11 8	404 12 3	1639 3 11	984	767	1751		
	857	24592	2521	£18413 18 2	£5570 1 5½	£23983 19 7½	15057	12056	27113		

*1st half yearly allowance from Treasury.

*1st half yearly allowance—2nd half not received from Treasury when Returns were made up.

*Provincial allowance last half year not yet distributed.

From Returns of 1842.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF COMBINED GRAMMAR AND COMMON SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 1844.

County or District.	No of Schools.	SCHOLARS.		INCOME.			SCHOLARS.			Remarks.
		Paid.	Free.	From People.	From Treasry.	Total.	Male.	Fem.	Total.	
Halifax, Western } exclusive of City. }	2	123	13	£123 10 6	£66 19 6	£190 10 0	97	39	136	
Halifax, Eastern,	2	121	1	120 0 0	79 10 0	199 10 0	73	49	122	
Colchester,	2	86	4	100 0 0	70 0 0	170 0 0	51	39	90	
Sterling,	1	55	0	82 10 10	*25 2 6	107 13 4	39	16	55	*1st. half yearly allowance only given.
Pictou,	3	156	10	262 0 0	115 8 4	377 8 4	93	73	166	
Sydney,	1	41	3	40 0 0	23 15 0	63 15 0	24	20	44	
Guysborough,	2	66	17	80 0 0	47 15 0	127 15 0	47	36	83	
St. Mary's,	1	47	0	30 0 0	21 0 0	51 0 0	28	19	47	Kept 6 months only.
Hants,	3	147	20	202 10 0	113 15 0	316 5 0	111	56	167	
King's,	4	156	18	381 10 0	176 10 0	558 0 0	97	77	174	
Annapolis,	2	88	12	175 0 0	70 0 0	245 0 0	81	19	100	
Digby,	2	73	12	157 0 0	85 0 0	242 0 0	55	30	85	
Clare,										
Yarmouth,	1	30	11	55 0 0	42 1 7	97 1 7	23	18	41	
Argyle,										
Shelburne,	1	38	5	55 0 0	50 17 6	105 17 6	25	18	43	
Barrington,	3	121	7	210 0 0	131 5 0	341 5 0	98	30	128	
Queen's,	2	123	16	156 0 0	98 6 6	254 6 6	78	61	139	
Lunenburg,	4	149	17	194 13 4	130 18 8	325 12 0	131	35	166	
Cumberland,	3	174	8	152 0 0	126 13 6	278 13 6	109	73	182	
Cape Breton,										
Richmond,	3	115	6	162 3 6	85 0 0	247 3 6	68	53	121	
Inverness,										
	42	1909	180	£2738 18 2	£1559 18 1	£4298 16 3	1328	761	2089	

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF COMMON SCHOOLS AND COMBINED SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 1844.

County or District.	No. of Schools.	SCHOLARS.		INCOME.			SCHOLARS.			Remarks.	
		Paid.	Free.	From People.	From Treas'y.	Total.	Male.	Fem.	Total.		
											SCHOLARS.
Halifax, Western } exclusive of City. }	30	1188	165	£785 4 0	£228 6 5	£1013 10 5	760	593	1353	*1st half year's allowance only given in their Returns to C. B. of Education. *Last half year's allowance not distributed when returns were sent in. Proportion of Free Scholars paid of those above 10 per cent. on the whole amount. Taken from Returns of 1842.	
Halifax, Eastern,	24	820	31	555 10 10	221 13 8	777 4 6	468	383	851		
Colchester,	50	1303	62	1168 8 7	355 0 0	1523 8 7	774	591	1365		
Sterling,	12	448	15	264 10 0	60 12 6*	325 2 6	262	201	463		
Pictou,	82	3793	270	2190 10 0	595 7 0	2785 17 0	2282	1781	4063		
Sydney,	41	1120	103	995 17 6	358 13 8	1354 11 2	687	536	1223		
Guysborough,	27	802	105	545 13 11	270 0 0	815 13 11	509	398	907		
St. Mary's,	14	349	36	175 16 10	95 18 4½	271 15 2½	222	163	385		
Hants,	53	1739	179	1310 6 2	465 5 10	1775 12 0	1031	887	1918		
Kings,	87	1714	171	1539 5 6	503 3 4	2042 8 10	1059	826	1885		
Annapolis,	72	1892	370	1984 0 0	458 12 9½	2442 12 9½	1217	1045	2262		
Digby,	36	902	151	708 12 8	248 0 0	956 12 8	615	438	1053		
Clare,	13	273	31	217 15 10	60 15 4	278 11 2	179	125	304		
Yarmouth,	30	773	170	824 13 9	234 11 4½	1059 5 1½	526	417	943		
Argyle,	19	399	126	527 6 8	163 14 2	691 0 10	295	230	525		
Shelburne,	20	445	37	349 5 0	95 12 10*	444 17 10	278	204	482		
Barrington,	28	599	79	368 0 0	202 6 3	570 6 3	381	297	678		
Queen's,	31	874	16	749 10 0	337 5 0	1086 15 0	545	345	890		
Lunenburg,	53	1472	141	1333 4 6	434 1 9	1767 6 3	906	707	1613		
Cumberland,	58	1624	181	1452 12 0	491 13 10	1944 5 10	1007	798	1805		
Cape Breton,	50	1675	75	1261 19 8	465 13 2	1727 12 10	983	767	1750		
Richmond,	22	539	73	447 17 9	294 0 0	741 17 9	343	269	612		
Inverness,	47	1758	114	1396 15 2	489 12 3	1886 7 5	1051	821	1872		
	899	26501	2701	£21152 16 4	£7129 19 6½	£28282 15 10½	16380	12822	29202		

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF ACADEMIES FOR THE YEAR 1844.

Name of County.	Name of Teacher.	SCHOLARS.					INCOME OF ACADEMY.						
		Classics.	Mathematics.	Other Branches.	Paid.	Free.	Total.	From People.	From Treasury.	Total.			
Colchester (at Truro.)	Mr. Edward Blanchard,	11	11	48	70	70	£48	34	£100	00	£148	34	
	Caleb A. Shreve,			13	13	5	19	15	100	00	119	15	
Guysborough,	Charles W. Leaver, £100, and P. O'Brien, £60.	15	10	45	64	6	60	00	100	00	160	00	
	Sydney (at Antig'she.)	15	10	3	28	28	66	00	75	00	141	00	
Annapolis,	Mr. Forbes,												
	(No Return.)												
Albion,	(Mr. Loudett),	12	0	27	39	39			100	00	100	00	
	Mr. and Mrs. King, 9 months, £206 10 7,	21	12	42	71	4	105	57	101	50	249	167	
Digby,	Mr. McCulloch, and Mr. McIver, 2 mos. £43 6 0,								22	10			
	Yarmouth,	1	2	45	41	7	16	39	100	00	116	39	
Shelburne,	James G. Allen,								100	00	210	00	
	Queen's, (at Liverp'l.)	14	0	14	40	11	110	00	100	00	210	00	
Lunenburg,	James Breading, £150, Malachi Freeman, £60.								135	00	135	00	
	Rev. J. C. Cochran,	12	4	8	20	4	60	00	100	00	160	00	
Clifton (at Sydney.)	Rev. O. S. Weeks,												
	Richmond (at Arichat)	10	0	35	45	45	75	00	100	00	175	00	
Inverness (at P. Hood)	(No Return.)												
	Mr. G. B. Watson, £120, Mr. James McDonald, £55.												
		111	49	267	431	51	£581	38	1133	15	0	£1714	188

REMARK.—Rev. Mr. Cochran's Salary is £83 5 0, and the remaining £50 is paid to Mr. Lawson, Teacher of the Combined School, Lunenburg.

RETURNS OF COMBINED SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 1844.

County or District.	Name of Teacher.	SCHO. LARS.		INCOME.				CHILDREN		Remarks.			
		Paid.	Free.	From People.	FROM TREASURY.			Male.	Female.				
					Common Allowance.	Combi'd Allow'ce.	Total.						
Halifax, Western, } exclusive of City. }	James Davison, Sackville,	71	9	£66 10	3	£ 8 11	0	£24 18 9	£100 0	0	49	31	80
Halifax, Eastern,	Henry Brown, Dartmouth,	52	4	57 0	3	8 11	0	24 18 9	90 10	0	48	8	56
“	James Watson, Musquodobit,	60	0	80 0	0	13 10	0	30 12 6	124 2	6	36	24	60
“	Thomas Robinson, Musquodobit,	61	1	40 0	0	13 10	0	21 17 6	75 7	6	37	25	62
Colchester,	H. V. Upham, 1st hf. year } J. W. McNutt, 2d hf. do. } low. }	31	2	25 0	0	11 6 10½	0	not returned.	36 6	10½	23	10	33
“	Thos. O'Brien, Salmon R., Truro,	55	2	52 0	0	not returned.	0	not returned.	52 0	0	28	29	57
Stirling,	J. Currie, Fatmagouche,	55	0	82 10	10	7 12 6	0	17 10 0	107 13	4	39	16	55
Pictou,	W. Jack,	52	1	76 0	0	8 0 0	0	35 0 0	119 0	0	53	0	53
“	B. Bell, and Rev. J. Stewart,	39	7	120 0	0	7 6 8	0	32 1 8	159 8	4	46	0	46
“	R. Grant,	65	2	66 0	0	8 0 0	0	25 0 0	99 0	0	67	0	67
Sydney,	William Kelly,	41	3	40 0	0	9 17 6	0	23 15 0	63 15	0	44	0	44
Guyborough,	Samuel R. Russell,	37	12	30 0	0	5 7 6	0	20 0 0	59 17	6	49	0	49
“	Thomas Hardy, half year,	29	5	50 0	0	8 10 0	0	12 10 0	67 17	6	34	0	34
St. Mary's,	A. P. McKenzie, (6 months,)	47	0	30 0	0	11 0 0	0	35 0 0	51 0	0	28	19	47
Hants,	Geo. F. McDonald, Newport,	59	10	75 15	0	11 0 0	0	23 15 0	120 0	0	39	30	69
“	W. Saunders, Walton, Petite, Kempt	42	8	60 0	0	11 0 0	0	23 15 0	94 15	0	50	0	50
“	T. C. Smith, 1st half year, }	46	2	66 15	0	11 0 0	0	23 15 0	101 10	0	34	14	48
“	S. D. Brown, 2nd half year, }	46	2	66 15	0	11 0 0	0	23 15 0	101 10	0	34	14	48
King's,	Geo. E. Barnaby,	69	0	0	0	12 10 0	0	35 0 0	116 10	0	40	0	40
“	R. F. Brine,	48	6	160 0	0	12 10 0	0	35 0 0	207 10	0	54	0	54
“	W. Somerville,	92	10	0	0	12 10 0	0	35 0 0	140 0	0	50	0	50
“	James H. Jacques,	60	0	0	0	9 0 0	0	25 0 0	94 0	0	30	0	30
Annapolis,	William Shipley, Bridgetown,	49	8	85 0	0	35 0 0	0	35 0 0	120 0	0	45	12	57
“	A. Henderson, Annapolis,	39	4	90 0	0	35 0 0	0	35 0 0	125 0	0	16	7	43

RETURNS OF COMBINED SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 1844.

County or District.	Name of Teacher.	SCHOLARS.		INCOME.						Male.	Female.	Total.	Remarks.		
		Paid.	Free.	From People.	FROM TREASURY.			Total.							
					Common Allowance.	Combin'd Allow'ce.	Total.								
Digby,	J. Hood, Digby Township,	26	4	£72 0	0	£17 0	0	£25 0	0	£114 0	0	22	8	30	
"	C. H. Tucker, Westport,	47	8	85 0	0	13 0	0	30 0	0	128 0	0	33	22	55	
Clare,	None.														
Yarmouth,	None.														
Argyle,	James M. Potter,	30	11	55 0	0	15 19	1	26 2	6	97 1	7			41	
Shelburne,	None.														
Warrington,	W. Melville & A. Doane,	38	5	55 0	0	15 17	6	35 0	0	105 17	6			43	
Queen's,	W. Bryden, Upper Port Medway,	39	3	100 0	0	20 0	0	25 0	0	145 0	0	36	6	42	
	J. W. McKinnow, Mill Village,	53	0	55 0	0	20 0	0	25 0	0	100 0	0	40	13	52	
	T. Bryden, Pleasant River,	29	4	55 0	0	18 16	8	22 18	4	96 5	0	22	11	33	
Life Capone,	*W. B. Lawson, Town of Lu-	38	16	80 0	0	19 0	0	33 5	0	132 5	0			54	*Receives £50 from the Academy Grant.
Life Capone,	nenburg,														
Life Capone,	J. W. Munro, Town of Chester,	85		76 0	0	12 16	6	33 5	0	122 1	6			83	
Life Capone,	John C. Phillips, River Philip,	44	6	75 0	0	11 15	0	35 0	0	121 15	0	32	18	50	
Life Capone,	John Matherson, 6 months,	33	4	25 0	0	6 5	0	17 10	0	48 15	0	28	9	37	6 months.
Life Capone,	Thomas Woodman,	33	7	70 0	0	10 2	0	35 0	0	115 2	0	40	0	40	4 months.
Life Capone,	Basil Bell,	39	0	24 13	4	3 13	4	11 13	4	40 0	0	31	8	39	
Life Capone,	Alexr. Munro & Mrs. Munro,	106	5	80 0	0	7 4	6	35 0	0	122 4	6	65	46	111	
Life Capone,	Norman M'Leod & Peggy M'Leod	68	3	72 0	0	7 4	6	35 0	0	114 4	6	44	27	71	
Life Capone,	Revd. James Newton,	not given in ret'ns													
Life Capone,	No returns.	75 0 0													
Life Capone,	A. J. McPherson, Ship Harbor,	34	4			10 0	0	50 0	0	50 0	0			38	No Returns.
Life Capone,	Isaac McLeod, Hillsborough,	47	2	57 10	0	17 10	0	between the three, subdivis'n						47	
Life Capone,	William Ayre, Broad Cove,	34	0	29 13	6	7 10	0	not given in returns or act.						34	

SCHOOLS

SCHOOLS IN THE CITY OF HALIFAX RECEIVING AID FROM THE PROVINCIAL TREASURY, FOR THE YEAR 1844.

Name of School.	Name of Teachers.	SCHOLARS.				Provincial Allowance	Income from Other Sources.	Principal's Salary.	Assist'nt's Salary.	Total Salary paid to Teachers.
		Boys	Girls	Paid.	Free.					
Halifax Grammar School, National School,	Rev. J. T. Twining, D.D. Principal, Mr. & Mrs. Maxwell,	60 120	0 130	50 60	10 190	£150 0 0 100 0 0	£70 Tuition Fees. £60 Tuition Fees, private subscriptions £34, Expenses £44.	£120 0 0 150 0 0	£100 0 0	£220 0 0 150 0 0
Acadian School,	Mr. Selden, Principal,	61	66	66	61	100 0 0	£66 Tuition Fees, Expenses £30.	106 0 0	30 0 0	136 0 0
St. George's Parish School	Mr. Clarke and Miss Brehm,	80	40	20	100	100 0 0	£15 Tuition Fees, Expenses £10.	75 0 0	30 0 0	105 0 0
The Wesleyan School,	Mr. & Mrs. Crosskill,	42	46	38	50	100 0 0	£94 Tuition Fees, £36 Expenses.	158 0 0		158 0 0
The Catholic School, St. Mary's,	Mr. Js. Fitzgerald, male departm't, Mrs. Deb. McSwiney, female do.	241 0	236	64	177	100 0 0	£47 13 3½ Tuition do. including back dues. £1 2 6 Tuition do., Expenses £7 3 8.	97 13 3½ 40 0 0	12 0 0	149 13 3½
" Infant School,	Miss E. Tidmarsh, Principal,	50	50	0	100	50 0 0	£35 Subscriptions, £23 expenses, and charities to the Scholars.	50 0 0	12 0 0	62 0 0
" African School,	Mr. & Mrs. Gallagher,	45	28	4	69	100 0 0	£50 from Dr. Brag's Associates—£1 15 subscribed by Parents of children. £3 10 benevolent persons, Expenses of school. £22 8 6	92 16 6	40 0 0	132 16 6
		699	596	306	989	£800 0 0	£313 9 9½	£389 9 9½	£224 0 0	£1113 9 9½

AVERAGE

AVERAGE INCOMES OF TEACHERS, AND AVERAGE COST OF PUPILS, IN SCHOOLS RECEIVING PROVINCIAL AID IN NOVA SCOTIA IN THE YEAR 1844.

No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Pupil.	Average of Teacher's Income.			Average Cost of each Pupil.		
			From Pupil.	From Prov'ce.	Total.	To Parents.	To Prov'ce.	Total.
11 Academies,	15	482	£38	£75	£114	£1	£2	£3
42 Combined Schools,	46	2089	59	33	93	6	14	20
8 Public Schools in the City,	17	1295	18	47	65	8	11	19
28 Com. Schools, Halifax, Western } Exclusive of City, }	28	1217	23	5	29	12	7	19
do. Eastern, }	22	729	19	6	26	15	10	25
Do. Colchester,	48	1275	22	5	28	10	10	20
Do. Stirling,	11	408	16	10	19	15	4	19
Do. Pictou,	79	3897	24	9	30	10	11	21
Do. Sydney,	40	1179	23	7	31	15	4	19
Do. Guysborough,	25	824	18	8	27	6	4	10
Do. St. Mary's,	13	338	11	4	16	19	7	26
Do. Hants,	50	1751	22	3	29	3	8	11
Do. King's,	83	1711	13	15	17	10	5	15
Do. Annapolis,	70	2162	25	16	31	6	4	10
Do. Digby,	34	968	16	4	21	0	4	4
Do. Clare,	13	304	16	15	21	8	5	13
Do. Yarmouth,	30	943	27	9	35	6	1	7
Do. Argyle,	18	484	26	4	32	19	11	30
Do. Shelburne,	20	482	17	9	22	4	10	14
Do. Barrington,	27	635	11	11	17	4	0	4
Do. Queen's,	28	762	19	5	26	12	5	17
Do. Lunenburg,	51	1474	23	1	29	13	3	16
Do. Cumberland,	54	1639	23	5	29	19	5	24
Do. Cape Breton,	47	1568	23	12	30	16	7	23
Do. Richmond,	22	612	20	7	33	14	5	19
Do. Inverness,	44	1751	28	1	37	5	1	6
857 Average of all the Common } Schools, }	857	27113	21	9	27	19	8	27
918 Average of all the Schools men- } tioned above, }	935	30979	22	15	34	12	0	12

(Taken from returns of 1842.)
N. B. The number of Schools kept only for 6 or 3 months, and the increase of female teachers have lowered these averages very much.

BEAMISH MURDOCH,
Clerk of Central Board of Education.

Table referred to in the Report of Central Board of Education for the Year 1844, shewing Comparative progress of Schools during 1841, 1842, 1843 and 1844.

			INCOME.										
			No. of Schools.	No. of Scholars.	From People.			From Treas'y.			Total.		
					£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
Common Schools,	1841,	624	20734	£16911	9	0	£5979	5	11	£22138	14	4	
do. do.	1842,	789	25797	17484	14	6½	5749	12	3	22847	9	0½	
do. do.	1843,	878	26778	19600	6	9½	5863	6	4½	25463	13	2	
do. do.	1844,	857	27113	18413	18	2	5570	1	5½	23983	19	7½	
Combined, do.	1841,	33	1888	2399	12	0	1357	18	11	3687	10	0	
do. do.	1842,	42	1894	2883	8	6	1620	16	3	4365	9	6	
do. do.	1843,	41	2253	2835	2	1	1583	17	3	4418	19	4	
do. do.	1844,	42	2089	2738	18	2	1559	18	1	4298	16	3	
Academies,	1841,	7	298	331	19	9	680	0	0	1011	19	9	
do.	1842,	9	424	625	0	10	960	0	0	1285	0	10	
do.	1843,	10	419	481	17	2	1053	16	8	1535	13	10	
do.	1844,	11	482	581	3	8	1133	15	0	1714	18	8	
Schools in City,	1841,	not returned											
do. do.	1842,	7	1037	(not returned)			700	0	0				
do. do.	1843,	7	971	do.			700	0	0				
do. do.	1844,	8	1295	313	9	9½	800	0	0	1113	9	9½	

BEAMISH MURDOCH,

Clerk of Central Board of Education.

GENERAL RESULT 1844.

	NO. OF SCHOLARS.		INCOME.				SCHOLARS.		
	Paid.	Free	From People.	From Treasury	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	
									Schools	Total.
Common Schools,	24592	2521	£18413 18 2	£5570 1 5	£23983 19 7	15057	12056	27113	
Combined Schools,	1909	180	2738 18 2	1559 18 1	4298 16 3	1328	761	2089	
Academies,	491	51	581 3 8	1133 15 0	1714 18 8	482		482	
Schools in City,	306	989	313 9 9½	800 0 0	1113 9 9	699	596	1295	
	27238	3741	£22047 9 9½	£9063 14 6½	£31111 4 4	17566	13413	30979	

Totals for 1844.
 Schools, 918
 Teachers, 935
 Scholars, 30,979
 Income, £31,111 4 4

BEAMISH MURDOCH,
 Clerk of Central Board of Education.

Halifax, 10th March, 1845.

No. 39.

(See Page 281.)

DR. *Account of the Receipts and Payments of Her Majesty's Casual Revenue in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, for the half year ended 30th June, 1844.*

1844.		Sterling.	Currency.
March 31.—Paid Harbor Master at Sydney arrears of Salary to 31st. December, 1843,		£86 13 4	£108 6 8
Surveyor General of Cape Breton, arrears of Office Rent ditto,		13 17 4	17 6 8
June 30.—Paid Lieut. Governor's allowance for Contingencies for the half year,		100 0 0	125 0 0
Private Secretary of Lieut. Governor, Salary for the half year,		125 0 0	156 5 0
Miss Cox, her Pension for the half year with premium,		50 4 0	62 15 0
Mr. James' Salary as Chief Clerk in Secretary's Office,		125 0 0	156 5 0
Mr. Keating, Salary as Clerk in ditto,		80 0 0	100 0 0
Mr. Pyke, ditto,		50 0 0	62 10 0
Messenger,		5 10 4 4-5	6 18 0
Mr. Thompson, for Printing,		3 17 2 2-5	4 16 6
Mr. Beicher, for Stationery for Secretary's Office,		8 12 1 3-5	10 15 2
Mr. Elliot, Naval Storekeeper, for a Flag supplied for Governor-in-Chief,		0 13 0 4-5	0 16 4
Two-fifths of the Salaries or Allowances due to the following Officers respectively for the half year ending this day.			
Lieutenant Governor,		300 0 0	375 0 0
Chief Justice,		200 0 0	250 0 0
Provincial Secretary,		200 0 0	250 0 0
3 Puisne Judges, each £34 sterling,		102 0 0	127 10 0
Master of the Rolls,		34 0 0	42 10 0
do. for Crier, Fuel, &c.		6 0 0	7 10 0
Attorney General,		120 0 0	150 0 0
Clerk of the Crown,		20 0 0	25 0 0
Surveyor General of Nova Scotia,		30 0 0	37 10 0
do. Cape Breton,		20 0 0	25 0 0
do. do. office rent,		3 4 0	4 0 0
Superintendent of Mines,		20 0 0	25 0 0
Harbor Master,		20 0 0	25 0 0
		£1724 11 5 3-5	£2155 14 4

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1844		Sterling.	Currency.
Jan'y. 1.—Received Balance		£0 0 7 1-5	£0 0 9
March 6.—Surplus proceeds of Sales of Crown Lands in Cape Breton, in 1843,		137 2 4	171 7 11
Fees on Commissions sent in 1843 to Mr. Crawley,		6 7 4	8 11 8
			June

June 30.—Rent of H. M. Mines in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton for the half year ended this day,	£1333 6 8	£1666 13 4
Rent of Mines under the late Duke of York's Lease, for the year ended 24th June, instant,	1 0 0	1 5 0
Premium on the two preceding Sums payable in dollars, but paid in Provincial paper money (2½d per dollar,)	55 11 10 2-5	69 9 10
Fees paid at the Secretary's Office,	174 16 1 3-5	218 10 2
Balance due to the Treasurer,	15 16 6 2-5	19 15 8
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	£1724 11 5 3-4	£2155 14 4

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

DR. *Account of Receipts and Payments of Her Majesty's Casual Revenue in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, for the half year ending 31st December, 1844.*

1844		Sterling.	Currency.
Dec'r. 31.	Paid Balance due to the Treasurer, 1st July, 1844,	£15 16 6 2-5	£19 5 8
	Lieut. Governor's Allowance for Contingencies,	100 0 0	125 0 0
	Private Secretary of Lieut. Governor, Salary for half year,	125 0 0	156 5 0
	Miss Cox's Pension, with premium of exchange,	50 17 9 3-5	63 12 3
	Mr. James, 1st Clerk Secretary's Office, half year's Salary,	125 0 0	156 5 0
	Mr. Keating, 2nd do.	80 0 0	100 0 0
	Mr. Pyke, 3rd do.	50 0 0	62 10 0
	Messenger (£6 18 0) and Fuel of Secretary's Office,	12 15 9 3-5	15 19 9
	Mr. Belcher, Stationery for Lieut. Governor for the year,	25 9 2 2-5	31 16 6
	do. do. for Secretary, for half year,	9 8 10 2-5	11 16 1
	Mr. McKenzie, £2 16 9, Mr. McKinlay, £0 10 3 do.,	2 13 7 1-5	3 7 0
	Surveyor General, C. B., balance of Salary for 1844,	60 0 0	75 0 0
	do. balance of Office Rent, 1844,	12 16 0	16 0 0
	Superintendent of Mines, balance of Salary, 1844,	60 0 0	75 0 0
	Harbor Master, C. B. bal. of Salary 1844,	60 0 0	75 0 0
	Solicitor General, Salary 14 Nov. to 31 Dec.	12 15 4 4-5	15 19 3
	Master of the Rolls, balance of allowance for Crier, and Fuel of Chancery and Admiralty Courts for 1844,	24 0 0	30 0 0

Dec'r. 31. Paid Two-fifths of Salaries or allowances of the following Officers—						
Lieut. Governor,	300	0	0	375	0	0
Chief Justice,	200	0	0	250	0	0
3 Puisne Judges, each £42 10 0,	102	0	0	127	10	0
Master of the Rolls,	34	0	0	42	10	0
Attorney General,	120	0	0	150	0	0
Clerk of the Crown,	20	0	0	25	0	0
Provincial Secretary,	200	0	0	250	0	0
Surveyor General Nova Scotia,	30	0	0	37	10	0
Balance,	54	14	2 2-5	68	7	9
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	£1887	7	4 4-5	£2359	4	3

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1844.							
Dec'r. 31.—Received	Rent of H. M. Mines in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, for the half year ending this day,	£1333	6	8	£1666	13	4
	Premium on dollars received in payment of ditto,	55	11	0 4-5	69	8	10
	Fees received at Secretary's Office for half year,	235	6	8	294	3	4
	Fees received at Syd- ney, C. B. in 1844 £34 17 1 less Mr. Crawley's commission, 1 14 10	26	9	9 3-5	33	2	3
	Surplus proceeds of sales Crown Lands in Nova Scotia Proper for the year 1844,	85	14	5 3-5	107	3	1
	Ditto in Cape Breton for ditto,	150	18	8 4-5	188	13	5
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		£1887	7	4 4-5	£2359	4	3

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

Halifax, 1st February, 1845.

No. 40.

(See Page 281.)

I beg leave to make the following Report of that part of Windsor Road I have had charge of the last year from Halifax County Line to Montague Farm. I examined the state of that part in the autumn, and from the County Line to Pentz's Inn it is in a very rough state, partly owing to an alteration talked of from Fitzmaurice's to Pentz's, in consequence of which very little repairs have been made on that part. From Pentz's to Lakelands it is likewise in a bad state, particularly the long bog at Mount Uniacke, which is almost completely worn through and requires a covering with hard materials, and what will add to the expense, there is neither gravel or common earth to be got on either side unless conveyed a great distance. The only way to have this part permanently repaired is to have stone broken by contract, and first put on a coarse coat and then a fine, such

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as is used in Macadamising. The probable expense, three tons to the rod, would be from ten to twelve shillings. From Lakelands to Montague Farm it is in a better state, but requires repairs. I beg leave to bring under the notice of the Legislature a small alteration in the Road which has been explored, planned and reported to Government a few years ago, near the late Jacob Pentz's old house, the distance of the proposed new line 144 rods, the present road 166 rods, which shortens the distance 22 rods, and is very level. The present Road requires a good deal of repairs, a steep hill on one side and the other, a long slant of hill and very much subject to drifts in winter. To make it a complete Road, 24 feet wide, the probable expence would be about twenty shillings per rod, the expence of damage for land would not be much if any thing. The small sum allowed last year for this line was only sufficient to put up and repair the bridges, open drains, and to make some partial repairs. The travelling of heavy teams, added to that of so many coaches and other conveyances, renders it impossible to keep the Windsor Road in anything like a good travelling state with the small sums allowed for its repair. It has often been reported that a more systematic plan should be adopted to keep the main roads in a good state of repair, where so much heavy traffic is carried on, as is the case with Windsor Road throughout the year. The general Road Act may answer very well for the common Roads, but that Act limits the time money is to be expended, and when that is done the main Roads in spring and autumn receive great damage, for the want of some person whose business should be to attend to that duty, a small sum would do more to prevent damage if attended to at a proper time, whereas if neglected would require a large sum to make good the damage, besides this, materials could be procured during the winter, such as broken stone, &c., and would be ready to be put on early in the spring, and poor people would be benefited in the winter at a time when they have little to do.

DANIEL WIER,
Commissioner.

Windsor Road, February 6, 1845.

To His Excellency The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, COUNCIL, and HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

I beg leave to offer a few remarks on the great Roads leading to the Capital, in order that they may be kept in a constant state of repair throughout the year.

As all parts of the Country east and west have the benefit of the two Great Roads leading from Truro East and Kentville West, all are more or less benefited and interested in having those Roads in a perfect state. Therefore these Roads should be considered in a different view from any others in the Province.

The great quantity of Agricultural produce that is unavoidably conveyed to Halifax market along these Roads, and the heavy coaches which are continually travelling, causes more than ten times the traffic than on any other road in the Province, and many parts of these two Great Roads very little Statute Labour, and are much more expensive to repair, render it an impossibility to keep them in any thing like a good state of repair with the small sums that are annually allowed.

The system at present in operation is defective, the Law relating to the expenditure of money for Roads and Bridges may answer for common roads, which limit the time of expenditure, and is very proper in most cases, but on those Great Roads should be differently regulated.

The plan suggested to pass a specific Act to remain in force the whole year, and altho' the greater part of the money should be expended within a limited time, the Commissioner to be empowered at all times when necessary to attend to the repair of any casualties that may be required either to Roads or Bridges under his charge; to prepare materials by contract, such as broken stone and timber for bridges, which would be ready for the Spring and at a much cheaper rate than could be done in the Summer; all to be done by contract, under the present system these Roads are neglected for the want of a supervision, and if properly

properly attended at certain seasons would save much money in preventing injury by heavy rains, and by keeping the water off the roads, particularly when the snow and ice are breaking up in the Spring. According to the proposed system a Commissioner or Supervisor could take charge of the whole line of Road from Sackville to Kentville or to Truro, and be responsible to the Government, and make his Report annually during the Sitting of the Legislature, to carry this plan into perfect operation after the Road was put in a good state of repair, subdivided into three, four or five mile Lots, and let to be kept in that state, and the Statute Labour could be brought into the same plan by the Commissioners having an understanding with the Overseers of Roads.

Should this subject be considered, and a new system be carried into effect, and my long services and experience in Road making give me a claim, living as I do about half way from Sackville to Kentville, could afford to perform the duty of Commissioner or Supervisor lower than any other differently situated.

DANIEL WIER.

Windsor Road, March 8th, 1845.

No. 41.

(See Page 282.)

The Committee to whom were referred the several Petitions from the Overseers of the Poor for the different Townships, and others, praying to be reimbursed certain Sums of Money expended by them in support of Transient Paupers, beg leave to report and to recommend to the House to grant the following Sums, viz:—

To Doctor Benjamin Page, of Amherst, for Medical attendance on Indians,	£7	0	0
“ Doctor Charles Tupper, of Amherst, for Medical attendance on Indians,	3	0	0
“ Doctor Ebenezer Annan, Liverpool, for Medical attendance on Indians,	13	4	9
“ Robert Currie, Shelburne, for aid to Transient Paupers,	10	0	0
“ The Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Egerton, County of Pictou,	7	19	7½
“ Doctor Edward L. Brown, Horton, for Medical attendance on Indians,	3	0	0
“ The Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Cornwallis, - - -	10	16	9
“ Doctor William Slocomb, Lunenburg, for Medical attendance on Indians and others, - - - - -	7	18	6
“ The Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Annapolis, - - -	24	2	9
“ The Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Newport, - - -	10	2	0
“ The Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Yarmouth, (£10 of which to be paid to Doctor Farish) - - - - -	27	8	5
“ The Overseers of the Poor for Township of Digby, - - - - -	13	4	3
“ The Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Granville, (£2 of which to be paid to Dr. Oakes) - - - - -	22	6	10
“ The Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Windsor, - - -	8	7	3
“ The Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Pictou, - - -	22	0	0
“ The Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Barrington, - - -	9	11	9
“ The Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Arisaig, County of Sydney, - - - - -	4	17	11
“ John Rude £9 4 0 and to John Quillinan £4 12 0, for bringing Shipwrecked Seamen from Labrador to Halifax, making in the whole	13	16	0
“ The Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Horton, to pay Benjamin Terfry and Alexander Buchanan, for taking care of and burying a Pauper named Robert Marsters, - - - - -	6	8	9
“ The Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Wilmot, County of Guysborough, - - - - -	12	10	0
“ Michael and Robert Geddes, Musquodoboit, for relief to a Transient Pauper, - - - - -	10	0	0

To

“ Jacomiah Seamans, Horton, for relief to Transient Paupers, - - -	£4	0	0
“ John Ferguson, Overseer of the Poor for the Township of Sydney, C. B.	4	10	0
“ To Doctor Thos. O. Geddes, of Barrington, for expenses incurred and Medical attendance on two Seamen, saved from the Wreck of the Brig Sarah Lovett, of Saint Stephen's, New Brunswick, - - -	77	9	3

As these unfortunate men were saved from a vessel belonging to New Brunswick, your Committee would submit to the House the propriety of requesting His Excellency the Lieut. Governor to apply to the Government of New Brunswick for a repayment of this Sum. Your Committee in concluding their Report would observe, that in some instances claims have been made for transient Paupers still residing in the Township, under the care of the Overseers of the Poor. These claims, except under peculiar circumstances, the Committee have rejected, as they think it the duty of the Overseers of the Poor to send all such Paupers to the Poor House at Halifax, provision being there made for them by law, or to procure for them a passage out of the Province.

R. CLEMENTS, *Chairman.*

R. McG. DICKEY,

JOHN C. HALL.

No. 42.

(See Page 283.)

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Question of the Copyright referred to in the Petition of Arthur W. Godfrey and others, beg to Report as follows:—

That your Committee conceive it to be the duty of this Legislature to exercise the same vigilance and care in protecting and encouraging the Literature of the Province, as in founding and improving a general system of Education. That in some of the best systems of Education introduced into the older countries of Europe and the States of the neighbouring Republic, provision has been made for the establishment of School and Parish Libraries; and your Committee are satisfied from the peculiar circumstances of this Province,—from the want and defects of the Educational Establishments in former years, that much benefit would result to our adult population, from a wide dissemination of the cheap and popular Literature of the Age.

That your Committee have made enquiry into the Law of Copyright as it exists now in Great Britain and in these Colonies; and are satisfied, from the evidence put before them, that the Statute passed by the Imperial Parliament in 1842 has a tendency to affect our revenue, and to encourage an illicit trade, while it yields no protection to the British Author or Publisher. That under the regulations of the present Law, all Books prohibited to be imported into the United Kingdom are prohibited here. These restrictions extend to all Books, in which the rights of the Author, as secured by the Law of Copyright, now exist. If any Reprint of these Works, although contained in the trunk of a traveller, and imported from a Foreign Country even for his own use, were seized by an Officer of the Customs, the instructions are to destroy it. All Foreign editions of English Works, where the term of Copyright has expired, or which have not been duly enrolled as required by the Statute passed in 1842, and all American and Foreign Books, which are not the Reprints of English Books, prohibited by Law, are admitted in this Province on a payment of seven per cent. duty *ad valorem*.

That your Committee find that the cheap People's Editions of Standard Works, in regard to which the Copyright has expired by efflux of time, published in Great Britain by Chambers, Moxon, Smith and others, are more extensively sold and preferred here to the American Editions of the same Works; and although both are admitted free of duty, that the British Publishers not only hold equal ground, but actually maintain an ascendancy.

That many causes operate here to prevent the sale and circulation of the late English Works. In the first place, the style of publication, the printing, types and binding, are

suiting to more aristocratic tastes and a richer people than exist here. That their prices, including of course a suitable compensation to the Author, come far beyond the means of our population; and hence if our sources of literature were confined to them, the mass of the people would in fact be entirely deprived of the productions of the English Press. That in addition to the first cost there is to be added the expense, the difficulty and delay of importation:—in seaports, such as Halifax, Pictou, Liverpool or Yarmouth for example, a new Book cannot be procured from England until three and often six months after publication, (for no facilities exist in transmitting even English Periodicals by the Mail Steamers from Liverpool;) but as regards the inland Towns of our Province, Annapolis, Amherst, and others, and in the neighbouring Colonies of New Brunswick and Prince Edward's Island, the expense and delay are so great, especially in the winter months, that the sale of the new works of English Literature are entirely prevented.

That your Committee are aware, that the high price of English Books, and the monopoly of the London Publishers, are felt as a serious grievance even in the United Kingdom. That these evils are there partially alleviated by the periodical sales held by Murray and others, and by the wide establishment of Circulating Libraries, Clubs, and Reading Societies, by which a command of the fresh Literature is obtained on cheap and easy terms; but these facilities do not exist here; and hence the importation of the English editions of new Books is confined to a few copies for the use of libraries and of wealthy individuals, who, although the American reprints were admitted free of duty, would still prefer the clearer type and more elegant binding of an English copy.

That from the proximity of these Colonies to the United States, and from the extensive and frequent intercourse maintained between the sea ports of the Republic and the harbours of our Atlantic coast, the Bay of Fundy, Basin of Minas, Pictou, and Sydney, Cape Breton, American reprints are introduced here in large quantities, and come so rapidly, after their appearance from the American press, that your Committee are satisfied a new English work is often read here nearly as soon as it has reached the most distant parts of the United Kingdom. That complete copies of them appear in American, as well as in Provincial newspapers,—causes which operate to render the law of Copyright nugatory and void; but in addition the Committee have to remark, that the public feeling is against it; that it is regarded as oppressive and impracticable in its provisions; and they are satisfied, that, under present circumstances, no Statute however binding, and no regulations however stringent, could enforce it, and even if possible to enforce it, that it would prevent the sale of American Reprints, but would not extend the sale of English Copies beyond the present demand.

That your Committee annex in the Schedule marked A, a Statement of the comparative prices of Books in London, Halifax and New York markets. It has been stated to them that although the Novels of Bulwer, James, and the Works of Dickens and Sam Slick are sold here by hundreds, and the standard Works of Allison, Hallam and McAulay, are extensively circulated, that few English copies of them are sold in the Province,—one Publisher has said he does not believe that a dozen is sold in all, of any single book.

Your Committee are glad to find that some of the English Publishers—Murray, by the publication of the "Home and Colonial Library," and Knight, by his "Weekly Volume,"—are trying to suit the Colonial demand by less costly editions; but the first of these are too high in price, and the latter does not give a class of Books fitted for general circulation. Your Committee have been also informed that the Publishers of Blackwood's Magazine, and the Dublin University Magazine, have lately published an edition for the Colonies, and that the price of the North British Review has been reduced in Halifax from thirty shillings to sixteen shillings, and that in consequence of these arrangements a large increase has taken place in the circulation of these different periodicals.

Your Committee beg to recommend to the adoption of the House the following suggestions:—

That an Address be sent to the Crown praying that the Imperial Act may be so modified as to permit the Importation here of American Reprints of all English Works, on the payment

payment of a protecting duty, say to the extent of 25 to 30 per cent. if in pamphlet shape, and 15 to 20 per cent. if in volumes bound. In the event of an International Law of Copyright being established, so as to secure to the English Author compensation from the reading public of this Continent, your Committee would recommend that the Edition published in the United States for his benefit should be admitted here free of duty, or under the present duty of 7 per cent. to protect the English Publisher,—for the Committee in seeking a modification of the Law, justified as they think it is by the facts above stated, fully recognize the rights of an author to intellectual property, and would rejoice to see an international Law of Copyright carried in Congress, so that we would be enabled to contribute to those rewards, to which the labours of genius and research are clearly entitled.

Upon this subject there are some views entitled to the grave consideration of this Legislature and the Imperial Government. The influence of popular literature upon the cultivation of mind, the tone of moral feeling and political opinion, is too obvious and direct to require illustration. Now the practical operation of the present Law has a tendency to encourage, in these Provinces, the wide circulation of the Literary Periodicals, Newspapers, and other light literature issuing from the American Press; and thus places in the hands of our population, Works often spurious in their morality, and propagating political opinions not favourable to British Institutions. Against the circulation of these the law raises no check; while British Works of the same class, whose morals are unobjectionable, and whose political references are intended to inculcate sound loyalty and reverence to the Crown and the Constitution, are excluded from general circulation as issued from the English press from high prices and other causes; and in the form of Reprints they can only be had by a violation of the Law. There is no comparison between the facilities which exist in the United States and these Colonies for obtaining a command of English and other European Literature; and if the Northern States their population are superior to those of the Colonies in extent of knowledge, sagacity, and enterprise, their superiority may be attributed as much to the Literary advantages they enjoy, as to their Educational institutions. By obtaining a modification of the law your Committee are satisfied that the circulation of the American reprints of English Books would be incalculably increased, and while therefore the present restrictions, *although founded on just and generous motives, afford no protection in fact either to the British Author or Publisher*, they have a most injurious influence by encouraging a taste for inferior literary productions, by sapping those principles which are the real strength of a Government, and by checking a more general cultivation and refinement of mind. And your Committee earnestly press the change proposed, because in addition to the views above stated, it will curtail if not destroy an illicit trade, increase the Provincial Revenue, and hold out an inducement to the United States to do an act of justice, by introducing a Law of International Copyright.

Your Committee beg to state, although it cannot be made a subject of legislation, that they are satisfied the British Publisher could remedy the existing evils and derive a large profit from sales in the Colonies, if cheap Editions of the new Publications were prepared expressly for the Colonial trade; and that if the Publishers of the leading British Periodicals—the Edinburgh Quarterly, Westminster, and others, would furnish the supply through local Agencies, at the price of 15s. to 16s. currency per year, the price at which the North British Review is now sold in Halifax—that some hundreds of Subscribers could be obtained in this Province alone, and they would entirely exclude the competition of the American Reprints. Your Committee have had access to a very valuable correspondence, conducted by Mr. Reade, the Provincial Secretary of New Brunswick, with Lord Ashburton, while at Washington in 1842, and have selected some extracts in the Appendix annexed, marked B., to which they invite the attention of the House. All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. R. YOUNG, *Chairman*.
 H. T. HUNTINGTON,
 J. C. HALL,
 JAMES B. UNIACKE.

Halifax, March 11th, 1845.

APPENDIX A.	Retail Price in London.	Retail Price in Halifax.	Retail Price in New York.
Colburn's New Monthly Magazine,	£1 10 0	£2 2 0	
Blackwood's Magazine,		1 4 0	£0 12 6
Bentley's Miscellany,	1 10 0	2 2 0	1 5 0
Metropolitan Magazine,	2 2 0	3 0 0	1 0 0
The Four Reviews,—Edinburgh, London, Quarterly, and Dublin. Blackwood's Maga- zine, Metropolitan Magazine, and Bentley's Miscellany,		7 10 0	5 0 0
Jack Hinton, or the Guardsman,	0 15 0	0 15 6	0 1 9
Harry Lorrequer,	0 13 0	0 14 6	0 2 6
Charles O'Malley,	1 4 0	1 9 0	0 2 6
Dickens' American Notes,	0 10 6	0 15 0	0 0 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Attaché—Sam Slick,	0 10 6	0 15 0	0 0 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Leibig's Chemistry applied to Agriculture,	0 10 6	0 15 0	0 1 3
Zanoni—by Bulwer,	1 11 6	0 15 0	0 1 3
Bianca Capello—by Lady Bulwer,	1 11 6	0 15 0	0 1 3
Nabob at Home—by Lady Bulwer,	1 11 6	0 15 0	0 1 3
Percival Keene—by Marryatt,	1 11 6	1 1 0	0 1 3
Byron's Poems complete,	1 0 0	1 6 0	0 7 6

Halifax, March 7, 1845.

SIR,

You have above a few Books with the Prices in London, New York, and Halifax, from these you may draw a comparison of the whole.

Yours truly,

ARTHUR W. GODFREY.

G. R. Young, Esq., M. P. P.

APPENDIX B.

Extract from A. S. Reade's, Esqr's. Letter to Lord Ashburton, dated at Washington, August, 1842.

A few observations may be sufficient to illustrate the disadvantages under which the Colonies labor, by the extension to them of the Copyright Law under the same limitations as in England.

In the first place let us briefly advert to the situation of the reading public in England. There by means of Book Societies, Clubs, and Circulating Libraries, all new works can be read at a cost of little more than from 1d. to 3d. per volume, so that with very few exceptions the perusal of new Works of whatever character, is within the reach of all for a quarter of a dollar, and many may be perused for half that sum. Again, in England purchasers of books always obtain a deduction in the price of new Works of from 12 to 20 per cent. discount for ready money. Again, from the number of copies of Works taken by the Circulating Libraries, Clubs, and other reading Societies which demand a constant succession of new Literature, and which are accustomed to sell off the surplus

copies

copies after a* few months. There are few Works which may not be purchased at from one half to two-thirds the price, after six or nine months from their first publication. Thus the very high price at which Books are published in England, is comparatively but little felt, the perusal of Works, the purchase of which would be beyond the means of any but the rich, being obtained at a very cheap rate.

Now from all these advantages the British Provinces are by the action of the Copyright wholly excluded. Their scattered population renders the formation of Book Societies in any but the large Towns, impracticable; and even in these the high price of the Publications in England, added to the charges of conveyance, insurance, &c., place them wholly beyond the means of the inhabitants. So completely has this been found to be the case, that several Book Societies have been compelled to discontinue taking in the Periodical Reviews and Magazines,† the cost of the conveyance of which alone has at times amounted to 4s. sterling for a single copy. For five months in the year the British Provinces may be said to be almost excluded from ship communication with England, so that for that period the only mode of obtaining access to the new Works is through the United States. Now while we are subject to all these disadvantages for the nominal protection of the English Author or Bookseller, it may be worth while to enquire what the advantages in reality are, which are thus obtained in his favor at the sacrifice of the interests of the people, and the answer to this is just *nil*. The whole amount of books imported from England in a year would not value in the Province of New Brunswick £500, and the value of new Works would probably be found under £100. Nor can this be a matter of surprise to any one who compares the means of the mass of the people with the price charged for Books in England, and adds thereto the risk and expense of conveyance, the trouble of writing to England, and the delays which must ensue before the execution of a small order, averaging from three to five months. The expense of procuring them by the Steamer, added to that of forwarding them from Halifax, a distance of 300 miles, being an entire barrier to any such attempt.

But supposing that the Publisher and Author did in reality derive great benefit from the restriction, the Colonists would be at least entitled to some consideration in the matter, and may fairly demand that the benefits should in some respects be mutual. But what is the fact,—why just this, viz.—that while the British Publisher refuses to let us have the Works at a cheap rate, i. e. to take an instance, he demands from us for the Reviews 5s., 6s. each number, to which must be added from 2s. 6d. to 4s. more for the expense of the conveyance, the same Publisher is supplying the United States market with these same Reviews at 3s. to 3s. 6d. per number, including all the expenses of transit, &c. Is this fair, is this just, is it honorable? If the British Publisher can afford to send these Works to the States at this rate, surely he can afford and should be compelled, (if the Copyright Law is to be in force here,) to supply the Colonists as advantageously. Are the interests of these countries as Colonies of the British Empire, to be sacrificed to the supposed pecuniary interests of Publishers and Authors—are we prepared to act on a principle which in truth strikes at the nationality of our country—are we to say to our Colonists, you are perfectly free to read American Books of whatever kind and description you please, at the cheap rate you may procure such Works in the States, but the Works of British Authors, inculcating those constitutional principles and those feelings (which it should be our desire to cherish amongst the people of our widely extended

* Persons in the country in England may for a subscription varying from £2 6 per ann. obtain supplies of Books every month or fortnight, free of all expense. Parties may also club together, and by a subscription of 10s. 14s. each obtain the same advantages. This is of course chiefly owing to the facilities and cheapness of transport.

† In the Report of the Post Office Commissioners at Quebec, it is stated, that the difficulties and expense of procuring the English Periodicals in the British Provinces, amount to a total prohibition of them.

extended empire, as it is our pride to entertain ourselves,) you shall not read. We know you can't afford to buy these Books at the price asked in the London market, and it is not worth our while to supply you more cheaply.

Is an inhabitant of these Provinces, because a British subject, to be denied access to British and to be offered a premium on the perusal of American Literature—shall he continue in the position of finding his American neighbours profiting so largely from the results of the genius of his own country and himself debarred from it?

It has been justly remarked, that Literature in this reading age has more to do with the Government of the people than the Laws. Is there not here a warning to us? Shall we in this view encourage the circulation of a foreign or of our own Literature? God forbid that the foreign should be prohibited, for it is better to get foreign Works than to get none at all, as it would be better to live under a foreign code of Laws than under no Laws at all. Will any one, looking at the condition of the United States and our own Colonies, and weighing the immense advantages the latter possess in their exemption from the taxes to which our neighbours are subject, and yet seeing how much in advance of us they are, doubt that this is partially, nay in a great measure attributable to the Literary as well as Commercial intercourse subsisting between the two countries; and surely it ought to be our pride to think that the whole of that vast country is inundated as it were and pervaded by Works inculcating British feelings and British interests, even tho' purchased at the loss of some few hundreds of pounds to some dozen or two of Authors and Publishers. Shall Literature be degraded in these days to a mere trade. Political trading is bad enough and rife enough, Heaven defend us against a trade in Literature.

One great advantage of the Newspaper form of publication consists not merely in the cheapness of the Works published, but in the great facility offered through the Post for their distribution, the importance of which in a thinly peopled country where regular communication between distant places is unfrequent, the expense of sending parcels very great, and their conveyance very uncertain and often not practicable, except at long intervals, can hardly be over estimated. A volume, however cheaply it might be imported from England, could not in the winter reach its destination in the distant parts of the Province, under an expense of from 2s. to 5s., and often even more, thus making the conveyance alone more than equal to the expense of the Work coming in a different form through the Post Office. These it will be admitted are serious detriments to the encouragement of a taste for reading, and I would ask whether or not it be desirable to foster such tastes in a young country, or at least whether it is wise to put such checks upon it; and considering the question in a mere commercial point of view, I would ask, how can the admission of Reprints affect the interests of the English Publisher? Let us enquire of any Bookseller making his arrangements for the publication of a new Work in England, and estimating the number of copies which must be sold to remunerate him, how many he sets down for these Provinces, and what profit he reckons he may derive from the increased sale of his Work on them, (this is the fair way to look at the matter,) and then let an estimate be made of what he might make if he chose to enter into arrangements with any of the New York or Boston Publishers, for the supply of the British Provinces at a cheap rate. There are many Publishers in the States who would be quite willing and glad to make such arrangements as would secure to an Author or Publisher at home a fair remuneration for the privilege, and bring a not inconsiderable Revenue to the Post Office for the transmission of the papers; or let an Agent be appointed in the Province, who shall be authorised to sell these Reprints with a commission on the sale.

In the foregoing observations I have endeavoured to show the extreme hardship to the Colonists, of enforcing the Copyright Law, which cuts them off from all access to British Periodical and other Literature,—its extreme impolicy in a national point of view, as offering a premium on the introduction of the Works of American Authors. That it in reality affords no protection to the British Author or Publisher, because the prices charged for the English edition, added to the difficulty and cost and uncertainty of getting them

them out altogether, prevent their introduction, and it is therefore not a question of purchasing the expensive copy from the London Bookseller or the cheap American reprint, but the cheap Reprint or none at all. That if the British Publisher has the benefit of the operation of the Act, he should be bound to furnish a supply of Works at a price within the means of the Colonists, the more particularly as he at this moment supplies the United States market with the Periodicals of all kinds, at little more than half their London prices—that the admission of these Works in the Newspaper form, under proper regulations, would prove a source of considerable revenue to the Post Office, there being scarcely any limit to the demand for Literature in the British Provinces, when procured so cheaply and with so little difficulty; and I would here add two remarks—1st. That their admission would be a source of general satisfaction throughout the Provinces, and would be regarded as a proof of the real desire of the British Government to foster and encourage attachment to the parent country, and to place them in a position in which, as Lord Durham said, they shall have nothing in which to envy their neighbours. 2ndly. That if it be not conceded, these papers will be introduced surreptitiously, and perhaps to as large an extent as if under no prohibition, for there is scarcely an individual who thinks it either wrong to possess them himself, or to be the means of enabling their possession by others; they are felt to be a want almost equal to a necessary of life, and being ready and cheerful to pay any reasonable demand for them, they can see only injustice in being called on to suffer a privation which is a source of benefit to none.

No. 43.

(See Page 283.)

The Committee to whom were referred the Act respecting the Burial Ground near the Three Mile House, Bedford Basin—also the Petition of a portion of the Inhabitants of Ward No. 6, in the City of Halifax, praying to be excluded from the City bounds,—beg leave to Report—

That they have consulted the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of the said City, and also the parties interested in the said Burial Ground, and they have mutually agreed to withdraw all opposition to the passage of the said Act, provided an Amendment is made thereto, which your Committee have added to the said Bill, and report the same so amended.

Your Committee have also had under their consideration the Petition before referred to, but cannot recommend this Honorable House to comply with the prayer thereof.

JNO. CREIGHTON, *Chairman.*
STEPHEN FULTON.

Committee Room, 13th March, 1845.

No. 44.

(See Page 284.)

Return of Sums expended by the authority of the Lieutenant Governor, out of the Grant of £1000 placed at His Excellency's disposal in the Session of 1843, for Road Contingencies.

Commissioner.	Service.	Sum.
Mat. Jeffery,	Repairing Bridge over the Narrows in Argyle, County of Yarmouth,	£25 0 0
Peter Crerar,	Rebuilding Bridge over French River, Co. of Pictou,	200 0 0
E. Mack,	Repairing Bridge across Port Medway River, Queen's County,	30 0 0
Saml. Sharp,	Rebuilding Bridge at Sharp's, King's County,	36 4 7
McKenzie & Fraser,	Rebuilding Bridge at Five Mile Brook, between An- tigonish and Guysborough, County of Sydney,	31 3 7
J. D. Clarke,	Repairing Muggah's Bridge, County of Cape Breton,	30 0 0
Thomas Potter,	Repairing Bridge at Smith Creek, County of Digby,	20 0 0
C. G. Bent,	Rebuilding Bridge across Napan River, County of Cumberland,	50 0 0
G. Wightman,	Repairing Great Eastern Road and Southern Break- water at Truro Bridge, County of Colchester,	49 4 5
Ditto.	Repairing Half-way River Bridge, King's County,	11 19 3
F. Parker,	Repairing Truro Road, near Parker's, Co. of Col- chester,	9 1 7
St. Woodworth,	Rebuilding Bridge on Truro Road, near Stephen Woodworth's and Hall's, Co. of Colchester,	10 8 10
Welwood Johnston,	Repairing Bridges between Tatamagouche and Wal- lace, Co. of Colchester,	10 0 0
Joseph O'Brien,	Repairing Drains, &c. on Road between Dartmouth and Schultz's, Co. of Halifax.	6 9 6
Daniel Wier,	Rebuilding Bridge near Montague House, Windsor Road, County of Hants,	12 0 0
John Tapper,	Repairing the Red Bridge, Dartmouth Road,	1 18 8
Peter Crerar,	Repairing three Bridges on Main Road, from Pictou to Wallace, Co. of Pictou.	34 6 0
R. McHeffey,	Rebuilding Martock Bridge, Co. of Hants,	79 11 4½
Anderson & Murray,	Rebuilding Bridge burned at Judique, Co. Inverness,	40 0 0
Harrington, McKenzie & Fraser £138 13 0	Repairing Bridge at Barney's River, Co. of Pictou,	23 5 8
Kenneth McPherson, 17 17 0	Repairing nine Bridges on Road from Antigonish to Guysborough, County of Sydney,	
R. McIsaac, 3 17 8		159 17 8
Th. Hamilton,	Repairing small Bridges on Sackville Road, County Halifax,	4 2 6
Wm. Donaldson,	Repairing two Bridges on Bedford Basin Road, Coun- ty of Halifax,	18 6 3
Thomas Morrison,	Repairing Bridge over Deburt River, Co. Colchester,	5 9 0
George Taylor,	Repairing Bridges on Dartmouth Road, Co. Halifax,	1 15 6
Stephen Chipman,	Repairing Bridge at Bass Creek, Annapolis Co.	30 0 0
John Hatfield,	Repairing Bridge over Tusket River, in the County of Yarmouth,	25 15 10½
Calvin Bent,	Repairing Napan Bridge, County of Cumberland,	30 0 0
		£ 986 0 3

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Return of Sums expended by the authority of The Lieutenant Governor, out of the Grant of £1000 placed at His Excellency's disposal in the Session of 1844 for Road Contingencies.

Commissioner.	Service.	Sum.
Robert Purvis,	Repairing the Tatmagouche Bridge, Co. of Colchester,	£70 13 2
Hiram Hyde,	do. Road Stewiack to Truro, do.	35 0 0
Wier & Fleming,	do. Folly Bridge, Onslow, do.	169 16 10
George Fitch,	do. Bridge in Aylesford, King's County,	8 3 3
Pat. Vance,	do. Road near Vance's Hill, Co. of Colchester,	5 0 0
Mich. McDonald,	do. Knoydart Bridge, County of Pictou,	40 0 0
Jos. Crane,	do. Bridge Halfway River, King's County,	7 16 5
LeCain & Bancroft,	do. Bridge Round Hill, County of Annapolis,	35 0 0
— Gildert,	do. Bridges Windsor to Chester,	
George Wightman,	do. Bridge Nine Mile River, County of Halifax,	6 11 8
Reynolds Peppard,	do. Road Londonderry to W. Chester,	11 9 0
Hector McNeil,	do. Road Sydney to Grande Dique,	
John Ball,	do. North West Arm Road, Co. of Cape Breton,	12 10 0
Richard McHeffey,	do. Martock Bridge,	4 12 0
— Hutchinson,	do. Bridge near Chester,	3 1 6
George Wightman,	do. Red Bridge near Dartmouth,	21 10 3
T. Hamilton,	do. Sackville Bridge, County of Halifax,	39 8 3
Do.	do. Bridge near Hutchinson's, Windsor Road,	4 14 1
Robt. Gammell,	do. Bridge at Sydney Mines,	30 0 0
Ronald McIsaac,	do. Malignant Cove, County of Sydney,	3 17 8
George Wightman,	do. Bridge near Halfway House, Windsor Road,	5 10 0
Do.	Repairs done on the Great Eastern Post Road,	2 0 0
Do.	Repairing Red Bridge near Dartmouth,	6 0 0
		£522 14 1

No. 45.

(See Page 284.)

Board of Revenue, Halifax, 10th March, 1845.

SIR—

I have the honor to enclose you by directions from the Board of Revenue a Petition from the Overseers of Distilleries, praying for further remuneration for their services, which Petition the Board have recommended to the favorable consideration of the Legislature.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. DUCKETT,

Clerk.

The Honble. Sir R. D. George, Bart.

Secretary of the Province, &c. &c.

To the Honorable The BOARD OF REVENUE.

The Memorial of the Undersigned Overseers of Distilleries.

HUMBLY SHEWETH :

That your Memorialists were appointed by your Honorable Board, Overseers of Distilleries, under an Act passed by the Honorable House of Assembly the last year.

That your Memorialists find it occupies all their time to attend strictly to their duties.

That your Memorialists, since their appointments, have been receiving Five Shillings per day, when the Distilleries were in operation, and Two shillings and sixpence when visiting, which will amount to the small sum of between Fifty and Sixty Pounds currency per annum.

Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray that your Honorable Board will take the circumstances into your favorable consideration, and adopt such measures as you may deem fit, at the Meeting of the Legislature, that your Memorialists may be paid a remunerating Salary for the duties they have to perform as well as for past services.

And your Memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

C. H. RIGBY.

GEO. T. FILLIS,

CHAS. KEEFLER.

WILLM. DRUMMOND.

Halifax, 6th January, 1845.

Board of Revenue, Halifax, 10th March, 1845.

The Board having considered the annexed Petition, and consulted the Collector of Excise for this Port on the subject—

Resolved, That the said Petition be recommended to the favorable consideration of the Legislature.

By Order of the Board.

E. DUCKETT,
Clerk.

No. 46.

(See page 284.)

The Committee to whom were referred the Accounts of James B. Hadley, Collector of Light Duty for the Gut of Canso, beg leave to Report :

That they have carefully examined all the Accounts and Papers submitted to them, and have also called upon Mr. Hadley for his explanations, and such other persons as were likely to throw any light upon the subject, and from the result of their enquiries it appears that Mr. Hadley claims from the Province a Balance due him for the year 1843, of £92 11 10, and for the year 1844 a further Balance of £19 7 7, making in all £111 19 5.

It also appears that in the year 1843, Mr. Hadley collected in all the sum of £314 19 4, against which amount he charges a Commission of 7½ per cent. amounting to £23 12 6, and a further sum of £156 for the wages of Six Men at £3 per Month each, exclusive of the board and lodging, which is charged at £2 per Month each, to which is added the cost of a Boat stolen—making the whole cost of collection for this year £179 12 6, leaving a nett Balance of £135 16 10, and having paid into the Treasury £227 18 8, the Balance overpaid would be the amount he claims for the year 1843.

For the year 1844 he appears to have collected the sum of £320 4 4, against which he charges a Commission of 7½ per cent., amounting to the sum of £24 0 3, and also for the services of Four Men for Six Months, at £3 per Month, and Two Men for Two Months at

at the same rate, making the sum of £84, to which is added £56 for their board and lodging while employed, making the whole cost of collection for this year £164 0 3, leaving a nett Balance of £156 4 4, and Mr. Hadley having paid into the Treasury £175 11 8, the Balance due him will be the amount he claims, £19 7 7.

Your Committee have no means of ascertaining the correctness of these Accounts except from the declarations of Mr. Hadley, as they do not appear to be verified in any manner; but if the services have been performed, (and your Committee have no proof to the contrary,) they appear to be as reasonable as could be expected from the nature of the service, and your Committee see no reason why the Balance he claims should not be paid.

It further appears to your Committee, that Mr. Hadley, in the year 1844, in the Months of April and May, collected Light Duty from thirty-nine Vessels passing through the Gut of Canso, twenty-six of the number British, and thirteen Foreign Vessels—six above one hundred tons, and thirty-three under that tonnage,—that in June, July and August he collected Light Duty from one hundred and sixty one Vessels passing through the same Channel, fifteen of the number British, and one hundred and forty-six Foreign, all Americans—eleven over one hundred tons burthen, all the rest under that tonnage.

That in August, September, October, November and December of the same year, he collected Duty from thirty-six Vessels, fourteen of them Foreign, and twenty-two British—seventeen of the number over one hundred tons, and the remainder under. The Foreign Vessels all Americans.

Mr. Hadley complains, (and your Committee coincide with him in opinion,) that the force at his disposal is quite inadequate to the service he is called upon to perform. Small Vessels he can deal with successfully, but Vessels of larger burthen set him at defiance, and frequently carry him off for miles before he can get released. His complaints are more particularly directed against Vessels of large burthen owned in Prince Edward's Island, the Masters invariably refusing to pay, asserting they have positive orders from their Owners not to do so but at the Island, and declare they would lose their situations did they pay Light Duty at the Gut of Canso. With the American Vessels he experiences no difficulty, as they invariably comply with his demands without hesitation.

Mr. Hadley suggests that one of the Revenue Cutters should during the Summer months be stationed at Canso, and directed to assist him in his operations, or that he should be allowed a piece of ordnance and ammunition to enable him to stop Vessels which refuse to pay; and if neither of these suggestions can be complied with, that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor should be requested to issue a Proclamation, (accompanied by a copy of the Law,) enjoining obedience to its provisions, which he appears to think would have a very salutary effect.

Your Committee deem it necessary to bring the foregoing statements to the notice of this Honorable House, but forbear expressing any opinion either as to the wisdom of continuing the present arrangement, or adopting any other mode of collection, either by supplying an additional force, or farming out the duties by Tender and Contract.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. CREIGHTON, *Chairman.*

HT. HUNTINGTON,

S. P. FAIRBANKS.

Committee Room, 13th March, 1845.

No. 47.

(See Page 286.)

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

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

THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE PROVINCIAL
PENITENTIARY.

The Commissioners soon after the appointment with which your Excellency was pleased to honor them, prepared a set of Rules for the management of the Institution, of which a copy is subjoined. They nominated the Officers deemed necessary for the conduct of the Establishment, and your Excellency was pleased to approve of the selections submitted for your judgment, agreeably to the Act of Assembly.

The Officers appointed were—

George Carpenter, to be Governor; Rufus Black, Esq., M. D., to be Surgeon and Physician; Mrs. Carpenter, to be Matron; James Fitz Patrick, to be Keeper; Thomas Berrigan, to be Under Keeper; Lawrence Hickey, to be Messenger; and at a subsequent period, the Revd. Wm. Cogswell was appointed Chaplain.

The Under Keeper, Thomas Berrigan, having resigned, the Messenger, Lawrence Hickey, succeeded to his place, and James Lucas was appointed to be Messenger.

The Penitentiary was opened for the reception of Prisoners on the 15th June last, since which period there have been admitted 18 males and 3 females, making a total of 21 convicts; there have also been received in charge 13 military prisoners; and 6 prisoners from the ship *Saladin*, on charge of murder and piracy: making a total of 40 prisoners; from this number there have been withdrawn 13 military prisoners; 6 prisoners from the *Saladin*; 2 convicts pardoned; one whose sentence had expired; one escaped; making a total of 21 discharged, and leaving 14 males and 3 females still in the Penitentiary, as follows:—3 carpenters, 2 tailors, 1 shoemaker, 1 blacksmith, 7 labourers, and 3 females, total 17. One of the convicts has been placed with the carpenters to be instructed by them, and the Governor reports favourably of his exertions and progress. Upon an application from the Officers of the Admiralty Court, the Pirates of the *Saladin* were received into the Penitentiary for safe keeping until time of trial and execution; the Penitentiary being considered a prison better adapted for security, and to prevent communication between the prisoners, than the County Jail. The Commissioners were obliged to employ an additional Keeper during the time they were in prison, whose wages have been charged to the account kept in relation to the ship *Saladin's* crew.

By the Articles of War all prisons are open for the reception of military prisoners, upon the payment of 6d. sterling per day. The Commanding Officers availing themselves of the Act, placed in the Penitentiary at sundry times, thirteen prisoners, to whom 394 rations have been issued, for which the funds of the Prison have been credited £12 6 3. The Commissioners having under their charge three carpenters, whose services would in a great measure be lost to the Province, unless they were employed at their trade, have incurred debts for timber, lumber, and shingles, with which they have had the hospital for the females completed, tables, benches, desks, closets, and other furniture for the prison made;

made; also a shed built in front of the main building for straw, &c. They have also completed a range of buildings for workshops, within the prison yard, 78 feet in length, two stories in height; the ground floor for workshops for cutting granite, and a forge for blacksmiths; the upper story for carpenters, tailors, and shoemakers shops.

The services of this class of convicts the Commissioners estimate as being equivalent to one hundred pounds at a low estimation; and the buildings are ready for the workmen a year earlier than if the Commissioners had not purchased the material for their labour.

During the season of the year which permitted the labouring convicts to work outside, they were employed in clearing and levelling the grounds in front of the prison, making roads, building the wharf, and preparing foundations for the workshops.

The females have been employed in the washing for the convicts, making up clothing, spinning yarn, and knitting stockings.

The Commissioners have received the amount of the several Votes for the Establishment, amounting to

£772 4 0

They have expended—

For Clothing for Summer and Winter	£75 10 10
Furnishing the Prison with—	
Mattresses and Bedsteads, Chairs, Kitchen Utensils, Grates, Stove and Stove Pipes, Cooking and Eating Pans, &c., &c., &c.	166 0 8
Provisions for Prisoners and Officers, Hospital Sup- plies, &c., including a winter's supply of Vege- tables,	146 13 1
Stock Iron, Steel and Leather, and 100 tons Granite, Building Committee advanced to pay George Carpenter, as Keeper, to June 13th,	45 10 5
Provincial Penitentiary—Nails, Lumber, Shingles, Truckage, clearing away Roads, &c.	32 16 0
Governor, half year,	17 14 5
Matron,	62 14 5
Keeper,	12 10 0
Under Keeper,	25 0 0
Messenger,	25 0 0
Extra Keeper,	16 5 0
Incidental expenses—Soap, Coal, Wood, Oil, &c.,	5 10 0
Cash—balance on hand,	64 12 7
	76 11 0
	£772 4 0

A balance of about £274 is still due on last year's expenditures, and the estimates for the present is £650, which does not include Lumber for fencing, salary for Chaplain, Doctor, or Secretary; the probable amount necessary, with the most rigid economy, will be about £1300 for the present year.

During the first three months of the occupation of the prison, the Commissioners permitted a table to be provided for the Keepers and other Officers, affording them such fare as they would receive if at board, but finding that the arrangement would probably lead to an expense difficult to control, they discontinued the system, and offered to each of the Officers their choice, to accept the daily rations of the house; or receive a remuneration in cash of 3½d. per day. With one exception, the Officers now receive the rations of the house, whereby much additional labor and some expense is saved.

By returns annexed it will appear, that for the half-year ending 31st Dec., the cost of the ration daily was about 6½d, including hospital supplies; but that for the three months ending Dec, 31st, the cost of the daily ration was reduced to 5½d, in consequence of some changes made in the diet table, to render it more healthy. Upon the diet as now arranged, the convicts continue in good health; as will appear upon reference to the Report of the Medical Officer annexed.

The Commissioners respectfully submit for your Excellency's consideration, the remuneration of the Medical Officer and Clergyman appointed to the Establishment. They beg to remark that in consequence of the Penitentiary being remote from the City, these Gentlemen find it necessary to keep horses; particularly the Medical Officer, who has occasionally to visit the prison during the night; and the Committee trust that this circumstance will be considered in fixing the Salaries of those Gentlemen.

Mr. Tremain, one of the Commissioners, has fulfilled the duties of Secretary and Treasurer, and has opened a regular Set of Books for the general business of the Institution since its commencement, in which every particular department is kept distinct, in order that the whole receipts, expenses, &c., may at once be exhibited without trouble or delay.

In order to keep up this system and the performance of a variety of other occasional duties, paying off debts, &c., the Commissioners conceive that some annual allowance may be required for the services of a Secretary or Clerk.

The Commissioners would further beg to bring before your Excellency's notice the urgent necessity for having the whole buildings surrounded with a high fence, in order that no stragglers may be allowed to loiter about the outside as at present they frequently do. Unless this evil is remedied, it will have a tendency in some measure to do away with that seclusion, which constitutes an essential part of the discipline necessary for the reformation of the convict.

The Commissioners in conclusion remark, that their object has been to introduce the Auburn system as far as practicable, and from the experience which they have already had they believe decided benefit has resulted; and that great reformation among the prisoners, both moral and religious, as well as the formation of industrious habits, may be expected: but the Institution in its infant state is not yet in a condition to be fairly judged.

