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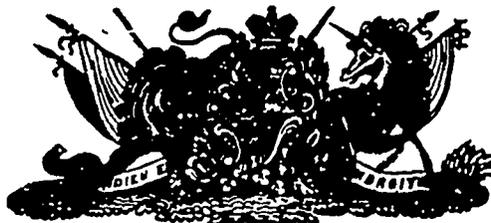
JOURNAL  
OF THE  
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
OF  
NEWFOUNDLAND.

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ANNO DECIMO QUINTO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

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*His Excellency SIR JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT; Knight, and Knight Commander of the Orders of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c., &c.*



FOURTH SESSION OF THE FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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*St. John's; Newfoundland.*

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## PROCLAMATION.

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JAMES CROWDY,  
(L. S.)

By His Honor JAMES CROWDY, Esquire,  
*Administrator of the Government of  
the Island of Newfoundland and its De-  
pendencies.*

**W**HEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of this Island stands Prorogued until THURSDAY the *Twenty-fourth* day of *July* instant : And whereas I think fit further to Prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the *Eighteenth* day of *September* next ensuing :

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further Prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY the *Eighteenth* day of *September* next. . Of which all persons concerned are required and commanded to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at St. John's,  
in the aforesaid Island, the Fifteenth day  
of July, One Thousand Eight Hundred  
and Fifty-one, and in the Fifteenth Year  
of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Honor's Command,

CHRISTOPHER AYRE,

*Acting Secretary.*



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*By His Honor JAMES CROWDY, Esquire,  
Administrator of the Government of  
the Island of Newfoundland and its De-  
pendencies.*

**W**HEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of this Island stands Prorogued until THURSDAY the *Eighteenth* day of *September* instant : And whereas I think fit further to Prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the *Twentieth* day of *November* next ensuing :

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further Prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY the *Twentieth* day of *November* next. Of which all persons concerned are required and commanded to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at St. John's,  
in the aforesaid Island, the Eighth day  
of September, One Thousand Eight Hun-  
dred and Fifty-one, and in the Fifteenth  
Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Honor's Command,

CHRISTOPHER AYRE,

*Acting Secretary.*



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JAMES CROWDY,  
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*By His Honor JAMES CROWDY, Esquire,  
Administrator of the Government of  
the Island of Newfoundland and its De-  
pendencies.*

**W**HEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of this Island stands Prorogued until THURSDAY the *Twentieth* day of *November* instant : And whereas, I think fit further to Prorogue the said General Assembly until THURSDAY the *Twenty-ninth* day of *January* next ensuing :

I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, further Prorogue the said GENERAL ASSEMBLY until THURSDAY the *Twenty-ninth* day of *January* next ; then to meet for the despatch of business. And of which all persons concerned are required and commanded to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

GIVEN under my hand and Seal at St. John's, in the aforesaid Island, this Thirteenth day of November, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-one, and in the Fifteenth Year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Honor's Command,

CHRISTOPHER AYRE,

*Acting Secretary.*





# JOURNAL

OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

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THURSDAY, 29TH JANUARY, 1851.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY having, by several Proclamations of His Excellency the Governor, hereto prefixed, been prorogued until this day, then to meet for the dispatch of business, the Members thereof accordingly met in the Assembly Room.

Members assemble.

At Two o'clock a Message was delivered by F. W. RENNIE, Esq., the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

Message from His Excellency the Governor.

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,—*

His Excellency the Governor commands your immediate attendance in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker and the Members of the House of Assembly present attended His Excellency the Governor in the Council Chamber. And being returned,

Members attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber.

Mr. SPEAKER reported that when in attendance on His Excellency the Governor, His Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, and of which, Mr. Speaker said, for the sake of accuracy, he had obtained a copy, and which he read to the House as follows:—

Mr. Speaker reports his Excellency's Speech.

## S P E E C H :—

His Excellency's Speech.

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

You are again assembled together for the transaction of the public business of the colony, and it affords me much pleasure in meeting you on the occasion.

It is my duty to communicate to you the melancholy fact of the death of His Majesty the King of Hanover, Uncle to our Gracious Queen.

I have received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State answers to the several Addresses passed in the last Session to Her Majesty ; and among the papers which I shall cause to be laid before you at the earliest opportunity is the reply of Her Majesty's Government to the prayer of the House of Assembly for the concession of Responsible Government to this Island.

The Post Office has been taken into the hands of the Local Government, and the increased facilities for correspondence thereby, throughout the several districts of the Island, must prove of great utility and benefit to the community generally.

The great improvement in the Revenue during the past year is a subject for congratulation, and you will observe that the increase is much greater than that at which it was estimated in your last Session.

In the Despatches about to be laid before you, you will observe that Her Most Gracious Majesty has been advised to assent to the Act passed in the last Session for issuing Treasury Notes and for reducing the Public Debt of the Colony.

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

The Financial Statement and Estimates shall be laid before you, and I rely with confidence on your making the necessary provision for the efficient conduct of the Government.

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

I now leave you to your legislative duties, in the discharge of which you will always find me a ready and active supporter ; and I trust that at the termination of those functions, the Island of Newfoundland will have reason to be grateful to us for the time and labour which we, during the period of four years, have so unremittingly bestowed in our endeavours for the promotion of the welfare and happiness of all classes of the colony.

On motion of Mr. EMERSON, seconded by Mr. DELANEY,

*Resolved*,—That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address of Thanks in reply to the gracious speech with which His Excellency has been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature.

Committee to prepare Address of Thanks;

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Emerson, Mr. Delaney, Mr. Hoyles, Mr. Parsons, and Mr. Shea, be a committee for that purpose.

Mr. HOYLES presented a Petition from John Cunningham and others, inhabitants of the port of LaPoile, and the same was received and read, setting forth,—their disappointment at not being represented in the House of Assembly, and praying that in accordance with the prayer of their Petition, laid before the House last Session, a member may be appointed for that part of the island of Newfoundland lying between Bonne Bay and Cape Ray.

Petition from LaPoile for a Representative.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. WINSER presented a Petition from W. J. Ward, proprietor of the *Morning Post*, and the same was received and read, setting forth,—his anxiety to publish the debates and proceedings of the House daily, and praying that the Reporter be instructed to furnish him with copy in sufficient time to enable him to carry out this object.

Petition from W. J. Ward on the subject of daily publishing the reports of the House.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he would cause at his earliest convenience to be laid before this House, copies of any Despatches he may have received from the Home Government, in reply to the Address of last Session, praying for Responsible Government :

Notice of motion for Address to his Excellency for copies of Responsible Government Despatches.

Also, for an Address to His Excellency, praying that as soon as convenient he would cause to be laid before the House, copies of any Despatches that may have been received in reply to the Address of last Session, in reference to the funds sent to this colony for the relief of the sufferers by the fire of 1846.

Notice of motion for copies of Despatches in reply to the Address on the subject of the fire sufferers.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to increase the number of Representatives in the House of Assembly of this island.

Notice for increase of Representatives' Bill.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to ascertain the population of this colony and other statistical information.

Notice for Census Bill.

Mr. DELANEY gave notice that on the 9th of February next he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Postal Act.

Notice for Postal Amendment Bill.

Notice for Committee on Contingencies.

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that on to-morrow he would move the appointment of a Select Committee on Contingencies.

Notice for Education Bill.

Mr. HOYLES gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for leave to bring in a Bill for the encouragement of Education :

Notice for Burgeo and La Poile Representative Bill.

Also, for leave to bring in a Bill to establish and define the Electoral District of Burgeo and LaPoile, and to regulate the representation thereof.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at One of the Clock.

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FRIDAY; JANUARY 30, 1851.

Petition from Witless Bay for a bridge and road.

Mr. WINSER presented a Petition from Nicholas Tobin and others, inhabitants of the south-side of Witless Bay, and the same was received and read,—praying for a grant to enable them to build a bridge over Gallows Cove River ; and also to make a road in that locality.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On motion of Mr. EMERSON, seconded by Mr. RANKIN, pursuant to notice,

*Resolved*,—That a Select Committee be appointed on Contingencies.

Committee on Contingencies

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Emerson, Mr. Winser, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Shea, and Mr. Rankin, be a Committee for that purpose.

Notice for Committee of Audit.

Mr. WINSER gave notice that on to-morrow he would move the appointment of a Select Committee to Audit the Public Accounts and to report thereon to the House.

Motion for Address to the Governor for copies of Responsible Government Despatches.

Mr. PARSONS, pursuant to notice, presented the draft of an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency would, on an early day, cause the Despatches received from the Home Government in reply to the Address of last Session on Responsible Government, to be laid before the House.

And the House dividing thereon, there appeared

FOR THE MOTION, 4.

AGAINST THE MOTION, 5.

Division

Mr. Shea

Mr. Rankin

“ Winsor

“ Carter

“ Parsons

“ Hoyles

“ Little.

“ Delaney

“ Emerson.

So it passed in the negative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

Address negatived.

Mr. LITTLE, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to increase the number of Representatives in the General Assembly of this Island, and the same was read a first time.

Increase of Representatives Bill read 1st time.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a second time on the 9th February.

Time of 2nd reading.

Mr. HOYLES, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to establish and define the Electoral District of Burgeo and LaPoile, and to regulate the representation thereof, and the same was read a 1st time.

Burgeo and LaPoile Bill read 1st time.

*Ordered*,—To be read a second time on the 9th of February next.

Time of 2nd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the notice of motion for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for taking the Census of this colony, be postponed till Monday next :

Notices of motion postponed

Also, that the notice of motion for leave to bring in a Bill for the encouragement of Education be postponed till Monday next.

Mr. EMERSON, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare an Address of Thanks in reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session, reported a draft thereof, which he handed in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read a first time, as follows:—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

Address of Thanks reported from Select Committee and read 1st time.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the Commons of Newfoundland, in Legislative Session convened, beg to thank your Excellency for the gracious speech with which your Excellency has been pleased to open the present session.

We observe the reference made by your Excellency to the melancholy demise of the King of Hanover, uncle to our Gracious Queen.

We thank your Excellency for the promise to furnish us with the answers to addresses to Her Majesty passed in the last session ; and we feel deep interest in that relative to the address praying for the concession of Responsible Government to this colony.

We trust the establishment of a local Post Office has in some degree resulted in the benefits intended to be conferred by it ; and we shall afford our best attention to the perfecting of a measure of such paramount importance to the inhabitants generally.

We reciprocate your Excellency's congratulations upon the large augmentation of the Revenue of the past year.

We regard with much satisfaction the assent of Her Majesty to the Act passed in the last session, for issuing Treasury Notes and reducing the public debt of the colony.

We thank your Excellency for your disposition to submit to us the financial statement and estimates, and we assure your Excellency of our desire to make competent provision for the efficient conduct of the government.

Your Excellency may rest assured of our willingness to unite with your Excellency in maturing measures which may tend to the promotion of the prosperity of this colony and the general welfare of our people.

Time of 2nd reading of Address of Thanks.

*Ordered*,—That the said Address be read a second time to-morrow.

Notice of motion for suspension of Rules of the House.

Mr. HOYLES gave notice that on to-morrow he would move the suspension of the Rules of the House in reference to the Address of Thanks in reply to His Excellency's Speech.

Notice for Committee of the whole on Ways and Means.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on Tuesday, the 10th February, he would move the House into a Committee of the whole on Ways and Means.

Notice for Reserved Salaries Reduction Bill.

Mr. WINNER gave notice that on Monday next he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the reduction of the Reserved Salaries.

Notice for Select Committee on Printing.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to superintend the printing of this House.

Notice for additional Rules to be added to the Rules of the House.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that the following Rules be added to the rules and orders of the House:—

That no report of a Select Committee of this House be received without being signed by a majority of the Committee.

That upon no occasion shall any business be transacted in the House when there is not a quorum present.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at One of the Clock.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1851.

On motion of Mr. WINSER, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

*Resolved*,—That a Select Committee be appointed to Audit the Public Accounts.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Winsor, Mr. Shea, Mr. Little, Mr. Parsons, and Mr. Rankin, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee of Audit.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Address of Thanks in reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session, was read a second time. Address of Thanks read 2d time.

On motion of Mr. EMERSON, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

*Ordered*,—That the Rules of this House be suspended in reference to the said Address. Rules of the House suspended in reference to Address of Thanks.

*Resolved*,—That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole upon the consideration of the said Address. Committee of the whole on Address of Thanks.

And the House resolved into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Address to them referred, and had passed the same with one amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Address and Amendment in at the Clerk's Table. Address reported with Amendment.

The Amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows :

Add at the end of the third paragraph :

Amendment.

—whilst we regret the absence from Your Excellency's Speech of any intimation as to the determination of Her Majesty's Government on this highly important subject ; and we therefore look with anxiety for the information in Your Excellency's possession at your earliest convenience, that we may be enabled to deal with it in a manner commensurate with its importance and the hopes of the country.

Mr. LITTLE moved, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

That the Address as amended be adopted ; and the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared

FOR THE MOTION, 5.

AGAINST THE MOTION, 4.

Division.

Mr. Little

Mr. Carter

“ Parsons

“ Hoyles

“ Shea

“ Rankin

“ Delaney

“ Emerson.

“ Winsor.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Adopted.

*Ordered* accordingly.

*Ordered*,—That the Address as amended be engrossed and read a third time presently.

Read 3rd time.

Pursuant to order, the engrossed Address as amended, was read a third time.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Address passed and Committee to present.

*Resolved*,—That the Address pass, and be presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Speaker and the whole House.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

*Resolved*,—That a Select Committee be appointed to superintend the printing of the House.

Committee on printing.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Little, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Shea, Mr. Hoyles, and Mr. Carter, be a Committee for that purpose.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at One of the Clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1852.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received a communication from Mr. Secretary Crowdy, stating that His Excellency the Governor would receive the House with their Address in reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session, to-morrow at one o'clock.

Time named to receive House with Address.

Mr. WINSER, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to reduce and make provision for the payment of the salaries of the principal Officers of Her Majesty's Government in this colony, and the same was read a first time.

Reserved Salary Reduction Bill read 1st time

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Time of 2nd reading.

Mr. LITTLE, in the absence of Mr. PARSONS, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill for ascertaining the population of this colony and other statistical information, and the same was read a first time.

Census Bill read 1st time.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a second time on the 11th February next.

Time of 2nd reading.

Mr. SHEA, in the absence of Mr. HOYLES, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to provide for the encouragement of Education, and the same was read a first time.

Education Bill read 1st time.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Time of 2nd reading.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

*Resolved*,—That the following Rule be added to the rules and orders of the House:—

That no report of a Select Committee of this House be received without being signed by a majority of the Committee.

Additional Rule of the House.

*Ordered*,—That the consideration of the notice of motion to add the following Rule to the rules and orders of the House, be postponed till to-morrow:—

That upon no occasion shall any business be transacted in the House when there is not a quorum present.

Notice of motion postponed.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he would cause any Docu-

Notice of Address to the Governor for copy of documents on the French encroachments.

ments which have recently been transmitted to the Executive, referring to the encroachments of the French at Belle Isle and Labrador, to be laid before the House.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at half-past Twelve of the Clock.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1852.

House attend His Excellency.

It being the hour appointed for waiting on His Excellency the Governor with the Address in reply to his Speech at the opening of the Session,

Mr. SPEAKER and the House went up to Government House;

And being returned,

Address reported by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. SPEAKER reported that he had presented the said Address to His Excellency the Governor, and that His Excellency had been pleased to give the following reply thereto:—

His Excellency's Reply.

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,—*

I receive your address, and I trust that by your directing your best attention to those objects that are of importance to the benefit of the colony, the result of your Legislative labors will be found at the termination of the Session to have advanced the general welfare of all classes of the community.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at One of the Clock.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1852.

Despatches from His Excellency the Governor, Ex-

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the following Documents, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor:—

## DESPATCHES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE :—

Acknowledging the receipt of the Address to Her Majesty from the House of Assembly, praying that an inquiry may be instituted into the disposal of the funds raised for the benefit of the sufferers by the fire at St. John's.

With reference to the Act for improving the Copper currency of this island, and postponing for the present the submitting it for Her Majesty's confirmation.

Communicating the intelligence of the death of His Majesty the King of Hanover.

Acknowledging the receipt of an Address from the House of Assembly to Her Majesty praying that St. John's may be made a port of entry for Transatlantic Steamers.

Order in Council leaving certain Acts to their operation.

Order in Council specially confirming the Act for the issue of Treasury Notes.

On the subject of the Act for the issue of Treasury Notes and for the reduction of the public debt of the Colony.

In reply to the Address of the House of Assembly praying for Responsible Government.

*Ordered*,—That the said Despatches do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on Friday next he would move that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on the state of the Colony, to take into consideration the Despatch of the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor of Newfoundland, on the subject of Responsible Government, and to adopt Resolutions thereon, and Addresses to Her Majesty and both Houses of the Imperial Parliament.

Notice of motion for Committee of the whole on the state of the Colony.

Then the House adjourned till Friday next at One of the Clock.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1852.

Mr. LITTLE moved, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole upon the state of the colony, to take into consideration the Despatch

Notice for committee of the whole on the state of the colony.

from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency the Governor of Newfoundland, on the subject of Responsible Government, and to adopt Resolutions and Addresses to Her Majesty and both Houses of the Imperial Parliament.

Whereupon,

Mr. CARTER moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. RANKIN,

Amendment.

That in the absence from the House of Assembly of five members, of whom two are not in Newfoundland, two are absent from sickness, and one from pressure of professional duties, it is not expedient to proceed with the consideration of the Despatch upon Responsible Government—particularly as no opportunity has been afforded, and consequently no means have been taken, to ascertain the opinion of the country upon the subject, in conformity with the recommendation of Earl Grey in the said Despatch.

And the House dividing thereon, there appeared

FOR THE AMENDMENT, 2.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT, 7.

Division.

Mr. Carter  
“ Rankin.

Mr. Little  
“ Winsor  
“ Parsons  
“ Hanrahan  
“ Shea  
“ Delaney  
“ Emerson.

Amendment negatived.

So it passed in the negative.

And the question being then put on the original motion, it passed in the affirmative, and accordingly,

Committee of the whole  
on the state of the Colony.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the state of the colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. DELANEY 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 to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Order of day.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again and stand first on the order of the day for Monday.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at One of the Clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1852.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will advance from the Public Treasury to the Central Board of Road Commissioners, the sum of £100 for the purpose of making passable the several outlets of the town, by removing the snow and filling up the gulches, and giving employment to the labouring men of the town who are now out of employment, and suffering privations in consequence thereof.

Notice for Address to the Governor to appropriate £100 for removing snow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the state of the colony.

Committee on state of the colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. DELANEY 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 to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee stand first on the order of the day for to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at One of the Clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1852.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

Address to appropriate £100 for removing snow.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to advance from the Treasury to the Central Board of Road

Commissioners, the sum of One Hundred Pounds, for the purpose of making passable the several outlets of the town, by removing the snow and filling up the gulches, and affording employment to the labouring men of the town who are now out of employment and suffering privations in consequence thereof, and this House will make provision for the said sum.

Committee to present.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Little.

Committee of the whole on the state of the colony.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the state of the colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. DELANEY took of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee stand first on the order of the day for to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at One of the Clock.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1852.

Petition from distressed labourers of St. John's.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Patrick Ryan and others, distressed labourers of St. John's, and the same was received and read, setting forth,—their destitute state, and praying for employment on public works :

Road Petition from Stopper side.

Also, a Petition from Henry Supple and others, inhabitants of Stopper side, to the eastward of Petty Harbor,—praying for a grant to open a road from thence to St. John's.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the state of the colony.

Committee of the whole on the state of the colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. DELANEY 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 to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee stand first on the order of the day for to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at One of the Clock.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1852.

Mr. PARSONS, from the deputation appointed to present the Address, praying that the Governor would appropriate the sum of One Hundred Pounds in employing the destitute poor of the district, reported that His Excellency had handed him the following reply:—

GENTLEMEN,—The object of this Address and of the grant sought by it, is, no doubt, very laudable. Under the circumstances, I shall comply with it, but I beg to call your attention to the 12th Royal Instruction, which, in this instance, has not been complied with, and to acquaint the Assembly that in future I will, in no case, accede to any application for money which shall not have been previously recommended or asked for by me.

Reply of the Governor to Address.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the state of the colony.

Committee of the whole on the state of the colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. DELANEY took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report of Committee on  
state of the colony.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had passed certain Resolutions and an Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the same in at the Clerk's Table.

Mr. LITTLE moved, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Motion for adoption.

That the Report be adopted.

Whereupon,

Mr. HOYLES moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. CARTER,

That the Report be not received, but that the Report of the Committee be to the following effect :—

Amendment.

*Resolved*,—That in the Despatch of Earl Grey, of the 16th December last, in answer to the Address of this House praying for Responsible Government, the Assembly gratefully recognise the readiness of Her Majesty's Government to comply with their wishes, upon being satisfied that such compliance would promote the public good, and that although the Assembly cannot concur in the reasonableness of imposing upon the colony the maintenance of Her Majesty's troops, yet that in the hope that this stipulation will be waived, the Assembly will proceed without delay to comply with the remaining conditions of the said Despatch, by making the necessary provision for the present officers of Government, and by adopting such improvements in the constitution of the Assembly as may render that body a full and fair representation of all classes of the community.

And the House dividing thereon, there appeared

FOR THE AMENDMENT, 4.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT, 6.

Division:

Mr. Carter

Mr. Little

“ Hoyles

“ Parsons

“ Emerson

“ Winsor

“ Rankin.

“ Shea

“ Hanrahan

“ Delaney.

Amendment negatived.

So it passed in the negative.

And the question on the original motion being then put, it passed in the affirmative on a similar division, and

Report adopted.

*Ordered* accordingly.

The said Resolutions and Address were then read by the Clerk, and are as follows :—

*Resolved*,—That this House regards with surprise and regret the decision of Her Majesty's Government: as communicated in Earl Grey's despatch of the 16th December last, in reply to the Address of this House passed in the last session, praying for the concession to this colony of the principles of Responsible Government.

Resolutions in Committee of the whole on the state of the colony.

*Resolved*,—That this colony has a population of at least 120,000 inhabitants—that its annual imports exceed £800,000, and its exports £1,000,000 sterling—that its area exceeds that of Ireland—that it has a seaboard of 1,000 miles, indented with Bays and safe Harbours; from which its inexhaustible fisheries may be carried on to an indefinite extent, affording valuable employment to a population far exceeding the present number—that its Revenue is £75,000 sterling—that its Civil List is paid from Colonial funds, and that as an evidence of the soundness of the credit of the colony, the sum of £80,000 is invested in the Savings' Bank at interest of 3 per cent.

*Resolved*,—That while possessed of these capabilities and advantages, their developement has been restricted by reason of the want of the stimulating influences of self-government—the direction of our affairs being in the hands of Imperial authorities, often ignorant of our condition and wants.

*Resolved*,—That whereas the declarations of every Colonial Minister since 1838, as to the principles which should be applied to the Government of the Colonies, and more especially the views of Earl Grey to the Governor of P. E. Island, under date 27th December, 1849, in which his Lordship affirms that "it cannot be too distinctly acknowledged that it is neither possible nor desirable to carry on the Government of any of the British Provinces in North America in opposition to the opinion of the inhabitants;" which declaration was confirmed by a subsequent Despatch from His Lordship, dated 31st January, 1851, in which the concession of Responsible Government was fully made to that colony; and whereas that colony has only a population of 65,000—Imports about £120,000, and Exports £55,000, and a Revenue about £25,000;—and whereas His Lordship receded from a strong objection to apply the principles of Responsible Government to that colony, as was shown by His Lordship to be held by him, when he stated in his Despatch that Prince Edward Island is comparatively small in extent and population—its commercial and wealthy classes confined almost to a single town;—the people of this colony were fully justified in the belief that their demand for the rights of self-government would not have been refused.

*Resolved*.—That the Amalgamated Legislature of this colony, of whom two-fifths were Crown Nominees, affirmed the principle of Executive Responsibility, as applicable to our condition, in Resolutions recorded on the Journals of 1845.

*Resolved*,—That Newfoundland is the only British North American colony from which the benefits of self-government are now withheld.

*Resolved*,—That the increase of the Representatives has long occupied the attention of the Legislature, a Bill having passed the Assembly in 1850, which was lost in the Council, and that a measure for the attainment of this object is now under consideration in this House.

*Resolved*,—That this colony possesses a sufficient number of inhabitants qualified by property, intelligence and education, and by the enjoyment of a certain amount of leisure, who are willing to devote their services to the public business ; and that the entertainment of a contrary opinion by Earl Grey, as expressed in his Lordship's Despatch, must have proceeded from misrepresentation, or a want of correct information on the condition and circumstances of this country.

*Resolved*,—That the introduction of Responsible Government into this colony would not be attended by an increase of the Civil Expenditure ; this portion of our public burthens is susceptible of an adjustment that will meet the cost attendant on the change, without augmenting the expense at present incurred.

*Resolved*,—That the present system of government is not capable of meeting the wants and progressive desires of the people of this country ; that it has not given general satisfaction, and does not possess public confidence ; and that a wide-spread desire exists for the establishment of the principles of self-government.

*Resolved*,—That the government of this colony should be conducted upon those general principles of constitutional freedom which are in force in the neighbouring colonies, irrespective of any sectarian distinctions.

*Resolved*,—That the inhabitants of this country are peaceable, loyal, and industrious ; and their respect for the laws of the land is a sufficient guarantee for the "maintenance of its internal peace and tranquility," without imposing upon the country the burthen of supporting the Newfoundland Companies ; and therefore, while the neighbouring colonies are exempt from any such charge, we deem it unjust to attempt to annex it as a condition to the enjoyment of our constitutional rights.

*Resolved*,—That a standing corresponding committee of this House be appointed, consisting of the Speaker, Messrs. Winsor, Shea, Parsons, Little, Hanrahan ; who shall communicate with the members of the London Colonial Reform Society, and such members of the Imperial Parliament as they may think proper to address for the purpose of promoting the attainment of self-government for this colony.

*Resolved*,—That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency by a deputation from this House, soliciting His Excellency's co-operation

in securing for this colony a compliance with the prayer of the address to her Gracious Majesty.

*Resolved*,—That addresses similar to that to Her Majesty be addressed to both Houses of the Imperial Parliament, signed by the Speaker, and transmitted with a suitable communication by him and the other members of the Corresponding Committee, by the next Mail, to Sir William Molesworth and Lord Stanley, for the purpose of being presented to both Houses of the Imperial Parliament.

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### TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY—

We, the Commons of Newfoundland, in Legislative Session convened, beg to approach your Most Gracious Majesty with feelings of profound loyalty to the British Crown and unabated affection to Your Majesty, and to express our thanks for the gracious manner in which Your Majesty has been pleased to receive the Address of this House, unanimously adopted during its last session, praying for the establishment of Responsible Government in this colony ; whilst we also deem it our duty to inform Your Majesty of our deep regret and the public disappointment created by Your Majesty's declining for the present to comply with its prayer.

Address to the Queen.

That Address was passed in strict accordance with the well known, frequently expressed, and "deliberate wishes of the inhabitants" of this Island. In the year 1846, by Resolution of the Amalgamated Legislature, two-fifths of the members of which were Nominees of the Crown, the principles of Executive Responsibility were affirmed as applicable to our condition. Since that period this important question has agitated the public mind and proved a prominent test of the eligibility of Candidates for seats in the Assembly. It has been discussed in the local periodicals—in the hustings—in public meetings, and in the Legislative Halls of the Country. Therefore, influenced by the prevailing opinions of the people, and in compliance with petitions numerously signed, as well as from our own conviction of the undeniable and unanimously recognised necessity for an improvement in our present system of Government, did we resolve to appeal to Your Majesty for that full measure of constitutional justice, which is our birth-right as British subjects, and to which this colony is as well entitled, in our humble opinion, as any other dependency of the British crown. That this is the only colony in British North America, from which self-government has been withheld. That it has a population of at least 120,000 inhabitants—that its annual imports exceed £800,000, and its exports £1,000,000 sterling—that its area is greater than that of Ireland—that it has a sea board exceeding 1000 miles—indented with extensive and commodious bays and safe harbors, from which its inex-

haustible fisheries may be carried on to an indefinite extent, and affording valuable encouragement to a population far greater than the present number—that its Revenue is £75,000 sterling—that its Civil List is paid exclusively from Colonial funds, and that as an evidence of the soundness of the credit of the colony, the sum of £80,000 is invested in the Savings' Bank at interest at the rate of three per cent. That while possessed of these resources, capabilities, and advantages, their development has been comparatively neglected by reason of the want of the stimulating influence of self-government—the direction of our affairs being in the hands of Imperial Authorities often ignorant of our condition and wants, and of local functionaries not unfrequently inimical to the interests of the country, and using their high and confidential positions for the purpose of perpetuating their own power, and upholding a system which has a direct tendency to shake the allegiance of the most loyal, and produce general discontent among the inhabitants—a system which is not capable of meeting the wants and progressive desires of the people of this country, and which does not possess public confidence because it has not given general satisfaction.

Under these circumstances, we most respectfully submit that the people of this colony were fully justified in the belief that their fair and reasonable demand for a constitutional control over the administration of their internal affairs would not have been refused. Looking at the declaration of every Colonial Minister since 1838, as to the principles which should be applied to the Government of the colonies, and more especially the views of Earl Grey to the Governor of P. E. Island, under the date of the 27th December, 1849, in which His Lordship affirms that “it cannot be too distinctly acknowledged that it is neither possible nor desirable to carry on the Government of any of the British Provinces in North America in opposition to the opinion of the inhabitants” which declaration was confirmed by a subsequent Despatch from His Lordship, dated the 31st January, 1851, in which Responsible Government was fully conceded to that colony, with its population of 65,000 inhabitants, while its Imports amount to £120,000, its Exports considerably less, and its Revenue about £25,000. Looking also at the objections urged and subsequently abandoned by His Lordship to the application of the principles of self-government to that colony, but more particularly when he stated in a Despatch, under date of the 1st January, 1849, that “P. E. Island is comparatively small in extent and population, and its commercial and wealthy classes confined almost to a single town,” we sincerely confide in the equal justice and good faith of the British Government, whilst we respectfully assure Your Majesty that the speedy concession of our rights will conciliate and secure the affections of the people of this colony, obviate the unpleasant consequences of political discontent produced by injustice, and divert the wide spreading current of public agitation into the

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legitimate channels of productive industry, commercial enterprise and social improvement.

That the increase of the Representation has long occupied the attention of the Legislature, a Bill having passed the Assembly in 1850, which was lost in the Council, and that a measure for the attainment of this object is now under consideration in this House; but what fate it may experience from our Irresponsible Council, who may feel interested in its defeat, we shall not presume to anticipate. That this colony possess a "sufficient number of inhabitants qualified by property, intelligence and education, and by the enjoyment of a certain amount of leisure," who are willing to devote their services to the public business; and that the entertainment of a contrary opinion by Earl Grey, expressed in his Lordship's Despatch, must have proceeded from misrepresentation, or a want of correct information on the present condition and circumstances of this country. That the introduction of Responsible Government into this colony would not be attended by an increase of the Civil List, which now exceeds £25,000, sterling a-year, but, we should rather hope, by a reduction of that amount, as this portion of our public burthens is susceptible of an adjustment that will meet the cost usually paid by the neighbouring colonies, as attendant on the change, certainly without augmenting the expense at present incurred in our Civil Expenditure. That the inhabitants of this country are peaceable, loyal, and industrious; and their respect for the laws of the land is a sufficient guarantee for the "maintenance of its internal peace and tranquility," without imposing upon the country the burthen of supporting the Newfoundland Companies; and therefore, while the neighbouring colonies are exempt from any such charge, we should deem it unjust to attempt to annex the support of a military establishment as a condition to the enjoyment of our constitutional rights.

We therefore most humbly pray, that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to take the premises into your Royal consideration, and confound upon this old and loyal dependency of the British Crown the blessings of a constitutional form of Responsible Government, analagous to that in successful operation in Your Majesty's other British North American colonies, and for which, as in duty bound, we shall ever pray.

Mr. LITTLE moved, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

That the Resolutions and Address be adopted, which passed in the affirmative on a similar division.

Resolutions and Address adopted.

Mr. LITTLE moved, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

That the Address be engrossed, and that the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

Address to His Excellency  
the Governor.

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly have passed the accompanying Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty on the subject of Responsible Government, which they request Your Excellency will forward to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne; and they respectfully request Your Excellency will add the weight of your influence to the prayer of their petition.

And the question being put thereon, it passed in the affirmative on a similar division, and

*Ordered*,—That the Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency by Mr. Little and Mr. Parsons.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at One of the Clock

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1852.

Petition against division of  
Protestant Education Grant.

Mr. EMERSON presented a Petition from James M. Winter and others, inhabitants of Fogo, which was received and read,—praying that no further division be made in the Protestant Education Grant, other than at present exists.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Petitions for Steam Packet  
& Harbor Grace Gas Com-  
pany Incorporation Acts.

Mr. PRENDERGAST presented two Petitions from John Munn and others, of Harbor Grace, which were severally received and read,—praying that Acts may be passed to incorporate the Harbor Grace Gas Light Company and the Newfoundland Steam Packet Company.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Mr. WINSER gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that the Chairman of Audit may be furnished by the Colonial Treasurer with such Documents as may be required in the exposition of the Public Accounts.

Notice for Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. HANRAHAN gave notice that on Wednesday next he would ask leave to introduce a Bill for the amendment of the Carbonear Street Act.

Notice for Carbonear Street Amendment Act.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on Monday next he would ask leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate the Newfoundland Steam Packet Company:

Notice for Steam Packet Incorporation Bill, and Harbor Grace Gas Company Bill.

Also, a Bill to incorporate the Harbor Grace Gas Light Company.

Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. CARTER,

Moved "The Order of the Day."

Motion for order of the day.

Whereupon,

Mr. LITTLE moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

That the House adjourn till Monday next.

Amendment.

And the question being put thereon, it passed in the affirmative on division.

FOR THE AMENDMENT, 7.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT, 3.

Mr. Winsor

Mr. Hoyles

Division.

" Little

" Carter

" Parsons

" Rankin.

" Hanrahan

" Prendergast

" Shea

" Delaney.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at One of the Clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1852.

At Two o'clock the names of Members present being taken down, as follows:—

Mr. WINSER, Mr. LITTLE, Mr. HANRAHAN, and Mr. RANKIN,

Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House for want of a quorum.

Adjournment for want of a quorum.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1852.

Road Petition from Cape Broyle.

Mr. WINSER presented a Petition from John Cashin and others, inhabitants of Cape Broyle, and the same was received and read,—Praying for a grant to make a road through that settlement.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Funk Island Petition from Brigus and Cupids.

Mr. PRENDERGAST presented a Petition from John Norman and other inhabitants of Brigus and Cupids, and the same was received and read, setting forth,—The many advantages that would result to the Labrador sealing, and coasting trade of this country, from the erection of a Lighthouse on the Funks Island; and praying that immediate measures may be taken to carry out this important object.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Wadham Island Petition from St. John's.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Thomas Coyel and others, planters and ship-masters, engaged in the coasting, sealing, and Labrador trade and the same was received and read, setting forth,—That no locality in the northern district affords so good a station for a Lighthouse as the "Offer" Wadham Island: that being informed Petitions have been presented, recommending that a Lighthouse should be placed upon the Funks Island, they humbly request that evidence may be taken in reference to the advantages of both stations before adopting either.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Funk Island Light House Petition.

Mr. LITTLE presented Petitions from Kenneth McLea and others, of St. John's; Joseph Benson and others, of Grates Cove; and Stephen Jeans and others, which were severally received and read,—Praying that a Lighthouse may be erected on the Funks Island.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie on the table.

Wesleyan Education Petition from St. John's.

He also presented a Petition from E. Botterel and others, Wesleyans of St. John's, and the same was received and read, setting forth,—That the further sub-division of the Protestant Education grant would be most unsuitable to the scattered population of Newfoundland, as it would tend to the formation of rival schools in localities where all the pupils would not be sufficient for the charge of one teacher; and praying that no further division be made, but that increased pecuniary aid may be afforded for increasing the salaries of school-masters and building school-houses.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

He also presented a Petition from Edmund Botterell, Chairman of the Wesleyan Methodists, in Newfoundland, and the same was received and read, as follows :—

TO THE HONORABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF NEWFOUNDLAND, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION CONVENED.

Petition against division of Protestant Education Grant.

The Petition of EDMUND BOTTERELL, Chairman of the Wesleyan Methodists in Newfoundland,

SHEWETH,—

That the chief objection alleged by the members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, against the further sub-division of the grant for the Education of their own children, and those of their fellow Protestants, is the impossibility of maintaining thereby efficient schools in the numerous localities where they would be required. This will appear to any who will compare the Census Returns of 1845 with the proposed distribution of £7,500 for education, as ordered to be printed by the Honorable the House of Assembly. By this process the subjoined results, most unfavorable to sub-division, are evolved.

In the district of St. John's, the amount prospectively appropriated to the unepiscopal Protestants, of whom alone your Petitioner intends to speak throughout his Petition, is £148. About two-thirds of this sum would be due to the Wesleyans, and that is demonstrably inadequate to their necessities.

The Wesleyans would require a School in St. John's, in Portugal Cove, and in Pouch Cove. The Protestant Board of this district have four Teachers, whose united Salaries are not less than £220. At the same rate the Wesleyans would require for three Teachers not less than £165, or £65 per annum more than they are authorised to expect. Except in the town of St. John's the Wesleyans have no School-house in the district, and the Bill for the Encouragement of Education now before your Honorable House makes no provision for any School-house for them in the outports.

In the district of Brigus the sum designed for other Protestants than those of the Church of England is £131. They will require a school in Topsail, Bull Cove, Brigus, Frogmarsh, Cupids and Clarke's Beach. The least sum for which a Teacher suitable for Brigus could be obtained would be £60. Then for the Teachers in the five other places there would remain an average of £18 only, a sum that is quite insufficient to secure the services of competent persons, and it will admit of no appropriation for school premises.

The operation of Sub-division would be equally objectionable in the district of Harbor Grace. The sum allotted to the same parties there is

£73. They would need a School in Harbor Grace, Bay Roberts, Port de Grave, and Mosquito. It is evident that the whole sum would be insufficient for the required School in the district town. Or, if the amount were to be equally divided between all the places, the portions would be so small as to be unwisely and discouragingly inefficient for each of them.

The sum appropriated to the Carbonear district is £381. The proper education of the youth of the unepiscopal Protestants in the Carbonear district cannot be secured with this amount. The Wesleyans would require two Schools in Carbonear, and one in each of the following places : Freshwater, Otterbury, Salmon Cove, Perry's Cove, Mulley's Cove, Broad Cove, Blackhead, Adam's Cove, Bradley's Cove, Western Bay, Ochre Pit Cove, Northern Bay, Gull Island, Burnt Point, Job's Cove, Island Cove, and Caplin Cove, in all nineteen Schools. One master in Carbonear, and one in Blackhead would require at least £50 per annum, leaving for the other eighteen teachers, an average yearly salary of about £16. For this pittance men of worth and ability cannot be hired. Persons who would accept this small salary would be unable to perform aright the important duties of a good day School Teacher.

The next district is that of Trinity Bay South, the amount proposed for which is £128. The members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church would require a School in New Perlican, Scilly Cove, Caplin Cove, Hants Harbor, Seal Cove, Old Perlican and Grates Cove, in all seven. Seven Teachers would be paid only at the rate of about £18 per annum, and the Wesleyans in Fox Harbor, Norman's Cove, and Lance Cove, would be wholly excluded from the benefits of the Grant. The consideration of this district alone, under the influence of the proposed Sub-division, would induce your Honorable House to withhold your sanction from the measure.

Nor is the case expected to be better in the district of Trinity Bay North.—For that district the sum proposed to be given to the same parties is £72. There are Wesleyans residing in Bound's, Deer Harbor, Thoroughfare, Shilling Harbour, New Bonaventure, Old Bonaventure, Cuckhold's Cove, Trinity, Salmon Cove, English Harbour, Great Catalina, Little Catalina, and Bird Island Cove. It is simply impossible to educate the Wesleyan children in all these places with only £72. The continuance and improvement of the existing system of general Protestant education would benefit equally the children of Wesleyans, and those of their neighbours. But to devolve on the Wesleyans the formation and support of Schools in twelve different places on the Northshore of Trinity Bay with only £72, is to let them do what is obviously impracticable.

The sum provisionally allotted for the education of the non-Episcopal Protestants in the district of Bonavista Bay is £53. Wesleyans are found

in unequal numbers in Cobler's Island, Bonavista, Indian Arm, Tickle Cove, Knight's Cove, and Lower Amherst Cove. They would require Schools in at least six settlements—for which it is intended to place at their command £53 only.

The case would be still worse in the district of Twillingate and Fogo. The Wesleyans are found in Twillingate Islands, Tizzard's Harbour, Morton's Harbour, Black Island, Exploits Burnt Island, Nipper's Upper Harbor, Change Islands, and Cat Harbor. The sum for other Protestants than Episcopalians in this district is £44. The impracticability of this scheme for the district now under review is glaring. It would behove the Wesleyans to sustain eight Schools, with a less sum than would be required for the support of two Schools!

It remains only to notice, with like brevity, the country to the Westward of St. John's. In the distribution of £7,500 for education, £4 are set down for the district of Placentia, and £5 for Fortune Bay, Burgeo and LaPoile. These sums united would scarcely provide furniture and fuel and needful repairs for one School-house for one year. In the district of Burin the case is different; yet, an investigation of the proposed sub-division in this district, will demonstrate the utter unfitness of the Bill for the country. The sum set down for Burin is £88. The Wesleyans will need Schools in Flat Islands, Rock Harbor, Burin, Fortune, and Grand Bank. How can Schools in all these places be organised and maintained for £88? Burin and Fortune would require a larger sum than this. All the other places would be left unprovided for, or, by making a proportional division of the entire sum, it would be wasted, rather than spent in the good and useful education of the people.

Along the shore from Bonne Bay to Cape Ray many Wesleyans reside who would require Schools, for which there is no provision made.

It is granted that the Bill proposes to authorise the Teacher of every School to receive five shillings per annum for each scholar. It is found, however, that this part of the Act for the encouragement of Education now in force is nearly a dead letter, being wholly inoperative in many places,—the receipts of School Teachers for fees being often so fractional, and collected with so much difficulty and disadvantage, as to be scarcely of any appreciable value.

On the whole, it is submitted that these statements sustain the allegation of the Petition of the Wesleyans and others, to the Honorable the House of Assembly, in which they pray your Honorable House not to subdivide further the grant for the education of Protestants.

It is submitted further, that these statements evince that the present system of general Protestant Education is far more adapted to this colony

than particular ; and that without a far larger grant for the purpose than has yet been contemplated, the education of the Protestants of Newfoundland can be best accomplished irrespective of their denominational distinctions.

Your Petitioner therefore prays your Honorable House that the further sub-division of the sum that shall be voted for the education of Protestants may not be allowed.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Increase of Representatives  
Bill read second time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to increase the present number of Representatives in the General Assembly, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Time of Committal.

*Resolved*,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Friday next.

Mr. HOYLES moved, seconded by Mr. CARTER, pursuant to Order of the Day,

Motion for second reading  
of Burgeo and LaPoile Re-  
presentative Bill,

That the Bill to provide a Representative for the district of Burgeo and LaPoile be read a second time.

Whereupon,

Mr. PARSONS moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Amendment,

That the said Bill be read a second time this day six months.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided.

FOR THE AMENDMENT, 6.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT, 5.

Division.

Mr. Parsons

Mr. Hoyles

“ Winser

“ Carter

“ Little

“ Rankin

“ Shea

“ Emerson

“ Hanrahan

“ Prendergast.

“ Delaney.

Amendment carried.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

Reserved Salaries Bill read  
second time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to provide for the reduction of the Reserved Salaries was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. WINSER, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Time of committal.

*Resolved*,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Tuesday next.

*Ordered*,—That the second reading of the Education Bill stand first on the order of the day for to-morrow. First order of day.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at One of the Clock

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1852.

Mr. HANRAHAN presented the following Petitions which were severally received and read :—

From John McKenn and others, inhabitants of Bull Cove, Turks Gut, and settlements adjacent in Conception Bay, and the same was received and read, setting forth,—That the distance between Colliers and Brigus is five miles, of which only one mile of good road is made: that a branch road leading from Turks Gut, a distance of two miles and a half, would be of great benefit to them, as thereby they would be enabled to procure building timber and firewood at all seasons of the year; and praying for a grant for this purpose.

Road Petition from Turk's Gut.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

From Joseph Walsh and others, of Cat's Cove, Kitchin's Cove, and White Clift,—Praying for a grant to complete the branch road from thence to the Brigus and Harbor Maine main line.

Road Petition from Cat's Cove.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the table.

On Table.

From Robert Pack and others, of Carbonear,—Praying that a Light-house might be established on the Funk Islands.

Funk Island Light House Petition.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

On Table.

Mr. LITTLE, from the deputation to present the Address to His Excellency, requesting him to forward the Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty on Responsible Government, reported that His Excellency had handed him the following written reply :—

GENTLEMEN,—

Your Address shall be forwarded to Her Majesty's Secretary of State, to be laid at the foot of the Throne and I will accompany it with such

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observations as in my judgment will enable Her Majesty's Government to come to a right conclusion on this important subject.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. WINSER, pursuant to notice,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

Address to Governor.

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request, should Your Excellency be in possession of any Documents recently transmitted by the Imperial Government or any person in this country, in reference to the encroachments of the French on the British Fisheries at Belle Isle and Labrador, that Your Excellency would cause copies thereof to be laid before this House.

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency by Mr. Little and Mr. Winser.

On motion of Mr. WINSER, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

Address to Governor.

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to order that the Chairman of Audit be furnished by the Colonial Treasurer from time to time with such Documents as he may require in preparing an exposition of the Public Accounts.

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Winser and Mr. Little.

Notice of motion postponed.

*Ordered*,—That the notice of motion for leave to bring in a Bill in amendment of the Postal Act, be postponed till Wednesday next.

*Ordered*,—That the notice of motion for another Rule to be added to the Rules and Orders of the House, be discharged.

Notice of motion discharged.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill for ascertaining the population of this colony and other statistical information, was read a second time.

Census Bill read second time.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

*Resolved*,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

Time of Committal.

Mr. PRENDERGAST, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to incorporate a Company under the style and title of "The Harbor Grace Gas Light Company:"

Harbor Grace Gas Company Incorporation Bill read first time.

Also, a Bill to incorporate a Company under the style and title of "The Newfoundland Steam Packet Company," and the same were severally read a first time.

Newfoundland Steam Packet Company Incorporation Bill read first time.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bills be read a second time on Monday next.