The Building is incomplete, and the system of moral discipline is of necessity comparatively imperfect. Still however, when compared in its present state with the practice which lately prevailed throughout the Province, of immuring convicts in a cell, without employment, or any means of retrieving their lost character, the improvement already effected by this Establishment will be found to be very great; and the Commissioners would pursue their duties with less interest and feeling, had they not the conviction that the Institution is capable of reaching a much higher degree of usefulness in the improvement of an unhappy class of individuals, who though degraded by their offences are yet the subjects of moral influence and elevation.

In making their first Report, the Commissioners cannot refrain from expressing their sense of the high importance of the office your Excellency has been pleased to commit to their trust, and their earnest desire to make the Institution placed in their charge as instrumental as possible in carrying out the extensive benefits of which they believe it to be capable. They annex a number of explanatory documents.

J. W. JOHNSTON,
 JAMES B. UNIACKE,
 MICH. TOBIN,
 W. A. BLACK,
 J. N. SHANNON,
 JAMES TREMAIN,
 ANDREW MACKINLAY.

The Commissioners have great pleasure in acknowledging the attention of Ministers of the several Religious Denominations who have visited the Institution and performed Divine service, and by whom bibles and religious books have been presented for the use of the convicts.

Estimate of probable Expenditure for 1845.

Current Expenses,	£650	0	0
Unpaid Debts,	275	0	0
Fencing round the Building,	175	0	0
Wing on the North side of Building,	210	0	0

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Rules

Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Provincial Penitentiary of Nova Scotia.

COPY OF THE 9TH SECTION OF THE ACT OF THE ASSEMBLY.

And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners shall have the same powers with respect to the said Penitentiary or Prison which the visiting Justices of any Prison in England have, or so much thereof as the Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief, by and with the advice aforesaid, may by Commission under his Hand and Seal confer, and which he is hereby authorised and empowered to do; and the said Commissioners shall hold meetings, and they, or any three of them, shall be empowered from time to time to make and alter rules for their meetings and for all matters relating thereunto, and also for the government of the said Penitentiary or Prison, and for the duties and conduct of the Governor and other Officers of the Penitentiary or Prison, and for the diet, clothing, maintenance, employment, and discipline of the Convicts imprisoned therein, as to the said Commissioners shall seem fit: Provided that no such rule, whether it shall be original or an amendment or revocation of a former rule, shall be enforced until it shall have been approved by the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being.

10TH SECTION.

And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners shall from time to time appoint one or more of themselves to visit the said Provincial Penitentiary or Prison during the intervals between their meetings, and if they shall think fit may delegate power to such visitors, or any of them, to make any order or give any directions in cases of pressing emergency within said Penitentiary or Prison, which might be made or given by the said Commissioners: Provided that every such order or direction shall be in writing, and shall be reported, with the circumstances by which the same was occasioned, to the Commissioners at their next meeting.

1st. The Act of the General Assembly to be printed and hung up in some conspicuous part of the Penitentiary.

COMMISSIONERS.

The Commissioners shall hold regular stated meetings once in each month, or by adjournment from time to time, and shall also meet when occasion may require; they shall keep minutes of their proceedings, and four shall be a quorum for the transaction of business, it shall be their duty to direct the management of the concerns of the Prison, and to see that all the laws, rules, and regulations in relation thereto, are obeyed and observed by all connected with the Institution, for the purpose of enforcing the Auburn system of prison discipline. They may make and establish rules and regulations as prescribed by the Act of the General Assembly. At each Monthly Meeting they shall appoint one or more of their number who shall constitute a Monthly Committee to visit the prison at least once a week, until the next Monthly Meeting, to examine into the conduct of the Officers, and inspect the management of the Institution, and to whom reference may be made by the Governor and other Officers for advice or aid in cases of emergency, and must represent the Board at all times when not in Session. They must report monthly in the Commissioner's Book concerning the condition and police of the Prison, and make such suggestions as they may deem proper. Upon the performance of this duty much depends in the enforcement of discipline, and attention should be paid to this service.

GOVERNOR.

The Governor shall see that the laws of the Province, and the rules and regulations for the enforcement of order and discipline are strictly observed, he shall report monthly to the Commissioners, and, in case of necessity, shall report to the Board or the Visiting Committee, or shall convene the Board; it shall be his duty, upon the admission of convicts, to search for any improper articles upon their persons, note their height, name, age, complexion,

complexion, eyes, and hair, place of birth, and conviction, nature of the crime, term of confinement, also to inquire into his or her former life, trade, and occupation, and learn the leading causes of their present condition, which shall be faithfully recorded in a Book to be kept by the Clerk; he shall read to them on their admission the Laws relating to escapes and rebellious and disorderly conduct, and make them understand that obedience is required, *and will be obtained*; he shall see that the convicts on their discharge are possessed of everything that they brought with them to the Penitentiary; he shall take proper measures for the health and cleanliness of the prison, and see that the convicts pay proper attention to their persons; he shall not permit any kind of gaming, or profane, or indecorous language to be used by the convicts, or any of the Officers; he shall employ his time in the Penitentiary, and when not necessarily engaged in superintending the general affairs of the Prison, and overlooking the other Officers in the discharge of their duties, it is made his duty to remain, during working hours, in the Governor's Office, or lodge so that he may be conveniently accessible to those having business with him, and readily found in case of emergency. He is also expected, as far as practicable, and as may not interfere with his general supervision of affairs, to make himself acquainted with the different kinds of business carried on, so as to form a proper estimate of the faithfulness with which the whole work may be done; and he shall before retiring at night pass through the Penitentiary and satisfy himself that all is safe, and that the guard for the night is set and properly discharging its duty. He shall designate the employment of the prisoners, reference being had to their age, sex, and health, and the profit of labour under his direction. He shall deliver out the materials and receive the manufactures, and he shall cause such accounts to be kept in the work-shops and other departments of labour as will show the amount of material furnished and the quantity of work done by each convict, and the amount to which they may be entitled for overwork, and these accounts shall be closed every week for the purpose of detecting and punishing any misconduct of the prisoners in the performance of their tasks. He shall inspect the moral conduct of the prisoners, and in person, or by the keeper or other officers, attend Divine service whenever it may be held, at which all the prisoners shall attend, unless prevented by sickness or difference of creed. He shall be answerable for the police, and discipline of the Institution, and shall report monthly to the Board upon the conduct of the Officers under his direction. He must not permit any prisoners to be together at any time without proper supervision by an Officer. No member of his family shall hold any intercourse with the prisoners more than is allowed to strangers; he must preserve his family entirely isolated from the prison, and on no pretext shall he permit a prisoner to leave the prison yard and come to the front of the building without a sufficient guard. He must not encourage any espionage or tale-bearing among the convicts; he must govern the Institution by the *weight of its authorities, and the prisoners must be made to feel that the Officers are entirely cognisant of all their improper designs, and prepared to counteract or prevent any effort on their part.* He must present a record of punishments and offences to the Monthly Meetings of the Board that they may judge of the condition of the discipline. Neither the Governor nor any Director, nor other person having any official relation with the prison shall receive any reward, gift, or promise, from any convict, or from any one in their behalf, under the penalties imposed by the Provincial Act. The Governor may keep a Horse and Cow for his own use.

THE KEEPER.

This Officer shall aid the Governor in carrying out the Law of the Province, and the Regulations of the Prison; he must receive and execute the Governor's orders when present, but in his absence must take his place, with all the Governor's powers and authority; in the Governor's absence from the Prison, night or day, or during his sickness, the Keeper must be present; he shall have particular charge of the victualling department and be present at meals, unless his place be taken by the Governor, and he shall also examine the whole prison after the hour of locking up and see that all is safe, his duties,

ties shall be mostly of a supervisory character over the whole prison, but he shall discharge specific duties when assigned to him by the Governor or Commissioners. He shall attend the Physician in his visits to the sick, and under his directions shall have a general care of the Hospital and its inmates.

UNDER-KEEPER AND DEPUTY-KEEPERS.

It shall be the duty of the Under-Keeper and Deputy-Keepers to be at all times in the Prison, except when absent according to the provisions of these regulations, or by order or permission of the Governor. These officers are expressly forbidden to hold conversation with the convicts, except in relation to their business and health, and even then it must be conducted in a low tone and with the utmost brevity. They shall not permit any freedom or familiarity whatever, nor shall they at any time, nor upon any pretence, receive from or bestow upon a convict any article or gift, nor convey nor suffer to be conveyed to a prisoner by visitors or any other person, any tobacco, material for private manufacture, or writing letters, or any thing whatever under penalty of dismissal and forfeiture of bond.

They must be vigilant in watching the movements of the prisoners, oblige them to perform their labour, and in no case show partiality or extend favouritisms to any of them, they must *never give way to passion*, but always remain self possessed, and calmly but resolutely and undeviatingly enforce the discipline of the prison. They must never allow the rule of silence to be broken by the convicts.

It is by a rigid adherence to this rule only that isolation of the convicts, and thereby safety and possible reformation can be secured.

The Under-Keeper or a Deputy-Keeper must not leave the particular post assigned him except when released by order of the Governor, (who then is answerable for the change,) he must not *sleep, read, write, nor converse, nor relax his watch for one moment*, neither night nor day, when on duty; he must report to the Governor when any thing is found out of order, or if the convicts misbehave in an uncommon degree; and he is also required to make known to the Monthly Commissioners the official impropriety or bad conduct of any other officer.

The introduction of Spirituous drinks into the Penitentiary for the use of the Under-Keeper, or of the Deputy-Keeper, or other officers, is strictly forbidden. Intoxication, either in or out of the Prison, is an offence that will be followed by instant removal.

Singing, whistling or smoking, must not be indulged in; and if business require a communication to be made by one officer to another, such communication must be brief, in a low tone, and apart from the convicts, so as not to be heard by them.

The officers generally are required to preserve *harmony* among themselves, to the end that a desirable official intercourse may obtain, they must therefore be respectful in their communications, indulging in no undue liberties; and the Under-Keeper and the Deputy-Keepers must yield that ready obedience to their superior officers, the Governor and Keeper, so necessary to secure the beneficial result of co-operation and good government. The Under-Keeper, Deputy-Keepers, together with the other persons employed in the Penitentiary, shall be appointed for the performance of night duty alternately. Should the night watch be detected asleep when on duty, the Governor must immediately suspend him, and inform the Monthly Commissioners. On Sunday one or more of the officers or Deputy-Keepers will, in rotation, have leave of absence, the remainder must remain on duty at the Prison. Officers on leave must report themselves at the Prison punctually at the hour designated by the Governor. The executive management of a Prison must be *precise, rigid and undeviating, subject to no confusion or irregularity. Official Agents therefore must be alike punctual in their attendance, and faithful in the discharge of assigned duties.*

MESSENGER.

This officer shall do the errands of the Institution; he shall deliver the manufactures as directed, make the smaller purchases according to instruction, and attend to all other
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general duties as may be required and ordered by the Governor, Commissioner, or other officers above him.

GENERAL DUTIES OF GOVERNOR, KEEPER, UNDER-KEEPER, DEPUTY-KEEPERS, AND OTHER OFFICERS OF THE PENITENTIARY.

These officers are to direct the labour of their particular manufacturing departments to the greatest advantage ; and they must instruct the new prisoners in the work assigned them. They must keep an account of the materials used and the labor performed in each department. They must maintain strict silence in the Shops and Prison, enforce the performance of tasks, and prevent or subdue insubordination, and if they cannot suppress disorder and secure a return to duty, they must send the offender to the Governor for punishment. Cases of punishment must be daily reported to the Governor by the Superintendants—they must not leave their Shops during work hours unless relieved, and they will not be permitted to see or speak with others, or transact any private business during the time of labor. They shall aid in conducting the prisoners to and from their meals and cells, and shall examine every day the sleeping cells of the convicts, to ascertain if any measures are in progress for escape, and to look to the proper condition of the bedding. They are to be constantly engaged in patrolling the avenues, or watching therefrom the movements and behaviour of the convicts during the hours of labour. Upon the faithful and diligent performance of this duty the discipline of the Prison mainly depends. On the detection of disorder, or conversation, or other offence, among the convicts, they shall confine the convict in an unfinished cell, and the Governor must report the case to the Monthly Commissioners. As great facility of conversation is afforded to the convicts on going to their meals and cells from their nearness to each other, particular watchfulness is required to prevent communication on these occasions, and it is made the particular duty of the officers to lock and otherwise secure the cells when the convicts are shut in, and to satisfy themselves by subsequent examination that this has been properly done, and that each prisoner is in his place, and to report when this last duty is performed to the Governor, who must always attend at the hour for locking up to receive such report, and to see the night guard properly set and designated upon the roster. The officer on guard must be armed, and keep a constant look out, so as to prevent any one from passing over the walls or fences. The officers are forbidden to hold conversation with any persons except in relation to their immediate duty, nor can they be allowed to see persons on private business, nor have any of their family or friends with them when on duty. They can only leave their post when duly relieved. The officer on duty at the gates must, under no circumstances, permit a convict to pass through except by direction of the Governor, and they are required not to allow a gate at any time to remain unlocked longer than may be absolutely necessary to pass the person seeking ingress or egress. An officer shall enter upon duty at the hour of locking up, and remain until the convicts are liberated from their cells in the morning. He shall patrol the prison yard and avenues during the night—see that the fires have been carefully extinguished, and look to the general safety of the buildings.

PHYSICIAN.

The Physician shall visit the Prison at least once in each day, and whenever his attendance may be required ; he must keep an Hospital Journal in which shall be entered the names of the convicts reported sick, whether they be exempted or not ; he shall note their diseases, the treatment and results, and, in case of death, their age, place of birth, time of death, and everything which he may deem necessary. This record shall remain at the prison and be open to the inspection of the authorities thereof. When absent he shall procure some one to attend in his place, to be approved by the Commissioners ; he shall have such aid as he may require on information to the Governor, none shall interfere with the treatment of the sick or the conduct of the hospital, except so far as may be necessary to enforce discipline ; he shall examine convicts at their admission, and note their bodily defects for the direction of the Governor in assigning their tasks ;

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when anything is necessary for the hospital he must make a requisition on the Governor, and keep an account thereof, to be noted in his Monthly Report to the Board of Directors; he must make a report to the Board monthly of the health of the prison, including post mortem examinations, and furnish the Governor daily with a list of those exempted from labour or reported sick. The discipline of the prison must be rigidly enforced in this department by the presence of proper officers, the patients may be nursed and attended to by convicts, but they shall not have charge of, or access to, the medicines at any time, these shall be at all times under the direction and care of the Keeper or Guard in this department. Convicts shall not be discharged while labouring under diseases, except at their own request. The bodies of deceased convicts may be claimed by their friends, or devoted to scientific examination, or buried.

MATRON.

The Matron shall reside in the prison and attend at all times, except when allowed to go out by the Governor. The rules and regulations for the government of the men are to be enforced as far as practicable among the women, and they are to perform such work under the matron's superintendance as the Governor may direct.

CHAPLAIN.

The Chaplain shall conform to the rules and regulations of the prison, and in no manner interfere with the discipline. He is expected to preach, every Sunday morning, a discourse free from sectarian prejudice and doctrinal discussion, and suited to the peculiar wants and conditions of convicts. He may visit them when in their cells, at any time before nine o'clock at night, for the purpose of privately impressing them with a conviction of their offences, the unfailing penalties of crime, and the necessity of amendment. If requested the Governor or Commissioner shall send for a clergyman of any convict's particular religious sect, and afford to him every proper facility of religious intercourse with the convict, and on all occasions visiting clergymen must cautiously avoid conversation of a secular nature with the convicts.

CONVICTS.

The convicts shall be cleansed on their admission, and furnished with suitable and comfortable clothing of such uniform pattern and description, and to be changed as often as the Commissioners may designate. They shall be put to hard labour every day in the year, except Sundays and Christmas days, and Good Friday, and their time so employed as to be most advantageous. In no cases shall offences against order and discipline be overlooked, but shall be promptly punished. They shall be allowed the means of communicating in writing to the Board of Commissioners, such writing to be done in the presence of the Governor or Keeper, to whom, when completed and sealed, it shall be handed, and who shall deliver it to the Commissioners who shall enquire into their complaints, and give proper attention to the subject of their communications. Good conduct and industry shall be encouraged by favourable reports to the Board, but in no case shall any hope of pardon or favour be held out to them, they will not be permitted to engage in any other kind of work than that assigned to them, nor shall they leave their stations to range about the shops or go into the yard. In passing to and from the cells, to and from the shops, and to and from their meals, the convicts must move in close single file with lock step, in perfect silence, and facing towards the officer in immediate charge of them; their working tools and instruments must be left in the shops, and their knives in the eating-room. Each convict must wash his hands and face at least daily, his feet once a week, and he must change his clothes once a week, every male convict shall have his beard shaved weekly, and his hair cut monthly; the females shall have their hair cut as often. The men and women shall always be kept separate, and no possible opportunity of intercourse be allowed them. They shall have three meals a day of such plain wholesome food as may be deemed proper by the Commissioners, subject to such suggestions

tions as may be made by the Physician and by him be considered necessary for the health of the convicts. When sick a convict shall signify it to any of the officers who shall immediately report him to the Physician, or, in his absence, to the Governor or Keeper. No convict shall write a letter to or receive one from any person except by leave of the Commissioner for the month.

VISITORS.

No person shall be permitted to visit the Penitentiary, except on business, and this shall be transacted in the Governor's portion of the building, or unless he has a written permission as the Commissioners may prescribe, or unless he be a Member of the Legislature, or Mayor of the City. Visitors shall not be permitted to go into the workshops, but in passing through the prison they must be restricted to the avenues. They must always be accompanied by an officer, and they shall not hold communication with a convict, except by express permission of a Commissioner, and then only in an officer's presence. Visitors shall not be admitted on Sunday or Saturday, except in the case of Clergymen, or in the case of strangers who may not be able to appropriate another day to the purpose.

A roster of the officers shall be kept in a suitable place, and they are required to indicate thereby their presence or absence. The officers will take their meals at different hours properly regulated to suit their employments. None of them shall be allowed to raise stock of any kind within the walls of the prison. The slops and offal of the prison shall be sold or used in raising hogs or other stock for the use of the Penitentiary. All unnecessary obstructions, such as trees, shrubbery, palings and the like, shall be removed from the prison-yard, the unoccupied or otherwise useless ground shall be sodded, and the walks shall be gravelled or paved to preserve the greater cleanliness of the buildings. The walls and buildings shall be whitewashed or otherwise coloured as may be considered desirable at least three times a year. When a convict is discharged he must be dressed in citizen's or civilian's clothing. The Governor must see that he does not convey from the prison any letter or any property of the Institution, and he must pay to him such sum as may be designated by the Board of Commissioners.

Debts of the Provincial Penitentiary.

J. & T. A. Bauer's Contract for Lumber,	£111	5	0
Thomas Adams,	5	14	9
Thomas Maynard,	3	16	0
Thomas Boggs, Junr.	39	17	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
A. & W. Mackinlay, Stationery,	11	14	6
Philip Letson, Leather,	5	1	6
Patrick Walsh,	0	19	6
J. Roop, Junr., Supplies, January,	12	15	4
Thomas Ring,	2	17	0
Black & Brothers, Tools, &c.	1	13	3
Stratton, Truckage,	0	16	6
On acct. of Granite Stone, 200 Tons, 7s. 10d.	78	6	8
	<u>£274</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>4</u>

Estimate of supposed Expences of the Provincial Penitentiary for 1845.

SALARIES—

Governor, £125 ; Matron, £25,	£150	0	0
Keeper, £50 ; Under Keeper, £50	100	0	0
Messenger,	40	0	0
	<u>£290</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

PROVISIONS—

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For 20 Prisoners, 5 Officers, making 25 persons,
365 days—9125 Rations, 6d. £228 2 6

CLOTHING—

20 Prisoners at £2 10 each, 50 0 0

FUEL—

20 Chaldrons Coal, 30s. £30 0 0

30 Cords Wood, 15s. 22 10 0 52 10 0

INCIDENTAL—

Soap, Candles, Straw, &c. &c. &c. 24 7 6

£650 0 0

Medical Officer, 0 0 0

Clergyman, 0 0 0

Secretary, 0 0 0

£ 0 0 0

Daily Rations issued at the Provincial Penitentiary, from 15th June, 1844, to 31st. December, 1844.

Date.	Prisoners.	Officers.	Total.	Days.	Rations.
1844.					
15th June to 1st. July,	14	5	19	15	285
to 25th July,	17	6	23	25	575
to 17th Oct.	18	5	23	84	1932
to 16th Nov.	18	5	23	30	790
to 11th Dec.	17	4	21	25	525
to 31st Dec.	17	4	21	20	420
18th June to 12th July,	6	0	0	24	144
to 30th July,	4	0	0	18	72
	Saladin's Men,				
	Military Prisoners,				394
				Rations,	5137

Halifax, 31st. Dec. 1844.

JAMES TREMAIN, *Sec'y.*

A DIGEST OF THE PROVINCIAL PENITENTIARY PROVISION ACCT.

No.	Vouchers.	lbs. Flour,	lbs. Corn Meal,	lbs. Oat Meal,	lbs. Rice.	lbs. Barley.	lbs. Biscuit.	lbs. Sugar.	lbs. Dry Fish.	Galls. Molasses.	lbs. Tea.	lbs. Coffee.	Bush. Potatoes.	lbs. Beef.	Bush. Peas.	lbs. Chocolate.	lbs. Butter.	Bush. Salt.	Bush. Carrots.	lbs. Pork.	lbs. Onions.	TOTALS.	
1	784	784	429	238	238	238	420	112	140	34	4	25	100		1	25	55	3½				Flour,	1568
2	196	1176					984	63	112	47	9		60				86	1				Corn Meal,	3724
12	196	588							137	32												Oatmeal,	1605
20													110						3½			Rice,	238
30								15	112	33	1							3				Barley,	350
32		588	392			112													2			Biscuit,	1690
35														1420								Sugar,	199
40														336								Dry Fish,	725
21																				200		Pork,	200
42																						Beef,	1765
45																						Onions,	50
51	196	392	392				102	2	112	19	½						2				50	Butter,	146
64	196	196	392				184	7½	112	33	1								2			Potatoes,	1200
																						Molasses,	1584
		1568	3724	1605	238	350	1690	199	725	198	15½	25	372	1756	44	25	146	8	3½	200	50	Carrots,	250
													172										
																							Lbs. 15,294

200 consumed.

From 15th June to 31st December, 1844—5137 Rations issued, 15,294 lbs. consumed—equal to 2lbs. 15oz. each day per man.

JAMES TREMAIN,
Sec'y.

Halifax, December 31, 1844.

Return

Return of Provisions Acct. and Rations issued for 3 Months, from 1st. October to 31st. December, 1844.

Groceries for October,		£10	19	10
Groceries for November,		10	14	4
Groceries for December,		10	3	0
Meat acct. for 6 months, £15 0 0, half is,		7	10	0
1 Bushel Potatoes per day, 3 months,		5	15	0
Fish acct. for 6 months, £3 8 3, half is,		1	14	1
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		£46	13	3
			20	
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Rations issued,			933	
			12	
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October, 31 days, 23 persons—	days.		713	
November, 30 do. 23 do.			690	
December, 31 do. 21 do.			651	
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				d.
		2054)	11199 (5½d. $\frac{662}{2054}$

Equal to $5\frac{1}{4}d.$ $\frac{662}{2054}$ per day each Convict and Officer, since the new regulation has been acted on.

Halifax, 31st. Dec. 1844.

JAMES TREMAIN, *Sec'y & Treasurer.*

DEAR SIR,

Having had the honor to receive the appointment of Chaplain to the Provincial Penitentiary, with the approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, I beg leave to submit for the information of the Commissioners and others interested in the prosperity of the Institution, a brief Report of my services in that capacity.

I cannot but repeat to you the expression of my regret, which I mentioned when first honored with a tender of this appointment, that it would be quite out of my power, in consequence of my other engagements, to do any thing like justice to the duties which ought to be connected with it. In every well ordered Institution of this kind the moral care and instruction of the inmates should form fully as important a part of the attention bestowed upon them as the supply of their temporal wants. The establishment of a Provincial Penitentiary, in which persons convicted of different shades and characters of crime may be assembled from all parts of the country, would be a curse to the Province and not a blessing, if there be not some adequate provision made for the moral and spiritual instruction of the persons thus brought together, and some effort used to send them back to their families and their neighbourhoods, at the expiration of their sentence, better instructed, better principled, in every respect better men than they were when they were brought within its walls.

No system, it appears to me, can give a reasonable hope of effecting this improvement, under the blessing of God, in the principles and habits of the convicts confined from time to time in the Penitentiary, but one which will bring them *daily* under some measure of religious instruction, and supply them, not merely with a stated *weekly* opportunity of worshipping God, but with the *constant* counsel and care of all who shall be specially charged to watch for the good of their souls.

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Such care and instruction as this it is quite impossible for any Minister of Christ to bestow upon this Institution, who is engaged in the various duties connected with an extensive parochial charge. I should not for my own part have for one moment entertained the idea of accepting the spiritual care of the Establishment, had it not been from the belief that there was no other Minister in town of any denomination, who had more leisure than myself to give, and for the hope that some provision might in time be made, which would ensure the services of some one, who could give a much larger measure of his time to its duties.

Altho' my appointment as Chaplain to the Penitentiary dates only from the 1st. of November last, my attendance upon the Institution for the purposes of Religious instruction has been of longer standing. In visiting the unhappy men, who were convicted of the piracy of the Saladin, and executed during the past summer, I became interested in the other inmates of the Institution; and being desirous of improving the case of those who were under sentence of death to the benefit of their fellow prisoners, I performed Divine Service on every Sunday and sometimes on a week day, during the time that those men were confined there. I am not without hope, that, by the blessing of God, the awful warning suggested by their case produced a salutary impression upon the minds of some of those who were confined for much lesser crimes.

Beyond what I could have expected or promised at the time of receiving the appointment of Chaplain, I have been enabled to hold Divine Service at the Institution on every Lord's Day since my appointment, with the exception of two, on one of which I was prevented by the severity of the weather from going thither, and on the other was detained at home by a severe domestic affliction. I had also commenced, and continued for several weeks, a visit on some week day, at an hour not likely to interfere with the employment of the men, for the purpose of instructing them in the Scriptures in the way of a Bible class. This visit appeared to be very acceptable, and I trust profitable to the prisoners. The season of Lent, which materially increases my duties in connexion with the Parish of which I am Curate, has interrupted this visit for a few weeks; but I shall hope to resume it as soon as the season of Easter shall have passed.

I have every reason to be gratified with the attention and general good conduct of the inmates of the Establishment, so far as my connexion with them is concerned; and in the defect of a more constant and more efficient spiritual supervision, can only hope and trust that my ministrations among them may not be in vain in the Lord.

I have the honor to remain,

Dear Sir,

Very faithfully yours,

W. COGSWELL,

Chaplain to the Provincial Penitentiary.

The Hon. the Attorney General,

Chairman of Commissioners of Provincial Penitentiary, &c. &c. &c.

P. S. I have omitted to mention, that I have procured a grant of Books from the Diocesan Church Society, from which, with the addition of a number of Volumes from the publications of the Religious Tract Society, purchased by myself, I have provided a small library of moral, religious, and otherwise instructive works, for the use of the prisoners. By means of the same grant from the Church Society, and a grant from the Bible Society, each prisoner who wishes it has been supplied with a Bible and Book of Common Prayer.

Halifax, March 10, 1845.

To the Commissioners of the Provincial Penitentiary the following Report is respectfully submitted:

In accordance with the terms of the regulation of the Board, I have furnished at the end of each month a Report of the health of the Prisoners. The Secretary having intimated

mated to me that in addition to this, it would be necessary to prepare a half-yearly Report of the health of the Establishment up to 31st. December, 1844, in order to its being submitted along with other documents for the information of the Honorable the Members of the House of Assembly, I have drawn up the following statement.

The number of Prisoners received into the Penitentiary from the end of June up to the end of December, was forty. It is a matter of congratulation that notwithstanding there have been several cases of acute disease of a sufficiently alarming character, no case of death has occurred. During the summer months, the diseases most prevalent were diarrhœa, and other derangements of the digestive organs; during the autumn and winter months, the prevailing diseases were catarrhs, rheumatic pains, inflammatory affections of the chest, and affections of the throat.

The mode of attending to the wants of the sick is as follows:—Those who wish to consult the Physician, and are able to labor, notify the Governor, and at the hour of making the usual visit, they are prescribed for if necessary; if any remain in their cells under the impression that they are unable to labor, they are there examined. If from these two classes there are any who require the particular attention of the Physician, they are sent to the hospital. In this department the discipline of the Prison is carried out as far as is practicable; a trusty convict is selected as nurse, to whom is committed the charge of the sick. The monthly average of hospital cases was three, while the whole number of cases prescribed for has been fifty nine, giving an average of nearly ten per month. The hospital records contain a detailed account of the duration, progress, symptoms, and treatment of the cases as they occurred. From the 19th of June till the beginning of September, I attended daily. Since that time my attendance has been required upon an average, four times per week.

No facts have as yet been developed to show, that the mode of discipline adopted in the Penitentiary is injurious to health—in fact, several of the prisoners have improved much in their appearance since their admission. The circumstance indeed of being withdrawn from the severer atmospheric vicissitudes, such as wet and cold, which are prolific sources of disease with a large portion of the community, would of itself more than compensate for the operation of any unfavorable causes to health experienced in this Establishment.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

R. S. BLACK, M. D.

31st Jan'y. 1845.

No. 48.

(See Page 286.)

[COPY.]

Fredericton, N. B., March 6, 1845.

MY LORD,

I have the honor to enclose to your Lordship the copy of a Resolution this day passed by the House of Assembly of this Province, and through your Lordship to invite the co-operation of the Legislature of Nova Scotia in erecting a suitable Establishment for the reception and treatment of Lunatics.

I will take an opportunity of forwarding for your Lordship's information, a Copy of the latest Report of the Establishment in St. John, in which, from judicious treatment, a number of persons afflicted with insanity have been cured.

The necessity of enlarging the Institution and removing it from the City has now become apparent, and if a commodious building could be erected in a central situation for the reception of patients from the three Provinces, I entertain no doubt that it would be a means of affording an Asylum to many afflicted persons whose derangement only becomes chronic and incurable from neglect or injudicious treatment in the early and incipient stages of their malady.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

W. M. COLEBROOKE.

His Excellency Viscount Falkland, &c. &c. &c.

*New Brunswick,
House of Assembly, March 6th, 1845.*

Resolved, That a Copy of the Resolution passed in Committee of the whole House on the Report of the Select Committee on the subject of providing a commodious Lunatic Asylum in this Province, be laid before His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to correspond with the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, with a view of obtaining the co-operation of those two Colonies in carrying such a desirable object into effect, in the hope that it may lead to the erection of a Building suitable to the wants and condition of the three Provinces.

CHAS. P. WETMORE,

Clerk.

*New Brunswick
House of Assembly, Thursday, 6th March, 1845.*

The House in Committee of the whole on the Report of the Select Committee on the state of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, passed the following Resolution, which was adopted by the House.

Resolved, as the opinion of this Committee, that measures should be forthwith taken to provide for the erection of a Lunatic Asylum; and that communication should be had through the Executive Government of this Province with the Government of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, with a view of obtaining their co-operation in the erection of a commodious Building suitable to the wants of that unfortunate class of persons in the three Provinces.

CHAS. P. WETMORE,

Clerk.

(See Page 287.)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE COAL MINES.

THE Committee appointed to enquire into the question of the Coal Mines of this Province, and the rights of the General Mining Company thereto, beg to Report as follows :—

Before enquiring into the question now pending between the Right Honble. the Secretary of State for the Colonies and the Mining Company, as to a reduction of the royalty and an extension of the terms of their Lease, your Committee thought it their duty to enquire into the extent of the Coal fields existing in the Province, the practicability of their being opened and worked, and the income likely to be derived if the Legislature could obtain the controul of them. Being aware that this information could be best obtained from two Gentlemen, who have justly acquired distinction from the researches they have made into the Geology of the Province—Dr. Abm. Gesner, of Cornwallis, and Mr. John Wm. Dawson, of Pictou—they sent for both, and they are glad to submit to the notice of the House, in the annexed Appendices marked A, B, C & D, Copies of the written statements these two Gentlemen have presented, as well as written Memoranda of the additional facts elicited from them, by the examination to which they were personally subjected.

By their united testimony it appears that the Coal fields of Nova Scotia are of the carboniferous order. They are found in three distinct beds or troughs—one lying to the South of the central range of hills which run from the East River of Pictou towards Cape George. A bed in this field has been discovered at Pomket, in the County of Sydney—the edge of the bed is seen on the south side of the hills above described, and Coal has been found at Middle Stewiacke, Gay's River, and Windsor. The Coal found at the River Inhabitants, Cape Breton, and one stratum or bed six feet thick has been found there, is supposed to belong to the same Southern field—but it is right to add that Dr. Gesner and Mr. Dawson both state the Coal fields in Cape Breton have never been examined by them, and that this trough has been as yet but very partially explored. A brief outline of it is contained in the 2nd Vol. of Haliburton's History of Nova Scotia ; but the value of this field cannot yet be estimated, and it will be for the House to consider hereafter how far it is expedient to have it carefully surveyed.

Of the *second* trough or Pictou Coal field, your Committee have been enabled to obtain very full and satisfactory information from Mr. Dawson, from Mr. Smith, one of their own Members, who was the Lessee before the Mining Company began their operations, and from other sources. They refer in particular to the paper annexed, furnished by Mr. Dawson, to Mr. Smith's statement, and to the 2d. Vol. of Haliburton's History, p. 421—429. The area of this trough or bed is extensive. The outcrop of the deposit worked at the Albion Mines by the Company, covers a distance of four miles on the surface. There are ten strata or beds there lying in juxtaposition, interstratified by shale and ironstone, with limestone as a flux in the vicinity—so that in this single location there is a combination of the materials required for the introduction of extensive manufacturing industry and wealth. A cross section annexed, furnished by Mr. Dawson, shews the dip and measurement of these Coal strata, and the extent of them may be estimated by the calculation which Mr. Dawson has furnished. The bed now worked by the Company is thirty-six feet in depth—the Company are penetrating it to the extent of twelve feet—having twenty-four feet untouched—twelve feet of which is good Coal, and twelve feet inferior. It is calculated that the Company by digging out the twelve feet now worked, may obtain seven millions of tons, or one hundred thousand tons annually, for the period of one hundred and forty years, and that by deepening there the cut or shaft to twenty-four feet or upwards, they could command a proportionable increase of quantity.

The Coal in this bed is broken off by an immense *fault*, which occurs at New Glasgow—but Coal is found at Fraser's Mountain, near New Glasgow, at Merigomish, Carri-

boo, and Carriboo Island, and it is supposed also that part of the same bed has been worked by Mr. Archibald, at Salmon River, near Truro—but Mr. Dawson is of opinion, that none of these beds could be profitably worked, so as to enter into competition with the larger bed which is now worked by the Company. They are all besides of an inferior quality. A letter from Mr. Archibald is contained in the Appendix marked H. The *third* trough or field is found at Tatmagouche, at the Grand Village River, near the foot of the Cobequid Mountain, and extends over the Chegonois, the North and Salmon River; but the main deposit is found at Spring Hill, on the Maccan River, and on the south shore of the Joggins. This field is described in Haliburton's History, 2 vol. page 429—Gesner's Geology, p. 151, and in the annexed paper and section marked D. & Dd. furnished by Dr. Gesner, at the request of the Committee. The practical information contained in the latter, is the main object to which the attention of the House should now be directed. From the statements of Dr. Gesner, it appears, that this bed has been examined by Mineral Surveyors from England, with a view to practical operations. That a Company is in existence, with a Capital of twenty thousand pounds ready to be embarked in the enterprize. That they have applied to the Executive for permission to work these Mines, and to cause the notice to be given by the Crown officers in England, as required in the lease made by the Crown to the late Duke of York. That this Company now organized, after a period of four years, to afford them time to erect their necessary works, would agree to pay for a lease of these Mines, the same rent and royalty as paid by the Mining Company for those of Pictou and Sydney, and that satisfactory security could be given for a faithful fulfilment of their obligations. That the cost of raising Coal there including the royalty is such, that the price charged for Coal put on board a vessel, would not exceed seven or eight shillings per chaldron, and that the City of St. John, New Brunswick, and all the Western Counties in our Province, where fuel is now so scarce and expensive, could be supplied with Coal at fourteen to fifteen shillings per chaldron—being about one half the cost of the Pictou and Sydney Coal when sold in Halifax. These facts cannot but create in the House and in the Country, a strong desire to have this branch of our internal resources relieved from a monopoly, which, while totally unproductive to its holders, presses so heavily upon the interests of the people, and may hereafter be employed to impede the introduction of local manufactures.

Your Committee refer to the other valuable information contained in the Appendix, relative to the iron ores and other minerals existing in this Province. This subject is well worthy of the serious attention of the House—but they pass it now to submit their views upon the more important question which demands immediate action.

Of the Coal Fields in Cape Breton they have been unable to obtain *all* the information they desired. Their extent and nature are pretty fully delineated in the 2nd volume of Haliburton's History, p. 429, and some practical information has been communicated by the Honble. Mr. Dodd, who was examined by the Committee, and whose testimony appears in the paper annexed, marked G. ———. The extent and productiveness of these beds seem to be immense, if not inexhaustible; and promise to furnish the materials for an active and flourishing trade for centuries to come. The Company, it appears, are at present working the same beds at Spanish River, which were worked by the former Lessees, and although they have commenced operations both at Bridgeport and at Little Bras d'or Lake—their operations at the two latter places appear to have been latterly abandoned, and the supply to have been chiefly drawn from the old beds situate at Spanish River. Of these operations your Committee speak with doubt, because their information is neither so full nor accurate as they could have wished. They felt that it would be indelicate to apply to the Agent of the Company here for information, and they had not time to send to Sydney for the evidence they would otherwise have obtained.

In the annexed paper, furnished by Mr. Smith, marked F., there is a statement of the rents paid, while the Mines at Pictou were worked by him and Mr. Liddell, and their sub-tenant (Mr. Carr.) The rent was £260 for the Mine on the West side of the East River, and £110 for the Mine on the East side—the latter never having been worked, and when there had been raised 1400 chaldrons, for every additional chaldron the Lessee paid

paid to the local government 3s. per chaldron. The average rent paid from 1820 to 1827, being a period of 8 years, was £502 per annum—the average annual quantity raised was 2500 chaldrons. The price charged by Mr. Carr, at the pit, was 13s. 6d., per chaldron, and it is said that he derived a considerable profit from his operations.—The price charged by the Mining Company at the Albion Mines was for large coal, till 1842, 18s., now reduced to 16s. 6d., and for small, 6s. per chaldron—it appears, however, that the Company have refused this year to sell small Coal—and therefore in fact the consumers in Pictou pay now to the Company 16s. 6d., for the Coal bought from Mr. Carr at 13s. 6d.—an evil very sensibly felt in that County. The price charged by the Company for Coal put on board vessels at the loading ground is 16s. 6d. per chaldron, being exactly the same as the price charged at the mouth of the pit. It is due, however, to the Company to state here, that they have reduced the price of Coals at Sydney from 23s. to 18s. per chaldron of Winchester measure.

Your Committee add below a statement of the rents paid by Messrs. Bown, under their Lease of the Mines at Spanish River, Cape Breton, from the year 1821 to 1826, both inclusive. The average annual quantity of Coal raised by them was 5050 chaldrons, and the average rent paid annually £2569. In 1826 the rent paid was £3271 13s. 1d. In 1843, the whole rent paid for both the Sydney and Pictou Mines by the Mining Company, was only £3,473 10s. 4d.

Statement of the Rents paid annually by the Messrs. Bown, for the Cape Breton Coal Mines, during the period of their Lease.

Year.	Amount.	No. of Chaldrons. Winchester Measure.
1820 16th October to 31st Decr. }	£ 597 2 6	1,885 3-4
1821	2,439 13 10	8,099
1822	2,012 5 0	5,366
1823	1,985 15 0	5,295
1824	2,905 7 6	7,747 2-3
1825	2,805 5 0	7,480
1826	3,271 13 1	8,724
	£16,017 1 11	44,597 5-12

Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax, 26th February, 1845.

(Signed)

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

They annex also a comparative statement of the Rents and Royalties actually paid by the Company for the years 1841, 1842, and 1843; and the sum the local government would have derived from the same quantity of Coal, had the Company paid the same rent or rates paid by Mr. Smith for the Coal Mines at Pictou, and by the Messrs. Bown, for the Coal Mines at Spanish River.

Comparative Statement of the Rents of Coal Mines.

1841.—Sydney and Bridgeport, 51,670 chaldrons, at 7s. 6d., the rate paid by Messrs. Bown,		£19,376 12 0
Pictou, 40,100 chaldrons, 1,400	£370 0 0	
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38,700 " at 3s.,	5,800 0 0	
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Rents for 1841,		£25,546 12 0
Paid by the Mining Company,		6,184 4 5
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Gain by Mining Company,		£19,362 7 7
1842.—Sydney and Bridgeport, 48,616 chaldrons, at 7s. 6d. each,		£18,320 0 0
Pictou, 30,050 1,400	£ 370 0 0	
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28,650 at 3s.,	4,297 0 0	
	<hr/>	4,667 0 0
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Rents for 1842,		£22,987 0 0
Paid by the Mining Company,		5,487 0 0
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Gain by Mining Company,		£17,500 0 0
1843.—Sydney and Bridgeport, 42,150, at 7s. 6d. per chaldron,		£15,806 5 0
Pictou, 19,382 1,400	£370 0 0	
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17,982 at 3s.,	2,697 6 0	
	<hr/>	3,067 6 0
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Rents for 1843,		£18,873 11 0
Paid by Mining Company,		3,473 0 0
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Gain by Mining Company,		£15,400 11 0
<i>Gain by Company, and Loss by the Government, if the Company had paid the same Rents paid by former Lessees.</i>		
1841, - - - - -		£19,362 7 7
1842, - - - - -		17,500 0 0
1843, - - - - -		15,400 11 0
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		£52,262 18 7

In considering this statement, it is to be recollected that although the price of Coal has been raised at Pictou, it has been reduced at Sydney.

Your Committee here call the attention of the House to the fact, that before the Mines at Sydney had been leased to the Mining Company, an offer was made to the Executive in this Province, by one of the principal Merchants in the City of Halifax, to lease them at an annual rent of £7,000 sterling.

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Your Committee beg further to state that it appears that the Company sell Coal by the quantity of 3000 chaldrons or upwards, at any one time, at a reduced price of 1s. 6d. to 2s. per chaldron. It is true that the Merchant here, and the Agent in the United States, are furnished on the same terms—but in practice this arrangement operates prejudicially upon the Coasters supplying the Halifax and other markets, because as they have been in the habit of acting independently, and purchasing Coals by the single cargo, they are compelled to pay the higher or retail price, and the Committee have been informed that single cargoes of Coal have often been bought from the Agents in the United States, at a less price than they could have been bought for at the pits.

From a review of these facts, it is obvious that the Mining Company can prefer no equitable claim, either to a reduction of the royalty, or an extension of their term. The offer made by them in 1828 for a lease, was voluntary, and considering the favorable terms which they obtained—that the Government *inadvertently* conceded to them the right to raise 20,000 chaldrons of Newcastle and not Winchester measure, and the royalty was agreed to be accepted in 2s. currency in place of 2s. sterling per chaldron, to reduce the rent now would be a surrender of those interests this House are bound to protect, which would create general dissatisfaction.

Your Committee are not insensible to the fact that the Counties of Pictou and Cape Breton have derived some benefit from the expenditure of capital in, and the larger population introduced by the operations of the Company. They regret also to be informed that the capital expended has never yielded any adequate return; but the Committee believe that the works have been erected on a very costly and extravagant scale, and that the establishment has been conducted in a style, which may be justified in an old and richer country, but which is wholly unsuited to the condition of a Province like this, and that if loss has accrued, it may be largely attributed to a want of due care, moderation, and economy. This Committee, in making these remarks, desire it to be understood that they are not animated by any improper feeling against the Association; because, while they continue their operations, they would recommend that every possible Legislative aid should be afforded to them, and that this House should endeavour, in every way in its power, to effect a reduction of the heavy tariff on Coal imported into the United States from these Provinces.

Your Committee beg to state that in the consideration of this question several important views must press themselves upon the attention of the House.

First—That if the claims now asserted by the Company be sustained, the whole Coal Fields and Mineral Wealth of this Province must remain for forty years longer in the hands of Monopolists.

Second—That the price of Coal at Pictou, in place of being diminished by the extent of their operations, has actually been increased; and is sold at a price far exceeding that at which Coals could be furnished, if our resources were opened to competition, while no guarantee is held that the price may not yet be further increased.

Third—That a large portion of the inland Western Counties, where fire wood is nearly exhausted, or at least has become a very scarce and costly article, is actually deprived of a supply of Coal from accessible pits in their vicinity, because the Company will neither open them themselves, nor permit others to do so.

Fourth—That the Company are now pressing the Imperial Government for a reduction of their rent, when your Committee are satisfied from evidence put before them, that if these Mines were under the controul of the Legislature, twice, if not three times, the annual rent or royalty could be derived from them, while Coals would be sold at a reduced price, and an extensive export trade be conducted with the United States and the neighbouring Colonies.

And *Fifth*—That the Company claiming to be the owners of the Mines and Minerals of Nova Scotia, (except in the few rare cases where grants were made not reserving these resources for the benefit of the Crown,) they can for a period of forty years regulate, hasten, or impede the introduction of machinery and manufactures upon any extensive

sive scale ; and that the capital, enterprise, and industry of the Province must for that long period submit to the controul of a Company, nearly all of whom are not resident, and who could scarcely be reached by the action of the Legislature.

Your Committee are aware of the responsibility which rests upon them in dealing with a question of so momentous and embarrassing a character ; they have determined, therefore, under the circumstances, to submit to the House three different courses, and to leave to its united wisdom to adopt such measures as the exigencies of the case seem to require.

Before detailing these however, your Committee think it right to state their views on a question, which the Rt. Honorable Lord Stanley has referred to, as one of the three questions delaying the final action of the Crown, in accepting the offer of this Legislature for a settlement of the Civil List. They have had under their consideration the pending controversy between the Creditors of the late Duke of York and the Mining Company, in order to ascertain how far it can affect the rights of the Crown ; and although they have not been able to command all the documents they desired, they believe they have obtained sufficient information to enable them to detail its true bearings.

Under the Lease to the Duke of York, the Crown Officers, on the question being submitted to them, decided that the Mines of Cape Breton *did not pass* ; and had this opinion been maintained, the Company as Assignees could have claimed the *unopened* Mines in Nova Scotia Proper only—the Mines then worked, in other words, the Mines at the East River, Pictou, held by Messrs. Smith and Liddell, being reserved by a clear reservation.

Subsequent to the assignment of this Lease to the Company, they entered into the Agreement with the Crown for the Coal Mines of Cape Breton and the reserved Mines at Pictou, and consented to pay the Rent of £3,333 6s 8d. cy., with the right of raising 20,000 chaldrons, Newcastle Measure, and 2s. cy. royalty, for every Chaldron raised above that quantity.

That after this Agreement was made with the Crown, the Complainants in the Suit referred to being interested in the sub-Lease, or assignment of the Lease made to the Duke of York, filed a Bill in Chancery against the Company, claiming the fulfilment on their part of certain conditions contained in this Assignment, and alleging, that, by a sound construction of the Lease itself, the Mines in Cape Breton had passed under it along with the Mines in Nova Scotia Proper,—and also to obtain from the Company a participation in or share of the profits derived from their operations at certain Mines in Cape Breton.

By a decree of the Vice Chancellor in this Suit, that learned Judge decided, in opposition to the opinion of the Crown Officers, that the Mines in Cape Breton *did pass* under the Lease to the Duke of York, although the Mines at Spanish River could not be reached by this construction, because they are reserved by the same clause, which reserved the Mines at Pictou, and kept both under the controul of the Crown.

That the Suit in Chancery has been brought to recover a share of the profits derived by the Company from the working of these Mines, situate at Bridge Port and Little Bras d'Or—the Company having agreed by a clause in the Assignment held by them, to account to the Complainants for a share in such profits, to the extent of 2-12th parts.

Your Committee beg to state, from the review they have been enabled to give this controversy, that they are at a loss to discover how it can impose any obligations on the Crown, or delay an early and final adjustment of this question. *First*—It is clear, that the Company agreed to pay the fixed Rent of £3000 Stg. for the right of raising Coals to the extent of 20,000 chaldrons, Newcastle measure. The Company have for a long series of years past, raised over that quantity—so that they have derived the full equivalent they expected to receive, in return for the payment of this fixed Rent—except in one or two years after they began their operations, but this deficiency is fully balanced by the less amount they have paid for royalty—for

Second.—Admitting that the *unopened* Mines in Cape Breton *did pass* by the Lease to the Duke of York and his Assignees, still the Company have actually paid less to the Crown

Crown for the produce raised by them from the Mines at Bridge Port and Little Bras d'Or, under the Agreement of 1828, than they would have been compelled to pay, had they held these Mines under their assignment of the original Lease. Under the agreement they have paid the Crown a royalty only of 2s. currency per chaldron Newcastle measure, for every chaldron over 20,000 chaldrons—but under the Lease the Crown was to receive a royalty of 1s. sterling per ton. In every Newcastle chaldron there are 2 tons 14 cwt. of coal—the royalty of 1s. sterling per ton would be equal to 2s. 5½d sterling per chaldron, so that in fact, under the Lease, the Company would have paid to the Crown 3s. and a fraction currency, Newcastle per chaldron; while under the Agreement they have only paid 2s. currency. This difference appears by the Statement annexed, to amount to £2122 13s. And *lastly*—If compelled under the decree of the Vice Chancellor to account in Chancery for a Share of their profits derived from the working of these Mines, it is clear, that the Crown, under no legal nor equitable view of this question, can be held responsible for *profits*; and your Committee have come, therefore, to the conclusion, that the pending of this suit, cannot involve the honor nor affect the interests of the Crown, and ought not to delay the speedy and final adjustment of the question.

First—If the Mining Company are of opinion, that the longer payment of the rent and royalty is too serious a burthen on their speculation, and that they cannot prosecute it successfully, it is for the House to say how far it would be prudent for them to offer to pay the Company a moderate sum for the purchase of their Establishment, and a release of all alleged claims—the outlay is said to have been equal to £300,000 sterling—but the Stock of the Company is not worth in the London market anything equal to the original cost; and if any settlement were thought of, in adjusting the sum to be paid, the House, of course, would have regard to the *reduced* value of the works and machinery as they now stand.

Second—Although the House may feel restrained by the determination expressed by the Crown, relative to the alleged claims of the Company, and by the language before employed, that this Legislature would not seek to invalidate any contract binding on the honor of the Crown, present circumstances force your Committee to suggest how far the exercise of the Prerogative, in giving a Lease of all the Mines and Minerals of Nova-Scotia, excepting those worked at Pictou, to His late Royal Highness the Duke of York, and subsequently leasing the said reserved Mines, and the Mines in Cape Breton, to the Assignees of the Lease; thereby creating a close monopoly, can be vindicated.—“Prerogative,” says the Constitution, “is held for the benefit of the subject”—“the power of the Prerogative,” says Lord John Russell, in his Despatch of 14th October, 1839, “is never denied—its exercise only is questioned.” If these principles are authoritative, it is not beyond the functions of this Legislature, to say that an exercise of the Royal Prerogative, which passed the entire Mineral Wealth of this Province, under the joint operations of the Lease and Agreement, creating a strict monopoly, into the hands of a Company, who can have no active sympathies in the advancement and prosperity of the Province, and who are individually removed from the controul of its Legislature, was not, and never could be, for the benefit either of the people of Great Britain, or of this Province; and therefore it can be said that the Lease and Agreement were *improvidently* made. Lord Glenelg, in his Despatch to Sir Colin Campbell, dated July, 1839, has said “that it is impossible that this measure should ever be drawn into a precedent,” intimating, as your Committee think, that His Lordship did not consider it a Grant or Lease which could be rightfully vindicated. But it may be argued that it will be useless now to agitate this question, that this Legislature has been concluded by the apparent neutrality of former Assemblies, in permitting the Company, without actually attacking their rights, to expend a large sum in the erection of their works. Taking these facts into consideration, it is for the House to consider if a course of procedure like the following, is not open for adoption:—To propose to the Mother Government that the Company should be allowed to retain, for the residue of their term, the Coal Fields at Pictou, and at Spanish River, in Cape Breton, where these expenditures have been made,

on the payment of the stipulated rent and royalty. The Strata now worked, as the Committee conclude from the evidence collected, are sufficiently ample to supply annually to the Company an equivalent quantity of Coal to that raised in any past year, not only for the remainder of their term, but for a far longer period; and, while the House in thus not proceeding to disturb the alleged claims of the Company to that portion of the Mines where capital has been expended, may consider how far it will be either politic or competent for the House to enquire into the legal rights of the Company to the other fields of Coal and Minerals claimed in Nova Scotia Proper and Cape Breton. If, after due deliberation, the House should regard this course open to them, and decide to adopt it, they may proceed either by an Address to the Throne, by reference to Parliament, or by raising the question of the Constitutional efficacy of this exercise of the Prerogative, before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

The *Third* course open to the House, is, passing by the question of title for the present, to assert, in the most unequivocal but respectful language, that the Company from the facts and reasonings contained herein, can prefer no valid claim, either in law or in equity, to the reduction of the rent or royalty, or to an extension of their term, and to urge the strong necessity which exists in having some stringent regulations established, by which, under the condition in the Lease to the Duke of York, in case the Company, after notice, refuse to open and work any Mine, the same may be transferred to the controul of this Legislature, so as to give to the people of this Province the benefit of competition in bringing into profitable use the extensive mineral and manufacturing resources, which exist under the surface of our own soil. If the House take this course it would be requisite to have some course of procedure settled by which if the Company should open Mines, after notice, the extent of their operations in any Mine which they would be thus required to open, should be settled by some fixed rule or standard, for by the Lease itself their powers are left extremely vague and undefined; and with a view to prevent future difficulties, it would be judicious also to have the boundaries of the Coal Fields at Sydney and Pictou ascertained to which the Company have a right under the Agreement made in 1828.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. R. YOUNG,
HT. HUNTINGTON,
W. F. DES BARRES.

*Committee Room, House of Assembly,
14th March, 1845.*

Statement of the Quantity of Coal raised from the Mines at Bridgeport and Little Bras 'Dor, Cape Breton.

Shipped from 1832 to 1844, inclusive, 100,764 W. Chaldrons,
 Equal to 135,981 tons of 20 cwt. each, and 112lbs. to the cwt., or
 Equal to 114,608 tons of 22 cwt., and each cwt. of 120 lbs., being the weight given by
 the Lease to the Duke of York.

ROYALTY—

100,764 W. Chaldrons, at 1s. per Chaldron currency, being the Royalty paid by the Company under the agreement made in 1828,	£5038 4 0
135,981 Tons at 1s. 3d. Cy. or 1s. Sterling, equal to	8498 16 3

Difference,	£3460 12 3
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110,764 W. Chaldrons as above,	£5038 4 0
104,608 Tons as above, at 1s. Stg. equal to 1s. 3d. Cy.	7163 0 0

Difference,	£2124 16 0
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The last Sum represents the saving made by the Company in having paid under the Agreement made in 1828, in place of the Royalty secured by the Lease.

(A.)

1845—February 20th.

JOHN WILLIAM DAWSON.

Reads Statement (as annexed.)

Southern trough not yet explored ; it extends from Oxberry, Cape Breton, to Windsor, Nova Scotia. This opinion given by Mr. Logan, and agreed to by Mr. Lyell. There is a bed of Coal at Pomket Harbour 8 inches thick—do not know the dip. Have seen the Coal formation rocks on the south side of the Hills at the head of the East River, dipping to the South. Also at Antigonishe. Have heard that Coal has been seen at Middle Stewiacke. Have not seen it myself. This Coal could be shipped by being boated down the Shubenacadie River—cannot say however whether this bed is workable or not. I intend to explore it next Summer. Messrs. Brown and Smith looked at it at Pomket, and told me it was 8 inches thick. At the River Inhabitants, Cape Breton, Mr. Brown said there was a bed 6 feet thick. Did not say what the quality was.

Middle or Pictou Trough. The bed worked 36 feet—12 feet worked—a bed of bituminous slate above—of the 24 feet left 12 feet of good Coal and 12 of an inferior quality. The pit 50 fathoms deep. This is at the bottom of the workings. They work the best Coal—they work the same bed as the old lessees. Coal usually improves as they work into the bed. Some say the Coal since the fire at the Pictou Mines is not so good as before—may yet get into as good as before. Mr. A. Carr entered into the side of the valley. The outcrop of this bed 4 miles in length. It is broken by a Fault at New Glasgow, where it falls down several thousand feet. It has not been found again in the County of Pictou. The other outcrop is about a mile to the south east of the Mines. My estimates of the contents are made by myself, not by Mr. Logan or Mr. Lyell—my calculation is, that there is there seven millions of tons, it may be a million of tons or more at fault, but more likely to be under than above the fact; this calculation would afford a fair ground for practical operation—there may be faults below, but it is not probable. Have heard that some Agent of the Mining Company has calculated this bed would run out in fifty years. My calculation is founded on the presumption that they would work only 12

feet, if they worked 24 feet it would yield twice the quantity. The other twelve feet not good, but it has iron stone in it. The dip is 29° one foot in three.

[*Exhibits a Section.*]

All the five beds in juxta-position—there are ten in all, not one of these less than two feet thick. Another Coal work may be established at the outcrop of this measure—after working out the present bed may work one of the other five. At New Glasgow the Coal half a mile at least below the surface. Another colliery might be established to the north west towards the Middle River—the four beds vary from five to three feet thick. Have not heard of any bed less than two feet thick worked in England, and then only where there is a larger bed near—would not sink a pit in the Pictou Coal Field to the north east. The dip from Fraser's Mountain to Merigomish is about north—the outcrop runs from Fraser's Mountain to Merigomish—is 8 miles in length. It is seen at Carriboo and back of Carriboo Island. The Coal at Merigomish and at Carriboo could not be worked with profit—could not compete with the Coal Field at the Albion Mines. The bed damaged by the fire not likely to be worked till the other part of the bed is worked out. The fire did not destroy the bed of Coal, but only the works.

The outcrop of the bed worked at the Mines about 1-5th of a mile to the S. East of the mouth of the pit.

For 500 or 600 years that Coal Field would annually yield 100,000 Chaldrons of Coal.

The Coal from Fraser's Mountain inferior in quality.

I know that the bed worked by the Albion Mining Company is the same as that worked by Mr. Carr.

I think the three troughs of Coal could be examined by a Geologist in a summer, but it would be a cursory examination. It could be done effectually in the course of two years. The better plan would be to give him a grant of money and then for him to account for his expenditure, and to pay him for his services. I think an outlay of £50 a summer would be sufficient; £100 would be enough in all. He would not require any geological assistance; the £50 would do all the digging required—a thorough survey for all the minerals. A Geological, Agricultural, and Mineralogical Survey would require a Geologist, Mineralogist, and a Chemist. One man can do all these duties required for a survey of the Coal Fields. A Geological survey would discover more beds of minerals than would repay the expense.

Halifax, Feb'y 20th, 1845.

Noted and compared.

GEO. R. YOUNG.

(B.)

Distribution and extent of the Mineral Deposits of Eastern Nova Scotia.

COAL FIELDS.

The productive beds of Coal are included in a great series of sandstones, shales, &c. constituting the Carboniferous System of geologists. This series of rocks occupies the greater part of the Counties of Cumberland, Hants, Colchester, Pictou, and Sydney. It is divided by ranges of trap and disturbed strata, into three irregular trough-shaped deposits, extending from East to West.

The Southern trough extends from Antigonish and Pomket to the Stewiacke River, and probably to Windsor. On this line a small bed of Coal has been seen at Pomket; and Coal is stated to be found at Beaver Lake, Middle Stewiacke, and Windsor. These coal measures are probably continuous with those of Port Hood and River Inhabitants in Cape Breton. The greater part of the southern trough of Carboniferous strata, has not been geologically explored.

The central trough extends from Pictou, through Onslow, Londonderry and Economy. It is bounded on the South by a hilly and disturbed line of country extending from Cape St. George towards Truro; and on the North, by a similar range, extending from Tatamagouche to Cape Chignecto.

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The most important Coal-field contained in the central trough, is that of the East river Pictou. The productive Coal measures of this field include ten beds of Coal, whose thickness and dip are shown in the accompanying section. Only one of those beds (marked No. 1) is at present worked. It is 36 feet in thickness, and contains 24 feet of good Coal, 12 feet of which are at present mined. This great bed and its associated measures, are cut off two miles north of their outcrop, by a fault which has probably thrown them down to a great depth, and they are not known to reappear in the County of Pictou. This fault cuts the outcrop of the Coal measures, at the distance of about three miles North West of the present mines, (see maps and plan). In the opposite direction, running to the S. E. the outcrop of the Coal strata extends about one mile, when it appears to be cut off by faults; but the Coal measures perhaps reappear in Merigomish, where Coal is found near the mouth of Sutherland's River. The outcrop of the Coal measures of the Albion Mines, thus appears to extend four miles, and the area of the beds of Coal must be less than 12 square miles. Twelve feet of the thickness of the largest bed, as at present worked, may be estimated to contain at least 7,600,000 tons of good Coal, which would supply the present demand for 130 years. I am not acquainted with the quality of the Coal in the smaller beds; but if we suppose only four of them to afford good Coal, they would probably afford 100,000 tons annually for double the above period.

In the sandstones of the Coal formation, which occupy that part of the county of Pictou, lying to the northward of the great fault above mentioned, there are two small beds of Coal one of them three feet in thickness, but of inferior quality. They appear at Fraser's Mountain, distant N. E. from New Glasgow, about 2 miles, and extend thence to Merigomish Harbour. One of them reappears on the North side of the trough near Carriboo and in Pictou Island.

The Coal measures of Salmon River, in the county of Colchester, are equivalent to those of the Albion Mines in geological position, and belong to the southern side of the central trough. Only one bed of Coal one foot thick and of inferior quality, has been discovered at Salmon River; but others most likely exist there.

The Coal measures of the Joggins, Macan River, Cape Chignecto, and other parts of the County of Cumberland, belong to the third or Northern trough of carboniferous strata. (Vide Gesner's statement.)

IRON ORES.

Numerous beds of *Clay Ironstone*, from 2 inches to 6 feet in thickness, exist in the coal measures of the Albion Mines. Some of them are above the average richness of the clay Ironstones of Great Britain, and of sufficient thickness to be worked.

Brown Hematite, containing nearly 50 per cent. of iron, is found in veins in the lower coal formation, near its junction with the Silurian rocks (see section). The number and thickness of these veins are unknown; but from the large quantity of ore found on the surface, must be considerable.

Veins, similar in character and geological position to those of the East River, occur at the mouth of the Shubenacadie River; but the ore which they contain is less pure.

In the veins of Hematite, both in Pictou and near the Shubenacadie, Peroxide of Manganese is abundant, and might be profitably separated from the ores of iron.

Ten miles south-eastward of the Albion Mines, is a bed of Peroxide of Iron eighteen feet in thickness. The ore which it contains would yield nearly 40 per cent. of good iron. Some of it was melted at the Albion Mines, but probably from errors in the process employed, yielded iron which would not run.

SULPHATE OF BARYTES.

A vein of this mineral, three feet in thickness, has been found at Rogers' Hill, eight miles westward of the Town of Pictou. It is equal in purity to that employed in Scotland in the manufacture of Baryto-sulphate pigment.

COPPER

COPPER ORES.

Grey sulphuret of Copper, or copper glance, containing 75 per cent. of Copper, is found in the Coal formation at Tatmagouche, Tony River, Carriboo, West River, and East River. The ore is in the form of nodules, or occupies the cavities of fragments of fossil wood. The deposits hitherto found are too small for mining purposes.

LEAD ORES.

Galena, or Sulphuret of Lead, is found in small disseminated crystals, in Limestone near Gay's River. I have not however seen any valuable veins of that Mineral in the Eastern part of the Province. I have received good specimens of Galena from the Island of St. Paul; and have been informed that a vein of three feet in thickness, traversing Mica Slate, has been found there.

J. W. DAWSON.

Halifax, Feb'y 21, 1845.

(C.)

1845—Feb'y 19th.

ABRAHAM GESNER.

I am a native of Nova Scotia, of the age of 45 years. I have been engaged in the examination of the Geology of Nova Scotia for 25 years. I published a book on it in 1836. Do not know the Coal Fields of Cape Breton—have never been there—my enquiries confined to Nova Scotia proper. Have prepared a Geological Map of Nova Scotia proper—it contains 10,000 square miles—1500 miles of this Coal Field—it is bituminous, no Anthracite here—never saw any of the latter kind here. Do not believe the field at Minudie the same as those at Pictou. The Coal of different qualities. Have subjected the Cumberland, not the Pictou Coal, to chemical analysis. Some of the former better than the Pictou Coal—some inferior. No part of the Province where Coals could be worked so cheaply as at Cumberland. Best Coal at Spring Hill, Macan, I have ever seen in the Province of Nova Scotia.

*(Reads Statement A.)**(See Copy of Cross Section annexed.)*

The Minudie Mines at Cumberland could yield 100,000 Chaldrons for 100 years. From the Mines both at Joggins and Macan—these both belonging to one field. Since 1838 I have been making application to the Government for a Lease of these Mines. There is a Company ready to work them. It is a British Company, but part of the Stock taken in the United States. The Capital I think is £20,000. I think the expenditure of £10,000 would raise 40,000 Chaldrons a-year. It has been examined by two English Mineral Surveyors, sent out by this Company at my suggestion. They were practical and competent men; I was with them—we only examined the Joggins—did not consider it necessary—they were satisfied with the outcrop—we were there for about a week. I was there with Mr. Lyell also for two days. He said that he had never seen so good a field of Coal for working in his life. The estimate is made by the two Surveyors of the cost of raising the Coal. They made the estimate of expenditure higher than mine—they estimated, that, by the expenditure of £10,000 St'g. they could raise 40,000 chaldrons a year, for ten or fifteen years, on the water level—after that they contemplated to go under the level of the sea—they intended to build a breakwater and wharves. No steam engine required for ten or fifteen years—they mean to bring out the coals by adit levels on wooden rails. Intended to sell at 8s. cy. per Win. chaldron. The freight to St. John, N. B. would be not more than 5s. a chaldron—the same to Windsor and other ports of the Bay—coals would be sold in Windsor and in St. John from 14s to 15s. per chaldron. They are not worked now except by two poor Cornish miners, who sell from 300 to 500 chaldrons a year—they are carried to St. John's, Windsor and Cornwallis—sold at the pit mouth

mouth for 10s a chaldron, and are sold at St. John and other places at 14s. to 15s. These two fields nearly inexhaustible. Not aware of the extent of coal at Cape Chignecto—do not think it is workable, not having been explored at all that I am aware of. The distance from the S. Joggins Shore to the River Hebert 3 miles, where vessels of 200 tons could load. Railroad made of wood would cost £1,000 to £1,500 a mile—it is a level line and a railroad could be laid. The Company have ever said they would cheerfully pay the same Royalty as the Mining Company. The Company I do not think would come under any agreement to sell the Coals for a certain fixed price—could not foresee what is to happen. If the Company get a Lease they would agree to raise after 4 years, 40,000 chaldrons a year. They would pay the same rent, £3000 Stg. a year as the Mining Company, for the right of raising 20,000 chaldrons Newcastle, or 40,000 chaldrons of 36 bushels, being the Winchester or the measure used in this Province—to pay this after the fourth year, and then after that they would pay the same Royalty as the Mining Company, for any excess over the 40,000 chaldrons, 1s. for every Winchester chaldron. My opinion is, they could give ample security for a faithful performance of their contract. The Company intend the coal to be consumed in Manufactories in the Northern States not yet founded.

Interstratified with the coal field there is a bed of Iron ore eight feet in thickness, and limestone near for a flux—it is near the shore—could be worked advantageously—argillaceous oxide of iron—it would yield $33\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. It has been faithfully analysed in the United States and Scotland. The ores in Scotland yield on an average 33 per cent. (See Section No. 3.) One of the Mineral Surveyors, if they got these fields of coals, intended to lease the Annapolis Iron Works to mix the ores of Nictaux River with the ores at the Joggins, and thus obtain a superior kind of iron. The ore at Annapolis yields about $33\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.—the ore at Annapolis *hematite*.

[Reads Section and Statement 2.]

The Manganese could be worked—worth £8 per ton—could be sent to England and pay a profit. I think £200 a year might be got for the right of working Manganese.

No Copper deemed workable in this Province—but required to be examined more carefully.

(See Estimate of the Expense of Surveying this Coal Field annexed.)

Halifax, Feb'y. 21, 1845.

Noted and Compared.

GEO. R. YOUNG.

(D.)

Statement in reference to the unopened Mines of the County of Cumberland, and other Mines in the Province of Nova Scotia.

At Springhill, Maccan, there is a stratum of coal 12 feet thick.

1	do.	do.	$2\frac{1}{2}$	do.
1	do.	do.	3	do.

Four miles of Railroad would be required to reach the Maccan River, which is navigable for Lighters to Loading Ground, 5 miles.

There is coal on the Nepan River unexplored.

Coal outcrops on the borders of the River Hebert, one stratum is three feet in thickness—workable. There are others thickness unknown—one half a mile of Railroad would be required to the River, which is navigable for vessels of 200 tons burthen.

Fifteen strata of coal appear at the Joggins, directly on the shore—five of these strata are workable.

1	Stratum,	4 feet 2 inches thick,
1	do.	$2\frac{1}{2}$ feet do.
1	do.	5 do.
2	do.	$7\frac{1}{2}$ do. separated, by one foot of parting.

There

There is coal near Cape Chignecto not explored.

The general advantages of the coal in this quarter is its proximity to the American Market, New Brunswick, and the Towns and Villages of the Bay of Fundy, Basin of Mines, and the Western Counties of Nova Scotia.

The great advantages of the Coal at the South Joggins are—the Coal is on the shore of the Bay—no railroads are required. The necessary wharves and breakwater may be permanently erected—the rubbish of the mines will supply the ballast for those works.

Great quantities of Coal can be removed by adit levels. The Mines may be cheaply drained and ventilated. The navigation is safe. Chignecto Bay closes by ice late in the year, and opens early. There are no Coal Mines in New Brunswick, or any of the Eastern States, that can ever enter into competition with them. Timber is abundant on the surface. The Mines are near a fine agricultural country. The coal at a moderate depth is good, and the demand for it is constantly increasing. No steam engines will be required for fifteen years. Iron stone, with the limestone necessary for its flux, is interstratified with the coal, wherefore iron may be readily manufactured. A single miner with a car running on wooden rails, can mine and bring from a distance of 600 yards beneath the cliffs to the wharf, two chaldrons of coal per diem.

Cost of each chaldron of Coal on the wharf, say,	£0	3	0
Royalty for Winchester chaldron,	0	1	0
Shipping,	0	0	6
Profits,	0	2	6

Cost of Coal on wharf, £0 7 0

The above estimate of the cost of the coal, was made by a good English mineral Surveyor, with whom I visited the above place.

The disadvantages of the above Mines would be the expense of building the necessary wharves and a breakwater, the length of the winter, the payment of the Royalty, and the duty on coals in the United States.

Coal required for home consumption.

For Amherst,	200	Chaldrons.
Sackville,	200	“
Dorchester,	100	“
Peticodiac,	100	“
Truro,	200	“
Onslow,	100	“
Windsor,	500	“
Horton,	200	“
Cornwallis,	200	“
Bridgetown,	400	“
Annapolis,	500	“
Digby,	300	“
Yarmouth,	500	“
Shelburne,	300	“
Liverpool,	600	“
Lunenburg,	500	“
St. John,	20,000	“
St. Andrew's,	1000	“
St. Stephen's,	500	“

Total, 26,400 Chaldrons.

There are strata of Coal on the sides of the River Philip, unexplored.

Sulphate of Barytes in thick veins, occurs at Cape Chignecto—this mineral is now manufactured into white paint.

The oxides of manganese are found abundant at Parrsboro' and in the County of Hants.