Time of second reading.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying for copies of the Despatches from Lord Goderich, accompanying the letters patent establishing a constitution in this island;—and also, from Lord Stanley, the Secretary of State for the colonies, dated about the 19th November, 1841, on the subject of our constitution or the existing division of the Electoral Districts of this island.

Notice for Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to take evidence and to report to this House on the utility of a Light or Beacon upon the Funk Islands, or whether such Light or Beacon would not be more generally useful upon the Offer Wadham.

Notice for Select Committee.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on Monday next he would move the House into a Committee of the whole on Ways and Means, and that it stand first on the order of the day.

Committee of the whole on Ways and Means.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to declare the law as to the preferable claims of seamen and fishermen in cases of the insolvency of their hirers or employers.

Notice of Insolvency Bill.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at One of the Clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1852.

Church of England Education Petition.

Mr. HOYLES presented Petitions from the clergymen and others, of the Church of England of Portugal Cove, Bird Cove, St. Philip's, Lance Cove, and Pouch Cove, which were severally received and read,—Praying that in any Act to be passed on the expiration of the existing education law, a proportionate part of the yearly grant may be awarded for the support of schools in connexion with the Church of England, and under the direction of the clergy and other members of that Church only.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Petition from Carbonear in reference to Labrador.

Mr. HANRAHAN presented a Petition from Robert Pack and others, of Carbonear, and the same was received and read, setting forth,—That under the existing state of the law, all goods and supplies for the fishery taken from Newfoundland to Labrador, or entered and cleared at any port in Newfoundland for Labrador, are subject to the payment of duties, while all goods imported direct from all other countries, including the neighbouring colonies, to the Labrador, are admitted there free of duty: that an undue advantage is thus given to traders from the neighbouring colonies and importers from the United Kingdom over traders and suppliers resident in Newfoundland or taking their supplies from any port in this colony: that besides this undue advantage, the produce of Labrador is admitted into the markets of Canada and the neighbouring colonies duty free, when imported as the produce of the fisheries of any of those colonies, whilst it is subject to a duty as high as 12½ per cent. when imported by Newfoundland merchants or traders as the produce of their fisheries; and praying that all goods and supplies taken from Newfoundland to Labrador may be exempt from duty, or that all goods imported at Labrador may be subject to an equal rate of duty.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Funk Island Light House Petition.

Mr. CARTER presented a Petition from Edward Duder and others, inhabitants of Bonavista Bay North, and the same was received and read,—Praying that immediate measures may be taken to erect a Light House on the Funk Island, which they conceive would be most advantageous to the Labrador, sealing, and coasting trade of this island.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Carbonear Street Act Amendment Bill read first time.

Mr. HANRAHAN, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to amend the Carbonear Street Act, and the same was read a first time.

Time of second reading.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.* Address to Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct that there be laid before this House copies of the Despatches from Lord Goderich, accompanying the letters patent establishing a constitution in this island;—and also, from Lord Stanley, the Secretary of State for the colonies, dated about the 19th November, 1841, on the subject of our constitution or the existing division of the Electoral Districts of this island.

*Ordered*,—That the said Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency by Mr. PARSONS and Mr. LITTLE. Engrossed—and Committee to present.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS, pursuant to notice,

*Resolved*,—That a Select Committee be appointed to take evidence and to report to this House on the utility of a Light or Beacon upon the Funks Island, or whether such Light or Beacon would not be more generally useful upon the Offer Wadham.

*Ordered*,—That Messrs. PARSONS, EMERSON, RANKIN, HOYLES, LITTLE, PRENDERGAST, and WINSER, do form such committee. Select Committee on Funks Island and Wadhams.

Mr. PARSONS, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to declare the law as to the prior claims of seamen and other servants in cases of the insolvency of their hirers or employers, and the same was read a first time. Fishery Insolvency Bill read first time.

*Ordered*,—To be read a second time on Thursday next. Time of second reading.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill for the encouragement of Education was read a second time. Education Bill read second time.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. CARTER,

*Resolved*,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next. Time of committal.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on Monday next he would move that a Supply be granted to Her Majesty. Notice of motion for Supply.

Mr. WINSER gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency, requesting that he would furnish this House with Notice for Address with reference to Free Trade.

copies of any correspondence he may have had with the Canadian Government with regard to the question of Reciprocal Free Trade.

Rules and Regulations of the Inland Post Act laid before the House.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House a copy of the Rules and Regulations made by His Honor the Administrator and Her Majesty's Council, in accordance with the Inland Post Act.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at One of the Clock.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1852.

Church of England Education Petitions.

Mr. HOYLES presented Petitions from the clergymen and members of the Church of England of Lamaline, Torbay, Burin, Ferryland, Aquaforte, Renews, Burgeo and LaPoile, Trinity, Bishop's Cove, Island Cove, Spaniards Bay, Petty Harbor, Catalina, Greenspond, Harbor Buffet, Hearts Content, Bay Roberts, South shore of Conception Bay, and Grates Cove, which were severally received and read,—Praying that in any Act for educational purposes to be passed this Session, a proportionate part, according to population, may be appropriated for schools in connexion with the Church of England, to be under the direction of the clergy and other members of that Church only.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Committee of the whole on Increase of Representatives' Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill to provide for the increase of Representatives in the General Assembly in this island.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. DELANEY took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Mr. LITTLE moved, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

That the report be received.

Whereupon,

Mr. HOYLES moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. CARTER,

That the Report be not received, and that the Report of the Committee be to the following effect:—

That all the words after “convened” be struck out, and insert in lieu thereof: Amendment.

That from and after the expiration of the present session of the Legislature, the House of Assembly shall consist of 31 members, of whom 13 shall be a quorum, and that for the purpose of the election of the members of the said Assembly, this Island shall be divided into 15 districts, to be named, bounded, and represented as follows, viz.: The district of Twillingate and Fogo to be comprised within the limits of the present electoral district of Twillingate and Fogo, and to be represented by two members.

The district of Bonavista to be comprised within the limits of the present electoral district of Bonavista, and to be represented by two members.

The district of Trinity to be comprised within the present electoral district of Trinity, and to be represented by three members.

The district of Brigus to be comprised between that part of Conception Bay lying between Horse Cove and Brigus, inclusive, and to be represented by two members.

The district of Port-de-Grave to comprise that part of Conception Bay lying between Brigus and Bay Roberts, inclusive, and to be represented by two members.

The district of Harbor Grace to comprise all that part of Conception Bay lying between Bay Roberts and Harbor Grace, and Musquito, both inclusive, and to be represented by two members.

The district of Carbonear to comprise all that part of Conception Bay lying between Musquito and the Grates Cove, inclusive, and to be represented by two members.

The district of St. John's, south, to comprise all that part of the present electoral district of St. John's lying between the north side of Duckworth Street and New Gower Street, both inclusive, on the north: The Ordnance boundary line on the south-side hill on the south: A line drawn from the said Ordnance boundary line over Job's bridge, and through Hutching's street to new Gower-street, on the west; and a line drawn from the said Ordnance line at a point opposite chain rock to chain rock

battery, and thence along the road to Dunscomb's bridge on the east, to be represented by two members.

The district of St. John's, east, to comprise all that part of the present Electoral district of St. John's, not included in St. John's, south, and lying to the eastward of a line drawn from the Market House up Church and Garrison hills, to the northern limits of the present district, and to be represented by two members.

The district of St. John's, west, to comprise all that part of the present Electoral district of St. John's, not comprised in St. John's, south, and St. John's, east, as hereinbefore defined, and to be represented by two members.

The district of Ferryland to comprise the present Electoral district of Ferryland, to be represented by two members.

The district of Placentia and St. Mary's to comprise the Electoral district of Placentia and St. Mary's, and to be represented by three members.

The district of Burin to comprise the present electoral district of Burin, and to be represented by two members.

The district of Fortune Bay to comprise the present electoral district of Fortune Bay, and to be represented by two members.

And the district of LaPoile to comprise all that part of the south coast lying between Bonne Bay and Cape Ray, and to be represented by one member.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided :

FOR THE AMENDMENT, 4.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT, 7.

Division.	Mr. Hoyles	Mr. Little
	" Carter	" Shea
	" Rankin	" Winser
	" Emerson.	" Delaney
		" Hanrahan
		" Parsons
		" Prendergast.

So it passed in the negative,

And the question on the original motion being then put, it passed in the affirmative on a similar division, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

The said Amendments were then severally read by the Clerk a first and second time, and on the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Amendments agreed to.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Engrossed—and time of third reading.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at One of the Clock.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1852.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on Thursday next he would move for leave to introduce a Bill to alter and amend several Acts now in force respecting Light Houses, and to make further provision for the said Light Houses, and to consolidate the laws respecting the same.

Notice for Light House Incorporation Bill.

On motion of Mr. WINSER, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundeand and its  
Dependencies.*

Address to Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that your Excellency will be pleased to direct that there be furnished this House copies of any correspondence Your Excellency or the Administrator of the Government may have had with the Canadian Government upon the subject of Reciprocal Free Trade.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Winser and Mr. Little.

Engrossed—and Committee to present.

Pursuant to order of the day, the engrossed Bill to increase the present number of Representatives in the General Assembly was read a third time.

Increase of Representatives' Bill read 3rd time.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Passed and titled.

*Resolved*,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “ An Act to increase the number of Representatives in the General Assembly of this Island, and to regulate the representation thereof.”

Deputation to H. M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Little and Mr. Winsor do take the Bill to Her Majesty’s Council, and desire their concurrence.

Committee of the whole on Ways and Means.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon Ways and Means.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

*Ordered*,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again.

Notice for Select Committee on Free Trade.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that a Select Committee be appointed to take evidence whether advantages would result to this colony by admitting the produce of Canada and the United States, duty free.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at One of the Clock.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1852.

Church of England Education Petitions.

Mr. HOYLES presented a Petition from Wm. Shannon and others, members of the Church of England at Brigus, Salmon Cove, and Burnt Head, and the same was received and read,—Praying that in any Act for the encouragement of Education to be passed this Session, a proportionate part of the yearly grant may be awarded for the support of schools in connexion with the Church of England, to be under the direction of the clergymen and members of that Church only.

Mr. HANRAHAN presented a Petition of a similar tenor from the clergymen and members of the Church of England of Carbonear, which was received and read.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

On Table.

Mr. RANKIN presented a Petition from John Snowball and others, Wesleyans of Brigus, and

Wesleyan Education Petitions.

Mr. PRENDERGAST, from Thomas Pitts and others, Wesleyans of Harbor Grace, which were severally received and read,—Praying that no further division be made in the Protestant Education Grant, other than at present exists, and that an increased amount may be granted for the support of schools and schoolmasters.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

On Table.

Mr. SHEA presented a Petition from James Slade and others, inhabitants of Spencer's Cove in St. Mary's Bay, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to make a road there : also, from Thomas Connors and others, inhabitants of St. Mary's,—Praying for a grant to open and repair the Roads and Bridges in that district.

Road Petitions from St. Mary's.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from Kenneth McLea and others, merchants of St. John's, engaged in the Labrador Trade, which was received and read, setting forth,—That under the existing state of the law, all goods and supplies for the fisheries taken from St. John's to Labrador are subject to the payment of duties, while all goods imported direct from all other countries, including the neighbouring colonies, to Labrador, are admitted there free of duty ; and praying that all goods imported within the dependencies of the Newfoundland Government may be subjected to the duty as prescribed by the Tariff of the Island of Newfoundland.

Petition from St. John's on the Labrador Trade.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

On Table.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to take into consideration what means should be adopted for the protection of our Fisheries and the collection of Duties on the Western Shore of this island and at Labrador.

Notice for Select Committee on French encroachments on the fisheries.

Mr. HANRAHAN gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for leave to bring in a Bill for the encouragement of Ship-building in this colony.

Notice for Ship-building Encouragement Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the following Bills were severally read a second time :—

The Bill to Incorporate the Newfoundland Steam Packet Company.

Bills read 2nd time.

The Bill to Incorporate the Harbor Grace Gas Light Company.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

Time of committal.

*Resolved*,—That the said Bills be severally committed to the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. PRENDERGAST moved, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. HOYLES,

Motion that a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

At a quarter before three o'clock, the names of members present beir down as follows:—

Mr. PRENDERGAST, Mr. CARTER, Mr. LITTLE, and Mr. HANRAHAN,

Adjournment for want of a quorum.

Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House for want of a quorum.

WEDNESDAY. FEBRUARY 25, 1852.

At half-past One o'clock, the names of members present being taken down, as follows:—

Mr. WINSER and Mr. EMERSON,

Adjournment for want of a quorum.

Mr. SPEAKER adjourned the House for want of a quorum.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1852.

Petition from Tilton Harbor against living on the Funk Island, &c.

Mr. EMERSON presented a Petition from Thomas Kennedy and others, of Tilton Harbor, and the same was received and read,—Praying that an Act may be passed during this session to prohibit any person from living on the Funks Island or taking eggs during the season of incubation.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. HANRAHAN presented a Petition from James Forward, and Five Thousand others, inhabitants of Carbonear, and the same was received and read as, follows:—

Petition from inhabitants of Carbonear for a Breakwater.

That Petitioners respectfully represent that, at a period not remote, the trade of this port was only second in extent to that of the capital; that various causes, such as the suspension from business of some of the chief Mercantile Establishments, together with a succession of unfavorable results, of late years, from the seal fishery, have contributed greatly to depress the commercial interests of this place.

That in addition to the foregoing causes of the depression of the trade of this populous town, a very important one is the real and reputed insecurity of the harbor to floating property, and consequently, by reason of such insecurity, resident capitalists are, to a certain extent, and others have been altogether, deterred, from extending or establishing mercantile operations—thereby compelling a large portion of the inhabitants, at much inconvenience and loss of time, to have recourse to other places, to procure the necessary supplies to enable them to carry on their ordinary avocations.

That from the admirable position of this harbor, presenting as it does the most accessible and convenient port of entry in this bay to vessels in stress of weather, and the best outlet for conducting the seal fishery, it possesses at the present time no less than about eighty registered vessels, employed in its foreign and coasting trade and fisheries, thereby representing a considerable amount of capital and industry, and contributing largely to the public revenue.

That the water in the places of anchorage averages from five to ten fathoms good holding ground, but that, owing to the open entrance and the position of the harbor, a heavy swell often sets in, and totally suspends all intercourse with the shipping, for the purpose of loading and discharging, for many successive days.

That the water off Harbor rock is not above six fathoms, for some hundred of yards from the shore, and for a considerable distance not more than three or four fathoms.

That competent judges are of opinion, that if a reasonable grant would be obtained from your Honorable House, a Breakwater could be easily erected, so as to render this Roadstead both safe and commodious; that a grant of Five Thousand Pounds, in suitable instalments, would lead to the accomplishment of that most necessary safeguard. Your Honorable House is aware, that able bodied men have been relieved out of the funds appropriated to the relief of the poor, and that the labor of such persons, judiciously directed, would be of material importance.

Petitioners, therefore, possessing, as they do, one of the finest fleets of sealing and fishing vessels in the colony, and carrying on an extensive supplying and fishing trade, and having hitherto drawn so sparingly on the Treasury, with a population of about five thousand, and possessing the means of extending their commerce, should the harbor be rendered more secure, and proffering a readiness to co-operate in every way with the Executive, humbly submit the foregoing to the liberal and equitable consideration of your Honorable House, and pray for such action in the premises as your Honorable House may deem meet and proper.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Church of England Education Petitions from Bonavista and King's Cove.

Mr. CARTER presented a Petition from the clergyman and members of the Church of England at Bonavista, which was received and read,—Praying that in any Act for the encouragement of Education to be passed this Session, a proportionate part of the yearly grant, according to population, may be appropriated for the support of schools in connexion with the Church of England, to be under the control of the members of that Church only.

He also presented a Petition from the clergymen and members of the Church of England, residing at King's Cove and parts adjacent, of a similar tenor as the foregoing, and further praying that in any Act for the encouragement of Education to be passed this session, that part of Bonavista Bay lying between Knight's Cove and Salvage may constitute an independent district, having its own board of management, and to be denominated the District of Bonavista west.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Petition from Churchwardens of St. Thomas' Church against further division of the Episcopal Grant.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Robert Prowse and others, Churchwardens of St. Thomas', and members of the Church of England, residing in St. John's, which was received and read, setting forth,—That they view with alarm the Bill now before the Legislature for a further division of the Protestant Education Grant,—believing that it would be highly injurious to the cause of Education generally throughout the island, and praying that no further division be made other than at present exists.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Petitions in favor of a Light House on the Funk Island from Bay Roberts and Harbor Grace.

Mr. PRENDERGAST presented a Petition from John Munn and others, inhabitants of Harbor Grace, and from Wm. L. Green and others, of Bay Roberts, which were severally received and read,—Praying that immediate measures might be taken to erect a Light House on the Funk Island.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

He also presented a Petition from John Neil and others, of Harbor Grace, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a road from Lady Pond through Driscoll's lane.

Road Petition from Harbor Grace.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. WINSER, from the deputation appointed to wait upon His Excellency with the Address requesting copies of correspondence on the subject of Free Trade with Canada, reported that His Excellency had handed him a written reply as follows :—

GENTLEMEN,—

As the House of Assembly in their last session did not state the terms on which they were prepared to negotiate with the Canadas upon the subject of reciprocal Free Trade, on consideration, I deemed it more expedient to await the re-assembling of the Legislature, as I was not in a condition to make any definite or satisfactory proposals to that Province.

Reply of His Excellency the Governor to Address in reference to reciprocal Free Trade with Canada.

I am happy to see that the Assembly has now taken up the consideration of the subject in a manner that will permit definite action being had upon it.

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that on Wednesday next he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the burning and clearing of land, and to guard against the burning and destroying the woods and forests of this island, and for other purposes.

Notice of motion for Forest Protection Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill for the encouragement of Education in this colony.

Committee of the whole on Education Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN 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 to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee stand first on the order of the day for Tuesday next.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House a Consolidated Account of Goods imported into this country in the year ended 5th January, 1852, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor.

Document from His Excellency the Governor.

(For which see Appendix.)

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Document do lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at One of the Clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1852.

Road Petition from Flat Rock.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from James Boyle and others, inhabitants of Flat Rock, and the same was received and read,—Praying for a grant to complete the road from James Boyle's house to the St. John's main line.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Road Petitions from west of Placentia and St. Mary's.

Mr. DELANEY presented a Petition from James Walsh and others, inhabitants of Mahony's Cove, Placentia Bay, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to make a road from thence to Oliver's Cove.

Also, from Laurence Murphy and others, inhabitants of Black Duck Gully, in St. Mary's Bay,—Praying for a grant to connect the road from thence with the St. Mary's main line.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Committee of the whole on the Reserved Salaries Reduction Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill to provide for the reduction of the Reserved Salaries.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

Bills read 2nd time:

Pursuant to order of the day, the following Bills were severally read a second time:—

The Bill to amend the Carbonear Street Act.

The Bill to declare the Law as to the prior claims of fishermen and

Seamen, and other servants, in cases of insolvencies of their hirers or employers.

On motion of Mr. HANRAHAN, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

*Resolved*,—That the said Bills be severally committed to the whole House on Wednesday next. Time of committal.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee of the whole on the Census Bill, be postponed till Monday next. Order of day postponed.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

*Resolved*,—That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration what measure should be taken for the protection of the Fisheries and the collection of Duties on the western shore of this Island and Labrador. Select Committee on protection of Fisheries on the western shore and Labrador.

*Ordered*,—That Messrs. Little, Rankin, Shea, Hoyles, and Emerson, be a committee for that purpose. Committee appointed.

Mr. HANRAHAN, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill for the encouragement of Ship-building, and the same was read a first time. Ship-building Encouragement Bill read 1st time.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next. Time of 2nd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the notice of motion for the appointment of a Select Committee to take evidence whether advantages would result to this colony by admitting the produce of Canada and the United States, free of duty, be postponed till Monday next. Notice of motion postponed.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at One of the Clock.

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MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1852.

Mr. WINSER presented Petitions from Wm. Kelligrew and others, inhabitants of Reneuse, and the same were received and read,—Praying for a grant to make a road through that harbor:—also, from the inhabitants of the same place, setting forth,—The advantages that would result from the Petitions from Reneuse for a Road and Breakwater.

construction of a Breakwater between the main land and Anchor Rock, and praying for a grant to carry out this object.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Light House Consolidation Bill read 1st time.

Mr. PRENDERGAST, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to amend and consolidate the laws now in force respecting Light Houses, and the same was read a first time.

Time of 2nd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Committee of the whole on Census Bill,

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill for ascertaining the population of this colony, and other statistical information.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

First order of day.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee stand first on the order of the day for Wednesday next.

Mr. LITTLE, from the deputation appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor with the Address requesting copies of the Despatches of Lord Goderich and Lord Stanley on the constitution of this colony, reported that His Excellency had handed him the following reply :—

GENTLEMEN,—

Reply of His Excellency the Governor to Address requesting copies of Despatches.

By the Journals of the House of Assembly I perceive that the Despatch from Lord Goderich, referred to in this Address, was communicated to the Assembly on the 9th of January, 1833, and therefore, I conclude, must be among the records of your House.

With regard to the latter part of your Address, I am not at liberty to furnish you with the Despatch alluded to.

Documents from His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House certain Documents in reference to the encroachments of the French on the Labrador, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor.

(For which see Appendix.)

On Table.

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

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at One of the Clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 1852.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the following Documents, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor :—

Documents from His Excellency the Governor.

Returns from the Church of England Academy, St. John's.  
Returns from the Roman Catholic Academy, St. John's.  
Returns from the Protestant Board of Education, Carbonear.  
Returns from the Protestant Board of Education, Trinity north.  
Returns from the Protestant Board of Education, Trinity west.  
Returns from the Protestant Board of Education, Bonavista.  
Returns from the Protestant Board of Education, Harbor Grace.  
Returns from the Roman Catholic Board of Education, Brigus.  
Returns from the Roman Catholic Board of Education, St. Mary's.

(For which see Appendix.)

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

On Table.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that he would cause copies of the detailed returns of the expenditure on Roads and Bridges last year, under the Central Board of Road Commissioners, as also similar returns under the other Boards throughout the island, to be laid before the House.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on the 16th inst., he would move the House into Committee of the whole on Roads and Bridges :

Notice for Committee of the whole on Roads and Bridges.

Also, that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to take evidence on the subject of the Resolutions submitted in Committee of Ways and Means, on the 23rd February last, and report thereon to the House.

Notice for Select Committee to consider Resolutions from Committee on Ways and Means.

*Ordered*,—That the foregoing notice of motion stand first on the order of the day for to-morrow.

Made first order.

Mr. LITTLE presented Petitions from Edward Flynn and others, of Flat Rock, which were received and read,—Praying for a grant to open the

Road Petitions from Flat Rock.

road from Wind Gap to Waterman's Pond ; and from the same parties, praying for a grant to make a branch road to the St. John's main line:

Petition to repair drain in Cochrane-street.

Also, from James Farrell and others of St. John's, residing in Cochrane-street and neighbourhood, setting forth,—The bad state of the drain and public sewer in Cochrane-street, and praying for a grant to repair the same:

Petition for repeal of Pickled Fish Act.

Also, from James J. Grieve and others, merchants, St. John's, setting forth,—That the Pickled Fish Act, so far as regards the inspection of Herrings, has not been attended with benefit to the trade of the colony: that from the manner in which inspectors have generally been in the habit of inspecting Herrings, the character of Newfoundland cure has not been improved in Foreign Markets: that they think the inspectors' charge of 7d. per barrel too high, considering the value of the article, and praying that such part of the Pickled Fish Act as relates to Herring Inspection, may be repealed.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. SHEA presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read:—

Road Petitions from west of Placentia and St. Mary's.

From Richard Cummins and others, of Distress and Cape Shore.

From James Furlong and others, of Point Mall.

From W. G. Bradshaw and others, of North East Arm Placentia.

From Wm. Jervis and others, of Oderin.

From Denis Ryan and others, of Red Island.

From Wm. Hayward and others, of Holyrood Pond—all praying for grants to open and repair roads in their various localities.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on the Education Bill, being read,

Mr. HOYLES moved, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Motion that the order of the day be postponed.

That the order of the day be postponed till to-morrow.

Whereupon,

Mr. PRENDERGAST moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. RANKIN,

Amendment.

That the order of the day be postponed till the 15th March next.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared:

FOR THE AMENDMENT, 2.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT, 5.

Mr. Prendergast.  
 " Rankin

Mr. Hoyles  
 " Shea  
 " Carter  
 " Little  
 " Winsor.

Division.

So it passed in the negative.

And the question on the original motion being then put, it passed in the affirmative, and

*Ordered*,—accordingly.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Newfoundland Steam Packet Incorporation Bill.

Committee of the whole on Newfoundland Steam Packet Company Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Bill reported with Amendments.

And the said Amendments having been severally read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Amendments agreed to.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time on Friday next.

Time of 3rd reading.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill to Incorporate the Harbor Grace Gas Light Company.

Committee of the whole on the Bill to Incorporate the Harbor Grace Gas Light Company.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Bill reported with Amendments.

Amendments agreed to.

And the said Amendments having been severally read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Time of 3rd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Committee of the whole on the Bill to reduce the salaries of the principal officers of Her Majesty's Government.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill to reduce and make provision for the payment of the salaries of the principal officers of Her Majesty's Government in this colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

First order of day.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee stand first on the order of the day for Thursday next.

Notice of motion for Bill to reduce the Governor's salary.

Mr. WINSER gave notice that on Friday next, he would ask leave to bring in a Bill to reduce prospectively the salary of the Governor.

Then the House adjourned till the 12th March next.

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MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1852.

Documents from His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the following Documents, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor:—

Despatch from the Right Hon. Earl Grey, in reply to the Address of the House of Assembly, relative to an alteration made in the original contract for the conveyance of the mails between St. John's and Halifax.

Return of Crown Rents received in the years ending 30th June, in 1846, '47, '48, '49, and '50, and the appropriation thereof.

Estimate of the charge of defraying the Public Expenditure of the colony for the year 1852.

The Colonial Treasurer's Audited Accounts for the year 1851.

Central Board of Road Commissioners' Accounts, viz :—

Grave Yard, St. John's—Levelling, and South-side Fence.

Report of Central Board of Road Commissioners under Act 14 Vic., cap. 2.

Road Balances 1849 and 1850.

Expenditure of £200 in the employment of the Poor in 1851.

Expenditure in the erection of a public Wharf at Topsail Beach.

Surveyor General's account of monies expended under the Crown Lands' Act for the year ending 31st December, 1851.

Surveyor General's account of Lands sold at Public Auction in St. John's, for the year ending 1st October, 1851.

Surveyor General's account of Lands surveyed, the rents of which were bought up to 1st October, 1851.

Surveyor General's account of Lands surveyed for parties in possession prior to the passing of the Crown Lands' Act.

Surveyor General's account of building lots situate in St. John's, disposed of at an annual rent for the year ending 1st October, 1851.

Surveyor General's account of grants registered by him for the year ending 1st October, 1851.

Returns of Lands surveyed in the districts of Trinity, Ferryland, Brigus, Bonavista, Trepassey, Branch, Placentia, Lamaline, and Port aux Basque.

Surveyor General's report and account of Expenditure of £50 at Quidi Vidi.

Surveyor General's Detailed Statement of Expenditure on Tanks and Wells in 1851, with report.

Returns of the Commissioners for the relief of the Poor for the year 1851.

*(For which see Appendix.)*

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

On Table.

Mr. HOYLES gave notice that on Wednesday next he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor praying that he will sanction the appropriation by the Assembly of a sum of money for the establishment and support of one or more cruisers on the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador for the protection of our fisheries.

Notice of Address to Governor with reference to the Fisheries.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will cause to be

Notice for Address to Governor with reference to Poor Returns.

laid before the House a Statement of the number, names, and sex, of paupers obtaining relief from the country, who have died during the past year, and up to the present date.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. HOYLES,

Select Committee on Resolutions submitted in committee on Ways and Means.

*Resolved*,—That a Select Committee be appointed to take evidence upon the Resolutions submitted to the House, in committee of the whole upon Ways and Means.

Committee appointed.

*Ordered*,—That Messrs. Shea, Little, Hoyles, Rankin, and Hanrahan, do form such committee.

Mr. LITTLE presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read :

Road Petitions from various localities.

From Cornelius Collins and others, inhabitants of Torbay,—Praying for a grant to complete the road leading from thence towards Portugal Cove.

From Patrick Corcoran, of Pouch Cove,—Praying for a grant to make a branch road, of about 500 perches, from his fishing-room to his farm.

From Morgan Toole and others, of Pouch Cove,—Praying for a grant to make a branch road from John Furlong's garden to the St. John's main line.

From Thomas O'Connor and others, of Portugal Cove, Broad Cove, and Horse Cove,—Praying for a grant to open a road from Horse Cove to the Topsail main line of road.

From Daniel Connor and others, Roman Catholic inhabitants of Pouch Cove,—Praying for a grant to open a road to the burial ground.

From Jeremiah Keefe, of Pouch Cove,—Praying for a grant to make a road from his farm to the fishing room.

From Robert Martin and others, of Torbay,—Praying for a grant to open a branch road from Martin Whitty's house to the St. John's main line.

Petition for continuance of present Tariff.

Also, from James J. Grieve and others, merchants, St. John's, setting forth,—That they consider any alteration in the present scale of duties would be productive of injury to the country, and praying that the present Tariff, in all its main features, may be continued.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. HANRAHAN presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read :—

Road Petitions from Port-de-Grave,

From Patrick Morrissey and others, of Northern River, Port-de-Grave, setting forth,—That a line of road from the main road to the head of Northern River, and from thence to the ponds in the direction of the Ship

Harbor road, would be most advantageous to the large population settled in that locality, and praying for a grant to enable them to carry out this object.

From John Wilcox and others, of Port-de-Grave, and Nathan Norman and others, of Brigus,—Praying that goods imported into Labrador may either be exempt from duty, or may be subjected to an equal rate as goods imported into Newfoundland.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

On Table.

Mr. PARSONS presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read :—

From Robert Munday and others, of Pouch Cove, Patrick Conway and others, of South River, Michael Malone and others, of Fresh Water, Edward Cooper and others, of Lance Cove, Thomas O'Connor and others, of Portugal Cove, Nicholas Roche and others, of Middle Cove, John Furlong and others, of Pouch Cove, all praying for grants to open and complete roads in those various localities.

Road Petitions from Pouch Cove, &c.

He also presented a Petition from Thomas Dee and others, of Flat Rock, Torbay, and Pouch Cove, setting forth,—That a part of the main line of road extending from Windgap to Waterman House, near the beach at Flat Rock, has been claimed by a resident there as his private property, and the public prevented using the same as a public road; and praying that such proceedings may be adopted as will enable them to have the benefit of this road.

Petition from T. Dee and others, of Pouch Cove, for the benefit of a road claimed as private property.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the following engrossed Bills were read a third time :—

The Newfoundland Steam Packet Incorporation Bill.

Bills engrossed and read 3rd time.

The Harbor Grace Gas Company Incorporation Bill.

On motion of Mr. HANRAHAN, seconded by Mr. HOYLES,

*Resolved*,—That the first Bill pass and be entitled an Act to incorporate a Company under the style and title of “ The Newfoundland Steam Packet Company:”

Passed and titled.

And that the second Bill pass, and be entitled an Act to Incorporate a Company under the style or title of “ The Harbor Grace Gas Light Company.”

*Ordered*,—That Mr. HANRAHAN and Mr. HOYLES do take the said Bills to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

Deputation to present.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill for the encouragement of Education.

Committee of the whole on Education Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Progress reported.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Notice of motion for granting a Supply to Her Majesty.

Mr. CARTER gave notice that on Tuesday next he would move that a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Notice of motion for a Bill to repeal certain parts of the Electric Telegraph Act, &c.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on Monday next he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal certain parts of the Electric Telegraph Act, and to incorporate an Electric Telegraph Company.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at one of the Clock.

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MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1852.

Mr. PARSONS presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read:—

Petition from Flat Rock for relief.

From John Keough and others, distressed inhabitants of Flat Rock,—Praying that they may be allowed from the poor funds, a larger amount of relief than has hitherto been given them.

Road Petition from Patk. Brazil and others.

From Patrick Brazil and others, of St. John's,—Praying that a grant might be made to repair and complete the Dreelan's Well road.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Road Petition from Western Bay.

Mr. RANKIN presented a Petition from Pearce Hanrahan and others, of the north side of Western Bay, and the same was received and read,—Praying for a grant to make a branch road from Tuff Hill to the main line.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. LITTLE presented the following Petition from Peter McBride and others, which was received and read:—

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TO THE HONORABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY IN SESSION  
CONVENED.

Petition on the subject of  
Ship-building.

The Petition of the undersigned Merchants, Traders, and Citizens of  
St. John's.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,—

That there is now before your Honorable House a Bill, the purport of which is to extend Legislative encouragement to Ship-building within the colony, for which your Petitioners pray your most favorable consideration.

This trade is peculiarly congenial to the tastes of our people, but more especially of those resident in the outports. It may be extended to a considerable degree, and much benefit be thereby secured, to the humble classes, by the removal of the legislative disadvantages, under which it has been placed : while vessels of the build of other countries are admitted into this port for sale, free of duty, our builders are compelled to compete with them under the disadvantage of having to pay five to twenty per cent. duty upon all articles imported and used for Ship-building ; whereby, in effect, a bounty is extended to foreign builders, and a restriction is placed upon home production.

Your petitioners beg to direct your attention to the fact, that from the 1st of September, 1851, to the 1st February, 1852, there have been forty-two new colonial-built vessels sold in this market, of the aggregate tonnage of Four Thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven tons, for which the sum of Thirty-four Thousand nine hundred and forty-five Pounds has been, or is in course of being, remitted to other countries.

Your petitioners submit that if Ship-building can be stimulated to the necessary extent of supplying the large annual demand, by the remission of the import duties now levied upon materials, a large field for profitable labour will be provided for the people of the outports ; which labour will be required during the fall and winter months, a period during which much distress now results from the absence of remunerative employment for the labouring population. The extern settlements would be revived from their languid and fading condition; population, and settlement, and in their train agriculture, would be extended, and a wholesome degree of independence would be extended to the outport poor, who now are doomed to linger through the rigorous winter in poverty and almost nakedness ; and this trade, once nurtured into vigour, will, as an inevitable consequence, ultimately encourage the increased establishment of saw mills, and a home lumber trade ; also, manufactories of rope, and many other kindred branches of trade connected with the same ; and may thus be the means of averting the ruin, distress, and depopulation, with which unsuc-

cessful fisheries, foreign competition, and bad markets, now threaten the country.

Your petitioners therefore pray Your Honorable House to relieve our native builders from the effects of the unfair competition to which they are subjected with foreign builders, by granting a drawback of all duties on articles used for Ship-building, or an equivalent thereto according to value, and your petitioners will ever pray.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

*Messages from His Excellency the Governor.*

The Hon. Mr. Secretary Crowdy being admitted within the bar, presented to the House four written Messages from His Excellency the Governor, signed by His Excellency.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The said Messages were then read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members being uncovered, and are as follows:—

[J. G. LEMARCHANT.]

The Governor recommends to the House of Assembly to place at his disposal, by Address, a sum not exceeding Twelve Hundred Pounds, for the relief, not only of the permanent poor, but of the many others who require aid at this trying season.

J. G. LEM.

Government-House, }  
15th March, 1852. }

[J. G. LEMARCHANT.]

The Governor acquaints the House of Assembly that the very short fishery in some parts of the colony, the deficiency and disease of the potato crop in other parts, and the prevalence of sickness in this town during the last year, led to such demands for relief as to compel an expenditure of Seven Hundred and Sixteen Pounds, Twelve Shillings, and Ten Pence beyond the grant made for the poor in the last Appropriation Act, and for this expenditure the Governor recommends that an indemnity be given, by its being provided for in the Appropriation Bill of the present session.

J. G. LEM.

Government-House, }  
15th March, 1851. }

[J. G. LEMARCHANT.]

The Governor transmits to the House of Assembly a letter from the Collector of the Revenue with its enclosure from the Landing and Tide

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Messages from His Excellency the Governor.

Surveyor, showing the necessity that exists for a separation of the offices held by Mr. Canning: and the Governor recommends to the House to make provision for this separation by inserting in the Revenue Bill a salary not exceeding Two Hundred Pounds per annum for a second officer.

J. G. LEM.

Government-House,  
15th March, 1852. }

[J. G. LEMARCHANT.]

The Governor transmits to the House of Assembly a Report of the Post Master General, and some observations made thereon by a Committee of the Council, and recommends to the House to make provision for carrying into effect the Postal Act to an amount not exceeding Sixteen Hundred Pounds per annum, which the Governor hopes may be found sufficient to meet, not only the increased expenditure required under the provision of the Imperial Act to which reference is made, but also to sustain in all respects the efficiency of this important branch of the public service.

J. G. LEM.

Government-House,  
15th March, 1852. }

For Documents accompanying see *Appendix*.

*Ordered*,—That the said Messages and Documents do lie on the Table. On Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Bill to reduce and make provision for the payment of the salaries of the principal officers of Her Majesty's Government in this island.

Committee of the whole on the Bill to reduce the salaries of the principal officers of Her Majesty's government in this island.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN 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 to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. CARTER gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency praying that he will be pleased to appropriate Twelve Hundred Pounds for the relief of the poor, recommended by His Excellency's Message laid before the House.

Notice of motion for Address to His Excellency to appropriate £1200 for Poor Relief.

Notice for Address to ap-  
appropriate £200 for Poor  
Relief.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he would appropriate Two Hundred Pounds to relieve the present pressing necessities of the poor in this district.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at One of the Clock.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1852.

Petition for incorporation of  
a Marine Insurance Compa-  
ny.

Mr. SHEA presented a Petition from James J. Grieve and others, of St. John's, and the same was received and read, setting forth,—That great advantages would result to persons engaged in the trade of this country, from the incorporation of a Marine Insurance Company, and praying that an Act may be passed to incorporate a Company under the name of the Newfoundland Marine Insurance Company.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Road Petitions from Cape  
Broyle, &c.

Mr. WINSER presented Petitions from Michael Leahy and others, of Cape Broyle, Constantine O'Neil and others, of Fermeuse, Simon Gregory and others, of Brigus South, which were severally received and read,—praying for grants to open and complete roads in those localities.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Road Petition from George's  
Pond and Pokeham Path  
residents.

Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from Samuel Carson and others, farmers, residing on the George's Pond and Pokeham Path roads, and the same was received and read, setting forth,—That the sum of Thirty Pounds was granted towards making the road between George's Pond and Pokeham Path, which had finished the whole line, excepting about 200 yards, and praying that Twenty Five Pounds may be appropriated for the completion thereof.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Road Petitions from Isle of  
Valen, &c.

Mr. DELANEY presented Petitions from George Le Messurier and others, of Isle of Valen and Locquier's Cove, and John Bennett and others, of Isle of Valen, which were severally received and read, praying for grants to repair and open branch roads there.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Also, from Geo. Le Messurier and others, inhabitants of Isle of Valen, Oliver's Cove, Presque, Mahony's Cove, Clattace Harbor, Davis' Cove and Ann's Cove, which were received and read, setting forth,—That the approach to the harbor of Isle of Valen in boisterous weather is inaccessible to small craft, and praying for a grant to remove some rocks which obstruct the safest and shortest passage through Betty's Hole.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

On Table.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate a Marine Insurance Company in St. John's.

Notice of motion for Bill to incorporate a Marine Insurance Company.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to encourage Steam Communication between the port of St. John's, the United Kingdom, and the United States :

Notice of motion for Bill to encourage Steam Communication.

Also, that he would move that the Rules of the House be suspended in reference to the aforesaid Bill, and the Bill for the Incorporation of the Newfoundland Telegraph Company.

Notice for suspension of Rules of House.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole upon the Bill to amend the Carbonar Street Act.

Committee of the whole on the Carbonar Street Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. DELANEY took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Bill reported with Amendments.

And the said Amendments having been severally read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Amendments agreed to.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed, and read a third time on Friday next.

Time of 3rd reading.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill to declare the Law as to the prior claims of fishermen, seamen, and other servants, in cases of insolvencies of their hirers or employers.

Committee of the whole on Bill to declare the law as to the prior claims of fishermen, &c., in cases of insolvency.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, without amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House.

Bill reported without amendment.

Engrossed, and time of 3rd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. CARTER, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. HOYLES,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

Address to His Excellency the Governor.

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

In reply to the Message of Your Excellency yesterday laid before the House, recommending this House to place at the disposal of Your Excellency a sum not exceeding Twelve Hundred Pounds, for the relief of the permanent poor, and of others requiring aid at this trying season, the House of Assembly respectfully request Your Excellency to appropriate the above sum for the purpose aforesaid, and this House will indemnify Your Excellency for such expenditure in the Bill of Supply to be passed in the present session.

Engrossed and deputation to present.

*Ordered*,—That the said Address be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency by Mr. Carter and Mr. Hoyles.

Then the House adjourned till Thursday next at One of the Clock.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1852.

Notice for Address with reference to the Post Office.

Mr. DELANEY gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause enquiry to be made as to the practicability of appropriating a portion of the Market House to the uses of a Post Office, and that an estimate be made of the probable expense attendant on such change, and that a report thereof be laid before this House.

Notice of motion for a Message to H. M. Council requesting the attendance of the Hon. J. Crowdy before the Committee of Audit.

Mr. WINSER gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council, requesting that the Hon. James Crowdy have leave to attend and be examined before the Select Committee of Audit.

Mr. LITTLE, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from H. B. Tebbetts, of New York, and the same was received and read, setting forth,—That Petitioner has associated himself with others under the name of the New York and Galway Steam-ship Company, for the purpose of constructing a line of first-class steamers, of not less than 2000 tons measurement, and of proportionate power; to run between New York, U. S., and Galway, Ireland; and that the said Company are willing to make Newfoundland a fortnightly port of call for their homeward and outward bound vessels, and praying that the House may make such provision as they may think advisable for the encouragement of said enterprise.

Petition from H. B. Tebbetts of New York, for encouragement of Steam Navigation.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. LITTLE presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read:—

From Thomas R. Smith and others, of St. John's,—Praying for a grant to level and complete the Flower Hill fire-break.

Petitions for grants to complete firebreak and roads.

From Timothy Clancy and others, farmers, of St. John's,—Praying for a grant to complete the Major's Path road.

From Thomas Brien and others, of Outer Cove,—Praying for a grant to open a branch road to the St. John's main line.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. PRENDERGAST presented the following Petitions which were severally received and read:—

From Ambrose Sparks and others, of Bull Cove,—Praying for a grant to open a branch road from thence to the main line at Colliers.

Road Petitions from Bull Cove and Colliers.

From Edward O'Keefe and others, of Colliers,—Praying for a grant to repair the roads in that locality.

From H. W. Trapnel and others, Churchwardens, and members of St. Paul's Church at Harbor Grace.—Praying that no division be made in the Protestant Education grant, other than at present exists.

Petition against further division of the Protestant Education grant.

From Harrison Ridley and others, of Harbor Grace,—Praying that a bounty might be given to encourage Ship-building in this country.

Petition for encouragement of Ship-building.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. PARSONS presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read:—

From Patrick Power and others, of Pouch Cove,—Praying for a grant to make a road from Waterman's Pond to Gallows Cove Pond, on the Torbay road.

Petition from Pouch Cove for grant for a road.

Petition to complete fire-break.

From John Eagan and others, of St John's,—Praying for a grant to open and complete the fire-break leading from Barter's Hill towards the Freshwater road.

Also, the following Petition, from Corresponding Committee of the Newfoundland School Society :—

Petition from the Newfoundland School Society.

TO THE HONORABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF NEWFOUNDLAND IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION CONVENED.

The Memorial of the Corresponding Committee of the Newfoundland School Society, in connexion with the Colonial Church Society,

HUMBLY SHEWETH,—

That your Memorialists, gratefully acknowledging the liberal aid hitherto afforded the Newfoundland School Society, which has enabled them to enlarge their sphere of operation in this colony, respectfully solicit from your Honorable House a continuance of the usual grant: and should your Honorable House determine upon augmenting the amount now appropriated for educational purposes, your Memorialists pray that your Honorable House will be pleased to place at their disposal such further sum as will enable them to establish Schools in settlements now destitute of the blessings of education: and your Memorialists respectfully crave the attention of your Honorable House to the amount of the annual expenditure of the Society in Newfoundland—an abstract thereof being appended hereto; from which it will be seen that it reached the sum of £1,500 during the past year, exclusive of the grant of £500 by your Honorable House; and further, that three new Teachers have been appointed in that time, who have recently arrived from England, and arrangements are nearly completed for the appointment of four others, and for opening two additional Schools in Fortune Bay.

For abstract of account *see Appendix.*

On Table.

*Ordered,*—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Documents from His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the following Documents, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor :—

Letter from the President of the Directors of the St. John's Hospital, with account current for the year 1851.

Report of the Electric Telegraph Commissioners with sundry Documents connected therewith.

Statement of the Accounts of the St. John's Water Company to the 31st December, 1851.

Report of the Roman Catholic Central Board of Education for the year 1851 and 1852.

(For which see Appendix.)

Ordered,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the following engrossed Bills were read a third time :—

Bills read 3rd time.

The Bill to amend the Carbonear Street Act.

The Bill to declare the Law as to the prior claims of fishermen, seamen, and other servants, in cases of insolvencies of their hirers or employers.

On motion of Mr. HANRAHAN, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST,

Resolved,—That the first Bill pass and be entitled “ An Act to amend the Carbonear Street Act.”

Passed and titled.

Ordered,—That Mr. Hanrahan and Mr. Prendergast do take the Bill to Her Majesty’s Council and desire their concurrence.

Deputation to H.M. Council.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolved,—That the second Bill pass and be entitled “ An Act to declare the Law as to the prior claims of fishermen, seamen, and other servants, in cases of insolvencies of their hirers or employers.

Passed and titled.

Ordered,—That Mr. Parsons and Mr. Little do take the Bill to Her Majesty’s Council and desire their concurrence.

Deputation to H.M. Council.

Mr. HANRAHAN moved, pursuant to order of the day, seconded by Mr. RANKIN,

That the Bill for the encouragement of Ship-building be read a second time.

Motion that the Ship-building Encouragement Bill be read 2nd time.

And the House dividing thereon, there appeared:

FOR THE MOTION, 7.

AGAINST THE MOTION, 3.

Mr. Winser

Mr. Hoyles

“ Little

“ Carter

“ Prendergast

“ Parsons

“ Hanrahan

“ Shea

“ Emerson

“ Rankin.

Division.

So it passed in the affirmative.