Lead ores are found on the Shubenacadie and at other places.

Copper has been discovered at several localities.

The most valuable rocks of the Province are granite, marble, freestone, grindstone, fireclay, porphyry, slate, limestone, gypsum, and marl.

A. GESNER.

Halifax, 19th Feb'y, 1845.

(E)

Estimate of the expenses of making a Geological Survey of the Cumberland Coal Field, and the Coal district bordering upon the Basin of Mines, including Windsor and Fulmouth.

With the surveys and information I have already acquired the whole work could be completed in one year, for which the expenses would be,

For Travelling expenses, Boat hire and other incidental charges,	£75 0 0
For Labour in Mining, Digging, Measuring, &c. &c.	50 0 0
Salary for the Geologist employed for one year.	250 0 0

£375 0 0

A. GESNER.

Halifax, 22nd. Feby. 1845.

(F.)

GEORGE SMITH, ESQUIRE.

In the year 1819 I obtained a Lease of two Mines of Coal on the East River of Pictou from Lord Dalhousie, the then Governor of Nova Scotia, for twenty years from the 3rd day of November, 1819. In June following, 1820, I sub-leased the Mines to Adam Carr, who worked the Mine on the west side of the River from that time until taken possession of by the sub-lessees of His Royal Highness the Duke of York. Before obtaining the lease of these Mines I had to pay the arrears due by the former tenant, amounting to upwards of £1100, and the Lease obliged me to pay (and which was paid regularly up to the time the Lessees of the Duke of York got possession) £260 annually for the Mine on the west side of the River, for which I was allowed to dig 1400 chaldrons of 36 bushels each, and for every chaldron like measure over this quantity I paid 3s.

For the Mine on the east side of the River I paid £110 of annual rent, for which I was allowed to dig 1733 chaldrons of 36 bushels each, and 3s. for every chaldron over this quantity. Owing to the inferior quality of the coal, this Mine *never was worked* by Mr. Carr under my Lease, although I was subjected to and paid the annual rent of £110 from 1819 until 1828. From 1820 until 1828, when Rundell, Bridge & Rundell's Agents took possession, the average quantity per year dug by Mr. Carr, was about 3500 chaldrons—the rents regularly paid to Government, and the Mine left in good working condition, and a level driven from the River to the workings, which would have served the purposes of my lease, at the rate of 10,000 chaldrons per year, the drifts were well secured, and no breakings in had happened up to the time Rundell & Co. got possession. At this time the Mine, after paying rent and all other charges, was worth to me nearly £300 per annum, but from the advantageous terms on which Rundell, Bridge & Rundell obtained the Lease, all competition was hopeless—for although I could have held possession of this Mine and prevented them from using the Seam I was working, yet the desire of the Provincial Government for all persons to forward their views, and the large capital about to be employed, caused me to surrender, depending on the Government for remuneration, but by this means I sustained a loss of £5,000 and upwards, for which I never received any consideration except a sum equal to the materials and stock left on the premises, although I have frequently

frequently petitioned the Government. When I obtained the lease the coals were worked on the west side on Wm. McKay's land, on a level with the brook called Colin McKay's Brook, and the horse and cart were taken into the workings—we were, however, as the coal dipped, obliged to sink several shafts, and worked the coal towards the River, which led us off Wm. McKay's land, and at the time Rundell, Bridge & Rundell took possession, Mr. Carr was working at a shaft sunk in the lands of the Rev. D. McGregor, to whom we paid surface damage. We had previously driven our level to the River, and here Rundell & Co. commenced their workings, and continued to do so until this part of the Mines was first injured by fire in 1828, and since then by a similar accident rendered, as I understand, useless, and these works are removed farther to the eastward, and the mines drained by a powerful engine, but still on the same seam of coal.

By a memo. in Mr. Carr's hand, the expense of raising the Coal as stated by him, was,

For digging per chaldron,	£0	3	0	
Blacksmiths and tools for work,	0	0	9	
Timber for supports,	0	0	3	
Hauling out of the pits and keeping up horse & carts,	0	1	9	
		0	5	9 at Pit mouth.
Hauling from Pit to the bank of the River,	0	3	0	
		0	8	9 cost at River side.
Boating down the River about 6 miles to the shipping place and expense of boats,	0	2	3	
Duty on average quantity each year of 3000 chals. including annual rent—per chal.	0	4	0	
		£0	15	0 cost.

Mr. Carr sold the coals at the Pit mouth from 10 a 13s. 6d. We contracted with Government for Fuel Yard, at 15s. Coals landed on the wharves at Pictou were charged 20s. 9d.

In 1828 Pictou was made a Free Port, in consequence of which the quantity of coal raised became very much enlarged, and increased from 2573 chals. in 1827, to 6210 chals. in 1829, the prices up to 1842 were 18s., for last two years 16s. 6d. has been charged at the loading ground at Pictou. Coal delivered by the truckmen costs 22s. per chaldron.—Carr's coals were good.

GEO. SMITH.

26th February, 1845.

1819. Amount of arrears paid January 1820 due by E. Mortimer,	£1176	4	1
1820.	£551	18	6
1821.	370	0	0
1822.	460	0	0
1823.	418	15	11
1824.	499	3	0
1825.	580	5	2
1826.	595	3	0
1827.	546	0	0

(G.)

1845.—Feb. 23rd.

HONORABLE EDMUND M. DODD,

The Sydney Mines at Spanish River were worked by Messrs. Bowen before the Mining Company went into operation. They raised 8000 to 10,000 Chaldrons a year. Sold at the

the wharf for 23s, put on board the Vessel. Made a large profit. The Mining Company worked the same bed, but not the same shafts—now worked by Steam Machinery and Rail Roads. The old Pits abandoned for years—Messrs. Bown did not work under the Water level—had no Machinery to raise the Water with—the Mining Company have worked Mines at Bridgeport, Messrs. Bown allowed Coasters to go there and dig Coal for themselves. The distance from Sydney Mines in a direct line across the harbour is 8 or 9 miles by land, 21 miles by water. The Coasters worked on the North side and the outcrops only. They paid 5s. for the right of working to the Lessees. The Mining Company opened several shafts at Lingan on the South side of the Harbour. Have 30 houses there now vacant. Had no Steam Engine, did not work there below the Water level. Dip of bed to the North East. They dug into the Bank. The Lingan Coal is preferred for some purposes to the Sydney. The Company sold the Lingan Coal at 17s., the Sydney at 18s. The Company could afford to sell at Lingan lower than at Sydney—the cost of production less. Abandoned them because the Sydney Mines fully met the demand. The Lingan Coal field not exhausted—no doubt the Lingan Coal Mines could be let. The Company have opened them again for the supply of Sydney and also for shipping—the price 6s. a load for half a Chaldron—the distance from the Town of Sydney to Lingan only 10 or 11 miles by land.

The whole expenditure of the Company £380,000—£60,000 expended in South America, the rest in Nova Scotia. The Company do not now ship Coal to the U. States on their own account. Coal sold at Sydney, and put on board the Vessel at 16s. if a quantity be taken—say 3000 Chaldrons. I speak only from report, sold by the Agents in the States on the same terms, if the same quantity be taken.

Charge by retail or by a single cargo at 18s. The Company make no distinction between the Colonial and United States Merchants.

The Company worked the Mines at the Little Brador. The Company raised the Coal, and sold them for the same price as at Bridgeport—Shipped for 2 or 3 years—discontinued for several years past.

Halifax, Feb'y. 24, 1845.

GEO. R. YOUNG.

(H.)

Salmon River, January 19, 1845.

GENTLEMEN,

Having understood that a Committee of the House of Assembly has been appointed to take into consideration the questions connected with the Despatches on the subject of the Coal Mines in this Province, and being called upon to state to the Committee the circumstance connected with the Mine on my Farm, I have to say, that for a number of years I have had reason to believe that there was a good Coal Field on my property, but I never did anything towards opening the Mine till the Winter of 1843, commencing about the first of January, 1843.

I then sunk a Shaft about 30 feet deep, which pierced a Seam of Coal $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet thick, 30 feet from the surface; the Shaft was 6 or 8 feet in diameter; though perhaps the Coal taken from the same Mine was not of the best quality, but there was every appearance of a good Coal Field, and it was supposed by myself and the Miners engaged at the work, that by digging deeper a seam of better coal would be reached. At the time I sunk this shaft I thought the Mines contained within this Land had not been reserved by the Crown at the time of granting the Land, but in the Spring of 1843 the Hon. S. Cunard in passing left word at my house for me to take no further steps or he would prosecute me for so doing, so shortly after I went to see Mr. Cunard, and had a conversation with him on the subject, who informed me that he had given in my name to the Attorney General to prosecute me for working the Mine, but as I had come to see him he would withdraw it if I would promise to do nothing further at that time, this I engaged to do at that time.

Some time afterwards I saw Mr. Cunard again and urged him to work the Mine himself, this he declined to do, saying the profit would not quit the expenses, but said that if I wanted to open it I might come to him and make arrangements, that I would have the Royalty to pay and something more on each Chaldron, but did not state definitely what further he asked. Since then nothing has been done towards completing arrangements of this kind, and the Mine remains doing nothing.

It is a very important matter to have a coal mine opened in this place—the benefit to the country would be immense, the loss to the Mining Company comparatively nothing. In the immediate neighbourhood of Truro and Onslow fuel is becoming yearly more scarce, and before long wood will be scarcely to be had as fuel. Farmers must send to the Albion Mines for coal, but as the cost of them when they reach Truro is greater than 40s. per chaldron, this operates as a prohibition upon their use, the same chaldron bought at the same price at Salmon River would not cost the consumer over 22s. 6d., the result therefore of opening the Mine would be a large increase in the consumption of coal by persons that now do not use it at all. It would also supersede the use of charcoal by blacksmiths, and by supplying at a moderate price what now costs much to them, would enable this class of tradesmen to supply to Farmers their blacksmith's work at a cheaper rate, a boon which would be immediately felt now that the low price of Farming produce makes the payment of tradesmen's bills a serious bar to the improvement of the country.

I trust therefore that either through the Company or through the instrumentality of the House of Assembly, the liberty of opening the mine may be given.

I would have attended on the Committee, but do not see that I can say anything more than is the subject of this letter.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,
Respectfully yours,

JOHN ARCHIBALD.

The Committee of the House of Assembly.

P. S. The expense incurred in opening the Mine amounted to about £100, which if it is not worked is a dead loss.

J. A.

No. 50.

(See Page 288.)

The Central Agricultural Board having been now in operation for the period contemplated by the Act of 1841, propose in this Report to submit to the Legislature the views they entertain of the general result of their exertions for the improvement of the Provincial Husbandry. Although they have derived some valuable assistance from those of their own body not resident in the Capital, the chief management and responsibility have necessarily devolved on the Members in Halifax, who are for the most part not engaged in Agricultural pursuits, and have devoted a considerable portion of their time and their best attention to the meetings and correspondence of the Board, in the hope that its influence and extended action would benefit the Farming classes throughout the Province. Whether they have succeeded or no and to what extent, it will be for the Legislature to decide. They have no desire to exaggerate the value of what may have been accomplished under their supervision, or to conceal the points in which they have failed of the success they had anticipated. What they conceive to be due from them, is a candid expression of their opinions, that their successors, should the Act be renewed in the modified shape they would recommend, may profit by their experience during the four past years.

When the Board was commissioned in the Spring of 1841, only three or four Agricultural Societies existed in the Province. The Board are now in correspondence with thirty-eight Societies, extending more or less over all the Counties, and many if not most of which would cease to exist, were the Agricultural Grant to be withdrawn. The Board state frankly what they believe to be the fact, because it is obvious, that while in most cases the sums of £10 or £20 required by the Act are punctually and cheerfully paid, in some cases they are raised with difficulty, and in others have been altogether evaded. This arises not from any want of zeal in the leading men who can appreciate the value of such Associations, but from the poverty of some places, and the indifference or apathy which are not to be wondered at, in the remoter and newer settlements. All experience shews that it is more difficult to rouse an active spirit of investigation and inquiry among the Farming classes of any country, than among a body of artizans congregated in one place and excited by competition. The great bulk of our population are Farmers, requiring to be better informed and stimulated into inquiry, and as Agricultural Societies draw them together, set them a thinking, and induce them to confer with each other on the principles of their art, it is for the Legislature to determine whether the Grant, in whole or in part, should be continued for another term, and preserve the machinery that has been constructed with so much care, and upon the whole has worked well.

Of one material fact the Board are assured, that the money, with very few exceptions, has been judiciously and fairly expended, and scarcely any complaints have been made of mismanagement or injustice. The Board annex to this Report a full abstract of the Returns from the Societies, shewing in detail the expenditure of their funds and their appropriations for the past year. The Board refer to it and to the accompanying remarks by their Secretary, as shewing the extent and nature of the improvements that are acknowledged in the stock, implements and grain of the several Counties, and evincing the better spirit that has been almost everywhere awakened.

A pleasing feature in the transactions of last year was the great Cattle-show held at Kentville, which was attended by most of the Members constituting the Board. The unanimity which prevailed among all classes, the free intercourse and mixture of persons holding very opposite opinions on other subjects, but agreeing on this, and the absence of all political and party feeling, combined with the natural beauties of the garden of Nova Scotia, and the attractions of the Show itself, to render it a highly interesting and instructive exhibition.

During the last two years the Board have abstained from drawing the greater portion

of the sum of £500 assigned to them by the Act. They could only have applied it to the importation of Stock from the Mother Country, which they attempted to a considerable amount in the first two years of their operation. Some valuable animals were obtained, and they are pleased to find by the concurring testimony of many of the Societies, that the breeds have been improved—but the expenses incident to such importations, and the accidents and delays that are unavoidable are so great, that the Board doubted the prudence of continuing them, and incline to the opinion, that if it should be thought advisable to renew them, a pretty large sum should be granted, and a person employed for the express purpose of selecting and bringing out the Stock. The Board do not extend this observation to the procuring of one or more Stallions, which they would be gratified by the Legislature's ordering from the Mother Country. They are pleased to learn that the Provincial stud horse Bellfounder Morgan, is much esteemed in the County of Cape Breton, and that the colts from Montreal have attained a high character in King's County and Inverness.

Should a bill on the same model as the Act of 1841 be introduced, they would respectfully suggest that a new Commission should be directed to the same number of persons as in the Act, being eleven in all, or to a number not materially differing from it, and that several modifications should be adopted, which the President and Vice President will communicate to the Assembly. They abstain for obvious reasons from touching on what more properly belongs to the Legislature, and from urging on its attention any questions of public policy which they alone are competent to deal with. And whatever their determination may be, the Board will always look back with pleasure to the kindly feeling that has been manifested towards them in all their transactions, and to the cordiality that has marked their intercourse with the local Societies. Believing them to be valuable Institutions, the Board would regret to see them crippled or abandoned to their own resources, which in a young country are inadequate to sustain them.

JAMES McNAB,
WM. YOUNG,
THOS. WILLIAMSON,
J. E. FAIRBANKS,
M. RICHARDSON,
EDWD. PRYOR, JR.

Halifax, March 14th, 1845.

Statement, shewing the Sums appropriated by the Central Board to the Agricultural Societies in the different Counties, for the Year 1844.

- COUNTY OF HALIFAX.—Halifax, 25*l.*; Musquodobit, 25*l.*; Dartmouth, 25*l.*—75*l.*
 COUNTY OF HANTS.—Windsor, 25*l.*; East Hants, 25*l.*; Newport, 25*l.*—75*l.*
 COUNTY OF KING'S.—Horton, 22*l.* 10*s.*; Cornwallis, including Western Branch, 37*l.* 10*s.*; Aylesford, 15*l.*—75*l.*
 COUNTY OF ANNAPOLIS.—Annapolis Royal, 25*l.*; Wilmot, 25*l.*; Bridgetown, 25*l.*—75*l.*
 COUNTY OF DIGBY.—Clare, 37*l.* 10*s.*; Weymouth, 37*l.* 10*s.*—75*l.*
 COUNTY OF SHELBURNE.—Sable River, 37*l.* 10*s.*; Barrington, 37*l.* 10*s.*—75*l.*
 COUNTY OF LUNENBURG.—Chester, 37*l.* 10*s.*; Mahone Bay, 37*l.* 10*s.*—75*l.*
 COUNTY OF COLCHESTER.—Stirling, 20*l.*; Londonderry, 20*l.*; Truro, 35*l.*, of which they allow Stewiacke to draw 15*l.*—75*l.*
 COUNTY OF PICTOU.—New Glasgow, 25*l.*; Pictou, 25*l.*; River John, 25*l.*—75*l.*
 COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.—Wallace, 25*l.*; River Philip, 25*l.*; Parrsborough, 25*l.*—75*l.*
 COUNTY OF INVERNESS.—Port Hood, 25*l.*; Margaree, 25*l.*; Broad Cove, 25*l.*—75*l.*
 COUNTY OF YARMOUTH.—Yarmouth, 37*l.* 10*s.*; Argyle, 37*l.* 10*s.*—75*l.*
 COUNTY OF CAPE BRETON.—Sydney, 50*l.*—50*l.*
 COUNTY OF QUEEN'S.—Central County Society,—75*l.*
 COUNTY OF RICHMOND.—Central County Society,—75*l.*

COUNTY OF SYDNEY.—Central County Society, 75l.

COUNTY OF GUYSBOROUGH.—Central County Society, 75l.

The sum of 25l. was assigned to the St. Patrick's Channel Society in 1843, upon condition that they sent a Certificate that they had paid the 10l. required by the Act. No such communication having been received, no money was assigned to them in 1844; but the Certificate, (which had been long delayed on the road,) afterwards arriving, they were allowed to draw the sum assigned to them in 1843.

Abstract of the Reports of the Local Societies in Correspondence with the Central Board of Agriculture at Halifax; with the Amount of their Subscriptions, and the Sums appropriated by the Board to each Society.

WINDSOR.—Grant £25; Subscription credited and paid in, £16 10; had on hand last year, a balance of £31 18. Expended £16 13, in prizes, and in Printing &c. £3 0 6. Balance in hands of Treasurer, £28 14 6. Resolved to import a superior Threshing Machine from the U. States, but so much time was consumed in making the needful enquiries, that the navigation closed, and compelled them to defer the importation till Spring—conceive labour-saving implements to be of great importance at the present time, while the price of labour is so disproportionate to that of produce. The heavy loss sustained in the death of their Highland Bull, has prevented them from importing Stock, but they are endeavouring to improve their own, with manifest success, as is proved by the appearance of the young animals exhibited at their annual Cattle Shows. There is a great improvement in the cultivation of the district, both in the quality of the implements and in the skill in using them. Increased attention is paid to the collection of manures, particularly marsh mud, which is an excellent manure for wheat, of which a much greater quantity is now raised than formerly. They cannot estimate the quantity of produce sent to market; but it is yearly increasing. The crops of wheat generally good; but some fields have been destroyed by the weevil; oats and potatoes abundant; upland hay light, but the dyke so good, that on the whole hay is nearly an average crop, and secured in very good condition.

EAST HANTS.—Grant, £25; Subscription credited and paid in, £13 16; Balance in hand last year, £77 13 6½; Expended for Durham Bull procured in Canada by William Young, Esquire, £41 4 7; Clover-seed, £25 12 6; Premiums, £17 11 0; Two Berkshire Boars, £4 17 11; Keeping and attending the Bulls, £24 11 1½; Secretary, stationery, &c., £1; Balance in hand, £2 12 6, besides a considerable sum due for Clover-seed, subscriptions, &c.

For some time after the commencement of the Society their proceedings were regarded with apathy, but during the second and third year, the attention of the Farmers was awakened, and their numbers increased to between seventy and eighty. They have applied their funds mostly to the improvement of Stock. By the aid of the Central Board they have procured a Durham and a Hereford Bull—have also purchased two Berkshire Boars. The emulation excited by the Society has produced a decided improvement in the young stock, both from the imported animals, and from those selected from their old breeds, which was very apparent at their Cattle shows the two past years. Great attention has also been paid to increasing and preserving manures, by forming composts, the use of lime and marsh mud, yarding cattle in summer, &c., and many have become sensible of the advantage of a judicious rotation of crops. Owing to a cold spring and dry summer, the hay crop is but light; wheat also has suffered, both from rust and from small insects which devoured the grain when in the milk; oats are an average crop, and potatoes abundant. A considerable quantity of beef, pork, mutton, veal, poultry, butter, cheese, oats, flour, potatoes and hay, are sent to market, chiefly to Halifax.

NEWPORT.—Grant £25; Subscription credited and paid in, £10; Balance last year, £5 16; Expended for Bulls, and expences of bringing and keeping them, £14 10; for Premiums at Cattle-show, £21 3 6; Ploughing match, £4 7 6; for Secretary, £1;

Balance

Balance due Treasurer, 5s. This Society has purchased two more half-blood Durham Bulls; held an exhibition which was numerously attended, where samples of grain, seeds, and homespun cloth were produced, as well as live stock. The calves and lambs were much superior to those exhibited last year, and some samples of oats weighed 48lbs to the bushel. Have also had a ploughing match, at which eleven competitors appeared. They think the Grant has had a good effect, though they regret to say that many of the Farmers still view their proceedings with indifference. Some are exerting themselves to improve their tillage, and many in increasing their stock of manure, by making compost, hauling large quantities of marsh mud, &c. Some experiments have been made with burnt clay, thirty loads of which to the acre have produced a good crop of wheat. The most common rotation when grass land is ploughed is, oats, potatoes, wheat with grass seeds; then hay as long as it is worth mowing; after which it is either ploughed or turned out to pasture. Crops of hay rather light, being affected by the drought; wheat below average, owing to injury from the fly; oats and potatoes good. They send to Halifax, beef, pork, mutton, veal, poultry, butter, hay and straw, but cannot give an estimate of the quantity.

CORNWALLIS.—Grant, £37 10; Subscription, credited and paid in, £12 8 5; Balance last year, 2s. 9d.; Received for services of Bull, Boar and Rams, £18 11 3; Debts collected, £9 15; For Rams sold, £1 15; Have paid to Western Branch Society, £15; For Premiums, £21 16 3; County Fair, £15 15 9; For Berkshire Boar, £5; On account of keeping Bull two years, £10 1 2; Keeping Boar, £4 10; Expenses of Society and Secretary's Fees, £5 10; Balance in hand, £2 9 3. The Legislative bounty has produced a decided improvement in the various branches of Agriculture; visible in the increased cultivation of wheat; the better management of the Dyke land, the crops on which have been greatly increased by draining and frequent ploughing; the collection and use of manures; the improvement of live stock, &c.; they have learned that it is a losing business to raise crops without sufficient manure, and now make much use of swamp and marsh mud. Some successful experiments with lime have induced a number of Farmers to procure a vessel load, which will be applied in the spring. The Durham Bull has made a manifest improvement in the neat cattle; and they have supplied about a dozen young Bulls to other Societies. The breed of swine has been as much improved by the Berkshires: but notwithstanding the expenditure of much time and money they have not succeeded with sheep, and now intend to try the Southdowns. Their farming implements are of an improved kind, but they regret that they are obliged to acknowledge that they are all imported from the United States. The increased neatness of buildings and fences marks a state of improvement, but much yet remains to be done, and they conceive that it will be injurious to the interest of the Province to stop the Legislative aid at present, but trust that the Board will endeavour to procure a renewal of the "Act." The cattle-show excited so much attention, that they think, if such were held in all the Counties, they would prove very useful in stimulating the exertions of the Farmers.

Crops, of wheat, rather below an average, but of good quality; oats, rye, barley, buckwheat, and Indian corn, an average crop; potatoes abundant and good, the dry rot having entirely disappeared; hay a full average; apples a great crop.

WESTERN BRANCH, CORNWALLIS.—Share of Grant, £15; Subscription paid in, £7 8 3; Balance last year, £4 5 6; Expended for premiums at Kentville Cattle Show, £10 15; keeping the Society's Stock, £7 8 9; Guano, £1 10; appropriated for Straw Cutter, £4 10; Balance in hand to appropriate for Seeds, £2 10. The Society is progressing; there is considerable improvement in Neat Cattle and Swine, and the Colts from the Horse Montreal promise fair, being healthy, sound, sprightly, and active. Crops of Wheat a fair average; Hay light; Oats good; and Potatoes a large crop. Express their gratitude to the Board for their impartiality and attention to their Society, and trust they shall still be permitted to participate in the Legislative bounty.

HORTON.—Grant, £22 10; Subscriptions credited and paid in, £5 12 8; Balance last year, £31 10 2; Subscriptions credited but not yet paid, £12 13 11; Expended,

Expended, to repay money advanced for purchase of Stock, £6 5 7; for Premiums, £5 5; Cattle Show, £10 13 5½; keeping Bulls, £3 9 3; Albany Cultivator, 14s. 6d.; Stationery, £1; Balance credited, £44 18 11. Many Farmers now acknowledge the utility of Agricultural Societies; the Ploughing Match was contested by numerous competitors, and the work admitted by all to be superior to that of former years. E. Dewolf, Esq., who took the first prize for Turnips, raised 1500 Bushels on 1¼ acres of land. The culture of this root is thought by those who have tried it, to be more profitable than that of Potatoes. The Farmers who do not join the Society, gladly avail themselves of the use of their English Bulls and Rams. One of the Rams imported from England in the Fall of 1843, died of the disease imported with them; the other, a fine Southdown, recovered. The Society again reiterate their anxiety for the establishment of an Agricultural School and Model Farm, and for an Act of Incorporation. The effects produced in their Township by the Legislative Bounty, are, that the Farmers plough better, drain more, make more compost, manure more liberally, and raise heavier crops, raise better stock and feed them better, and that the face of the country is improved, and the fields enclosed with neater and more substantial fences. The system has worked well, and they ardently hope it will be allowed to continue a few years longer, by which they believe the Agricultural capabilities of the Province will be so far developed, as to verify the assertion of Agricola, that it can be made to produce sufficient food for its own consumption.

AYLESFORD.—Grant, 15*l.*; Subscription, 10*l.*; Expended, for an improved kind of Wheat, £16; Cattle Show at Kentville, £5; Expenses of the Society's Bull, £5 5 9. Within the last four years a great improvement in the appearance of the Farms is perceptible, and among the Farmers a spirit of emulation has appeared, which leads them to study the principles of their art. The principal object to which their attention has been turned, is the improvement of Stock. The Calf exhibited at Kentville is a specimen of the breed of their Durham and Ayrshire Bull, and they do think he ought to have taken the prize. Two Lambs from their Cheviot Ram did take prizes at the Fair. The rotation of Crops is, generally, good, but there is great negligence with respect to Manures, nor is their Ploughing what it should be, although it has improved. Crops of Produce about an average, with the exception of Wheat, which has suffered both from rust and the weevil. Their surplus produce is sent partly to Halifax and partly to St. John.

BRIDGETOWN.—Grant £25; Subscriptions credited and paid in, £8; [their Subscriptions are not all payable till March Meeting: £11 5s. was paid in 1843;] Balance last year £49 3 4; Expended for Plough, 16*l.*; Premiums, £26 11; Printing, 11s.; Expenses, 1s. 9d.; Premiums appropriated, not yet paid, 13*l.*; Balance in hand, £25 19 7. Their Agriculture is in a flourishing condition; they have exerted themselves particularly in the culture of Wheat, of which more than double the usual quantity has been raised the past season; they have improved much in Ploughing, and have encouraged the construction of Ploughs upon the best Scotch model, and altogether of Provincial manufacture, the castings being made in Halifax, and the Plough completed in the Village. They were far superior to those formerly used, and were sold at auction to members. The introduction of a Durham Bull three years ago has effected an improvement in their stock. Increased attention has been paid to the collection and application of manures. Lime has been found very useful on clay lands. A moderately large farm usually produces 1000 bushels of Potatoes—100 or more of Wheat—40 to 50 of Corn—and 50 to 60 of Oats; and should yield from 35 to 40 tons of Hay; and support 20 head of Cattle, exclusive of Horses and Sheep. The Exports cannot be correctly given, but they are supposed to amount to £6,000 or £7,000. The Society numbers 64,—they think the continuance of the grant would be very beneficial to the Province at large.

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL.—Grant, £25; Subscriptions credited and paid in, £10; Balance on hand last year, £15 5 5½; Expended—for Guano, £5 15; Premiums, £40 6 3; Use of a Room, 10s.; Balance on hand, £4 4 2. The Legislative bounty has served to stimulate

multate the introduction of an improved mode of culture—increased attention to the accumulation of manures;—and particularly, a great increase in the production of Wheat, of which, they think, the County will soon produce enough for its inhabitants. Their Swine have been improved by the introduction of the Berkshire breed; and the Farmers having been induced by the premiums offered by the Society, to select their best cattle for breeders, an improvement in the young stock is quite perceptible. It is so difficult to persuade men to quit the beaten path they have been accustomed to follow, that it will be a work of time to introduce a better rotation of crops: but if the Society should be kept up, there is no doubt that a better system will be gradually brought into practice. As the Grant has produced much good they hope it will be continued, for the present low price of produce makes money so scarce, that without aid it will be difficult to keep up the Societies. A great quantity of produce, beef, apples, cider, dairy produce, &c. is sent to market, but shipped from so many different places that a correct estimate cannot be made.

WILMOT.—Grant, £25 undrawn; Subscriptions credited and paid in, £10; Balance from last year, £23 15; Expended—for Guano, Farming Implements, and Publications, £3 14 7; Balance in hand, £30 0 5. They have now forty members,—have resolved to expend £40 for Guano, as soon as they draw their 25*l.*, the small quantity which they have tried having not only proved a good manure for wheat, potatoes, grass, &c., but also accelerated the ripening of the grain.

CLARE.—Grant, £37 10: Subscription, credited and paid in, 19*l.*: Balance on hand last year, £19: Expended as follows, £60 7 1: Balance on hand, £15 2 11.

Have imported from New York a quantity of agricultural implements, and three Berkshire pigs, amounting in all to £60 7 1: have resolved to purchase sixty bushels of seed oats. They perform their Farm work with oxen: their breed though not large is believed not to be inferior to any in the Province for work. Ploughing has been greatly improved by the introduction of the American cast iron ploughs: the draining of swamps is increasing: they make excellent meadows: swamp mud is much used to spread in barn yards, and to mix with other manure. The imported seeds as well as the implements, have proved much better than any previously known there. Hay and oats have yielded average crops: potatoes below average: have sent to market about 5,000 bushels potatoes: 4,000 lbs. butter, and 200 tons of hay.

WEYMOUTH.—First Report from this Society.—Grant, £37 10; Subscription credited and paid in, £14; Expended, for seven Prouty and Mears Ploughs, £15 17 6; 1 set Plough Irons, 17*s.* 9*d.*; 405 lbs. Clover Seed, £10 5 3½; bushels Grass Seed, £1 18 6; Berkshire Pigs, £4; Durham Bull, £9; Ram, £3; Forks and Shovels, £1 5; Expenses, 6*s.* 3*d.*: Balance, £5, reserved for Guano. Although this Society has been in operation but one year, it has roused the Farmers to action; many have dug pits under their cattle stands, and collected sea mud and other materials for compost. The imported Ploughs work well, with not more than half the power of team required by those commonly used. Crops of Wheat have been greatly injured by rust. Barley, Oats and Hay, good. Potatoes rather below average. As the Grant has effected a change for the better, they hope the Legislature will continue it.

SABLE RIVER.—In 1843 received from the Grant £37 10: Subscription credited and paid in, £10: Had a Balance from 1842 of £10 18 3: Expended, in 1844, for wintering Bull, £3 15: Seed Potatoes and Oats, £3 18: Farming Implements imported from Boston, £21 17 6: A breeding Mare from Yarmouth, £17 10: Balance in hand £11 7 9. As the population of this district are generally Fishermen, it was with difficulty that a Society was formed here, but the benefit received from the imported Stock, Seeds and Implements, has compelled them to acknowledge the utility of the Institution. The Rams procured from the Hon. Peter McNab, have improved the Sheep both in size, and in quantity and quality of wool; and some of the Calves from the Ayrshire Bull, are, at not quite two years old, as large as the old breed at five. The imported Seeds also produced good crops, except the last season, when the severe drought reduced the crops of hay and potatoes below an average. It is however believed that there will be sufficient

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for the inhabitants. The implements imported from the States are excellent, and their own mechanics are endeavouring to imitate them. They have purchased a mare for the purpose of breeding working horses, of which they have but few. The roughness of their soil, and the interruption of the fisheries, will prevent them from competing with the more fertile districts, but their Agriculture has received such an impulse, that should the Grant be continued, they conceive it will be so far improved, that connected with the Fisheries it will make their District a valuable part of the Province. The difficulties attending their importations, and the absence of the Secretary, have prevented the Account from being sent in season, and also prevented the sum assigned them for 1844 from being drawn—hope that if it is in their power the Board will still permit them to draw it. [Do not state that they have raised any Subscription for 1844.]

BARRINGTON.—Grant, £37 10 : Subscription credited and paid in, £11 16 3 ; Balance on hand last year, £20 5 3 : Sold pigs and seeds for £7 18 6½ : Expended for two Durham Bulls and six pigs, £27 15 2½ : Seeds, £21 8 6 : Balance due the Society, £4 14 8 : In hand, £17 1 7 : Premiums, £5. This Society has received Provincial aid for two years only. The swine which they imported have proved superior to any they had before. The sheep arrived so late that they have very few lambs from the Ram, but as these are superior to the common sheep, they expect that they will improve the breed : have imported six Devonshire pigs, which they design to cross with the Berkshires. The Durham bulls they keep as common stock. Had an exhibition, where there was a general competition for premiums on agricultural produce and homespun cloth—of which last very fine specimens were produced, and some of the oats weighed 43 lbs. per bushel.

But a small portion of their land is at present in a condition to admit the free use of the plough ; but great attention is now given to the forming of composts with swamp mud, marsh and flat mud, and vegetable and animal substances. Two of their Berkshire pigs weighed at eight months—one 247lbs., and the other 215lbs.

The crops of oats and potatoes have been abundant—cannot estimate the quantity exported ; some thousands of bushels of potatoes have been sent to Boston.

BROOKFIELD.—Central County Society.—Grant, 75*l.* : Subscription credited and paid in, £20 : Had a Balance last year of £5 5 6½ ; Sold seeds and implements for £9 11 4 : Expended for 1004lbs, Nova Scotia clover-seed delivered to them at 9*d.*, £37 13 : Other seeds, £4 19 5 : Four Rams, £7 10 : Premiums, £10 13 9 ; Expenses on Durham Bull, £3 2 6 : Steel dungforks and scythe snaths, £8 11 4 : Secretary's services for two years, and other expenses, £6 4 6 : Balance on hand, £31 2 6 : Due the Society on Notes of Hand, £59 17 3.

A Ploughing Match was held in October, when the premiums on Stock and manufactured articles were awarded. The Committee considering the wants of the people and the extreme scarcity of money, disposed of the seeds, &c., for Notes of Hand, which they have no doubt will be all paid as soon as possible. The Society has on hand as above a balance of £31 2 6½, and the sum of £59 17 3 is due them on Notes. The Farmers are endeavouring to improve by the study of Agricultural works—have procured better implements—the Roller is now in general use ; the culture of turnips and carrots is beginning to claim attention ; shelters to protect manure from the weather have been introduced ; considerable quantities of compost are made ; and the breed of swine has been much improved by the introduction of the Berkshires. The Crops—of hay a fair average, rye and oats good, potatoes excellent, wheat light, owing to the rust ; cannot exactly state the quantity of produce exported, but think the following nearly correct :—hay, 200 tons ; beef cattle, 100 head ; hogs, 400 ; 200 carcasses of mutton ; 20,000 lbs. butter ; 2000 lbs. cheese ; 500 bushels oats ; and 300 yards homespun, besides poultry, live pigs, wool, &c.

CHESTER.—Grant £37 10 ; Subscription credited and paid in, £15 ; Sold pigs and bull for £4 4 3 : Had a Balance last year of £6 13 5½ : Expended for grass and clover seeds, £20 19 3 : Premiums, £7 17 6 : Cost and care of Bulls, £18 15 : Balance on hand, £15 14 9. Their breed of sheep has been improved by the introduction of six South-down, one Dishley, and two Cheviot Rams,—the swine by some fine specimens of the

Berkshire and Essex breeds,—and they expect improvement in the neat cattle from a fine Bull brought from Windsor. They have learned that good wheat can be grown on land which was formerly believed to be only capable of producing barley; and that there is a great advantage in sowing clover and timothy seeds, instead of the rubbish from their barn floors: but with respect to “attention to manures,” “introduction of improved implements,” “more dexterity in ploughing,” and a “more judicious rotation of crops,” they are obliged to acknowledge that their progress has not been commensurate with the encouragement afforded them. Their advancement is retarded by several causes: the Farmers devote part of their time to lumbering—the stimulus of a good market is at present wanting, and they are cramped for want of means: it is very expensive to clear their land for deep ploughing, on account of the abundance of rocks and stones—and not a few believe themselves to be too wise to be taught. They however resolve to persevere, whether the Legislative Grant be continued or not. The crop of hay is light, and the wheat, which promised well in the early part of the season, also suffered from drought. Potatoes are an average crop.

MAHONE BAY.—Grant, £37 10: Subscription, credited and paid in, £17: Balance last year, £45 8 6: Expended for grass seeds, £14 15 5: Seed peas, £2 10: Agricultural papers, £2 10; Premiums, £28 7 6; Keeping Bulls, £11 1; and Stationery and Printing, 10s.; Balance on hand, £33 2 1. Some change for the better is observable here, but not what would have been expected. Four years is too short a period to effect much change in the habits and opinions of the descendants of Germans. It is very difficult to get the Farmers to try any new practice. The English plough however is used by some, who own it to be preferable to the old Dutch plough. The winnowing machine is also used. There is a decided improvement in the Stock; the young cattle being far superior to any bred before the formation of the Society: the change was effected by sending persons to select animals from other parts of the Province. The sheep and swine imported by the Board proved useless; they had procured better sheep from Windsor, and their best pigs were also procured there. Two of them when slaughtered at not quite seventeen months old, weighed 1015 lbs. The crop of potatoes was extraordinary; grain an average, and hay light.

STIRLING.—Grant, 20*l.*; Subscription, credited but not fully paid in, 10*l.*; [Money being extremely scarce, some Members were permitted to pay in wheat at 6s. per bushel.] Appropriated for clover seed, plough mounting, and steel manure forks, £11 6; Premiums paid for home manufactured implements and cloth, £6 2 6; Reserved for Ploughing Match, £10 11 6; Expences of Society, 2*l.*; making 30*l.* as above. Improvements are going on with alacrity, though there is still a great lack of knowledge, yet the Farmers have turned some attention to the principles of their art—they think that they can improve their Stock more by selecting those that are well formed for breeders, supplying them with plenty of food in winter, and frequently crossing to avoid too near affinity, than by frequent importations without such care. Great attention is paid to manures—both shore and swamp mud are used. The young men are ambitious of excelling in ploughing. The five shift rotation is acted on where practicable. In no department of Farming has the Provincial bounty been more beneficial than in the improvement of Farming implements; the old, heavy, back-breaking plough, is giving place to a light implement that does more work with so much ease, that ploughing appears to be an amusement. Some attention is paid to draining, but far less than it deserves. Crops, a full average; the hay was in some places light, but of good quality; Oats injured by rust, which is here unprecedented; Wheat good, and free from rust; Potatoes, excellent. Exports—Wheat in flour or grain 2,000 bushels; Oats about 3,000; Butter 8 to 10 tons; Beef and Pork not ascertained.

TRURO.—Grant 35*l.*, of which they allowed 15*l.* to Stewiacke. Appropriated 10*l.* for Guano; £10 for a Durham Bull from King's County; £4 10 for Ploughing Matches; £4 10 for premiums of Homespun; and £1 10 for Secretary,—had on hand a balance from last year of £17 1, and the sum of £2 17 1 due them for Clover Seed.

No Account has been rendered or Report sent in by this Society. LONDONDERRY.

LONDONDERRY.—Grant £20; Subscription raised, £10; Expended, £5, for two Berkshire Boars; £10 appropriated for clover seed of Nova Scotia growth, and £15 as premiums for the growth of wheat. The formation of the Society has awakened a spirit for Agricultural pursuits. The young stock from the Bulls and Rams purchased last year, has a promising appearance, and a considerable improvement is expected. No charge is made for the management of this Society.

STEWIACKE.—Grant, £15; Subscription credited and paid in, £11 5; Balance last year, £9 12 10; Expended, £24 17, for three young Bulls from Cornwallis, and £3 5 for grass seeds, which were sold to Members at cost and charges; Balance in hand, £10 19 7, which they have resolved to expend in the purchase of seed wheat and oats.—Their Sheep have been improved by the flock they imported from P. E. Island in 1843, and failing in the attempt to find better cattle than their own on the Island, they have the past season procured some of the Durham breed. More care is now used in preserving the winter manure, and in forming compost in summer. Their implements are improved; a better kind of plough is now used, and the threshing machine and horse rake are found to effect a great saving of labour. Wheat has been an average crop; hay and oats are below average; potatoes generally good, but dry rot has caused some failures. They think the produce sent to market from Upper and Middle Stewiacke will average 4000*l.*

NEW GLASGOW.—Grant, 25*l.*; Subscription credited and paid in, 10*l.*; Expended for clover and turnip seed, £16 1 6; In premiums for ploughing, live stock, and farming produce, £20; Balance in hand of last year's funds, £33 0 1. Had a respectable show of Cattle and Sheep, where the first prizes were taken by two Bulls, sired by the Durham Bull, which they bought in 1841. The Society is gaining both in numbers and zeal. The Farms of the Members were visited by the Judges for awarding prizes, who report a marked improvement in the hay, which has had its quality improved since the introduction of clover seed; and that swamp mud in their manure, both with and without lime, had been found useful as a top dressing for grass and grain. They have generally adopted the culture of turnips. The crops appeared excellent in the early part of the season, but the wheat was afterwards somewhat injured by rust and mildew. The seat of management has been transferred from New Glasgow to Hopewell.

RIVER JOHN.—Grant, 25*l.*; Subscription credited and paid in, 10*l.*; Balance from last year, £8 12 11; Expended, for Premiums, £21 0 6; Secretary, 2*l.*; Balance on hand, £20 12 5. Their whole attention being now devoted to Agriculture, they are proceeding with a steady onward march. They commenced the improvement of their stock by importing animals, and have continued it by selecting breeders from their own. Their sheep are believed to be equal to any in the Province. They find the Berkshire to be the most valuable breed of swine. Much care is used in collecting manures, and many have erected sheds to protect them from the weather. Their ploughing is much improved, the work at their ploughing match being superior to that performed on any former trial. Since the institution of the Society, the condition of the Farmers is materially improved; they now manufacture a large quantity of excellent homespun clothing, and being blessed with a soil of superior quality, the industrious can nearly command all the necessaries of life within themselves. The crop of wheat was extraordinary, both in quantity and quality; oats are light; hay exceeds the last year's crop; potatoes of good quality, but the yield hardly equal to last year; the turnips good. They now grow all the clover and grass seeds used in the district, and of as good quality as any that is imported.

PICROU.—Grant, 25*l.*; Subscription credited and paid in, £12 17 6; Had a Balance last year of £38 17 6; Sold Implements for £4 15 6; Clover Seed for £11 3 3; Agricultural papers for £3 11; Expended for Clover Seed and Implements, £21 16 3; Premiums, £26 12 6; 50 copies British American Cultivator, £7 7 1; Other Papers and Printing, £3 19 9; Rams, £4 15; B. A. Cultivator for 1845, £6 12 6; Fuel, light, and postage, £1 12 7; Balance on hand, £23 19 1. The Society have pursued

ed their usual course with the same beneficial results as heretofore; have held two exhibitions, where Stock, Farm produce, Farming Implements, and Homespun Cloth were brought forward. The samples of Wheat and other produce were of the best quality, and the Implements made by native mechanics fully equal to those imported. A marked improvement upon former years was observed, as well as an increasing interest among the Farmers in these exhibitions. Fifteen Competitors appeared at their Ploughing Match, and performed their work in the most creditable manner. A part of the Implements imported have been kept for models, and have been successfully imitated by their mechanics. The American Implements, particularly the Ploughs, are coming into more general favour; and two of their mechanics, Messrs. Murdoch and Adamson, have commenced manufacturing them on an extensive scale. They would recommend their industry to the support of Farmers throughout the Province. The Agricultural papers imported, have had a happy effect in diffusing additional knowledge among the Farmers. During the eight years the Society has existed, it has contributed much to the improvement of the district. In the annual visits of the Farms of Members by the Committee, they every where observe the adoption of improved principles of cultivation, more care of manure, greater use of lime, and new and better Implements. The horse-rake is now in general use. Their improvements have been much aided by the Provincial Grant, and they should regret to see it now withdrawn, as it has produced the happiest effects.

WALLACE.—Grant, 25*l.*; Subscription credited and paid in, £16 19 9; Balance of last year, £2 19 5; Expended for clover-seed, £27 18 9; Prizes, 2*l.*; Secretary and incidental charges, £1 11 7; Reserved to purchase Farming implements in March, £13 8 10; Have sold the Bulls and Rams for £26 15, at eleven months credit, and on condition that they are not to be removed from the Province for ten months. Their imported stock bids fair to improve the cattle and sheep, and are eagerly sought after by those who are not supplied, the cattle are more easily wintered than the old breed. Several improved implements have been introduced; have had two ploughing matches, at one of which thirteen ploughs started; have now many excellent ploughmen, and their young men are able to compete with those from the Old Country. Owing to drought the hay was generally a light crop, and wheat and oats badly blighted; a good crop of barley and potatoes. The Members, however, notwithstanding the inferiority of their crop, will be able to send one third of their produce to market.

RIVER PHILIP.—Grant £25; Subscription credited and paid in £10; Balance last year, £1 9; Expended for premiums on stock, manures, cleared land, grass seeds, ploughing match, butter and homespun cloth, £23 5; for keeping Bull, £2; Clover-seed at 6*d.*, £12 13; Balance on hand, £8 1. The wheat has been greatly injured by the weevil; oats are damaged by rust; hay and potatoes a fair average. Much of the surplus produce is consumed by the lumbermen, but a considerable quantity of pork, beef and butter, have been sent to other markets. Every kind of stock here had been permitted to dwindle from neglect, no pains were taken to collect manure, and all Farming operations were viewed as a secondary consideration. But since the formation of the Society new life has been inspired into the Farmers; compost, burnt clay, and lime, are all used with good success; the stock has been much improved, both by importation, and by selecting the best for breeders; good ploughs have been introduced and they have learned to manage them with dexterity, and better seeds have come into general use. As these advantages would not have been obtained without the Provincial aid, they trust the Board will recommend its continuance.

PARRSBOROUGH.—Grant £25; Subscription received, £15 10; Balance from last year, £25 3 2; Expended for bounties offered last year, (for wheat, oatmeal, hayseed, and compost,) £14 4 4½; and for bounties offered the present year (1844) and services, £14 8 6: as the bounty of 2*d.* a load on compost will be due in the spring, it is supposed that the Balance on hand, £37 11 1½ will be required to pay that and the cost of Youatt's works on Farm Stock, which have been ordered. Have about 130 Members, a considerable part of whom have their subscriptions remitted on condition of raising a certain quantity

quantity of wheat. During the three years £42 in cash has been paid in, and the arrears amount to £31; a part of which will be recovered next year. The crops of wheat and oats have been more injured by rust than they were ever known to be before. At Macan two-thirds the wheat has been destroyed by the weevil, but it has not reached Parrsboro; hay is a light crop; potatoes abundant and excellent; the little barley and buckwheat sowed, did well. The bounties on wheat and compost have had a very good effect, and they hope the Legislature will still continue to assist the Societies.

PORT HOOD.—Grant £25; Subscription not credited for 1844; [have subscribed £10 for 1845]; Expended for clover-seed, £4 13 4; Mounting and sieves for a dozen winnowing machines, and a patent spinning wheel, and six patent heads, £23 7 6: Three American ploughs, £9 15: Have ordered from Pictou three horse rakes and a straw-cutter. [Had designed to import cattle from P. E. Island, but their funds were so low in the spring, that they concluded to defer it till next year, and with part of their funds to import the above.]

They have learned that it is more profitable to plough the grass land frequently, than to continue mowing as long as it yields any hay, as was their practice formerly: more attention is also paid to compost: their sheep have been improved by those imported from the Island, and their swine by crossing P. E. Island sows with the Phinney boar. The bulls from the Island have produced a number of fine calves, and they hope for further improvement from the Bull presented them by the Hon. W. Young. Winnowing machines are coming into more general use, and the American ploughs are highly valued. The crops of potatoes and hay are above average: wheat and oats considerably injured by rust: turnips rather below average.

The following statement of exports from the County is collected from Custom-house returns and other sources, but does not include what is sent by the Bras d'Or Lake and the Gut of Canso:—butter, 1245 firkins; cattle, 850; calves, 20; horses, 10; sheep, 1100; pork, 950 barrels; beef, 500 barrels. [An imperfect account, not showing the funds in their hands, nor that they have raised the £10 for 1844.]

BROAD COVE.—Grant, £25; Subscription paid in, £12; Balance from last year, £11; Expended in payment of balance due on Montreal horse, £12 10; and for Durham cow procured from Canada by the Hon. W. Young, £15; and sold for £7: Balance on hand, £29. Had intended to procure sheep from P. E. Island in the Fall, but were prevented by boisterous weather. Their funds are much exhausted by the expense of keeping the Montreal horse, but they are happy to state that his offspring promise to be exactly the kind of horses they would wish for. Considerable improvement has been effected by the importation of seeds and stock in 1842. The size and beauty of the yearlings sired by the Durham Bull, shows the benefit of the change of stock which the bounty of the Legislature has enabled them to make. Draining is introduced, and the swamps and wet land formerly accounted worthless, now give excellent crops upon the application of lime and mixed manures. The cultivation of wheat and oats increases rapidly; they have now three grist mills in operation. The crops are above average, the hay crop exceeds that of any former year. The farmers feel severely the effects of the low price of produce, but their exports are increasing. They are for the present year, 340 head of cattle; 600 sheep; and 500 firkins of butter. They congratulate the Board upon the prospect of success which attends the exertions for the improvement of Agriculture throughout the Province, and for which enlightened Farmers will ever feel indebted to the wisdom of the Legislature.

MARGAREE.—Grant, £25; Subscription paid in, £10 15; Balance from last year, £25 10 9; Expended for agricultural implements imported from Boston, (including expenses) £3 9; For care of a Durham bull calf from Canada, £2 6 6; Expenses, and two years services of the Secretary, £3 9 3: Balance on hand, £17 2. The remaining balance is subject to payment for the Calf and some additional expenses. The Society is increasing, having now fifty-one Members; have imported grain, cradles, ploughs, fanners, manure, and hay forks—make great use of compost, formed by mixing one part stable manure, and two parts swamp muck, and allowing it to ferment, when it

proves equal to stable manure. Crops of Wheat, Oats, and Potatoes a fair average. Hay considerably above average. Exports: (chiefly to Newfoundland,) 400 head of Cattle, 600 Sheep, nearly 450 firkins of Butter, and a considerable quantity of Pork—feel severely the effects of the low price of produce, which has greatly affected the value, though not the quantity of their exports.

YARMOUTH.—Grant, £37 10; Subscription paid in, £10; Amount of sales of Grain and Seeds, £6 17; Of the three Bulls, £12 9; Threshing Machine, £10 2 6; Lease of do. £2 6 1½; Balance from last year, £16 11 2½; Discharge below. The Legislative bounty has been of great advantage to this district, besides enabling them to import improved breeds of stock, the Agricultural publications introduced have taught them to improve those they possessed by breeding from the best, and bestowing more care on them when young. They cannot as yet say what improvement will be effected by the Durham and Ayrshire Bulls, as their progeny are not yet grown, but the appearance of the young stock is promising. It is disputed whether the introduction of Berkshires three years ago has improved the swine. That they are improved is certain, but whether from this importation, or from greater care in feeding, they are not prepared to decide. No improvement has been effected in the breed of Horses, unless the two or three colts of the Morgan horse should prove such. The breed of Sheep has been improved, by the importation from McNab's Island, and the premiums offered for Homespun have caused more attention to the breeding of Sheep. The collection and management of Manures is the department in which the greatest improvement has been made. Much useful knowledge on this subject has been acquired by the almost weekly meetings of Farmers, at which Agriculture is the sole subject of conversation. These "local meetings" have been found so useful, that they would suggest the propriety of recommending their adoption in other parts of the Province. The Ploughs are imported from the States, and work well; the portable Threshing Machine has also given general satisfaction. That Agriculture has received a healthy stimulus is proved by the increased intelligence and independence of the Farmers, the improved appearance of their stock and farm buildings, and the greater produce of their lands; yet they feel that much remains to be done, and that they are far behind the age, both in the knowledge and practice of Agriculture. They have expended—for Premiums, £3; Seeds, £9 0 8; 3 Bulls and their keeping, £35 10 5½; Winnowing Machine, £5 10; Wheels and Frame for Threshing Machine, £6; Agricultural papers, £6 9 2; Printing, 15s.; Balance on hand, £30 10 6. A Return from the Custom House shows, that Agricultural produce, amounting to £1562 12 6 sterling, had in 1844 been shipped from Yarmouth, to British and Foreign West Indies, British N. A. Colonies, and Gibraltar. This does not include that sent coastwise.

ARGYLE.—Grant, £37 10; also £37 10 for preceding year; Raised by Subscription, £22, and sale of Stock, £29 16 6; Had on hand last year a balance of £49 13; Expended last year for Grist Mill, £25; Grass Seeds, £8 1 4; Seed Potatoes, £34 8 1½; Barley, £10; 12 Ploughs and Grass Seeds, £37; Agricultural paper, 17s. 6d.; Keeping Sheep till sold, 7s. 6d.; Raised this year by Subscription and sale of Stock, £39 6 9; Balance on hand, £48 5 4. Their Agriculture is improving: good crops are raised on the worn out land by ploughing and manuring—expect an improvement in their cattle from their imported Bulls. Pigs from the stock imported last year, weigh on an average when slaughtered, at nine months old, from 280 to 295 lbs. The Sheep have not done well—[It is, on the shore, the coldest part of the Province. T. S.]—they do not seem adapted to this Township. Their soil requires heavy manuring, and they make great use of sea weed. The want of a grist mill in the Township having prevented them from raising much grain, they have given a part of their own funds to assist in erecting one. The dulness of the markets has prevented them from shipping much of their produce, except a few thousands of bushels of Potatoes, which have been sent to the West Indies—cannot estimate the quantity raised, but it is evident that the action of the Society has induced the Farmers to make greater exertions than ever attempted before.

HALIFAX.—Grant, £25; Subscription paid in, £21 5 4; Expended, for Prizes, for Drilling Match, £7 15; Green Crops, £6 5; Ploughing Match, £11 15; Grain, £4 5; Balance in hand, £16 5 4. In addition to the sum distributed in prizes, the Members by donations and subscriptions, provided a good iron plough for the first prize at the ploughing match, and opened the competition to the Members of any Society in the Province. On that occasion there were seventeen ploughs in the field, and the work was all performed in a superior manner. The samples of grain were something lighter than usual, owing probably to the drought in August, and the shallowness of the soil on the peninsula. The Committee have published an estimate of the value of the crops grown on the peninsula, as follows:—Wheat, 65 acres, 1509 bushels; Oats, 78 acres, 3150 bushels; Barley, 9 acres, 345 bushels; Potatoes, 125 acres, 34,338 bushels; Hay, 877 acres, 1315 tons; Straw, 132 tons; Pasture, 138 acres. Value, £10,571.

DARTMOUTH.—Grant, £25; Subscription £10; Other funds, £5 17 4; Expended, for premiums on stock, &c., £23 5; Prizes at ploughing match, £5 15; Expenses of conducting Society, £9 10; Balance on hand, £2 7 4. Their annual Cattle Show and Ploughing Match have been kept up in a creditable manner: and the increased zeal manifested by the Farmers on these occasions, leads the Committee to anticipate increased exertion on their part, in promoting those improvements which it has been the object of the Society to introduce. They observe with pleasure that the operations of the Society have served to introduce some improved stock, and farming implements—to turn attention to manures and draining—and to encourage domestic manufactures. Crops of hay and grain about a common average; potatoes, (with the exception of very dry and shallow soils, where they were injured by drought,) above an average crop.

MUSQUODOBOIT.—Grant, £25; Subscription, £10; Expended, for the best constructed barn and barn yards, with piggery, and sink for saving and sheltering manure, £10; For the best specimens of stock, £10; and for the greatest improvements in farming, £10; Balance on hand not stated. While this Society from its first formation has applied a large portion of its funds to the introduction of improved stock, seeds, and implements—to Agricultural papers, and prizes for the best crops of farm produce,—they have particularly turned their attention to the improvement of farm buildings, with a view to the increase and preservation of manures, and with such success, that many who do not join their Society have imitated their buildings, as they increase the stock of manure at least one-third. During the two past years there has been a very perceptible change for the better; more knowledge of the principles of Agriculture, the nature of soils, and the rotation of crops, has been diffused; and this knowledge has extended beyond the limits of the Society. The crops have been of good quality, and exceed in quantity any previous year. Cannot estimate the quantity carried to market, but it is greater than usual.

COUNTY OF RICHMOND.—Grant, £75; (to be paid if they made up the arrears of their subscriptions for 1843, and also paid into their Treasurer's hands the sum of £20, required by the Act for the year 1844;] Subscription, £3 5; Balance from last year £48 19 2½; Expended, for premium on oats, £1; Freight, and storage of seeds and implements, and postage, £5 12 6; Balance on hand, £15 11 8. The Office-bearers of the Society have endeavoured to raise the sum required to entitle them to draw the amount assigned to it, but without success, as their account will shew. They wish to be instructed by the Board as to the management of the business of the Society, particularly with regard to the funds and implements in their hands, and whether they shall totally forfeit the bounty for 1844. If the amount of arrearages were made up by notes of hand, payable to the Treasurer at twelve months, could the office bearers draw the bounty without incurring personal liability? As there is a remarkable failure in the crops of wheat and oats, it would be of great consequence to them, if the bounty could by any means be made available as a fund to procure grain for seed,

SYDNEY Co.—Central Society Grant, £75; Subscription paid in, £21 5; Balance from last year, £58 0 8; Expended for implements, £48; Bulls, £28 9; Sheep from P. E. Island, £47 10; For measuring and delivering seed oats and potatoes, last year, £2 :

£2 : For Stationery, &c. 4s. : Balance on hand, £28 2 8. The crops of grain, which in the early part of the season had been unusually luxuriant, were struck with rust in a degree hitherto unexampled ; oats, which had never before been affected by the disease, were injured even more than the wheat : this mischance has lessened the value of these crops at least two-thirds. The crops of potatoes and turnips are remarkably large ; hay above average.

The unfortunate event of the attempt to import sheep from England, caused many to hold off from joining the Society ; but the Committee profiting by experience, abandoned the project of sending to Europe, and imported about 100 Dishley, and a few Southdown sheep from P. E. Island, which have greatly improved their flocks. They also last year procured two Durham Bulls from King's Co. They would in 1843 have turned their attention to the improvement of their breed of cattle, had not the extreme scarcity of seed oats and potatoes induced them to import a large quantity, in consequence of which a large crop was raised on land that must have remained fallow without the aid of their funds, which were again returned to the Society after the lapse of a few months. They have imported from Scotland a quantity of the Hopeton and potato oats, which will soon be spread through the County. The horse rake and grain cradle are now used, and a large number of other implements have been introduced, the superiority of which is readily admitted by the Farmers after they have once tried them. The good effects of the prizes awarded at the exhibitions of live stock, begin to show themselves in the appearance of the young cattle. Large quantities of compost are now prepared, and much more attention paid to manures than heretofore. They regret that the principles of Farming are so little understood, but think they can be communicated to uneducated persons only by the practice of those who are more enlightened, and that the time has been too short to have a great effect upon the ignorant. The Society has hardly passed the period of infancy, and will still require nourishment to enable it to reach that of youthful vigour. They regret that they have not been allowed the benefit of the Morgan horse, and trust the Board will adopt a course that will be satisfactory in this particular to the Eastern Counties. Exports, 70 horses ; 2,000 cattle ; 1,200 sheep ; 3,000 firkins butter : 1,500 barrels pork ; 4,000 bushels oats ; 2 tons oatmeal ; 300 bushels barley, and 20 tons of hay. A considerable additional quantity is sent to Pictou and Miramichi.

The preceding Reports of the Local Societies shew, that during the past year they have continued their proceedings with their usual activity, and have generally kept up the spirit of emulation among their Members by their cattle shows, ploughing matches, and exhibitions of produce.

The effect of the Legislative Bounty during the past four years, is visible in the introduction of a considerable number of horned cattle, sheep, and swine of superior breeds : the diffusion of a considerable quantity of cheap Agricultural publications, which describe the most important farming operations now practised in Britain, particularly the method of fertilising poor uncultivated land, and the rotations of crops necessary to prevent the fertile land from being impoverished, together with the art of forming superior breeds of stock, and of preventing those breeds from degenerating. The importation of a large quantity of Farming implements, much superior to those formerly used ; as a great saving both of time and labour is effected by the use of them, and which have besides served as models to our own mechanics, who have successfully imitated a part of them, a manufactory being now established at Pictou, of Ploughs upon the American model, which are highly praised. The general use of Red Clover seems to have opened the eyes of Farmers to its value, as it exhausts the land less than any kind of grass, while it gives a good crop of excellent hay. A large quantity of Clover and Timothy Seeds are now grown in the Province.

More attention is now paid to the collection and preservation of Manures, and many have learned that it is most profitable to apply them in such quantities as will give heavy crops.

The use of Lime as a Manure is increasing.

The cultivation of Wheat has greatly increased in several districts.

It has so long been the custom to clear new land and then wear it out, that it is not strange that a judicious rotation of crops is not yet generally introduced, but a considerable improvement in this respect appears among the more intelligent Farmers: yet three or four years is too short a period to make the advantage of their management clearly perceptible to those (far the greater number) who try nothing new till they see that it has proved profitable to others. At present too many crops of grain are taken from the land when ploughed; and it is allowed to remain too long without ploughing when in grass. But a complete reform in this case cannot be expected till the many shall be convinced by the success of the few who follow a less exhausting rotation. Meanwhile the improvements in Ploughs, and in the art of using them, are preparing all for this important change, which cannot be effected without that large addition to the stock of Manures which is made by frequently ploughing the grass land while it contains that abundance of roots and vegetable matter which are always present when it is in suitable condition to produce a good crop.

The effect of the Ploughing Matches has been a very great improvement in this important operation; there are now many young men who are able to compete with those who learned the art in the old country.

Several Societies have given Premiums for Homespun Cloth, which have caused an improvement in this necessary article; and a few have offered Premiums for dairy produce. It had, probably, been better if these had been always offered. We now export Butter, and its price depends on its quality. In Europe, Dutch Butter always bears the highest price, and the Irish ranks next to it. But there is a more important reason. A Farmer rarely succeeds without an industrious and prudent wife, and there is no doubt that one great cause why the countries occupied by the descendants of the ancient Germans, have for so many ages stood first in the rank of nations, is, that this race always allowed women to retain the station assigned them by God and nature, that of helps to their husbands, while most other nations have depressed them to the condition of slaves. In a cause so important as the improvement of Agriculture, we should endeavour to enlist their powerful aid into our services. Our Farmers have still much to learn before they can be classed with those of the Mother Country; but the improvement that has been effected is such, as fully to justify the wisdom of the Legislature in granting them the aid which they have received for the past four years.

DR. *The Province of Nova Scotia, in Account Current with the Central Board of Agriculture.*

1844.					
Feby.	23.—To Cash paid Titus Smith one Qtrs. Salary,			£25	0 0
May	9.—To Cash paid Phillips, Binding Books, No. 1.			1	0 0
"	" To Cash paid Wm. Annand's Bill, Printing, 2.			8	0 0
"	30.—To Cash paid Titus Smith,	£12	10 0		
Augst.	6.—To Cash paid Titus Smith,	12	10 0	25	0 0
June	22.—To Cash paid Saml. Palmer, for keep of Morgan Horse, 3.			21	10 0
Sept.	10.—To Cash paid Titus Smith, one Qtrs. Salary,			25	0 0
"	30.—To Cash paid premiums for Agricultural Fair and Cattle Show at Kentville,			50	0 0
Novr.	28.—To Cash paid Titus Smith, one Qtrs. Salary,			25	0 0
Decr.	31.—To Cash paid Postage Account for year, 4.	4	14 0		
	Cash paid J. H. Crosskill, Printing, 5.	4	13 4		
	Cash paid English & Blackadar, do. 6.	2	0 0		
	Cash paid Gossip & Coade, do. 7.	2	5 0		
	Cash paid William Annand, do. 8.	3	17 6		

Decr. 31.—To Cash paid A. W. Godfrey, for Blank Books,	No. 9. £0 19 2	
		18 9 0
1845.		£198 19 0
March 14.—To Cash paid Titus Smith, one Qtrs. Salary, to 1st. February, 1845,	£25 0 0	
“ 14.—To Cash paid the Treasurer of the Province, this day, being Balance in hands of the Board,	6 0 5	
		31 0 5
		£229 19 5
		CR.
1843.		
Decr. 31.—By Balance in hand per Account, this date, 1844.	£79 19 5	
Sept. 8.—Cash received from the Treasury, on Account of the Provincial Grant,	150 0 0	
		£229 19 5
<i>Halifax, 14th March, 1845.</i>		
JAMES McNAB, <i>Chairman Agricultural Board.</i> W. YOUNG, <i>Vice Chairman.</i>		

No. 51.

(See Page 293.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Fulton, of Stewiacke, in the County of Colchester, asking from this House the sum of Twenty-four Pounds and sixteen shillings, for a debt and interest there incurred by George Wightman, Commissioner, appointed by Government on the Great Eastern Road, Report as follows:—

That the said George Wightman, as such Commissioner, agreed with the said James Fulton to receive a Lease from the said James Fulton of a Gravel Pit of five acres in extent, for so long a period as Her Majesty's Government might require the same, for the sum of Twenty Pounds.

That in pursuance thereof the said George Wightman by the permission of said James Fulton, used as much of the Gravel of said Pit, as was sufficient to cover five miles of road in the year 1842, and crossed the land of said James Fulton for that purpose.

That assuming that these and the other facts contained in the Petition above referred to were true and correct, your Committee think that the foregoing Petition should have been referred to this House with the full and entire recommendation of the Executive, stating in explicit terms that the said George Wightman was authorised by the Government to enter into such agreement, and accept the lease above referred to.

And your Committee further Report, that if the Petition had been so submitted to this House, your Committee consider that the Sum for which application is made, being an over-expenditure by order of the Government, in the County of Colchester, should be paid and satisfied out of the funds already appropriated for that County.

JOHN C. HALL,
JAMES B. UNIACKE,
R. CLEMENTS.

17th March, 1845.

No.

No. 52.

(See Page 293.)

The Committee appointed in relation to the Colchester Road Scale, beg leave to Report as follows :

It appears to your Committee that a division of the Monies appropriated for the Service of the Roads in the County of Colchester, was made some years since by a Committee appointed by the House of Assembly, and that the Scale submitted by that Committee was approved by the House, in which Scale a certain portion of the Monies assigned was directed to be expended in the Township of Londonderry, and your Committee believe that the Scale then approved has been generally adopted as the basis for the division of subsequent appropriations, as far as circumstances would permit—and your Committee see no good reason for deviating at this time from the course formerly approved.

Your Committee are of opinion, that the Sum of Sixty Pounds should be appropriated this year for the purpose of rebuilding or repairing the Bridge at the Great Village in Londonderry. The County Member was of opinion that One hundred Pounds ought to be expended on this Work. And Mr. Crerar reports that it will require One hundred and fifty Pounds to rebuild this Bridge. As however it is doubtful from the tenor of Mr. Crerar's Report, whether or not this Bridge will require more than substantial repair, your Committee conceive that the above sum recommended of Sixty Pounds will be quite sufficient to appropriate to this service out of the Monies assigned to the County, and that if any further expenditure is required, the same should be deducted from the proportion of Monies to be assigned to the Township of Londonderry at a future Session.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES D. FRASER, *Chairman.*
R. CLEMENTS,
SNOW P. FREEMAN.

House of Assembly, 17th March, 1845.

No. 53.

(See Page 294.)

[COPY.]

No. 209.

Downing Street, 2nd March, 1845.

MY LORD,

I have the honor to acquaint your Lordship, that H. M. Government concluded an Agreement, on the 14th of February last, with the Post Master General of the United States, for the Conveyance, through that Country, of the British Mails to and from Canada.

Under this Agreement the Correspondence between this Country and Canada will, after this Mail, be landed and embarked at Boston, instead of at Halifax as at present. The Letters will be forwarded through the United States in iron boxes, and placed under the charge of an Officer appointed by the Post Master General.

The first Homeward Mail to be despatched by this Route will be conveyed by the Packet appointed to leave Boston on the 1st of next May.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Lieut. Governor, The Viscount FALKLAND, &c., &c., &c.

No. 54.

(See Page 294.)

[COPY.]

No. 210.

Downing Street, 3rd March, 1845.

MY LORD,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatches, Nos. 291 & 295, of the 1st ultimo, with Addresses to The Queen from the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, praying that their representations on behalf of the Province may be heard before the arrangement, contemplated in my Despatch of the 3rd January last, shall be concluded between the legal representatives of the Duke of York and the Mining Association, and I am to acquaint you that, in deference to the wishes expressed by the Two Houses of the Legislature of Nova Scotia on this subject, H. M. Government will defer, until after the arrival of another Mail from Halifax, any final decision upon the proposal of the Mining Association for a Lease of the Coal Mines of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

STANLEY.

Licut. Governor, The Viscount FALKLAND, &c., &c., &c.

No. 55.

(See Page 296.)

Receipts and Disbursements of the Post Office Department in Nova Scotia, for the Year ended 5th January, 1845.

RECEIPTS.

Sterling—\$ 4s. 2d.

PACKET POSTAGE.

To Amount of Unpaid Letters received from England,	£1495	8	8
Amount of Paid Letters sent to England from Halifax only,	349	8	3½
Amount of Unpaid Letters received from, and Paid Letters sent to Newfoundland, Boston, Bermuda, and the West Indies,	390	4	2½

INLAND POSTAGE.

To Amount of Postage of Towns in Nova Scotia, accountable to Halifax,	2695	16	5½
Amount of Unpaid Letters Inwards, and Paid Letters Outwards, at the General Post Office, Halifax,	2596	13	3
Amount of Way and Ship Letters,	151	5	6
Amount of Letters returned from Dead Letter Office, Halifax, to the Sorting Office, for Halifax delivery,	8	14	9
Amount of Surcharges,	26	8	7½
Amount of Fees derived from Merchants' Private Boxes at the General Post Office, Halifax,	37	18	4
Amount of Fees derived from Detained "Forward Letters" at the G. P. O., Halifax,	2	14	2

£7754 12 3

Deduct Postage of "Dead" and "Redirected" Letters, 1351 7 10½

£6403 4 4½

DISBURSEMENTS.

DISBURSMENTS.

SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES.		Sterling—\$ 4s. 2d.
The Deputy Post Master General, Surveyor, Clerks, and Messenger,	£1196	5 0
Post Masters in Nova Scotia,	493	2 4
ALLOWANCES FOR SPECIAL SERVICES AND TRAVELLING EXPENSES.		
Allowance to Surveyor for Travelling Expenses,	£231 6 8 }	268 11 8
Do. to Mr. Creighton for do.	37 5 0 }	
CONVEYANCE OF MAILS, AND PAYMENT OF SHIP LETTERS.		
Sums paid for Riding Work and Couriers,	4365	9 7½
Ship Letter Payments,	76	18 4
Office Rent, Fuel and Light,	129	3 4
Tradesmen's Bills,	72	2 1½
Printing and Advertising,	25	15 11½
Law Charges,	14	0 7
Allowance to Mrs. McPherson, at Grandance, and Compensation to Postmasters and Way Office Keepers, for Extra Services, and Loss of " <i>Franking Privilege.</i> "	198	17 9½
Amount of United States Postage collected in Nova Scotia and remitted Dy. Postmaster General of New Brunswick,	161	2 2
Loss by Exchange in remitting do.	6	8 7½
Miscellaneous Expenses,	39	12 11
	£7047	10 5½
Deduct Net Revenue,	6403	4 4½
Deficiency on the Year,	£ 644	6 1

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JNO. ADAMS, Clerk, Acct. Branch.

A. WOODGATE, D. P. M. G.

No. 56.

(See Page 297.)

The Committee on Navigation Securities Report as follows:

That they have considered the Petition of T. Geddes, and others, praying that a Light House may be erected on Baccarow Point, on the east side of the entrance of Barrington Harbour, and recommend that His Excellency the Lieut. Governor be respectfully requested to direct the Commissioners of Light Houses to Report on the most eligible site and the probable expense of a suitable structure, for the guidance of the Honorable House at its next Session.

That the Committee have agreed to renew the recommendation for Building a Light House on the most eligible site between Sambro and Canso Lights, this object has long been considered of importance. In 1840 the advantages to result from its erection were fully brought to the attention of the House, and the Report of Captain Boxer, of Her Majesty's Ship Pique, to the Admiralty, as to the efficiency of the Lights in the North

Colonies was introduced on the Journals of that year, Appendix No. 39, in which that distinguished and intelligent Officer states, "A Light is in contemplation of being erected on White Island, between Sambro and Cape Canso, which appears to me of great importance—the coast being extremely dangerous, and no Light between those two points, a distance of 150 miles." This opinion deliberately formed after actual survey, is corroborated by Capt. Owen, Naval Surveyor, in his Report dated 9th October, 1843, to Vice Admiral Sir Charles Adam, K. C. B., and on the Journals of that year, No. 19—in the following emphatic language—"It appears very extraordinary indeed that in the whole distance from Cape Sambro to Cranberry Island, a distance of about fifty-five leagues of coast, studded with ledges and dangers, there is not now one intervening Light House, and the frequent occurrence of wrecks, bears sufficient testimony of their need. If our poverty prevents their erection, it is deplorable—if our negligence it is reprehensible." So fully did the House respond to this feeling prevalent amongst nautical men, that in 1840 they voted Four hundred Pounds towards that undertaking, and in each succeeding year have postponed the work in consequence of the Light Fund being deficient, and not from any change of sentiment as to the usefulness of the object.

The Committee are also deeply impressed with the necessity which exists for a Light House on the Isle Haut, or some eligible site in the Basin of Mines, and strongly recommend that such Light House should be built as soon as the funds for such service will warrant the expenditure.

The Committee have already reported a Bill to regulate the Collection of Light Duty and to establish an uniform rate on all Vessels engaged in the commerce of this country, from which they anticipate beneficial results.

BREAKWATERS.—The Committee have also considered the Petitions on this branch of public service, and Report that in future the Resolution of 1839, requiring that every Petition for Grants of Money to *erect* or *aid* in the Building of Breakwaters and Piers, shall be accompanied by Plans, Estimates, and Subscriptions, &c., should be strictly adhered to, and no Grant be made unless some special reason be shown to the House at the time of presenting the Petition.

HALL'S HARBOUR.—The Petitioners ask £100, but it appears that the last Grant remains undrawn and available for the objects contemplated.

EVERET'S LANDING, ST. MARY'S.—Committee recommend a Sum not exceeding Twenty-five Pounds, towards the Breakwater erected there.

METEGAN BREAKWATER, CLARE.—The Petition is accompanied by a Subscription List to the amount of £140, and the Committee recommend a Grant not to exceed £50.

SONIA'S COVE, CLARE.—Petition is accompanied by Subscription List, amounting to £63 10. Committee recommend a Grant not to exceed £25.

WHALE COVE, CLARE.—Petition is accompanied by Subscription List, amounting to £170. Committee recommend a Grant not to exceed £60.

GIVAN'S COVE, Co. KING'S.—The Petition is not accompanied by any Subscription Lists, Plan, or Estimate. The site has been set apart for the public. Committee recommend a Grant not to exceed £50.

CANADY CREEK, KING'S Co.—Petition asks £50 to build a Pier, and £100 to rebuild additional Breakwater. The Resolution of the House has not been complied with, and the Petition is unaccompanied by any Subscription List. Committee recommend a Grant to be made not to exceed £50.

MARSHALL'S COVE, WILMOT.—Petition states that £86 14 is subscribed, and asks aid. There is no Plan or Estimate of cost. Committee therefore recommend a Grant not to exceed £25. All these several Sums of Money the Committee recommend should only be granted and paid to the respective Petitioners when it shall be proved to the satisfaction of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, that a Sum equal to three times the amount of the respective Grants shall have been subscribed and expended.

The Committee do not recommend a compliance with the Petition of Hugh McDonald and others, of St. Mary's, to Build Pillars in St. Mary's River, to stop the passage of ice

ice and drift timber, as the inhabitants of the Still Water Settlements represent that such erection would be ruinous to them. Neither do the Committee feel disposed to recommend the Petition of John Rude, for aid to erect a Breakwater in Indian Harbor, altho' accompanied by a Subscription List, amounting to £30, being of opinion that granting public money to Breakwaters, is only justified by the absence of any natural harbours on iron bound coasts.

MARGAREE BREAKWATER, CAPE BRETON.—The Committee have examined several persons, who have satisfied them that this Work has cost the inhabitants £1,400 or £1,500, the larger portion of which has been advanced and paid by Henry Taylor, Esquire; and they recommend that the Sum of £250 be granted, to enable the inhabitants to complete the important public work which they have advanced to its present state with so much vigor and energy.

The Committee perceive no objection to the passage of an Act to Incorporate Handley Staratt, and others, into a Company by the name of the Marshall Cove Pier Company, but decline to prepare the Bill.

PACKETS.—The Committee recommend a Grant of £30 to Arthur Wier, to enable him to run a Packet to Parrsborough—the said Money to be only drawn on the certificate of the Sessions of Hants County, that a suitable Vessel has run regularly between Horton and Windsor and Parrsborough, once in each and every week. They do not recommend the Petition of W. Weeks to the favorable consideration of the House.

FERRY, LOW POINT.—The Committee have considered the Petition of Duncan McPhee, praying aid to enable him to maintain a Ferry at the Mouth of Spanish River, in the County of Cape Breton, and finding that the distance is between two and three miles, accompanied with considerable danger, particularly from floating ice in the spring and fall, have agreed to recommend that a Grant not exceeding £10, shall be allowed to him on certificate from the Sessions, that he has faithfully discharged this duty assigned to him.

NAVIGATION IMPROVEMENTS.—The Committee have had under consideration the application for aid to Buoy the entrance to the Harbor of Antigonishe, and to improve the Navigation thereof, which will cost as represented £150—and have after mature deliberation, agreed to recommend a Grant of £15 towards that object, but abstain from recognizing services of this nature, as having claims on the public funds, and hope that this may not be considered a precedent for future applications.

The Committee recommend that a Sum not exceeding £30, be granted to aid in removing Rocks in the Sluice Passage, between Great Tusket Island and the main land, to be drawn when at least £20 shall be subscribed and expended by the Inhabitants.

JAMES B. UNIACKE, *Chairman*.
S. P. FAIRBANKS.
JAMES D. FRASER.
M. BECKWITH.
FRANCIS BOURNEUF.

Committee Room, 14th March, 1845.

No. 57.

(See Page 297.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel Archibald, of Truro, praying to be reimbursed the sum of Three hundred Pounds thirteen shillings and three pence, for an over expenditure on a road leading from Truro to Pictou, and also the petitions of William Ross and others of Pictou, and James D. Blair, of Truro, relating to said Road, and the petition of J. J. Archibald, and others, relating to Salmon River Bridge, having carefully considered the subject matter of said Petitions, and heard evidence thereon, beg leave to Report as follows.

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It clearly appears that the road in question was commenced by Mr. Archibald, and the money prayed for expended without any direct authority, and your Committee conceive that no good and sufficient reason can be assigned for so large an expenditure, to open up an entirely new line of road, in a country where at the time there existed three roads, all leading into the road from Truro to Pictou, still as the public will have the benefit of this new line also, and that an expenditure to a certain extent had been sanctioned by Provincial grant, your Committee are of opinion that the claim of Mr. Archibald should be allowed, if his accounts when regularly audited, are found correct. And that the same should be paid to him out of any monies allotted to the County of Colchester for the road service, in the following manner, viz :—one third of the said claim to be provided for out of said monies in this present year, and the balance by two equal instalments in the years 1846 and 1847. Your Committee also recommend that the sum of Thirty-three Pounds ten shillings should be voted by this Legislature to be paid to the proprietors of the land through which a part of this road now passes, and which in consequence of this sum not having been paid to them, is not yet entirely open to the public. Your Committee refrain from suggesting as to which of the several roads leading from Truro to Pictou, should be considered as the main Post Road, but recommend that the Interval Road, so called, and the Bridges thereon should be substantially repaired.

Your Committee have also had under their consideration the accounts of the said Samuel Archibald, as rendered by him, for expenditures on Salmon River Bridge, for the year 1842, and they beg leave to report the following facts for the information of the House. In the month of April, 1842, Mr. Archibald rendered an account to the amount of £121 4 6, and thereupon a Warrant was issued for the payment of this sum to him out of the monies placed at His Excellency's disposal for the Great Road service, which Warrant appears to have been paid.—In the month of August, 1842, Mr. Archibald rendered another account for expenditures in building said Bridge, into which account he incorporated the former one rendered in April, the two accounts so incorporated amounting together to £600 0 7. A Warrant appears to have issued for this sum, and if he had drawn out the whole amount, he of course would have been twice paid the sum of £121 4 6. It appears however, from the receipts attached to the Warrant, that Mr. Archibald only was paid £478 15 6, to which sum he was of course justly entitled.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES D. FRASER, *Chairman.*

House of Assembly, 18th March, 1845.

No. 58.

(See Page 298.)

The Committee to whom was referred the claims of the Clerks of the Peace who have returned Copies of the Assessment in their respective Counties, under the Resolution of the Assembly, beg respectfully to recommend that the sum of Five Pounds be granted to each of the Clerks of the Peace in the Counties following, viz :—

Lunenburg, Colchester, Annapolis, Pictou, Inverness, Guysborough, Sydney, Shelburne, Queen's, Richmond, Digby, Cape Breton, Halifax, Yarmouth, and Hants.

And the same sum to each of the Clerks of the Peace in the other Counties, when the Returns shall be made as required by this House, in its original Resolution for that purpose.

Assembly Room, 18th March, 1845.

HT. HUNTINGTON, *Chairman.*
JOHN C. HALL,
S. P. FAIRBANKS.

No. 59.

(See Page 298.)

The Committee to whom were referred the Petition of Timothy Barnabe, the Proprietor of the Line of Western Stage Coaches, beg to Report,

That Petitioner during the last winter contracted to carry the Mails between Halifax and Annapolis, with a full knowledge of all the circumstances stated in his Petition.

That if any increased facilities for travelling have been afforded to the public, they have been so, entirely at the option of the Petitioner.

Your Committee therefore would not feel justified in recommending any additional allowance for the services performed.

HT. HUNTINGTON, *Chairman.*
JNO. CREIGHTON,
GEO. BRENAN.

Halifax, 18th March, 1845.

No. 60.

(See Page 298.)

The Committee to whom have been referred the Report of the Hon. Edmund M. Dodd, and Henry W. Crawley, Esquire, Commissioners for Indian Affairs in the Island of Cape Breton, and the Report of Joseph Howe, Esquire, late Commissioner for Indian Affairs, dated respectively the first on the 16th January, 1845, and the second on the 1st March of the present year, having had the same together with the Accounts, Vouchers, and other matters connected therewith, under their consideration, have agreed to Report and do Report thereon as follows, that is to say,—First, in reference to the report of the Commissioner for Indian Affairs in the Island of Cape Breton, that the Committee find that during the year 1844 the Commissioners have expended for the relief of aged, sick, and infirm Indians, including a small charge of 1s. 11d. for postages of correspondence, the sum of £7 19 2; for tuition of four Indians £1 16; for great coats, blankets and clothing, £17 17 3; and for a Ram for the use of the Indians at Eskesouni Settlement, £2; amounting in the whole to £23 12 5, for all of which with the trifling exception of £1 7 8, disbursed in miscellaneous charities of small amounts, satisfactory vouchers have been produced.

Before adverting to the matters connected with the improvement and condition of the Indians in Cape Breton, mentioned in the Report of the Commissioners for Indian Affairs in that Island, your Committee beg leave further to Report, that the balance of £43 12, which remained in the hands of Mr. Howe at the end of the year 1843, as by his Report confirmed by the House in 1844, appears to have been appropriated as follows, viz: for tuition of Joe Cope's Boy at St. Mary's Seminary, £19 10; for seed potatoes procured for Indians, £1; for supplies of blankets and other clothing, £5 6; and for materials for a barn, £2 8 9; for services of a Surveyor in surveying land, £3 12 6,—making in the whole £31 17 3, for which satisfactory and regular vouchers have been produced: also £4 10 in miscellaneous charities, for which no vouchers have been shown, and which indeed from the nature and small amounts of the respective expenditures were scarcely to be expected: also the further sum of £7 4 9 paid by Mr. Howe to the Provincial Secretary, being the balance in full. It also appears from the Accounts and Report of Mr. Howe above referred to, that during the year 1843 he received as Commissioner for Indian Affairs, £30 from one Tobias Cook, as a compensation in full for certain claims preferred on Cook, by the Family of Francis Paul an Indian, in respect of a contract for transfer of land, whereby the same was agreed to be conveyed by the latter to the former, the difference between the parties having been arranged by Mr. Howe, in his official capacity

as a mediator between them, by payment and receipt of the above sum. It appears also that the sum so received by Mr. Howe on the last foregoing Account, has been subsequently appropriated by him for the benefit of Francis Paul and his family, in the following manner, viz: for seed and labour expended on his land, £12 9; for squaring and getting up the frame of a barn, £6 10; for supplies advanced by Northup & Son, £6 8 9; in cash advances at different times, £2 6 8, and the balance in one payment of £2 5 7.

The Committee recommend a renewal of the Grant of last year for the education and permanent settlement of the Indians.

It is extremely gratifying to your Committee to be enabled to report that the Commissioners for Indian Affairs, in the Island of Cape Breton, have perceived and acknowledged a very decided improvement during the past year of the Indians on that Island, in a moral and social point of view, as compared with their former condition in these respects, and that whilst the advance of temperance has been mainly instrumental in producing this happy result, it has been accompanied also by an encreasing regard for fixed habitations, cultivation of the soil, and the blessings of education for their children.

The Committee have also had under their consideration a Letter addressed by Bishop Fraser to P. Power, Esq., Member for the County of Sydney, for the information of the Lieut. Governor, on the subject of the Indians in the Districts of Pictou, Sydney and Guysboro. It appears that the Bishop has, as Commissioner for Indian Affairs in those Districts, expended for the benefit of the Indians £51 11 11½, leaving a balance in his hands of £8 8 1, of the sum of Sixty Pounds which he had received for distribution. The Bishop has deemed it judicious to leave the distribution of the blankets supplied, to the different Chiefs, as best acquainted with the necessities of their subjects. His Lordship suggests that a Commissioner possessing the confidence of the Indians should be appointed in the immediate vicinity of the principal Indian settlements, who without any trouble to himself, or incurring any expense, would stimulate them by his example and advice to procure for themselves and their families some of the comforts of life, by turning their attention to the advantages of cultivating the soil. The Bishop referring to a subdivision of the Indian lands amongst the different families, and to the small portion which would fall to the lot of each, recommends that a part of the usual Grant should be annually appropriated to the purchase of new lands in the districts under his superintendance, where, he says, they could be cheaply obtained. His Lordship adds, that in a short time the Indians in his vicinity would find that they have to depend on their own exertions in tilling the soil for the means of subsistence, and that he has no doubt of their ultimate attachment to agricultural occupations, having perceived that however indolent the Indian may be in raising a crop, he becomes as greedy of the possession of an acre as any Scotchman that ever emigrated from the Old Country. His Lordship derides the idea of attempting to educate the Indian until he is redeemed from his erratic disposition and habits.

Your Committee acquiesce in the suggestions of the Commissioners for the Island of Cape Breton, that a supply of Farming tools and implements, with seed and stock for the Indians, would be well bestowed, and they concur in thinking that cheap and simple buildings on the several reserves in Cape Breton, to serve as school rooms, and, until teachers can be procured, to be used for the better accommodation of the sick and aged, might be advantageously provided. They regret to learn that encroachments have been made by civilised Settlers upon the lands of the Indians, and recognise the propriety of proper legal steps being taken to punish and remove the intruders.

All which is respectfully submitted.

L. M. WILKINS, *Chairman.*

J. C. HALL,

JAMES McKEAGNEY,

JOHN RYDER,

PATRICK POWER.

House of Assembly, 17th March, 1845.

No. 61.

(See Page 298.)

The Committee of Trade and Manufactures having performed the duties assigned to them, beg leave to Report as follows :

That the Prayer of the Petition of Messrs. Le Cain, for Return of Duties paid on Goods subsequently consumed by fire, be not complied with.

That the Prayer of the Petition of Timothy Barnaby, for Return of Duties paid on a Stage Coach, be not complied with.

That the Prayer of the Petition of George Eastwood, for assistance to his Cloth Manufactory, be not granted. The House having already given assistance to enable the Petitioner to commence this undertaking, your Committee conceive that it would be unwise to sustain such an Establishment by a further Legislative grant.

That the Prayer of the Petitions of James Purvis, and others, for a Grant for a Revenue Boat at Pictou, and of Wm. J. Bigelow, for a Grant for a like service at Canso, be not complied with. Your Committee do not think that the Establishment of a Revenue Boat at either of these places, is of sufficient importance to warrant the expense which would be necessarily incurred in its support.

Your Committee cannot recommend that the Prayer of the Petition of Thomas James, Esquire, Seizing Officer at Bridgetown, should be granted, as there does not appear to be any special reason for any further allowance to this Officer than that now allowed to him.

The House having at a former Session granted a Sum of Money to Daniel Owen, Esquire, your Committee cannot recommend any further Grant to him for a Seizure of Brandy in 1842, as set forth in his Petition.

Your Committee have had under consideration an application from John Blackmore, Esquire, and others, Officers of Her Majesty's Customs, praying that the Colonial Duties payable on Seizures made by these Officers, should be remitted to the Customs Department or allowed to the Seizing Officers, and your Committee beg leave to report the following facts for the information of the House. It appears that the nett proceeds of all Seizures made at the Customs are (after payment of Excise Duties) distributed as follows :

One-third to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor ; one-third to the Crown, which is applied towards the payment of the Expenses of the Customs Department, and the remaining one-third to the Officers making the seizure.

The effect therefore of granting the present application will be, that no part of any Seizures made at the Customs, would in future be paid into the Provincial Treasury, either for duties or otherwise, whilst Seizures made by our Provincial Officers would still be liable to the payment of the Imperial Duties at the Customs.

Mr. Blackmore states, that much fraud can be and he fears is practised by purchasers at the Customs and Excise Sales, retaining in their possession or by parties purchasing up the original casks and packages in which condemned Goods are sold, as in these casks and packages parties can expose for sale large quantities of Contraband Goods without fear of detection, and he recommends that some method should be adopted to enable the Department to destroy the original packages in which Liquors or other articles seized and condemned are sold. Your Committee have agreed to submit a Resolution to this House for their adoption, on this subject.

Your Committee reiterate the opinions expressed in the Report of last year, in reference to the propriety of establishing the Ports of Barrington and Argyle as Free Ports.

The Petition of James Wilson, Distiller, has been under the consideration of your Committee, who have given much of their attention to the subject of the Distilleries in this City and Dartmouth ; and your Honorable House have in the Revenue Law of the present year, adopted some of the suggestions made by Members of this Committee on this subject.

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The subject matter of the Petition of the Merchants and others at Yarmouth, has been considered by your Honorable House at this Session.

Your Committee recommend that there be granted to Messrs. McFarlane and Dickson, Executors of Trenholm, for Drawback on Goods exported from Pugwash to New Brunswick—£11 10 7 currency.

To George Eastwood, and others, on account of Duties paid by them on Machinery for and Dye Stuffs used in erecting, commencing and putting into operation their Cloth Manufactory at Sackville—£32 4 currency.

To Henry Palmer, return Duty on a Breeding Mare imported from New Brunswick in 1844—£2 10 currency.

To the following Persons for Seal Bounty as follows:—

Abraham Landry, Schr.	Rising Sun,	64	Tons Register.
James Thompson, “	Victory,	69	“ “
Henry Taylor, “	Victory,	51	“ “
		184	“ “

At the rate of 11s. 7d. per Ton Register, (deducting the three per cent. payable by Law to the Commissioners.)

To T. J. Wood,	Schr. Gannett,	23	Tons Register.
“ Felix Coste,	“ Eliza,	33	“ “
“ Lewis Forrest,	“ Flying Fish,	15	“ “
“ Luke Chassone,	“ Three Brothers,	38	“ “
“ James Gallant,	“ Felicity,	36	“ “
“ Beloni White,	“ Florian,	30	“ “
“ Marcilla Gallant,	“ Providence,	29	“ “
“ Placid Chasson,	“ Susan,	24	“ “
“ Joseph Doucett,	“ Harriet,	24	“ “
“ Henry Taylor,	“ Victory,	20	“ “
“ Henry Taylor,	“ Happy Return,	31	“ “
“ Polycarp DeBlanc,	“ Victory,	30	“ “
“ Joseph Casson,	“ Ellen,	34	“ “
“ Charles Casson,	“ Susan,	37	“ “
“ Lazarus White,	“ Harriet	30	“ “
“ Leonora Chasson,	“ Commerce,	33	“ “
“ John Bourgeois,	“ Providence,	26	“ “
“ Seprian Deveraux.	“ Margaret,	30	“ “
“ Tacitus Boudroit,	“ Lucy,	26	“ “
“ Charles O. Quin,	“ Messenger,	42	“ “
“ Michael Magen,	“ Lucy,	37	“ “
“ Joseph Casson,	“ Esperance,	30	“ “
		659	“ “

At the rate of 7s. 9d. per Ton Register, (deducting Commissions,) amounting altogether, including Commissions, to the Sum of Three Hundred and sixty-one Pounds, eighteen shillings and seven pence currency, (£361 18 7.)

The Committee are not agreed in opinion as to the propriety of continuing encouragement to the Whale Fishery, but leave this subject to the future action of the House. All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES D. FRASER, *Chairman*.
 HT. HUNTINGTON,
 JAMES McNAB,
 JOHN RYDER,
 PATRICK POWER,
 W. B. TAYLOR,
 THOS. A. S. DEWOLF.

House of Assembly, 19th March, 1845.

No. 62.

(See Page 299.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Langley, to assist him in keeping a House of Entertainment; and also the Petition of John Grant and others, praying for assistance to enable the widow of the late Peter McIntyre to establish a House of Entertainment,—your Committee have taken the said Petitions into their serious consideration, and beg leave to state that they believe it would be a dangerous precedent to grant any sum for such purposes. Your Committee therefore cannot recommend the favourable consideration of these Petitions to your Honorable House.

All which is respectfully submitted.

R. M. G. DICKEY,
JOHN HECKMAN,
S. S. THORNE.

Committee Room, 19th March, 1845.

No. 63.

(See Page 302.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Bill to authorize an Assessment for Supplying the City of Halifax with Water—beg leave to Report :

That they find the purity of the water intended for public use, both at the original source of supply and other places of contributory deposit, has been subjected to chemical tests and analysis, and though your Committee are not furnished with the present means of determining the accuracy of these examinations, yet from an assurance given to the Committee by the Gentlemen of the Company, that considerations of sanitary policy, as well as regard for their personal interests at stake in this enterprise, will not permit them to seek any immediate action on the Bill until they will have succeeded in procuring a confirmation of their past enquiries by the experience and science of persons competent to pronounce authoritatively on such subjects, your Committee do not conceive that there exists any sufficient reason to disturb the Bill before the House.

L. M. WILKINS, *Chairman.*
L. O'C. DOYLE,
JAMES B. UNIACKE.

No. 64.

(See Page 304.)

The Committee to whom were referred the several Petitions and subjects connected with Agriculture, beg leave to Report as follows :

The Committee have considered the Petitions of Angus McInnis, James Croudes and Kenneth Chisholm, for aid to Oat Mills, and are of opinion that this branch of rural economy being now so well established throughout the country, that it does not require further aid from the Legislature, unless in very peculiar circumstances, and cannot therefore recommend any Grant to be made to Petitioners.

Also the Petitions of Abraham Chute and Alexander Chisholm, for aid for the erection of Grist Mills, which the Committee cannot recommend to the favorable consideration of the House as being a service to which the public funds should be applied.

Also the Petition of Jacob Kuhn, for aid to publish an Agricultural Manual in the Gaelic Language, and however desirable it might be that a large portion of our population might be enabled to read such Works in their native language, yet the Committee cannot recommend the publishing of such Work should be borne upon the general funds of the Province.

The Committee have also considered the Petitions from the Agricultural Societies of Cornwallis, Bridgetown, Newport, Brookfield, Annapolis, Stewiacke, Wallace, Dartmouth, River Philip, Parrsboro', Macan, Aylesford, and New Glasgow, praying the continuance of the Legislative Grant to the Local Societies throughout the Province. The Committee feel that it would not be prudent at the present time to withhold from the Societies which have been organized throughout every County in the Province and now in active operation, the whole of the Provincial allowance as heretofore granted, but refrain from making any recommendation to the House with regard to the Sum that should be devoted to that service.

The Committee have also considered the Petition of H. L. Dickey, and others, of King's County, praying a continuance of the Legislative Grant in aid of Agriculture, and that the House would direct the importation of one or two Horses of the Leicester Hunting breed, upon which the Committee forbear making any recommendation, and beg leave to submit the question to the future action of the House.

Also, the Petition of the Stirling Agricultural Society, in favor of a model or experimental Farm in connexion with an Agricultural School, but from the expenses that such a system of instruction would be likely to incur to the Province, the Committee cannot recommend its adoption.

The Committee have examined the Accounts of the Central Board, referred to them, which they find to be correctly stated, with accompanying Vouchers for the Sums paid out.

The Board have drawn from the Treasury during the last year,	£143	19	7	
Balance on hand 31st. December, 1843,		79	19	5 £223 19 0
Paid to Titus Smith, 1½ year's Salary,		125	0	0
“ to Henry Palmer, for keeping Horse,		21	10	0
For Postage, Printing, and other contingent charges,		27	9	0
“ Premiums at Kentville Cattle Show,		50	0	0 £223 19 0

The Committee have examined the Report of the Central Board, and papers accompanying it, which contain much valuable and useful information as regards the Agricultural interests of the Province, and the Committee are satisfied that the Board has manifested much prudence and economy in the management of the Funds at its disposal, and also a wholesome and vigilant supervision over the expenditure of the several Sums allotted to the local Societies, while its Members have devoted much of their time and labor for the advancement of the important interests upon which the comfort and support of so large a portion of the Inhabitants of the Province so entirely depend.

BENJ. SMITH, *Chairman*.
 HT. HUNTINGTON,
 ALFRED WHITMAN,
 JOHN HOLMES,
 CHARLES BUDD,
 JNO. ROSS,
 S. P. FAIRBANKS,
 JNO. C. HALL,
 R. M. G. DICKEY,
 W. B. OWEN,
 HENRY MARTELL,
 JOSEPH HOWE,
 JOHN J. MARSHALL,
 OBADIAH WILSON,
 GEO. BRENAN,
 JAMES B. UNIACKE.

House of Assembly, 20th March, 1845.

No. 65.

(See Page 305.)

The Committee on Education has Reported the Draft of a Bill for the Encouragement of Education, for the consideration of the House.

The Committee are of opinion that the House is not in a condition to pass on the Petition of Wm. F. Bown, or the Petition of Peter J. Brouard and others.

And that the Boards of Commissioners of Schools for the Counties of Inverness and Hants, who are complained of respectively in those Petitions, should be made acquainted with the statements contained in them, and have an opportunity of explaining the facts.

The Committee also think the House is not prepared to comply with the prayer of the Petition of J. K. Wilson and others, as the legal right of individuals or of the public may be interfered with, and the necessary preliminary precautions do not appear to have been taken to prevent inexpedient legislation.

The Committee have not reported on the Bills for continuing the General School Act, the Halifax Grammar School Amendment Act, the Lunenburg Grammar School Act, the Annapolis Academy Act,—lest the conclusion to which the House may arrive on the consideration of the Bill reported by the Committee, should affect the judgment of the House on these Acts.

J. W. JOHNSTON, *Chairman.*

No. 66.

(See Page 306.)

The Committee to whom were referred the Act relative to the Poor House Burial Ground, beg leave to Report :

That they have investigated the Title relative to said Piece of Land, and the result of their enquiries are contained in the Plans and Documents hereunto annexed. Your Committee cannot find that any allotment was ever made of the said Piece of Ground prior to the date of the Grant to the Church Wardens of St. Paul's, other than as mentioned in the original plan of the Town of Halifax, an extract of which is hereunto annexed. Your Committee are satisfied from the evidence they have examined, that the place in question was used as a Burial Ground as far back as 1780 or 1781, at which period it was used as such for the interment of Hessian soldiers, and also for paupers, and has continued to be used as a Burial Ground for paupers ever since. All which is respectfully submitted.

L. O'C. DOYLE,
JOHN CREIGHTON,
A. M. UNIACKE,

Committee Room, 20th March, 1845.

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IV. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioners of the Poor for the Town of Halifax, from and out of the Balance remaining in their hands of the funds received by them during the last year, amounting to £43 12 9, and the sum of £225 now remaining undrawn in the Treasury, of the funds made payable to the said Commissioners, arising from the duties imposed on Live Stock, Apples, Onions, Fruit, Biscuit, and Bread, imported from the United States of America, at the Port of Halifax, shall be, and they are hereby authorised to pay the sum due for building the Stone Wall round the Poor House Burying Ground, with interest, on such part thereof as may have been borrowed on interest.

Deed,

Deed—29th October, 1801—From Rector, Churchwardens, and Vestry of St. Paul's, to St. Matthew's Church, respecting Burying Ground.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, We Robert Stanser, Rector, Foster Hutchinson and Andrew Belcher, Churchwardens, and Clement Horton, Charles Morris, Junior, Martin Shier, Edward Pryor, John Newton, John William Schwartz, Jacob Miller, Joseph Davis, Charles Geddes, Daniel Wood, Elias Marshall and Robert Letson, Vestrymen of the Parish of Saint Paul in the Town and County of Halifax and Province of Nova Scotia, send Greeting. Whereas His present Majesty King George the Third by his grant or patent bearing date the seventeenth day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, did of his special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, give, grant and confirm to the Churchwardens and Vestry of the Church of Saint Paul in Halifax, in his Province of Nova Scotia, for the time being, and to their successors in the said offices for the use of the said Parish Church, all that certain Lot of Land, situate lying and being in the South Suburbs of the Town of Halifax aforesaid, commonly called and known by the name of the Old Burying Ground, containing two acres and one quarter of an acre and five rods, to be used as a burying ground in the manner theretofore accustomed. To Have and To Hold the said granted premises unto the said Churchwardens and Vestry of the said Parish Church of St. Paul for the time being and their successors in office to and for the use of the said Parish Church, as a burying ground as theretofore accustomed, as by the said grant or patent among other things more fully and at large appears. And whereas doubts have been suggested whether the rights of Protestant Dissenters from the Church of England to be buried in the said ground commonly called the Old Burying Ground on payment of the like fees as now are paid for the burial of any of the parishioners of the said Parish Church of Saint Paul are or were intended to be in any wise altered or abridged by the said Grant, Now Know Ye that for the quieting the minds of our Protestant brethren in this behalf, we the said Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestry for the time being of the said Parish Church of Saint Paul, for ourselves and our successors in office, do by these Presents testify, acknowledge, and declare, that the Members of the Protestant Church or Congregation of Saint Matthew in Halifax aforesaid, as well as the Protestant Dissenters from the Established Church of England, have had since the first settlement of this Town of Halifax and Parish of St. Paul, and still have and forever hereafter shall have good right and claim to bury their dead in the said ground commonly called the Old Burying Ground, on payment of the same dues and fees to the Rector, Sexton, and other Officers for the time being of the said Parish Church of Saint Paul, as have been heretofore and now are paid to them for the burial of any of the Members or Parishioners of the said Parish Church of Saint Paul, any thing in the said Grant or Patent to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. In Witness whereof we the said Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry have hereunto set our hands and Seals, the twenty ninth day of October, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one.

(Signed)

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered, }
in the presence of }

(Signed) JOHN SELBY.

ROBERT STANSER, *Rector*, (L. S.)
“ FOSTER HUTCHINSON, (L. S.)
“ ANDREW BELCHER, (L. S.)
“ CHARLES MORRIS, JUNR., (L. S.)
“ M. SHIER, (L. S.)
“ EDW. PRYOR, (L. S.)
“ JNO. NEWTON, (L. S.)
“ JNO. W. SCHWARTZ, (L. S.)
“ JACOB MILLER, (L. S.)
“ JOS. DAVIES, (L. S.)
“ CHAS. GEDDES, (L. S.)
“ D. WOOD, (L. S.)
“ ELIAS MARSHALL, (L. S.)
“ ROBT. LETSON, (L. S.)

Halifax,

Halifax, 29th October, 1801.

At a Meeting of the Vestry, agreeably to Law, the undermentioned Fees were established to be paid :

To the Rector for breaking the Ground,	Five Shillings.
For the Church Bell, if required to be tolled,	Five Shillings.
To the Sexton for digging the Grave, to wit,	
For all persons under 10 years old,	Eight Shillings,
For all persons if above 10 years old,	Ten Shillings.

N. B.—The above Fees are exclusive of the Carriers' fees, the Pall, and sodding the Grave.

A true Copy from the Records.

JOHN SELBY,
Clerk to the Vestry.

George the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME.

GREETING.

Know Ye that We of our Special Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, have given, granted and confirmed, and do by the Presents, give, grant, and confirm unto the Church Wardens and Vestry of the Church of St. Paul in Halifax, in our Province of Nova Scotia, for the time being, and to their successors in the said offices, for the use of the said Parish Church, all that certain Lot of Land, situate, lying, and being in the South Suburb of the Town of Halifax aforesaid, commonly called and known by the name of the Old Burying Ground, containing two acres, and one quarter of an acre, and five rods. Also, all that certain other Lot of Land, situate, lying, and being in the same South Suburb of the said Town of Halifax adjoining the Jail Yard, and commonly called and known by the name of the New Burying Ground, containing one acre and twenty-seven rods and an half, to be used as Burying Grounds for the said Parish Church, in the manner heretofore accustomed, according to the Plan thereof hereto annexed; with all and all manner of Mines unopened, excepting Mines of Gold, Silver, Lead, Copper and Coals, to have and to hold the said granted Premises, with all Privileges, Profits, Commodities and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said Church Wardens and Vestry of the said Parish Church of St. Paul for the time being, and their successors in said offices, to and for the use of the said Parish Church as Burying Grounds as heretofore accustomed; they the said Church Wardens and Vestry for the time being, and their successors in the said Offices in behalf of the said Parish Church, yielding and paying which by the acceptance thereof, they bind and oblige the said Parish Church, Heirs, Executors, and Assigns, to pay to His Majesty, his heirs and successors, or to any person lawfully authorized to receive the same, a free yearly Quit Rent after the rate of one farthing per acre, the first payment of the Quit Rent to commence and become payable at the expiration of ten years, from the date hereof, and so to continue payable yearly thereafter for ever. On default thereof this Grant to be null and void. Provided also that this Grant shall have been Registered at the Register's Office, and a Docquet thereof entered at the Auditor's Office within six months from the date hereof, otherwise this Grant shall become null and void.

Given under the Great Seal of Our Province of Nova Scotia. Witness our trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH, L. L. D., our Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-chief in and over the said Province, this seventeenth day of June,

in the year of Our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, and in the Thirty-third year of our Reign.

(Signed)

WENTWORTH.

Nova Scotia, Halifax,

Registered 17th June, 1793.

J. M. FREKE BULKELEY.

Signed in Council.

J. M. FREKE BULKELEY.

By Command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor,

J. M. FREKE BULKELEY.

Nova Scotia, Halifax.

Audited 17th June, 1793.

Per JAS. GAUTIER.

A true Copy.

H. H. COGSWELL, *C. Warden.*

EXTRACTS.

1749—*Allotment Book in the Registrar's Office at Halifax—Folio 56—Letter B., after Lot. No. 17.*

“ In this Square is the Hospital and Orphan House, measuring 290 feet by 420, through which a new Street is laid out 40 feet.”

From an antient Plan of the Town of Halifax, in the Surveyor General's Office.

“ Work House Yard.”

Colored Dark.

No. 6.

Green on the Plan.

“ Burying Ground.”

No. 5.

Memorandum indorsed on the Plan.

“ The Deep Green represents the Lands Granted to sundry persons, or reserved for Public uses.”

Allotment Book in the Surveyor General's Office.

“ Work House”

“ Situate, lying and being abutted and bounded as follows:—Southerly by the Street leading from Pleasant unto the Common, and there measuring 200 feet—Westerly by Joel Waterman's Lot, and there measuring 255 feet—Northerly by Freek Dilk, Hoar's field, and there measuring 200 feet—Easterly by the *Burying Ground*, containing one acre and 20 rods according to the plan.”

“ 12th March, 1783.”

“ Burying Place adjoining the Work House Lot.”

“ Situate, lying and being abutted and bounded as follows, to wit:—Southerly by the street leading by the Work House unto the Common, and there measuring 335 feet—on the West by the Work House Lot, and there measuring 255 feet—Northerly by Land formerly laid out to Major Hoar and Jon'n. Belcher, and there measuring 255 feet, containing two acres.”

“ 12th March, 1783.”

The Work House Lot,
Burying Place, “

200 feet by 255.
335 feet “ 255.

The measurement of the whole Square at present, including the Goal, is—on the South side, 498 feet.
 “ “ East side, 247 “
 “ “ North side about 540 “

Extracts as regards Old Burying Ground from Allotment Book in Secretary's Office.

1756.	Sept. No. 1.	80 feet by 200 feet	} Now owned by	
	2.	“ “ — “ John Thornton,		A. Stewart.
	3.	“ “ — “ Joshua Webb,		Geo. Allen.
	4.	“ “ — “ do.		Bishop of N. S.
	5.	100 “ 200 “ His Exc. Gov. Cornwallis—Gov't Stables.		

340 by 200—“ Laid out for a Common Burying Place.”

The Old and New Burying Ground Granted in Trust in 1793 to Churchwardens and Vestry of St. Paul's.

In 1801—The Churchwardens and Vestry of St. Paul's ex'd a Deed renouncing any exclusive right to the Old Burying Ground. They never had any occupation of the New or Poor House Burying Ground.

Comm's of Poor—

WM. ALLAN, *Chairman.*
 HON. M. B. ALMON,
 HON. H. BELL,
 HON. E. KENNY, *Dy. Chairm.*
 THOS. R. GRASSIE,
 J. W. NUTTING,
 H. PRYOR,
 G. N. RUSSELL,
 W. LAWSON, JUN.
 C. TWINING,
 T. TOBIN,
 T. WILLIAMSON.

New Burying Ground—to wit.

Situate, laying and being—beginning at the northwestern corner of William Best's field, near the Exercising Ground—thence to run south eighty-four degrees west, one hundred and thirty-two feet—thence south six degrees east, three hundred and thirty feet—thence north eighty-four degrees east, one hundred and thirty-two feet—thence north six degrees west, three hundred and thirty feet, to the bounds first mentioned, containing one acre.

Work House.

Situate, laying and being, abutted and bounded as follows:—Southerly by the street leading from Pleasant into the Common, and there measuring two hundred feet westerly by Joel Waterman's lot, and there measuring two hundred and fifty-five feet; northerly by Freek Dilks, Hoar field, and there measuring two hundred feet; and easterly by the Burying, containing one acre and twenty rods, according to the Plan of the Town of Halifax.

Surveyor General's Office, 20th. March, 1845.

A true Copy.

JOHN SPRY MORRIS, *Sur. Genl.*

12th March, 1783.

No. 67.

(See Page 309.)

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Petition of William Logan and others, relative to an alleged invention by him of Spiral Springs for the use of Carriages, beg to Report :

That your Committee were much gratified with the Models of Mr. Logan's invention exhibited to them, and with the very ingenious explanations he gave. They are inclined to believe, that, so far as Mr. Logan was concerned, the Models submitted were the result of his own ingenuity ; and feeling it to be the duty of the Legislature to encourage any creditable exhibition of native talent of this kind, they would have been disposed to have recommended, as Mr. Logan is not in very affluent circumstances, a sufficient sum to secure him the benefit of a patent—but on further enquiry they found that the same principle discovered by Mr. Logan, had been applied in other countries in the manufacture of Springs for carriages ; and therefore that such a grant would be of no practical use. Mr. Logan sought no other aid—and your Committee would feel, that considering the present state of the revenue and the wants of the country, any other grant than the one above referred to, would be an injudicious appropriation of the public funds.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. R. YOUNG, *Chairman.*
 THOMAS LOGAN,
 R. M. G. DICKEY,
 S. P. FAIRBANKS,
 HT. HUNTINGTON.

Halifax, March 24, 1845.

No. 68.

(See Page 309.)

The Committee to whom were referred the Petitions of a number of Freeholders of the County of Richmond, complaining of the Act passed by the Legislature for the Sale of the old Court House and Jail at Arichat, and the purchase of the Scite for the erection of a new building, have taken into consideration all the particulars of their complaint, and also the explanations which have been afforded by the counter Petitions, and by those Gentlemen who have appeared before the Committee—and beg leave to Report the following views as the result of their investigation.

Your Committee are of opinion that the subject matter of these Petitions are more properly within the cognizance of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Richmond—and that the complaints have principally originated in a misapprehension of the Law governing cases of this nature, and the extent of the provisions of the Statute above referred to.

By the Act 5 Will. 4, Cap. 13—The Grand Jury are authorised to present monies for the building of Court Houses, and to name persons for carrying out their presentment—such persons being made responsible for the execution of their office. It appears that the Grand Jury for the County of Richmond, considering a new Court House necessary, made a presentment to that effect and in accordance with the Act—which was approved, of by the Sessions. It further appears that a change of the Scite was deemed advisable by the Court, and accordingly an Act was introduced and passed the Legislature, authorizing a sale of the old Court House—the purchase of a new Scite—and directing payment to the County Treasurer of whatever difference in money might arise from the transfer. By virtue of this Act His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor appointed three Commissioners, embracing in the number two Gentlemen who had been previously chosen by the Court of Sessions,

Sessions, and who proceeded to bargain for a spot of Land, and to make the necessary arrangements for the commencement of the Building. It is urged as one cause of complaint that a Title to the Land has not been obtained, but your Committee are satisfied that this objection is in a fair way of being removed, as it appears that all the Heirs of the late Mr. Delaney have executed the Deed with one exception—and that the want of his signature is only owing to his temporary absence.

Your Committee do not feel themselves called upon under this view of the case, to examine into the conduct of the Commissioners, or how far the Collectors have done their duty in collecting the sums assessed for the above object—these are matters more peculiarly for the Court of Sessions, to whom all the parties are responsible; but your Committee have had before them a Report made by several of the Magistrates appointed by the Sessions to investigate the Accounts, which Report entirely exonerates the Commissioners from any misapplication of the funds.

It does not appear to your Committee that the Act of last Session requires any amendment—connected with the Act of 5 Will. IV., there exists no more power than is requisite to carry forward and complete the new Building, and their provisions are quite sufficient for that object. If there be any unfaithfulness in the duties assigned to the respective officers, the Court of Sessions is open to complaints. By the 9th Sec. of last mentioned Act, the Commissioners are bound to account to the Sessions—to exhibit vouchers for all their expenditures, and if necessary to verify their Accounts on Oath—all which provisions your Committee think are quite sufficient for the protection of the people against any misapplication of the monies assessed—and they can have no doubt that if the Petitioners have any just ground of complaint, there will be no difficulty in obtaining redress from the mode pointed out.

Lastly, your Committee are not disposed to recommend any alteration for the present in the Law relating to the collection of the County Rates.

S. P. FAIRBANKS, *Chairman.*
JOSEPH HOWE,
W. B. TAYLOR.

No. 69.

(See Page 309.)

The Committee appointed to consider the Petition of the Court of General Sessions, and City Council of Halifax, relating to the commitment of convicted offenders to the Penitentiary instead of the Bridewell, Report—

That the Committee entirely concur in the opinion of the Petitioners, that the Bridewell buildings are insufficient, and in a dilapidated state, and not worthy of repair, which opinion was also expressed by the Resolutions of this Honorable House, passed 19th March, 1839, and by the Report of one of its Committees in the same year.

That as the Court of Sessions for the County of Halifax have authority to commit offenders for a term of imprisonment not less than three months nor beyond seven years, your Committee are of opinion that such offenders should be admitted into the Penitentiary; by which more efficient control would be exercised, safer custody ensured, and economy promoted, and operate with more dread upon evil-doers.

That the Committee now submit a Bill for effecting that object.

That the inhabitants of the County of Halifax, having together with the rest of the Province, contributed to the Provincial funds from which the Penitentiary was erected, they are entitled to its benefits, especially as the jurisdiction of the Sessions for that County continues unimpaired, as regards criminal offenders.

That reformation of offenders being one great end which the Regulations of the Penitentiary seek to ensure and promote, that the reception of Vagrants and transient offend-

ers, committed by the City Courts, cannot be admitted, as thereby that wholesome design would be frustrated, offenders hardened in guilt, or confirmed in immoral practices, might thus retard the reformation of inmates committed for a longer period.

That Commitments for a brief period would embarrass the government, and control the energies of an Establishment necessarily based upon systematic principles, and searching superintendence; and, therefore, they conclude that those whose offences bring them within the jurisdiction of the City Courts, ought not to be received into the Penitentiary, unless the Commissioners of the Penitentiary on the one hand, and the City Council on the other, devise and agree upon some plan by which those evils of such reception, would be avoided.

That it would, in the opinion of the Committee, be expedient to erect in the rear of the Penitentiary, a wooden Building for the reception of offenders committed by any City authority, and of Vagrants and disorderly persons, under the general superintendence of the Commissioners, the City funds paying for each of them 6d. sterling per day, or such other sum as might be agreed upon hereafter.

That if such Building be erected, it is matter of consideration whether the expense thereof should not partially be borne by the Provincial funds, in aid of City assessment and contributions, many of the offenders being (as stated in the Journals of your House for 1839,) from the country.

CHARLES B. OWEN,
JAMES B. UNIACKE,
SNOW P. FREEMAN.

Committee Room, Halifax, 20th March, 1845.

No. 70.

(See Page 309.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of Halifax, on the subject of a Lunatic Asylum, beg leave to Report as follows:

That your Committee have entered upon the investigation of this subject with the most earnest desire to respond to the generous feelings exhibited in this Memorial. The liberal contribution of £300 by his Worship the Mayor, with the further Sum of £540 by a number of the Citizens, are evidence of the importance of the object to which the Memorial refers.

With a view to ascertain the number and condition of the Insane provided for at the Poor Asylum, a portion of your Committee, accompanied with the presiding Commissioner, visited that Establishment. They found there forty-two persons from various portions of the Province, labouring under different degrees of Insanity—particular enquiries were made into their mode of treatment, and the accommodation afforded them, with various other particulars connected with their comfort.

It is due to the Gentlemen having charge of the Poor Asylum to state—that the utmost neatness was manifest throughout the rooms and cells occupied by the patients, and the same was observable in their personal appearance—a portion of them were occupied in the manufacture of hats, and other light work—and to judge from appearances, there is every reason to believe that a system of kindness and attention is observed, and every comfort consistent with their situation and the means of the Establishment, is provided for them. Your Committee were forcibly struck with the want of the necessary accommodation within, and the almost total absence of space without the Building, to enable the Superintendant to follow out those wholesome Rules which modern experience has rendered indispensable to the proper management of Insane persons, and their restoration to a sound mind.

In addition to the above number your Committee have reason to believe from the average of Insane Persons found in other Countries, that there are in Nova Scotia at least two hundred persons who might be benefitted by an Institution such as is contemplated by the Memorialists. It is matter of notoriety that the sufferings of this class of our fellow beings are greatly aggravated by the unwillingness of persons to take charge of them—the gross ignorance that prevails as to their mode of treatment—and by the necessity which frequently arises of confining them in the Common Jails—where they are not unfrequently exposed to cruel suffering, and have little chance of being restored to their reason and society.

Upon a subject somewhat new to the generality of persons in this Province, your Committee have felt it their duty to extend their enquiries beyond the mere cost of the Establishment, and respectfully submit a few particulars connected with the history and management of Insane persons, which they have been enabled to collect.

From the period of 1792 may be dated the commencement of a total revolution in the prevailing opinions of Medical men and Legislators, respecting the Insane—and in the principles upon which Lunatic Hospitals should be conducted. The mere safe custody of the Patient is not the chief object now. The higher task is that of restoring him to his place and duties in society—when this fails, to reconcile him to the condition in which he is placed. It is ascertained, and now universally conceded, that *mental derangement is the Result of some bodily disease which affects the brain*—and Insanity is now brought as really within the scope of scientific investigations as consumption or fever, and therefore to adopt the language of a very interesting Report on the subject—“It is evident that the sooner the treatment is commenced after the attack of the disease, before any organic changes are produced, the greater the chance for its removal—and it is satisfactorily demonstrated that of *such recent cases of Insanity about the same proportion may be cured, as of ordinary fevers of a high grade.*”

Influenced by these principles an entire new method of treatment is now universally observed. Corporeal punishment, confinement and chains, are no longer considered indispensable—these have given way to the vigilant eye of a well qualified attendant. The whole scheme of moral treatment as stated by the Trustees of the Hospital at Worcester, Massachusetts, is embraced in a single Idea—*Humanity*—The *Law of Kindness*—the desire to relieve from suffering—to regard the patients with an eye of sympathy—to treat them with the tenderest care—and to study their personal comfort in every thing. In carrying out this idea—“the new System embraces classification, employment, amusements, religious services with proper restrictions, direct appeals to the affections by means of kindness, discipline and social intercourse, indirect appeals to the mind by means of the scite, place, ornaments and furniture of the edifices of the Asylum, and the order, neatness and beauty of the gardens and grounds.” The happy effects of such a System are shown in the number which may be now entrusted in those Asylums with comparative freedom: formerly confinement was resorted to in the proportion of ninety-five to a hundred, which proportion is now completely reversed, and in some of the larger Institutions scarcely an individual requires such a species of restraint. They are also shown in the increased number of cures which take place—in one Asylum in the United States it attained the proportion of 91½ per cent., and in another that of 82½, proving also this additional fact—the absolute necessity of taking the disease in its earliest stage; for whilst the above gratifying result is shown in recent cases, those of long standing do not amount upon an average over 15 per cent.

Those discoveries of modern experience have led to the extension of Lunatic Hospitals, both in the old countries of Europe, and in the United States, where they have in a few years spread over the whole Union. Benevolent individuals have aroused public attention by their princely contributions, and the several Legislatures have as generously responded, and your Committee cannot doubt that the same disposition which has influenced other countries will animate the people of Nova Scotia, in providing for a class of persons who from the nature of their disease present the very highest claims upon the sympathy and protection of their fellow beings.

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Your Committee have further directed their attention to the cost of erecting and sustaining a Lunatic Hospital. Upon this branch of the subject they are not prepared to give to the House that information which it ought to possess before such a work is commenced. They are favorably impressed with the advantages which would result from an Institution founded and sustained at the expense of these lower Colonies. In this view they are somewhat confirmed by a late Resolution of the Legislature of New Brunswick, communicated to this House through His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. It seeks the co-operation of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, in the establishment of such an Hospital. Your Committee think that steps should be taken to ascertain the practicability of affording in this way the accommodation required—together with the probable expense it would entail upon this Colony. Your Committee would also recommend that steps should be taken to procure information upon every particular connected with the building and sustaining of an Institution within the Province, and under its own control, in order that it may be laid before this House at a future Session. These preliminaries your Committee deem indispensable in an undertaking likely to involve a heavy expense—not so much in the commencement, as in the future management—for altho' the expense may be lessened to some extent by the employment of the Patients—and in some Asylums they nearly sustain themselves—many years must elapse before such a result can be expected in an Institution newly founded. To attain this information, with a variety of other particulars, your Committee would suggest that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested to commission one or more persons, for the purpose of communicating with the Government of New Brunswick upon the proposition submitted—and also to inquire and report upon a suitable Scite for a Building within this Province, in case there should be a preference to one erected at our own expense—to obtain Plans and Estimates for such a Building, the cost of the necessary furniture, and the annual expense likely to be incurred—together with such additional information upon the general management, as will assist the Legislature at a future Session in deciding upon the propriety of providing the requisite funds for the object, which must be admitted as one of paramount importance.

S. P. FAIRBANKS, *Chairman*.
 W. F. DES BARRES,
 THOS. A. S. DE WOLF,
 H. HUNTINGTON,
 PETER SPEARWATER,
 JAMES McNAB,
 A. M. UNIACKE.

No. 71.

(See Page 313.)

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Petition of John Ross, relative to the Rates charged by the Halifax and Dartmouth Steam Boat Company, beg to Report as follows:—

That the Petition of Mr. Ross has been presented to the Assembly for a two-fold object. *First*—That the House should institute an inquiry into the Regulations established by the Company for the hours of starting their Boats, and also the Rates charged, in order that the interests and convenience of the public might be more effectively protected; and *Secondly*—that the House should grant to Petitioner the privilege of running another Steam Boat between Halifax and Dartmouth.

Your Committee, after due examination of the Acts passed relating to said Company, and the Charter granted to them, were satisfied at an early stage of their enquiry, that it was useless for them to prosecute it; because they ought not now to grant relief, by directing any modification as to the regulations or rates, and that the privilege sought for by

by Mr. Ross, being in contravention of the terms of the Charter, this House could not grant without an usurpation of authority. The policy of granting such a Charter is not now before them—they are bound to have regard to the rights of the Company as sanctioned by law.

Your Committee have to state however, that the Petitioner is not without relief. By the 3d Section of the Act 10 Geo. IV. c. 46, the Legislature have given a controul to the Justices in Session, over the regulations and rates to be established and charged by the Company; and as this is the first tribunal of appeal established by law, and no reference has yet been made to them, your Committee feel it to be their duty to decline any further prosecution into the enquiry. The Committee therefore recommend that the Petitioner should be left to apply to the Justices in Session, where he will no doubt obtain the relief sought for, if that Body are satisfied that he has just grounds of complaint. The Committee annex for the information of the House, printed Tables of the rates and regulations of the Company, as furnished to them by Mr. Lowe—and also a list of the former and present Proprietors.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. R. YOUNG, *Chairman.*

Halifax, March 24th, 1845.

PROPRIETORS HALIFAX STEAM BOAT COMPANY.

Original Owners.
 Lawrence Hartshorne,
 Thomas Boggs,
 Honble. T. N. Jeffery,
 Honble. S. Cunard,
 C. W. Wallace,
 Honble. M. B. Almon,
 Estate and Heirs S. Albro,
 Estate and Heirs S. W. Deblois,
 H. Yeomans.

Later Purchasers.
 W. A. Black,
 W. Stairs,
 M. G. Black,
 J. E. Fairbanks,
 B. E. Black,
 Thos. Hosterman,
 Estate W. Deblois,
 E. H. Lowe,
 E. Cunard, Senr.
 E. Cunard, Jr.
 Wm. Murdoch.

1844.

List of Fares for passing in the Steamers on the Ferry between Halifax and Dartmouth, to be paid on entrance at the Gates.

Every Foot Passenger,	Four pence	4d.	}	These rates refer to Pleasure Carriages
Children under twelve years,	Two pence	2d.		
Horse or Mule,	Nine pence	9d.	}	These rates refer to Country teams, drivers of which are not charged with Ferriage.
Horse and Gig or Sleigh,	One shilling	1s.		
Horse and Waggon or four wheel Carriage	One & three pence	1s. 3d.	}	
Each additional Horse,	Six pence	6d.		
Horse and Cart, Sled or small Waggon,	One shilling	1s.	}	
Do. large Waggon or Sled loaded,	One & three pence	1s. 3d.		
Do. do. returning unloaded	One shilling	1s.	}	
Each additional Horse	Six pence	6d.		
Cattle,	each Six pence	6d.	}	
Sheep, Lambs, and Goats,	Two pence	2d.		
Pigs, Hogs and Calves—dead or alive	Three pence	3d.	}	
Puncheons,	One shilling	1s.		
Tierces,	Nine pence	9d.	}	
Barrels,	Three pence	3d.		

Empty Puncheons 3d, empty Tierces 2d, Bbls. 1d		3d. 2d. and 1d.
Hoops, Staves, Shingles, &c.—per bundle	One penny	1d.
Hay and Straw, in small bundles	One penny	1d.
Do. do. of one cwt. or more, per cwt.	Two pence	2d.
Iron, Copper & heavy articles, per cwt.	Two pence	2d.
Empty Carts, Sleighs, Sleds or Carriages,	Three pence	3d.
Carts or other Vehicles lightly loaded, no Horse,	Six pence	6d.
Hand Carts, Wheel Barrows, &c.	Two pence	2d.
Charcoal, Potatoes, &c. &c. &c. per bushel,	One penny	1d.
Trunks, Boxes, Cases, &c., rated as Puncheons, }		
Tierces and Barrels, according to size and weight. }		

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

All Fares to be paid at the Gates before entrance.

Ferry Tokens, each equal to one foot passage, will be sold at the rate of 20 for five shillings, not less than ten sold in a lot.

Manure and other offensive articles not allowed to pass.

Frames and Stakes of Hay, Sleds or Carts, binding poles and Iron, must be stowed close.

1845.

1st. March, 1845.

*List of Fares for passing in the Steamers on the Ferry between Halifax and Dartmouth.
To be paid on entrance at the Gates.*

Every Foot Passenger,	Three pence	3d.	} These rates refer to pleasure carriages.
Children under twelve years,	One penny half-penny	1½d.	
Horse or Mule,	Seven pence half-penny	7½d.	
Horse and Gig, Sleigh or Waggon,	One Shilling	1s.	
Each additional Horse,	Three pence	3d.	
Horse and Cart, Sled or small Waggon,	One Shilling	1s.	
Do. large Waggon or Sled, loaded,	One and three pence	1s. 3d.	
Do. do. returning unloaded,	One Shilling	1s.	
Each additional Horse,	Three pence	3d.	
Cattle, each	Six pence	6d.		} These rates refer to country teams, drivers of which are not charged with Ferriage.
Sheep, Lambs, and Goats,	Two pence	2d.	
Pigs, Hogs and Calves—dead or alive,	Three pence	3d.	
Puncheons,	One Shilling	1s.	
Tierces,	Nine pence	9d.	
Barrels,	Three pence	3d.	
Empty Puncheons, 3d, empty Tierces, 2d, Bbls. 1d.		3d. 2d. and 1d.	
Hoops, Staves, Shingles, &c.—per bundle	One penny	1d.	
Hay and Straw, in small bundles,	One penny	1d.	
Do. do. of one cwt. or more, per cwt.	Two pence	2d.	
Iron, Copper, & heavy articles, per cwt.	Two pence	2d.	
Empty Carts, Sleighs, Sleds or Carriages,	Three pence	3d.	
Carts or other Vehicles, lightly loaded, }	Six pence	6d.	
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Season Ticket Rates.

Ten Pounds per annum, payable half-yearly in advance, on the 1st. January and 1st. July, entitle Man and Wife, unmarried Children, the servant, and constant inmates of his house (not Boarders,) with all horses, carts and carriages, actually owned by the proprietor, and rode or driven by persons entitled to free passage, to pass in the Steamers on the Ferry.

This privilege does not extend to any vehicle laden with manure, or other offensive article, and will not admit more than one team at a time to the exclusion of others.

Eight Pounds per annum, payable half-yearly in advance, on 1st. January and 1st. July, entitle Man and Wife, unmarried Children residing in the house with him, constant inmates (not boarders) and one horse—with gig, sleigh, or pleasure carriage, to pass in the Steamers on the Ferry.

Six Pounds per annum, payable half-yearly in advance, on 1st. January and 1st. July, entitle Man and Wife, and unmarried children, residing in the house with him, to pass on foot in the Steamers on the Ferry.

Three Pounds per annum, payable half-yearly in advance, on 1st. January and 1st. July, entitle Man and Wife to pass on foot in the Steamers on the Ferry.

Times of Starting for the Steamboats on the Ferry.

<i>From Dartmouth.</i>	<i>From Halifax.</i>
Six o'clock morning	20 minutes past 6
20 minutes before 7	7 o'clock
20 minutes past 7	20 minutes before 8
8 o'clock	20 minutes past 8
20 minutes before 9	9 o'clock
20 minutes past 9	20 minutes before 10
10 o'clock	20 minutes past 10
20 minutes before 11	11 o'clock
20 minutes past 11	20 minutes before 12
12 o'clock	20 minutes past 12
20 minutes before 1	1 o'clock
20 minutes past 1	20 minutes before 2
2 o'clock	20 minutes past 2
20 minutes before 3	3 o'clock
20 minutes past 3	20 minutes before 4
4 o'clock	20 minutes past 4
20 minutes before 5	5 o'clock
20 minutes past 5	20 minutes before 6
6 o'clock	20 minutes past 6
20 minutes before 7	7 o'clock
20 minutes past 7	20 minutes before 8
8 o'clock	20 minutes past 8

Morning and Evening trips are taken off as the days shorten, and added as they lengthen, throughout the year.

Late

<i>Late Trips.</i>	
January, February, March, November and December. Leaves Dartmouth at half past Eight, and Halifax at Nine o'clock. April and May. Leaves Dartmouth at Nine, and Halifax at half past Nine o'clock.	June, July and August. Leaves Dartmouth at half past Nine, and Halifax at Ten o'clock. September and October. Leaves Dartmouth at half past Eight, and Halifax at Nine o'clock.

General Regulations.

Time kept by the Ordnance Clock.

The late trips will be run without alteration during the year, and if the weather should at any time make it necessary to omit a trip, notice will be put up at the Gates.

On Sundays the morning Eight o'clock trip is not run, and after leaving Halifax at Eleven o'clock the Boat does not start again until twenty minutes before One, from Dartmouth.

☞ Smoking not allowed below Decks. Passengers must not enter the Engine Room on Deck or Firing Room below.

No. 72.

(See Page 313.)

The Committee to whom were referred the Over-expenditures in Pictou on the Bridge at New Glasgow, in 1841, and on the West River Bridge in 1842, Report as follows :

That these Bridges were erected upon the recommendation of the Members representing the County of Pictou at that time. They both appear to be costly Bridges, particularly the Bridge over the West River. The New Glasgow Bridge cost £1100—some of the charges, and particularly that for painting, seem extravagant, but as the objections against these charges were not pressed before the Committee, we think the balance of £85 5 ½ ought to be paid to the Commissioner, John McKay, Sen.

The whole cost of the Bridge over the West River was £402 15 10½, although £30 only was voted for its repairs in the first instance—the Balance still unpaid is £228, which the Committee recommend to be granted to John McKay, Junior, and that the Members for Pictou be required to provide for both balances out of the monies already assigned to the Road Service in that County. At the same time the Committee would express their strong disapprobation of the practice of expending large sums of money without legal authority.

From the evidence of John Cameron, who was employed to superintend the wood work in the Bridge over the West River, and who came down from Pictou to give evidence before the Committee, it appears that this Bridge cost at least £40 more than it would, had the money been paid down as soon as the work was completed—that he offered to work for 8s. per day provided he could be paid down, but as it was he charged 10s. per day. That it appears in addition, considering this was not a main post road, that a suitable Bridge could have been erected there for from £130 to £150. Your Committee therefore cannot but think that so large an expenditure was under the circumstances injudicious, and required to be strictly inquired into. John Cameron claims for his expenses attending as an evidence, £6 14—and John McKay, Junior, has paid for the expenses of a law suit about £10. These two sums the Committee submit to the consideration of the House to provide for or not as they may deem just.

HT. HUNTINGTON,
S. P. FAIRBANKS,
GEO. BRENAN.

Halifax Committee Room, 25th March, 1845.

No. 73.

(See Page 314.)

The Committee to whom were referred the Accounts of Expenses incurred in managing and sustaining the Provincial Penitentiary, beg leave to Report as follows:

That the Salaries as settled last year for the Government of the Institution, were—	
For the Governor, £125; Matron, £25; Keeper, £50; Under Keeper, £50; Messenger, £40,	£290 0 0
Provisions, &c.	278 0 0
Fuel, £52; Incidental Expenses—Soap, Candles, Straw, &c. &c. &c., £24 7 6;	76 7 6
	£644 7 6
Say for expense of Management,	£650 0 0
For unpaid Debt, incurred for Granite, &c., other materials, &c.	274 17 4
Amount required for fencing Yard, erecting a Wing on the south side, &c. &c., estimated,	385 0 0
	£1309 17 4
Dr. Black, for last year, say	50 0 0

The General Rules for the Management of the Institution have been taken from those of the Auburn States Prison of New York, and the whole proceedings of the Commissioners are detailed in their Report now before the Legislature. They appear to have given every attention to the Institution in order to getting it into useful operation, with a view to the beneficial effects hoped to be produced by it.

It is gratifying to the Committee to find that in a population of from 270,000 to 280,000, that it has only been found necessary to keep confined more than from 15 to 20 persons for criminal offences, particularly when they consider that imprisonment is now almost the only punishment for the higher class of crimes.

The actual numbers in the Penitentiary at this time are fourteen males and three females.

The Committee would remark that during the past year Dr. Rufus Black has been appointed Physician to the Establishment, and one of the Rules requires his daily attendance. This Regulation appears to have been adopted without due consideration—and the Committee would suggest that for the future that the Physician should only attend in cases of actual sickness, when sent for, as in private families, and his charges be made for the services performed. It has also been suggested that a salary for a Clergyman should be provided, as well as for a Clerk.

The Committee would observe on these suggestions, that the Institution, however necessary, has been just commenced, and has cost a large sum of money—that considering the small number of Prisoners, the management now comes to a large sum, and that the Establishment under the name of a place of punishment, is in fact more a work of benevolence for the reformation of the criminals. The Committee under these circumstances do not feel justified in recommending at present either of these Salaries, as they believe that the Prisoners will be visited from time to time by some of the Clergymen resident in the City, and they recommend that the Governor be required to keep the Accounts. The supplies it appears are purchased by Contract, and of course the Accounts will be easier kept.

The Governor has complained to the Committee that neither of the Assistants are Tradesmen, and that the whole duty of superintending the work of the Prisoners falls upon him, and is more than he can properly attend to, and suggests that it would be much better if one of the Assistants were changed for a Stone Mason.

Which the Committee submit for the consideration of the House.

HT. HUNTINGTON,
S. P. FAIRBANKS,
JOHN J. MARSHALL.

Halifax, 26th March, 1845.

No. 74.

(See Page 326.)

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Reverend William Chipman and others, praying the continuance of the Grant for the Education of William Sandford, a deaf mute, have agreed to Report as follows :

That at present there are only five deaf and dumb educated at the expense of the Province, one in Scotland, and four at the American Asylum at Hartford, in the United States, to maintain whom Grants were made in 1843 and 1844, in the following manner :

To William Sandford, to be drawn in 1843 and 1844,	£60	0	0
To John Campbell, in 1843 and 1844,	45	0	0
To James Allison, in 1844 and 1845,	40	0	0
To James Sutherland Stephens, 1844 and 1845,	40	0	0

And the Committee recommend a further continuance of the bounty of the Legislature towards these afflicted individuals.

The Committee deem it their duty to make a few observations on the Institutions alluded to, with a view of pointing to their efficiency and arousing the attention of the humane to the interesting subject referred for their consideration. There are now in Europe between 80 and 85 Institutions for deaf mutes, and in the United States five Establishments, which rank among the most distinguished of the kind. The fruits of these is the American Asylum, founded in 1815, and enjoys the patronage of all the New England States, with one exception, and has received liberal contributions from the respective Legislative bodies of those States. The terms of instruction are moderate—for \$100 each pupil can participate in the benefits of the Establishment—in case of sickness additional charges are made. Each applicant must be between the age of eight and twenty-five, and the average time of pupilage ought to be six years, to complete the education ; five is however sufficient in ordinary cases, and the average time of instruction is three years and ten months, which is deemed too short. The different States make provision for the maintenance and education of indigent Deaf and Dumb, and on nearly the same terms. In the State of New York \$130 is assessed annually for each pupil, and the period of instruction limited to three years, and this should afford in the opinion of the Committee a guide for the House in future Grants.

The Committee have perused a letter from Mr. Duncan Anderson, of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Glasgow, whither Mr. Stephens had taken his Son, to receive the benefits of education, from which it appears that the ages deemed capable of education by the writer, are from seven to fifteen ; and on a Statement made by Mr. Stephens, that by the census of this Province, taken in 1841, it was ascertained that 400 Deaf and Dumb existed among our population. Mr. Anderson has given a table of calculation shewing the practicability and utility of an Establishment for ameliorating the condition of these helpless creatures, and although the Committee cannot confirm the information given by Mr. Stephens, that one in every 445 is deaf and dumb in our population ; yet the Committee are impressed with the belief, that there are in British North America a very considerable number of these unfortunate people uneducated and totally unprovided with the means of education, and quite sufficient to justify the founding of an Institution for their relief ; and to use the language of this benevolent and experienced man—" It is ascertained that a deaf mute who has not enjoyed the benefits of education, has not the most remote idea of the existence of a God, or that he is possessed of an immortal soul, or that a Saviour died for him, or that he must account for all his actions at the day of judgment—that in short they are a large body of individuals living without God and without hope in this world, perishing for lack of knowledge, existing in a christian land with " wisdom at one entrance quite shut out," ignorant, helpless, dumb. Laboring under one of the most desperate of human calamities, they cannot plead their own cause, their wants and wishes, their hopes and fears are confined to the solitudes of their own bosoms." These considerations surely ought to stimulate the good and wealthy

wealthy to provide a remedy, and the respective Legislatures to contribute by liberal grants in aid of a suitable Institution. When created there will be no want of pupils, and there is every reason to hope that in imitation of the course pursued in Scotland and the United States, Districts will contribute towards the expense of maintaining and educating poor deaf mutes from those localities. The Committee however think it would be premature when so many interested in public Institutions for other objects equally desirable, are pressing their claims, to suggest any immediate action of the Legislature on this subject, they annex Resolutions adopted at Glasgow, on the reception of Stephens, to shew the expence of Education at that Establishment, and also the liberality which prevails at the Board of Directory. They have also annexed the Report of the American Asylum at Hartford, exhibited 11th May, 1844, and recommend that the information contained from pages 5 to 8 and from 34 to 44, on the end of the Report, should be printed in the Journals of the House, for the information of those who may hereafter bestow attention on this subject.

The Committee repeat that they recommend the benevolent renewal of the Grants necessary to continue the education of the five deaf mutes above mentioned, particularly as Sanford, who has been longest under instruction, is thus written of by Mr. Turner, of the American Asylum, "Sanford has now reached the point where by the help of his "Dictionary, and occasional assistance from his Teacher, he can read easy style, and "study Geography, History, &c., to advantage, but he has not yet mastered the difficulties of written language, nor acquired such fluency in using it as to make it the most "agreeable medium of communication to himself, and the danger is, should he now be "arrested in his course, that he would lose, unless pains should be taken by his friends to "prevent it, much that he has already acquired ;—We also find that pupils make greater "progress in the fifth year, as the difficulties they meet with are lessened, so that in an "economical point of view, it would seem best to continue him through the year."—Finally the Committee report that in future the whole annual sum to be voted for any indigent deaf mute should not exceed the sum charged at Hartford Asylum, with the difference of Exchange, viz.—\$105 per annum, or at the furthest the sum assessed in the State of New York, viz. \$130—with the premium five per cent. ; in either case the contribution is trifling compared with the blessings conferred on the objects of our solicitude.

THOS. A. S. DEWOLF,
JAMES B. UNIACKE,
JAMES D. FRASER.

Halifax, 27th March, 1845.