- Read 2nd time. And accordingly the said Bill was read a second time.
- On motion of Mr. HANRAHAN, seconded by Mr. RANKIN,
- Time of committal. *Resolved*,—That the said Bill be committed to a committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.
- Light House Bill read 2nd time. Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to amend and consolidate the Acts now in force respecting Light Houses in this colony, was read a second time.
- On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. WINSER,
- Time of committal. *Resolved*,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Thursday next.
- Order of day read. The order of the day for the Committee of the whole on the Education Bill being read,
- Mr. PRENDERGAST moved, seconded by Mr. RANKIN,
- Motion that Mr. Dolaney take the chair. That Mr. DELANEY do take the Chair of the Committee.
- Whereupon,
- Mr. HOYLES moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. CARTER,
- Amendment that Mr. Prendergast take the chair. That Mr. PRENDERGAST do take the Chair of the Committee.
- Amendment negatived. And the question being put thereon, the amendment passed in the negative; and the question on the original motion being then put, it passed in the affirmative, and
- Committee of the whole on Education Bill. The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Bill for the encouragement of Education.
- Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.
- Mr. DELANEY took the Chair of the Committee.
- Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.
- Progress reported. The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.
- Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.
- Inland Post Bill read 1st time. Mr. DELANEY, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to amend the Act for the regulation of Inland Posts, and the same was read a first time.
- Time of 2nd reading. *Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Friday next.

*Ordered*,—That the motion for leave to bring in a Bill for the encouragement of Steam Navigation between St. John's, the United States, and the United Kingdom, stand first on the order of the day for Monday; also, the motion for suspension of the Rules in reference thereto; and also the Electric Telegraph Incorporation Bill.

Motion for Bill for encouragement of Steam Communication, first on order of day.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at One of the Clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1852.

Mr. SHEA presented a Petition from the Committee for promoting Steam Communication with the United Kingdom and America, which was received and read, setting forth,—That a meeting was held in St. John's on the 25th September last, at which there was a large assemblage of all classes of this community, and at which strong resolutions were adopted, showing the great benefits to result to the colony from the establishment of Steam communication with the United Kingdom and the continent of America; that a Committee was formed at that meeting for the purpose of promoting this important object; and that this Body has since been actively engaged in calling the attention of capitalists both in England and America to the advantages offered by St. John's as a Port of call for Transatlantic steamers; that at the meeting in question, the opinion was unanimously expressed, that it would be a wise expenditure of the public money to give Legislative aid to this important enterprise, and that the grant made in its favour in the last session should be materially increased; that the committee, acting on this expression of universal opinion, have, in their communications with parties abroad, encouraged the belief that such assistance would be afforded; that numerous benefits would result from the carrying out of the measure; and praying that the grant may be augmented so as to secure to this colony the benefit of Direct Steam communication with the United Kingdom and the continent of America.

Petition from Committee for Direct Steam Communication, for additional grant.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

On Table.

Mr. DELANEY presented a Petition from the inhabitants of Branch, on the Cape Shore, which was received and read, setting forth,—That the distance from thence to St. John's would be reduced at least 40 miles by opening a line direct from Branch to the Eastward of the S. E. Moun-

Petitions from inhabitants of Branch and Ann's Cove, for grants for roads.

tain, keeping in as near as practicable to North Harbor ; and praying that a grant might be made to enable them to carry out this object : also from J. Walsh and others, of Ann's Cove, which was received and read,—Praying that a road might be made from thence to Oliver's Cove.

On Table. *Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Petition from inhabitants of Portugal Cove for a grant to build a public wharf.

Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from Matthew Dooley and others, resident in the Western and central part of Portugal Cove, and the same was received and read,—Praying for a grant to build a public wharf in a more central situation than the present one.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr. LITTLE presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read :—

Road Petitions from inhabitants of Logy Bay, Torbay, &c., for road grants.

From John McGuin and others, of Torbay ; James Hannigan and others, of Logy Bay and Portugal Cove ; Thomas Cadegan and others, of Logy Bay ; Patrick Ryan and others, of Logy Bay ; all praying for grants to open and complete branch roads in those various localities.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Road Petition from Broad Cove.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from James Tucker and others, of Broad Cove, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a road through that settlement :

Petition from farmers of St. John's for grant to complete Freshwater road.

Also, from James Neil and others, farmers, of St. John's,—Praying for a grant to complete the road leading from Freshwater towards the Top-sail Road.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Road Petitions from Bryant's Cove and Musquito.

Mr. PRENDERGAST presented four Petitions from the inhabitants of Bryant's Cove, in Conception Bay, which were received and read,—Praying for grants to open roads in that locality.

Also, from William Simmons and others, of the south-side of Musquito,—Praying for a grant to open roads in their neighbourhood.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. PARSONS moved, pursuant to order of the day, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Census Bill read 3rd time.

That the Bill for ascertaining the population of this colony and other statistical information, be now read a third time.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared:

FOR THE MOTION, 6.

AGAINST THE MOTION, 4.

Division.

Mr. Parsons

Mr. Hoyles

“ Little

“ Carter

“ Delaney

“ Emerson

“ Rankin

“ Prendergast.

“ Winsor

“ Hanrahan.

So it passed in the affirmative.

And accordingly the said Bill was read a third time.

Read 3rd time.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

*Resolved*,—That the Bill pass and be entitled “ An Act for ascertaining the population of this colony and other statistical information.”

Passed and titled.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Parsons and Mr. Little do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

Deputation to H.M. Council.

Mr. LITTLE, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill for the encouragement of communication by Steam between certain ports and St. John's, and the same was read a first time.

Steam communication Bill read 1st time.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Time of 2nd reading.

Mr. LITTLE, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to repeal certain parts of the Telegraph Act; and also to provide for incorporating the Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Company, and the same was read a first time.

Electric Telegraph Incorporation Bill read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. SHEA, pursuant to notice,

*Resolved*,—That the Rules of the House be suspended in reference to the passing of the foregoing Bills.

Rules suspended.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill to repeal certain parts of the Telegraph Act, and to incorporate the Newfoundland Electric Company, be now read a second time.

Electric Telegraph Bill read 2nd time.

And the said Bill was read a second time accordingly.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

*Resolved*,—That the said Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Committee of the whole on Telegraph Bill.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments agreed to.

And the said Amendments having been severally read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Engrossed—and time of 3rd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time presently.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

Passed and titled.

*Resolved*,—That the Bill pass and be entitled “ An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the 14th year of Her Majesty's reign, entitled ‘An Act for the appointment of Electric Telegraph Commissioners, and also to provide for incorporating the Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Company.’ ”

Deputation to H.M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Little and Mr. Shea do take the said Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

Steam Communication Bill first on order of day.

*Ordered*,—That the second reading of the Bill for the encouragement of Steam Communication between St. John's, the United States, and the United Kingdom, stand first on the order of the day for to-morrow.

Notice of motion for Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council, to request the attendance of members of that body, to be examined before the Select Committee on the Tariff.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at One of the Clock.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1852.

Steam Communication Bill read second time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill for the encouragement of communication by Steam between certain Ports and St. John's, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

*Resolved*,—That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole upon the said Bill.

Committee of the whole on Steam communication Bill.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. DELANEY took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Bill reported with Amendments.

And the said Amendments having been severally read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Amendments agreed to.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time this day.

Engrossed—and time of 3rd reading.

Pursuant to order, the said Bill was read a third time and engrossed.

Read 3rd time and engrossed.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

*Resolved*,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “ An Act for the encouragement of communication by Steam between certain ports and St. John's.”

Passed and titled.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Little and Mr. Shea do take the said Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

Deputations to H.M. Council.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Bill for the encouragement of Education.

Committee of the whole on the Bill for the encouragement of Education.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Bill reported with Amendments.

The Amendments were then read by the Clerk, and are as follows :—

That all the sections of the Bill, from the second to the 26th, inclusive, be expunged, and that all the words in the 1st section, after the word

Amendments read.

“that” be struck out, and the following substituted: “An Act passed in the 14th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled ‘An Act for the encouragement of Education,’ and the several clauses and provisions thereof shall be, and the same are hereby, continued for the period of one year from the 30th day of June in this present year and no longer.’”

Mr. LITTLE moved, seconded by Mr. EMERSON,

Motion that the Report be adopted.

That the Report be adopted.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared:

FOR THE MOTION, 7.

AGAINST THE MOTION, 3.

Division;

Mr. Little  
 “ Emerson  
 “ Job  
 “ Rankin  
 “ Delaney  
 “ Hanrahan.  
 “ Winsor

Mr. Hoyles  
 “ Carter  
 “ Prendergast.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Adopted.

*Ordered*,—accordingly.

Time of 3rd reading,

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be engrossed and read a third time on Friday next.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at One of the Clock.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1852.

Notice for an Address to His Excellency the Governor for Documents connected with the Fisheries.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, requesting that he would cause to be laid before this House copies of any correspondence that may be in his possession from the Admiral on the station at Halifax, on the subject of the Fisheries of this island and the Labrador; and also for any correspondence from the Colonial or Foreign Office on the treaties relative to the Newfoundland fisheries, and any encroachments complained of by the British or French subjects; and that this notice stand first on the order of the day.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for leave to introduce a Bill for shortening the language used in Acts of the Assembly, and to aid in the construction of the same.

Notice for Bill to shorten the language used in Acts of the Assembly, &c.

Mr. EMERSON, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill for preventing damage by unseasonable burning or firing of the woods in the clearing of land and burning the woods and forests of this island, and the same was read a first time.

Bill for the protection of woods and forests read 1st time.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Time of 2nd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the notice of motion for an Address to His Excellency, requesting copies of the Returns of expenditure under the Board of Road Commissioners, be discharged.

Address for Returns under Board of Road Commissioners discharged.

Mr. WINSER, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to provide for the salary of the Governor of this island, and the same was read a first time.

Bill to provide for the Governor's salary read 1st time.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Friday next.

Time of 2nd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the notice of motion for the Committee of the whole on Roads and Bridges be postponed till Wednesday next.

Committee of the whole on Roads and Bridges postponed till Wednesday next.

*Ordered*,—That the notice of motion that a Supply be granted to Her Majesty be postponed till Friday next.

Supply to Her Majesty postponed till Friday next.

Mr. PARSONS moved, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he would appropriate the sum of £200 for poor relief, in addition to the sum of £1200 already granted.

Motion for Address to His Excellency to appropriate £200 in addition to the sum of £1200 voted for poor relief.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared:

FOR THE MOTION, 3.

AGAINST THE MOTION, 6.

Mr. Parsons  
 " Prendergast  
 " Little.

Mr. Carter  
 " Hoyles  
 " Rankin  
 " Winser  
 " Delaney  
 " Hanrahan.

Division.

So it passed in the negative, and

*Ordered* accordingly,

Negatived.

*Ordered*,—That the notice of motion for an Address to the Governor, requesting that he would appropriate a sum of money for the support of a Revenue Cruizer for the protection of the Fisheries on the Labrador and

Resolution for postponement of Address on the subject of the Revenue Cruizer.

Western Shore, be postponed till Tuesday next, and stand first on the order of the day.

Bill to incorporate a Marine Insurance Company read 1st time.

Mr. SHEA, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to incorporate sundry persons by the name of "The Newfoundland Marine Insurance Company," and the same was read a first time.

Time of 2nd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. DELANEY, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause inquiry to be made into the practicability of appropriating part of the Market House to the use of a Post Office in St. John's, together with an estimate of the probable expense attendant upon such work, for the purpose of being laid before this House in the present session.

Engrossed, and committee to present.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Delaney and Mr. Parsons.

On motion of Mr. WINSER, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Message to Her Majesty's Council.

*Resolved*,—That a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council, requesting that the Hon. James Crowdy have leave to attend in the Committee Room of this House on Friday, the 26th instant, at 11 o'clock, A. M., in order to his being examined before the Select Committee of Audit, appointed by this House.

Deputation to present.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Winsor and Mr. Little do take take the message to Her Majesty's Council.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

Message to H.M. Council.

*Resolved*,—That a message be sent to Her Majesty's Council, requesting that the Hon. Edward Mortimer Archibald, the Hon. William Thomas, the Hon. Charles Fox Bennett, and the Hon. Laurence O'Brien, have leave to attend before the Select Committee of this House upon the Tariff, for the purpose of being examined.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Shea and Mr. Hanrahan do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council. Deputation to H.M. Council,

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Bill to reduce and make provision for the payment of the Salaries of the principal officers of Her Majesty's Government. Committee of the whole on Bill to reduce salaries.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN 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 to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof. Progress reported.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

Mr. WINNER presented a Petition from Matthew Morry and others, of Caplin Bay and neighbourhood, and the same was received and read,—praying for a grant to complete the road from Stone Island to Ferryland. Road Petition from Caplin Bay.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table. On Table.

Mr. HOYLES presented a Petition from the clergymen and others of Harbor Briton ; and a Petition from the inhabitants of Port aux Basque, which were received and read,—praying for a separate Episcopal Education grant. Petition from Harbor Briton and Port aux Basque.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table. On Table.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Elias Smith and others, of Flat Rock, and from Patrick Leary and others of Torbay, which were received and read,—praying for grants to complete branch roads in those localities. Road Petitions from Flat Rock and Torbay.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table. On Table.

Mr. PRENDERGAST presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read :—

From John Hearn and others, of Southern Gut, and from James Hibbs and others, residing near Fox Trap, all praying for grants to complete roads in those localities. Road Petitions from Southern Gut and Fox Trap.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table. On Table.

Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from John Power and others, of Cape Spear and neighbourhood, which was received and read, praying for a grant to complete a road from thence to St. John's. Road Petition from Cape Spear.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Notice for Committee to report upon Expiring Acts.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a committee to inquire into and report upon Expiring Acts.

Then the House adjourned till Friday next at One of the Clock.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1852.

Read Petition from Bacon Cove.

Mr. PRENDERGAST presented a Petition from George Gushue and others, of Bacon Cove, and the same was received and read, setting forth,—That the road from Cat's Cove extending eastward for three miles is of little service to the residents;—not only from its bad state of repair, but likewise from its being badly situated, and praying that a road might be opened on the land side of Bacon Cove.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Petition for grant to complete Tank.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Patrick Hynes and others, residents near the old Catholic burying ground, and the same was received and read, setting forth,—That a tank had been commenced last year in that locality; but after considerable progress had been made, the work was abandoned: that the completion thereof would be of great advantage, and praying for a grant for that purpose.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Motion that the Education Bill be read 3rd time.

Mr. LITTLE moved, pursuant to order of the day, that the Bill for the encouragement of Education be now read a third time.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared:

Division;

FOR THE MOTION, 8.

AGAINST THE MOTION, 4.

Mr. Little  
 “ Emerson  
 “ Job  
 “ Parsons  
 “ Rankin  
 “ Delaney  
 “ Hanrahan.  
 “ Winser

Mr. Hoyles  
 “ Carter  
 “ Prendergast.  
 “ Shea

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Accordingly, the said Bill was read a third time.

Read 3rd time.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

*Resolved*,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “ An Act passed in the 14th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled ‘ An Act for the encouragement of Education.’ ”

Passed and titled.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Little and Mr. Parsons do take the Bill to Her Majesty’s Council and desire their concurrence.

Deputation to H.M. Council.

*Messages from Her Majesty’s Council.*

Messages from Her Majesty’s Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty’s Council brought down the following written Messages:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty’s Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed a Bill entitled “ An Act to remove doubts with reference to the application of certain portions of the Criminal Law of England to this island,” to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
24th March, 1852. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty’s Council acquaint the House of Assembly, with reference to their Message of the 24th instant, that the Honorable Messrs. Archibald, Thomas, Bennett, and O’Brien, have permission to attend the Special Committee of the House of Assembly, mentioned in their Message, if they think fit.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
26th March, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*,—That the said Messages do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

The Bill sent down from Her Majesty’s Council entitled “ An Act to remove doubts with reference to the application of certain portions of the Criminal Law of England to this island,” was read a first time.

Bill to remove doubts with reference to the application of certain portions of the Criminal Law of England to this island, read 1st time.

Time of 2nd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

Address to His Excellency the Governor.

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct that there be furnished this House a copy of all correspondence that may have taken place between Your Excellency and the Admiral on the station at Halifax, or reports made by or to him, in the possession of Your Excellency, upon the subject of the Fisheries of this island and the Labrador ; and also of any correspondence between Your Excellency and the Colonial or Foreign Office on the treaties with Foreign Powers relative to the Newfoundland Fisheries, and of any encroachments complained of by the British or French subjects.

Engrossed, and committee to present.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Prendergast and Mr. Parsons.

Mr. HOYLES, pursuant to notice, presented the draft of an Address to His Excellency the Governor, which he read in his place, and then handed it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read as follows :—

Address to His Excellency the Governor on the subject of a Revenue Cruiser.

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to sanction the appropriation by the House, in the Committee of Supply, of a sum of money for maintaining one or more Cruisers on the coasts of this Island and of the Labrador, for the protection of our Fisheries.

Should Your Excellency think proper to accede to this application, the Assembly would respectfully suggest that as it is of the utmost importance that such Cruiser should proceed to the Western Shore before the 10th of

April next, Your Excellency should put her in commission as speedily as possible, without waiting until the Bill of Supply shall have passed the Legislature.

*Ordered,*—That the Address be read a second time on Monday next, and that it stand first on the order of the day. Time of 2nd reading.

Mr. HOYLES gave notice that on Monday next he would move that the Rules of the House be suspended in reference to the foregoing Address. Notice for suspension of Rules of the House.

Mr. WINSER gave notice that on Monday next he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that he would cause a Detailed Report to be laid before the House of all cases where it was necessary for the Coroner to attend and to summon juries according to the law in all such cases ; stating the name of the person deceased, the verdict of the jury in each particular case, the time the jury sat, and the place where they sat, and the expense thereon. Notice for Address requesting Report from Coroner.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that he would cause a full report of the Surveyor of the Cape Ray Electric Telegraph Line to be laid before the House. Notice for Address requesting Report of the Surveyor of Cape Ray Telegraph Line

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message:—

Message from Her Majesty's Council,

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly, with reference to their Message of to-day, that the Honorable James Crowdy has permission to attend in the Committee Room of the House of Assembly on Monday next, at eleven o'clock, a. m., in order to his being examined before the Committee of Audit, if he thinks fit.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
26th March, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered,*—That the said Message do lie upon the Table. On Table.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at One of the Clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1852.

Documents from His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the following Documents, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor :—

Letter from the Chairman of the Central Board of Road Commissioners, enclosing a plan of Little Placentia Harbor, and a letter relating thereto from Mr. Byrne.

Report of Light House Commissioners, with accounts for the year 1851.

(For which see *Appendix.*)

On Table, *Ordered*,—That the said Documents do lie on the Table.

Road Petition from Belle Isle.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from John Long and others, of Belle Isle, which was received and read,—praying for a grant to complete a road leading from the beach to the interior of the island :

Petition for a grant to complete the road between the Goulds and old Placentia road.

Also, a Petition from Stephen Raddick and others, residing on the road between the Goulds and the Old Placentia road, which was received and read, setting forth,—the advantages of the ground on that road for agricultural purposes, and praying for a grant to complete the same.

On Table, *Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Roadpetition from Presque,

Mr. DELANEY presented a Petition from J. Walsh and others, inhabitants of the South West Arm of Presque, which was received and read,—praying for a grant to open a road from thence to Bona.

On Table, *Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Petition from Port-de-Grave for the establishment of regular Postal Communication.

Mr. PRENDERGAST presented a Petition from Thos. Martin and others, of Port-de-Grave, which was received and read, praying,—that a regular Postal Communication might be established between Brigus and that place.

On Table, *Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Petition from Catalinato re-construct Bridge.

Mr. JOB presented a Petition from Noah Penny and others of Catalina, which was received and read,—praying for a grant to re-construct the bridge over the brook at the head of the west arm of the harbor.

On Table, *Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Road Petitions from Outer Cove, Logy Bay, &c.

Mr. LITTLE presented Petitions from John Murphy and others, of Outer Cove ; John Kelly and others, of Logy Bay ; Richard Fox and others, of Rocky Hill, near Outer Cove ; Thomas Martin and others, White Hills ; Michael Phelan and others, St. John's ; which were severally received and read,—Praying for grants to open and complete roads in those various localities.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

On Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill for the encouragement of Ship-building.

Committee of the whole on the Bill to encourage Ship-building.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had made some progress therein, which they had directed him to report to the House, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Address to His Excellency the Governor on the subject of the appointment of a Revenue Cruiser, for the protection of the Fisheries on the Western-shore and Labrador, was read a second time.

Address on the subject of a Revenue Cruiser, read 2nd time.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

*Resolved*,—That the Rules of the House be suspended in reference to the above Address.

Rules of the House suspended.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

*Resolved*,—That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Address.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Committee of the whole on Address on the subject of a Revenue Cruiser.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. DELANEY 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 to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof, and stand first on the order of the day for to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at One of the Clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1852.

Notice for Address to His Excellency with reference to the Burin Grammar School,

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that he would cause to be laid before this House, copies of all documents and correspondence with the Commissioners of the Burin Grammar School, or any of them, or any other person, and the Executive, with relation to that school or the appointment of a master thereof.

Notice for Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on Wednesday, the 7th April, he would move the House into Committee on Ways and Means.

Notice for committee of the whole on License Laws.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on to-morrow he would move the House into Committee of the whole on consideration of the License Laws.

Mr. SHEA, from the Select Committee appointed to take evidence upon the Resolutions submitted to the House in Committee on Ways and Means, presented the report, which he handed in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read as follows :—

Report of Select Committee on Ways and Means.

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the Resolutions submitted in Committee of Ways and Means on the 23rd February, with a view to the obtaining of evidence thereupon, beg leave to report that they have obtained the opinions of several gentlemen largely concerned in the Trade of this colony, which are herewith presented to the House.

The subject being one of admittedly great importance, on which accordingly it is essential that the freest discussion should take place, the Committee forbear to offer any decided recommendations to the House, but earnestly commend the evidence to their serious consideration.

All which is respectfully submitted,

A. SHEA.

P. F. LITTLE.

EDMUND HANRAHAN.

R. RANKIN.

H. W. HOYLES.

For Documents accompanying *see Appendix.*

*Ordered*,—That the said Report and Evidence do lie upon the Table. On Table.

Mr. HOYLES presented a Petition from Stephen Olive Pack and others, of Burin, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to build a Bridge over the barrisway which separates the meadow from Muddy Hole: Petition from S. O. Pack and others, for a grant to build a bridge.

He also presented a Petition from J. C. Gathercole and others, Episcopalians of Burin, which was received and read,—Praying that one-third part of the sum of Seventy Pounds, appropriated for the Commercial School there, may be given to members of the Church of England for the support of a school in connection with their own Communion. Petition from Burin for part of the sum voted for the Commercial School.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table. On Table.

Mr. SHEA presented Petitions from from John Ryan and others, of Woody Cove; A. Boutin and others, of Great and Little Placentia; and from Edward Morris, Chairman of the Board of Road Commissioners at Burin; which were severally received and read,—Praying for grants to open up and complete roads in those various localities. Road Petitions from Woody Cove, Little Placentia, and Burin.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table. On Table.

Mr. JOB presented a Petition from John Morris and others, of Seal Cove in Trinity Bay, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to make a road through that harbor. Road Petition from Seal Cove.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table. On Table.

Mr. DELANEY presented a Petition from Richard English and others, of Distress, on the Cape Shore, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a road to their farms, situate about one mile from the coast. Road Petition from Distress Cove.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table. On Table.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from W. Swansborough and others, of Belle Isle, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to make a road from thence to the beach. Road Petition from Belle Isle.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table. On Table.

Mr. LITTLE presented Petitions from Wm. McDonnell and others, of Outer Cove; Wm. Goss and others, of Torbay; John Lannigan and others, of St. John's; which were severally received and read,—Praying for road grants. Road Petitions from Outer Cove, Torbay, &c.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table. On Table.