Extract from Minutes of Meeting of Directors of Deaf and Dumb Institution, Glasgow.

At Glasgow the seventh day of February, eighteen hundred and forty-five.
At a Meeting of the Directors of the Society for the education of the Deaf and Dumb.

Present—

JAMES BUCHANAN, Esquire, *Vice President.*
The Reverend Dr. BLACK,
ARCHIBALD LAWSON, Esquire,
The Reverend Mr. MENZIES,
ANDREW TENNANT, Esquire,
JOHN JAMIESON, Esquire,
WILLIAM GOURLAY, Esquire,
Mr. S. M. PENNEY, one of the Secretaries, and
Mr. ANDERSON.

Mr. BUCHANAN in the Chair.

There was submitted to the Meeting an application on behalf of Campbell Sutherland Stephens, aged 11 years, son of James Stephens, farmer, Township of Horton, King's County,

County, Nova Scotia, and nephew of William Stephens, retired officer of Excise, residing at No. 88, Centre-street, Tradeston, Glasgow—for admission into the Institution.

It was stated to the Meeting, that Mr. James Stephens, the applicant's father, had presented a Petition to the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia for aid to defray the expense of educating his boy at the Glasgow Institution, and that the Assembly had voted £20 per annum currency for that purpose, for each of two years from the last meeting of Assembly. That a similar application had been made to the North British Society at Halifax, Nova Scotia, and that upon the 2nd May, 1844, they had voted a donation of £10 for the same object, payable, "Five pounds this present quarter, and five pounds the ensuing quarter, provided the intent of the Petition be carried into effect."

It was further stated to the Meeting that as the Legislative Assembly had renewed a similar grant in the case of a deaf and dumb boy who was sent from the Township of Cornwallis to Hartford, U. S., it is hoped that at the expiration of the two years the Assembly will renew the grant in favour of this applicant.

It was also stated to the Meeting that William Stephens, the boy's uncle, would become security for his clothing during his continuance at the Institution.

The Meeting upon fully considering these statements, unanimously agreed that the applicant, Campbell Sutherland Stephens, be admitted to the Institution for two years, under the engagement by the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia, and in consideration of the donation by the North British Society at Halifax, and the obligation for clothing by Mr. William Stephens—but the Meeting reserve the consideration as to the boy being continued longer in the Institution than the two years referred to, should the grant by the Legislative Assembly not be renewed at the expiration of that period, or some other provision made for defraying the necessary expence of the boy's continuance.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Deaf and Dumb Institution, by me.

S. M. PENNEY,

Secretary to the Institution.

No. 75.

(See Page 329.)

The Committee appointed to examine the Bill to regulate the Shad Fishery on the Shores of Londonderry and Economy, and to investigate the various Petitions relating to the Shad Fishery, Report as follows :

That they have called before them persons acquainted with this Fishery in the Bay of Fundy and Western Waters of the Province, and do not find that Fishing with the Drift Net is prejudicial, but on the contrary less calculated to destroy the Fish than a fixed or set net. It appears that the Regulations of the Justices of King's County last season, gave great dissatisfaction, causing an obstruction of the Fishery. That the Fishery is free and ought to be open to all Her Majesty's subjects, and the Committee recommend that the law should be modified so as to prevent any exclusive privilege. The Committee have ascertained that the Shad appear on the shores of this Continent to the south, and proceed north, increasing in fatness and condition, and are found in the Bay of Fundy about the month of June—they are pursued by dog fish, sharks and other fish of prey, they do not go into the fresh water, and are never found with spawn. The River Shad on the contrary is usually replete with spawn, and are distinguished by the brightness of colour from the Sea Shad, the destruction of which it seems will not diminish their quantity on our coasts, as they are migratory. The Committee have examined Mr. Tristram Haliday, a native of Scotland, a fisherman by profession, who fitted out the Victoria from the Port of St. John, N. B. in 1843, and conducted the drift net Fishery in the Basin of Mines,—his crew consisted of nine, all of whom were natives of
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Great Britain and the Colonies, and not foreigners, as has been represented. Lastly, your Committee Report, that spring nets, pounds or patent wears, are destructive of the Fishery, and their use ought to be repressed, and on no pretext ought nets to be placed more than one-third across any River, being of opinion that there should always be a free passage for Fish frequenting our Rivers. The Committee therefore recommend that the two Bills submitted to them for regulating the Shad Fishery in King's County and Londonderry, should not pass, unless modified in conformity with the views expressed above.

JAMES B. UNIACKE,
HT. HUNTINGTON,
SAML. P. FAIRBANKS,
PAUL CROWELL.

Halifax, 2d April, 1845.

No. 76.

(See Page 331.)

The Committee to whom were referred the Petition of Walter Douglas and others, on the subject of Steam communication between this Province, Quebec and Prince Edward Island, Report :

That the Unicorn being no longer required by Government to carry the Mails between Pictou and Quebec, there will be no communication with Canada by the St. Lawrence, adapted to the exigencies of the Provinces, unless they combine to encourage persons of enterprise and science to embark in the speculation, and have the satisfaction of Reporting, that the Citizens of Quebec on the 10th inst. passed a Resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Corporation of that City to wait on His Excellency the Governor General, and pray the recommendation of annual Provincial Grants towards a continuance of the Route by Steam between the Provinces,—and Letters from Quebec lead your Committee to the belief that His Excellency Lord Metcalf will lend his powerful influence to the accomplishment of this desirable object.

Your Committee are fully impressed with the conviction, that the commerce and carrying trade of this Province are materially advanced by frequent and rapid intercourse with Canada, and that many advantages have already resulted from an intimate social union of the people—and therefore recommend that a Grant of Five hundred Pounds sterling should be made annually for six years, towards the establishment and support of a Line of Steamboats between Quebec and this Province, on such terms and conditions as to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Commander-in-Chief for the time being shall seem fit ; in Reporting this sum the Committee have been guided by the view taken in 1830 by this Honorable House, when a Grant of £500 currency per annum passed for that service, and have agreed to increase the amount to sterling, so as to assimilate the contributions of the Canadas and Nova Scotia towards this important undertaking.

The Committee have also considered the application of the Owners of the Steamboat St. George, for aid to enable them to keep up a communication between several Ports of this Province and Prince Edward Island, and are of opinion that the said Boat should ply weekly between Pictou, Prince Edward Island and Miramichi, and once each week from Pictou to St. Peter's Bay, touching to land passengers and mails at Canso and Arichat, and on their engagement to perform such service to the satisfaction of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that His Excellency should be authorized to draw on the Treasury of this Province for the sum of £350 or £400 to aid the undertaking, towards which the Assembly of New Brunswick has by vote contributed £350. The Committee are influenced in recommending these Grants by the example of the Mother Country, and from the experience of the advantages of Steam Communication. When they reflect on the rapid advancement made in these Colonies, and contemplate the good flowing from the enterprise

of individuals fostered by the respective Legislatures, they deem it judicious to expand the operations of those engaged in this branch of public service, and as New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Great Britain and the United States, are now connected by Steam, to bring Prince Edward Island, Cape Breton and the Canadas in more immediate intercourse is wise, and will be productive of profit to the Inhabitants of the Lower Provinces.

JAMES B. UNIACKE.

GEO. R. YOUNG.

JOHN C. HALL.

Halifax, 2nd April, 1845.

No. 77.

(See Page 333.)

The Committee to whom were referred the Petition of the Magistrates, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of St. Ann's, and Louisburg, in the County of Cape Breton, and of the County of Inverness, beg leave to Report:

That they have taken these Petitions into their consideration, with sundry Returns ordered in reference to the Suits removed into the Supreme Court from the Courts of Common Pleas for the three years preceding their abolition—and also in reference to the Causes reserved for argument, and brought up to the Supreme Court at Halifax since that period.

Your Committee are of opinion, that the importance of this subject demands a fuller investigation than they are now enabled to afford to it, for want of certain Returns not yet supplied, and other information indispensable to bring the matters involved fully and satisfactorily to the notice of this Honorable House.

As your Committee entertain little hope of obtaining these Returns and information in time to report during the present Session, they recommend that the further consideration of the subject be deferred until next.

JAMES B. UNIACKE,
SAML. P. FAIRBANKS,
BENJ. SMITH,
G. W. McLELAN,
W. F. DES BARRES.

No. 78.

(See Page 334.)

The Committee appointed to enquire into the matter referred to in the Petition of Findlay McDonald and others, beg to Report as follows:

That they had every disposition to concur in the prayer of the Petition as far as was practicable, and to recommend in the Island of Cape Breton a more extensive publication of the Notices relating to the Estates of deceased persons who have been residents in that Island, and to keep the expense thereby incurred within reasonable limits; but feel satisfied that they could not recommend that the publication of such notices, should be confined to the Paper established in Sydney, without a direct infringement of the policy of the Law.

The publication of such Notices is intended to affect the interests of all Creditors, &c. and in every part of the Province, and it is therefore essential that they should appear in some public organ having not only a local but a general circulation. The Royal Gazette is useful both as the source of legal evidence and because it is kept in the Office of the Provincial Secretary, where it can be referred to at all times, as a document or record of public authority.

In any estate of adequate extent, a prudent Executor or Administrator would as a matter of precaution and with a view to the protection both of creditors and heirs and other parties interested, require the Notices to be republished in the County local newspapers, where the deceased resided. In this consideration of the question the Committee are satisfied that it would be a public protection, as well as convenience, if a Copy of the Royal Gazette was kept in the Office of the Clerks of the Peace in each County, and that the same should be provided at the expense of the County—it should be filed regularly as soon as it is published—should be bound up annually in a volume, and be at all times open to public inspection free of expence. All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN C. HALL,
GEO. R. YOUNG,
STEPHEN FULTON,
JOHN J. MARSHALL.

Halifax, April 4, 1845.

No. 79.

(See Page 336.)

COUNTY OF HALIFAX.

Resolved, That the Sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred Pounds, granted for the Service of the Roads and Bridges in the County of Halifax, be applied as follows, viz :

From Dartmouth to Keys',	£100	0	0
McKenzie's to Kaulback's,	100	0	0
To Survey New Line through Middle Musquodoboit,	15	0	0
Survey Road to Sheet Harbour,	20	0	0
From Archibald's Mills to Sheet Harbour,	20	0	0
Little River to Guysborough Road, near Foxe's,	5	0	0
Mackey's Mills to Fish Lake,	15	0	0
Musquodoboit to Sibley's,	10	0	0
Little River to Mackey's Mills,	15	0	0
Dillerman's Bridge to Guysborough Road,	15	0	0
John Ogilvey's, Little River, back road,	10	0	0
Gay's River to Middle Musquodoboit,	15	0	0
Little River Bridge, near James Cruickshank's, to J. Bruce's, Senr.	10	0	0
Lake Egmont to Guysborough Road,	15	0	0
New Antrim to Guysborough Road,	10	0	0
For McDonald's Road,	10	0	0
From Gay's River to Keys', Old Road,	30	0	0
Shubenacadie to old Halifax Road,	20	0	0
Mrs. Stewart's to Peter Doyle's,	5	0	0
Ledgeridge's to Guysborough Road,	5	0	0
For Bridge over Big River, near Harley's (Middle Musquodoboit,)	10	0	0
From William Bell's to Gay's River Road,	10	0	0
For Nine Mile River Road to Main Road,	10	0	0
From George Ogilvey's to George Nuttall's,	10	0	0
N. Leck's to Main Road, Musquodoboit,	10	0	0
To complete the Road and Bridge near McCurdy's,	15	0	0
For the Road through Higgins' Settlement,	20	0	0
From Alexander Brown's toward Lindsay's,	10	0	0
William Graham's to Musquodoboit,	5	0	0
Jenkins' Mills to Meagher's Grant through Irish Settlement,	10	0	0
From Widow Wise's to Meagher's Grant Road,	3	0	0
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	£100	0	0
For the Road from Sackville to Scott's, and to pay over-expenditures,	50	0	0
The Road up the East side of Bedford Basin,	20	0	0
From Ecum Secum to Necum Tenck,	10	0	0
Necum Tenck to Newdy Quaddy,	20	0	0
Newdy Quaddy to Salmon River,	20	0	0
Salmon River to Sheet Harbour,	20	0	0
Sheet Harbour to Pope's Harbour,	30	0	0
Pope's Harbour to Ship Harbour,	30	0	0
Ship Harbour to Jedore,	10	0	0
Jedore to Musquodoboit Harbour,	60	0	0
To complete Bridge at Musquodoboit Harbour,	40	0	0
Alter Line from Musquodoboit to Chezetcook,	10	0	0
From Chezetcook to Lake Porter,	10	0	0
For Road up Chezetcook Harbour,	20	0	0
From Lake Porter to Nelson's, including the Bridge,	100	0	0
To complete the new line and build Bridge at Salmon River,	20	0	0
From Miller's to Dartmouth,	15	0	0
Three Fathom Harbour to Porter's Lake,	15	0	0
For new alteration on Lawrence Town Road,	15	0	0
New line from Shields' to Dartmouth,	10	0	0
Cow Bay Road,	15	0	0
Back Road from Bizett's Mills,	15	0	0
Eastern Passage Road, lower Section,	18	0	0
To alter Road near old Ferry, upper Section,	10	0	0
For old look out Road, Preston,	10	0	0
From Miller's through Cherribucto,	10	0	0
For new line up West side of Porter's Lake,	10	0	0
Cross Road from Preston to Robertson's,	5	0	0
From Evans' to Bell Street, Preston,	24	0	0
For the Beaver Bank Road,	50	0	0
On Margaret's Bay Road from North West Arm to Woodin's Bridge,	15	0	0
Cross Road from Margaret's Bay Road to Flemming's,	15	0	0
Cross Road from Jno. Geo. Dauphney's to Flemming's,	20	0	0
Road from the Baptist Meeting House to Woodin's Bridge, including alteration round Hemlaw's Hill,	10	0	0
Road from the New Church to Haggit's Cove,	10	0	0
From Haggit's Cove to Indian Harbour,	10	0	0
Indian Harbour to Peggy's Cove,	7	10	0
Margaret's Bay to Izenhor's Village,	7	10	0
Izenhor's Village to Dover,	28	0	0
Piers' Mill to English's Corner,	15	0	0
English's Corner to House beyond Lyttle's,	23	0	0
Hammond's Plains to Margaret's Bay,	10	0	0
On Road from Johnston's to Sackville Church,	10	0	0
On Cross Roads in Hammond's Plains,	20	0	0
From Hosterman's to McIntoshe's Bridge,	20	0	0
McIntoshe's Bridge to Charles Drysdale's,	10	0	0
Green Head to New Margaret's Bay Road,	10	0	0
For New Road from Charles Drysdale's to New Margaret's Bay Road,	100	0	0
From the Head of Prospect Bay to Charles Drysdale's including alteration, Prospect Settlement and Shad Bay to Bridge at head of Prospect Harbour,	10	0	0
For Road from Widow Prester's to Main Road,	10	0	0
Road from Goodwood to Main Road,	10	0	0

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For Road from Terrance Bay to Main Road,	£10	0	0
Road from Sambro to Harriot Fields, including alteration,	40	0	0
Road from Pennant Bay (Marriot's) to Main Road,	10	0	0
Road from Coot Cove to Main Road by way of Pennant Bay,	10	0	0
From Bald Rock to Ketch Harbour,	10	0	0
Ketch Harbour to Portuguese Cove,	20	0	0
Portuguese Cove to Herring Cove,	20	0	0
Herring Cove to McIntoshe's Bridge,	10	0	0
Herring Cove to Ferguson's Cove,	20	0	0
Ferguson's Cove to Main Road including Bridge,	10	0	0
To pay over-expenditure on Herring Cove Bridge and Bridges at Ham- mond's Plains,	26	0	0
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	£1900	0	0

COUNTY OF HANTS.

Resolved, That the Sum of One thousand seven hundred and fifty Pounds granted for the Service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Hants, be applied as follows :

From Halifax County Line to Montague House,	£140	0	0
Montague House to Avon Bridge and to rebuild Bridge at St. Croix,	150	0	0
For alteration at Windmill Hill in addition to £105 undrawn from Treas- ury,	25	0	0
To repair Stone Bridge on Post Road near Thomas McLatchy's,	7	10	0
From Avon Bridge to Horton Line, and to rebuild Halfway River Bridge,	110	0	0
Windsor Forks to Falmouth Line, Chester Road,	25	0	0
Falmouth Line to Geldert's,	25	0	0
Keys' Bridge to Nelson's Bridge,	45	0	0
Nelson's to McDonald's Farm and to rebuild Bridge at Rene's Creek,	30	0	0
McDonald's Farm to Maitland, and to rebuild Bridge at Five Mile River,	75	0	0
Halifax County Line to James Fahie's,	20	0	0
James Fahie's to Isaac Whittiar's,	20	0	0
Isaac Whittiar's to Kenetcook Bridge,	12	10	0
Kenetcook Bridge to Noel,	15	0	0
To pay Thomas Randal, expended on Barron's Bridge, Rawdon,	160	0	0
John Armstrong, expended repairing Bridges, Falmouth,	2	9	3
Thomas Manning, expended repairing Road, Falmouth,	6	7	0
Peter Dawson, expended on St. Croix Bridge,	5	4	6
Richd. Smith, Esq., expended in repairing Road at Maitland,	8	15	0
Jas. D. Fraser, Esq., expended on Blowers' Bridge, Windsor,	14	5	9
To Jas. D. Fraser and Ichabod Dimock, to pay Daniel Wier, John Chambers, and others, expended on St. Croix Bridge and Road in 1843,	25	0	0
From Isaac Dewolf's to Forks and Bridge at John McHeffey's,	10	0	0
Windsor Town to Smith's Island,	7	10	0
For Ponhook Road,	5	0	0
From St. Croix Bridge to Winckworth Road,	10	0	0
Benj. Sweet's to Cunningham's Creek,	15	0	0
For Dawson's Road,	7	10	0
To aid the Inhabitants of Falmouth to build a Bridge at Mount Denson,	30	0	0
For repairing Upper Falmouth Bridge,	27	10	0
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From Upper Falmouth Bridge to Horton Line,	£10	0	0
Thomas Manning's to Horton Line,	10	0	0
Rose Green to Benj. Backhouse's,	7	10	0
Richd. Lunn's past John Manning's,	7	10	0
Road to Stoddard's Mill,	5	0	0
William Woodroof's to Parker's Mill,	10	0	0
Parker's Mill to John Dimock's,	17	17	6
Oliver Dimock's to Scotch Village,	5	0	0
For Road past Henry Vaughn's,	5	0	0
From Joseph Mosher's to Walker's,	5	0	0
John Chambers' to St. Croix Bridge, and to secure Bridge,	20	0	0
John Chambers, to Muddy Marsh,	10	0	0
For Ryan's Road, in addition to £5 undrawn,	5	0	0
From John Lockheart's to Rawdon Line,	7	10	0
To reduce the Hill at John Lockheart's, to be drawn when certified that £14 5 has been expended by Inhabitants,	40	0	0
From Isaiah Dimock's to Robert Greeno's,	5	0	0
Levi Dimock's to Rawdon Road,	7	10	0
Town Landing to Darius Mosher's,	5	0	0
Laren's farm to New Road, to be drawn when certified that the sum of £7 14 has been expended by the Inhabitants,	10	0	0
John Harvie's to Rawdon Road, by Major Greeno's,	5	0	0
To repair Bridge at Meander River, Newport, and to pay Jas. Cochran ten shillings expended on Hobart Bridge,	7	10	0
From Thos. Salter's to Kenetcook Road,	7	10	0
Constantine's to William Greeno's,	5	0	0
Walton to Cockmagun,	25	0	0
Walton to O'Brien's Farm,	10	0	0
Walton to Tenescape,	15	0	0
Walton to Rainy Cove,	10	0	0
Rainy Cove to Cheverie,	10	0	0
Cheverie to Cockmagun on New Road,	10	0	0
To alter the Road to avoid Hills near Bradshaw's to be drawn when certi- fied that the sum of £27 has been expended by Inhabitants,	35	0	0
From Windsor Road to Barron's Mill, Rawdon, to include Barron's Bridge,	10	0	0
To repair Bridge near Methodist Meeting House, Kemp, in addition to £5 undrawn,	10	0	0
For alteration near Withrow's Mill,	20	0	0
From Murphy's to Gorman's,	7	10	0
Russell's Farm to Withrow's Mill, to be drawn when certified that the sum of £2 16 has been expended by the Inhabitants,	7	10	0
Wm. Steven's to Murphy's and Bridge at River Herbert,	7	10	0
Isaac Whittiar's to Taggart's	7	10	0
Rawdon Road to McKay's Nine Mile River,	12	10	0
Rawdon Road to Gore Road near Scott's,	10	0	0
James Sanford's to Gore Road,	7	10	0
Gore Road to Rawdon Road past Sim's,	7	10	0
Gore Road to Carver's Farm,	7	10	0
Indian Road to John Wright's,	10	0	0
Indian Road to Gore Road by Woolaver's,	7	10	0
Taggart's to John McPhee's,	12	10	0
John McPhee's to Shubenacadie Road,	17	10	0
For Ainsly Road,	5	0	0
From McPhee's Bridge to Hall's Bridge and to repair Bridge at Shuben- acadie,	30	0	0
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From McPhee's Bridge to Indian Road,	£10	0	0
Indian Road to Carver's Road,	7	10	0
Carver's Road to Five Mile River,	5	0	0
Nine Mile River to Post Road at Wardrobe's,	10	0	0
For old Road from Scott's to McPhee's Farm,	7	10	0
From Gorman's to Kenetcook Road,	10	0	0
James Mosher's to Kenetcook Bridge, in addition to £7 4 undrawn,	15	0	0
Noel to Tenecape,	10	0	0
For Fisher's Road, Nine Mile River,	5	0	0
From Nine Mile River Road to Grand Lake,	7	10	0
For alteration at Henegar's,	7	10	0
From Burton's to Indian Road,	10	0	0
For Five Mile River Road, past Gary's Farm,	10	0	0
From Shubenacadie Road to Nowlan's Farm,	7	10	0
Windsor Road to Hibbert's Farm,	12	10	0
Hibbert's Farm to Thompson's Road,	10	0	0
To pay William Curry for materials provided for Post Road in 1843,	8	1	0
From Burton's to Maitland,	10	0	0
To aid the Inhabitants to build a Bridge at Ross's Brook, Douglas,	7	0	0
From Indian Road to Caldwell's Farm,	7	10	0
For Ridge Road by Bond's, Rawdon.	7	10	0
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	£1750	0	0

COUNTY OF KING'S.

Resolved, That the sum of One thousand three hundred and seventy-five Pounds, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges in King's County, be appropriated as follows:

TOWNSHIP OF HORTON.

To aid in rebuilding the Bridge at Lower Horton, on the Main Post Road,	£150	0	0
From Falmouth Line on the new Mount Denson Road, to Lower Horton Bridge,	100	0	0
From Samuel Beckwith's on the Bluff Shore Road, to Edw. Bordans,	7	10	0
For the Cross Road from the old Mount Denson Road, near Elder's, to the Bluff Shore Road,	5	0	0
The Cross Road from the new Mount Denson Road, near William Brown's, to the Bluff Shore Road,	5	0	0
From the Lower Horton Bridge on the new Road, to Wickwire's,	10	0	0
The Dyke Gate on the new Road crossing the Grand Prairie,	15	0	0
Little Island to Boot Island, and to secure the embankments,	8	0	0
The old Allison Farm to the Fitch Farm, £8—and to procure Timber and Materials for covering Fitch's Bridge, £10,	18	0	0
The old Fitch Farm Westerly to James Lawrence's,	7	0	0
For the Cross Road from Ward's Mill Easterly to the new Mount Denson Road,	7	10	0
From the Falmouth Line on the former Post Road, to Martin's Bridge,	15	0	0
To procure Timber and Materials towards rebuilding Martin's Bridge, on the old Post Road,	25	0	0
From the former Post Road Westerly on the new Road leading to the Davison Settlement,	7	10	0
A. Coil's, on the Nictaux Road Easterly to the Main Road,	7	10	0
The Nictaux Road Northerly by Abner Kinnies, to the Top of the Mountain,	10	0	0
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From Cyrus Davison's Westerly by Theodore Reed's, and on the Road leading Westerly to T. Reed's Field, and the Road by P. Reddin's,	£10 0 0
Abraham Dorman's Westerly by the Lake and the Saw Mill to Eli Griffin's,	5 0 0
From Eli Griffin's on the Scovill Mountain Road to the back Canaan Road, The Black River Road Northerly by Henry Nowlin's to the top of the Mountain,	7 10 0
Black River on the New Road to Spinney's,	10 0 0
The Mountain Road on the Cross Road past Ebenezer Coaldwell's and to complete that Road at the east end,	15 0 0
The Cross Road near Ebenezer Coaldwell's Southerly by William Duncanson's,	7 10 0
The Post Road to New Canaan to complete alterations already commenced on that Road,	5 0 0
Kentville on the road to Sherbrooke to the County Line,	12 0 0
James Caldwell's to North River,	30 0 0
The back Canaan Road by Mitchell's to B. Gould's,	7 10 0
Robert Cahill's to Sand Point,	7 10 0
The old Post Road near Daniel Bishop's at Halfway River Easterly past Edward Kelly's,	5 0 0

CORNWALLIS.

To complete the Bridge over Cornwallis River near Kentville and on the Road from thence Northerly to Mrs. Silver's, and to pay Wm. McKittrick, £2 11 3 an over-expenditure on said Bridge 1844,	50 0 0
From the Cornwallis River Bridge Easterly up the Hill near Mrs. Black's, Kentville on the Post Road to Henry Best's,	9 0 0
Henry Best's on the Post Road to Aylesford Line,	10 0 0
Kentville to Allan Barnaby's,	10 0 0
Duncanson's Mill to Isaac Webster's, and to repair the Bridge over Cornwallis River, near Geo. Woodward's,	5 0 0
Enoch Condon's Westerly on the Condon Road and to pay Enoch Condon £3 15 9 for an over-expenditure in 1844,	9 0 0
Robert Collins' Easterly to Pelton's Mill,	6 0 0
Robert Collins' Westerly to Aylesford Line, and from the Condon Road to the Post Road, one half on each,	11 0 0
For the Road passing Graham Bowles' to the Methodist Chapel,	10 0 0
From William Pineo's on the New Road to Abel Parker's,	6 0 0
James Shaw's to the Baptist Meeting House,	7 10 0
William Skinner's to the Aylesford Line and the New Road by William Cox's,	5 0 0
William Skinner's to Matthew Fisher's, and the Road passing John Martin's,	5 0 0
Guy Morton's on the New Road passing Wm. H. Gould's,	7 10 0
For the New Cove Road,	6 0 0
The Turner Point Road,	7 10 0
The Road passing Henry Hall's to the Givan Road, and to open a New Road to Givan's Wharf,	10 0 0
From Turner Point Road passing S. Margeson to Mrs. Hall's,	5 0 0
Givan's Wharf on the Shore Road to Turner's Mill, and to repay James Hamilton, Junior £2 10 over-expenditure 1844,	5 0 0
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From John Givan's to the top of the Mountain, and to pay John Givan £2 10 for over-expenditure 1844,	£10 0 0
Alfred Skinner's to Givan's Wharf,	7 10 0
The Givan Road passing Brydan's to the Black Rock Road,	5 0 0
Patrick Buckley's Westerly on the Road passing Chute's to the Gi- van Road and the Mountain Hill by J. Newcomb's,	7 10 0
J. Buckley's to Amos Kinsman's,	6 0 0
Charles Eaton's to John Vaughan's and the Road to Canady Creek,	6 0 0
Charles Eaton's to the Wharf, in addition to 10s. undrawn last year, and to pay Samuel Beckwith an over-expenditure of £2 10 in 1844,	8 10 0
The Black Rock Road passing Thomas White's to Canady Wharf, and the Road Easterly to John Welsh's,	15 0 0
Black Rock Road passing John White's to Edward Poor's,	6 0 0
For the Road passing P. Sarsfield's to Nathan Scovill's,	6 0 0
From Hugh Cochran's to the Burges Mountain,	5 0 0
Seth Burges's to the Top of the Mountain,	6 0 0
For the New Road near James Silver's,	7 10 0
From John B. Bentley's to Theodorus Kinsman's,	6 0 0
For the Road passing William Turner's to the Bay Shore,	7 0 0
The Road up the Mountain near Pelton's, and the Road passing Walter White's,	7 10 0
The Huntington Point Road and the Road Westerly by Nicholas Poor's,	7 10 0
From Nicholas Poor's on the New Road to Hall's Harbor Road,	7 10 0
For the Ridge Hill and the Road leading to Luther Porter's,	5 0 0
•From Abraham Porter's passing Brenen's to Geo. Rockwell's and the Pearl Road,	12 0 0
Samuel Rockwell's to the Top of the Mountain,	7 10 0
From Luther Porter's on the Road passing S. Dunham's to Hall's Harbour,	7 10 0
Samuel Woodworth's to the Bay,	7 10 0
For the Sheffield Vault and the Mountain Hill near Isaac Newcomb's,	6 0 0
From William Ruscoe's to Allan Barnaby's,	15 0 0
Patrick Rogers' to Newcomb's Mill,	7 10 0
Elisha Harris' up the Wood Hollow,	18 0 0
Hugh Kerr's Easterly to Scotch Bay Road and the Road to Black Hole,	8 0 0
Nathan Tupper's to William Robinson's, Junior,	5 0 0
The Road near John Parson's, crossing Cornwallis River to the An- napolis Road,	11 10 0
For the Ira Woodworth Road,	5 0 0
From the Ira Woodworth Road to Scots Bay Road,	5 0 0
For the Scotch Bay Road,	15 0 0
From Mill Creek to White Waters,	7 10 0
Daniel Huntley's to Mill Creek,	15 0 0
Joseph Sanford's to the Top of the Mountain,	6 0 0
Peter Woodworth's to the Split Hollow,	5 0 0
Daniel Sanford's to Peter Wickwire's,	5 0 0
For the Cumstock Bridge,	6 0 0
From John Clarke's to George Barnaby's,	6 0 0
The Road passing James Eaton's Northerly to the River,	3 0 0
For the Embankment at the Town Plat,	8 0 0
The Road over the Grand Dike	6 0 0

From Smith's Carding Machine to Nathan Woodworth's,	£7	10	0
Daniel Sanford's to Bester North,	5	0	0
Isaac Newcomb's to William Ruscoe's and the road passing John Woodworth,	5	0	0
For the Gibson Road,	4	0	0
From the Gibson Road to Henry K. Eaton's,	4	0	0
Elisha Eaton's, Junior, to Thomas Lovett's,	6	0	0
The Baptist Meeting House on the road passing Holmes Morton's to the Annapolis Road,	6	0	0
Jacob Eaton's to the Master's Mountain,	5	3	4

AYLESFORD.

From Cornwallis Town Line on the Main Post Road to the Bishop's Farm, and to pay an over-expenditure of 27s. 2d.,	17	10	0
The Bishop's Farm to Annapolis Line,	10	0	0
The Post Road near Samuel Parker's to the Canaan Road and from the Cornwallis Line on the Canaan Road Westerly, half on each Road,	12	10	0
The Canaan Road on the new Road to Sherbrooke and Dalhousie to the Twelve Mile Brook,	12	10	0
The Twelve Mile Brook on the Road to Sherbrooke and Dalhousie,	5	0	0
The Dalhousie Settlement on the New Road leading to Aylesford,	10	0	0
The Parker Road on the Road passing Eason's Mill to the Nicol's Road, and to build a Bridge,	10	0	0
The Nicol's Road to the Glebe Road, and on the latter to the Post Road,	10	0	0
The Post Road by Nicol's Mill to the Jackson Road,	10	0	0
The Nicol's Road on the Jackson Road to the Neily Road,	10	0	0
To open up and cut out the Road from the Jackson Road to the Neily Road, and to build a Bridge across Vail's River,	10	0	0
From the Post Road near Abraham Spinney's to the Canaan Road,	10	0	0
The Post Road Southerly to George Neily's,	10	0	0
The Neily Road Easterly to Vail's River,	7	10	0
The Post Road to Bishop's Mill,	7	10	0
The Post Road on the Bishop Road to the Bay, one half to be expended on the Mountain part of said Road,	11	10	0
The Bishop's Road by Thomas Tupper's to Wilmot Line,	5	0	0
Armstrong's on the Clermont road to the Bay, one-half to be expended on the top of the Mountain,	10	0	0
The Post Road on the Mordan Road to the top of the Mountain,	7	10	0
The top of the Mountain on the Mordan Road to the Bay,	7	10	0
The Mordan Road on the Top of the Mountain Eastwardly to Cornwallis Line,	5	0	0
The Top of the Mountain on the Ormsby Road to the Bay,	10	0	0
The Mordan Road on the Road near the Shore to the Clermont Road,	7	10	0
The Ormsby Road by George West's and Abner Woodworth's to Cornwallis Line,	10	0	0
The Neily Road Eastwardly on the Canaan Road,	7	10	0
The Canaan Road to Wheelock's Mills,	7	10	0
To carry out an alteration from the Ormsby Road Southerly to the Main Post Road,	6	16	8

For

For the alteration between the Ormsby and Clermont Road on the Line surveyed by Elder, to be expended when this alteration is confirmed by the Court of Sessions,	£35 0 0
	£1375 0 0

COUNTY OF ANNAPOLIS.

Resolved, That the Sum of One thousand three hundred Pounds, granted for the Service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Annapolis, be applied as follows:

On the Messenger Cross Road from Eli Messenger's to the Shore Road,	£5 0 0
The Wilmot and Granville line Cross Road,	10 0 0
Sanders' Cross Road,	10 0 0
James Cross Road, from the limits of Bridgetown to the Lake, including the Bridge,	12 10 0
James Cross Road, from the Lake to the Shore Road,	10 0 0
Chute Cross Road, from the foot of the Mountain to the Shore Road,	12 10 0
Young's Cross Road, from the foot of the Mountain to the Shore Road,	12 10 0
McCormick Cross Road, from the foot of the Mountain to the 1st. Road over the Mountain,	15 0 0
Mills Cross Road from the foot of the Mountain to the 1st. Road over the Mountain,	12 10 0
On the McKenzey Cross Road from the foot of the Mountain to the Shore Road,	12 10 0
Road from Eli Messenger's West to the James Cross Road,	10 0 0
New Road West from Wright's Bridge to where it intersects the Shore Road, and to build a Bridge over the Chute Brook,	25 0 0
From the Phinney Cross Road East to the Chute Cross Road,	7 10 0
On the Shore Road West from the Phinney Cross Road to Durland's,	5 0 0
Shore Road from Chute's Cross Road to the Phinney Cross Road,	7 10 0
Road East from Young's Cross Road by Ebenezer Bent's,	7 10 0
Shore Road West from the Young's Cross Road by Abraham Young's,	7 10 0
Shore Road East of the Young Cross Road to Jas. Young's,	5 0 0
The first Road over the Mountain West from the Young's Cross Road to the McCormick Cross Road,	7 10 0
Shore Road West from Francis Halliday's to George John's, for cutting out and opening the same,	12 10 0
Shore Road from Manassa Litche's East to George John's,	12 10 0
First Road over the Mountain East from Parker's Cross Road by Thomas Hudson's,	5 0 0
Shore Road East from the Parker's Cross Road,	7 10 0
Shore Road West from John McCall's to Sloam's,	7 10 0
Shore Road West from Sloam's to the Gut,	10 0 0
Road district No. 40, at the Gut from Rockey Point to Appletree Point,	15 0 0
To repair the Bridge by Foster's Mills Post Road, Granville,	5 0 0
Troop's Aboiteau Post Road, Granville,	10 0 0
The Ferry Slip, Granville,	5 0 0
On the Phinney Cross Road from the foot of the Mountain to the Shore Road,	12 10 0
To repair the Bridge and cutting down the Hills from the Parker's Cross leading to Hallidays,	25 0 0

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To repair the Robblee Bridge, on the Shore Road, and cutting down the Hill east toward P. Healey's,	£6 10 0
On the first Road over Mountain from the Phinney Cross Road to David Foster's West Line,	5 0 0
To repair the Bridgetown Bridge,	5 0 0
This sum at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to be expended on the Post Road in the Township of Granville,	25 0 0
For Road from King's County Line to Stronach Mountain Road, past Benaiah Spinney,	10 0 0
From King's County line to Stronach Mountain Road, past Outhet's, called Outhet Road,	5 0 0
Stronach Mountain Road from the Post Road to the Bay, viz.— £5 from the Post Road to the Outhet Road; £10 thence to the face of the Mountain; and £10 thence to the Bay,	25 0 0
Altering the Road from Stronach Mountain Road near the Bay to the Margaretville Pier,	10 0 0
Repairing and altering Road on Hill near Stephen Phinney's Road, between Stronach and Phinney Mountains,	10 0 0
Road past Chr. Margeses' between Stronach & Phinney Mountains,	10 0 0
Phinney Mountain Road from top of Mountain to Shore,	10 0 0
On the Victoria Road £4, to raise and finish the Road on which public money was expended last year, between Jas. Boaker's, and £10 from thence Southward to the Road past the Spa Springs; and £10 from the top of the Mountain Northward to the Cross above Abraham Falis, and thence to the Phinney Mountain Road,	24 0 0
The Delusion Road,	15 0 0
The Gates Mt. Road £10, from the Post Road to the Watering place on the face of the Mountain, and £10 from the Watering place to the Bay,	20 0 0
For New Road from Crawford's to the Gates Mountain Road,	10 0 0
From Wm. Crawford's to Gates' Breakwater, called Ritchie Road,	10 0 0
Gates' Breakwater by the Shore to Handley Mt. Road,	10 0 0
For Handley Mt. Road £10 from Bay Shore to top of the Mt. and £25 from top of Mt. to Post Road, including the alteration near the Post Road,	35 0 0
The Road leading from the back Road near the North Meeting House, up the Mt. to the Cross Road leading toward Marshall's Cove,	10 0 0
On the New Road from the Marshall Cove Road at Jno. Clark's, towards the Granville Line,	10 0 0
Road from King's County Line, passing George Munro's to Little River Bridge, near the Annapolis River £9, and £6 for the Bridge over the Mill Pond near Phinney's Mills,	15 0 0
For the Wheelock Road where it crosses the Bog between the Wheelock Settlement and the Bayard Road £3, and £7 for the Road from the Wheelock Settlement to the Saunders' Road,	10 0 0
The Road passing Eri Welton's,	10 0 0
On the Canaan Road for Flannigan's Bridge, and the Road adjoining it,	10 0 0
For the Bridge on the Canaan Road, over Little River, near Whitman's Mills,	10 0 0
From the Allen Settlement to the Lunenburgh Road,	8 0 0
The Annapolis Township Line to the Lunenburgh Cross on the Dalhousie Road,	5 0 0
The Dalhousie Road through Springfield to the Lunenburg County Line,	20 0 0
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From Springfield to John Groucher's,	£5	0	0
On the Liverpool Road by Nictaux from the Queen's County Line to the Dalhousie Road,	40	0	0
For New Road from Dalhousie Road toward the Durland Settlement,	5	0	0
Mosse Road from the Dalhousie Road to Annapolis Township Line,	10	0	0
From the Dalhousie Road through the Ramsay Settlement,	10	0	0
On the Perot Road South of the Ten Mile River,	7	10	0
The Liverpool Road by Maitland and Kempt from the Indian Settlement to Queen's County Line,	20	0	0
This Sum placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, to be expended in Wilmot and South Settlements,	38	0	0
For the repairs of the Paradise Bridge last Summer,	57	15	7
Nictaux Falls from the North end of the Bridge to complete the alteration by Joseph Foster's,	30	0	0
Trimpor Road from Samuel Purdy's to Waldeck Line,	10	0	0
From Waldeck Line to Abraham Chute's,	10	0	0
From the Hessian Line at Jefferson's to Andrew Appt's on the Negro Line,	10	0	0
Shaw Road from Millner's Corner to T. Burrell's, Moose River,	7	10	0
Hill near Thos. Burrell's at Moose River,	15	0	0
From Moose River to Samuel Bell's Guinea Road,	6	0	0
Virginia Road from Hessian Line to John Coomb's,	7	10	0
Bridge near James Berry's Waldeck Line,	5	0	0
Cross Road by Frederick Millner's to the Negro Line,	5	0	0
From Hessian Line Corner to Frederick Bruhlar's,	5	0	0
Hill near Pardon Sanders, Shelburne Road,	7	0	0
From the General's Bridge to E. Godfrey's,	7	10	0
For the Hill at Bear River on the Post Road,	7	10	0
Bridge near Adam Cook's on the Post Road,	10	0	0
Stone Bridge at Moose River,	25	0	0
From Alex. Easson's to Lamb's Brook, Liverpool Road,	15	0	0
Lamb's Brook to the Indian Settlement,	20	0	0
Bridge at Bear River on the Road leading to Henry Vroome's, Jun'r.	15	0	0
From Thos. Fossey's on the Dalhousie Road to Jas. Spurr's on the Perot Road, £5 of which to be expended on the Perot Road,	12	10	0
Causeway at Eager's Bridge in addition to £7 10 undrawn last year,	7	10	0
Beal's Mt. Road from the front Road to the Buskirk Farm,	7	10	0
From the Buskirk Farm to the Albany Road,	10	0	0
From Durland Settlement to the front Road,	7	10	0
New Road West from Beal's Mt. to Joseph Starrit's,	7	10	0
Morse Road from the front Road to the Annapolis Township Line,	10	0	0
Annapolis Ferry Slip,	15	0	0
Dyke at LeCain's near Allen's Creek,	12	10	0
Road to McLafferty Settlement,	5	0	0
Bridge at Robt. Spurr's Post Road,	10	0	0
at Bent's Post Road,	10	0	0
Road over the three Bridges near Easson's,	12	10	0
This amount to be left at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to be expended in the Township of Annapolis,	33	2	5

Over-expenditures in 1843.

Repair of Bridge over Lamb's Brook,	£15	0	0
On Post Road near H. Vroomes,	12	10	0
On Causeway at Allen's Creek,	11	2	0

Repair on Dalhousie Road,	£7 10 0	
On the Road called the Lake Road in Wilmot,	5 0 0	
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		£1300 0 0

COUNTY OF DIGBY.

Resolved, That the Sum of One thousand two hundred and fifty Pounds, granted for the Service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Digby, in the year 1845, be applied as follows :

To alter and improve the Main Post Road between Bear River and Digby,	£300 0 0
Repair the Slip at Bear River Ferry,	10 0 0
Lake Hill Road Southward of the Indian Reserve,	15 0 0
The Road leading to Morgan's Settlement,	10 0 0
The Cross Road between Smith's and Sulis' Farms,	10 0 0
The Bridge at Welch's Brook, on the back Road leading to Bear River,	12 10 0
The South Range Road, Westward of the Hillsburgh Line,	15 0 0
The South Range Road between No. 27 and Melanson's Road,	10 0 0
The South Range Road from Talbot's Brook to Melanson's Road,	10 0 0
The North Range Road between Haines' and Van Emburgh's Farms,	10 0 0
The North Range Road, Westward of Andrews' Farm,	10 0 0
The South Range Road to the North East Branch of Sissiboo River,	20 0 0
The Thomas' Road, Westward of Van Buskirk's,	10 0 0
The Road from St. Mary's Cross Road to Marr's Mills,	10 0 0
The Road from St. Mary's Church to the North Range,	10 0 0
The Youngs Road, to be expended between Thomas' Road and the North Range,	10 0 0
The Road from the North Range Road to Doucett's Settlement,	10 0 0
The Road from the North Range Road to Zeigler's Settlement,	10 0 0
The Road from Peter Brooks' Line to the Post Road,	10 0 0
The old Bridge to the Upper Falls on the South Side of Sissiboo River,	15 0 0
The Road from Wm. Payson's to the Township of Clare Line,	10 0 0
The Duck Pond Road,	10 0 0
The Road from the Duck Pond Road to Provost Brook,	8 0 0
The Road from the Tuskett Road to the Bend of Sissiboo River,	10 0 0
The Road from Small's Farm to the Head of St. Mary's Bay,	10 0 0
The West end of new Road between Trout Cove and Sandy Cove,	25 0 0
The East end of the new Road between Trout Cove and Sandy Cove,	40 0 0
The Road from Petit Passage to Tibert's, through Long Island,	15 0 0
The Road from A. Vantassel's to Sturk's Corner,	8 0 0
The Road from S. Cassabrone's to John McKay's,	10 0 0
The Mountain Road to Gulliver's Hole,	10 0 0
The Road West side of Smith's Creek,	10 0 0
The Main Road between Lewis' Farm and Weymouth Church,	12 10 0
The Sissiboo Bridge,	60 0 0
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To repair the Road leading to Queen's Battery,	£10	0	0
The Road from Taylor's to the Racket Bridge,	10	0	0
The Slip at Digby Landing,	10	0	0
The Bridge at Lee's Mills, in addition to the sum of £10 granted in 1844 and unexpended,	40	0	0
The Bridge at Symonds' Creek,	15	0	0
The Bridge at Strickland's Creek, Weymouth,	12	10	0
The Tusket Road, from the County Line Eastward,	15	0	0
From John B. Melanson's to Maturine McColla's,	12	0	0
Charleton Sabins to Patrick Nowlan's,	10	0	0
Montegan River to the Township Line,	15	0	0
Yarmouth Road to Michael Weavers',	15	0	0
Samuel Griffiths to the Township Line,	10	0	0
Grouscoque Bridge to Yarmouth Road,	15	0	0
Patrick Thibodeau's Road,	25	0	0
John B. Melanson's to Hillaire White's,	15	0	0
Joseph White's to Usebe Godet's Farm,	12	0	0
The Road on Placide Le Blanc's Line,	10	0	0
The Road on Joseph F. Commeau's Line,	10	0	0
The Road from Samuel Godet's to Joseph S. Sonia's Road,	15	0	0
The Road on Peter Commeau's Line,	10	0	0
The Road on Joseph Sonia's Line,	10	0	0
The Road on John Sonia's Line,	8	0	0
The Road on Peter Sonia's Line,	8	0	0
The Road back of Joseph M. Commeau's,	10	0	0
The Road on Usebe Thibeau's Line,	8	0	0
The Road on Maximine Comeau's Line,	8	0	0
The Road on Francis Therrio's Line,	8	0	0
The Road from Francis Therrio's Line to Joseph Devoue,	10	0	0
The Road on Oliver Dousett's Line,	10	0	0
The Road on Jesse Oake's Line,	10	0	0
The Road between the first and second location back of Montegan,	12	0	0
The Road from Comeau's Cove to Cape Cove Bridge,	15	0	0
The Road from Cape Cove Bridge to the Fishery,	10	0	0
The Salmon River Bridge,	30	0	0
The Malchahy's Road,	12	0	0
The Road on Ceriac Billeveau's Line,	5	0	0
The Road from Augustine Le Blanc's to Sissiboo River,	12	0	0
The Road from Gabriel Devoue to Josiah Porter's,	12	0	0
Montegan River Bridge,	9	10	0
	£1250	0	0

COUNTY OF YARMOUTH.

Resolved, That the Sum of One thousand two hundred and fifty Pounds, granted for the Service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Yarmouth for the present Year, be applied as follows, viz :

From Beaver River to Starr's Corner,	£15	0	0
Starr's Corner to Vickery's,	15	0	0
Vickery's to Ballam's,	20	0	0
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From Ballam's to Tusket Village and to repair Tusket Bridge,	£50	0	0
Court House to the Dyke at Abram's River,	15	0	0
To repair the Dyke at Abram's River, and the Road from thence to J. J. Porter's,	30	0	0
From J. J. Porter's to George Frost's and to repair the Bridge at the Narrows,	30	0	0
George Frost's to the head of Pubnico Harbour,	25	0	0
Head of Pubnico to Still Water,	45	0	0
To build a Bridge on the Brook near Harding's at Pubnico,	14	0	0
From J. J. Porter's by Abubtic head to the Meeting House,	20	0	0
Thomas Willett's to Barrington Road,	20	0	0
S. D'Entremont's to Barrington Line,	15	0	0
J. J. D'Entremont's to Benjamin Goodwin's	10	0	0
To repair John D'Entremont's Road to the Harbour,	7	10	0
From J. Ameroult's to Abbot's Harbour,	10	0	0
Benjamin D'Entremont's to Lobster Bay,	5	0	0
John Spinney's to D'Eon's,	15	0	0
Nathan Goodwin's to A. Van Emburgh's,	10	0	0
Ricker's Brook to the Main Road,	10	0	0
To repair the Roads and Bridge at and on Robert's Island, and to pay Andrew Ricker £1 10 over-expenditure,	20	0	0
From Abubtic Head to the Head of Eel Lake,	15	0	0
John Burke's to the Head of Eel Lake,	15	0	0
Tusket Village to the Fork's,	15	0	0
To Build a Bridge at the Fork's,	30	0	0
From the Main Road to the pas, de, pre, and to repair the pas, de, pre,	15	0	0
The pas, de, pre, to the Sluice,	7	10	0
Tusket Village to James Hatfield's, and to repair Gavel's Bridge,	25	0	0
James Hatfield's to Kemptville Bridge,	35	0	0
Kemptville Bridge to Pearl's Meadow,	15	0	0
Main Road to William Bollowell's,	7	10	0
To repair John Williams' Road,	7	10	0
From Main Road to D. Sargent's,	7	10	0
Kemptville Road to Hurlburt's Mill,	7	10	0
Plymouth to Little River,	15	0	0
Elijah Pinkney's to the Sluice, at the Great Tusket Island,	10	0	0
Plymouth Meeting House to Little River,	10	0	0
Purdy's to Salmon River,	10	0	0
To repair John Gavel's, Junior, Road,	5	0	0
repair the Road from Yarmouth Line around the South end of Cedar Lake to the Line again,	20	0	0
From Richard Coming's to Lake George Road,	25	0	0
The Sea Shore at Beaver River to the Lake George Road,	15	0	0
Ansel Crosby's to Elias Trask's,	10	0	0
A. Andrews' to Cook's Beach,	10	0	0
James Churchill's to the Sea Shore,	20	0	0
John K. Crosby's to Ebenezer Eldridge's,	25	0	0
Samuel Hilton's to Pleasant Valley, and to pay Benj. Churchill £6 expended last year,	30	0	0
Pleasant Valley to Nathan Hilton's,	20	0	0
Nathan Hilton's to Yarmouth Line,	35	0	0
Whitehouse's up the East side of Lake George to Salmon River,	35	0	0
Crawley's to the old Kemptville Road,	25	0	0
Pleasant Valley to Samuel Crosby's,	13	0	0
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From Samuel Crosby's to the Road leading to Hilton's,	£15	0	0
Pleasant Valley to Raynard's,	15	0	0
Raynard's to Tusket Bridge,	10	0	0
Wyman's up Salmon River to Mood's,	15	0	0
Jacob Tedford's to Salmon River,	10	0	0
Pitman's Mill to Salmon River Road,	10	0	0
Pitman's Mill to Boyd's,	15	0	0
Obed Smith's to Pitman's Road,	10	0	0
Pitman's Road to Healy's,	15	0	0
Healy's to Wyman's Road,	15	0	0
Parade to the Road near Healy's	10	0	0
Thurston's to Foot's Cove,	10	0	0
Samuel Bain's to Ritche's,	20	0	0
On Zechariah Foot's Road,	8	0	0
To alter the Road round Kelley's Hill at Cranberry Head,	30	0	0
From Widow Sullivan's to McCra's,	15	0	0
Rose's over the Dyke and up shore to Z. Foot's Road,	10	0	0
Durkee's to Mill Creek Bridge and to repair the Bridge,	10	0	0
Leonard Perry's to Scott's Island,	8	0	0
James Cain's to the Cove Road,	15	0	0
Henry Sanders' to William Cook's	10	0	0
Pennal's to the Road East of Lake George,	12	0	0
Kemptville Bridge to James Gray's,	15	0	0
Thomas Churchill's to the Sea Shore	10	0	0
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	£1250	0	0

COUNTY OF SHELBURNE.

Resolved, That the Sum of Twelve hundred and fifty Pounds, granted for the Service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Shelburne, be applied as follows:

GREAT ROADS.

From Queen's County Line to William Dunlop's,	£40	0	0
William Dunlop's to Jordan River, including repairs of Bridge at Sable,	64	0	0
Jordan River to Shelburne, including the Bridges on said Road,	30	0	0
Shelburne to Joseph Warrington's,	83	0	0
Joseph Warrington's to Beaver Dam,	12	0	0
Beaver Dam to Clyde River, including repairs of Clyde River Bridge,	45	0	0
Philip Bowers' to foot of Long Island Lake, and to rebuild the Bridge across the Roseway River,	38	0	0
Foot of Long Island Lake to Bowers' Bridge,	16	0	0
Bowers' Bridge to Shelburne,	9	0	0
Clyde River to the Grist Mill at the Head of Barrington,	70	0	0
Yarmouth County Line to Aline Smith's,	40	0	0
Aline Smith's to Atwood's Road,	25	0	0
Rosberry Hill to Post Road by Alex. Watson's	7	0	0
Rosberry Hill to Saml. Watson's Road,	7	10	0
Saml. Snow's to John Pinkham's,	25	0	0
John Pinkham's to Ebenezer Crowell's,	8	0	0
Hibbart's Brook to Lendal Doane's,	12	0	0
Neal's Brook to Moses Crowell's Road,	14	0	0

SHELBURNE CROSS ROADS.

From Upper Clyde River Settlement to Michael Davis',	£7	0	0
Michael Davis' to Shelburne Post Road,	16	0	0
Welch Road to David Jenkins,	5	0	0
Alexr. Hamilton's to Jenkins' Road, when established by Court of Sessions,	8	0	0
Upper Clyde Road to McKay's Mills,	3	0	0
Clyde River Meeting House to Indian Brook,	7	0	0
Indian Brook to Benjamin Perry's,	17	0	0
Benjamin Perry's to Round Bay <i>direct</i> ,	7	0	0
Benj. Perry's to Round Bay Bridge, by Daniel Littlewood's Black Point,	10	0	0
Round Bay Bridge to Carlton Village,	9	0	0
Carlton Village to Gunning Cove,	6	0	0
Gunning Cove to Main Post Road,	11	0	0
Gunning Cove to Beaver Dam,	8	0	0
Port Lebare to Sable River,	11	0	0
Sable River to Ragged Island Bay,	28	0	0
Tom Tidney to Sable River Chapel,	10	0	0
Jones Harbour to Sable River Chapel,	7	0	0
Angus McAdam's to Widow Ringer's,	8	0	0
Jacob Harding's to John Arnold's,	12	0	0
Peter Spearwater's to Geo. Woll's,	8	0	0
Little Harbour to Jonathan Craig's,	7	0	0
Daniel Matthews' to Geo. Harding's,	4	0	0
Ragged Island Bay to Green Harbour,	8	0	0
Hardy's Mill to Lock's Island Beach,	7	0	0
Lock's Island Beach to Thos. Crow's,	8	0	0
Lock's Island Beach to Lower Settlement of Green Harbour,	8	0	0
Freeman Crowell's to Head of Green Harbour,	8	0	0
Green Harbour to Joseph Alline's,	14	0	0
Joseph Alline's to Jordan Bridge,	10	0	0
John Doll's to Shelburne Road, and to repay Uriah Williams, two pounds over expended on said Road last year,	7	0	0
Jordan Bridge to James Purnie's,	7	0	0
James Purnie's to Joseph Holden's,	7	0	0
Ferry Rock to Shelburne, by Morvan's,	9	0	0
Ferry Road to James McLean's, Jordan Bay,	8	0	0
McAlpine's Rock to Shelburne, by Lake Rodney,	12	0	0
James McLean's to Charles Thompson's,	7	0	0
Stoke's Point to Charles Thompson's,	5	0	0
Chas. Thompson's to Morrow's Corner,	10	0	0
Widow Ryers' to Bowers' Bridge,	5	0	0
John McDonald's to Head of Port Le Bare,	5	0	0

BARRINGTON CROSS ROADS.

School House Backrow Road to William Worthern's, Cat Point,	7	10	0
David Smith's, Backrow, to Nathaniel Smith's,	5	0	0
Saml. Snow's to Bridge at North West Creek, including said Bridge,	10	0	0
North West Creek to McDugal's Bridge,	10	0	0
To re-build McDugal's Bridge,	55	0	0
John McKellup's to Elam Thomas',	10	0	0
John McKellup's to Clam Creek,	5	0	0

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From Clam Creek to Shelburne Road,	£12	10	0
Clam Creek to John Lyle's,	5	0	0
John Lyle's to Little River,	5	0	0
Shelburne Road to Eldad Nickerson's,	10	0	0
Joseph Atwood's to Asa Knowles',	7	10	0
David Smith's, Bare Point, to Main Road,	7	10	0
Josh. Nickerson, Bare Point, to Main Road,	5	0	0
Asa Knowles' to Seth Kendrick's,	12	0	0
Saml. G. Smith's to Eleazer Nickerson's,	15	0	0
Head of Wood's Harbour to Yarmouth County Line,	10	0	0
Robert Wilson's to Motomor O'Connors',	6	0	0
Motomor O'Connor's to Great Brook,	10	0	0
John Lyons' to Great Brook,	7	10	0
Wood's Harbour to Central Brook,	25	0	0
Central Brook to Fresh Brook,	15	0	0
To re-build Mud Creek Bridge,	35	0	0
Nehemiah Crowell's to Clark's Harbour Meeting House,	12	0	0
Nehemiah Crowell's to Burnt Wood Creek,	10	0	0
Saml. Trott's to John McGrays',	12	0	0
William Cunningham's to Joseph A. Smith's,	12	0	0
James Kenney's to Joseph Atkin's,	8	0	0
Michael Swim's to West Head,	6	0	0
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	£2150	0	0

COUNTY OF QUEEN'S.

Resolved, That the Sum of Twelve hundred and fifty Pounds, granted for the Service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Queen's, be applied as follows, viz :

For over-expenditure in Building Milton Bridge,	£34	14	10½	
To pay First Instalment and Interest of Money borrowed to build Bridge at Milton,	58	0	0	
For repairs of Panhook Bridge in 1843,	1	2	0	
To Ephraim D. Mack; repairs of Mills Village Bridge,	3	5	10½	£ 97 2 9
To be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, to erect a Bridge at Mill's Village, on Post Road,	200	0	0	
To erect a Bridge at Salmon Island, near Milton, and to repair Road between Bristol and Milton,	70	0	0	
On Road from Milton to Middlefield,	200	0	0	
From Middlefield to Brookfield, and to repair 19 Mile Hill,	30	0	0	
Brookfield to Annapolis County Line,	15	0	0	
Middlefield to Panhook,	25	0	0	
Panhook by Wellington and Chelsea, to Lunenburg County Line,	20	0	0	
Cowie's Tanyard to Milton,	20	0	0	
On Post Road from Liverpool to Herring Cove,	25	0	0	
Post Road from Herring Cove to Mills Village,	40	0	0	
Post Road from Mills Village to Lunenburg County Line,	25	0	0	
From Mills Village to Portmedway,	25	0	0	
Cross Roads near Herring Cove to Portmidway,	27	17	3	
Solomon's House to Eagle Head,	15	0	0	
Eagle Head to Blue Berry,	7	10	0	
Blue Berry to Pudding Pan,	7	10	0	
Blue Berry to Portmedway,	15	0	0	
On Road between O'Neal's and William Corkum's,	10	0	0	
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From Waterloo Street to Western Head, (Shore Road,)	£20	0	0
African Chapel to Kolp's Western Head,	20	0	0
On Post Road from Liverpool to Portmatoon,	30	0	0
Post Road from Portmatoon to Port Jollie,	15	0	0
Post Road from Port Jollie to Shelburne County Line,	30	0	0
From Liverpool to White Point,	25	0	0
White Point to Hunt's Point,	5	0	0
Portmatoon to Little Port Jollie,	30	0	0
Meeting House at Portmatoon to William Fraser's,	12	10	0
Post Road at Port Jollie to Port Le Bear,	15	0	0
William McDonald's to Steward's, (Port Le Bear,)	10	0	0
Main Post Road to Sandy Bay,	10	0	0
Mills Village up the Western side of the River,	10	0	0
Mills Village towards Conquerall,	30	0	0
Port Jollie down Eastern side of the Harbour,	10	0	0
Milton to Herring Cove Lake,	12	10	0
Brookfield through Westfield,	7	10	0
Thomas Flynn's Farm towards Caledonia Road,	10	0	0
Caledonia through Duncannan Settlement,	5	0	0
On Whiteburn Road,	5	0	0
Hibernia Road,	5	0	0
From Harmony Mill through Kempt to Annapolis County Line,	15	0	0
On the Northfield Road,	10	0	0
Rosette Road,	5	0	0
Grafton Road,	5	0	0
From Harmony to Caledonia, past Minard's,	5	0	0
Milton to Nathan Randall's,	5	0	0
On Road to Annis' Great Hill,	5	0	0
From Hunt's Point to Beach Hill,	7	10	0
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	£1250	0	0

COUNTY OF LUNENBURG.

Resolved, That the Sum of Fifteen hundred and fifty Pounds voted for the Service of Roads and Bridges be applied as follows :

To pay Jacob Langille over-expenditure on New Germany Road,	£10	0	0
To pay Henry Munroe over-expenditure on Bridge at New Germany,	3	0	0
To pay John Diel an over-expenditure,	2	0	0

ON GREAT AND MAIN POST ROADS.

On Road from Martin's River to Kedy's Bridge,	15	0	0
Kedy's Bridge to Town of Lunenburg, and to avoid Hills,	60	0	0
Town of Lunenburg to LaHave Ferry,	50	0	0
Town of Lunenburg to Leonard Young's,	20	0	0
Leonard Young's to John Langill's,	20	0	0
John Langille's to Hirtle and Newcomb's Mills,	15	0	0
Hirtle and Newcomb's Mills to George Hirtle's,	20	0	0
George Hirtle's to New Germany,	30	0	0
New Germany to Annapolis County Line,	30	0	0
Leonard Young's to Block House,	20	0	0
Block House to Mader's Mill,	15	0	0
Mader's Mill to Robar and Spidle's Mill,	15	0	0

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Robar and Spidle's Mill to Bridge at Jacob Findle's,	£20	0	0
Bridge at Jacob Findle's to New Germany,	15	0	0
Acker's Mill to Cross Road, Rose Bay,	30	0	0
Cross Road to Mrs. Oxner's, La Have,	10	0	0
Clear Land to Sherbrooke,	30	0	0

CROSS ROADS.

North West Street to Maitland School House,	25	0	0
Maitland School House to Northfield,	30	0	0
Melchoir Zwicker's to Mahone Bay,	10	0	0
Block House to Mahone Bay,	10	0	0
Meeting House to Casper Kaulback's,	20	0	0
Frederick Vieno's N. West Range to Mulloch's Road,	20	0	0
Mulloch's to Nicholas Kraus's and outwards,	15	0	0
Silver's to LaHave River,	15	0	0
Silver's Road to Lake at Peter Eichel's,	10	0	0
New Germany Road to Northfield,	20	0	0
Threthewy's New Germany to Henry Delong's,	10	0	0
Michael Beardsley's to Whetstone Lake and outwards,	15	0	0
Frederick Mader's to Philip Aulembach and outwards,	15	0	0
Valentine Vieno's to Frederick Mader's,	10	0	0
Maitland Road to Dare's Lake,	10	0	0
Wm. Nichols' to Michael Beardsley's,	10	0	0
Chessley's Road through Granville Settlement,	10	0	0
New Germany Bridge, West side, Northerly to Lake,	15	0	0
Henutsy's Cove to Post Road,	10	0	0
La Have Road to James Dauphine's,	10	0	0
Town of Lunenburg to Blue Rocks,	25	0	0
Cross Road Rose Bay to Kingsburg,	10	0	0
John Feener's, Maitland Road, to Casper Kaulback's,	10	0	0
South to Rosse Bay,	10	0	0

CHESTER.

From Chester Basin to Sherbrooke,	180	0	0
Dalhousie to Sherbrooke,	50	0	0
Hants County Line to Jno. Webber's,	50	0	0
John Webber's to Robinson's corner, and to repair Bridges,	15	0	0
Robinson's corner to Chester Town, and repair Bridges,	10	0	0
West side Gold River Bridge towards Sherbrooke,	20	0	0
Card's Lake to Sherbrooke,	10	0	0
Blandford to Chester,	20	0	0
Windsor Road to New Canaan,	10	0	0
Robinson's Corner to Martin's River,	15	0	0
The Head of St. Margaret's Bay towards South West,	13	15	0
To pay Geo. Eisenhaur over-expenditure on Gold River Bridge,	4	5	0
To pay Wm. S. Morris, Esq. expense of Surveys,	2	0	0

NEW DUBLIN.

To rebuild Petit Riviere Bridge,	40	0	0
From Petit Riviere to Queen's County Line,	40	0	0
To avoid Bowers' Hill,	60	0	0
Road round Dublin Shore,	20	0	0
La Have Ferry to Petit Riviere,	20	0	0

Conquerall to La Have River,	£15	0	0
Conquerall to Camperdown,	20	0	0
Old Road from Fancy's Mills to Crouse Town,	15	0	0
From Doctor Alexander's to Pernette's Ferry,	15	0	0
Pernette's Ferry to La Have Bridge,	15	0	0
La Have Bridge to Western Branch and outwards,	20	0	0
Western Branch Bridge to Jacob Wiles' and outwards,	20	0	0
From Fancy's Mills on new Road to Crouse Town,	10	0	0
From George Himmelman's to John Fancy's, Pleasant River Road	20	0	0
From John Fancy's to Pleasant River,	15	0	0
Conquerall to New Italy,	10	0	0
Pleasant River Road to Chelsea,	10	0	0
Pleasant River Road to John Frozel's and outwards,	10	0	0
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	£1550	0	0

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.

Resolved, That the Sum of One thousand five hundred Pounds, granted for the Service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Cumberland, be applied as follows :

From Pugwash to Thomas Thompson's by James Dewar's,	£8	0	0
Thomas Thompson's to Main Road near Fillemore's,	12	0	0
John Fillemore's to River Philip Bridge (inclusive) and to pay over- expenditure £9 5 6, in 1844,	28	0	0
John Fillemore's to Widow Forshner's	15	0	0
William E. Angevine's to Wallace Harbour,	8	0	0
Solomon Horton's on North Shore Road by McKenzie's,	10	0	0
Gilbert Purdy's, West Chester, to Widow Webb's,	14	0	0
Widow Webb's to Stephen Tuttle's,	5	0	0
George Mier's to Henry Teed's, to include building Bridge,	2	0	0
Tuttle's to Gulf Shore,	5	0	0
Bland's to Rindress' and to pay 32s. over-expenditure in 1843,	7	0	0
County Line Dewar's Bridge to Wallace Harbour,	25	0	0
Widow Webb's to Isaac Rushton's by Moore's,	5	0	0
Fillemore's Mill to James Ryan's,	7	0	0
Palmer's Bridge towards Gray's Road,	6	0	0
Jasper Fulton's to Stevens' Mill,	5	0	0
Fountains to Castlereagh,	5	0	0
Henry Teed's to Mattatall's Lake,	7	0	0
Robert Harrison's clear through Victoria Settlement,	7	0	0
To repair the Wallace Bridge,	5	0	0
From Widow Reed's by Crawford's to Gray's Road,	6	0	0
Kenneth McKenzie's to Wallace Harbour,	5	0	0
H. N. Oxley's to Gulf Shore, to include Bridge,	10	0	0
A McDonald's to D. Campbell's by Morrison's,	5	0	0
Pugwash through the Gulf Shore Settlement,	7	0	0
River Phillip Bridge by Irvine's	6	0	0
John Forshner's to Pugwash,	6	0	0
Benjamin Hurd's Mill to Folly Lake,	15	0	0
McIntosh's Road to North Shore by Smith's,	10	0	0
To complete new Bridge near Benjamin Sterne's,	24	0	0
From Collingwood Oxley's to James Maxfield's,	7	0	0
From Londonderry Line to River Philip by Westchester,	25	0	0
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From Joseph Kerr's by Wm. Hurd's to Wm. E. Angevine's,	£20	0	0
Bridge by Wm. E. Angevine's to Charles Oxley's,	7	0	0
Post Road near D. McInnis' cross the Aboiteau,	12	0	0
Purdy Betts' to New Annan by Swallow's,	5	0	0
Stephen Tuttle's to Hurd's Mill by Doyle's,	5	0	0
School House Malagash over Aboiteau near Peter Teed's,	5	0	0
Robert Harrison's to John Brown's by Graham's,	8	0	0
Cyprian Sterne's to Gray's Road,	5	0	0
Robert O'Brian's to Wm. O'Brian's by Mitchell's,	6	0	0
To build Bridge at David's, Fox Harbour,	35	0	0
From Peter Angevine's to Wm. E. Angevine's,	5	0	0
Aboiteau near Peter Teed's to Malagash Point,	10	0	0
Road leading to Gulf Shore by Thomas Chisholm's to Pugwash,	5	0	0
South Shore Road Malagash to North Shore and down Shore through Settlement,	10	0	0
Aden Beebes' to New Annan Road by J. Higgins',	7	0	0
James McNab's to Eaton's, on New Line,	40	0	0
Jesse Montross' to River Philip Road, New Line,	7	0	0
School House past McIntosh's, to John McIntosh's place, if Road is properly laid out,	6	0	0
Palmer's to Farmingsborough Road past Oxley's,	5	0	0
Benjamin Stevens' to McKenzie's Mill, by D. Chisholm's,	7	0	0
Pugwash Harbour to McNutt's Ferry,	5	0	0
James Maxfield's to Teeds' Hill,	8	0	0
Pugwash River to Post Road West of Stewart's,	5	0	0
James Purdy to Abraham Rushton's,	5	0	0
Colonel King's to Caleb O'Brian's,	7	0	0
Caleb O'Brian's to River Philip Road,	8	0	0
River Philip to John Stewart's,	25	0	0
John Stewart's to Charles Roach's, and to pay Calvin Bent 20s. expended,	20	0	0
Over Fort Lawrence Marsh,	40	0	0
From Amos Trueman's to M. Hunter's, and to pay over-expenditure, £4 4 4,	35	0	0
Pipes' Marsh, new Line, to Minudie Ferry,	30	0	0
Little River by George Thompson's to Leicester,	8	0	0
Little Forks to Salt Springs, to include Bridge,	13	0	0
Salt Springs to Main Post Road,	7	0	0
Macan Bridge to River Herbert Bridge,	7	0	0
Martin Hunter's to Black Ferry,	20	0	0
G. Purdy to E. Niles, on new Line,	25	0	0
Tidnish Road past John Chapman's to Shore Road,	5	0	0
George Harrison's to Colchester Line,	8	0	0
Joseph Kiever's to Post Road near Calvin Bent's,	15	0	0
James Chappel's to Brownel's Ferry, Shenimicas,	12	0	0
Cross Road near J. W. Oxley's to Beharrel's,	25	0	0
Barronsfield to Lower Cove,	6	0	0
Black River Bridge to John Morse's,	5	0	0
River Philip Bridge, on new Line, to Road leading down River,	8	0	0
Thomas Doncaster's, on Leicester Road to Post Road,	7	0	0
To pay Thompson Brundage for Building Bridge near J. W. Oxley's,	8	0	0
From Shenimicas Ferry to Goose River Bridge by Cooper's,	7	0	0
East end of Leicester Road past John Bigelow's,	7	0	0
From Captain Handley's to Wm. Taits, River Philip,	12	0	0
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From James C. Brown's to David Herritt's,	£8	0	0
Cross Road, Springhill, past G. Smith's to Macan Road,	6	0	0
John Stewart's through Fork Settlement, and to pay A. Boss	£2	6	8
over-expenditure,	9	0	0
To pay Tillot Harrison for repairing Macan Bridge, 1844,	33	3	8
From Wm. Keiver's to Peter Gould's,	5	0	0
Nathaniel Angus to Wm. Brownel's Ferry,	10	0	$\frac{1}{2}$
Leicester Road past Thomas Dickson's to the River,	7	0	0
Lodges to River Philip,	12	0	0
Goose River to Leicester by B. Smith's,	5	0	0
Leicester to River Philip by Tates,	6	0	0
Daniel Dickinson up past Shipley's,	7	0	0
Robert Pugsley's up past Christie's,	5	0	0
John Wood's by Sharp's to Seaman's,	7	0	0
River Herbert Bridge to Captain Glennie's,	7	0	0
Lewis K. Purdy's through Porter Town,	5	0	0
Charles Roach's past John Black's to Chapman's,	6	0	0
Ragged Reef to River Herbert,	6	0	0
To repair Macan Bridge and remainder on Pugsley's Marsh,	19	16	$3\frac{1}{2}$
From George Butler's to New Canaan Road,	5	0	0
Toby's Mills to the late L. Bent's,	8	0	0
George Atkinson's to Lodge's,	8	0	0
Beard's to Leicester,	10	0	0
New Bridge near Robert Spicer's new Line to Francis Fraser's,	45	0	0
Halfway River Bridge to Macan Bridge, new Line,	100	0	0
Cross Roads to Ratchford's River,	20	0	0
Ratchford's River, including Bridge, to Francis Fraser's new Line,	45	0	0
Advocate to Three Sisters,	5	0	0
Robert Spicer's towards Advocate Harbour,	10	0	0
Partridge Island to Mill Village,	10	0	0
Newcomb's Bridge to the School House on Swan Creek Road,	20	0	0
Black Rock to Partridge Island Road,	10	0	0
Grant's to Apple River,	8	0	0
Henry Jeffers' to Tate's Mill,	18	0	0
Halfway River Meeting House to Harrison's,	8	0	0
Swan Creek by Gibson's,	8	0	0
By Newcomb's to D. Lockhart's and on to Cross Roads,	20	0	0
From Newcomb's Bridge to Mills Village,	5	0	0
Harrison's River to Sand River,	5	0	0
Wm. Fullerton's to Mill Village,	13	0	0
To J. N. B. Kerr, to assist in Building a Bridge over the River near Kerr's Mills, to be paid when certified by one of the Coun- ty Members that said Bridge is completed,	20	0	0
	£1500	0	0

COUNTY OF COLCHESTER.

Resolved, That the Sum of One thousand and five hundred Pounds, granted for the Service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Colchester, in the year 1845, be applied as follows, viz :

To pay Samuel Archibald for over-expenditure, agreeably to Report of Committee,	£100	0	0
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GREAT ROADS.

From Gay's River to Polly's,	£25	0	0
Polly's to Truro,	25	0	0
Truro to the Pictou Line, to assist in Building a Bridge at Mrs. McCartney's,	200	0	0
To build a Bridge on the North River, Onslow,	200	0	0
From Pictou County Line to the French River, Tatamagouche, on the Main Post Road,	25	0	0
French River, Tatamagouche, to the County Line, Cumberland, including half of Dewar's Bridge,	15	0	0
Truro to Tatamagouche, on the New Line, from the Pond to the North River,	50	0	0
To repair the Bridge on Economy River,	30	0	0
The Bridge at Moore's Brook, Economy, and to repair the Main Post Road to the Five Islands, on Gerrish Mountain,	20	0	0

CROSS ROADS.

From Putnam's Bridge, Middle Stewiacke, to the Old Halifax Road,	15	0	0
The Old Halifax Road at Polly's, to the new Road at Holeworth's,	25	0	0
George Taylor's, Middle Stewiacke, to Brookfield,	15	0	0
Stevenson's to the Halifax Road,	7	10	0
Dunlap's, South Branch, to Fisher's, at Putnam's Bridge,	7	10	0
Newcomb's Mills to Yuill's,	6	0	0
Kennedy's to Musquodoboit, on the New Road,	7	10	0
To assist in building a Bridge at Tupper's, and to pay the over-expen- diture on the Bridge at the Revd. Mr. Smith's, about £5 in 1844,	20	0	0
From the Main Road to Drummond's Settlement,	7	10	0
For the Road to the Upper Settlement, Upper Stewiacke, by Ellis',	7	10	0
From Johnston's Brook to the Guysborough Road,	10	0	0
Parker's Bridge to Gay's River,	5	0	0
Green's Creek to Fort Ellis,	10	0	0
Jesse Gourley's to Irving's,	5	0	0
George Yuill's to Black Rock,	10	0	0
Jacob Yuill's to the Ferry by the Shore,	4	0	0
Black Rock to Dolton's,	10	0	0
John Sanderson's to Phillip's,	5	0	0
William Dolton's to Henry Johnston's,	9	0	0
James Kennedy's to the School House,	3	10	0
Thomas Dart's to Shubenacadie,	5	0	0
Chas. Moore's to Upper Brookfield,	4	0	0
John Kennedy's towards Shubenacadie,	5	0	0
Peter Newton's to Jas. Laman's,	2	10	0
McKay's Mills, Earltown, to the Onslow Line,	20	0	0
Onslow Line to Luke Upham's,	15	0	0
McKay's Mills to the County Line towards River John,	10	0	0
Widow Ross' to the Pictou County Line,	6	10	0
Widow Ross' to Nelson's Tatmagouche,	6	10	0
Paul McDonald's to the Pictou County Line,	6	10	0
McKay's Mills towards Alex. McDonald's, Tatamagouche,	10	0	0
Murray's Mills to clear out an old Bridle Road towards Luke Upham's,	15	0	0
John McKay's to the County Line towards McBean's,	5	0	0
The Falls to Widow Sutherland's,	5	0	0

From McKay's Mills to Angus Sutherland's, towards Pictou,	£5	0	0
Wm. McConnell's to John Wilson's,	10	0	0
Oliver's Bridge to Higgins',	5	0	0
Cumberland County Line to Donald McLeod's,	5	0	0
John Sevan's, Mill Brook, to James Bell's,	5	0	0
To finish the Bridge at Wilson's, and to open the New Road to effect a juncture with the New Annan Road,	12	0	0
From Wilson's Bridge towards Wm. Scott's,	5	0	0
Wilson's Bridge to Murdoch's Grist Mill,	5	0	0
Kennedy's to Robert Cock's,	5	0	0
Tatamagouche to the Pond,	15	0	0
The Pond to the Onslow Town Line, to repair the old Road,	5	0	0
Lockerby Bridge to Point Bruelie,	10	0	0
Point Bruelie to the River John Road,	7	0	0
The Pond on the Tatamagouche Road, to open an old Bridle Road to McCombie's,	2	10	0
To repair the Bridge on the four mile Brook on the Tatamagouche River, and to pay Jas. Urquhart an expenditure in 1844 in repairing a Bridge, £5 18 7½,	15	0	0
The Post Road to Tatamagouche to Murray's Mills,	5	0	0
To build a Bridge near Murray Waugh's,	10	0	0
From Robert Cooper's to the Lake Road,	5	0	0
The Main Road at Jas. Crowe's to Pleasant Hill,	7	0	0
Samuel Hill's to the Pleasant Hills,	7	0	0
On the Road leading to River Phillip from Economy, on the new Line,	10	0	0
The Main Road to Economy Point,	7	0	0
The Main Road to Isaac Mark's,	2	10	0
From Harrington's River to Economy Line, and to repair the Bridges on the Main Post Road,	12	0	0
On the West Macan Road to the Cumberland Line,	10	0	0
From Morrison's towards and through New Boston,	6	0	0
Harrington's Mills to Boyd's and towards the Macan Road,	6	0	0
The Township Line, Londonderry, to the County Line towards Wallace from the Folley,	7	10	0
The Township Line, Londonderry, towards and through Castle-reagh, on the Main Road,	7	10	0
To repair the Bridge on the Main Post Road from the Londonderry Line to Economy River,	12	0	0
From Salmon River to McKay's Mills, Earltown,	10	0	0
To build a Bridge at William Wall's, and to repair the Road towards Truro Road,	10	10	0
From Jas. Dickson's, North River, Onslow, to Jas. Hall's,	10	0	0
Pictou Road to Jacob Lynds',	3	0	0
Pictou Road to Robert Nelson's,	3	0	0
Samuel Bartlett's to Jas. Wright's,	5	0	0
James Wright's to McLeod's,	3	0	0
Luke Upham's to Earltown, being an expenditure in 1844 for building a Bridge,	5	0	0
Adam McNutt's to Brennock's,	5	0	0
Robertson's to Walsh's, Tatamagouche Road,	5	0	0
Onslow Meeting House to Barn Hills, by Crow's Mill,	5	0	0
To repair the Bridge at Barn Hills,	7	0	0
From John Lynd's to Wm. Lynd's, Junr.	3	0	0
Staple's towards New Annan,	5	0	0
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From New Annan Road to Charman's Mill, £5 10 0

LONDONDERRY.

To rebuild the Great Village Bridge,	60	0	0
Port a Pique Bridge,	15	0	0
Bass River Bridge,	12	0	0
Repair the New Road at Birch Hill,	5	0	0
Road from Port a Pique to Castlereagh,	5	0	0
At Carr's Hill,	3	0	0
From Alexander Morrison's to Port a Pique—40s. of which to be expended on a Foot Bridge near Samuel Fulton's,	5	0	0
For the Major Field Road,	4	0	0
New alteration around the Vance Hill,	9	13	3½
To pay Daniel Fulton Balance for building De Burt Bridge, 1843,	9	2	6
Chisholm and McNutt Balance for building the Middle Bridge,	12	10	8½
William McKim for over-expenditure on the Vance Hill in 1843, and to pay repairs of Great Village Bridge in 1844, 20s.	8	13	6
For the Road from Folly to Widow Flemming's;	5	0	0
From Folly Mountain to Cumberland Road,	4	0	0
Folly Mountain to the Town Line,	4	0	0
Widow Flemming's to Jolten's,	4	0	0
Fatcher's Mills to Slack's,	4	0	0
De Burt River Meeting House to Folly Mountain,	4	0	0
For the McNutt Road,	4	0	0
From Berry Hill to Barn Hills,	4	0	0
Iskenish to De Burt River Meeting House,	4	0	0
Folly to Francis McLean's,	3	0	0
William Morrison's to Carritt's,	3	0	0
For the Cook Town Road,	4	0	0
From Seaton's to the Town Line,	5	0	0
For the Cotnam Road,	4	0	0
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To repair the Bridge at John Dill's,	£4	0	0
For the McDormont Road,	6	0	0
	£10	0	0

The two last Sums only to be expended in case there is Money left after building Great Village Bridge.

COUNTY OF SYDNEY.

Resolved, That the Sum of Fourteen hundred Pounds granted for the Service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Sydney, be applied as follows, viz:

From Knoydart to Arisag, and from Arisag to Miller's Cove, Gulph,	£55	0	0
Miller's Cove, Gulph, to Livingston's Cove, Cape,	15	0	0
Livingston's Cove round Cape George to McNair's Cove,	25	0	0
Reed's Mountain Road to Pictou County Line,	15	0	0
Quin's Farm Mountain to Knoydart,	15	0	0
Pictou County Line Back Settlement Knoydart to Mountain Road,	5	0	0
Knoydart through Mountain to North Grant,	20	0	0
Arisaig Gulph to Mountain Road,	5	0	0
Big Marsh through H. Grant to Cape Road,	7	0	0
			From

From Cove Gulph to Morristown,	£8	0	0
Livingston Cove to Balentine Cove,	7	0	0
Graham's to Cape Road, Gulph,	8	0	0
Alexander McDonald (Lody) to Mountain Road,	5	0	0
John McNiel (brae) Gulph to Back Settlement,	5	0	0
Antigonish to Ogden's,	15	0	0
Ogden's to Anderson's Morristown,	15	0	0
Anderson's Morristown to McNair's Cove,	15	0	0
South Lake Morristown to Big Marsh,	10	0	0
Dun's (harbour) to Back Road,	10	0	0
Campbell's old Gulph Road towards Morristown to Alex. Boyd's,	15	0	0
McMasters' (harbour road) to Beech,	15	0	0
Antigonish to Reed's Mountain Road,	10	0	0
John Bishop's by Foot of Mountain to John Grant's,	15	0	0
Moses Summer's to Allen McAdam's Back Road,	10	0	0
Campbell's Brook to Doctor's Farm, Old Gulf Road,	20	0	0
Antigonish to Addington Forks,	15	0	0
Addington through Beaver Meadow,	5	0	0
Ohio Road by John Williams' to Big Clearing,	20	0	0
David Fraser's through Capagh,	40	0	0
Angus Grant's, West side Ohio, to Addington Forks,	30	0	0
Carrigan's to Alexander's, down East side Ohio,	40	0	0
Ohio to Lochaber Lake,	10	0	0
Guysborough County Line by Lochaber to Kenith Chisholm's S.			
Line, Salt Springs,	15	0	0
Antigonish through North Grant to Malignant Cove,	60	0	0
Beech Hill Road by Forbes' to Angus McGilvray', South River,	20	0	0
Williams' Point,	5	0	0
Anderson's, Morristown, by Dougall McPherson's Back Settlement,	5	0	0
West side Lochaber Lake,	5	0	0
Manchester Road by Angus Boyle's to new Guysborough Road,	3	0	0
McBride's Manchester Road to Patrick Walsh's,	10	0	0
Allen Cameron's by Peter McPharlane's back Manchester Road,	5	0	0
Walsh's to Bray's back Settlement Manchester Road,	5	0	0
To open Road from upper South River to new Guysborough Road,	30	0	0
From Kenedy's east side upper South River to Archibald McPhee's,	17	0	0
Cameron's Forge west side upper South River to Guysborough Co.			
Line,	40	0	0
Alex. McLean's upper South River, to back Road Pitcher's,	10	0	0
John McIsaac's upper South River to Glen Road,	10	0	0
Michael Horahan's upper South River to Lochaber Lake,	10	0	0
Hugh McDonald's lower South River east side to Gafford's Ferry,	25	0	0
McPherson's Mill, Manchester Road to McIntire's back Settlement,	7	0	0
Continuation of New Guysborough Road east side Old Road to St.			
Andrew's,	60	0	0
Jack's Brook to Guysborough County Line Old and New Roads,	40	0	0
College Lake by Patrick Wall's to upper South River,	5	0	0
Pomquet Forks past Meadow Green to Manchester Road,	10	0	0
Stafford's Gut of Canso, to red Donald McDonald's North Line,	10	0	0
Joseph Symonds' Tracadie to John McMullian's Harbor-a-Bouché,	30	0	0
Big Tracadie Grist Mill to Tracadie Post Road,	10	0	0
P. Conner's Big Tracadie by Chapel back Lands to County Guys-			
borough Line,	30	0	0
Boil's Tracadie back Road to Colin Fraser's,	15	0	0

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From Fraser's Grant by Shepherd's to Manchester Road,	£10	0	0
Manchester Road by James Grant's to Fraser's Grant,	10	0	0
Fraser's Grant to Pomquet Forks,	8	0	0
Pomquet Forks to Brusaur's Bridge,	7	0	0
Brusaur's Bridge to Gafford's Ferry,	8	0	0
Tommey's Pond by Gorman's to Kenedy's,	7	0	0
Pomquet Forks to Indian Chapel,	8	0	0
Burke's Forge, Tracadie, to Black Bridge,	10	0	0
Reserved to meet over-expenditures, contingencies, &c., and be applied hereafter the Sum of Fifty Pounds,	50	0	0
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	£1250	0	0

COUNTY OF PICTOU.

Resolved, That the Sum of One thousand eight hundred and twenty-five Pounds, granted for the Service of Roads and Bridges in the County of Pictou for the present year, be applied as follows :

TO PAY OVER-EXPENDITURE OF FORMER YEARS.

John McKay, of New Glasgow, for New Glasgow Bridge,	£85	17	0
John McKay, of West River, for W. R. Bridge,	228	0	0
John McKay and Robt. McLean, for Green Hill Road,	36	0	0
Donald McLeod, Bridge at Mrs. Underwood's,	15	0	0
Angus Murray, Balance of Bridge at Black River,	3	18	0
James Robertson, for Bridge at 8 Mile Brook,	15	0	0
Wm. Beck, Balance of Bridge at Quarry Brook,	5	7	0
John McDonald, Bridge at E. Branch E. River,	23	0	0
Alex. McIntosh, Bridge at Roger's Hill,	6	2	0
John Douglas, for over-expenditure,	1	18	0
Hugh McDonald, Balance due on Bridge,	3	18	0
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	424	0	0
New Line of Road from New Glasgow to Sutherland's River, in addition to Grant of £200 in Grant of £5000,	150	0	0
Road from Sutherland's River to Robert Copeland's and Bridge at Angus Gut,	60	0	0
Survey of New Line of Road from Finlayson's to County Line,	20	0	0
To assist the Inhabitants to build a Bridge at the Albion Mines, above old site,	100	0	0
Peter Crerar, to pay Balance of expense of Survey of New Line from New Glasgow to Sutherland's River, in addition to £15 granted last year,	24	7	0
Repairs of Bridge at Anthony Smith's and Saw Mill Bridge West River Road,	24	3	0
From Sydney County Line to Henderson's, to the Church,	10	0	0
David Murray's to the Bridge at Robinson's, West S. Barney's River,	13	10	0
Bridge at Robinson's to Head of Barney's River, West side,	10	0	0
Francis McKinnon's to McLeod's, West Branch,	5	0	0
McKinnon's to Head of Barney's River, East side,	5	0	0
Donald Bruce' to Blue Mountains,	7	10	0
McGee's Road to Bailey's Brook, 2d division,	5	0	0
Sutherland's Bridge to Kingley's French River, and to pay over-expenditure,	10	0	0
Lamont's Road, Merigomish,	3	0	0
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From French River Bridge to Blue Mountains,	£10	10	0
Kathey's Bridge to McDonald's, through Piedmont Valley,	7	10	0
Bridge Sutherland's River, East side Upper Settlement,	5	0	0
McLennan's to Jno. Merkel's, Wentworth Grant,	5	0	0
Road through Gillis' Meadow to Church,	7	10	0
Mountain Road from Barney's River to County Line, Sydney,	7	10	0
St. Mary's to Sutherland's Settlement,	5	0	0
Bridge between Patterson's and the Little Gut, Big Island,	7	10	0
Road from Geo. Roy's to J. McDonald's, Little Harbour,	5	0	0
County Sydney Line by Marslie Kope to Barney's River,	22	10	0
Survey of New Line from Middle Branch, Barney's River, to Sutherland's River,	7	10	0
Road from Ferry Wharf to New Glasgow, by Fisher's Grant and Bridge at Gut,	25	0	0
Boat Harbour to Graham's Mills and Bridge at Boat Harbour,	20	0	0
Graham's Mills to Pine Tree Gut,	7	10	0
Little Harbour to New Glasgow,	7	10	0
Fraser's Point to New Glasgow, West side,	10	0	0
McPherson's Glen to the Church, New Line,	25	0	0
Mountain Road to Wentworth's Grant, by W. Fraser's,	7	10	0
McDougall's Blue Mountains to Garden of Eden,	15	0	0
Garden of Eden to St. Mary's County Line,	15	0	0
St. Mary's Road to Donald Campbell's,	7	10	0
Marsh Road to Wentworth's Grant by Thos. Fraser's,	5	0	0
Squire Fraser's to the Revd. Mr. McGillvray's,	7	10	0
Revd. Mr. McGillvray's to McPherson's Mills, Jno. Fraser's,	7	10	0
McPherson's Mills by Grant's Road to Mattheson's,	5	0	0
Churchille to McLennan's Brook, by Saw Mill,	5	0	0
Robinson's Mill to Springville to open New Line,	40	0	0
Repairs Bridge at Don. McLellan's, East River,	20	0	0
Springville to McQuarrie's,	5	0	0
Fraser's Mill to Head of East River,	7	10	0
Fraser's Mill to County Line, St. Mary's Road,	7	10	0
East River, St. Mary's Road, by W. McDougall's,	5	0	0
Grant's Lake to West Branch, New Line,	10	0	0
Church, W. B. to Robert Dunbar's New Line,	15	0	0
Alex. McDonald's to Crocket's, by New Line,	7	10	0
Grant's Bridge to Chisholm's Brook, West side, East Branch,	7	10	0
To assist the Inhabitants to Build a Bridge at the Forks, East River,	20	0	0
From Albion Mines to Hopewell,	7	10	0
Junior Fraser's to Marshall's, Middle River,	5	0	0
New Line from Thos. Fraser's, Mill Brook, to George McLeod's,	20	0	0
To open New Line from Middle River to Stewiacke,	25	0	0
New Line from Meadow to Henderson's Mill,	10	0	0
From Wilkins' Grant to Cross Roads at McLeod's,	15	0	0
Upper Settlement, West River, to Gairloch by Baillie's,	7	10	0
To Build a Bridge at Wm. McLeod's, W. River,	10	0	0
From Ruddock's Mills to Crocket's, Middle River,	25	0	0
Carr's to Blacksmith's Shop, New Lairg,	12	10	0
Lime Quarry to Roderick McKenzie's,	10	0	0
Survey of New Line from Thos. Fraser's, Mill Brook, to West River,	7	10	0
Ten Mile, West River, to Middle River, New Line,	35	0	0
Main Road, Mt. Thom, to McKee's Mill,	10	0	0
Mt. Thom Road past McBeath's to Alex. McLeod's,	7	10	0

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From Graham's 8 mile Brook to Munro's Road,	£7	10	0
Roger's Hill to 6 Mile Brook by Dd. McKinnon's,	5	0	0
Old Mt. Thom Road to Head of West River by Colin McKay's,	5	0	0
Main Road to Auchincarn,	7	10	0
Road West side W. River to McRae's Mills,	10	0	0
Hardwood Hill to E. Branch River John,	7	10	0
Roger's Hill to Mt. Dalhousie,	7	10	0
Roger's Hill to the Church,	5	0	0
Church to Murdock McKinnon's,	7	10	0
Angus Graham's to Mt. Dalhousie, by Fitzpatrick's Mill,	7	10	0
Road from Matthew Craig's to Mr. Mattheson's,	5	0	0
W. McGill's to Robt. Wallace's,	5	0	0
Munro's, 6 Mile Brook, to 8 Mile Brook,	7	10	0
Cross Road leading to Styles', on the Road leading to Carriboo Big River,	20	0	0
Carriboo Big River to Toney's River,	10	0	0
Toney's River to the Cross Road leading to Cape John River to the Bridge at River John,	15	0	0
Road through Carriboo Settlement to Mr. Oliver's, Cape John Road,	5	0	0
Road leading to Styles' on the New Line, River John to Grog Brook,	25	0	0
Ruddock's Mills to Dd. McKinnon's, Carriboo,	7	10	0
Ruddock's Mills to Pictou, by Alexander Grant's,	5	0	0
Three Mile House, on old Line, to Grog Brook,	7	10	0
Grog Brook to Mrs. Underwood's,	10	0	0
Mrs. Underwood's to River John Bridge,	10	0	0
River John Bridge to County Line, Colchester,	10	0	0
Main Road to Cape John,	5	0	0
Cape John Road to Back Shore,	5	0	0
Road from River John to Earl Town,	10	0	0
Bridge between Geo. Langell's and Dd. Langell's, Miller,	12	10	0
Road up the Brook,	5	0	0
Road towards the West Branch from the Bridge to the River Mills;			
Do. from River Mills to Murdock McKinnon's, West Branch,	25	0	0
Road from Donald Matheson's to W. Barray's Mills,	5	0	0
Bridge at Seal Creek Road to Port Busley,	10	0	0
Road past Wall's to Cape John,	4	0	0
Main Road past Bigney's to the River, and from the River up South side to James Bigney's,	4	0	0
Road from Seal Creek to Tatamagouche Road,	4	0	0
Road from River John Road to Mr. Connell's, past James Murray's,	4	0	0
Spears' by McRae's to Harborues,	5	0	0
Murdock McKinnon's up West Branch to Duncan Campbell's,	7	10	0
Grant's Bridge, N. B. to Jno. McDonald's,	5	0	0
Jno. McDonald's to Fraser's Mill,	5	0	0
Grant's Lake to Hood's, by W. McKinnon's,	5	0	0
McPhee's Shop to Jno. McKay's, by Grant's,	5	0	0
Berry's to Murdock Munro's, 6 mile Brook,	7	0	0

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No. 80.

(See Page 337.)

The Committee appointed to enquire into the merits of the Petition of John Woodin, beg to Report as follows:

That the Petition was before the Committee last Session, but they then declined to recommend a Grant of the Sum of Money sought for, because sufficient evidence of the facts was not then adduced. They are now satisfied however, that Mr. Woodin's claim is a just one. It appears that while at Cape Haytien, St. Domingo, in 1841, he was requested, if not ordered, by the British Consul, to receive on board of his Schooner Dartford, one Captain Blagden, Master, and Francis Hays, Sailor, then late belonging to the Brigantine John, belonging to this Province, which vessel had been then recently wrecked on the Silver Keys; and at the same time the Consul gave Mr. Woodin a letter, which has been submitted to your Committee, engaging, that if he "conveyed them to Halifax, his port of destination, he would be remunerated according to the Act of Parliament in such case provided." Under this authority, and with this pledge, Captain Woodin brought Captain Blagdon and Hays to this port, both of them being destitute of funds—the brig, materials and cargo, and the clothing of the crew having been totally lost. On arrival here, Captain Woodin applied to the Executive for compensation, and was properly told that no fund had been provided for such claims, and that his only mode of relief was by application to the Assembly. Considering that Capt. Woodin had performed a meritorious and charitable act, under competent authority, and with the hope of ultimate payment, your Committee felt every disposition to report favourably on the claim last year—but they considered it their duty to ascertain, in the first instance, if sufficient funds had not been realized from the wreck to meet this claim, before they would recommend it to be paid out of the Public Treasury. Being now satisfied on this head, they recommend the sum of fifteen Pounds to be voted to Petitioner.

The Committee lastly beg to state, that if these claims multiply to any extent, it will be well for the House to consider if a particular fund ought not to be raised by some small tax levied on our Colonial Shipping at the Custom House. This Legislature adopting the policy of the Mother Country, is bound to protect, even when at a distance, the rights and safety of a useful and meritorious class of men; and it will be well to consider if it be not our duty to provide a certain fund to compensate those, who, finding our destitute Seamen in foreign ports, deprived by wreck of employment and means, convey them to their homes; and thus perform an act, which though dictated by charity, is an obligation resting upon *the public*, rather than on *private* individuals.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. R. YOUNG, *Chairman*.
PETER SPEARWATER,
JAS. TURNBULL.

Halifax, April 8th, 1845.

No. 81.

(See Page 339.)

The Committee to whom was assigned the duty of suggesting suitable places for the opening and closing of the Poll for the Township of Pictou, beg leave to recommend as follows:

That the Poll be opened at or near the Court House, Pictou, and there to be continued for four days. The Poll to be then adjourned to the River John, and to be opened at some suitable place at or near the Bridge, and to be continued for three days. The Poll to be then adjourned to the immediate vicinity of Ten Mile House, on the West River, and

and to be there opened at some suitable place, and to continue open for four days, and then and there to be finally closed.

H. HUNTINGTON,
J. D. FRASER.

Committee Room, 9th April, 1845.

No. 82.

(See Page 341.)

The Committee to whom were referred the duty of enquiring into the further progress made towards the publication of a New Edition of the Provincial Laws, beg leave to Report,—

That after several communications with Mr. Whidden, and a partial examination of the progress made by him in the duty assigned him by His Excellency, Your Committee felt satisfied that in the limited time which they could give to the subject, consistently with a proper attention to their Legislative duties, they could not give that attention to the matter which its importance demands. They requested Mr. Whidden to prepare such a detailed statement as his time would permit, which he accordingly did, and which is annexed to this Report, and is deserving of the careful consideration of the House. On a perusal of Mr. Whidden's Statement, your Committee are decidedly of opinion that it would not be advisable to proceed with the Printing of the Laws until some if not all the suggestions contained in the Statement could be carried out. Your Committee therefore recommend that the House should appoint Mr. Whidden or some person properly qualified to prepare such Acts as may be thought necessary, to correct or consolidate such of the existing Statutes as imperatively require this to be done, so that the Legislature may take the necessary action thereon at their next Meeting. Your Committee also recommend that the lowest Tender in the annexed Schedule may be taken at once, in order that the Contractor may make the usual preparation to enable him to proceed without any delay after the Legislature meet, with the Printing of the Revised Edition. Your Committee think that the Contract should be confined to the number of 250 Copies, to be Printed in one Volume in the Quarto form.

Your Committee perceive that in the Session of 1843, this House estimated the expense of revising and preparing for publication the contemplated Edition of the Laws at £150; and as Mr. Whidden has already expended much time and labor in this matter, as will be evident on a perusal of his statement, they suggest the propriety of allowing to him for past services the Sum of £75, to be included in the usual contingent vote at the present Session.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES D. FRASER,
S. P. FAIRBANKS,
W. F. DES BARRES.

Committee Room, House of Assembly, 9th April, 1845.

The Tenders for Printing the Province Laws are exhibited in the following Table.

No.	Name of Printer.	Quarto.			Royal Octavo.		
		250 Copies.	800 Copies.		250 Copies.	800 Copies.	
1	Thomas Moser,	2 4 6	3 10 0		1 10 0	2 15 0	
2	Alexr. J. Ritchie,	2 3 6	3 10 6		2 0 6	3 14 9	
3	Arthur W. Godfrey,	1 18 9			1 7 6		
4	C. H. Belcher,	2 15 0	5 10 0		2 2 6	3 7 6	
5	W. Annand,	3 10 0	5 10 0			4 0 0	
6	Gossip & Coade,	2 5 0	5 7 0		1 10 3	4 15 0	
7	James C. Barrett,	2 14 10	4 9 8		2 7 5	3 19 10	
8	Jos. T. Brennan,		6 15 0			3 12 6	N. Brunswick.
9	Jas. R. Phillips,		7 5 0			7 15 0	N. Brunswick.

Halifax, 24th March, 1845.

GENTLEMEN,

As requested by you, I have the honor to submit for your consideration, some observations that have occurred to me in regard to the Provincial Laws whilst preparing them for publication, in a new and condensed Edition, agreeably to the request of the House of Assembly, and by authority of His Excellency The Lieutenant Governor; those observations, owing to my time being at present so much occupied with the business of the Assembly, will be necessarily, as I fear, thrown together in a very crude and imperfect manner.

The remarks I am about to make apply principally as to what might, in my opinion, be advantageously done in regard to the Laws, before proceeding to the printing of the new Edition; but preliminary thereto, and in connection therewith, it appears to me advisable to state how far I have proceeded with the work entrusted to me, and the condition in which it now is.

During the vacations of the Assembly in the two last years, I have devoted as much time as I could command, (including a large portion of that which might otherwise have been advantageously occupied in my private business,) in going carefully through the whole of the Acts down to those of the last Session inclusive, striking out such as have expired, or been repealed, and adding marginal annotations to connect the original Acts now in force with the various amendments and alterations. This involves much more time and trouble than is at first apparent, as it is necessary in regard to the Law upon each particular subject to turn over every page of the several Volumes and Pamphlets, and read, or run the eye over each particular Act relating to the original one.

Having done thus much which prepares the Acts for being printed, if they are to remain as at present without any consolidation, which to a certain extent is much needed, (as I shall hereafter endeavour to point out,) and being enabled to form some idea of the probable number of pages that would be required, I proceeded pursuant to the Resolution of the House to obtain estimates of the expense of printing the Work by advertising therefor, to be received in the shape of Tenders, the particulars of which advertisement will appear by the accompanying Copy thereof; several Tenders have been thereupon received which have been submitted to the Committee—and it remains for the Committee and the House to decide which of those ought to be accepted, and whether the Work should be printed in an Octavo or Folio form—and also whether merely a sufficient number of Copies for the use of the Legislature, and its Members, or a larger number, so as to include Copies for sale generally, should be contracted for. The specimens submitted to the persons applying with a view to tender, were the revised Edition of the Laws of New Brunswick in

Quarto,

Quarto, and the Royal Octavo Edition of the Laws of Massachusetts. I would beg to remark that if the Octavo form should be adopted two Volumes would probably be required; whereas a Quarto Edition might be published in One Volume with larger Type (being in my opinion more convenient as an office book of reference,) similar to those containing the Imperial Statutes: and while upon this branch of the subject it may not be amiss to remark, that if found practicable, the House should at once decide whose offer for printing should be accepted, even in case it should not be determined to commence the printing until after another Session, in order to give the party whose tender may be accepted, an opportunity of providing the necessary paper, &c., in time to commence the printing immediately upon the close of the next ensuing Session, as otherwise the Work might not be got through in the course of the then following vacation.

Another question has been suggested as to whether the Titles of the repealed and expired Acts should be printed in their places as passed, or in a separate Table. It appears to me that the first mentioned plan, as in the New Brunswick Laws, would be preferable, having in addition a brief Table in reference to those Acts, as in the old Edition of the First Volume of our Province Laws: but upon this matter it will be for the Committee and House to decide.

The necessary Tables and Index can only be prepared as the work of printing proceeds, and the paging can be thereby ascertained: but should the House conclude to defer the printing until after another Session with a view to consolidation, I can during the ensuing vacation again go through the whole of the Acts to ascertain if there have been any errors or omissions, in the work already done, which otherwise would have to be attended to as the printing proceeds.

In reference to the subject of further revision and consolidation of the Acts at the next Session previous to the printing of the new Edition, (should the House think proper to adopt that course of proceeding,) I will now proceed to enumerate such matters as have occurred to me in going through the several Volumes and Pamphlets, leaving it to the Committee and House to select such of the Acts for revision and consolidation, as in that case they may deem proper to proceed with, remarking that any attempt to enter upon such undertaking to its full extent, would probably require a very protracted Session of the Legislature, or an extra Session, for the purpose of going through the several Acts upon which discussion would be raised. The latter course was adopted upon the revision and consolidation of the Statutes of the State of New York.

Observations upon the several Acts in regard to a proposed Revision and Consolidation thereof.

1st. The Act 32, Geo. 2nd, Cap. 2, for confirming Titles to Lands, &c. is incorrectly numbered throughout in regard to the Clauses—many amendments and alterations as regards the Registry of Deeds and other matters have been made, which ought to be brought into one Act, and there is but little of the original of those Acts which would be required to be noticed in the Consolidation. It is submitted that the confirmation of Titles, &c. as regards past matters, need not be printed, as no question would be likely to arise thereon at the present day—and if there should, the old Act could be referred to, the Consolidation Act, reserving the force of enactments in regard thereto.

2nd. The Act 32 Geo. 2, Cap. 3rd. (forcible entry and detainer,) has amendments which might be consolidated.

3rd. The Act 32nd, Geo. 2, Cap. 4, ought to be expressly repealed.

4th. The Act 32 Geo. 2, Cap. 5th, Establishment of Religious Public Worship, and for suppressing Popery, has been altered by many other Acts, and is for the most part virtually repealed—it is for consideration whether this Act, and the alterations thereof, should be consolidated, parts or the whole thereof repealed by express enactment, &c.

5th. The Act 32 Geo. 2nd, Cap. 10, Forestalling the Market has many amendments—consolidation required.

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6th. The Act 32nd. Geo. 2nd, Cap. 13, Relating to Treasons and Felonies, has been by 4th Vic. Cap. 5th, 6th, and 7th, in great part repealed, but as the Clauses of the original Act are mostly numbered wrongly, the repeal Clauses of the subsequent Acts are incorrect—this ought to be attended to and rectified.

7th. The Act 32nd, Geo. 2nd, Cap. 17. Has alterations by subsequent Acts—doubtful whether the Consolidation should be attempted—and it remains to be ascertained whether 56 Geo. 3rd, Cap. 7, was disallowed.

8th. The Act 32nd, Geo. 2nd, Cap. 18. Frauds and Perjuries, the Clauses incorrectly numbered—4th Vic. Cap. 49, affects a provision thereof—but revision only without consolidation, seems necessary.

9th. The Act 32 Geo. 2nd, Cap. 19. Support of Bastard Children. A Bill has been introduced this Session on this subject—if adopted the old Act will of course be struck out.

10th. The Act 32nd, Geo. 2nd, Cap. 20, is erroneously numbered in the Clauses, and parts thereof have been repealed by 4th Vic. Cap. 8, and 5th Vic. Chapters 20 & 21, which refer to Sections by wrong numbers—if there should be a Bill to correct those errors, the Act might be repealed, and existing Clauses re-enacted. The last Section is altered by 10 Geo. 3rd, Cap. 6.

11th. The Act 32 Geo. 2nd, Cap. 21. Assize of Bread and Standard of Weights, requires consolidation and revision.

12th. The Act 32nd. Geo. 2nd, Cap. 23. Persons leaving the Province without a Pass—has been altered by two other Acts. Qu'y.—new Act advisable.

13th. The Act 32d. Geo. 2nd, Cap. 24. Limitation of Actions has been amended and Clauses wrongly numbered. Consolidation perhaps not advisable. Revision of numbering of Clauses should be made on printing.

14th. The Act 32 Geo. 2nd, Cap. 25. Firing of Guns in Halifax, has been extended to other Towns, and the two Acts might be consolidated.

15th. The Act 32 Geo. 2nd, Cap. 26. Guardianship of Minors, has been altered and in part repealed—might be consolidated, but that would involve alterations by Probate Act, &c., and would require particular care and reference.

16th. The Act 33rd Geo. 2nd, Cap 1. House of Correction or Workhouse, Halifax—has many amendments, and consolidation would be advisable if not likely to involve too much discussion.

17th. The Act 34th Geo. 2nd, Cap. 2. Damages on Protested Bills of Exchange, is amended by 48 Geo. 3rd, Cap. 22—the two might be consolidated.

18th. The Act 34th Geo. 2nd, Cap. 8. To be looked into, whether to be repealed or not.

19th. The Act 34 Geo. 2nd, Cap. 9. Treasons and Felonies, Challenge of Jurors to be considered in connexion with 4 Vic. Cap. 4, Sec. 3.

20th. The Act 34 Geo. 2nd, Cap. 12. Common of Lunenburgh Amendments—Qu'y.—Consolidation ?

21st. The Act 1st Geo. 3rd, Cap. 1. Observance of the Lord's Day—has amendments.—Qu'y.—If advisable to consolidate ? discussion thereon would probably take place.

22nd. The Act 1st Geo. 3rd, Cap. 4. Registering of Marriages, Births and Deaths—has an amendment, &c.

23rd. The Act 1st Geo. 3rd, Cap. 8. Absconding Debtors—A Bill has been introduced for Consolidation of this Act, and amendments which are numerous—See Notes thereon.

24th. The Act 1st Geo. 3, Cap. 9. Guagers—there are several amendments.—Qu'y.—if consolidation to be attempted ?

25th. The Act 1st Geo. 3rd, Cap. 12. Exportation of Raw Hides—has amendments. Qu'y.—If original Act be virtually or otherwise repealed ?—See Notes.

26th. The Act 2nd Geo. 3rd, Cap. 1. Regulating Innholders, &c. has been altered, and further alteration, repeal or consolidation, to be considered—See Notes thereon.

27th. The Act 2, Geo. 3rd, Cap. 3. Dealings with Indians. Qu'y.—to be repealed or left on Statute Book?

28th. The Act 2, Geo. 3rd, Cap. 5th. Respecting Firewards—has over 20 alterations or additions and amendments, which ought to be consolidated.

29th. The Act 2nd Geo. 3rd, Cap. 8. Regulating exportation of Fish, Assize of Barrels, &c., is in a great measure repealed, and has many amendments—the revision and consolidation thereof would be a work of some difficulty.

30th. The Act 3rd Geo. 3rd, Cap. 3. To prevent Fraud in the selling of Pork, &c. has amendments. Qu'y.—Whether repeal would be advisable?

31st. The Act 3 & 4 Geo. 3, Cap. 2. Nuisances in Rivers has several amendments. See 10th Geo. 4, Cap. 40, and note thereon.

32d. The Act. 3rd & 4th Geo. 3, Cap. 5. Insolvent Debtors has a number of amendments—Consolidation required—Act therefor would probably lead to discussion on alterations. A Bill has been introduced.

33rd. The Act 3rd & 4th Geo. 3rd, Cap. 7. Maintenance of Poor—in part repealed and several amendments made—consolidation required—would probably induce discussion.

34th. The Act 5th Geo. 3, Cap. 1. Choice of Town Officers, &c.—has many amendments, and should be consolidated.

35th. The Act 5th Geo. 3, Cap. 10. Qu'y.—if disallowed or should be repealed? See Marginal Notes.

36th. The Act 6th Geo. 3, Cap. 1. There are mistakes. (This Act makes perpetual the Act respecting Nuisances in Rivers.) Qu'y.—whether material? See Note thereon in Margin thereof.

37th. The Act 6 Geo. 3rd, Cap. 7. Concerning Schools, &c.—has disabilities against Roman Catholics, which are repealed, though there is great confusion on the subject, and gives appointment of Trustees of School Lands;—very imperfect, there being no provision for a continuance of Trustees.

38th. The Act 7 Geo. 3rd, Cap. 4. Assize of Bread and amendments, require consolidation.

39th. The Act 8th & 9th Geo. 3, Cap. 9. Empowering Supreme Court in Halifax, to try offenders in other Counties—should be repealed, if not so already, which I cannot find to have been done.

40th. The Act 10 Geo. 3, Cap. 1. Settlement of Poor and amendments—should be consolidated.

41st. The Act 10 Geo. 3, Cap. 2. Maintenance of Poor repealed, except as regards Halifax, and requires to be looked into, in regard to the Corporation Act, &c.

42nd. In the Act 10 Geo. 3, Cap. 6. Criminal Offenders, the wrong Section is referred to—should be remedied by alteration of Sections by some general Act.

43rd. The Act 10 Geo. 3, Cap. 9. Amendment of Act prohibiting Exportation of Raw Hides. Qu'y.—should not this and former Acts be either repealed or modified?

44th. The Act 11th Geo. 3, Cap. 3. Making persons personating Bail, liable to penalty of *Death*, should be repealed or modified.

45th. The Act 15th & 16th Geo. 3rd, Cap. 4. As regards Bail—Consolidation of these Acts might be made if deemed advisable, which is doubtful. See 18 Geo. 3rd, Cap. 6—which Consolidating does not repeal former Acts expressly.

46th. Should not the Act 19th Geo. 3rd, Cap. 7. To prevent clandestine conveying of Sheep, &c. be repealed, as having become useless and obsolete.

47th. The Act of 23rd Geo. 3rd, Cap. 1. Relating to Sheriffs, Clerks of Crown, &c., might with the Acts in connexion therewith, be consolidated with advantage—but Qu'y.—as regards expediency thereof?

48th. See 25th Geo. 3rd, Cap. 5th. Number of Representatives. Should it not be struck out, as completely obsolete, whether H. M. assent given thereto or not.

49th. The Act 28 Geo. 3rd, Cap. 15. Has been altered in many respects—establishment

blishment of Fees in Sup. Court, &c. A new Act would probably involve much discussion.

50th. The Act 33rd Geo. 3rd, Cap. 8, and 33 Geo. 3, Cap. 10. Authorises affirmation to Quakers in certain cases. Qu'y.—would it not be well to repeal those Acts and allow affirmation to Quakers, &c. in all cases where oaths are required?

51st. The Act 35th Geo. 3rd, Cap. 1. Relating to the Office of Sheriffs, &c., has many amendments. Qu'y.—is Consolidation advisable?

52nd. The Act 35, Geo. 3rd, Cap. 5. Has amendments—Harboring Deserters, &c. Qu'y.—Consolidation?—See Notes on Margin.

53rd. The Act 36th Geo. 3, Cap. 8. Assize of Bread.—Has amendments, and ought to be consolidated, which however, owing to the Acts for suspension thereof, &c., would require much attention, and would probably occupy considerable time.

54th. The Act 39 Geo. 3, Cap. 5. Regulation of Circuit Courts, and granting new Trials—has been in fact repealed, and might with the Amendments be advantageously consolidated. See Notes in Margin thereof.

55th. The Act 40 Geo. 3, Cap. 6. Glebe Land in Granville—should be noticed by the Committee to decide whether it should be again printed. N. B. Last Clause of a general nature.

The original Acts before adverted to are in the 1st Vol. of the Province Laws, and although there may have been some omissions, are those that principally require attention, in regard to consolidation, revision, or repeal.

THE 2ND VOL.

56th. The Act 47 Geo. 3, Cap. 16. Appointment of Collectors, &c. of Impost.—There are other Acts touching the same Officers—[see Margin]—and they might conveniently be brought into one.

57th. The Act 48 Geo. 3, Cap. 2. For Billetting Troops, &c., has amendments—and consolidation advisable.

58th. The Act 51 Geo. 3, Cap. 22. Boys Coasting down Hill—and the extension thereof to Pictou, might be brought into one Act.

59th. The Act 51 Geo. 3, Cap. 25. Yarmouth Lock Company—has an amendment—See Marginal Note.

60th. The Act 53 Geo. 3, Cap. 11. Not expressly repealed. Qu'y.—Ought it not to be so? See 4 Vic., Cap. 6, S. 13. Concealment of Birth of Bastard Children.

61st. The Act 55 Geo. 3, Cap. 8. Amends Act concerning Pedlars—and has been omitted to be noticed in regard to the original Act, which is 22nd Geo. 3, Cap. 1—they may be consolidated.

62nd. The Act 55 Geo. 3, Cap. 16. To regulate Markets in the Town of Halifax. See 4th Vic. Cap. 55. Qu'y.—As regards touching the matters of this Act?

63rd. The Act 55 Geo. 3d, Cap. 19. Has amendments, [Halifax Ferry Steam Boats] Qu'y.—As regards consolidation?

64th. The Act 56 Geo. 3, Cap. 6. Authorises the imprisonment of all offenders for Larceny, &c., or other lesser Criminal offence in the Bridewell at Halifax, &c. Qu'y.—Should this be repealed or modified? See 7 Vic., Cap. 3.

65th. The 56th Geo. 3, Cap. 7. Marriage and Divorce. Qu'y.—If disallowed by Her Majesty in Council?

66th. The Act 56 Geo. 3, Cap. 29. For founding Pictou Academy. Has many amendments. Qu'y.—If advisable to attempt any consolidation, which would probably induce much discussion.

VOL. 3RD.

67th. The Act 58 Geo. 3, Cap. 13. Disallowed by Her Majesty in Council. Improvement of Common in Halifax—but see Notes in Margin. Qu'y.—whether it should be printed, as subsequent Acts based upon it are in force.

68th.

68th. The Act 58 Geo. 3, Cap. 22. Opening of Coal Mines—should be looked into. See 4 Geo. 4, Chap. 25.

69th. The Act 58 Geo. 3, Cap. 23. Act respecting Trespasses, extended to Pictou and Dartmouth. Qu'y.—To be struck out—not expressly repealed, and as regards boundaries to be considered. See 3 Geo. 4, Cap. 32, which in the repealing Clauses does not notice this Act.

70th. The Act 58 Geo. 3, Chap. 31. Lumber Trade regulations, this and subsequent Act—see Marginal Note—made perpetual—the two may be brought into one.

71st. The Act 59 Geo. 3, Cap. 11. Is in amendment of the Act 33rd Geo. 3, Cap. 9, relating to the Common of the Town of Annapolis, and should have been noticed in remarks on 1st. Vol. Qu'y.—Consolidation?

72nd. The Act 59 Geo. 3, Cap. 14. Navigation of Harbor of Pictou. Has amendments—see Marginal Notes—they may be consolidated.

73rd. The Act 59 Geo. 3, Cap. 17. Halifax Fire Insurance Company. Has amendments. Qu'y.—Consolidation?

74th. The Act 1st & 2nd Geo. 4th, Cap. 5. Extension of Laws of Nova Scotia to Cape Breton is amended. See Marginal Notes. Qu'y.—Consolidation?

75th. The Act 1st. & 2nd Geo. 4, Cap. 39. Incorporation of Governors of Dalhousie College—has amendments. See Marginal Notes.

76th. The Act 3 Geo. 4, Cap. 32. Consolidating Trespass Acts, is much altered and amended by subsequent Acts. The whole should be consolidated if practicable, without too much discussion.

77th. The Act 4 Geo. 4, Cap. 13. Commissioners of Sewers, and subsequent amendments. See Marginal Notes—should be consolidated.

78th. The Act 4 Geo. 4, Cap. 23. Disorderly riding, &c.—may be revised. See Marginal Notes.

79th. See Act 4 Geo. 4, Cap. 25. Preservation of Coal Mines.

80th. Qu'y.—As regards Act 4, Geo. 4, Cap. 30. Road expenditure. Whether expired—the Act it amends having expired.

81st. The Act 4 & 5 Geo. 4. Incorporation of Shubenacadie Canal Company has an amendment, &c. Consolidation not advisable.

82nd. Qu'y.—If Act 4 & 5 Geo. 4, Cap. 4. Maliciously killing or maiming of Cattle should be printed, &c. or new Act passed. See 6 Geo. 4th in Margin, and 4 Vic. abolishing Whipping.

83rd. The Act 4 & 5 Geo. 4, Cap. 14. Expenditure of Monies on Roads, &c. Has several amendments—should be consolidated.

84th. The Act 4 & 5 Geo. 4, Cap. 36. Commissioners Court at Halifax—see Marginal Note—should be looked into. See also the Notes as regards recent Enactments.

85th. The Act 6 Geo. 4, Cap. 23. Terms of Sup. Court at Halifax. Attendance of Jurors, &c. in Trinity Term. Qu'y.—whether to be struck out? See 4 Vic. Cap. 3, S. 32.

86th. The Act 7 Geo. 4, Cap. 2. Relating to Highways, Roads and Bridges, has been in part repealed—and also amended and altered by subsequent Statutes. Should be consolidated if not involving too much discussion. See Marginal Notes thereon.

87th. The Act of 7 Geo. 4, Cap. 3. Relating to Commissioners of Highways in Halifax and other places—has a great number of amendments and additions—should be revised and consolidated—a work of some magnitude—see Marginal Notes.

88th. The Act 7 Geo. 4, Chap. 6. Incorporation of Iron Mining Company, Co'y. of Annapolis. Has an amendment, 11 Geo. 4, Cap. 5.

89th. The Act 7 Geo 4, Cap 38. Banks for Savings—has amendments, &c. See Marginal Notes.

4TH VOL.

90th. The Act 8 Geo. 4, Cap. 26. Relating to Common Fields, and other Acts, on same subject, should be consolidated. This Act is connected with 5 Geo. 3, Cap. 1, relating to Town Officers, and see Marginal Notes on both Acts.

91st. The Act 9 Geo. 4, Cap. 5. To exclude ignorant persons from Practice of Physic, &c., is amended. See Marginal Note.

92nd. Same remark on 9 Geo. 4, Cap. 11. Regulation of Annapolis Academy.

93rd. The Act 9 Geo. 4, Cap. 20. Inspection of Pickled Fish—has amendments; and consolidation required.

94th. The Act 10 Geo. 4, Cap. 17. To regulate the Weighing of Beef, might be consolidated with the amendments—for which see Marginal Note thereon.

95th. The Act 10 Geo. 4, Cap. 28. Copartners relief Act, might be consolidated with the amendments. See Marginal Note.

These Acts however were continued for Five Years by 4 Wm. 4, Cap. 23, and not afterwards, and are consequently expired—although I believe that fact is not generally known.

96th. The Act 10 Geo. 4, Cap. 32. Concerning the Common of Halifax, has been amended and otherwise varied. See Marginal Notes.

97th. The Act 11th Geo. 4, Cap. 6. Inspecting of Salted Beef and Pork has amendments and consolidation to be considered.

98th. The Act 11th Geo. 4, Cap. 7. Halifax Pilotage—has amendments. Qu'y. Consolidation ?

99th. The Act 1st Wil. 4, Cap. 6. Pilotage at Sydney, C. B.—is amended. Qu'y. Consolidation ?

100th. The Act 1st William 4, Cap. 19. Relating to the Common at Le Have, is connected with the Act next following the same. See Marginal Notes on those two Acts.

101st. The Act 1 Wil. 4, Cap. 24. Concerning the Poor House in Halifax, provides for the establishment of an Orphan House among other things. Qu'y. —As to repeal of certain parts thereof, &c. ?

102nd. The Act 2nd Wil. 4, Cap. 2. For encouragement of Schools, will probably expire, with the amendments, and Act of present Session, render printing thereof unnecessary.

103rd. The Act 2 Will. 4, Cap. 5. The printing of this Act (for the support of the Pictou Academy) and the amendments, depends upon the action of the House in the present Session.

104th. The Act 2nd Will. 4, Cap. 13. To prevent the spreading of Contagious Diseases—has amendment. Qu'y Consolidation ?—See Marginal Notes.

105th. The Quarantine Act 2 Will. 4, Cap. 14—has amendment. Qu'y. Consolidation.

106th. Act 2nd Will. 4, Cap. 19. For erection of Slaughter House, Halifax, is a permanent Act, varied—See Marginal Note—and requires attention as to whether being printed or not.

107th. Act 2 Will. 4, Cap. 32. Regulation of certain Landings in County of Annapolis—is affected by subsequent Acts.

108th. Act 2 Will. 4, Cap. 38. Relating to the Lawrence Town River. Qu'y. If executed?—See Marginal Note.

109th. Act 3, Will. 4, Cap. 15. For inspection of Flour and Meal—has amendments and ought to be Consolidated.

110th. Act 3 Will. 4, Cap. 19. Has an amendment and made perpetual. Qu'y.—Consolidation ? (More easy redemption of Mortgages).

111th. Act 3 Wil. 4, Cap. 32. Concerning Cemeteries in Halifax—has many amendments. Qu'y.—Consolidation ?

112th. Acts 3 Wil. 4, Cap. 33, and 3 Wil. 4, Cap. 47, same Session. Boundaries of Argyle and Barrington. Qu'y.—If to be brought into one ?

113th. See Marginal Note on Pickled Fish Act of 3 Wil. 4, Cap. 39, as to printing thereof.

114th.

114th. Act 3 Wil. 4, Cap. 40. Concerning Nuisances, is amended. Qu'y.—Consolidation ?

115th. Act 3 Wil. 4, Cap. 68, is amended by 8 Vic. C. 5.

116th. Act 4 Wil. 4, Cap. 2, is amended in 1844 & 1845. Qu'y.—Consolidation ?

117th. Act 4 Wil. 4, Cap. 12. Supervisors of Public Grounds, with amendments, should be consolidated.

118th. The Act 4 Wil. 4, Cap. 25. For support, &c. of Light Houses—is under consideration—has amendments. Qu'y.—Consolidation, if those Acts are continued ?

119th. Act 4 Wil. 4, Cap. 45. Toll at Grist Mills has an amendment. See Marginal Note.

120th. The several Revenue Acts (regulating) of 4 Wil. 4, Cap. 46, 47, 48, 49, and 50, are amended. Consolidation may be advisable.

121st. Act 5 Wil. 4, Cap. 7. To Incorporate Halifax Marine Insurance Company, is amended. Qu'y.—Should those Acts not be repealed, the Company having ceased operations ?

122d. The Act 5 Wil. 4, Cap. 8. Fire Insurance Company is amended.

123d. The Act 5 Wil. 4, Cap. 11. Survey of Timber and Lumber has an amendment. Qu'y.—Consolidation ?

124th. The Act 5 Wil. 4, Cap. 13. Has several amendments, (assessing of County Rates.) Consolidation, if not involving too much discussion.

125th. Act 5 Wil. 4, Cap. 23. To secure to John Story exclusive right of Marine Railway. See Marginal Note, and whether expired or not. Qu'y.—Should it be printed or struck out ?

The 4th Volume is concluded by the foregoing.

1836.

126th. The Act 6 Wil. 4, C. 21. To Incorporate Petit Plaister Company, amended by 7 Wil. 4, C. 12. May be consolidated.

127th. The Act 6, Wil. 4, C. 76, has amendments. See Notes on Margin. Consolidation advisable.

1837.

128th. Act 7 Wil. 4, C. 15. Licenses for Sale of Spirituous Liquors has amendments. See Marginal Notes. Qu'y.—Consolidation.

129th. Act 7 Wil. 4, C. 28. Licenses in Halifax—has amendments. Qu'y.—Consolidation.

130th. Act 7 Wil. 4, C. 48. Amends the Act concerning persons licensed to keep Public Houses, &c. 2 Wil. 4, C. 3. There are several other amendments. The latter Act was not noticed in its proper place. Qu'y.—Whether Consolidation ?

131st. The Act 7 Wil. 4, C. 57. Fire Engines, Yarmouth, has been amended. See Marginal Notes. Qu'y.—Consolidation ?

132nd. Act 7 Wil. 4, C. 79. To divide County of Annapolis—has amendments. Qu'y.—Consolidation ?

1838.—1ST. SESSION.

133rd. Act 1st. Vic. C. 2. Incorporation of Halifax Marine Insurance Company—has amendments. Qu'y.—If instead of Consolidation, as the Company are about ceasing operations, whether it might not be more advisable to repeal all except Clauses, to enable them to wind up their affairs, if the same shall not have been effected previous to next Session.

134th. Act 1 Vic. C. 6, for regulating of Juries—has amendments. Qu'y.—Consolidation, which would probably produce much discussion ?

135th. The Act 1 Vic. C. 62. To establish the Shire Town Digby, is amended.

2ND. SESSION.

- 136th. The Act 1 Vic. C. 2. Culling of Dry Fish. See Notes on 2 Geo. 3, C. 8.
 137th. The Act 1 Vic. C. 4. Standard Weight of Grain. There is a mistake in this Act. See Note thereon. Qu'y.—Re-enactment?
 138th. The Act 1 Vic. C. 13. To Incorporate Canal Company for Isthmus of Cumberland. Qu'y.—Whether this Act should not be repealed—it is very long and will incumber the Statute Book—and there is no reasonable prospect of its being carried into operation.

1839.

- 139th. The Act 2 Vic. C. 35. Regulating Elections of Members—has amendments. Consolidation if attempted would probably lead to a protracted discussion on many of the Clauses.

1840.

- 140th. The Act 3 Vic. C. 12. Crown Lands regulations is amended by 6 Vic. C. 45. Qu'y.—Consolidation?
 141st. Act 3 Vic. C. 15. Parrsborough Annexation to Colchester and Cumberland, has an amendment. 4 Vic. C. 41.
 142nd. Act 3 Vic. C. 16. Gas Light Incorporation is amended. Qu'y.—Consolidation?
 143rd. Act 3 Vic. C. 26. Digby Landings has amendments.
 144th. Act 3 Vic. C. 31. Holding of Polls for Elections has amendments, and should be consolidated.
 145th. Qu'y.—Whether Act 3 Vic. C. 41, for building a Bridewell, may now be left out as executed.

1841.

- 147th. The Act 4th Vic. C. 3. To improve the administration of the Law, &c.—has a number of amendments. The Consolidation would necessarily lead to much discussion. Qu'y.—Therefore if advisable? See the Marginal Notes.
 148th. The Act 4 Vic. C. 6. To amend the Law relative to offences against the person, has amendments. See Notes thereon.
 149th. The Act 4 Vic. C. 53. Barrington Lock up and Town House, is amended by 6 Vic. C. 20.
 150th. The Act 4 Vic. C. 55. To Incorporate the Town of Halifax—has several amendments. Consolidation would probably produce much discussion, &c.
 151st. The Act 4 Vic. C. 61. Amends Cornwallis Town House Act—not noticed in its proper place. Qu'y.—Consolidation of these two Acts?
 152nd. Act 4 Vic. C. 108. Regulating the Militia—has two amendments. Consolidation would scarcely be advisable, as involving too much time to go through the whole again. Sed Qu'y.

1842.

- 153rd. Act 5 Vic. C. 16. For instruction, &c. of Indians, has an amendment, 7 Vic. C. 56.
 154th. Act 5 Vic. C. 22. Probate Act has amendments, but consolidation would doubtless involve long discussions, and therefore Qu'y. if advisable?
 155th. The Act 5 Vic. C. 25. Dartmouth Burial Ground is amended by 6 Vic. C. 47.
 156th. The Act 5 Vic. C. 33. Summary Trials before Justices of the Peace has an amendment in this Session—but Consolidation would bring up the whole matter, and occupy much time.

1843.

1843.

157th. Act 6 Vic. C. 31. Relating to Passengers, has amendments, and should be consolidated and revised, if continued beyond the 3 years, to which it is extended by this Act.

158th. The Act 6 Vic. C. 43. Trustees of Presbyterian Church, Cornwallis, is amended by 7 Vic. C. 2.

1844.

159th. The Act 7 Vic. C. 3. For Regulation of the Provincial Penitentiary, is proposed to be amended in this present Session, 1845. Qu'y.—Consolidation if so amended?

160th. Some of the Regulating Revenue Acts of this Session are amended in 1845. But it would seem more advisable, as these are Annual Acts, to pursue the course heretofore adopted, to *continue* and *amend* instead of consolidating.

161st. The Act 7 Vic. C. 8. Amends the Baptist Bridgetown Meeting House Bill, which amendment has not been noticed on the original Bill. Qu'y.—Consolidation?

162nd. The Act 7 Vic. C. 42. Relative to performance of Statute Labour on Roads, amends former Acts. Qu'y.—Consolidation of the whole?

N. B. Whether the Laws should be printed as they now stand, without Consolidation and Revision, or such Consolidation should first be had, it will be advisable to have a short Act passed to strike out before the word "Enacted" the word "further" in the several Clauses; in the first case, to be brought in and passed this Session.

In conclusion, I would beg leave to remark, that in case Consolidation is determined upon, and the Printing consequently postponed until after another Session, two courses for accomplishing that object would appear to be open to the Assembly. The one to allow me to endeavour to complete such consolidation, (the Acts necessary to be consolidated being specifically pointed out,) with such aid as I might select in regard to the Copying, &c. necessary therein, which I would undertake to have done as far as practicable; and I think I could complete it, and submit the necessary Bills to the Assembly at the beginning of the next Session: the other to have some other person or persons appointed for that purpose, in which case the several Volumes and Pamphlets of the Laws, with the various remarks I have made thereon, requiring addition, in regard to the Acts of this Session, would be at their command.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient

humble Servant,

JOHN WHIDDEN.

No. 83.

(See Page 360.)

Appropriation of the Road Money for the County of Inverness, as recommended in 1844.

Towards completing Bridge at Head of Ship Harbour, in addition to Sum from the County of Richmond,	£10 0 0
From Judique Chapel to River Dennis,	15 0 0
From the River Dennis Road, halfway to the Upper Bridging Place on River Inhabitants,	5 0 0
Upper Bridging Place on River Inhabitants, halfway to the River Dennis Road,	5 0 0
Lower Bridge, River Inhabitants, on East side, to Widow McDon- ald's Brook,	7 10 0
	From

From Widow McDonald's Brook, to Upper Bridging Place, River Inhabitants,	£7	10	0
River Dennis Road, on new Line, to the South West Branch, Mabou,	5	0	0
Plaister Cove to Long Stretch,	12	10	0
Long Stretch to Ormar's River Dennis,	12	10	0
Port Hood to Hugh the Taylor's, at Little Mabou,	7	10	0
Hugh the Taylor's to Channel of Mabou River, at the Ferry, including an over-expenditure of £5 9 6,	15	10	0
Mouth of Mabou, on New Line to Coal Mines, to pay an expenditure of £2 15 8, and £2 10 to John Rankive,	10	5	8
De Cost's, on Upper Branch of New Line, to the Coal Mines,	5	0	0
Coal Mines by the Shore Road to Broad Cove,	10	0	0
Alex. McEachern's, or Mouth of Mabou, on the Western side of S. W. Branch to the new Post Road,	7	10	0
Indian Rear to South East end Lake Ainslie,	5	0	0
South East Mabou, on new Line to Sky Settlement,	15	0	0
Indian Rear, North side Bay, to Little Narrows,	12	10	0
Indian Rear to Hugh McKinnon's,	7	10	0
A point distant four miles from Indian Rear, on new Line to Portage, South East end of Lake Ainslie to Little Narrows, and thence to County Line, in direction of Middle River, in addition to £15 granted in 1842, unexpended, and to be expended now by Mr. Fergusson,	5	0	0
Head of St. George's Channel to Long Stretch,	5	0	0
Head of St. George's to Malagawatch,	20	0	0
Whitehead's Lots to Head South East Branch, Mabou,	5	0	0
South East Mabou to Lake Ainslie, on new Line,	5	0	0
Lake Ainslie, on new Line East side Smith's Brook to South East Mabou,	5	0	0
South East end Lake Ainslie, Eastern side, to outlet of same,	7	10	0
Lake Ainslie to County Line, in direction of Middle River,	6	0	0
Outlet of Lake Ainslie to Dorchester Brook,	6	0	0
McMillan's Point to South East end of Lake Ainslie,	7	10	0
Loch Baun to Dochestie's Brook, on new Line,	5	0	0
Black River by the Western side of Lake to the Southern end thereof,	7	10	0
Young's Bridge, on Northern side of South West Branch, Margaree, to McFarlane's Upper Bridge, and to repair the same,	15	0	0
Young's Bridge, on new Line, till it intersects the Line from Broad Cove,	5	0	0
Outlet of Lake Ainslie to McFarlane's, Upper Bridge,	7	10	0
Mouth of Margaree, Eastern side, to crossing place,	15	0	0
Duncan McDonald's to Philip's Mill,	7	10	0
School House, North side of River, to Galant's Bridge,	5	0	0
Young's Bridge, on new Line, to Mowatt's,	7	10	0
Ingrim's Brook to Big Interval,	5	0	0
Margaree to Cheticamp,	15	0	0
Owen's, at River Dennis, on the Western side of the River, on new Line to Malagawatch,	5	0	0
Owen's, at River Dennis, on new Line Western side of the River to Upper Settlement,	7	10	0
Bridge at Seley's Brook,	5	0	0
South West Bridge, Mabou, on new Line, to the Turk Settlement,	7	10	0
Indian Rear, new Line, to the Turk Settlement,	7	10	0
			From

From South West Bridge, Mabou, up to the Western side of the River,	£5	0	0
River Dennis Road, through McPheal's Glen to Whicocomah,	5	0	0
Cross Road by Chisholm's Mill to the River Dennis Road,	5	0	0
McMillan's Ferry to Main Road,	8	0	0
Mouth of Margaree to Young's Bridge,	12	10	0
Intervale of Broad Cove to Cape Mabou,	15	0	0
For building Bridge at Graham's Brook in addition to Subscription,	10	0	0
For connecting Arichat and Ship Harbour Roads,	10	0	0
For new Bridge South East of Mabou,	200	0	0
Balance reserved for Repairs on Main Road,	49	4	4
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	£700	0	0

Road Money for Cape Breton, 1844.

Whole Grant,	£750	0	0
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Township of Sydney,	250	0	0
Township of St. Patrick's,	250	0	0
Township of St. Andrew's,	250	0	0
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	£750	0	0

TOWNSHIP OF SYDNEY.

Sydney to East Bay,	10	0	0
Kilkenny Road,	10	0	0
Bridgeport to Sydney,	10	0	0
Hills North side of Miré to Salmon River,	10	0	0
Miré Gut to Horns,	5	0	0
Cow Bay to Big Barren,	10	0	0
Big Barren to Sydney,	10	0	0
Rodderham's to Ferry,	5	0	0
Continuation of North West Arm Road,	5	0	0
John Goutereau's to Ball's Creek,	15	0	0
Angus Link's to Barrasoi's,	15	0	0
Village to Mines,	10	0	0
Bridgeport to Glace Bay,	5	0	0
Little Glace Bay to Big Glace Bay,	5	0	0
North West Arm to Bras d'Or,	10	0	0
Sydney River Bridge to Forks,	10	0	0
Sydney to Miré,	10	0	0
Rodderham's Beach,	10	0	0
Low Point to North Head, (Lingan,)	10	0	0
Pond to Bras d'Or,	10	0	0
Miré Gut to Cow Bay,	10	0	0
New Road, Sydney, to South Bar,	69	10	0

TOWNSHIP OF SAINT ANDREW'S.

East Bay to Rory Brack's,	20	0	0
Rory Brack's to County Line,	20	0	0
Bridge at Tweed Norge,	10	0	0
East Bay to Salmon River,	15	0	0
Tweed Norge to Escasoni,	25	0	0
Escasoni to Great Narrows,	25	0	0

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Great Narrows along Shunacady,	£20	0	0
Over expenditure, Genahady,	28	10	0
Catalone to Mainadiou,	15	0	0
Catalone towards Mainadiou,	10	0	0
Catalone to Louisbourg,	10	0	0
Old Young's to N. E. Louisbourg,	12	0	0
Louisbourg to Gabarous,	20	0	0
Grand Miré Lake to Gabarous,	10	0	0
Boisdale to East Bay,	5	0	0

TOWNSHIP OF ST. PATRICK.

Great Narrows to Little Narrows,	10	0	0
McKay's Point to Long Whashabuk,	10	0	0
Village to Great Bras d'Or,	5	0	0
North side, Boularderie,	10	0	0
Great Bras d'Or to Revd. James Fraser's,	20	0	0
Revd. James Fraser's to Ferry,	20	0	0
Big Harbour to Little Baddeck,	5	0	0
Little Baddeck Bay to Jno. Campbell's,	15	0	0
St. Ann's to James Stewart's,	10	0	0
St. Ann's to Great Bras d'Or,	10	0	0
West Arm of St. Ann's to Upper Settlement of Baddeck,	10	0	0
Mill Brook to Upper Settlement, Baddeck,	10	0	0
New Road, St. Ann's, to Bras d'Or,	10	0	0
Baddeck to Angus Frazer's, on the Mountain,	20	0	0
Angus Frazer's to Middle River,	10	0	0
County Line to Peter Hume's,	10	0	0
Continuation of same Road to Middle River Bridge,	10	0	0
Bridge at Middle River,	40	0	0
Fork's Bridge, Baddeck,	5	0	0
Township of Sydney,	264	10	0
Township of St. Andrew's,	245	10	0
Township of St. Patrick's,	240	0	0
	£750	0	0

Roads omitted which were included last year.

Little Baddeck Road,
Portage Road to Great Narrows,
McKay's Point to Great Narrows,
Upper Settlement, Baddeck, to St. Ann's,
Road over Smoky.

Scale of Subdivision of Five Hundred Pounds, placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, for Services of Roads and Bridges in the County of Richmond, in the year 1844, respectfully submitted.

OVER-EXPENDITURES, 1843.

In Repairing Bridge at River Inhabitants,	£18	11	1
Repairing Bridge at Paulamond,	8	0	9
Repairing Bridge at Grand River,	15	4	2
Repairing Bridge at River Fear,	10	1	8
	Repairing		

Repairing Bridges and clearing Wind Falls on the Post Road from Strait of Canso to County Line of Cape Breton,	£10 0 0
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TOWNSHIP OF ARICHAT.

On the Road from Arichat to Grand Dique,	50 0 0
Road from Grand Dique to Paulamond,	7 0 0
Road from Paulamond to D'Escouse,	7 0 0
Road from Cape La Ronde to meet the Rocky Bay Road,	5 0 0
Road leading from D'Escouse Road via Revd. Mr. Shaw's to Grand Dique Road,	3 0 0
Road leading from D'Escouse Road at Thomas Wood's, to and along Rocky Bay Settlement,	7 0 0
Road from Petit De Grate to Little Ance,	5 0 0
Road from Cape Oquet to Head of Arichat Harbour,	5 0 0
Road from Charles Boudrot's, P. D. G., to the other Road leading to the Head of the same Settlement near Thomas Bews,	5 0 0
Road from Joseph Bouches to Richard's Cove,	3 0 0
Cross Road leading from the Main Road to Big Brook Bridge,	5 0 0
Towards finishing the Bridge at Big Brook,	10 0 0
Road from Arichat, halfway to D'Escouse,	10 0 0
from D'Escouse, halfway to Arichat,	10 0 0
Towards Bridge at Rocky Bay,	5 0 0

TOWNSHIP OF HAWKSBURY.

Towards finishing the Bridge at Ship Harbour,	7 0 0
On Road from River Inhabitants,	7 0 0
On Road from River Inhabitants Bridge to Head of St. George's Channel,	5 0 0
On Road from the Kempt Road, near Farquhar McPherson's, to Black River,	10 0 0
From Grand Dique Ferry to River Inhabitants Bridge,	18 0 0
From Patrick McCarthy's to Ship Harbor Road, unexpended from last year,	8 0 0
Road from McCarthy's to Bear Island,	7 0 0
Road from Bear Island to Ship Harbour Bridge,	3 0 0
Road from Head of North West Arm to Black River,	5 0 0
On new Line from Kempt Road, near Campbell's, towards Black River,	3 0 0

TOWNSHIP OF LENNOX.