Mr. PRENDERGAST presented a Petition from John Lampen and others, of Harbor Grace, which was received and read, as follows:—

Petition from Harbor Grace  
on the subject of intoxicat-  
ing liquors.

TO THE HONORABLE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
NEWFOUNDLAND IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION CONVENEED,

SHIEWETH,—

That from a mass of statistical information recently collected from authentic sources, it has been shown, most unequivocally, that more than three-fourths of the time, labour, and expense, consumed in civilized states in the business of Legislation, originates in attempts to furnish remedies for social disorders, consequent upon the crimes and misdemeanours of their inhabitants.

That by the same rigid process of investigation, conducted by individuals no less enlightened, having for their objects the discovery of truth, the elevation of the species, and the practical advancement of the public good—it can be proved demonstrably by a multiplicity of facts, from the force of which there is no escape,—that those crimes and misdemeanours, for the suppression of which public treasuries are drained, and for which the ingenuity of statesmen has been vainly exhausted in devising remedies—are traceable, in the vast majority of instances, to the unrestrained use of intoxicating liquors.

That from the documentary evidence to which for years past they have had recourse, corroborated as it has been by their own experience and observation in this and other lands, Petitioners are convinced that the distillation, importation, and sale of intoxicating drinks are unmitigated evils—incompatible with the best interests of society, and operating as a drag-chain upon the industry, and as an intolerable incubus upon the energies of the people; and that their moral and religious bearing is still more lamentable and ruinous.

That viewing (as under the foregoing considerations they cannot but do) this important matter in its true light, Petitioners are led to the conclusion that it is a primary duty of all governments, and of all bodies invested with authority, to enact laws for the protection of the well-disposed, and for the benefit of the commonwealth; to restrain, by every legitimate means in their power, a traffic which has been pronounced, and which, by the most irrefutable evidence, has been proved, to be at once so degrading, so detrimental, and so dangerous.

That Petitioners are humbly of opinion that the official recognition vouchsafed to this traffic by the granting of licenses, is both impolitic and unwise, inasmuch as it identifies the state with its demoralizing consequences; materially impedes the progress of reform; throws a halo round that which every good citizen is bound to repudiate; and lowers the character of the government in the estimation of those who hail with inexpressible satisfaction and delight the progressive spirit of the age.

That Petitioners therefore beg leave to approach your Honorable House with this, the respectful and unaffected statement of their views, and with the prayer, which they urgently present, that the foregoing may be taken into the serious consideration of your Honorable House, and that such measures be adopted in the premises as to your Honorable House may seem meet and proper.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

On Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Address in reference to the appointment of a Revenue Cruiser for the protection of the Fisheries on the Labrador and Western Shore.

Committee of the whole on Address on the subject of a Revenue Cruiser.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. DELANEY 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 to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Progress reported.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again, and stand first on the order of the day for to-morrow.

First order of day.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 1852.

Mr. CARTER presented the following Petition from Wm. Fennel and others, of Bonavista, which was received and read :—

TO THE HONORABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF NEW-  
FOUNDLAND IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION CONVENEED.

Petition on the subject of Ship-building.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,—

That owing to the rapid increase of our population; to the past and continued failures of our agricultural productions; to the many disadvantages to which the interests of the fisheries are exposed; and to the expediency

of more fully developing our resources ; we deem it essential to the progress of the country, that the utmost encouragement should be extended by our Legislature to every industrial pursuit.

That amongst the various occupations to which our people devote themselves, there is none more congenial to their tastes and inclinations than Ship-building—a branch which, if encouraged, would not only induce the embarkation of capital, but would afford employment to large numbers of artizans and labourers, and even to the youth now unemployed ; would create rivalry in naval architecture ; and in a short time we might hope to find that Newfoundland shipping had acquired a high reputation.

That in the neighbouring colonies Ship-building is encouraged to a degree which operates against our interests ; many of the materials imported for Ship-building into those places are admitted duty free, and the vessels thus built are received into our markets also duty free ; while our home-built ships are subjected to a tax of six per cent. on all their imported materials, and therefore competing under evident disadvantages with the tonnage of the other colonies, and this in our own market.

That a sum of not less than Twenty Thousand Pounds is annually paid by our trade for freights to vessels of other countries, which come here seeking ; and a sum of equal magnitude is annually expended by our merchants in the purchase of the vessels of other colonies ; and we consider that if the Ship-building interests of this colony were placed upon such terms as would secure us an equitable competition with foreign-built ships, these large benefits would be retained by our own population, and a new and remunerative source of industry would be fostered ; the youth of the country would be encouraged to remain in it, and to pursue the various trades to which Ship-building would give an impetus, and would secure profitable employment for hundreds now in idleness and want.

That we consider a remission of all imposts now chargeable upon Ship-building materials, and upon the labour of construction, in the way of duties upon food and raiment (both of which we calculate to be equivalent to a direct tax upon native-built vessels, of fifteen shillings per registered ton) would, in a great degree, conduce to this valuable and important trade, and thereby secure to the population all its concomitant advantages.

We therefore pray your Honorable House to take the premises into your favourable consideration, and extend such encouragement to this branch of our industry as in your wisdom you may consider effective.

*Ordered,*—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

On Table.

Road Petition from Salmonier.

Mr. DELANEY presented a Petition from Patrick Hurley and others, of the north side of Salmonier, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to complete the road from Cox's point to Hurley's.

Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from Maurice Casey and others, farmers, residing at New Town, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to repair the road leading from thence to the Roman Catholic Cathedral:

Road Petition from the inhabitants of New Town.

Also, from James Lambert and others, roomkeepers of Logy Bay,—Praying for a grant to open a branch road from Dryer's fishing room to the St. John's main line.

Road Petition from roomkeepers of Logy Bay.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

On Table.

Mr. PRENDERGAST presented a Petition from John Woodford and others, inhabitants of Harbor Main, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open the street through that settlement :

Also, from John Kennedy and others, inhabitants of the north-west side of Holyrood, setting forth,—that they live about one mile and a-half from the main road, and praying for a grant to open a branch line thereto.

Road Petition from Holyrood.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

Message from H.M. Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly entitled " An Act to increase the number of Representatives in the General Assembly of this Island and to regulate the Representation thereof ;" and " An Act to Incorporate a Company under the style and title of the Harbor Grace Gas Light Company" with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

Her Majesty's Council have also passed the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly entitled " An Act to Incorporate a Company under the style and title of the Newfoundland Steam Packet Company" without amendment.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
29th March, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly entitled " An Act to Incorpo-

rate a Company under the style and title of the Harbor Grace Gas Light Company" were read a first time, and are as follows :—

Amendments of H.M. Council on the Bill to incorporate the Harbor Grace Gas Light Company.

In the third Section of the Bill—Expunge all the words between the word "section" in the second line, and the word "shall" in the third line.

In the fourth Section—Expunge the figure "2" in the third line, and insert "3" in its place.

Time of 2nd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the said Amendments be read a second time to-morrow.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council in and upon the Bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act to increase the number of Representatives in the General Assembly of this Island, and to regulate the representation thereof," were read a first time, and are as follows :—

Amendments of H.M. Council on the Bill to increase the number of Representatives in the General Assembly of this island.

Expunge the first and second Sections of the Bill, and insert in place thereof, as follows :—

*Be it therefore enacted* by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, in Legislative session convened, that from and after the dissolution or expiration of the present General Assembly, any future House of Assembly shall consist of Twenty-nine members, of whom thirteen shall be a quorum, and that for the purpose of the election of the members of the said Assembly, this Island shall be divided as follows : That is to say—The district of Twillingate and Fogo, which shall be comprised within the limits of the present electoral district of Twillingate and Fogo, and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by two members ;—The district of Bonavista, which shall be comprised within the limits of the present electoral district of Bonavista, and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by three members ;—The district of Trinity, which shall be comprised within the limits of the present electoral district of Trinity, and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by three members ;—The district of Conception Bay, which shall be comprised within the limits of the present electoral district of Conception Bay, and shall be represented in the General Assembly by seven members, of whom *one* shall be chosen by the electors residing in that part of the said district, to be called the southern division thereof, lying between the district of St. John's and Brigus, exclusive ;—*two* by the electors residing in that part of the said district, to be called the Port-de-Grave division thereof, lying between Brigus inclusive and Bryant's Cove inclusive ;—

*two* by the electors residing in that part of the said district, to be called the Harbor Grace and Carbonear division thereof, lying between Bryant's Cove exclusive, and Crocker's Cove Brook, and including Harbor Grace and Carbonear Islands—*two* by the electors residing in that part of the said district, to be called the northern division thereof, lying between Crocker's Cove Brook and Bay-de-Verd inclusive;—The district of St. John's, which shall comprise the present electoral district of St. John's, and shall be bounded southwardly by a straight line drawn from Petty Harbor to Broad Cove, both inclusive; and the said district shall be represented in the said General Assembly by six members, of whom two shall be chosen by the electors resident in that part of the district not comprised within the boundaries and limits of the town of St. John's, as mentioned and described in the 30th section of an Act passed in the 9th and 10th years of Her Majesty's reign entitled "An Act to regulate the rebuilding of the town of St. John's and the drainage and sewerage of the same, and to repeal certain acts therein mentioned"—which shall be called the *First Division*;—two members shall be chosen by the electors resident within that part of the said town of St. John's as above bounded and described, which lies to the eastward of a line running from the harbor up the middle of Church Hill; thence along the middle of the road leading round the western side of the old Church Yard and up Garrison Hill, and thence by the middle of the road running towards Long Pond, until it reaches the rear line of the town, which shall be called the *Second Division*; and two members shall be chosen by the electors residing within that part of the said town as above bounded and described, lying to the westward of the said line running up Church Hill above mentioned, which shall be called the *Third Division*;—The district of Ferryland, which shall be comprised within the limits of the present electoral district of Ferryland, and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by two members;—The district of Placentia and St. Mary's, which shall be comprised within the limits of the present electoral district of Placentia and St. Mary, and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by two members;—The district of Burin, which shall be comprised within the limits of the present electoral district of Burin, and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by two members;—The district of Fortune Bay, which shall be comprised within the

limits of the present electoral district of Fortune Bay, and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by one member;—The district of Burgeo and LaPoile, which shall comprise all that part of the south coast of the island lying between Bonne Bay and Cape Ray, with the islands adjacent thereto, and shall be represented in the said General Assembly by one member.

Insert at the end of the 3rd section of the Bill, as follows:—

*And be it further enacted* that for the purpose of the election of members to serve in any future General Assembly, it shall be lawful for the Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, to nominate and appoint proper persons to execute the office of Returning Officer in each of the said electoral districts and divisions of districts of this island, to whom writs, in Her Majesty's name, shall be issued, directing them to summon the freeholders and householders of all the said districts and divisions of districts respectively, to proceed to the election of persons to represent them in the General Assembly, according to the regulations and directions contained in Her Majesty's Royal Instructions aforesaid, and such other regulations and directions as shall be signified in any Proclamation or Proclamations to be issued by such Governor or Administrator of the Government, and according to the laws of this island now in force, or hereafter to be in force in that behalf.

Mr. LITTLE moved, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST,

That the Amendments be read a second time this day six months.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared:

FOR THE MOTION, 7.

AGAINST THE MOTION, 5.

Division:

Mr. Little  
 “ Winser  
 “ Hanrahan  
 “ Shea  
 “ Prendergast  
 “ Delaney  
 “ Parsons

Mr. Hoyles  
 “ Carter  
 “ Emerson  
 “ Job  
 “ Rankin.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly,

Motion carried.

Motion that the Amendments to be read a 2nd time this day six months.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the Report of Captain Ramsay, of Her Majesty's Ship *Alarm*, to the Naval Commander-in-Chief, Sir George Seymour, on the 22nd August, 1851; transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor.

Document from His Excellency the Governor.

(For which see *Appendix*.)

*Ordered*,—That the said Document do lie on the Table.

On Table.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1852.

Mr. JOB presented a Petition from John Snelgrove and others, of Grates Cove, which was received and read, setting forth—The bad state of the roads in that neighbourhood; and praying for a grant to repair the same.

Road petition from Grates Cove.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

On Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he would appropriate a sum of money for the support of a Revenue Cruiser for the protection of our Fisheries on the Western shore and Labrador.

Committee of whole on Address to Governor on subject of grant for Revenue Cruiser.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. DELANEY took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had risen.

Report.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on to-morrow he would move a respectful Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to pay the officers of the Civil Government their quarter's salaries, due this day. Also, that on to-morrow he would move that the notice of motion that a Supply be granted to Her Majesty, stand first on the order of the day.

Notice of Address to Governor. Also, that notice of motion for Supply stand first on order of day.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, requesting that His Excellency would advance to the Surveyor-General the sum of £100, to enable him to liquidate debts contracted in the making of Tanks and Wells last year.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 1852.

Motion that orders of day be passed over.

Mr. PRENDERGAST moved, seconded by Mr. CARTER,

That all the orders of the day be passed over until the motion "that a Supply be granted to Her Majesty" has been considered.

And the House dividing thereon, there appeared

Division.

FOR THE MOTION, 3.

AGAINST THE MOTION, 5.

Mr. Carter  
" Prendergast  
" Rankin.

Mr. Winsor  
" Emerson  
" Delaney  
" Job  
" Hanrahan.

Motion negatived.

So it passed in the negative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

Committee of whole on Ship-building bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Bill for the encouragement of Ship-building.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. DELANEY took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Bill reported with amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's table.

Amendments agreed to.

And the said Amendments having been severally read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Engrossed, and time of 3rd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time on Monday next.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on Monday next he would call up-

on the Clerk to produce the Resolution of this House by which the former practice of this House, of considering notices of motion before orders of the day, has been departed from:

Notice in reference to notices of motion &c.

Also, that on Monday next he would move that all orders of the day and notices of motion be passed over, except the notice of Resolution for Supply, and that the same be first proceeded on.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Two of the Clock.

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MONDAY, APRIL 5, 1852.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from William Martin and others, of Quidi Vidi, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to repair the bridge there:

Bridge Petition from Quidi Vidi.

Also, from Patrick Cullen and others, residents on the south side of Torbay, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a branch road from Mory's farm to the St. John's main line.

Road Petition from Torbay.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

On Table.

Mr. DELANEY presented a Petition from William Peddle, courier, between Salmonier and St. Mary's, which was received and read, setting forth,—That when appointed to that situation his salary had been fixed at £12 per annum, upon the understanding that he was only to go once a month in winter, and twice in summer, between those settlements; that lately, by instructions from the Post Master General at St. John's, his duties have been doubled; and praying for an increase of salary.

Petition from courier between Salmonier and St. Mary's.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

On Table.

He also presented a Petition from Denis Ryan and others, of Presque, Bona, and Paradise, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a road from Paradise to Oliver's Cove.

Road Petition from Presque, &c.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

On Table.

Mr. PARSONS, from the Select Committee appointed to take evidence and report to this House whether placing a Light House on the Funk Island or the Offer Wadham would be most advantageous, reported that they had attended to the duty referred to them, and he handed the report and evidence in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read as follows:

Report of Select Committee on subject of Light House.

The Select Committee appointed by this House to obtain evidence relatively to the Funks and Offer Wadham Islands, as the best position for a Light House, beg leave to report, that they have examined a number of competent individuals on the subject, whose testimony is hereunto subjoined. Your Committee regard the establishment of Lights as among the chief Public Works which ought to occupy the most zealous attention of the Legislature, as a security to the lives and property of our industrious and adventurous fishermen and traders; and would recommend that, when the means of the colony can afford it, a Light House, both upon the Funks Island, and upon the Offer Wadham, be erected.

Your Committee respectfully call the attention of the House to the evidence upon the matter, and leave the important question to their serious deliberation.

All which is respectfully submitted.

R. J. PARSONS, *Chairman Select Committee.*

P. F. LITTLE

PETER WINSER

H. W. HOYLES

JAMES L. PRENDERGAST

GEO. H. EMERSON

R. RANKIN.

For evidence accompanying *see Appendix.*

On Table.

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

Motion that orders of the day, &c., be passed over.

Mr. PRENDERGAST moved, seconded by Mr. CARTER, pursuant to notice,

That all orders of the day and notices of motion be passed over, except the notice of Resolution for Supply, and that the same be first proceeded on.

Whereupon,

Mr. HANRAHAN moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. DELANEY.

Amendment moved thereon.

That the Bill for the encouragement of Ship-building be now read a third time.

Division.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared:

FOR THE AMENDMENT, 7.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT, 4.

Mr. Hanrahan

“ Delaney

“ Rankin

“ Shea

“ Winsor

“ Little

“ Parsons.

Mr. Carter

“ Prendergast

“ Emerson

“ Job.

So it passed in the affirmative, and the said Bill was read a third time accordingly. Motion carried.

Mr. HANRAHAN moved, seconded by Mr. DELANEY,

That the following proviso be added as a ryder at the end of the 2nd Section of the Bill : Motion that ryder be added to 2nd section.

*Provided always*, that the amount to be paid in each year for such allowance shall not exceed Fifteen Hundred Pounds ; which having been read throughout a first, second, and third time, was, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. HANRAHAN, seconded by Mr. DELANEY,

*Resolved*,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “ An Act for the encouragement of Ship-building.” Passed and titled.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Hanrahan and Mr. Delaney do take the said Bill to Her Majesty’s Council and desire their concurrence. Deputation to H.M. Council.

Mr. LITTLE moved, pursuant to order of the day, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Light-house Bill. Committee of whole on Light House bill.

Whereupon,

Mr. PRENDERGAST moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. CARTER,

That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty. Motion for Supply.

After a lengthened debate,

Mr. LITTLE moved, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

That the House do now adjourn. Motion for adjournment.

And the House dividing thereon, there appeared

FOR THE AMENDMENT, 7.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT, 4.

Mr. Shea

“ Hanrahan

“ Rankin

“ Delaney

“ Winsor

“ Little

“ Parsons.

Mr. Carter

“ Emerson

“ Hoyles

“ Prendergast.

Division.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Motion carried.

*Ordered* accordingly.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 1852.

Road Petition from Holy-  
rood.

Mr. HANRAHAN presented a Petition from Edward O'Keefe and others, of Holyrood, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to repair the road leading to the Roman Catholic Church.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Bills read a second time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the following Bills were severally read a second time :—

The Bill to amend the Inland Post Act.

The Bill to provide prospectively for the reduction of the Governor's salary.

On motion Mr. DELANEY, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

Time of committal of Inland  
Post Bill.

*Resolved*,—That the Bill to amend the Inland Post Act be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. WINSER, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Time of committal of Gov-  
ernor's Salary Bill.

*Resolved*,—That the Bill to provide prospectively for the reduction of the Governor's salary, be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Committee of the whole on  
Official Salaries Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Bill to reduce and make provision for payment of the salaries of the principal officers of Her Majesty's Government.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Bill reported with amend-  
ments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's table.

And the said Amendments having been severally read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House. Amendments agreed to.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow. Engrossed, and time of 3rd reading.

Mr. EMERSON moved, pursuant to order of the day, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

That the Bill for preventing damage by burning of the woods, in clearing of land, and burning the forests of this island, be now read a second time. Motion that Forest protection Bill be read a second time.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared:

FOR THE MOTION, 8.

AGAINST THE MOTION, 1.

Mr Emerson  
 “ Hanrahan  
 “ Little  
 “ Winser  
 “ Parsons  
 “ Shea  
 “ Carter  
 “ Job.

Mr. Prendergast.

Division.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Motion carried.

Accordingly the said Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. EMERSON, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

*Resolved*,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next. Time of committal.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill to Incorporate a Marine Insurance Company be read a second time on Monday next. Time of 2nd reading of Insurance Company Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill sent down from Her Majesty's Council entitled “ An Act to remove doubts with reference to the application of certain portions of the Criminal Law of England to this Island” was read a second time. Criminal Law Bill read 2nd time.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

*Resolved*,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Tuesday next. Time of committal.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council upon the Harbor Grace Gas Company Incorporation Bill, were read a second time. Amendments of H.M. Council on Harbor Grace Gas Company Incorporation Bill read 2nd time.

- On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,
- Time of committal, *Resolved*,—That the said Amendments be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.
- Motion for Supply. Mr. CARTER moved, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. JOB, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.
- After debate,
- Motion to adjourn debate. Mr. LITTLE moved, seconded by Mr. PARSONS, That the debate be adjourned to Monday next.
- And the House dividing thereon, there appeared,
- |           | FOR THE AMENDMENT, 4. | AGAINST THE AMENDMENT, 6. |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Division, | Mr. Little            | Mr. Carter                |
|           | “ Winser              | “ Hoyles                  |
|           | “ Parsons             | “ Job                     |
|           | “ Shea.               | “ Rankin                  |
|           |                       | “ Prendergast             |
|           |                       | “ Emerson.                |
- So it passed in the negative.
- On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST,
- Resolved*,—That the debate be adjourned till to-morrow.
- Notice for committal of Light-house Bill. Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that the Bill to amend and consolidate the Acts now in force respecting Light Houses, be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
- Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1852.

- Free Trade Petition from St. John's. Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from James Hearn and others, of St. John's, which was received and read, setting forth,—That the present markets for the produce of this country are too restricted, and do not enable merchants to give a remunerative price to the fishermen; and praying that Legislative measures may be adopted, to open up Free Trade with Canada and the United States.
- On Table. *Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie on the Table.
- Mr. LITTLE moved, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

That the House adjourn till Monday next.

Motion for adjournment.

Whereupon,

Mr. HOYLES moved in amendment, second by Mr. CARTER,

That the House do proceed with the orders of the day.

Motion in amendment.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared:

FOR THE AMENDMENT, 5.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT, 3.

Mr. Hoyles

Mr. Little

Division.

“ Carter

“ Parsons

“ Prendergast

“ Winser.

“ Rankin

“ Delaney.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Motion carried.

*Ordered* accordingly.

The order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to reduce and make provision for the payment of salaries of the principal officers of Her Majesty's Government, being read—

Order of day read.

On the question put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared,

FOR THE MOTION, 4.

AGAINST THE MOTION, 5.

Mr. Parsons

Mr. Hoyles

Division.

“ Little

“ Carter

“ Delaney

“ Emerson

“ Winser.

“ Prendergast

“ Rankin.

So it passed in the negative, and

Motion lost.

*Ordered* accordingly.

Mr. CARTER moved, seconded by Mr. HOYLES,

That the adjourned debate on the motion “that a Supply be granted to Her Majesty” be resumed.

Motion that debate on Supply be resumed.

After debate,

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST,

*Resolved*,—That the debate be adjourned till Monday next.

Motion to adjourn debate.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at One of the Clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1852.

Notice of motion for Select Committee to meet Committee of H. M. Council on Address to Her Majesty.

Mr. JOB gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee, to meet a Committee of Her Majesty's Council, to prepare a joint Address to Her Majesty upon the subject of the fisheries of this island; and also to consider the best means to be taken for promoting the prayer of the said Address, and report thereon to this House; and that a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council upon this subject.

Notice of motion to rescind resolution.

Mr. WINNER gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that the Resolution of this House on the motion for the third reading of the Bill to provide for the reduction of the Reserved and other Salaries, be rescinded, and that the Bill be read a third time.

Mr. LITTLE presented the following Petitions which were severally received and read:—

Road petition from Torbay.

From William Flynn, and others of Torbay, praying for a grant to repair a bridge, and complete the road leading from Grace's bridge across the Torbay road, towards Portugal Cove:

Road Petitions from St. John's.

From Valentine Merchant and others, farmers, living on the road leading from Waterford Bridge to Waterford Bridge, praying for a grant to complete a bridge on that line.