On Road from River Fear Bridge to River Bourgeois,	5 0 0
Main Post Road at River Fear Bridge,	7 0 0
Road from Strachan's to Widow McPherson's,	5 0 0
The River Bourgeois up to the North side of the River, to the Post Road leading towards Arichat,	10 0 0
Road leading from Pringle's Mill to the Post Road near Strachan's,	9 0 0
Road from Allan Murison's, near the Points, to the Road leading from Pringle's to Strachan's,	3 0 0
Road from Scott's River to Little St. Peter's, across Cape George,	5 0 0
Towards the Bridge at Scott's River,	5 0 0
Road from Black River to Pringle's Mill,	10 0 0
Road from Pringle's Mill to Scott's River,	10 0 0

TOWNSHIP OF MAITLAND.

From St. Peter's to John Martell's,	13 6 5
John Martell's to Grance River,	17 10 0
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From Road (new line) from L'Ardoise to Bras d'Or Lake,	£10	0	0
Grand River Church to L'Archerique,	5	0	0
L'Archerique to John Matheson, Carpenter,	5	0	0
John Matheson, Carpenter, one-third of the Road to Framboise,	5	0	0
Framboise, two-thirds of the Road to John Matheson's, Carpenter,	10	0	0
Loch Lomond to Loch Uist,	10	0	0
Road from Loch Lomond to McNab's,	5	0	0
Road from Grand River to Louis' Cove,	5	0	0
Road from Grand River to Loch Lomond,	5	0	0
Road from St. Peter's to Soldier's Cove,	10	0	0
Soldier's Cove to John Johnston's, and for Repairing Bridge at Soldier's Cove,	45	0	0
John Johnston's to Eastern Boundary of Lot No. 1, occupied by the Heirs of the late Murdoch Moore, being the Boundary Line be- tween the Counties of Cape Breton and Richmond,	35	0	0
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	£514	4	1
Amount remaining unappropriated from the year 1843,	£14	4	1
Amount to be appropriated for the year 1844,	500	0	0

Road List for the County of Annapolis, for 1844.

On the Road from Samuel Purdy's to the Waldeck Line, called the Trim- per Road,	£5	0	0
Road from the Waldeck Line to Abraham Chute's,	5	0	0
Road from Jefferson's Road East, to Milner's Corner (Negro line),	7	0	0
Road from Moose River to the Hessian Line, Shaw's Road,	7	10	0
Road from Milner's Corner to Frederick Buckler's,	5	0	0
Road from Frederick Buckler's to John Combs',	4	0	0
Road from Pardon Sanders' to the General's Bridge,	7	10	0
Road from Beaver River Bridge to Jefferson's, by Henry Vroom's,	5	0	0
Road from Moose River to Samuel Bell's,	4	0	0
Road from Sydney Sanders' to Ferry,	7	10	0
New Liverpool Road, South from Lamb's Brook,	12	10	0
Road from Farry's to the eleven mile Tree, Dalhousie,	7	10	0
Perot Road South from the Ten Mile River,	4	0	0
To repair Allan's Creek Bridge,	15	0	0
To repair Bloody Creek Bridge,	20	0	0
To cut down the Hill by Joel Daniel's,	5	0	0
On the new Road East from Beals' Mountain Road by Benjamin Whitman's,	5	0	0
Road from Durland's from Joseph Starratt's West Line, East,	4	0	0
New Road, Nictaux Falls, by Joseph Foster's,	10	0	0
Morse Cross Road from the Main Road to Allan Starratt's,	9	0	0
To repair the Causeway at Eager's Bridge,	7	10	0
To repair Deep Brook Bridge, Waldeck Line,	5	0	0
On the Morse Cross Road, South End,	5	0	0
To finish the Bridge over Wright's Brook, Chute's Cove,	10	0	0
On the James Cross Road, from the limits of Bridgetown, to the Shore Road,	15	0	0
Chute's Cross Road, from James White's to Shore Road,	7	10	0
Phinney's Cross Road, from foot of the Mountain to the Shore Road,	7	10	0
Young's Cross Road, from the Main Road to the Shore Road,	7	10	0
McCormick's Cross Road, from Main Road to the Mountain,	7	10	0
On Parker's Cross Road, from the foot of the Mountain to the Shore Road,	7	10	0
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On McKenzie's Cross Road, from the Main to the Top of the Mountain,	£7	10	0
Shore Road, from the Robble Bridge West to Sloan's Bridge,	7	10	0
On Road leading from the Duke of York's Battery, along the Gut Shore to Flat Rock,	7	10	0
Shore Road from Sloan's Bridge West to the Lamberson Cross Road,	5	0	0
To repair Troops Aboiteau Main Road,	10	0	0
Monroe's Bridge, Main Road,	20	0	0
On the East, and West Road East of the Parker Cross Road,	5	0	0
On the Shore Road, East of the Young Cross Road,	5	0	0
On the Victoria Cross Road, from the Wilmot Springs to the 1st East and West Road,	10	0	0
And that the following sum, the Balance appropriated for Roads and Bridges in the County of Annapolis, be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to be expended in that service,	193	0	0

ON THE DALHOUSIE ROAD.

From the Eleven Mile Tree to Speakman's,	5	0	0
From Speakman's to John Meriecraft's,	5	0	0
From Meriecraft's to the Liverpool Cross,	5	0	0
From the Liverpool Cross to the Lunenburg Cross,	10	0	0
From the Lunenburg Cross to the King's County Line,	5	0	0
Through the Ramsay Settlement to the Dalhousie Road,	5	0	0

ON THE LUNENBURGH ROAD.

From the Allen Settlement to the Lunenburg Road, beginning at Allenbais and thence to John Heifman's,	4	0	0
From the Annapolis Township Line to the Lunenburg Cross on the Dalhousie Road,	5	0	0
From E. Roop's to the Lunenburg County Line,	7	10	0
From Springfield Road to John Gouches,	3	0	0

ON THE LIVERPOOL ROADS.

From the Liverpool Cross on the Dalhousie Road, to the Queen's County Line,	20	0	0
From the Indian Settlement through Maitland to the Queen's Co. Line,	5	0	0
From the Darland Settlement to the Annapolis Road,	5	0	0

ON THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN.

From Flannigan's Bridge to the Road adjoining it,	4	0	0
For the Road passing Eri Welton's,	4	0	0
From the Wheelock Settlement to the Sanders' Road,	4	0	0

ON THE NORTH MOUNTAIN.

For the Stronach Mountain Road, on the face of the Mountain,	5	0	0
Road from the Stronach Mountain to the Margaretville Pier, near the Shore,	5	0	0
Phinney Road, from the Bent Road Northwardly toward the Shore,	5	0	0
Gates' Mountain Road, from the Post Road to the Watering Place on the face of the Mountain,	5	0	0
Gates' Mountain Road, from the Watering Place to the Bay Shore,	5	0	0
Handly Mountain Road, from the foot of Handly Mountain on the South side across the Mountain to the Bay Shore,	5	0	0

For the Road from the Handley Mountain Road to the Sheep Shear Brook, Road leading from the Back Road, near the North Meeting House, up the Mountain to the Cross Road, leading towards Marshall's Cove,	£5 0 0
Road from Marshall's Cove to the Cross Road, along the top of the Mountain,	5 0 0
Road leading from the Bently Road towards the Shore past A. Wilkie's,	5 0 0
Road leading from the Phinney Mountain to the Stronach Mountain, called the Burt or Baily St. Road,	5 0 0
Cross Road from the Gates' Mountain, round to the Phinney Mountain Road, passing the Spa Springs,	5 0 0
Cross Road under the Mountain, from the Phinney Mountain round to the Stronach Mountain Road at the Condon School House,	5 0 0
Road between Chipman Brown's and Granville Reeds, near Gates' Breakwater,	5 0 0
New Road from Wm. Crawford's to the Gates' Mountain Road,	5 5 0
Road from the Stronach Mountain Road to the King's County Line near Beniah Spring's,	5 0 0
Toward the Bridge on the Main Road near W. Willett's, at the Co. Line,	7 10 0
In repairing the Bridge over the Annapolis River at Laurence Town,	8 15 0

No. 84.

(See Page 360.)

SCHEDULE A.

The Commissioners named in a Commission issued by His Excellency the Right Honorable Lucius Bentinck Viscount Falkland, Knight Grand Cross of the Guelphic Order, Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c., under the Seal at Arms at Halifax, on the thirtieth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, to the Honorable Simon Bradstreet Robie and James W. Johnston, and to William Young, James Boyle Uniacke, and Lawrence O'Connor Doyle, Esquires, directed, whereby after reciting that the said Lieutenant Governor had been requested by the House of Assembly, in their Address dated the twenty-seventh day of July then instant, to appoint a Commission of five persons to collect from the Public Archives of this Province such Records, Documents, and information, as might have a tendency to aid the Judicial Committee of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, in coming to a decision on the question pending before them in regard to the Legality of the Annexation of the Island of Cape Breton to Nova Scotia in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty. His Excellency the said Lieutenant Governor did appoint the said five named persons to be Commissioners for investigating into that matter, and directed them to report without delay to His Excellency the said Lieutenant Governor the result of such investigation for the information of Her Majesty's Government and the Judicial Committee aforesaid, and invested them with power to demand from the Officers in whose charge they are placed, the production of all records and papers bearing on the subject, having made the investigations directed to be made by them the said Commissioners, and examined all the Records and Documents and procured all the information furnished by the Public Archives of this Province to their knowledge and belief of the nature and character required and mentioned in the said Commission, have caused to be extracted therefrom all such portions thereof as might have a tendency

tendency to aid the Judicial Committee of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, in coming to a decision on the question pending before them in regard to the Legality of the Annexation of the Island of Cape Breton to Nova Scotia in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty. And we whose names are subscribed hereto, being three of the said Commissioners, have caused to be annexed hereto and do return herewith the said several Extracts, being comprised and contained in the Schedule annexed and marked B.—being

Twenty-six Extracts from the Minutes of Council of the Province of Nova Scotia, from the 17th August, 1757, to 24th December, 1798, entered in Books C. D. and E., being numbered in this Schedule from 1 to 26 inclusive.

Thirteen Extracts from the Commission Books of the Province of Nova Scotia, from the year 1749 to 1783, entered in Books D. F. & G., being numbered in this Schedule from 27 to 39 inclusive.

Six Extracts from Orders of Council for the Province of Nova Scotia, commencing 20th August, 1759, being numbered in this Schedule from 40 to 45 inclusive.

Thirteen Extracts from the Licence Books for the occupation of Lands in the Province of Nova Scotia, from 12th October, 1763, to 28th April, 1768, and from 28th January, 1779, to 10th October, 1791—being numbered in this Schedule from 46 to 58 inclusive.

Thirty-one Extracts from the Public Letter Book of the Lieutenant Governor from the year 1760 to 1784, being numbered in this Schedule from 59 to 89 inclusive.

Three Extracts of Despatches of the Governors of Nova Scotia to the Imperial Government, being numbered in this Schedule from 90 to 92 inclusive.

One Extract from Letter Book, containing the Governor of Nova Scotia's Despatches to the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, being numbered in this Schedule 93.

Thirteen references to Despatches to the Governors of Nova Scotia, relating to Nova Scotia being numbered in this Schedule 94 to 106 inclusive.

And we do respectfully report and return to His Excellency the said Lieutenant Governor, for the information of Her Majesty's Government and the Judicial Committee aforesaid, the said Extracts, as and being all the information collected, discovered, and known by the said Commissioners touching the matters aforesaid.

All which is humbly certified under our hands at Halifax, in the said Province of Nova Scotia, this twentieth day of September, in the eighth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

(L. S.)

(Signed)

FALKLAND.

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

TO THE HONORABLE SIMON B. ROBIE, THE HONORABLE JAMES W. JOHNSTON, AND TO WILLIAM YOUNG, JAMES B. UNIACKE, AND LAWRENCE O'C. DOYLE, ESQUIRES.

Greeting:—

Whereas I have been requested by the House of Assembly, in their address dated 27th July, instant, to appoint a Commission of five persons, to collect from the Public Archives

chives of this Province, such Records, and Documents, and Information, as may have a tendency to aid the Judicial Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council in coming to a decision on the question pending before them in regard to the legality of the annexation of the Island of Cape Breton to Nova Scotia in the year 1820.

Wherefore reposing especial trust and confidence in the ability and integrity of you, the said Simon B. Robie, James W. Johnston, William Young, James B. Uniacke, and Lawrence O'C. Doyle, I do by these presents appoint you to be Commissioners for investigating into this matter: and you will report to me without delay the result of such investigation for the information of Her Majesty's Government, and the Judicial Committee aforesaid: and I do hereby invest you with full power to demand from the Officers in whose charge they are placed, the production of all Records and Papers bearing on the subject in question, and it will be the duty of such officers to furnish you with such copies or extracts thereof as you shall require.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax, this thirtieth day of July, in the Eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, A. D. 1844.

By His Excellency's Command,

(Signed)

RUPERT D. GEORGE.

Endorsed.

The Execution of this Commission is set forth and contained in the Schedules hereunto annexed and marked A. and B.

Halifax, Nova Scotia, 20th September, 1844.

(Signed)

J. W. JOHNSTON.

SCHEDULE B.

Extracts from the Minutes of Council of the Province of Nova Scotia, from 17th August, 1757, to 24th December, 1798, entered in Books C. D. and E.

Extracts from the Minutes of Council of the Province of Nova Scotia, from Book C.

No. 1. Page 476.

*At a Council holden at Halifax, on the 27th August, 1764.
It was ordered,*

That all persons in the Isle of Breton who should refuse to pay the Duties, or submit to the Regulations relating to them, as established by the Laws of this Province, be sued in the name of the Government, by the Attorney and Solicitor General.

No. 2. Page 484.

At a Council holden at Halifax on the 28th September, 1764.

The Governor acquainted the Council that he designed to appropriate the Income of the Houses at Louisbourg for the repairing of the Public Roads.

No. 3. Page 506.

At a Council holden at Halifax on the 10th November, 1764.

Read a Memorial from John Forrester, praying for the Grant of a Fishing Lot on the north east side of the Harbour of Petit de graat, whereon he was then erecting a House, staves, &c.

And

And the Council advised that Licence to occupy Fish room at the place requested be granted to the Memorialist on the conditions expressed, and in the proportions he might appear entitled to, by the return of the Committee of Council relative to the distribution of Fishing Lots.

No. 4. Page 524.

At a Council holden at Halifax, on the 6th March, 1765.

The Governor laid before the Council a letter from the Right Honble. Lord Colvill, representing that information had been laid before him of a considerable quantity of Furs amassed at La Brador in the Island of Breton, by two persons named Ley and McCormick, in order to export to St. Pierre's, and that therefore proper measures might be taken to prevent such exportation.

And the Attorney General was directed to make enquiry on this representation, and to proceed according to such information as he should receive.

No. 5. Page 550.

At a Council holden at Halifax 2nd July, 1765.

The Attorney General was ordered to make enquiry whether there was a sufficiency of People for making a Jury to be summoned at Louisbourg.

No. 6. Page 566.

At a Council holden at Halifax 26th September, 1765.

The Collector at Louisbourg was ordered to make up his account and send it to the Treasury immediately.

No. 7. Page 578.

At a Council holden at Halifax on the 10th December, 1765.

It was ordered that the Island of Breton should be erected into a distinct County, to be known by the name of the County of Breton, comprehending the Isles Madame and Scaterie, and all others within the distance of three Leagues.

That a Commission should be issued for holding a Court of Quarter Sessions for the said County, and also for erecting an Inferior Court of Common Pleas there.

And that a Writ should be issued for choosing two Representatives for the County of Breton, and that they should be at liberty to choose non Residents.

No. 8. Page 595.

At a Council holden at Halifax on the 5th July, 1766.

The Attorney and Solicitor General were ordered to prosecute the persons at Louisbourg who were indebted for Province duties.

No. 9. Page 600.

At a Council holden at Halifax on the 13th August, 1766.

The Attorney and Solicitor General were ordered on behalf of the Government to prosecute in the case of Rockett, for Rum imported by him into Louisbourg and not legally entered, of which seizure had been made by George Cottnam, Esq., Collector.

Read a Memorial from James Monk, representing that he had commenced five different actions against the delinquents at Louisbourg for duties of Impost and Excise due to the Government, and that as he had no stated salary annexed to his office, praying to have the merits of this particular service taken into consideration, and such certain stipend as

the Government might see meet, allowed him out of such monies as might hereafter be recovered from the prosecution.

It was resolved that a sum adequate to his said services be allowed him.

From Book D. Minutes of Council of Province of Nova Scotia.

No. 10. Page 12.

At a Council holden at Halifax on the 10th September, 1766.

Licence was allowed to William Kutton to occupy a certain place on the Isle of Breton, on lands not in the occupation of any other persons, for the purposes of making salt—and leave was also given him to dig coals, except where the troops were at work.

No. 11. Page 26.

At a Council holden at Halifax on the 12th November, 1766.

A Memorial from the Inhabitants of Louisbourg was laid before the Council, setting forth that they were under difficulties in recovering debts from persons, who to avoid their Creditors, kept on board vessels in the Harbour, &c.

It was resolved that a Water Bailiff be appointed.

No. 12. Page 40.

At a Council holden at Halifax, on the 9th February, 1767.

The charges of the Solicitor General for expences incurred in the prosecution of the persons indebted for duties on Rum at Louisbourg, were ordered to be paid—and the charges of the Provost Marshal for service of writs at Louisbourg ordered to be paid.

No. 13. Page 75.

At a Council holden at Halifax, 24th September, 1767.

Read the Memorial of William Nesbitt on behalf of William Russell of Louisbourg, setting forth that the said William Russell at a very considerable expense, improved some Fish lots on the Isle of Breton, by the approbation of Col. Tullekin, then Commanding Officer there, and when that Island was annexed to the Government of this Province, the same was approved of by the late Governor Wilmot, who promised him temporary Grants therefor: and therefore praying that he might have temporary Grants for a Lot at the North East Point of Louisburgh Harbour, with sixty acres of land mostly rocky, a Lot on the Harbour of La Baleine, a Lot on the Harbour of Minacheu, the Lots in Little Brador with the gardens belonging to said Lots, and further requesting a temporary Grant of five hundred Acres of Land at said Brador, which he had partly improved.

Granted.

No. 14. Page 92.

At a Council holden at Halifax on the 22d March, 1768.

Read the Memorial of Benjamin Gerrish, James Amesbury, Peter Bard, and William Lloyd, setting forth that Alexander Ley of Louisbourg, had contrary to the Governor's Proclamation of April last, dug and carried away a large quantity of Coals from Cow Bay in the Isle of Breton.

The Attorney General was ordered to prosecute the said Alexander Ley.

No. 15. Page 96.

At a Council holden at Halifax on the 30th April, 1768.

James Gettings was appointed a Justice of the Peace for the County of Breton.

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No. 16. Page 107.

At a Council held at Halifax on the 16th August, 1768.

On considering the condition to which the Isle of Breton was then reduced, on withdrawing the Troops, by which the aid and support of the Civil Magistrate was considerably lessened, and that due encouragement should be given to a person of courage and resolution sufficient to keep the peace and to execute the Laws:

It was resolved that Mr. George Cottnam should be paid one hundred pounds for that service.

No. 17. Page 133.

At a Council holden at Halifax on the 2nd April, 1770.

It was resolved that no Writ should issue to the Isle of Breton, because of the want of Freeholders to make an Election, and that the said Isle be deemed to be represented by the Members for the County of Halifax, unto which it had been resolved, and become a part thereof as theretofore.

No. 18. Page 135.

At a Council holden at Halifax on the 4th May, 1770.

The Governor represented to the Council that having received information from Louisbourg that some persons had dug several hundred Chaldrons of Coal at the Mines at Cow Bay in the Isle of Breton, and that on application to Lieut. Col. Leslie, Commanding His Majesty's Troops in this Province, having obtained a sufficient number of the troops, to prevent such trespasses on the King's Rights for the future, he desired the opinions of the Council as to the measures proper to be taken, on which the Council advised that Mr. Cottnam, the Chief Magistrate at Louisbourg should be directed to proceed to Cow Bay, and to require all persons there to depart immediately, and that he should put the troops into the Barracks or Houses there belonging to the King, giving them orders to prevent any Coals being dug, or carried thence, without the Governor's special order.

And a Proclamation was ordered to be issued, strictly forbidding all persons to dig or carry away any Coals from the Isle of Breton.

No. 19. Page 208.

At a Council holden at Halifax on the 29th day of November, 1773.

The Governor laid before the Council several charges and informations taken on oath before George Dawson, one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, against Lawrence Kavanagh, Merchant at Louisbourg, setting forth that he had at several times pulled down the Public Buildings there, and taken away boards, timber, iron, lead, and other materials, and carried them to his own dwelling and converted them to his own use.

And said Lawrence Kavanagh having been called on to answer the said charges, in his defence said, that he had removed the several materials as set forth in the several charges, but that he had converted them to the use of repairing several of the Public Buildings which were then in a ruinous condition.

And the Governor ordered the aforesaid several charges and informations to be referred to the Attorney General for his opinion thereon.

No. 20. Page 209.

At a Council holden at Halifax on the 8th December, 1773.

The Governor laid before the Council a Memorial of Lawrence Kavanagh, Merchant and Trader at Louisbourg, complaining and setting forth that Lieutenant Dawson of His Majesty's Navy, and commanding an armed vessel stationed at and about Louisbourg,

bourg, had unjustifiably pressed seamen belonging to vessels wherein he was concerned, and had at other times under pretence of his power as a Custom House Officer, stopped and detained his fishing and trading vessels, and that as a Justice of the Peace he had lately solicited the depositions of several persons to the testimony of many false and scandalous assertions tending to calumniate Memorialist and hurt his reputation.

And several papers in support of said charge having been produced by the Memorialist, it was ordered, that said Memorial and Papers should be laid before Admiral Montague.

No. 21. * Page 253.

At a Council holden at Halifax on the 7th November, 1774.

The Governor laid before the Council copies of several Licences for the occupation of Lands and Houses and Fishing places, granted in sundry places on the Isle of Breton, proposing that the said Licences be resumed, and others granted yearly to such persons as might be approved of, such persons paying a yearly acknowledgment or rent to Government (fishing places excepted,) according to a proper valuation of them: that by the regulation of granting yearly licences the occupiers might be prevented from disposing by sale of any pretended right and other irregularities as had been the practice formerly.

To which the Council consented and agreed.

On complaint made by Mr. Cottnam, the chief Magistrate at Louisbourg, that several building materials had been moved from Louisbourg to St. Peter's, on the Isle of Breton, by Mr. Lawrence Kavanagh, also referring for further information to Mr. Hunter, commanding His Majesty's armed vessel, the Gaspe, together with a copy of a deposition to the fact.

It was ordered that the same be referred to the Attorney General to report thereon.

No. 22. Page 275.

At a Council holden at Halifax on the 5th February, 1775.

Mr. Cottnam, Collector at Louisbourg, ordered to pay monies into the Treasury.

No. 23. Page 300.

At a Council holden at Halifax on the 6th May, 1775.

Mr. Cottnam, Chief Justice at Louisbourg, was ordered to come to Halifax and bring with him all his Accounts.

No. 24. Page 379.

At a Council holden at Halifax on the 5th December, 1775.

Agreeably to the Act

“ For raising a Tax on the Inhabitants of this Province for defraying the expence of maintaining and supporting the Militia of said Province, and for the defence of the same.”

The following persons were appointed Commissioners for the purposes of the said Act at Louisbourg for the whole Island including the Isle Madame.

GEORGE COTTNAM, } Esquires.
WILLIAM RUSSEL, }
MR. WHEELER.

Extracts from the Minutes of Council of the Province of Nova Scotia, from Book E.

No. 25. Page 48.

*At a Council holden at Halifax on the 10th December, 1784. **

Read His Majesty's Commission appointing His Excellency John Parr, Captain General and Governor in Chief of Nova Scotia, limited and bounded as follows, viz.—Bounded on

on the westward by a line drawn from Cape Sable across the entrance of the Bay of Fundy, to the northward by a line along the centre of the Bay of Fundy, to the mouth of Musquash river, by said river to its source, and thence by a due east line across the Isthmus to the Bay of Vert, to the eastward by said Bay, and the Gulph of St. Lawrence to the Cape or Promontory called Cape Breton in the Island of that name, including the said Island and Island of Saint John and all other Islands within six leagues of the Coast and to the Southward by the Atlantic Ocean from the said Cape to Cape Sable aforesaid, including all the Islands of that name, and all other Islands within forty leagues of said coast, also Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Islands of Saint John and Cape Breton.

Likewise His Majesty's Commission appointing His Excellency Vice Admiral of the same.

No. 26. Page 74.

At a Council holden at Halifax on the 16th December, 1785.

A description is given of the Boundaries of the several Counties in which Cape Breton is not included. Gives the Boundaries of Nova Scotia as follows:

Bounded on the Southern Boundary of our Province of Quebec, as far as the Western extremity of the Bay of Chaleur.

To the Eastward by the said Bay and the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the Cape or Promontory called Cape Breton in the Island of that name, including that Island, the Island of St. John and all other Islands within six leagues of the coast, to the Southward by the Atlantic Ocean from the said Cape to Cape Sable, including the Island of that name, and all other Islands within forty leagues of the coast, and to the Westward by a line drawn from Cape Sable across the entrance of the Bay of Fundy, to the mouth of the River St. Croix, by the said River to its source, and by a line drawn due north from thence to the Southern Boundary of our Colony of Quebec.

Thirteen Extracts from the Commission Books of the Province of Nova Scotia, from the year 1749 to 1783, entered in Books D. F. & G., being numbered in this Schedule from 27 to 39 inclusive.

Extracts from the Commission Book of the Province of Nova Scotia, from the year 1749 to 1766. Book D.

No. 27. Page 231.

MONTAGU WILMOT, *Esquire, Lieut. Governor and Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.*

TO FRANCIS ALBRETUS STRASBURG, WILLIAM RUSSELL AND WILLIAM PHIPPS,
Esquires, Greeting.

By virtue of the power and authority to me intrusted by His Majesty's Commission and Royal Instructions, reposing special trust and confidence in your loyal fidelity and good conduct, I do by these presents appoint you and every of you, Justices of the Peace at the Island of Cape Breton, in the County of Halifax and Province aforesaid during pleasure. And you are hereby invested with all the powers and authorities specified and contained in a Commission of the Peace for the County of Halifax, bearing date the third day of September, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-two.

In Witness whereof I have signed these Presents and caused the seal of the Province to be thereunto affixed at Halifax, this tenth day of February, in the fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great

Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-four.

By Command of the Lieut. Governor,

(Signed) RICH'D. BULKELEY, *Sec'y.*

No. 28. Page 236.

MONTAGU WILMOT, *Esquire, Lieut. Governor and Commander in chief, &c. &c. &c.*

To George Cottnam, Esq., Greeting.

By virtue of the power and authority in me vested by His Majesty, I do hereby constitute and appoint you, the said George Cottnam, to be during pleasure Collector at Louisbourg, in the Island of Cape Breton, in said Province, of the duties granted to His Majesty by an Act, &c. &c. &c.

Given under my hand and seal at Halifax, this 28th day of January, 1764.

(Signed) MONTAGU WILMOT.

By Command of the Lieut. Governor.

(Signed) RICH'D. BULKELEY, *Sec'y.*

No. 29. Page 237.

A Short Commission of the usual tenor issued under the Seal of the Province, appointing George Cottnam, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace at the Island of Breton, in the County of Halifax, dated 24th January, 1764.

No. 30. Page 265.

MONTAGU WILMOT, *Esq. &c. &c. &c.*

To John Bath, Gent., Greeting.

I do hereby constitute and appoint you during pleasure, Guager for the Isle of Breton in this Province, injoining you to the faithful and diligent discharge of the office of Guager, as set forth and directed in the Act intitled An Act for the appointment of sworn Guagers, ascertaining their duty, granting them an allowance and establishing their Fees, and all such other acts as are or may hereafter be made relative to the said office, and you are to observe and follow all such rules and instructions as you shall receive from time to time from the Collectors of Impost and Excise—and for so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Halifax, this 15th day of June, 1764.

(Signed) M. WILMOT.

By His Excellency's Command.

(Signed) RICH'D. BULKELEY, *Sec'y.*

No. 31. Page 333.

MONTAGU WILMOT, *Esquire, &c. &c. &c.*

To GEORGE COTTNAM, GREGORY TOWNSEND, AND WILLIAM RUSSELL, Esquires. Greeting.

By virtue of the power and authority to me given and granted by His Majesty's Commission

mission and Royal Instructions, I do by these presents constitute and appoint you and every of you, Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Breton in the said Province of Nova Scotia, which said Court you are hereby authorized to call and hold Pleas therein, at the Town of Louisbourg, in the Province aforesaid, four times in every year, and I do hereby grant unto you the said Justices or any two of you met together in said Court, full power, authority and jurisdiction to hear and determine all causes at common law whatsoever that shall come before you, according to the Laws of England and the Laws and usages of the said Province of Nova Scotia not being repugnant thereto, and executions of all Judgments of the said Courts to award, subject nevertheless to appeals to His Majesty's Supreme Court of the said Province, which you are hereby required and directed to allow in all Causes except in Assault and Battery, or in those Causes which by the said Laws of the Province are to be heard and determined by you in a summary way, and any one of you the said Justices (no other one of you at the usual time being present,) are hereby authorised and empowered to adjourn the said Court from day to day as circumstances may require.

And you are likewise hereby authorised and empowered to use as has been accustomed in the County of Halifax, a Common Seal of the said Court, whereon shall be engraven His Majesty's Arms, encircled with this Motto, viz., Inferior Court of Common Pleas, County of Breton, Nova Scotia, and for the due execution of the several powers above expressed, this shall be to you and every of you a sufficient Warrant.

In testimony whereof I have signed these Presents and caused the Seal of the Province to be thereunto affixed at Halifax, this 16th day of December, 1765, in the Sixth year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

(Signed)

RICH'D. BULKELEY, *Sec'y.*

No. 32. Page 335.

(Signed) M. WILMOT.

MONTAGU WILMOT, Esq., &c., &c.

To the Honorable Jonathan Belcher, Benjamin Green, John Collier, Charles Morris, Richard Bulkeley, Joseph Gerrish, Edmund Crawley, Hervey Newton, Michael Francklin, Sebastian Zouberbukler, Jonathan Binney and William Nesbitt, Esquires—George Cottnam, Francis Albertus Strasbourg, William Russell, William Phipps and Gregory Townsend, Esquires, Greeting. Know Ye that by virtue of the power and authority to me given and granted by His Majesty's Commission and Royal Instructions, and reposing especial trust and confidence in your loyalty, fidelity and good conduct, I do by these presents nominate constitute and appoint and assign you jointly and severally and every of you Justices of the Peace for the County of Breton in the Province aforesaid, to keep and cause to be kept all the ordinances and statutes for the good of His Majesty's peace, and for the preservation of the same, and for the quiet rule and government of the people made in all and singular their articles in the said County of Breton as well as within the liberties as without, according to the force form and effect of the same, and to chastise and punish all persons that offend against the form of those ordinances and statutes or any one of them in the aforesaid County of Breton County, as it ought to be done according to the form of those ordinances and statutes—and to cause to come before you or any one of you all those who to any one or more of His Majesty's said people concerning their bodies or the firing their houses, have used threats to find sufficient security for the peace or their good behaviour towards His Majesty and his people, and if they shall refuse to find such security then them in His Majesty's prison until they shall find such security to cause to be safely kept. It is also assigned you or any two or more of you, (of whom any one of you the said Jonathan Belcher, Benjamin Green, John Collier, Charles Morris, Richard Bulkeley, Joseph Gerrish, Edmund Crawley, Hervey Newton, Michael Francklin, Sebastian

tian Zouberbukler, Jonathan Binney, and William Nesbitt shall be one) our Justices aforesaid, to enquire the truth more fully by the oath of good and lawful men of the aforesaid County of Breton County, by whom the truth in the matter shall be the better known of all and all manner of felonies, poisonings, enchantments, sorceries, trespasses, forestallings, regratings, ingrossings and extortions whatsoever, and of all and singular crimes and offences of which the Justices of His Majesty's Peace may or ought lawfully to enquire, by whomsoever and after what manner soever in the said County of Breton done or perpetrated, or which shall happen to be there done or attempted. And also of all those who in the aforesaid County of Breton in companies against His Majesty's peace and in disturbance of his people, with armed force have gone or rode or shall hereafter presume to go or ride. And also of all those who have there lain in wait or hereafter shall presume to lie in wait to maim cut or kill any of His Majesty's said people.

And also of all victuallers and all and singular other persons who in the abuse of weights or measures or in selling victuals against the form of the ordinances and statutes or any one of them therefor made for the common benefit of His Majesty's said people, have offended or attempted or hereafter shall presume to offend or attempt in the said County of Breton. And also of all sheriffs, bailiffs, constables, keepers of gaols and other officers, who in the execution of their offices about the premises or any of them, have unduly behaved themselves or shall hereafter presume to behave themselves unduly, or have been or shall happen hereafter to be careless remiss or negligent in the aforesaid County of Breton, and of all and singular circumstances and articles and all other things whatsoever that concern the premises or any of them, and by whomsoever and after what manner soever in the said County of Breton done or perpetrated, or which hereafter shall there happen to be done or attempted in what manner soever. And to inspect all indictments whatsoever before you or any of you taken or to be taken or before others late Justices of the Peace in the aforesaid County made or taken and not yet determined. And to make and continue process thereupon against all and singular the persons so indicted, or who before you shall hereafter happen to be indicted, until they can be taken, surrender themselves or be outlawed.

And to hear and determine all and singular assaults, batteries, breaches of His Majesty's peace, trespasses, forestallings, regratings, engrossings, extortions, unlawful assemblies, indictments aforesaid, and all and singular other the premises according to the laws and statutes of England, and according to the laws and usages of the said Province of Nova Scotia not being repugnant thereto, as in the like case has been accustomed or ought to be done. And the same offenders and every of them for their offences by fines, ransoms, amerciements, forfeitures and other means, as according to the laws aforesaid or form of the ordinances and statutes aforesaid it has been accustomed or ought to be done to chastise and punish.

Provided always that if a case of difficulty upon determination of any of the premises before you the said Justices of the Peace, or any two or more of you shall happen to arise, then let Judgment in nowise be given thereon before you or any two or more of you, unless in the presence of His Majesty's Chief Justice of the said Province for the time being, or of one of our Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas when such Court shall be constituted for the said County of Breton, or of one of the Justices appointed to hold the Assizes therein, and therefore we command you and every of you, that to the keeping the peace, ordinances and statutes and all and singular other the premises, you diligently apply yourselves, and that at certain days and places which you or any such two or more of you as is aforesaid shall appoint for these purposes into the premises you make enquiries, and all and singular the premises hear and determine and perform and fulfil them in the aforesaid form, doing therein what to justice appertain according to the Laws of England, and according to the Laws and usages of the said Province of Nova Scotia not being repugnant thereto, saving to His Majesty the amerciements and other things to him therefrom belonging. And we command by the tenor of these presents the Provost Marshall of this Province or his deputy, that at certain days and places wherein you or any such

two or more of you as is aforesaid to him as is aforesaid shall make known, he cause to come before you or such two or more of you as aforesaid, so many and such good and lawful men of the said County, by whom the truths of the matter in the premises shall be better known and enquired into.

Lastly I have assigned you George Cottnam, Esquire, Keeper of the Rolls of the Peace of the said County of Breton, and therefore you will cause to be brought before you and your said fellows at the days and places aforesaid, the writs, precepts, processes and indictments aforesaid, that they may be inspected and by due course determined as aforesaid. In testimony whereof I have signed these presents and caused the seal of the Province to be thereunto affixed at Halifax, this sixteenth day of December, 1766, in the sixth year of His Majesty's reign.

By Command of His Excellency.

(Signed) RICHARD BULKELEY, *Sec'y.*

Extracts from the Commission Book of Nova Scotia.

Commencing 17th July, 1766. Ending 19th May, 1768.

No. 33. Book —. Page 17.

MICHAEL FRANCKLIN, *Esqr., Lieut. Governor, &c. &c. &c.*

To George Cottnam, Esquire, Greeting.

Whereas I have by Commission under the Seal of the Province, appointed Samuel Holland, Esq. a Justice of the Peace for the County of Breton, these are therefore to authorise and impower you and you are hereby required and directed to administer to the said Samuel Holland the oath of office hereunto annexed, and return this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Secretary of the said Province, that the same may remain of Record.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Halifax, this 26th Sepr. 1766, in the sixth year of His Majesty's Reign.

(Signed) M. FRANCKLIN.

By Command of the Lieut. Governor.

(Signed) RICH'D. BULKELEY.

No. 34. Page 53.

A Commission issued under the Seal of the Province, appointing George Cottnam, Gregory Townsend, and William Russell, Esquires, Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Breton. Dated 9th September, 1767.

No. 35. Page 65.

A Commission of the usual tenor, passed under the Seal of the Province, appointing James Gettings, Esquire, during pleasure, one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Breton. Dated 8th May, 1768.

No. 36. Page 80.

LORD WILLIAM CAMPBELL, *Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia or Acadie and its Dependencies, &c.*

To George Cottnam, Esqr. Greeting.

By virtue of the power and authority to me given by His Majesty's Commission and
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Royal Instructions, reposing special trust and confidence in your fidelity, prudence and ability, I do by these presents nominate and appoint you, the said George Cottnam, (during pleasure,) Naval Officer for the County of Breton, in this Province, to exercise and enjoy the said Office of Naval Officer, with such powers as thereunto appertain, with all fees and perquisites that thereto belong, requiring you faithfully to discharge the said duty of said Office.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Halifax, this fourteenth day of September, 1768, in the Eighth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

(Signed)

WILLIAM CAMPBELL.

By His Excellency's Command.

(Signed)

RICH'D. BULKELEY, *Sec'y.*

Extracts from the Commission Book of the Province of Nova Scotia, from the Year 1768 to 1781. Book F.

No. 37. Page 131.

(L. S.)

LORD WILLIAM CAMPBELL, &c., &c.

(Signed) WILLIAM CAMPBELL.

To George Cottnam, Esquire, Greeting.

By virtue of the power and authority to me given and granted by His Majesty, I do hereby constitute and appoint you to be Major Commandant of the Militia for the Isle of Breton in the Province of Nova Scotia during pleasure. You are therefore to exercise as well the officers as men thereof in arms and to use your best endeavours to keep them in good order and discipline, and I do hereby command them to obey you as their Major Commandant: and you are to observe and follow such orders and instructions as you shall from time to time receive from myself or any other your superior officer, according to the laws and regulations already made or that shall hereafter be made for the Militia of this Province.

Given under my hand and seal at Halifax this 5th day of September 1771, in the eleventh year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command.

(Signed.)

RICHARD BULKELEY, *Sec'y.*

No. 38. Page 169.

LORD WILLIAM CAMPBELL, Captain General, &c. &c.

To Arthur Goold, Esq., Greeting :

Whereas divers complaints have lately come from His Majesty's Island of Cape Breton, and it is impossible to ascertain the validity of such representations at that distance, I have thought fit and you are hereby directed with all convenient speed to repair to the town of Louisbourg and there to examine into the true state of all complaints, inspect the public buildings and take every measure you shall think necessary for His Majesty's interest, and the ease and security of His Majesty's subjects inhabiting that Island, for which this shall be your warrant and authority.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Province at Halifax this twenty-fourth day of August, in the twelfth year of His Majesty's Reign.

(Signed.)

W. CAMPBELL.

By His Excellency's command.

(Signed.)

ARCH'D. HINSHELWOOD, *D. S.*

Extract

*Extract from the Commission Book of the Province of Nova Scotia,
from the year 1781 to 1783.*

No. 39. Book G. Page 93.

A Commission of the usual tenor, passed under the Governor's Hand and Seal, appointing Jonathan Binney, Esquire, during pleasure, Collector of Impost and Excise in the district of Canso, from Cape Lewis to Country Harbour, including the Island of Breton and Isle Madame, empowering him to appoint Deputies.

Six Extracts from Orders of Council for the Province of Nova Scotia, commencing 20th August, 1759, being numbered in this Schedule, from 40 to 45 inclusive.

No. 40. Page 297.

Extracts from Orders of Council for the Province of Nova Scotia, commencing 20th August, 1759.

By His Excellency MONTAGU WILMOT, Esquire, Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia or Acadie, &c. &c.

Licence is granted unto John Moss to occupy a tract of Land on the North side of Petit le Grate, on the Isle Madame, on the coast between the Harbours of Halifax and Louisbourg, so long as he shall actually carry on a Fishing there and until further orders.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Halifax, this twenty-third day of April, 1764.

(Signed)

M. WILMOT.

No. 41. Page 298.

By His Excellency MONTAGU WILMOT, Esquire, &c. &c. &c.

Licence is granted unto William Phipps, Esquire, to occupy a place called Magre Cove, with lands bordering thereon, near Cape North in the Island of Breton, so long as he shall carry on a Salmon Fishery there and until further orders.

Given, &c. &c. twenty-third day of April, 1764.

No. 42. Page 326.

By MONTAGU WILMOT, Esquire, &c. &c. &c.

Instructions for Charles Morris, Esqr., Chief Land Surveyor.

You are to proceed forthwith to make an actual Survey of the Islands of Breton and St. John, beginning at either of them as to you shall seem most convenient, and you are to enquire particularly into the nature of the Soil, the Rivers and Harbours in each of them, and their particular productions and advantages, and every other matter capable of affording any useful information towards forming a competent knowledge of the several uses and benefits which may arise and be drawn from their qualities and situation.

Given, &c. &c. 26th day of June, 1764.

No. 43. Page 379.

Windsor, 27th June, 1765.

Representation being made to me that a Murder has been committed at Louisbourg, where circumstances have hitherto prevented an establishment for the complete execution

tion of the Laws, I therefore think it necessary that the Council should take this matter under their consideration, to advise some fit method for the speedy and due administration of justice and execution of the Laws in this instance of Murder said to have been committed, as well as all others where there has not been due redress. And for this purpose you are forthwith to summon the Council, who are to report to me their opinion thereon, and to take into further consideration all other matters which may be ready and of due course should come before them.

(Signed)

M. WILMOT.

To RICHARD BULKELEY, Esq., Secretary of the Province.

No. 44. Page 408.

Halifax, 19th May, 1766.

(Signed) M. WILMOT.

Instructions to GEORGE COTTNAM, Esq.

Whereas it is necessary that some proper person should be employed to inspect the Dwelling Houses and Warehouses at Louisbourg, to let them for rent, and to sue for and demand the same when due.

You are therefore hereby directed to examine the state and condition of said Houses, and also to hire them out for the best rent which can be had for them, and demand and sue for all rents due, and of your proceedings thereon, to transmit to the Governor an exact account.

And as the Wharves are represented to want repair, you are therefore to require 2s. 6d. for every Vessel loading or unloading at any of the Wharves, and to see that no Vessel shall be suffered to enjoy the benefit of loading or unloading without due payment of 2s. 6d. each, to be applied for the keeping them in proper and sufficient repair, and rendering account of the money received and expended for that purpose.

By His Excellency's Command.

(Signed)

R. BULKELEY, *Sec'y.*

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Further approved by the Honble. BENJ. GREEN, Esq., Commander in Chief,
24th May, 1766.

No. 45. Page 409.

Secretary's Office.

I do hereby appoint George Cottnam, Esq. my Deputy for the County of the Isle of Breton, to grant passes to persons leaving that part of the Province, according to the Law in that case made and provided.

Given under my hand at Halifax, 20th May, 1766.

(Signed)

RICH'D. BULKELEY.

Thirteen Extracts from the Licence Books for the occupation of Lands in the Province of Nova Scotia, from 12th October, 1763, to 28th April, 1768—and from 28th January, 1779, to 10th October, 1791—being numbered in this Schedule 46 to 58 inclusive.

Extracts from the Licence Book for the occupation of Lands in the Province of Nova Scotia. Commencing 12th October, 1763—Ending 28th April, 1768.

No. 46. Page 362.

By His Excellency MONTAGU WILMOT, Esquire, Captain General and Governor in Chief, &c. &c.

Licence is hereby granted unto John Robin, to occupy the Lands he is now in possession of at Petit de Grät for the Fishery during pleasure only.

Given

Given under my Hand and Seal at Halifax, this fourteenth day
of August, 1765, in the fifth year of His Majesty's Reign.
(Signed) M. WILMOT.

By His Excellency's Command.
(Signed) RICH'D. BULKELEY.

No. 47. Page 590.

By the Honble. BENJAMIN GREEN, &c.

Licence is hereby granted unto Ralph Dundas, Esquire, Lieutenant in His Majesty's Navy, to possess, occupy, and improve a tract of land in the Bay of Niginish, on the Island of Cape Breton, extending from the Northernmost point of the Bay to the Southward, as far as the Fresh Water Lake or Barasoa, until His Majesty's pleasure shall be further known.

Given, &c. 1st. July, 1766.

No. 48. Page 593.

An absolute Grant, subject to a yearly quit rent of one half penny per acre, unto Le Sieur Gratian D'Arrigrand, his Heirs and Assigns, of

A Tract of Land situate, lying and being in the Harbour of Louisbourg, in the Isle of Breton, in the Province aforesaid, and beginning three hundred feet from high water mark, at the head of a Cove which lies about half a mile to the eastward of the Grand Battery—and from thence to run west ten chains, thence north-west one hundred and fifty-eight chains, thence north eight hundred and eighty chains, thence east two hundred and forty chains, thence south eight hundred and eighty chains, thence south-west one hundred and fifty-eight chains, thence west ten chains till it meets the first mentioned boundary, containing in the whole by estimation twenty-thousand acres more or less, with allowance for Roads, Lakes, Fortifications, &c., with all manner of Mines unopened except Mines of Gold, Silver, and Coals.

Dated 8th July, 1766.

No. 49. Page 710.

By the Honble. MICHAEL FRANCKLIN, Lt. Gov., &c.

Licence is hereby granted unto William Russell, Esqr., to occupy the several lots hereafter named, viz :—a lot at the N. E. point of Louisbourg, with 60 acres of Land, mostly Rocky; a Lot in the harbour of La Baliene; a Lot in the Harbour of Minacheu; the Lots in Little Bra d'Or, with the Gardens belonging to said Lots, together with 500 acres of Land at said Bra d'Or. This Licence to continue during pleasure only.

Dated, 16th October, 1767.

No. 50. Page 731.

Licence is hereby granted unto James Gethings and Lawrence Kavanagh, to occupy a Tract of Land on the Isle of Breton, situated between the West end of Little St. Peter's, and ending at the Easternmost end of Port Louis, containing 500 acres or thereabouts. This Licence to continue during pleasure only.

Dated, 10th December, 1767.

No. 51. Page 735.

Licence is hereby granted unto John Reily, to occupy (during pleasure only), in the harbour of Minadeu, in the Isle of Breton, in this Province, fifty rods of Land in breadth, by one hundred and fifty in depth, whereon the said John Reily has built a House, and Stages and Flakes for carrying on the Fishery.

Dated, 14th April, 1768.

*Extracts from the Licence Book for the occupation of Lands in the Province of Nova Scotia.
Commencing 2nd January, 1779.*

No. 52. Page 115.

Secretary's Office, 12th September, 1783.

Licence is hereby granted unto John Janvrin Hamond and Company, to occupy during pleasure the Fish Rooms formerly occupied by Edward LeGrosse and Edward Collas, and also by John LeRous, together with part of the place called Great Grave, on the East side the harbour Petit de Grat. This Licence not to interfere with any other Fisherman settled there

By His Excellency's Command,

(Signed)

RICH'D. BULKELEY.

No. 53. Page 116.

Secretary's Office, 12th September, 1783.

Licence is hereby granted unto John LeFeuvre, and Janvrin and Company, to occupy during pleasure the Fish Room formerly occupied by James Balleine, on the West side the harbour Petit de Grat. Also the Fish Rooms on the East side said Harbour, between John Janvrin Hamond & Company, and also the Fish Rooms between Richard Martel and James Kavanagh, and the Land now occupied by the French Acadians. So as not to interfere with any person whatever carrying on the Fishery, &c.

No. 54. Page 116.

23rd September, 1783.

Licence is hereby granted unto James and Lawrence Kavanagh, to occupy during pleasure a Fish Room on the East side the Harbour Petit de Grat, being the head land on the north side Ship Cove, not to interfere with any person settled or carrying on the Fishery there.

No. 55. Page 124.

11th December, 1783.

Licence is hereby granted unto Joseph Fusier, to occupy during pleasure a Fish Room at St. Mary's Harbour, Isle Madame, being the point of Land lying north of Isle Pichot, and eastward of the Island called Sherlock's Island, extending three hundred feet in width on the shore, and into the Country six hundred feet, including the place of his former residence.

No. 56. Page 129.

5th March, 1784.

Licence is hereby granted unto George Deschamps, Esquire, during pleasure to occupy and work a Quarry of Stone on Plaister Cove, in the Gut of Canso.

No. 57. Page 129.

12th March, 1784.

Licence is hereby granted unto John Riely, to occupy, during pleasure only, in the Harbour of Minadeu, on the Isle of Breton, in this Province, fifty rods of Land in breadth, by one hundred and fifty in depth, whereon the said John Reily has built a House, Stages and Flakes for carrying on the Fishery.

No. 58. Page 149.

24th January, 1785.

Licence is hereby granted to John Potts, during pleasure, to dig and carry from any part of the Gut of Canso, Plaister of Paris.

Thirty-one

Thirty-one Extracts from the Public Letter Book of the Lieutenant Governor, from the Year 1760 to 1784, being numbered in this Schedule, 59 to 89 inclusive.

Extracts from the Public Letter Book of the Lieutenant Governor, from the year 1760 to 1784.

No. 59. Page 56.

24th January, 1764.

As the King has been pleased by His Royal Proclamation, dated the 7th October last, to annex the Islands of Cape Breton and St. John to the Government of Nova Scotia, and as I have received His Majesty's express commands to publish the said Proclamation, and for the strict observation of it I have inclosed a copy which I intreat you will order to be made public, together with one which I have issued to enjoin due obedience to it and order a certificate to be wrote on the back of it, signifying that it has been published in the Island of Cape Breton, with the name of the place and day of the month, and so return it into the Office of the Secretary of the Province, and as it appears to be His Majesty's intention that the new conquered countries should enjoy the benefit of Civil Government as near as may be to the Laws of England, and as the addition of the Islands of Cape Breton and St. John to the Government of this Province have brought them under the civil jurisdiction here established, I beg you would procure me if in your power, a chart or survey of both Islands, and the Papers or Registers relating to all persons in possession of any Lands, or those who have any promises or licences for occupying them, together with all papers or informations which may be useful or serviceable in the establishment of the civil power and authority, and for such a division of the Lands as may be most convenient for the settlement of Townships. And I beg you would also order a list to be made out of the Inhabitants, specifying the numbers in family, their places of residence, and their occupations, together with the number of Houses in Louisbourg, the persons occupying them, and on what conditions, and likewise that you will please to give orders that none of them shall be pulled down, injured, or damaged on any account. All informations and knowledge of this kind will enable me to promote the service and fulfil the intention of His Majesty, &c.

As by the Laws of this Province every person retailing Rum without Licence is liable to a prosecution, I have inclosed Blank Licences, for which they are to pay £5 per annum, and bonds given for security of conformity to the Law. Since writing the above Postscript, having recollected the incompatibility of the duty of Collector and Naval Officer, and the necessity of having a Magistrate immediately at Louisbourg, I have sent Mr. Cottnam, an acting Justice of the Peace, whose Commission is for the County of Halifax, in which the Island of Breton is included, and I have also appointed him Collector, and would recommend him to you for being accommodated with convenient quarters. In the meantime I will readily attend your recommendation in favour of Mr. Townsend or any other person you please.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

M. WILMOT.

To the Commanding Officer at Louisbourg.

No. 60. Page 58.

Halifax, 13th February, 1764.

Gentlemen—

The Governor having thought fit to appoint you Justices of the Peace for the Island of Cape Breton, it is sent by this opportunity with a power for Mr. Cottnam to administer to you the oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the oath of a Justice of the Peace.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

RICH'D. BULKELEY.

To Francis Albertus Strasburgher, William Russell,
and William Phipps, Esqrs., Louisbourg.

No.

No. 61. Page 59.

Halifax, 12th April, 1764.

Sir—

I had the favor of your letters the 8th of this month, with several Papers relating to Louisbourg and the Inhabitants.

As to the applications for Lands and Houses it is utterly out of my power to take any one step respecting them until I shall have received the King's Instructions for my conduct in what relates to that part of this Province, and I have already had an express order to that purpose.

Any other matters which are referred to me I shall immediately consider and gladly grant any request in my power and consistent with the public good.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

M. WILMOT.

To Col. TULLEKIN, or Officer Commanding at Louisbourg.

No. 62. Page 61.

Halifax, 29th May, 1764.

Sir—

I am apprehensive that I have omitted to acquaint your Excellency, that in consequence of the Isle of Breton being annexed to this Government, and becoming consequently subject to the Laws and Regulations of it, I have sent Directions that no use should be made of the Coals except for the Troops, and particularly no exportation made of them without permission first obtained from me, at the same time that none which have been wrought by the troops shall be taken away without paying the expense of the labor. But it is necessary at the same time that I should inform your Excellency that this order shall not interfere whenever any quantity shall be wanted for your own use, or any person whom you shall please to recommend to me.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

M. WILMOT.

To His Excellency General GAGE, Commander
in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in North
America at New York.

No. 63. Page 63.

Secretary's Office, Halifax, 28th August, 1764.

Sir—

The application which had been formerly made from the Inhabitants of Louisbourg, on account of the Courts and the duties on Spirituous Liquors, &c., were rejected in Council because the establishment of a Court there was a matter that could not be done in the present circumstances of things, and their Memorial relating to the duties was unreasonable—but in a Council held 27th of this month, it was ordered, that all persons refusing to pay the duties imposed by law should be prosecuted in the name of the Government by the King's Attorney and Solicitor, and you will receive blank Writs to be filled up against all such persons, so that if they choose to try the matter, they will be convinced to their cost that the Isle of Breton is under the Laws of this Province.

I am, Sir, &c.

(Signed)

RICH'D. BULKELEY.

To GEORGE COTTNAM, Esq., Louisbourg.

No. 64. Page 65.

17th June, 1765.

Sir,

I received your Letter of 31st May with the Returns, &c. You mention 1200 chaldrons of coals being dug. Relating to the payment of which I think the whole should be made up

up by three different payments, one for the supply of the coals for Louisbourg, one for the supply of the coals at Halifax, and third to be paid for as they are brought away, or to be obtained as they are otherwise disposed of. But as the persons employed at the Mines may possibly be reduced before the two last of these payments can be made, it will be necessary that you should order Mr. Townsend to pay the whole expense, part of which will be paid by the Contractor for the fuel of this Garrison, when the proportion of the coals sent here shall be known, and the remaining part according to the manner in which they shall be disposed, for which he will give the Government credit in his accounts.

I beg you would inform me of what the expense of digging will be per chaldron.

In regard to the allowance to Serj't. English it will be necessary to make application to General Gage.

I have the honor, &c.,

(Signed)

M. WILMOT.

Major WALTERS, or Officer commanding at Louisbourg.

No. 65. Page 72.

Halifax, 12th December, 1765.

Sir—

I have had the favour of your letter of 16th of last month with your representation of the difficulties which have arisen in the execution of the Laws in the Island of Breton. I have been long sensible of the necessity of establishing Courts of Justice at Louisbourg, but the uncertain state and fluctuating condition of the people there, and the want of numbers to afford a choice of proper persons to constitute the Courts, and form Juries, together with my inability to grant Lands in that Island (which I am forbid to do until His Majesty's further pleasure shall be known) have prevented those measures which would have taken place long since had matters and circumstances been in a state of more maturity.

However Sir you will see by the inclosed Minute of Council how far the Government has thought it advisable to proceed for the present in the redress of the grievances complained of.

In regard Sir to the question you have proposed—"How far the authority of a Commanding Officer in that place reaches?" I have particular satisfaction in observing that your conduct and the letter now before me, show how little information is wanting to you in that matter, as you have not exerted any authority except over persons and things merely Military, nor think it proper to employ your power in other affairs, unless called on to give your aid by the Civil Magistrate, it affords me much pleasure in considering that the people where you are will at all times receive every benefit in your power.

I am Sir, &c.,

(Signed)

M. WILMOT.

To Col. PRINGLE, Commanding His Majesty's Troops }
in the Isle of Breton, Louisbourg. }

No. 66. Page 81.

Secretary's Office, Halifax, 26th August, 1766.

Sir—

Representations having been made to the Lieut. Governor that John Bath, your Deputy in the Isle of Breton, has become very remiss in his duty, so much that as the law remains unexecuted on some very important occasions, and that there is great reason to suspect him of a determined disinclination to serve any longer faithfully in that office.

The Lieut. Governor therefore desires you will appoint some proper person in his room without loss of time.

I am, Sir,

(Signed)

RICH'D. BULKELEY.

WILLIAM FOYE, Esq., Provost Marshall.

No. 67. Page 82.

Halifax, 26th August, 1766.

Sir—

His Majesty having been pleased to honour me with the appointment of Lieut. Governor of this Province, I think it necessary to acquaint you of it,—and at the same time to express my earnest desire of concurring with you on all occasions to promote His Majesty's service and the public good. And as you have very readily supported the King's authority in the assistance given to the Civil Magistrates under this Government, I therefore make no doubt of the further exertion of the power in your hands, for the suppression of all opposition and obstruction to them in the execution of their office, in that part of this Province which the King has been pleased by His Royal Proclamation and Commission, under the Great Seal of Great Britain, to annex to this Government.

I have the honor, &c.
(Signed)

MICH'L. FRANCKLIN.

To Major MILWARD, or Officer Commanding
His Majesty's Troops in the Isle of Breton,
Louisbourg.

No. 68. Page 91.

Secretary's Office, Halifax, 26th Sept., 1766.

Sir—

The Lieutenant Governor desires that if the Gaol wants any repairs which are necessary to keep the prisoners in sufficient security, that you will have it done immediately, using all economy and frugality in the expense.

I am, Sir, &c.
(Signed)

RICH'D. BULKELEY.

To GEO. COTTNAM, Esq., Louisbourg.

No. 69. Page 95.

Halifax, 23d October, 1766.

I now inclose you two printed returns for the Island of Cape Breton, including the Isle Madame and other small Islands adjacent, which I must desire you will fill up to the best of your knowledge and judgment, after you have made the most exact enquiries, one of which you transmit to me, and the other keep by you.

You will distinguish the Town and Harbour of Louisbourg from the other parts adjacent.

I am, &c.
(Signed)

MICH'L. FRANCKLIN.

GEO. COTTNAM, Esq., Louisbourg.

No. 70. Page 123.

Halifax, 26th July, 1768.

As Major General Gage, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Troops in America, has thought it necessary to withdraw the Garrison from Louisbourg, and as some proper person ought to be appointed to whom the care and charge of said Fort and Fortifications, with the Barracks and all other Buildings and Stores thereto belonging should be committed. I have therefore thought fit to commit the care and charge thereof to you in every particular, and confiding in your best care and diligence in the discharge of the trust hereby reposed in you.

I am, &c.
(Signed)

MICH'L. FRANKLIN.

GEO. COTTNAM, Esq., Louisbourg.

No. 71. Page 127.

Nova Scotia, Halifax, 17th August, 1768.

Gentlemen—

I wrote your Honble. Board under date of the 7th June, and I now inclose a copy of that letter, since which the Deputy Collector and Comptroller sent the inclosed letter, the contents of which have been complied with, by transmitting to the several Naval Officers in this Province, a copy of their letter with an order to act accordingly—upon which I have received the inclosed letter from Mr. Winslow, the Naval Officer of Cumberland, pointing out to me the many inconveniences that result therefrom to the district of Cumberland, which I am persuaded is the real state of the case, and it is the same more or less in other Districts, but particularly in those of the Islands of St. John and Cape Breton, at which latter place and the neighbourhood of Canso, there has been and is now a considerable Fishery carried on, which I fear will be entirely broke up, unless some measures be taken for vessels to enter and clear with less loss of time and expence than by coming to Halifax.

Upon the whole I should be wanting in duty to the King and to the true interest of this Province, if I did not represent to your Honble. Board that I conceive it absolutely necessary that Deputy Collectors or other Officers be appointed without loss of time to enter and clear Vessels at the following Districts:—Louisbourg, Cape Breton, and six other places.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

MICH'L. FRANCKLIN.

To the Hon. His Majesty's Comm'rs of Customs in North America.

No. 72. Page 147.

Halifax, 4th May, 1770.

Mr. Cottnam, the principal Magistrate at Louisbourg, has my direction to give the necessary orders to the party of Soldiers, for preventing any Coals to be dug or carried away from Cow Bay—also to put them in possession of the Barracks or House in that place.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

WILLIAM CAMPBELL.

To the Hon. Lt. Col. Leslie,

Commanding His Majesty's Troops in Nova Scotia.

No. 73. Page 147.

Halifax, 4th May, 1770.

Lieut. Col. Leslie having ordered a party of Soldiers to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to the Isle of Breton, to be posted at Cow Bay for the security of the Coal Mines there, I am to request that you will please to order them to be received on board any of His Majesty's Ships bound to that Island.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

WILLIAM CAMPBELL.

SAMUEL HOOD, Esq., Commodore, &c.

Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Ships or Vessels in North America.

No. 74. Page 155.

Secretary's Office, Halifax, 3rd Sepr., 1771.

Sir—

The Governor desires that you will take special care and charge of the Coal Mines at Cow Bay.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

RICH'D. BULKELEY.

GEO. COTTNAM, Esq., Chief Magistrate of the Isle of Breton.

No.

No. 75. Page 156.

Nova Scotia. Secretary's Office, Halifax. 1772.

Sir—

On the application of Mr. Lawrence Kavanagh the Commander-in-Chief requires that you do on the receipt of this put him into possession of a Storehouse at Louisbourg formerly occupied by said Lawrence Kavanagh adjoining to Mr. Roger English's, and for which he did obtain licence of occupation from the Right Honble. Ld. William Campbell, Governor of this Province, dated 6 July, 1769. Also the said Lawrence Kavanagh shall without any hindrance occupy and convert to his own use the remaining part of the frame of a House at Louisbourg known by the name of the Nunnery, together with half an acre of land or thereabouts thereto adjoining, and that you also put him into possession of the House called the Mess House.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

RICH'D BULKELEY.

To GEO. COTTNAM, Esq., Chief Magistrate, Louisbourg.

No. 76. Page 157.

Nova Scotia. Secretary's Office, Halifax, 11th April, 1772.

Sir—

The Commander in Chief requires that the Inhabitants of Louisbourg shall not under any pretence whatsoever, be disturbed in the possession or use of any Houses, tenements or tracts of land now possessed or in use by them, or of which they were in use or possession in the month of June, 1771, until the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor shall be further known.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

RICH'D BULKELEY.

To GEORGE COTTNAM, Esq., Chief Magistrate, Louisbourg.

No. 77. Page 165.

Secretary's Office, Halifax, Decr. 6, 1773.

Sir—

The Governor has ordered the several depositions enclosed against Mr. Kavanagh of Louisbourg, to be referred to you for your opinion thereon.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

RICH'D. BULKELEY.

To WILLIAM NESBITT, Esq., Attorney General.

No. 78. Page 182.

Secretary's Office, Halifax, 24th Novr. 1774.

Sir—

Herewith is inclosed the copy of an Act of this Province for the preservation of Timber on the Isle of Breton, &c. Also a determination of the Governor and Council respecting Lands occupied on the Isle of Breton, &c. By the Act of the Province you will see what is to be observed for the purposes of the Act, which as principal Magistrate will fall under your particular care and attention. And by the Resolution in Council you will see on what terms persons occupying Lands are to hold them for the future—and you may consider in the mean time of some adequate valuation to be put on lands so held, to be laid before the Governor.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

RICH'D BULKELEY.

To GEO. COTTNAM, Esq., Chief Magistrate, Louisbourg.

No.

No. 79. Page 191.

Secretary's Office, Halifax, 17th February, 1775.

Sir—

The Governor having appointed Mr. James Burrow, Inspector and Controller of the Accounts of the Collectors and Receivers of the Revenues of this Province, I am therefore to signify to you His Excellency's order, that you do for the future transmit to him accounts of all your transactions, receipts of money and debts within the district of your collection, in such manner and at such times as he shall communicate to you.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

RICH'D. BULKELEY.

GEO. COTTNAM, Esq.

Collector of Impost and Excise, Isle Breton.

No. 80. Page 194.

Secretary's Office, Halifax, 3d Feb'y, 1775.

Sir—

It was this day ordered in Council, that you do on or before the 5th day of March next, pay into the Treasury the sum of £20 17 6, being a debt incurred on account of duties within your district of collection.

Also that you do pay into the Treasury on or before the day aforesaid, all arrears of duties to 31st. Decr. 1774. Or in case of failure of any such payments, that the Solicitor General do sue you for the recovery thereof.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

RICH'D BULKELEY.

To GEORGE COTTNAM, Esq.

Collector of Impost and Excise for the Isle of Breton.

No. 81. Page 197.

Secretary's Office, Halifax, 9th May, 1775.

Sir—

I am directed by the Governor to acquaint you, that you are by the first good opportunity to come to Halifax and to bring with you all your Books and papers of account with Government.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

RICH'D BULKELEY.

GEO. COTTNAM, Esq., Louisbourg.

No. 82. Page 238.

Secretary's Office, Halifax, 24th August, 1776.

Sir—

The Lieutenant Governor has received your letter requesting leave for a French Acadian to occupy a tract of Land on the Isle of Breton, and I am to inform you that as soon as you can send me an account of the quantity he requests, and the situation and boundaries of it, he shall have a licence for the occupation, provided he takes the oath of fidelity to the King, according to the Form enclosed.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

RICH'D BULKELEY.

LT. CLARKE, Comm'g the King's Troops at Spanish River, Isle of Breton.

No. 83. Page 239.

Secretary's Office, Halifax, 6th September, 1776.

Sir—

In consequence of your letter to the Attorney General respecting the Prisoner apprehended

hended for Murder, the Lieut. Governor will direct Capt. Bromedge, Commander of His Majesty's Ship *Savage*, to receive him on board and carry him to Halifax.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

RICH'D BULKELEY.

To GEO. COTTNAM, Esq.

Chief Magistrate Isle of Cape Breton, Louisbourg.

No. 84. Page 254.

Secretary's Office, Halifax, 18th August, 1777.

Sir—

The Lieut. Governor having been informed that Mr. Kavanagh intends very soon to quit the Town of Louisbourg, you are therefore hereby directed to give him notice that he is not on any account to move or take away any part of any of the Buildings whatever, otherwise he shall be prosecuted. And as he has erected several fences and enclosures by which the highways and streets are obstructed, you are therefore to notify him to pull down and take away the same—or in case of failure they shall be taken away and removed as nuisances.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

RICH'D BULKELEY.

GEO. COTTNAM, Esq., Chief Magistrate Isle of Breton.

No. 85. Page 256.

Secretary's Office, Halifax, 17th September, 1777.

Sir—

The Lieutenant Governor requires that immediately on the receipt of this letter, you do deliver up to Mr. Russell all those Lands, Houses and Stores which he occupies by leave from Government, and the King's Storehouses which you have possessed yourself of. That you do make an equal division of the Lands you now possess with the inhabitants of Louisbourg, under the inspection of Mr. Cottnam, and Mr. Russel. And also that when you quit the Town of Louisbourg you do deliver up to the Chief Magistrate all those houses and stores which you occupy by leave from Government, without the least damage whatever, otherwise you will be made accountable for the damages they may sustain.

I am, Sir, &c.

(Signed)

RICH'D. BULKELEY.

Mr. JAMES KAVANAGH, Louisbourg.

No. 86. Page 257.

Secretary's Office, Halifax, 6th October, 1777.

Sir—

Representations having been made to the Lieutenant Governor that Mr. Cottnam, the first Magistrate of the Isle of Cape Breton, is dangerously ill, he therefore has thought proper to direct that in case of his death you will take on you the care and superintendance of the public affairs in that Island, and particularly that you will not suffer any waste or depredation to be made on what belongs to the King, or any trespass committed thereon, and that you will report your proceedings from time to time to this office.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

RICH'D BULKELEY.

WILLIAM RUSSEL, Esq., Louisbourg.

No. 87. Page 267.

Secretary's Office, Halifax, 1st. October, 1778.

Sir—

The Lieutenant Governor desires that on your return to the Island of Cape Breton, you would as a Magistrate use your best endeavours to preserve peace and good order
in

in the district wherein you shall reside, and that you will be particularly attentive to the Indians and the French Inhabitants, seeing that they conduct themselves with due submission to the King's Government.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

RICH'D BULKELEY.

To WILLIAM RUSSEL, Esq.

No. 88. Page 267.

Secretary's Office, Halifax, 1st. October, 1778.

Sir—

It having been represented to the Lieutenant Governor that it is necessary for your health that you should come to Halifax, I am to acquaint you that you have his leave accordingly.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

RICH'D. BULKELEY.

To GEO. COTTNAM, Esq.

No. 89. Page 292.

Secretary's Office, Halifax, 19th September, 1781.

Sir—

It is the Lieutenant Governor's orders that you do keep a watchful eye over all the Public Buildings and materials belonging to the King, on the Island of Breton, and that the masters or owners of all boats or vessels coming to and going from the said Island, do make a report to you of their cargoes, and that they are not to be suffered to destroy any of the buildings nor to carry off any of the materials belonging thereto on any pretence whatever without directions from Government. And you are further to take care that no person whatever possess themselves of any of the King's Lands in said Island, without permission first obtained from Government for that purpose.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

RICH'D BULKELEY.

WM. RUSSELL, Esq., Louisbourg.

Three Extracts of Despatches from the Governors of Nova Scotia to the Imperial Government, being numbered in this Schedule 90 to 92 inclusive.

Extracts of Despatches from the Governors of Nova Scotia to the Imperial Government.

Extracts from Letter Book from the year 1782 to 1789.

No. 90.

Page 17. No. 1.

Nova Scotia, Halifax, 6th July, 1783.

Application having been lately made to me in behalf of a considerable number of Refugees at New York, requesting permission to make a Settlement on the Island of Cape Breton. As I am restrained by His Majesty's Instructions from granting any Lands on that Island, I am to intreat your Lordship that I may know His Majesty's pleasure on this application.

I have the honor to be, &c.

(Signed)

J. PARR.

To the Right Honble. Lord NORTH,

One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, &c. &c.

No. 91.

Page 79. No. 16.

27th December, 1784.

As the inhabitants of this Town who are become very numerous, have during a long time become dependent on supplies from the Coal Mines in the Island of Cape Breton
for

for their winter's fuel, and as the preservation of the wooden houses (of which it is composed) from fire depends greatly on the use of coal instead of any other fuel, I am therefore to request of your Lordship that the same indulgence may be continued to the inhabitants of this Town at my discretion, on such terms and conditions as are or hereafter shall be prescribed.

I have the honor to be, &c.
(Signed)

J. PARR.

LORD SYDNEY.

No. 92. No. 40.

26th June, 1786.

The inclosed Petition of several of the principal inhabitants of the Island of Cape Breton has been presented to me, requesting that it may be forwarded to your Lordship, which I think it my duty to comply with.

I have the honor to be, &c.
(Signed)

J. PARR.

The Rt. Honble. Lord SYDNEY.

One Extract from Letter Book containing the Governor of Nova Scotia's Despatches to the Right Honble. the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, being numbered in this Schedule 93.

Extract from Letter Book A., containing the Lieut. Governor's Letters to the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, dated 23d March, 1764.

No. 93. Page 22.

I had purposely deferred taking any measures in respect to the Islands of Breton and St. John, except the appointment of Officers for the Civil Administration of Justice, and giving Licences for the temporary occupation of Lands convenient for the Fishery, together with some general directions for Surveys, and providing all informations and accounts which may be hereafter useful. And in obedience to your Lordship's commands, I shall immediately order the proper Officers for making Surveys and obtaining the full knowledge of every particular which may contribute to form such plans of settlement, as every advantage and quality belonging to these Islands may most effectually afford, in order that I may be enabled as soon as possible to lay before your Lordships the most ample and satisfactory accounts.