From Thomas West and others, farmers of St. John's, praying for a grant to repair Pringle's bridge, on the old Portugal Cove road.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Message from H.M. Council.

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act to declare the Law as to the prior claims of Fishermen, Seamen, and

other Servants, in cases of insolvencies of their Hirers or employers," with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
12th April, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council in and upon the Bill sent up from this House entitled "An Act to declare the law as to the prior claims of Seamen, Fishermen, and other Servants, in cases of insolvencies of their Hirers or Employers," were read a first time, and are as follow:—

Amendments of H.M. Council on Fishery Bill read 1st time.

In the Title of the Bill—Expunge the words "declare the Law as to the prior," and insert in place thereof the words "provide for the."

In the Preamble—Expunge all the words after the word "Whereas" to the word "prior" inclusive, in the fifth line, and insert in place thereof "it is expedient to provide for the."

Sixth line—Insert the word "Fishermen," after the word "Seamen."

Seventh line—After the word "dependencies," expunge all the words to the word "Employers," inclusive, in the eighth line—and in this line insert "their" in place of "such."

Ninth line—Expunge the words "for remedy whereof."

In the first section, first line—Insert "therefore" after the word "it."

" Seventh line—Expunge the word "upon" in this line, to the word "season" inclusive, in the twelfth line.

" Fourteenth line—After the word "pound" insert the words "out of the Estate and Effects of such Insolvent or Insolvents, any thing to the contrary in any Law or Statute now in force in this Island notwithstanding," and expunge the words "so far as such Fish and Oil or the value thereof will go."

Fifteenth and Sixteenth lines—Expunge the words  
“Fish and Oil or the value thereof,” and insert in  
their place the words “Estate and Effects.”

Mr. PARSONS moved, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST,

Time of 2nd reading.

*Resolved*,—That the said Amendments be read a second time this day  
six months.

And the House dividing thereon, there appeared,

FOR THE MOTION, 8.

AGAINST THE MOTION, 2.

Division.

Mr. Little  
“ Parsons  
“ Winser  
“ Emerson  
“ Prendergast  
“ Delaney  
“ Hanrahan  
“ Shea.

Mr. Hoyles  
“ Rankin.

Motion carried.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

Mr. PRENDERGAST moved, seconded by Mr. DELANEY,

Motion for Address to Gov-  
ernor.

That an Address be presented to the Governor, respectfully requesting  
that His Excellency will appropriate the sum of £300 for the relief of  
Sealers shipwrecked during the present sealing voyage; and also, that  
His Excellency would adopt such immediate measures for their relief as  
may appear requisite.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there ap-  
peared

FOR THE MOTION, 5.

AGAINST THE MOTION, 5.

Division.

Mr. Little  
“ Parsons  
“ Winser  
“ Prendergast  
“ Delaney.

Mr. Carter  
“ Hanrahan  
“ Shea  
“ Job  
“ Rankin.

And the numbers being equal,

Mr. SPEAKER gave his casting vote in the negative.

Motion lost.

So it passed in the negative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that

an Address similar to the foregoing be presented to His Excellency the Governor. Notice of Address to G. ernor.

Mr. LITTLE presented a petition from J. C. Withers and others, of St. John's, praying for a grant to repair the Court-house lane. Road Petition from St. John's.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table. On Table.

Also, from Michael Berny and others, Roman Catholic inhabitants of Burin, which was received and read, setting forth,—That improper influence had been used in the appointment of a Master for the Commercial School there. That, in consequence thereof, the school was rendered inefficient for the purposes intended; and praying that a proportionate part of the sum of seventy pounds yearly granted for the support of that school, may be given to enable them to establish a school in connection with their own faith. Education Petition from Burin.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table. On Table.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Michael Oliver and others, of Torbay, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a road from John Murphy's to Long Pond. Road Petition from Torbay.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table. On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the adjourned debate on the motion for granting a Supply to Her Majesty be resumed. Order to resume debate on Supply.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

*Resolved*,—That the debate be adjourned till to-morrow. Motion to adjourn debate.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1852.

Mr. CARTER presented a petition from Thomas Berkett and others, inhabitants of Burin, which was received and read, setting forth,—That the Commercial School there is at present conducted in a hired building, which causes great inconvenience; and praying for a grant to enable the Commissioners to build a school-house, and to provide Globes and Maps. School Petition from Burin.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table. On Table.

Mr. JOB presented a Petition from Adam Nightingale and others, in-

- Road Petition from Old Perlican. habitants of Old Perlican, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to improve the waterside road there.
- On Table. *Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.
- Road Petition from Western Bay. Mr. PRENDERGAST presented a Petition from Joseph Baggs and others, of Western Bay, which was received and read, praying for a grant to open a road to the Wesleyan Church.
- On Table. *Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.
- Mr. PARSONS presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read:—
- Road Petition from St. John's. From Robert Rogers and others, farmers, and occupiers of land on and near the Soldier's path road,—Praying for a grant to complete that road ;
- Road Petition from Flat Rock. From Henry Fleming and others, of Flat Rock,—Praying for a grant to complete the branch road leading from Henry Fleming's house to the main line.
- On Table. *Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.
- Notice for introduction of Bill to reduce Reserved Salaries: Mr. WINSER gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for leave to bring in a bill to reduce certain Reserved and other Salaries, and to make provision for payment of the same:
- And of Address to Governor. Also, that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that he would cause to be laid before this House a full and detailed statement of the expenditure of the sum of £1764 4s. 9d., paid to James Douglas, Esq., by Warrant, in cash, from June 8th, 1849, to January 4th 1851, inclusive, under the Act of 12th Vic., cap. 18, granting £5000 to be expended on main lines of Roads and Bridges, stating the particular road on which it was expended, the time when it was paid, the person's name to whom paid, and the sum paid to each particular person, agreeably to Her Majesty's Instructions, section the 28th.
- Order to resume debate on Supply. *Ordered*,—That the debate on the motion that "a Supply be granted to Her Majesty" be resumed.
- Resolved*,—That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.
- Resolved*,—That on Tuesday next this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Supply granted to Her Majesty.
- Days of sitting of Committee of Supply. *Resolved*,—That the Committee of Supply sit on Tuesdays and Fridays, and take precedence of any other business on those days.
- Committee of whole on Reduction of Governor's salary Bill. Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill to provide for the reduction of the Governor's salary prospectively.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. DELANEY took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, without Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill in at the Clerk's table. Report.

Mr. WINSER moved, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

That the Report be received. Motion that Report be received.

And the House dividing thereon, there appeared,

FOR THE MOTION, 6.

AGAINST THE MOTION, 6.

Mr. Winsor

Mr. Hoyles Division.

“ Little

“ Carter

“ Parsons

“ Job

“ Delaney

“ Rankin

“ Shea

“ Emerson

“ Haurahan.

“ Prendergast.

And the numbers being equal,

Mr. SPEAKER gave his casting vote in the affirmative.

So it passed in the affirmative, and Motion carried.

*Ordered* accordingly.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be engrossed and read a third time on Tuesday next. Engrossed—3rd reading.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House a Memorial from Assistant Judge DesBarres, on the subject of pensions to the Judges of the Supreme Court, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor:— Memorial from Governor.

*(For which see Appendix.)*

*Ordered*,—That the said Memorial do lie on the Table. On Table.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide a retiring allowance for the Judges of the Supreme Court of this island. Notice for introduction of Bill to provide retiring allowance to Judges.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that the notice of motion for an Address requesting the Governor to advance Notice that shipwrecked Sealers Address stand first on order of day.

£300 for the relief of shipwrecked Sealers, stand first on the order of the day.

Notice that Address on Tanks and Wells precede Orders of day, &c.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that at the meeting of the House to-morrow, he would move that the notice of motion for an Address requesting His Excellency the Governor to advance £100 to the Surveyor General for the liquidation of debts contracted in laying down Tanks and Wells, take precedence of all orders of the day and notices of motion.

Committee of Ways and Means first on Order of day on Thursday.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee of the whole on Ways and Means stand first on the order of the day for Thursday next.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1852.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

Address to Governor.

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will appropriate the sum of £300 for the relief of Sealers shipwrecked during the present sealing voyage ; and also that Your Excellency would adopt such measures for their immediate relief as to Your Excellency may appear requisite, and this House will indemnify Your Excellency for the same in the Bill of appropriation.

Engrossed, and Committee to present,

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Job, Mr. Shea, and Mr. Prendergast.

On motion of Mr PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Address to Governor:  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to advance to the hon. the Surveyor-General the sum of One Hundred Pounds, to be expended by him in the liquidation of debts contracted in making Tanks and Wells; and this House will make provision for the same in the Bill of Appropriation.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Little and Mr. Parsons.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

On motion of Mr. WINSER, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Address to Governor:  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct that there be furnished this House, a Report in detail of all cases, where the attendance of Coroners was necessary, and juries required to be summoned, according to law in all such cases; stating the name of the person deceased, the verdict of the jury in each case, the time during which, and the place where, the Jury sat, and the expense thereon.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Winsler.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message:—

Message from H. M. Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council have passed the Bill sent up to them from the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act

passed in the 14th year of Her Majesty's reign, entitled "An Act for the appointment of Electric Telegraph Commissioners and for Electric Telegraph Companies; and also to provide for incorporating the Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Company," with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
14th April, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

Amendments of H.M. Council on Electric Telegraph Bill, read first time.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council upon the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly entitled "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the 14th year of the reign of Her Majesty, entitled 'An Act for the appointment of Electric Telegraph Commissioners, and for Electric Telegraph Companies, and also to provide for Incorporating the Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Company,'" were read a first time, and are as follow:—

In the Preamble of the Bill—Expunge the words "the said in part recited Act" and insert instead thereof "An Act passed in the 14th year of Her Majesty's reign, entitled 'An Act for the appointment of Electric Telegraph Commissioners and for Incorporating Electric Telegraph Companies.'"

In the 3rd Section, 3rd line,—After the word "be" insert "individually."

" " 4th line,—Expunge "no more than twenty-five," and insert in their stead "the payment of the debts of the said Corporation to an amount not exceeding one hundred."

" " 5th line,—After "share" insert "held by them respectively."

" " At the end of the Section insert "Provided always that nothing herein contained shall be construed to exempt the Joint Stock of the said Corporation from being liable for and chargeable with the debts and engagements of the same."

In the 5th Section, 5th line,—Insert "general" in lieu of "Special."

" " 7th and 8th lines,—Insert "Board of Directors for the past" in place of "Committee of the last."

In the 6th Section, 7th line—Insert “issued against him” after the word  
“execution.”

“ “ 19th line—Expunge “the prior holder of any such  
Shares” and insert instead “such Sharehold-  
er.”

In the 7th Section, 2nd line—Expunge “the said” and insert instead the  
letter “a.”

In the 8th Section—Insert at the end thereof as follows “And if  
such Owner or Occupier, or the Agent of the  
said Company shall neglect or refuse to  
choose and appoint an Arbitrator within  
four days after notice in writing to him  
from the opposite party, or if such two Ar-  
bitrators, when duly chosen and appointed,  
shall disagree in the choice of a third Arbi-  
trator, in any such case it shall be lawful for  
the Colonial Secretary for the time being,  
to nominate any such Arbitrator, or such  
third Arbitrator, as the case may be, who  
shall possess the same power as if chosen in  
manner above provided.”

In the 9th Section 3rd line—After the word “Telegraph” insert “to be  
established by the said Company.”

In the 10th Section, 1st line—After the word “person” insert “wilfully.”

“ “ 2nd line—After “line,” insert “established by the  
said Company.”

“ “ 3rd line—Expunge the word “five” before “pounds,”  
and insert in place thereof the word “two.”

“ “ 8th line—After the word “Colony” insert “And in  
default of Goods and Chattels to satisfy such  
Warrant, every such Offender shall be com-  
mitted to gaol by such Justice or Justices  
for any period not exceeding thirty days.”

“ “ 9th line—Insert “such” before the word “Tele-  
graph.”

In the 11th Section, 2nd line—Insert “of Electric Telegraph” before  
“shall”—and after “completed” insert  
“from St. John’s.”

In the 11th Section, 6th line—Insert after “Hole” “and in such localities as shall first have been approved of by the Governor and Council.”

In the 12th Section, 1st line—After “as” insert “the said line of Electric Telegraph from St. John’s to Cape Ray shall have been completed and”—and after the word “path” insert “or road.”

“ “ 2nd line—Expunge this line, and the first three words of the third line, and insert in their stead “along the course of the said Telegraph.”

“ “ 5th line—Expunge “the sum” and insert instead “a sum at the rate.”

At the end of this Section insert—Provided that all Bridges forming part of the said bridle path shall not be less than eight feet in width respectively, and that the said bridle path in its course across all marshes shall be drained of the width of not less than twelve feet; and further, that no part of the said sum shall be paid until the said Road shall have been inspected by a Government Surveyor, and certified by him to be in conformity to the provisions of this Act.

In the 16th Section, 3rd line,—Expunge the words “exclusive” and “and.”

“ “ 4th line,—Expunge “of any line,” and insert in their stead “and working of the said line or of any other line.”—Expunge in this line the words “Eastern or.”

In the 17th Section, 2nd line,—Insert after “Governor” the words “for the time being.”

“ “ 5th line,—Expunge “by service or” and insert instead “which shall be served upon.”

“ “ 12th line,—Between “twelve” and “months” insert “calender,”—and after the word “notice” insert “and after payment made or tendered in manner hereinafter provided.”

“ “ 13th line,—Between “company and “line” insert “trunk or main.”

In the 17th Section, 17th line,—Between “ charters” and “ shall” insert  
“ relating thereto.”

“ “ 19th line,—Expunge “ thereafter” and insert  
“ thenceforth” instead.

“ “ 20th line,—Expunge the word “ any” after the word  
“ of,”—and after the word “ Company” in-  
sert “ or any shareholder thereof.”

“ “ 21st line,—After “ warrant” insert “ or war-  
rants.”

At the end of this Section, insert “ and the payment  
or payments in discharge of such warrant or  
warrants shall be made or tendered by the  
Treasurer aforesaid, to the President and  
Directors of the said Company, or to their  
principal officer or Agent in this island, in  
such manner as the Governor for the time  
being shall direct and appoint.”

In the 19th Section, 2nd line,—Expunge “ and shall” and insert “ to” in-  
stead.

At the end of this Section, insert “ but share-  
holder shall nevertheless be liable in man-  
ner, and to the extent, hereinbefore provided,  
for any debts or liabilities of the said Cor-  
poration, incurred or subsisting at the time  
of any such transfer.”

*Ordered*,—That the said Amendments be read a second time to-morrow. Time of 2nd reading.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Commit-  
tee of the whole upon the Amendments of Her Majesty’s Council upon  
the Harbor Grace Gas Company Incorporation Bill.

Committee of whole on Har-  
bor Grace Gas Company  
Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Report.  
Amendments to them referred, without amendment, which they had di-  
rected him to report to the house; and he handed the Amendments in at  
the Clerk’s table.

*Ordered*,—That the Amendments be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Commit-  
tee of the whole upon the Bill to amend the Inland Post Act.

Committee of whole on In-  
land Post Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

Committee of whole on  
Forest protection Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill to prevent unseasonable burning of the Woods and Forests of this country.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. DELANEY took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Marine Association Bill  
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill for the Incorporation of a Marine Assurance Association was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. JOB,

Time of Committal.

*Resolved*,—That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1852.

House summoned to meet  
at 12 o'clock.

Owing to disastrous accounts from the Seal Fishery, Mr Speaker summoned the House to meet at 12 o'clock, to take into consideration what steps should be adopted for the relief of the shipwrecked Sealers; and being met,

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Address to Governor:  
*Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to procure and dispatch three vessels from St. John's, and two from Conception Bay, forthwith, with a supply of provisions for the immediate relief of the shipwrecked Sealers on our coast; and take such other steps for that purpose as may be deemed most expedient, and this House will make provision herefor in the Bill of Supply.

*Ordered*,—That the Address be engrossed, and that Messrs. Little, Parsons, Shea, Hoyles, Hanrahan, Job, and Rankin, be a Committee to present the same.

Engrossed, and Committed  
to present.

The Committee to present the Address being returned, reported that they had attended to that duty, and that His Excellency had been pleased to say that he highly approved of the object thereof, and would be most happy to comply with the wishes of the House.

Report of Committee:

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 1852.

Mr. RANKIN presented a Petition from Jabez Pike and others, inhabitants of the north side of Broad Cove, and south side of Black Head,—Praying for a grant to open a branch road from Butt's Bank to Black Head bridge.

Road Petition from Broad  
Cove.

Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from John Long and others, Farmers on the Freshwater and Wigmore Gully road, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to complete the Wigmore Gully road:

Road Petition from St.  
John's.

Also, from Edward Doyle and others, of Petty Harbor, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to complete the road from thence to the Goulds.

Road Petition from Petty  
Harbor.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table:

On Table;

Magisterial Petition from Harbor Grace.

Mr. PRENDERGAST presented a Petition from John Munn and others, of Harbor Grace, which was received and read, setting forth,—That in consequence of the large and increasing population of that district, the duties of the Stipendiary Magistrates are very laborious: That for many years past, almost all the duties of the magistracy, together with many others, such as those of the management and distribution of the Poor money, and superintending the laying down and repairing of roads, have been performed by Robert John Pinsent, Esq.; and praying that an advance may be made to his present salary.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Road Petitions from Holyrood &c.

He also presented Petitions from the inhabitants of Holyrood, Harbor Maine, and the South shore of Conception Bay,—Praying for a grant to repair the road between the Southern Arm bridge, Holyrood, and Kelligrews.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Road Petition from Trepassey.

Mr. SHEA presented a Petition from John Devereux and others, of Trepassey, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a main line of road from thence to St. John's.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. WINSER gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address, respectfully requesting His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House of Assembly, a full and detailed statement of the expenditure of the sum of £1765 11s. 9d. paid to James Douglas, Esq., by Warrant, from the 28th January, 1851, to the 18th December, exclusive of sums as salary; stating the purpose of its application, the particular time when paid, and the sum paid to each person named particularly; and if the work was done by contract or otherwise; if by contract, the tenders and contracts therewith.

Amendments on Gas Company Bill read third time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council upon the Bill to provide for the Incorporation of the Harbor Grace Gas Light Company, were read a third time.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

Passed and Message to H. M. Council,

*Resolved*,—That the Amendments pass, and that a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council, acquainting them that this House concurs in the same.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Prendergast and Mr. Hanrahan do take the said Message to Her Majesty's Council.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Address to Governor:  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct payment to be made to the officers of the Civil Government, of their quarterly salaries due on the first April instant, as granted by the Supply Act of last Session; and this House will indemnify Your Excellency for such payment.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Hanrahan and Mr. Prendergast. Engrossed, and Committee  
to present.

*Messages from Her Majesty's Council.*

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Messages:— Messages from H. M. Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council have passed the Bill sent up to them from the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act for the encouragement of communication by Steam between certain ports and St. John's," with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,

Council Chamber, }  
16th April, 1852. }

*President.*

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council have passed a Bill entitled "An Act to consolidate and amend the St. John's Re-building Act," to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
16th April, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*,—That the said Messages do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Amendments of H.M. Council on Steam Communication Bill, read first time.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council upon the Bill sent up from this House entitled "An Act for the encouragement of communication by Steam between certain ports and St. John's, were read a first time and are as follow,—

In the first Section of the Bill, 4th line—Expunge all the words after the word "person," in this line, to the word "Colony," inclusive, in the fifth line.

8th line—Insert the word "be" between the words "or" and "absent" and expunge the word "himself"—and at the end of the line insert "it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to appoint another or others in his or their stead."

Expunge the last four lines of this section.

Time of 2nd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the said Amendments be read a second time to-morrow.

St John's Rebuilding consolidation Act, read 1st time.

The Bill sent down from Her Majesty's Council entitled "An Act to consolidate and amend the St. John's Re-building Acts" was read a first time.

Time of 2nd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Committee of Ways and Means first on order of day.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee of the whole upon Ways and Means stand first on the Order of the day for Monday next.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

*Resolved*,—That a Select Committee be appointed on expiring Laws.

Committee on expiring laws.

*Ordered*,—That Messrs. Prendergast, Little, Hoyles, Emerson, and Hanrahan, do form such Committee.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next at Two of the Clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 1852.

Mr. WINSER, from the deputation appointed to present the Address requesting returns from the Coroner for the last year, reported that His Excellency had been pleased to say that the information asked for should be laid before the House.

Reply of Governor to deputation on Coroner's Returns Address.

Mr. JOB presented a Petition from James Ivany and others, of Trinity, Cuckolds Cove, Trouty, Spaniards Bay, New and Old Bonaventure, Kerley's, and British Harbor, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a road to connect the above named places with Trinity.

Road Petition from Trinity.

Mr. PRENDERGAST presented a Petition from James Connel and others, inhabitants of Pond, Mosquito, and Saddle Hill, which was received and read,—Praying for grants to open roads in those various localities.

Road Petition from Pond, &c.

Mr. HANRAHAN presented a Petition from Peter Quinlan and others, of Holyrood, north side, and Chappel's Cove, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a branch road from those settlements to the Salmonier main line.

Road Petition from Holyrood.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Thomas Grace and others, Tradesmen, of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying that a duty of twenty-five per cent. might be imposed upon ready-made articles of apparel, imported for sale into this country.

Petition from Tradesmen of St. John's.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that he would cause an advance to be made for the support of the out-harbor Permanent Poor, out of the amount usually voted for that service in the Bill of Supply.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of Ways and Means.

Committee of whole on Ways and Means.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee stand first on the order of the day for Wednesday next.

Notice of Poor relief bill.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on Wednesday next he would ask leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the relief of the Poor in the several districts of this colony.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1852.

Report of Committee to present Addresses to Governor.

Mr. PRENDERGAST, from the Committee to present the Address requesting that his Excellency would advance the quarter's salaries due on the 31st March last, reported that his Excellency had been pleased to say he would comply with the request of the House :

Also, that in reply to the Address requesting him to advance the Surveyor-General the sum of £100 to enable him to liquidate debts contracted in laying down Tanks and Wells, His Excellency had been pleased to say he would be happy to do so.

Road Petitions from Musquito, Holyrood, &c.

Mr. HANRAHAN presented a Petition from Arthur Thomey and others, of Musquito, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a branch road from the main road connecting the towns of Harbor Grace and Carbonear, to the foot of Lady Pond :

Also, from John Crawley and others, of the south side of Holyrood, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to make a road from John Crawley's to John McGrath's room :

Also, a Petition from John Joy and others, of the Middle Arm of Holyrood,—Praying for a grant to open a branch road from the Salmonier line towards Targate's beach.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Petition from A. Milroy and others.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Andrew Milroy and others, representing the General Protestant Board of the St. John's Academy, and

other parties, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to enable them to build a School-room, and to defray the expense of bringing out to this country a teacher for young females:

He also presented a Petition from James Campbell, teacher, in St. John's,—Praying for some compensation in consequence of loss sustained by him as a teacher, from Legislative endowments having destroyed private schools.

Petition from James Campbell.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from William Goss and others, of Torbay, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a branch road in that locality.