(Signed)

M. WILMOT.

Thirteen References to Despatches to the Governors of Nova Scotia, relating to Nova Scotia, being numbered in this Schedule 94 to 106 inclusive.

Reference to Despatches to the Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia relating to Cape Breton.

No. 94.

<i>Date.</i>	<i>From whom.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>
22 Nov'r. 1763.	Lords of Trade.	Congratulating Governor Wilmot upon his appointment as Governor-in-Chief. The Islands of St. John and Cape Breton annexed to Nova Scotia. An actual survey to be made of them immediately, and the Governor to report respecting them in the fullest manner.

No.

- No. 95.
- | <i>Date.</i> | <i>From whom.</i> | <i>Subject.</i> |
|-------------------|--------------------|---|
| 20 March
1764. | Lords of
Trade. | Surveyor General to send home a general Map of the Province, describing not only the limits of every County, Township and Parish, but of every man's plantation and settlement. Fisheries to be encouraged. In making grants of land bounded by the sea coast or by large rivers, a reservation to be made above high water mark as a <i>Common</i> for all His Majesty's subjects to dry and cure fish.
Lands on St. John and Cape Breton Islands not to be granted until further orders, as persons of distinction in England had made proposals for the settlement of them. |
| No. 96. | | |
| 26 May
1767. | Lord Shelburne. | The revenue arising from the Cape Breton Coal Mines and the Quit Rents, cannot be applied to Provincial purposes as requested. |
| No. 97. | | |
| 26 Feb'y
1768. | Lord Hillsboro. | The granting of Licenses to take coals from the cliffs at Cape Breton to raise money to make roads in Nova Scotia is irregular and must be discontinued. |
| No. 98. | | |
| 7 Sept'r
1774. | Lord Dartmouth. | All the Lands on the River St. John and the whole Island of Cape Breton to be reserved for His Majesty. |
| No. 99. | | |
| 5 Oct'r
1774. | " " " | A statement of the number of Acadians on the Isle Madame to be transmitted. |
| No. 100. | | |
| 24 Feb'y
1775. | " " " | Every encouragement to be given to the Fishery at Louisbourg, and to Mr. Lawrence Kavanagh who is largely concerned in it, and well recommended to His Majesty's Government. |
| No. 101. | | |
| 28 May
1784. | Lord Sydney. | Persons authorised by the Governor of Newfoundland to be allowed to take coals from Cape Breton for the supply of that Island. |
| No. 102. | | |
| 29 May
1784. | " " " | Nova Scotia to be divided into two Governments, viz., New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.
A Lieut. Governor to be appointed in Cape Breton.
The Civil Establishment in St. John's Island to be reduced to a parallel with Cape Breton.
Both Islands annexed to Nova Scotia, and to be subordinate to the Gov'r. of that Province. |
| No. 103. | | |
| 7 June
1784. | " " " | An arrangement will take place for a more equal Representation upon the separation of the Province. |
| No. 104. | | |
| 7 July
1784. | " " " | Major Desbarres appointed Lieutenant Governor of Cape Breton, which is to remain under the Nova Scotia Government. |

No. 105.

<i>Date.</i>	<i>From whom.</i>	<i>Subject.</i>
8 March 1785.	Lord Sydney.	Regulations will shortly be established for securing to the Crown any emoluments that may arise from the Cape Breton Coal Mines. Mr. Gibbons, late Attorney General, appointed Chief Justice of Cape Breton.

No. 106.

5 April 1787	“ “ “	Governor Desbarres recalled from Cape Breton.
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No. 85.

(See Page 362.)

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Accounts and management of the Post Office, have agreed to Report as follows:—

That the Resolutions and Address passed and adopted by this Honorable House on the 18th day of April last, and transmitted to be laid at the foot of the Throne, sought relief from the payment of the extra expense of transmitting the English Mails to the neighboring Colonies, by making the deficiency, say £870 19 6 chargeable on the Packet postage fund. Also from the unequal tax of postage on letters between this Province and the Canadas, and from place to place in the Colony, and asking an equalization of the latter by establishing a uniform rate of 4d. sterling for a single rate—also the control of the Local Post Office, leaving the government of the Department unaltered as respects the transmission of the English Mails. The House also required an alteration in the form of application for local or way offices, and a relaxation of the rules applicable to publications forwarded by Packets. That your Committee have deemed it proper to refer to the legislation of the Imperial Parliament on this important branch of the public service, in consequence of the laws of the Post Office having become intricate, an Act 1 Vict., cap. 32, passed on 12th July, 1837, to repeal all laws relating to the Post Office, and in the same year and day, 1 Vict. cap. 33, passed for the management of the Post Office, on the 17th August, 1839 the 2 & 3 Vict. cap. 52, passed for the further regulation of the duties on postage, until 5th October, 1840, whereby power was vested in the Lords of the Treasury to alter the rates of postage from time to time, by this Act the uniform rate of postage was settled at one penny in 1840. On 10th August the 3 & 4 Vict. cap. 96, passed, for the regulation of the duties of postage, by it letters are chargeable by weight, and postage on letters in the Colonies by the 33 Section, is placed under the control of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, who by warrant shall from time to time regulate the same, and on 29th July, 1844, the 7 & 8 Vict. cap. 49 passed, for the better regulation of Colonial Posts, this Act gives power to the Postmaster General to establish Posts in the Colonies, to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to establish and alter from time to time rates of Postage; places Colonial rates of Postage under the control of the Postmaster General, who after deducting the expense of collection and management of the Post Office in any Colony, and payment of the salaries and wages of the Officers and servants employed in and about the same, and to the extension of the posts in such Colony, is to retain the surplus to be applied for the public service of such Colony as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may direct. Lastly, it defines "Colonial Letters" to include all letters transmitted by the Post between places within any of Her Majesty's Colonies, or between any of such Colonies, or between any of the Colonies and the United Kingdom or a Foreign Country. On perusal of the foregoing Statutes, it is manifest that Her Majesty's Government consider the efficiency of the Post Department

Department depends on exclusive management, the 9th of Anne arranged the Post system of England as it is at present. The General Post Office of Great Britain has jurisdiction of all which concerns the English and Scotch Posts, and those going to the Colonies, (excepting the East Indies, and the Settlements in the South Sea,) and your Committee believe these have lately been assumed. Ireland has a separate Post Department, which being in successful operation at the time of the Union, has remained comparatively distinct, the promptness and celerity of intercourse is unrivalled in the world, and has greatly contributed to the commercial advancement of the nation. So complicated is the British Post system, that without the details it is not possible to obtain a conception of its present perfection. Nowhere is the inviolability of Letters more respected than in England and the United States, and by the Constitution of the latter, adopted in 1789, exclusive power is given to Congress to establish Post Offices and Post Roads, thus preventing the difficulties which would have resulted from leaving this Department to the several States. There is at the Seat of Government of the United States one General Post Office under the direction of one Postmaster General, who is appointed by the President, and nominates his own Officers;—"No stage or vehicle which regularly performs trips on a Post Road or a Road parallel to it, shall convey letters, nor any packet boats or other vessel which regularly plies on a water declared to be a Post Road, except it relates to some part of the cargo, under the penalty of \$50."

The Revenue of the Post Offices throughout the Kingdom of England exceeds One and a half million sterling, and is maintained as a steady source of Revenue by the restrictions imposed on the transmission of Letters, by Statutes, for instance by 1 Victoria, Cap. 33, the following persons are expressly forbidden to carry a Letter, or to receive or collect or deliver a Letter, although "they shall not receive hire or reward for the same, carriers, except Letters concerning goods by them conveyed, and owners, drivers or guards of stage coaches."

Owners, masters or commanders of packet boats, except in respect of merchants, owners of ships or goods on board.

Passengers on board any packet boat, persons on board any vessel passing or repassing on a river or navigable canal within the United Kingdom or other Her Majesty's dominions, and so forth.

The extension of this system to the Colonies has produced inconvenience to our people, and diminishes the utility of Post communication, In a new and thinly populated country the principal towns and villages are remote from each other, and a Courier conveying the Mails from one to the other passes over an extent of from thirty to sixty miles, and was formerly permitted to carry and deliver Way Letters and Newspapers; the riding work is now done by contract, and it has ceased to be the interest of the Couriers, and the Dy. Postmaster General does not feel authorized, nor indeed would it appear to be legal, to give other instructions, and thus the Residents between those points are left without accommodation: for instance, from Halifax to Truro is a distance of sixty miles—there are only two Way or Post Offices,—from the same place to Windsor is forty-five miles, and there is only one Way Office—and in more remote parts of the Province the inconveniences are of course increased, and felt in proportion.

The Committee do not feel disposed to revive the questions raised last Session and brought to the consideration of Her Majesty's Government, as no decision has yet been submitted to the Assembly; but to remedy this state of affairs your Committee are of opinion that the House should not at present (as the Postmaster General seems averse to it,) press for the management of the Local Colonial Posts Department, but yield to the wisdom of the Imperial Parliament, which seems to regard the true interests of the Colonies by expending for their benefit the whole proceeds of Colonial Postage, according to the most ample construction of the term; and that the House should call the attention of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, through the proper channels, to the advantages which would result from the Equalization of Postage and establishment of Four-pence sterling for a uniform Rate; thus your Committee are of opinion will facilitate the inter-

course

course by Letter, and ultimately increase the Revenue to a large amount, and beyond the expenditure necessary; and by directing that all Letters containing money, whether prepaid or not, and all Letters not prepaid, should be deliverable *only* at *Post Offices* on payment of double postage, the Couriers might be allowed to carry and drop Way Letters and Papers without diminishing the Receipts of the Office, as the Postage would be received before delivery. This, with the sanction of Post Stamps, from Dies authorized by the proper authorities, would render the transit of Letters and Papers less complicated, and give the relief required by the people.

The Committee also recommend, that the foregoing Acts, now forming the Code of Laws for the Regulation of the Post Communication of the United Kingdom, should be printed in a pamphlet for the information of the Assembly and others, they also report herewith the Correspondence submitted by the Governor General to the Legislative Assembly of Canada, on 4th Jan., 1845, on the subject of the Post Office Department of the Colonies, also the Accounts of the Deputy Postmaster General for the last year, showing a deficiency to be provided for by this House for the deficiency of last year is £644 6 1 ster'g., equal to £773 3 3½ currency. The Committee beg to call the attention of the House to the mode of collecting Postage on Letters from England, which do not pay one shilling sterling, the rate payable from Halifax to England, which arises from the conversion from currency to sterling by a 9th & 10th the old Halifax currency, instead of by a 4th and 5th the present currency, and are of opinion that the Postmaster General should direct the Deputy Postmaster of this Colony to remedy this evil. Finally the Committee report that they have examined the accounts for Franking by the Legislature, and find that the winter Session cost £479 11, and in the summer Session £193 8 7, amounting to £673 8 7, including the Governor's and Provincial Secretary's Franking of Letters and other documents through the Post Office. The Committee of last year required an Account to be kept of the Franking with each County, which we herewith submit, which has thrown considerable additional labour on the Clerks of the Department.

WM. DAVIES.—The Petition of William Davies, claiming remuneration for carrying Mails twice each week between the 1st. November and 1st. April, for three years, ending 1st. April, 1843. Whilst the Mail was weekly between Annapolis and Digby, Davies received £60 per annum—he claims remuneration for the second trip weekly. The Postmaster for Annapolis certifies that the duty was performed, and Mr. Watson, the Post Office Surveyor, that no payment has been made. The Committee therefore think, that as the House required the service to be performed, that his claim should be favorably considered, and a sum not exceeding £30 be granted to him in full.

LEMUEL MOREHOUSE.—The Committee confirm the Report of last Session, and are still of opinion that the Ferry across Petit Passage should be thrown open to competition, but recommend that he should be paid for the service performed last year as heretofore £10.

ISAAC WINCESTER'S Petition the Committee cannot recommend; he prays remuneration for carrying Her Majesty's Mails across Bear River for 37 years, and is not a licensed ferryman, as the regular ferrymen are compelled to carry the same Mails without being paid for; if he applies to the Sessions he can procure a licence.

ANGUS McDONALD'S Petition for remuneration for keeping a Way Office at the Gulf Shore, the Committee do not recommend to the favorable consideration of the House.

WM. McDUGAL'S Petition stating that he is a licensed ferryman across Pictou Harbour, and carries the Mails four times each week on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings. In 1843 the Assembly granted £7 10 to Petitioner, but it was omitted in the following year, and as his duty has been doubled the Committee think he should be paid.

The Petition of J. B. HADLEY asks compensation for transporting the Mail once each week

week in the summer time from Milford to Cape Breton for three years. The service has been performed and is so certified by the Dy. Postmaster General and Mr. Watson, for which he has received no compensation. The Committee are not aware of the importance of this service, as the Mail crosses Canso at Cape Porcupine, but if it is required to be performed, Mr. Hadley ought to be paid, and £10 will be a suitable annual compensation.

The Petition of CALEB LEWIS for £6 4 4 alleged to be due to him from the late Dy. Postmaster General, has been referred to the present Dy. Postmaster General, who reports that Petitioner was Mail Courier from Parrsboro' to Amherst till 5th October, 1843, when the ride was submitted to public competition. Mr. Howe allowed him £40 per annum, and the net proceeds of the Parrsboro' Office £5 10 a quarter. On the present Dy. Postmaster General taking charge of the Department, he found the amount taken credit for by the Postmaster, and debited against the Halifax Office. Mr. Lewis has exhibited no Agreement, and therefore it appears to the Committee that he is not entitled to remuneration, or if so he must apply to the Post Office Department.

The Petition of MILTON TOMLINSON has been referred to the Dy. Postmaster General, who will cause an arrangement to be made satisfactory to all interested.

The Petition of EDWARD FORRESTALL the Committee think entitled to the favorable consideration of the House, if the Ferry is to be placed under the Sessions of County of Sydney. He was appointed Ferryman at the General Sessions of the Peace of Antigonishe, Co. Sydney, at the Gut of Canso, and has carried the Mails four times a week for nine months. Alex. Auld having drawn the Government allowance, a suitable amount would be £

The Petition of DONALD McLEOD has been referred to the Dy. Postmaster General, who reports that Petitioner carries Her Majesty's Mails from River Inhabitants to Malagawatch, a distance of 30 miles, for £5 a-year, which your Committee think inadequate and therefore recommend that his pay be increased to £10 per annum.

The Petition of JOSEPH COMEAU and others, of Clare, has been referred to the Dy. Postmaster General, who requires an application to be made to the Postmaster General through him, and has no doubt the Way Office required will be authorized, as it is necessary. The Committee therefore recommend that course to be adopted.

The Petition of ROBERT BAYARD and others, on the subject of a Breakwater at Nic-tau, has been considered by the Committee. They have also examined the Plan and Estimate of Captain Owen, Her Majesty's Naval Surveyor, by which it appears that by a small expenditure at Margaretville, the distance between Halifax and St. John's may in ordinary cases be performed in 18 hours, and under favorable circumstances in 14 hours. The Committee annex the letter and plan of Captain Owen, so as to preserve the scientific Report of that Officer on the subject. The Committee have also enquired into the cause of delay in the transport of the Mails between Halifax and Pictou, and are of opinion that it arose from the badness of the Roads, which they hope was only temporary, and will be regulated by the present grant for the Road Service.

JAMES B. UNIACKE, *Chairman.*
W. F. DES BARRES,
A. M. UNIACKE,
JNO. ROSS.

Halifax, 11th April, 1845.

*Halifax, Nova Scotia.**The House of Assembly,**To The General Post Office.*

1844.

To amount of Postage on Letters and Packets, from the 9th February to the 12th February, being for the period previously to the Account required to be kept by the House of Assembly, shewing the Postage for each County—as under,

£17 14 6½

From the 15th February to the 19th April, 1844.

Annapolis,	£20	5	1½
Cape Breton,	20	4	6½
Colchester,	12	5	9½
Cumberland,	15	9	9½
Digby,	14	0	11½
Halifax,	17	7	9½
Hants,	16	19	4½
Guysboro',	13	15	4
Inverness,	25	5	6
Lunenburgh,	12	11	6½
Queen's,	11	14	3
King's,	16	5	3
Pictou,	36	10	9
Richmond,	16	8	7½
Shelburne,	9	12	9½
Sydney,	8	7	2
Yarmouth,	12	3	8½
The Council,	89	3	11

368 14 2

£386 8 8½

An Account of Travelling Expenses and Mileage of the Surveyor, General Post Office, Halifax, for the Year ended 5th January, 1845.

Quarter ended 5th April, 1844.	Sterl'g.	Sterling.	Currency.	Sterl'g \$ 4s. 2d
21 Days,	21s.	£22 1 0		
362 Miles,	8d.	12 1 4		
		34 2 4		
add 1-5		6 16 5	£40 18 9	
		less 1-6	6 16 5	£34 2 4
Quarter ended 5th July, 1844.				
29 Days,	21s.	30 9 0		
1120 Miles,	8d.	37 6 8		
		67 15 8		
add 1-4		16 18 11	84 14 7	
		less 1-5	16 18 11	67 15 8
Quarter ended 5th Oct. 1844.				
20 Days,	21s.	21 0 0		
666 Miles,	8d.	22 4 0		
		43 4 0		
add 1-4		10 16 0	54 0 0	
		less 1-5	10 16 0	43 4 0
Quarter ended 5th Jan'y, 1845.				
46 Days,	21s.	48 6 0		
1138 Miles,	8d.	37 18 8		
		86 4 8		
add 1-4		21 11 2	107 5 10	
		less 1-5	21 11 2	86 4 8
Allowance to Mr. A. V. Creighton, Clerk in General Post Office, Ha- lifax, while employed in Cape Bre- Breton,				37 5 0
				£268 11 8

Salaries to the Deputy Postmaster General, Surveyor, Clerks, and Messenger at Halifax, and to Postmasters in N. S., for the Year ended the 5th day of January, 1845.

Establishment at Halifax.

	Stg.	§	4s.	2d.
The Dy. P. M. General,	£515	12	6	
H. M. Watson, (Surveyor,)	154	13	9	
C. H. Hamilton, (1st Clerk,)	154	13	9	
A. V. Creighton,	103	2	6	
John Adams, } Clerks.	103	2	6	
Frederick Passaw, }	103	2	6	
Godfrey M. Schwartz, (Messenger,)	61	17	6	

Salaries to Postmasters.

Currency.

Postmaster of Amherst,	£36	2	9½	
Annapolis,	18	11	10	
Antigonishe,	31	9	10	
Arichat,	23	14	0	
Barrington,	6	17	0	
Bridgetown,	17	9	6	
Chester,	4	8	6½	
Digby,	14	3	2	
Gay's River,	5	8	6½	
Guysboro',	21	1	5	
Kentville,	19	5	10	
Lawrencetown,	3	2	2½	
Liverpool,	23	6	2	
Londonderry,	6	5	9	
Lunenburg,	12	12	9½	
Merigomishe,	6	8	2½	
New Glasgow,	23	1	1½	
Newport,	8	10	0	
Parrsboro',	10	11	5½	
Pictou,	62	15	2½	
Port Hood,	16	8	1½	
Plaister Cove,	10	1	11½	
Pugwash,	8	4	0	
Shelburne,	8	15	6½	
Saint Peters,	6	10	5½	
Shubenacadie,	1	8	3½	
Sydney,	65	5	6	
Truro,	17	17	3½	
Wallace,	7	12	9½	
Weymouth,	4	18	4	
Windsor,	26	3	4½	
Wolfville,	12	2	8	
Yarmouth,	51	0	9½	
	£591	14	5½	
Less 1-6.	98	12	0½	
	£493	2	4	

A. WOODGATE, D. P. M. G.

An Account of Sums paid for Riding Work and Couriers, and Conveyance of Express Mails, in Nova Scotia, for the Year ending 5th of January, 1845.

	<i>Currency.</i>
Annapolis to Digby,	£ 36 15 0
Antigonishe to Pictou,	130 0 0
do. to Plaister Cove,	76 5 0
do. to Cape George,	24 0 0
do. to St. Mary's,	32 0 0
do. to Guysboro,	75 0 0
Arichat to Grandance,	12 0 0
Bedeque to Margaree,	52 0 0
Bridgetown to Granville,	30 0 0
Catalone to Louisbourg,	6 0 0
Digby to Brier Island,	42 0 0
Grandance to Plaister Cove,	34 11 3
Gay's River to Musquodobit,	40 0 0
Guysboro to Canso,	30 0 0
do. to Country Harbour,	20 0 0
do. to Milford,	30 0 0
Halifax to Pictou,	1727 14 5
do. to Annapolis,	600 0 0
Kentville to Cornwallis,	25 0 0
Louisbourg to Gabarouse,	18 0 0
Liverpool to Brookfield,	25 0 0
Londonderry to Five Islands,	27 10 0
Margaree to Cheticamp,	10 0 0
Mabou to Lake Ainslie,	31 0 0
Plaister Cove to Margaree,	60 0 0
Parrsboro to Advocate Harbour,	20 0 0
do. to Amherst,	37 9 0
Pictou to do.	120 0 0
do. to Earltown,	20 0 0
River Inhabitants to St. George's Chan.	15 0 0
River Inhabitants to Malagawatch,	5 0 0
St. Peter's to L'Ardoise,	10 0 0
Sydney to Boularderie,	54 0 0
do. to Grandance,	153 17 6
do. to Mainadieu,	26 0 0
do. to The Narrows,	26 0 0
St. Ann's to Big Harbor,	14 0 0
Springfield to New Glasgow,	16 0 0
Truro to Amherst,	351 9 4
Trefry's to Walton,	32 0 0
Do. to Maitland,	50 0 0
Truro to Pugwash,	75 0 0
Windsor to Shelburne,	200 0 0
Do. to Yarmouth,	255 0 0
Wallace to Gulf Shore,	10 0 0
Whycocomagh to Forks, Margaree,	15 0 0
Yarmouth to Shelburne,	90 0 0
Do. to Digby,	230 0 0
Ball's Creek to Narrows,	25 0 0

EXPRESS MAILS.		
Halifax to Truro, } Truro to Amherst, }		193 0 0
		£5238 11 6
Less 1-6th.		873 1 11
		£4365 9 7

A. WOODGATE, D. P. M. G.

An Account of the Gross and Net Produce of the Post Office Revenue of Nova Scotia, for the Quarter ended the 5th April, 1844.

PACKET POSTAGE.	<i>Army Sterling, \$ 4s. 2d.</i>
To amount of unpaid Letters received from England for Nova Scotia,	£377 17 0
To amount of paid Letters sent to England from Halifax only,	89 7 9
To amount of unpaid Letters received from, and paid Letters sent to Bermuda, Newfoundland and Boston,	72 18 2½
INLAND POSTAGE.	
To amount of Postage of Towns in Nova Scotia accountable to Halifax,	709 6 6½
To amount of unpaid Letters Inwards, and paid Letters Outwards, at the General Post Office, Halifax,	785 6 9½
To amount of Way and Ship Letters at the General Post Office, Halifax, and Offices in the Interior,	27 18 1½
To amount of Postage on Letters returned from the Dead Letter Office, Halifax, for Halifax delivery,	1 6 4
To amount of Surcharges established against Deputies,	11 16 10
To amount of Fees derived from Merchants' Private Boxes,	11 17 6
	£2087 15 1
Deduct Postage of "Returned" "Missent" "Redirected," &c. Letters, from General Post Office, Halifax, and Offices in Nova Scotia,	378 3 9
	£1709 11 4
Deduct amount of Expenditure,	1685 18 8
	£ 23 12 8

An Account of the Charges of Management of the Post Office Revenue in Nova Scotia, for the Quarter ended 5th April, 1844.

<i>Salaries and Allowances.</i>	<i>Army Ster'g. \$ 4s. 2d.</i>	<i>Army Ster'g. \$ 4s. 2d.</i>
The D. P. Mr. General,	£125 0 0	
Surveyor, Clerks and Messenger at Halifax,	165 0 0	
Postmasters in Nova Scotia,	126 4 5½	
		£416 4 5½
<i>Allowances for Special Services and Travelling Charges.</i>		
To Surveyor for Travelling Expenses,		34 2 4
		<i>Conveyance</i>

*Conveyance of Mails, Transit Postage, and
Payment for Ship Letters.*

Sums paid for Riding Work and Couriers,	£547	7	11	
Conveyance of Mails by Stage Coaches,	555	8	2½	
				£1112 16 1½
Ship Letter Payments,		13	7	9½
Rents, Fuel and Light,		32	5	10
Law Charges,		14	0	7
Stationery and Printing, &c.		3	8	3
Allowance to Widow McPherson for accommodation to Couriers,		1	0	10
Amount of United States Postage, remitted to D. P. M. General, New Brunswick,		42	6	8
Loss by Exchange remitting ditto,		1	13	7½
Miscellaneous Expenses,		14	12	2
				£1685 18 8

A True Copy.

JOHN ADAMS, Clerk, Acct. Branch Department.

*An Account of the Gross and Net Produce of the Post Office Revenue in Nova Scotia, for
the Quarter ended the 5th July, 1844.*

PACKET POSTAGE.

Army Sterling, \$ 4s. 2d.

To amount of unpaid Letters received from England for Nova Scotia,	£431	6	10
To amount of paid Postage sent to England from Halifax only,	92	0	8
To amount of unpaid Letters received from, and paid Letters sent to Bermuda, Newfoundland and Boston,	95	16	7½
INLAND POSTAGE.			
To amount of Postage of Towns in Nova Scotia accountable to Halifax,	686	0	8½
To amount of unpaid Letters inwards, and paid Letters outwards, at the General Post Office, Halifax,	646	16	6½
To amount of Way and Ship Letters at the General Post Office, Halifax, and other Offices in Nova Scotia,	51	4	5
To amount of Postage on Letters returned from the Dead Let- ter Office, Halifax, for Halifax delivery,	1	3	3
To amount of Surcharges against Deputies,	3	2	1½
To amount of Fees derived from detained Forward Letters,	0	18	9
			£2008 9 11
Deduct Postage of "Returned," "Missent," "Redi- rected" Letters from General Post Office, Halifax, and Offices in Nova Scotia,	346	3	7

Net Revenue,

£1662 6 4

*An Account of the Charges of Management of the Post Office Revenue in Nova Scotia, for
the Quarter ended 5th July, 1844.*

Salaries and Allowances.

Cur'cy, \$ 5s.

Army Ster'g, \$ 4s. 2d.

The Deputy Postmaster General,

£156 5 0

Surveyor,

Surveyor, Clerks, and Messenger at Halifax,	206	5	0		
Postmasters in Nova Scotia,	151	10	2½		
	<u>514</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2½</u>	428	6 10½
<i>Allowance for Special Service and Travelling Charges.</i>					
To Surveyor for Travelling Expenses,	84	14	7	67	15 8
<i>Conveyance of Mails, Transit Postage, and Payment for Ship Letters.</i>					
Sums paid for Riding Work and Couriers,	630	12	9		
Conveyance of Mails by Stage Coaches,	682	5	11		
	<u>1312</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>8</u>	1094	2 3
Ship Letter Payments,				24	16 7
Rent, Fuel and Light,				32	5 10
Tradesmen's Bills,				47	10 3½
Stationery, Printing, &c.				7	14 7
Allowance to Widow McPherson at Grandance,				1	0 10
Amount of United States Postage remitted to New Brunswick,				44	18 8½
Loss by Exchange on ditto,				1	15 11
Miscellaneous Expenses,				20	18 1½
				<u>£1771</u>	<u>5 8</u>
Deduct Net Revenue,				1662	6 4
				<u>£ 108</u>	<u>19 4</u>

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JOHN ADAMS, *Clerk Acct. Branch Department.*

An Account of the Gross and Net Produce of the Post Office Revenue in Nova Scotia, for the Quarter ended 5th October, 1844.

PACKET POSTAGE.

Army Ster'g. \$ 4s. 2d.

To Amount of unpaid Letters received from England for Nova Scotia,	£383	10	11½
To Amount of paid Letters sent to England from Halifax only,	89	4	11
To Amount of unpaid Letters received from and paid Letters sent to Bermuda, Newfoundland, and Boston,	103	14	6
<i>INLAND POSTAGE.</i>			
To Amount of Postage of Towns in Nova Scotia accountable to Halifax,	659	4	8
To Amount of unpaid Letters inwards and paid Letters outwards, at the General Post Office, Halifax,	598	0	5½
To Amount of Way and Ship Letters at the Gen'l Post Office, Halifax, and other Offices in Nova Scotia,	36	12	0½
To Amount of Letters returned from Dead Letter Office, Halifax, for Halifax delivery,	5	0	5
To Amount of Surcharges against Deputies,	0	18	8½
To Amount of Fees derived from Merchants' Private Boxes, for 2 Quarters, ended 5th October, 1844,	23	15	0
			To

To Amount of Fees derived from Detained Forward Letters at Halifax,	£0 10 5
To Amount of Errors on Quarter's Account, 5th October, 1843,	8 8 1½
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	£1909 0 2½
Deduct Postage of "Returned" "Missent" "Redirected" Letters from General Post Office, Halifax, and Offices in Nova Scotia,	327 0 9
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	£1581 19 5½

An Account of the Charges of Management of the Post Office Revenue in Nova Scotia, for the Quarter ended the 5th October, 1844.

<i>Salaries and Allowances.</i>	<i>Currency \$ 5s.</i>	<i>Army Sterling \$ 4s. 2d.</i>
The Deputy Postmaster General,	£156 5 0	
Surveyor, Clerks, and Messenger at Halifax,	206 5 0	
Postmasters in Nova Scotia,	145 3 11	
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	£507 13 11	£423 1 7½
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<i>Allowance for Special Services and Travelling Charges.</i>		
To Surveyor for Travelling Expenses, and to A. V. Creighton for ditto.	100 11 3	80 9 0
<i>Conveyance of Mails, Transit Postage and Payment for Ship Letters.</i>		
Sums paid for Riding Work, and Couriers,	598 9 9	
Conveyance of Mails by Stage Coaches,	671 14 0	
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	£1270 3 9	1058 9 9½
Ship Letter Payments,		20 19 4½
Rents, Fuel and Light,		32 5 10
Tradesmen's Bills,		5 3 9
Stationery, Printing, &c.		11 4 9½
Allowance to Widow McPherson at Grandance,		1 0 10
Allowances for Offices abolished and Compensation to Postmasters, &c. for loss of Franking Privilege,		139 18 7½
Amount of United States Postage remitted to New Brunswick,		38 2 5½
Loss by Exchange on ditto,		1 10 6
Allowances to Postmasters for extra services,		5 0 0
Miscellaneous Expenses,		3 5 5
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		£1820 12 0
Deduct Net Revenue,		1581 19 5½
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Deficiency on the Quarter		£ 238 12 6½

A True Copy.

JOHN ADAMS, Clerk, Acct. Branch Department.

An Account of the Gross and Net Produce of the Post Office Revenue in Nova Scotia, for the Quarter ended 5th January, 1845.

PACKET POSTAGE.	<i>Army Ster'g. \$ 4s. 2d.</i>
To Amount of unpaid Letters received from England for Nova Scotia, &c.	£302 13 10½
To Amount of paid Letters sent to England from Halifax only,	78 14 11½
To Amount of unpaid Letters received from and paid Letters sent to Bermuda, Newfoundland, and Boston,	117 14 10½
INLAND POSTAGE.	
To Amount of Postage of Towns in Nova Scotia accountable to Halifax,	641 4 6½
To Amount of unpaid inwards and paid Letters outwards, at the General Post Office, Halifax,	566 9 5½
To Amount of Way and Ship Letters at the Gen'l Post Office, Halifax, and Offices in Nova Scotia,	35 10 11
To Amount of Postage on Letters returned from Dead Letter Office, Halifax, for Halifax delivery,	1 4 9
To Amount of Surcharges against Deputies,	2 2 10
To Amount of Fees derived from Merchants' Private Boxes,	2 5 10
To amount of Fees derived from "Detained" "Forward" at Halifax,	1 5 0
	<hr/> £1749 7 0½
Deduct Postage of "Returned," "Missent," "Redi-rected" Letters from General Post Office, Halifax, and Offices in Nova Scotia,	299 19 9½
	<hr/> £1449 7 3
Net Revenue,	

An Account of the Charges of Management of the Post Office Revenue in Nova Scotia, for the Quarter ended 5th January, 1845.

<i>Salaries and Allowances.</i>	<i>Cur'cy, \$ 5s.</i>	<i>Army Ster'g, \$ 4s. 2d.</i>
The Deputy Postmaster General,	£156 5 0	
Surveyor, Clerks, and Messenger at Halifax,	206 5 0	
Postmasters in Nova Scotia,	143 11 2½	
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less 1-6	506 1 2½	421 14 4½
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<i>Allowance for Special Service and Travelling Charges.</i>		
To Surveyor for Travelling Expenses,	107 15 10	86 4 8
<i>Conveyance of Mails, Transit Postage, and Payment of Ship Letters.</i>		
Sums paid for Riding Work and Couriers,	673 7 9	
Conveyance of Mails by Stage Coaches,	646 14 0	
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	1320 1 9	1100 1 5½
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Ship Letter Payments,		17 14 7
Rent, Fuel and Light,		32 5 10
Tradesmen's Bills,		19 8 1
Printing, &c. &c.		3 8 4
		Allowance

Allowance to Widow McPherson at Grandance,	£1 0 10
Allowance compensation to Postmasters and Way Office Keepers, for loss of Franking privilege,	44 15 10
Allowance to Postmasters for extra services,	5 0 0
Amount of United States Postage remitted to New Brunswick,	35 14 4
Loss by Exchange on ditto,	1 8 7
Miscellaneous Expenses,	0 17 2½
	£1769 14 1½
Deduct Net Revenue,	1449 7 3
	£ 320 6 10½

A True Copy.

JOHN ADAMS, *Clerk Acct. Branch Department.*

Note.—For General Post Office Account Current for the whole Year, ending 5th January, 1845, see Appendix No. 55.

No. 86.

*(See Page 365.)**Halifax, March 15, 1845.*

SIR,

In compliance with the desire of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, I have been engaged for some time, in collecting information, from various sources, in reference to School Lands in this Province. I now have the honor to send an Abstract of that information, in a Report alphabetically arranged.—It is not as perfect as I could wish, because it has not been possible as yet to obtain intelligence of all the School Lands that have been reserved.

The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel pay salaries, at present, to seven Schoolmasters, and two female teachers, in Nova Scotia.—At one time they employed forty; and five years ago, they placed at my disposal, a sum of money, which would enable me now to afford small salaries to the same number; but although I have, by their authority, nominated several persons, to take charge of Schools, in places where they formerly employed teachers, I have not thought it right to put them to further expense, until they can be assured that they are to be supported in the view which they have always entertained of their claim to such support for their Schoolmasters, as the School Lands can supply.

Their present Schoolmasters, paid and unpaid, hold appointments under the Provincial School Act, and have forwarded their Returns to the proper authority.

The Report which I now present will I hope have a tendency to show the necessity of an early settlement of the long pending question of School Lands. The accumulation of rents at Horton; the neglect of these lands in some places; and the encroachment of trespassers in others, seem to call for such attention as is not likely to be given, until it be ascertained who are to have the future charge and application of the property.

If any part of my statement should require explanation, I shall be happy to be favoured with an opportunity for supplying it; and should any doubt be entertained as to the facts which it details, I shall be glad to give information in reference to evidence, on which those facts have been communicated.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your faithful Servant,

JOHN NOVA SCOTIA.

REPORT

SIR RUPERT D. GEORGE, Bart.

 REPORT OF SCHOOL LANDS IN NOVA SCOTIA.

ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.

ANNAPOLIS TOWNSHIP. In a general Grant of this Township in 1765, Four hundred acres were allotted *for the School*. Previous to the year 1825 the management of this School Land was in a Committee, appointed by the Proprietors of the Township. It does not appear that any Rents, arising from any portion of this Land have been applied to the support of any School. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel have had a succession of School Masters and Mistresses at Annapolis, from an early period, and the last of these Schoolmasters endeavoured in vain to obtain any satisfactory account of the Land or the proceeds from it.

Several occupants of it are known, and one of these *is reported* to have obtained a Grant of the portion he occupies, in the year 1834. It is stated that rents collected previous to the year 1825 were consumed in Law Expences, in which the Committee, who had no Legal Title, were involved.

CLEMENTS. Four hundred acres of Land were granted in 1796 to the Bishop of Nova Scotia and his successors, in trust for *a School lot*, in this Township, together with *the Glebe*. Some pains have been taken to improve the School Lands, and during the last ten or twelve years, the several Tenants upon it have paid altogether from five to eight pounds a year, which has been regularly applied to the support of the Society's Schoolmaster, in this place. The Glebe and School land at Clements, thus granted in 1796, have been improperly inserted in a subsequent Grant of Glebes and School Lands, in trust, to the Chief Justice, Bishop, and Secretary of the Province, dated in 1813.

GRANVILLE. By the original Grant and Survey of this Township, a Fish Lot in one place, and about two hundred and fifty acres in another place, adjoining the Glebe, were allotted as *a School lot*.

From the year 1765, this School lot was uniformly applied to the benefit of the Society's Schoolmasters, in succession.

They either occupied the Land, or let it for their own benefit, until upon the removal of one of these Schoolmasters, the tenant fraudulently claimed the Land as his own, and so possessed it for many years; until his lease, which had been mislaid, was found. Even then the tenant refused to surrender the land, and as a Suit in Chancery became necessary, certain Trustees were appointed in 1834, under the Act of 1766, who after some delay and expence recovered the Land. It is now let for nine pounds a year, and as the Law Expences have been nearly, if not entirely, paid from the past rent, it will henceforth be applied, as it was in all past time, to the support of the Society's Schoolmaster, and the repair of buildings on the School Land.

WILMOT. A Lot, nominally of Four hundred and three acres, but containing only three hundred and seventy five, was granted in 1810 to the Rector, and the Church Wardens, in trust, for the use of *a Public School*, and adjoining the Glebe. More than one hundred acres have been imperfectly cleared under leases, by the Trustees, who have had much trouble with dishonest tenants, and squatters, who have involved them in Law Expences.

They have however been able to build a House and Barn on the Land, which is now let with its improvements for Ten pounds and five shillings a year, which is to be applied to the benefit of the Society's Schoolmaster, who has long been stationed in Wilmot, and received a Salary from them.

COLCHESTER COUNTY.

LONDONDERRY. Five hundred acres have been *reserved for a School* in the General Grant of this Township, passed in 1765.

The lot has been surveyed, but little or no improvement has been made upon it, and as yet it has produced no Rent.

ONSLow. One share, consisting of several parcels of Land, was allotted to a *School* in the general grant of this Township in 1769.

Schoolmasters were nominated by the Bishop nearly fifty years ago, who obtained for them in succession a Salary from the Society, and each during his Incumbency, enjoyed the benefit of the School Land.

By a Minute of Council in 1802 it appears that "Licence was granted to Patrick Ryan, "Schoolmaster at Onslow," (who was then the Society's Schoolmaster in that Township,) "to occupy the School lot, during the time he serves in that office." He built an house on the School land, and his successors had the benefit of the land, until of late.

Several of them are still living in the neighbourhood. The rent of the Land varies from seven to fourteen Pounds.

The Missionary at Truro, as Agent of the Society, paid some attention when necessary, to the School land, as well as to the School, which was under his superintendence.

About eight years ago Trustees were appointed under the Act of 1766. By this appointment *I am informed* they were authorised and required to apply the proceeds to the *resident Schoolmaster*, but I am not sure of the accuracy of this Information.

The Society at that time were compelled to withdraw Salaries from many of their Schoolmasters, and the Trustees, perhaps on this account, divided the proceeds of the Land among several Schools.

TRURO. The School land in this Township is under circumstances very similar to those at Onslow. Mr. George Dill was the Society's Schoolmaster at Truro in 1804, and *as such* had a Licence from the Governor to occupy and receive the proceeds of the School land. His successors enjoyed the same benefit, while they received a Salary from the Society. Trustees were appointed in 1836, who of late have divided those proceeds, varying from six to eleven pounds a year, among sundry schools.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

AMHERST. Lands said to have been reserved *for a School* in this Township, cannot now be found.

PARRSBOROUGH. In this Township Six hundred and twenty-five acres of Land *for the use of a School* were granted, as was also the Glebe, in trust, to the Rector and Churchwardens in 1790. A small Farm-house has been erected on the School lot, and the tenant has been allowed to spend the rent in extending the improvements. Here the Society had Schoolmasters from an early period of the Settlement, to whom some small benefit was derived from the sale of timber from the School land.

Five hundred acres formerly reserved *for a School at Ratchford Harbour*, are included in the grant of 1813 to the Chief Justice, Bishop, and Secretary of the Province.

The situation of this lot is remote, and it is unimproved.

REMSHEG. Five hundred acres of Land reserved for a School lot in this Township have been granted in trust to the Chief Justice, Bishop, and Secretary of the Province, which passed in 1813. Some small improvement has been attempted through an Agent of the Trustees, who resides in the neighbourhood, but the progress has been slow, and no Rent has yet been obtained.

DIGBY COUNTY.

DIGBY. Four hundred and two acres of Land were granted in trust to the Rector and Churchwardens, *as a School Lot*, in 1797, as was likewise the Glebe. A few acres have been cultivated, but the Schoolmasters of the Society, who have been stationed here almost from the date of the Settlement, never found the land capable of affording them any material benefit. The prospect is improving. Of late a part of the School lot was let to the Master of the Grammar School, who derived some benefit from it.

The Lease has nearly expired, and Ten Pounds a year will probably be obtained from it for the Society's Schoolmaster.

WEYMOUTH. In 1803 a Grant of Five hundred and seventy-five acres passed to the Bishop, and the Rector and Churchwardens of Weymouth and their successors, in trust, to permit and suffer all and every Schoolmaster or Schoolmasters who shall be Protestants of the Church of England, and who shall be duly and regularly appointed, to have, use, occupy, and enjoy the School lot. Unhappily this lot and a Glebe contained in the same trust, have been claimed and possessed by individuals, and as yet such claim and possession, though never admitted, have not been successfully resisted.

GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.

GUYSBOROUGH. There are Four hundred acres of School Land in this Township, on which several tenants have been placed, but they are poor, and can pay but a small rent, which has been applied to the benefit of the Society's Schoolmaster. He is now without a salary from the Society, but has charge of the *Combined School*. It is stated that this land has always been considered as under the authorities of the Church, who have placed the Tenants on it. The Society have long had Schoolmasters here.

HALIFAX COUNTY.

PRESTON. Four hundred and fifty-two acres reserved for a School lot in this Township, have been granted in trust to the Chief Justice, Bishop and Secretary of the Province, but it is unimproved and has produced no rent.

SACKVILLE. A Grant of Land (situated in the Township of Pictou) for a School in the Township of Sackville, and also a Glebe, was passed in the time of Sir John Wentworth, but the Grant is supposed to have been destroyed, in the House of the Rev. Dr. Gray, (formerly the Missionary at Sackville,) which House was consumed by Fire; and the exact position of this land has not been ascertained.

From the first settlement of Halifax, nearly one hundred years ago, the Society have had their Schoolmasters in the Town and various parts of the County of Halifax.

HANTS COUNTY.

DOUGLAS. Two tracts of Land in this Township, previously reserved for a School lot, have been granted in trust to the Chief Justice, Bishop and Secretary of the Province. This land is chiefly in its wilderness state. The improved portion has produced some little benefit to the Society's Schoolmaster.

FALMOUTH. The Grant of this Township (passed in 1761) allots for the School Four hundred acres, consisting of several parcels, some of which, being Marsh land, must have been of some value from the beginning. Of late the whole has been worth from ten to fourteen Pounds a year. It appears from the Minutes of Council that Trustees were appointed for this Land in the year 1761, but there is no Record of any subsequent appointment. Six acres appears to have been alienated, which are now in the possession of Mr. Trenholm. The inhabitants or proprietors of the Township, have long been in the habit of exercising controul over the School land, without any legal authority; and have appointed Trustees for its management at Town Meetings. The Rents have been generally applied to the buildings, or repair of School houses, and perhaps in some instances to the relief of the Poor. The Society had their Schoolmasters appointed for Falmouth from an early day; but I am without evidence as to the share they received from the proceeds of the School Lands.

NEWPORT. The Grant of this Township, like that of Falmouth, passed in 1761; and like that also allots For the School Four hundred Acres, and in sundry parcels, which have long produced some rent. The Society had Schoolmasters in this Township soon after the date of the Grant, and there is good reason to believe they had such benefit as the School lands could supply.

The late Judge Deschamps, who during a large portion of the last century was employed by the Government to assist all their objects in the neighbourhood of Windsor, and was

one of the Trustees for School lands in Falmouth, and in Horton, was most probably a Trustee for School lands in Newport, (though no record of such appointment has been found,) for there is evidence that he employed the late George Mumford to let this land, for which he received the rents for some time. The present William Mumford, Esq. son of George, continued for some time to let these Lands on behalf of his father, and he paid the amounts of the rents to such Schoolmasters as certified that the children were taught to read the New Testament, and had learned the Church Catechism. This continued from 1798 to 1811 or 1812, after which the Inhabitants assumed the charge of the School land without authority; and in most instances, *as I believe*, applied the rents to all Schools indiscriminately, although it appears from Mr. Mumford's testimony, that the School land had long been considered as connected with the Church.

This was certainly the impression upon the mind of the first Bishop of the Diocese, who constantly acted upon it, as abundant evidence can show. It was grounded chiefly upon communications which passed at various times, between the Government and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel; and it was his belief that the early usage in those parts of the Province, where the Society had Schoolmasters, and the School land was available, was in accordance with such view. I mention this circumstance here, because the case of Newport, and some adverse claim by individuals to part of the School land at Yarmouth, induced me in 1821, when no Bishop was in the Province, with the consent of the Governor, to communicate with the Society on this subject.

They recalled the attention of the Secretary of State to the early and renewed engagements of the Government to the Society, and his Lordship was satisfied that the claim of the Society for such assistance to their Schoolmasters, as the School Lands could afford, was well grounded on those engagements; and directions were sent to Sir James Kempt to give effect to the claim of the Society. The Attorney General was accordingly employed in reference to Newport, and wrote an official letter on the subject.

In supporting the claim of the Society, there was a sincere desire to abstain from any violence to the feelings of any, and with the personal assistance of Sir James Kempt, an arrangement was made which it was hoped would prove satisfactory to all.

The people of Newport generally desired that adequate assistance should be given to a superior School in the centre of the Township. Accordingly a convenient site was obtained in the neighbourhood of the Church. Trustees were appointed, of whom the Missionary was the Chairman. A competent Master was selected, a School-house was erected, partly, perhaps chiefly, by the accumulated rents of School Land; and it was agreed that the Schoolmaster, so selected, should have the Society's Salary, and the rents of the School Land should form part of his income.

Some time after this the Society were compelled to withdraw their Salary, but their Schoolmaster continues in charge of this Central School, and with a full persuasion on the minds of the Society, that, *as their Schoolmaster*, he has continued to receive the rent of the School Land, which now amounts to more than twenty pounds a year.

RAWDON.—There is a School lot in this Township, of which little is known except that it has produced nothing. The Society have had Schoolmasters here.

KING'S COUNTY.

AYLESFORD.—There are two lots of School Land, as there are two lots of Glebe, in this Township. A Licence of occupation was granted for one of them, as for one of the Glebe also, adjoining it, in the year 1810, to the Rector and Churchwardens. The other School lot, like the other Glebe, which also adjoins it, passed, by Grant, to the trust also of the Rector and Churchwardens, and in the same year. Both lots have tenants on them, to whom improving leases have been given by the Trustees. Here the Society have had their Schoolmasters for more than half a century.

CORNWALLIS.—In this Township the allotment of Land *for the School* has been more ample than in most other places, and the annual rent of this Land now exceeds forty pounds

pounds. Trustees for the care of this Land were appointed as early as the year 1770, and were continued by several successive Commissions. From the Minutes of Council it appears that in the year 1782, a Licence, of which the original has been preserved, was granted to Cornelius Fox, the Society's Schoolmaster, to occupy and possess the School lot, so long as employed by that Society. The Rector and Churchwardens were made Trustees for this Land by a formal Instrument, or Deed of trust;—agreeably with the terms of this Deed the proceeds were applied to the instruction of poor children selected by the Trustees, and sent to the Schools which were most convenient to their Parents. Since that time the Commissioners have been allowed to recommend the children to be thus instructed. In 1843 the rents were chiefly applied to the repair of buildings on the principal farm belonging to the School.

HORTON. Four hundred acres *for the School* were allotted in the original grant of this Township in 1761. In 1762, Mr. Belcher, then administering the Government of Nova Scotia, wrote to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, to recommend their appointment of a Schoolmaster at Horton, and said, "the people there are inclined to make some provision for a Schoolmaster, who with their subscriptions, together with a lot of land set apart in every Township for a Schoolmaster, may live very comfortably." Trustees have been appointed by the Governor from time to time since 1772. It appears by a minute of Council in 1803, that Cyrus Perkins was to be the *established* Schoolmaster in this Township, and to hold the School Lands, subject to such instructions as should *from time to time be given to him by the Bishop of the Diocese*. Several of the Society's Schoolmasters before and after the date of this licence to Cyrus Perkins, derived benefit from this Land. Some exchanges of Land were made, without authority, by some of the earlier Trustees, and some loss has thus been sustained. A new set of Trustees were appointed in 1838, who have done what they could for the benefit of the Land, but not knowing how to apply the rent, it has been accumulating, and put to interest, until it now amounts to Five hundred pounds.

LUNENBURG COUNTY.

CHESTER. Four hundred acres were allotted *for the School* in this Township, then called *Shoreham*, so early as the year 1759. No Trustees have been appointed, and no endeavour to ascertain the position of this land has yet succeeded. A small Lot in the town plan of Chester was marked as a School Lot; but it was never occupied for a School until about fifteen years ago, when a School House was erected on it chiefly at the expense of members of the Church, aided by a Legislative grant, and under the direction of the Society's Missionary, who contributed largely to the Building. It was immediately occupied, under his authority, by the Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress of the Society, and used for such other Parochial purposes as he approved—for a Parochial Library, Singing Society, and often for Divine Worship, while a new Church was building. In the summer of 1843, the Missionary gave a written permission, upon specified conditions, for the occupation of a part of this building by a teacher of a Combined School, for the space of one year. The Trustees of that Combined School now dispute the Missionary's authority over it, and are accused by him of interrupting the use of it, as formerly, by his Singing Society, and of encroachment upon that portion of the Building, which has already been occupied by the Society's Schoolmistress.

LUNENBURG. In the original grant of this Township, the usual provision appears to have been made for the Glebe and the School Lot. Subsequently, in the year 1785, when an extensive Common was granted to Trustees, the following sentence was inserted in the grant:—"Exclusive of the Town plot of Lunenburg, Garden Lots, Glebe, and School Lands, Fish Lots, and Lands granted to," (here the names of sundry individuals are inserted,) "all which is hereby reserved out of the tract comprehended within the above description."

The School Land thus reserved, containing one hundred and fifty acres, was granted in 1829 in trust to the Revd. James Cochran and two other Trustees, "for the use and benefit

benefit and towards the support of Common Schools, within the County of Lunenburg, established, or to be established." In this County the Society have had five Teachers employed in five Common Schools at one time—one of these has derived some partial benefit from these Lands, of which due care seems to be taken by the present Trustees, as a portion of it has been let for thirty-eight pounds and fifteen shillings a year, and the whole is likely to increase in value.

NEW GERMANY.—*A certain tract of Land reserved for a School lot* in the neighbourhood of this settlement, is included in the Grant of 1813 to the Chief Justice, Bishop, and Secretary of the Province, and in this, as in almost every Grant, in juxtaposition with *the Glebe*. Hitherto this Land has produced nothing, but in process of time is likely to be of some value.

PICTOU COUNTY.

PICTOU.—*A School lot* of four hundred acres is contained in the Grant of 1813, already frequently named in this Report, but does not appear to have yielded any rent.

The Society had Schoolmasters in this County long before a Missionary was sent to it.

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

LIVERPOOL.—*One Share* in this Township *for the School*, is allotted in the Grant of 1764, and has been partially surveyed. Its chief value consisted in timber, which to the amount of many hundred pounds has been lawlessly cut and removed.

There are also on the School Land several valuable Mill sites, which are occupied by individuals without any authority; and it does not appear that anything has been derived from the Land to aid any School. The Glebe is in the same condition. The Society have had several Schoolmasters, in succession, at Liverpool.

SHELBURNE COUNTY.

BARRINGTON.—By the Grant of this Township in 1767, *one share containing five hundred acres, more or less*, is allotted *for the School, and one share for the Glebe*. In each of these portions there is some meadow land, and this has been let, and the proceeds appropriated from time to time, by the Proprietors of the Township, for their benefit, at Town Meetings, but without any legal authority.

SHELBURNE.—In the year 1806 three hundred and forty-four acres, in two separate places, in this Township, then consisting of two parishes, were granted *for School lots*, in trust to the Rector and Churchwardens, and in the same grant which commits *the Glebes* to their care, "the Glebes to be for the sole use and benefit of the present and all succeeding Rectors or Vicars of said parishes; and the School lot for the use and benefit of the present Schoolmaster, and all succeeding Schoolmasters, who shall be appointed according to Law, to be the Schoolmasters of the said Town of Shelburne." The Schoolmaster so described, was the Society's Schoolmaster, duly licenced by the Governor in 1805, and he continued to receive his Salary from the Society until his death a few years ago. The use and benefit of the School lots were allotted to him by the terms of his Licence. The benefit however must have been very limited, and it so remains to the present day.

SYDNEY COUNTY.

ANTIGONISHE.—The general Grant in 1813 to the Chief Justice, Bishop, and Secretary, contains Four hundred acres of Land in this Township, *reserved for a School lot*.

Some persons occupy parts of it without authority. There is another lot of School lands, partly in this County, and partly in the County of Guysborough, but it does not appear to have produced any thing.

The Society have had a Schoolmaster in this County.

YARMOUTH COUNTY.

YARMOUTH. In the year 1810, several parcels of Land for a School, containing Five hundred acres, were granted together with the Glebe in trust to the *Missionary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and who is established as a Church of England Minister, and the Churchwardens of the Parish and their successors.*

Some portions of this Land have been let to several tenants at a low rent, which, since the Society have ceased to pay a Schoolmaster in this place has been applied by the Churchwardens to the repairs and enlargement of a Parochial School House, which is the property of the Church, and accommodates a large Sunday School.

JOHN NOVA SCOTIA.

Halifax, March, 1845.

Lunenburg, January 14th, 1845.

SIR—

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular addressed to us as Trustees of School Lands for this County, requiring certain information relative thereto.

In reply we beg leave to state that the School Lands in this County consist of one hundred and fifty acres, taken and set apart from the Common, and granted to us and the late John C. Rudolf in trust, by grant dated 2nd June, 1831.

The lands were originally reserved in the Common Grant dated 7th February, 1785, which contains the following clause:—“Exclusive of the School and Glebe land, fish lots, and other tracts mentioned to be reserved as aforesaid, and which are hereby expressly reserved out of this present Grant.”

The land was laid out in six parcels, five of them contiguous to the Town, and one piece containing fifty acres or thereabouts lying about a mile and a half therefrom.

Forty acres of the piece of land last mentioned are under improvement, and have been leased in two parcels of twenty acres each on long leases, reserving a rent of six pounds annually for each twenty acres after the expiration of the first three years of the lease, the other ten acres are unimproved and yield no rent.

The remaining lots adjoining the Town are all unimproved with the exception of about twelve or fourteen acres, which have been divided into lots of one and two acres each, and let upon leases of thirty years' duration, at One pound ten shillings, and Two pounds each lot annually.

A difficulty has been experienced in collecting the rents in consequence of the poverty of the tenants, and from some of them it has been found impossible to recover any thing.

The rents that have been received have been expended in furnishing materials and furniture for Schools, and in paying rent for School Houses, and in building a School House in a District where the inhabitants were exceedingly poor and in a state of deplorable ignorance.

Twenty pounds has also been expended in purchasing the Lease and improvements of one of the tenants, which was considered an advantageous bargain for the public.

The whole amount of rents received has been £110 19 3—and the Trustees have expended the sum of £127 2 1½, leaving a balance due them of £16 2 10½. The arrears of rent when collected will be sufficient to meet this balance. No part of the proceeds of these lands have as yet been devoted to the education of children in the Schools of the Township.

The Trustees of School lands cannot be presumed to have any knowledge of the religious instruction given in the Schools, nor the books in general use—that information will more properly come from the Trustees of the Academy and Commissioners of Schools.

We have the honor to be, your obed't. serv'ts.

JAS. C. COCHRAN,
JOHN CREIGHTON.

The Honble. Sir R. D. GEORGE, Bart., &c. &c. &c.

Report

Report of School Land for the Township of Newport, 1844.

The Trustees of School Land for the Township of Newport, beg leave to make the following Report.

Since the Report of 1841 we have Leased the School Lot in the Town Dyke for the term of Twenty-one years, for the sum of Two pounds ten shillings per year, also the Ten acres of Dyke in the Great Village Dyke in Newport for Nineteen years, for the sum of Twelve Pounds per year, and we have collected the sum of Fifty-two Pounds, with the Bal. in our hands of £41, agreeable to Report of 1841, making together the sum of £93, of which we have Thomas & John Salter's Note for £55, and we have paid the Combined Grammar School the Sum of £30, leaving a Balance in our hands of £8.

The above Report is respectfully submitted.

JOHN COCHRAN.
JOHN LOCKHART.

Kentville, 17th January, 1845.

SIR,

The Trustees of School Lands in Horton beg to report thereon for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, as requested in your note of the 3d instant.

Uncultivated, producing no income and of little value.

There are two lots of Wilderness Land, one hundred and twenty-five

Acres each,	250 Acres.
Common Land, about	2
Land on Oak Island,	6
	258

Cultivated.

Marsh Land diked,	15
Ditto " undiked,	4
Upland	6
	25 Acres.

Rents received in the year 1842,	£25 4 11
Ditto 1843,	31 5 0
Ditto 1844,	25 15 7½
Interest received during the same period of three years on the rents accumulated,	66 7 9½

The Trustees beg further to Report, that there are no Schools in Horton supported by or receiving aid from the School Lands in said Township. That upon the present Trustees coming into Office, they found that some of the Lands were entirely lost to the Township, and the rents of the remainder so small that for several years they did not exceed twenty pounds per year. They were therefore induced to husband the income for a few years until such a fund should be accumulated as to produce an income which would be of some benefit to said Township. A statement of the sum so accumulated they have given on the other page.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

JAMES HARRIS,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
C. H. RHAND.

Sir RUPERT D. GEORGE, Bart.

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A Statement of the Sum accumulated on the School Lands in Horton since the present Trustees have been in Office.

1844—May 1.—Joshua Borden's Note,	£20	0	0
Edward & William Harris' Note,	75	10	2½
William & David Harris' "	85	0	0
William Eagle's "	1	2	5
C. H. & J. L. Brown's "	93	16	10
Fisher & Wier's, "	54	16	2
Rounseville & Dewolf's, "	23	10	0
Buchanan & Crane's, "	37	2	0
Joseph Caldwell's "	67	5	5
Cash in hand of Trustees,	18	2	1
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	£476	5	1½

Commission to be deducted.

Onslow, January 29th, 1845.

SIR,

I am directed by the Trustees of the School Lands in Onslow, to acknowledge the receipt of your Communication of the 3d instant, requiring information relative to the Lands under their controul, &c.

In reply I would beg to state, that there are 7½ Acres of Marsh or Dyke Land of an inferior quality, a lot of Upland containing 60 Acres, partly cultivated, and a One hundred Acre lot of Wilderness Land.

As regards the proceeds derived from these and other matters connected therewith previous to 1844, the Trustees can furnish you with no information, as they did not come into possession until last year—but for the year 1844 the proceeds have been as follows :

From the Marsh in Rents,	£5	0	0
And from the Upland,	2	10	0

Making altogether	£7	10	0
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This sum has been equally divided among all the Teachers, eleven in number, giving to each the sum of thirteen shillings and seven pence half penny.

For information regarding the number of Scholars taught in these Schools, together with the Books in general use and the Religious instruction imparted, the Trustees would beg to refer you to the Central Board of Education, to which they understand a Report containing the information sought has already been forwarded by the Commissioners of Schools for this County.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC McCURDY, *Chairman.*

To Sir RUPERT D. GEORGE, Prov. Sec'y.

No. 87.

(See Page 365.)

The Committee on the Fisheries Report as follows :

That the various Petitions referred to them have been considered, and the various objects sought by some, as for instance encouragement by Bounty to the Seal Fishery and Mackerel

Mackerel Fishery on the Banks of Sable Island, are important, the Committee cannot recommend the same, the House having already refused a Grant for such purpose. The Petitions of John Dougan and others, of Digby, complains of encroachment on the Fishery of that Township; that of Cereno Jones and others, of Weymouth, complains of the attempt of the inhabitants to deprive them of a Fishing privilege enjoyed by them and their forefathers for upwards of half a century; and that of John Abbott and others, of the Township of Digby, prays exclusive enjoyment of the Fishery in St. Mary's Bay for the support of the poor of the Township. None of these in the opinion of the Committee merit the attention of the House, the Fisheries of those waters have always been free, and the jealousy has been occasioned by the division of the Counties in that neighbourhood. The Committee at the suggestion of one of its members, has annexed Interrogatories which he wishes circulated, and the Committee recommend that they should be printed for that purpose—they also annex Official Returns of the Fisheries of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, which shew that this branch of public industry is in a wholesome and prosperous state.

JAMES B. UNIACKE, *Chairman.*

Halifax, 13th April, 1845.

FISHERIES.

1. What County of Nova Scotia do you reside in?
2. What is your Occupation?
3. Will you name *every* description of Fish abounding on our Shores—or in the Rivers, Brooks and Lakes—that you have any knowledge of?
4. State each description separately—and add whether it remains in our Waters throughout the year or returns periodically to them?
5. State the Season of the year when each description returns?
6. To what places in the County do the Fish resort, to Spaws—state particularly all you have witnessed or know upon this point?
7. Have you observed any diminution of late years in the quantity of Fish resorting to our Shores and Rivers—state particularly your experience as to this, and specify the varieties which have fallen off?
8. To what cause do you ascribe this falling off—and can you suggest any remedy?
9. If a Fisherman—will you state the branch of Fisheries which you are prosecuting—describe the mode and place of taking the Fish, kind of Nets, &c.,—and whether you are acquainted with any other or better mode, adopted in this or any other country,—at what period of the Season does your Fishing commence?
10. Describe the size of the Vessel or Boat you are accustomed to use, and give the proportion of Hands usually employed in each,—can you recommend any better description of Vessel?
11. What is considered a fair average Catch to each man for the Season?
12. Give the amount of Tonnage employed in the Fisheries from your County—also number of Hands?
13. What Bait is generally used—how and where is it procured—and state what description you consider the best?
14. Have you ever used the Drift Nets for Mackerel,—be particular in furnishing the most minute information upon the subject of this Fish?
15. If engaged in the Herring Fishery be particular in furnishing the most minute information as to this Fish—its periodical visitations, mode of catching, curing, &c.?
16. Have you ever used the Trawl or Bag Net, so called, for taking Fish—or can you give any information as to its use, or the propriety of introducing it into our Waters,—might it not be used with advantage between our Headlands, where the Fish would not take the Bait,—what kind of Salt do you consider the best—state your reasons for the preference?

17. Is the Dogfish taken in any abundance in your neighbourhood,—what is your opinion of the value of this Fish, and can you suggest any method of increasing the Catch,—could any description of Net be formed, and used for this purpose,—be full and explicit upon every point applicable to this Fish?

18. Will you name the Rivers and Streams in your County to which Fish resort?

19. At what Season do they ascend the Rivers and Streams, and when do they return?

20. Are there any obstructions in the Rivers and Streams to the passage of Fish,—will you describe the nature of these obstructions, and suggest a method for their removal.

21. In what way are the Fish usually taken in your Streams,—describe this particularly, and whether you consider the mode injurious to the Fishery or not?

22. What quantity of Fish are taken in your Streams through the Season,—describe the quantity of each,—were there a greater quantity formerly taken in the same Stream, and how do you account for the falling off?

PORT OF HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

A Return of the Quantity of Dry, Pickled and Smoked Fish, also Fish Oil and Seal Skins, Imported into Nova Scotia during the Year ended 5th January, 1845.

From whence Imported.	Dry Fish Quintals.	Alewives, Barrels.	HERRINGS.		SALMON.			Mackerel Barrels.	OILFISH.			Sealskins.
			Bbbs.	Boxes Smk'd	Tierc's	Bbbs.	Kits.		Casks.	Bbbs.	Tuns.	
British N. A. Colonies.	120998	7996	7300	1324	462	3688	360	110	2398	484	69	24580
Total.....	120998	7996	7300	1324	462	3688	360	110	2398	484	69	24580

Custom House, Halifax, March 20th, 1845.

RETURN OF SHIPS AND OF FISHERIES CAPE BRETON ISLAND, (MADAME INCLUDED,) FOR THE YEAR ENDED THE 31st DECEMBER, 1844.

SHIPS.		FISHERIES.			Value in Sterling.	Remarks thereon.
Number of Ships built in the year.	'Tons Burthen.	Registered according to law.	Number Vessels and of Boats employed.				Description and Quantity taken.
			Vessels.	Boats.		
					£17,586 10 0	Decrease on 1843, 8700 Quint's.—on 1842, 21,700 Quint's.
					1,303 15 0	Decrease on 1843, 1600 Quint's.—on 1842, 5100 Quint's.
42	2526	49	205	1139	6,256 5 0	Decrease on 1843, 100 Barrels.
					2,850 0 0	Decrease on 1843, 300 Barrels.
					940 0 0	Increase on 1843, 100 Barrels.
Increase of 7	of 500	decrease of 9	Dec. 8.	Dec. 37	11,246 5 0	Decrease of 4200 Barrels on 1843.
					5,840 0 0	10 Tuns abt. increasc.
					2,550 0 0	A decrease on the year of 115 Tuns Oil and 10,000 Skins.
					£48,572 15 0	

H. V. DAVENPORT, Coll.

Custom House, Sydney, 5th January, 1845.

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PORT OF HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE QUANTITY OF DRY, PICKLED, AND SMOKED FISH, ALSO, FISH OIL AND SEAL SKINS,
EXPORTED FROM NOVA SCOTIA PROPER DURING THE YEAR ENDED 5TH JANUARY, 1845.

COUNTRY.	DRY FISH.			MACKEREL.			HERRINGS.			ALEWIVES.			SALMON.						FISH OIL.		COD SEAL OIL.		SEAL SKINS.					
	Quintals.	Barrels.	Half do.	Kegs.	Thirds.	Kits.	Barrels.	Boxes.	Barrels.	Half do.	Tierces.	Barrels.	Half do.	Kits.	Thirds.	No.	Boxes.	Do. Smokd	Barrels.	SHAD.	Galls.	Casks.	Galls.	Casks.	Galls.	Casks.	No.	
To B. W. Indies . . .	194624	28574	603753				7897	6878	8867	19	48	1470	202791	308147	17	104489												
Great Britain . . .	2						22	1301				9		100	1	37554												
B. N. A. Colonies, Foreign W. Indies, Brazil	9737 23213 18054	1072 1124	8		105		5412 64	9849 45	90			286				60600		5										
United States . . .	400	18480	513		37		123	2533	373					121	53													
Foreign Europe . .	978																											
Gibraltar	3486	606	62		43		476	100	100	9				71	106													
Mauritius	99	7					27	50																				
Western Isles . . .																												
	250593	49901	118675343	142	14021	20756	9430	28	357	5187	202862	414368	71	5202673	9	539	13232	19596										

Custom House, Halifax, 29th March 1845.

No. 88.

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The Committee appointed to enquire into the Accounts for Printing, rendered by John H. Crosskill, Queen's Printer, and others, beg to Report as follows :

That after having fully examined the Accounts submitted, they find due to the following persons :

Jacob Kuhn,	£5	0	0
Gossip & Coade,	5	16	3
English & Blackadar,	7	7	6
John H. Crosskill, balance of Account £135 7 1,	135	7	1

Making the Sum of	£153	10	10
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To be provided for by the House.

Out of the Grant of £600 of last year there was paid to the following persons :

John S. Thompson, late Queen's Printer,	£98	3	9
Richard Nugent and other Contractors,	270	1	9½
John H. Crosskill, Queen's Printer,	200	0	0
Making together	£568	5	6½

which together with the above Sum of £153 10 10 to be provided for, making the whole charge last year for Printing, equal to £721 16 4½. The Contract made for Printing with Messrs. Gossip & Coade, is annexed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES D. FRASER.
GEO. R. YOUNG.

Halifax, April 14, 1845.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT made the twentieth day of September, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty-four, between William Gossip and John C. Coade, of Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia, Printers, of the one part, Archibald Harshaw and Alexander McLeod of the same place, Merchants, Sureties for the said Gossip and Coade, of the second part, and John Whidden of the same place, Clerk of the House of Assembly, of said Province, of the third part.

Whereas under and by virtue of a Resolution of the said House of Assembly, passed on the seventeenth day of April now last past, Tenders for the Public Printing required for the Assembly to be done for the next two years, have been received by the said John Whidden, and the Tender of the said Gossip and Coade has been accepted as the lowest and best. Now it is hereby mutually agreed and covenanted by and between the parties hereto as follows, that is to say :

First, the said Gossip and Coade covenant, promise and agree to and with the said John Whidden, that they the said Gossip and Coade shall and will during the next two ensuing years, print and furnish for and to the said Assembly, Three hundred and twenty Copies of the Journals of the House of Assembly, and of the Appendix and Index thereto, the whole to be printed as fast as copy shall be furnished therefor;—Eighty copies thereof to be furnished from day to day during the sitting of the House of Assembly, and the sheets remaining unprinted at the rising of the House to be furnished to the Clerk of the House. The remaining two hundred and forty Copies, or so many thereof as may be required to be furnished and delivered without delay, properly stitched in blue covers, and shall and will also print and publish in the Times Newspaper, whereof the said

Gossip

Gossip and Coade are Proprietors, all matter which they may be required to Advertise by or for the General Assembly or House of Assembly.

Second.—That this Contract shall continue for the next two years, and extend to such Printing as the said Gossip and Coade may be required to do as hereinbefore mentioned, and that all the materials shall be found and provided by the said Gossip and Coade, and shall be of as good quality at least as the materials used for the same description of work in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty-three; and that the Printing shall be done in a workmanlike manner, and be of the same size, form and character in regard to the Journals, as it was in the year last aforesaid.

Thirdly.—That for such Work and Printing so to be done, the said Gossip and Coade shall out of the Public Treasury, upon the same being granted by the Legislature, and Warrant therefor issued, be paid and receive as follows for the Journals, including all the Copies hereinbefore mentioned:—For every sheet of eight pages, two pounds fifteen shillings, Halifax currency; for the Appendix and Index to the Journals, for every sheet of eight pages two pounds twelve shillings and six pence currency, and for every sheet of rule and figure work of eight pages, one shilling and six pence additional; and for every square of Advertising as aforesaid, two shillings and three pence; and for the stitching each Copy of the Journals, with Appendix and Index, to the number required to be so done, the sum of three pence currency. It being understood that nothing is to be deemed Rule and Figure Work within this Contract but work requiring rules and figures, as in the Abstract of School Returns printed in the Appendix, number twenty-seven, to the Journals of the House of Assembly, of the Session of One thousand eight hundred and forty-two.

And Lastly,—The said Archibald Harshaw and Alexander McLeod, covenant, promise and agree, to and with the said John Whidden, that the said Gossip and Coade shall and will well and truly perform, do and fulfil and keep all and singular the covenants, agreements, promises and undertakings by them hereinbefore or hereby made, undertaken, entered into or agreed upon. In witness whereof the parties have hereto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in presence of

JOS. WHIDDEN.

WM. GOSSIP, (L. S.)
 JOHN C. COADE, (L. S.)
 ARCHIBALD HARSHAW, (L. S.)
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