Road Petition from Torbay.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

On motion of Mr. WINSER, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST, pursuant to notice,

*Resolved*,—That the following Addresses be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

Addresses to Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that your Excellency will be pleased to direct that there be laid before the House a full and detailed return of the expenditure of the sum of £1765 11s. 9d., paid to James Douglas, Esq., by Warrants from the 29th January, 1851, to the 17th December, exclusive of sums as salary—stating the particular purpose of its application; the names of the labourers employed, and if engaged by contract or lot; the time when so engaged; the time when the last payment was made; the sum paid to each individual; and if in cash or provisions, or both; and if the work was done by tender and contract, the tenders and contract therewith.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that your Excellency will be pleased to direct that there be laid before the House a full and detailed Return of the expenditure of £1764 4s. 9d., paid to James Douglas Esq., by Warrant under the Act 12th Vic., cap. 18th, granting £5000 to be expended on Main Lines of Roads and Bridges from June 8th, 1849, to January 4th, 1851—stating the particular road on which it was expend-

ed, and whether main or branch ; the names of the labourers employed, and if by contract or lot ; the time when so engaged ; the time when the last payment was made ; the sum paid to each individual ; and if in cash or provisions, or both ; and if the work was done by tender and contract, the tender and contracts therewith.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Winser and Mr. Prendergast.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

Address to Governor.

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to advance a portion of the grant usually made for the support of the Outport Permanent Poor; and this House will indemnify your Excellency for the same in the Bill of Appropriation.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Prendergast, Mr. Hanrahan, and Mr. DeLaney.

Retiring allowance Bill read 1st time.

Mr. PRENDERGAST, pursuant to notice, and leave granted, presented a Bill to make provision for the retirement of the honorables Augustus Waller Des Barres, and James Simms, Assistant Judges of the Supreme Court, and the same was read a first time.

Time of 2nd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Bill to shorten language used in Acts read 1st time.

Mr. LITTLE, pursuant to notice, and leave granted, presented a Bill for shortening the language used in Acts of the General Assembly, and to aid in the construction of the same, which was read a first time.

Time of 2nd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN 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 to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1852.

Mr. PRENDERGAST, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from Lewis Wilkins Emerson, which was received and read, setting forth,—That he was appointed to the office of Clerk of the Peace for Harbor Grace, on the 1st April, 1851, in the room of Alfred Mayne, Esq., deceased, who had for many years held the office at a salary of £150 per annum: That the said salary at £150 formed an item in the Government Estimate, as sent down to the House in its last session, but that the House reduced the same to £100, thereby depriving him of one-third of the amount enjoyed by his predecessor: That the duties of his office are not less than formerly; and praying that the amount deducted from his salary last year may be paid him, and that he may be now placed on the same footing as his predecessor.

Petition from Clerk of Peace, Harbor Grace.

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

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Mr. WINSER moved, seconded by Mr. LITTLE, pursuant to order of the day,

That the engrossed Bill to provide for the salary of the Governor of this Island be now read a third time.

Motion for 3rd reading of Governor's salary Bill.

And the House dividing thereon, there appeared,

FOR THE MOTION, 5.

AGAINST THE MOTION, 4.

Mr. Winsor

Mr. Rankin

“ Delaney

“ Job

“ Little

“ Emerson

“ Hanrahan

“ Prendergast.

“ Shea.

Division. ]

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Motion carried.

Bill read 3rd time.

Accordingly the said Bill was read a third time.

On motion of Mr. WINSER, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Passed and titled.

*Resolved*,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “ An Act to provide for the salary of the Governor of this island.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Winser and Mr. Little do take the Bill to Her Majesty’s Council and desire their concurrence.

Committee of whole on Ways and Means.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of Ways and Means.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had passed certain Resolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the same in at the Clerk’s Table.

The said Resolutions were then severally read by the Clerk, and are as follow :—

Resolutions reported from Committee.

*Resolved*,—That in consequence of the French fisheries which are prosecuted on this coast, by virtue of Treaties with the Parent Government, and which are sustained by large bounties from the Government of France, the staple produce of this colony is subjected to an increasing competition in the European Markets, which menaces the foundation of our trade and prosperity.

*Resolved*,—That the present annual produce of our Fisheries is greater than can meet with markets at remunerative prices, and that we must obtain new sources for its consumption, if the present population is to be maintained.

*Resolved*,—That a free interchange of the produce of this country and of the United States would create an enlarged demand for our products, and would be advantageous to both countries.

*Resolved*,—That if the United States remove the existing duties on Oil, Codfish, Herrings and Salmon, the produce of this country, the following articles be allowed to be imported here from the United States, duty free, viz :—Bread, Flour, Pork, Butter, Corn and Meal.

*Resolved*,—That an Address be adopted by this House to Her Majesty the Queen, praying that this island may be included in any arrangements

which may be effected by the Imperial Government with the United States, for the establishment of Reciprocal Free Trade between the neighbouring North American Colonies and the United States, either upon the terms stated in the foregoing Resolutions, or upon the condition of imposing an equal rate, not exceeding six per cent. *ad valorem* duty, on the following articles, being the produce of the United States:—Bread, Flour, Pork, Butter, Corn and Meal, similar produce of any other country being also admitted into our market at no lower rate of duty, and admitting the American Fishermen to a free and full participation in the fisheries of this island; the American Government admitting the Oils, Codfish, Seal Skins, Herrings, Salmon and Mackerel, being the produce of this country, into the Markets of the United States, at a rate of duty not exceeding six per cent. *ad valorem*, and abolishing all bounties given by them for the encouragement of American fishermen.

*Resolved*,—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will take such steps as may be deemed necessary for the purpose of securing the admission of the produce of this country into Canada and the neighbouring British colonies, upon the same terms as the produce of Canada and the other colonies may be admitted into this country—subject to the duty and conditions mentioned in the foregoing Resolution.

Mr. SHEA moved, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

That the Resolutions be adopted,

Motion for adoption of Resolutions.

And the House dividing thereon, there appeared,

FOR THE MOTION, 7.

AGAINST THE MOTION, 4.

Mr. Shea

Mr. Carter

Division.

“ Little

“ Hoyles

“ Delaney

“ Job

“ Winser

“ Rankin.

“ Parsons

“ Prendergast

“ Emerson.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Motion carried.

*Ordered* accordingly.

Mr. PRENDERGAST, pursuant to notice, and leave granted, presented a Bill to provide for the relief of the Poor in the several districts of this colony, and the same was read a first time.

Poor Relief Bill read 1st time.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Time of 2nd reading.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that the

Notice for suspension of Rules.

Rules of the House be suspended in reference to the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council upon the Electric Telegraph Incorporation and direct Steam Communication Bills: Also, that this motion stand first on the order of the day.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1852.

ON motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. JOB,

Committee of Ways and Means first on order of day.

*Resolved*,—That the Committee of the whole on Ways and Means stand first on the order of the day for Monday next.

ON motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

Address to Governor.

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly having ascertained that destitution to an alarming extent prevails in the various Outports of this Island, in consequence of the losses sustained at the Seal fishery, most respectfully request that Your Excellency would advance the sum of £300 to be appropriated to the relief of sealers who have reached their homes, but are, with their families, entirely destitute.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Prendergast and Mr. Hanrahan.

ON motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. JOB,

Resolution for Message to H. M. Council.

*Resolved*,—That a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council requesting a conference on the Amendments made by the Council upon the Bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the 14th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled

‘ An Act for the appointment of Electric Telegraph Commissioners and for incorporating Electric Telegraph Companies ; and also to provide for incorporating the Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Company.’

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Shea and Mr. Little to take the Message to Her Majesty’s Council.

Deputation to H.M. Council.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill sent down from Her Majesty’s Council, entitled an “ Act to remove doubts with reference to the application of certain portions of the Criminal Law of England to this Island.”

Committee of whole on Criminal Law Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk’s table.

Report.

And the said Amendments having been severally read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Amendments agreed to.

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

Engrossed and time of 3rd reading.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House a letter from the Church-wardens of the St. John’s Church, relative to the state of the graveyard ; and an estimate of the cost of building a wall at the south-west side :

Documents laid before the House by Mr. Speaker.

Also, a despatch from the Administrator of the Government of Nova Scotia, communicating the melancholy intelligence of the death of Lieut. General Sir John Harvey ; transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor.

The Despatch was then read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows :—

[Copy.]

Government-House, Halifax, }  
23rd March, 1852. }

SIR,—It has become my melancholy duty to communicate to you the intelligence of the decease of His Excellency the late Lieutenant Governor, Sir John Harvey, K. C. B., which event occurred at Halifax, on the 22nd instant ; and that the Administration of the Government has de-

Despatch.

volved on me, in pursuance of Her Majesty's Instructions, as Senior Military Officer in command.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's most obd't,

Humble Servant,

JOHN BAZALGETTE,

*Administrator.*

His Excellency Sir J. G. LeMarchant.

&c. &c. &c.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

On motion of Mr. JOB, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST,

*Resolved*,—Whereas by message from His Excellency the Governor, now laid before this House, communicating intelligence of the deplored death, on the 29th March last, of Sir John Harvey, Lieut-Governor of Nova Scotia, and who for several years ably administered the Government of this Island :

Resolution for adjournment.

*Resolved*,—That from a grateful sense of the valuable services rendered by this eminent officer to this colony, and the high respect entertained by all classes to his memory, this House do now adjourn.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at One of the Clock.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1852.

Petition from J. Peyton,  
Twillingate.

Mr. EMERSON, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from John Peyton, of Twillingate, which was received and read, setting forth,—That in the year 1818 he was appointed a Justice of the Peace for the northern district of this Island, including the coast of Labrador, the duties of which office he discharged gratuitously for many years, until he received the appointment of Stipendiary Magistrate at Twillingate, at a salary of £100 per annum ; that from the extent of the district over which he presides, the duties of his office are rendered exceedingly onerous ; and praying that his salary may be made equal to that of the other Stipendiary Magistrates in the principal outports.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply. Referred to Committee of Supply.

Mr. JOB presented a Petition from Robert Bayley and others, of Trinity, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to repair streets of that town. Street Petition from Trinity.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table. On table.

He also presented a Petition from James Johnston, Doctor of Medicine at Trinity, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant as district Surgeon, in consequence of the large number of persons he attends, free of charge. Petition from J. Johnston, Trinity.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table. On table.

Mr. PARSONS presented a petition from John Phelan and others, of Outer Cove, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to build a bridge over the Outer Cove River : Bridge Petition from Outer Cove.

From Edward Leary and others, of Freshwater,—Praying for a grant to repair the bridge near Leary's farm leading towards Oxen Pond : Bridge Petition from St. John's.

From David Ellis and others, residents on Marsh Hill, Gower-street,—Praying for a grant to level the street leading from the King's Road to Cochrane-street : Street Petition from St. John's.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table. On table.

Mr. HOYLES presented a Petition from the Clergymen and inhabitants of Grole, Hermitage Bay, which was received and read,—Praying for a separate Episcopal Education grant. Education Petition from Grole.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table. On Table.

Mr. DELANEY presented a Petition from T. Walsh and others, of Presque and Oliver's Cove,—Praying for a grant to complete the road between these two settlements. Road Petition from Presque &c.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table. On Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill sent down from Her Majesty's Council, entitled "An Act to remove doubts as to the application of certain portions of the criminal law of England to this Island," as amended, was read a third time. Criminal Law Bill read 3rd time.

On motion of Mr. HOYLES, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

*Resolved*,—That the Bill as amended, do pass, and that a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council requesting their concurrence in the Amendments made by this House. Passed, and Message to H. M. Council.

Deputation to H.M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Hoyles and Mr. Shea do take the Bill and Message to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

Message from H. M. Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message:—

Mr. SPEAKER,

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act to amend the Carbonear Street Act," with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
23rd April, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—that the said Message do lie upon the Table.

Amendments on Carbonear Street Act, read 1st time.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council upon the Bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act to amend the Carbonear Street Act," were read a first time.

Time of 2nd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the said Amendments be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. JOB,

Resolution for Select Committee to prepare Reasons.

*Resolved*,—That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare Reasons to be offered at the Conference requested with Her Majesty's Council, on the subject of the Amendments made by the Council upon the Bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the 14th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled 'An Act for the appointment of Electric Telegraph Commissioners, and for incorporating Electric Telegraph Companies, and also to provide for incorporating the Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Company.'"

Committee named.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Shea, Mr. Job, and Mr. Little, do form such Committee.

Mr. SHEA, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare Reasons to be offered at the Conference requested with Her Majesty's Council upon the subject of their amendments on the Bill to repeal certain parts of the Telegraph Incorporation Act, and to provide for incorporating the Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Company, reported that they had attended to the duty to them referred, and he handed the report in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read, and is as follows:—

The House of Assembly have desired this Conference with Her Majesty's Council upon the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill sent up from the House, entitled "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the 14th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled, 'An Act for the appointment of Electric Telegraph Commissioners, and for Incorporating Electric Telegraph Companies; and also to provide for incorporating the Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Company,'" for the purpose of acquainting Her Majesty's Council that they do not concur in the Amendment made in the 4th Section between the words "for" and "pounds," for the following Reasons:—

Report.

Because the House of Assembly are of opinion that the extension of the liability of shareholders to the amount contemplated by the Amendment, would, where so large an outlay is required for carrying out the objects of the Act, deter persons from embarking in an undertaking so highly important to this country; the House of Assembly therefore respectfully suggest the propriety of abstaining from any further restriction than as in this section of the Bill as sent up from the House, and the Assembly are of opinion that the Amendment, if persevered in, would prevent the formation of a Company liable to a sum so far beyond their respective shares.

And the said Report having been again read, was, upon the question put thereon, adopted by the House.

Adopted.

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly, with reference to their Message of to-day, requesting a conference on the subject of the Amendments made by the Council on the Bill entitled "An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the 14th year of Her Majesty's reign, entitled 'An Act for the appointment of Electric Telegraph Commissioners, and for Incorporating Electric Telegraph Companies; and also to provide for Incorporating the Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Company,'" that they accede to the Conference, and have appointed two Conferees to meet the Managers from the Assembly in the Committee-room of the Council presently.

Message from H. M. Council.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
23rd April, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

Managers named.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Job, Mr. Shea, Mr. Little, and Mr. Delaney, do manage the Conference on the part of the House.

And they went to the Conference—and being returned,

Report of Managers.

Mr. SHEA acquainted the House that the Managers on the part of the House had been to the Conference, and had complied with the Instructions of the House.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. Little,

Resolution for Message to H. M. Council.

*Resolved*,—That a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council requesting a Conference with Her Majesty's Council on the subject of the Amendments made by the Council upon the Bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act for the encouragement of communication by Steam between certain ports and St. John's."

Deputation to H. M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. SHEA and Mr. JOB, do take the said Message to Her Majesty's Council.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. JOB,

Resolution for Select Committee to prepare Reasons.

*Resolved*,—That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare Reasons to be offered at the Conference requested with Her Majesty's Council on the subject of their Amendments on the Bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act for the encouragement of communication by Steam between certain ports and St. John's."

Committee named.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Shea, Mr. Little, and Mr. Job do form such Committee.

Mr. SHEA, from the Select Committee to prepare Reasons to be offered at the Conference requested with Her Majesty's Council on their Amendments on the Bill for the encouragement of communication by Steam between certain ports and St. John's, reported that they had attended to the duty to them referred, and he handed the report in at the Clerk's Table, when the same was read, and is as follows:—

Report.

The House of Assembly have desired this Conference with Her Majesty's Council upon the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act for the encouragement of communication by Steam between certain ports and St. John's," for the purpose of acquainting Her Majesty's Council, that they do not concur in the Amendment made in the 4th Section between the words "for" and "pounds" for the following Reasons:—

1st—Because in an Act of the last Session, for the appointment of Telegraph Commissioners, a provision was made which by experience has been proved to work well and effectually.

2nd—Because in the carrying out of the objects of this Act, for which a large sum of money is granted, and in which so deep an interest has been evinced by the public, and a prominent part taken by members of this House, the Assembly think a share of the responsibility should be borne by members of the Assembly, concurrently with that of Her Majesty's Council.

And the said Report having been again read, was, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House. Report agreed to.

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message :— Message from H. M. Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly, with reference to their Message of to-day, requesting a conference on the subject of the Amendments made by the Council upon the Bill entitled "An Act for the encouragement of communication by Steam between certain ports and St. John's," that they accede to the Conference, and have appointed two Conferees to meet the Managers from the Assembly in the Committee room of the Council presently.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
23rd April, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*,—that the said Message do lie upon the Table. On Table.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Shea, Mr. Little, Mr. Job, and Mr. Prendergast, Managers named.  
do manage the Conference on the part of the House.

And they went to the Conference—and being returned,

Mr. SHEA reported that the Managers had attended the Conference, Report of Managers.  
and had complied with the Instructions of the House.

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

Message from H. M. Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council recede from the Amendments made by them in the Bill entitled " An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the 14th year of Her Majesty's reign, entitled ' An Act for the appointment of Electric Telegraph Commissioners, and for incorporating Electric Telegraph Companies ; and also to provide for incorporating the Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Company,'" in the fourth Section, between the words " for" and " pounds."

E. M. ARCHIBALD,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
23rd April, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

Message from H. M. Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they recede from the Amendments made by them in the fourth and fifth lines of the first Section ; and the Amendments made after the eight line of the same Section of the Bill, entitled " An Act for the encouragement of communication by Steam between certain ports and St. John's.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
23rd April, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. SPEAKER left the chair.

Mr. CHAIRMAN resumed the Chair of the Committee.

Committee of whole on  
Supply resumed.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof. Report.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next, at Two of the Clock.

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MONDAY, APRIL 26, 1852.

Mr. EMERSON presented a Petition from John H. Cozens and others, importers of cattle, which was received and read,—Praying for an alteration in the duty of cattle brought to this country.

Petition from J. H. Cozens  
and others.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Referred to Committee on  
Ways and Means.

Mr. PRENDERGAST presented a Petition from John Bryan and others, of Cats Cove, Colliers, and other Coves leading to Brigus, which was received and read, setting forth—That they have learned that it is the intention of the Road Surveyors to abandon the line of the Ship Harbor Road, from the Goulds River to Emily's Gully, and to commence a new line from the Brigus branch to Salmon Cove bridge; that the cost of this alteration will be very considerable, and that the distance would be increased by not less than four miles; and praying that no alteration may be made in the old line.

Road Petition from Cats  
Cove, &c.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. HANRAHAN gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that he would advance a sum of money for the support of ship-wrecked Sealers and their families, belonging to Carbonear.

Committee of whole on Ways and Means.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on Ways and Means.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

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

*Ordered*,—That the Committee stand first on the order of the day for Wednesday.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, requesting His Excellency to instruct the several Boards of Road Commissioners in the colony, to put the Act into immediate operation, with a view to the employment of those who may be in want.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 1852.

Notice of Bill to repeal License Law.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the License Law, and to make further provision for the same.

Also, that on to-morrow he would move that the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means be instructed to require the attendance of the Landing and Tide Surveyor, the first Clerk and Warehouse-keeper, and the Landing Waiters.

On motion of Mr. HANRAHAN, seconded by Mr. DELANEY,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Address to Governor;  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to appropriate a further sum of £300 for the relief of the shipwrecked Sealers and their families, in the different outports of this Island, and this House will make provision for the same in the Bill of Supply.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Hanrahan and Mr. Delaney. Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the plan and estimate of expense for fitting up a portion of the Market-house as a Post Office—transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor. Documents laid before the House by Mr. Speaker.

*Ordered*,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table. On Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the further consideration of Supply. Committee of whole on Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN 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 to them referred, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof. Report.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on Thursday next he would move for leave to introduce a Bill to encourage and stimulate the supply of Bait to the shore Fishery. Notice of Bill to encourage supply of Bait.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1852.

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

Message from H. M. Council,

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Amendments made by the Assembly on the Bill sent down from this House, entitled "An Act to remove doubts with reference to the application of certain portions of the Criminal Law of England to this Island," without amendment.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,

*President.*

Council Chamber,  
28th April, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

Street Petition from Ferryland.

MR. WINSER presented a Petition from James H. Carter and others, of Ferryland, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to repair the street leading through that town.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Petition from W. Gordon and others, Conception Bay.

MR. PRENDERGAST presented a Petition from William Gordon and others, resident in Conception Bay, which was received and read, setting forth,—That they had invested capital, and employed a great many men, in carrying on the fisheries at Camp Islands, on the Labrador; that from the absence of a Magistrate on the Labrador, they are without the means of redress for damage done to their property by evil-disposed persons; that from the encroachments of the French at Belle Isle, they suffer to a great extent, without having any means within their reach of protecting themselves; and praying either that a Stipendiary Magistrate may be appointed for the Labrador, or some other means adopted, as may appear meet to the House.

<i>Ordered</i> ,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.	On Table.
Also, a Petition from Thomas Harison Ridley and others, of Harbor Grace, which was received and read, setting forth,—That the alterations effected in the law for the Administration of Justice in the Outports have not been productive of the benefits contemplated by the passing of the Act 14th Vic., 14th sec. cap. 10, ; and praying that the Act may be repealed.	Petition from T. H. Ridley and others, Harbor Grace.
<i>Ordered</i> ,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.	On Table.
Mr. HANRAHAN presented a Petition from Edward O'Keefe and others, of Holyrood and Harbor Maine, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to complete the road from Healy's Ferry, through Grant's Marsh, to Harbor Maine.	Road Petition from Holyrood.
<i>Ordered</i> ,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.	On Table.
Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of Ways and Means.	Committee of whole on Ways and Means.
Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.	
Mr. HANRAHAN took the chair of the Committee.	
Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.	
The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had come to certain resolutions thereon, which he handed in at the Clerk's Table.	Report.
<i>Ordered</i> ,—That the Report be received.	Report received.
Mr. JOB moved, seconded by Mr. CARTER,	
That the Resolutions be now reported to the House,	Motion that Resolutions be reported.
Whereupon,	
Mr. LITTLE moved in amendment, second by Mr. PRENDERGAST,	
That the Resolutions be reported to-morrow.	Amendment thereon.
And the House dividing thereon, it passed in the negative,	Amendment negatived.
And the question on the original motion being then put,	Original motion put.
Mr. LITTLE moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST,	
That this question be now put.	Amendment thereon.
And the House dividing thereon, it passed in the affirmative.	Carried.

Original motion carried on division,

And the House again dividing on the original motion, it passed in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

The said Resolutions were then severally read by the Clerk throughout a first and second time, and are as follow :

Resolutions read,

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Table of Duties upon Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into Newfoundland and its Dependencies, as prescribed in an Act of this Colony, 13th Vic., cap. 1, be re-enacted for one year.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the several provisions contained in the said Act, providing for, and connected with the collection of the said Duties, imposed under the same, and the exemptions therein contained, be re-enacted for one year.

On motion of Mr. JOB, seconded by Mr. CARTER,

Resolutions adopted.

*Resolved*,—That the said Resolutions be adopted.

Notice for Select Committee to draft Revenue Bill.

Mr. JOB gave notice that on Monday next he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to draft and bring in a Revenue Bill, in accordance with the Resolutions passed in Committee on Ways and Means.

Notice for re-consideration of J. Peyton's Petition.

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that, in Committee of Supply he will move the re-consideration of the Petition of J. Peyton, for an increase of salary.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow, at Two of the Clock.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1852.

Petition from residents on Mount Pearl road.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from John Whiteway and others, of St. John's, residents on the Mount Pearl road, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a road along the South-river.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Committee of whole on Bill to amend Inland Post Act.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Bill to amend the Inland Post Act.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table. Report.

And the said Amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House. Amendments agreed to;

*Ordered*,—That the Bill as amended, be engrossed, and read a third time on Thursday next. Engrossed, and time of 3rd reading.

Mr. PRENDERGAST, pursuant to notice, and leave granted, presented a Bill to repeal the several Acts relating to the granting of Licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof, and the same was read a first time. License Bill read first time.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next. Time of 2nd reading.

On motion of Mr. JOB, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

*Resolved*,—That a Select Committee be appointed to meet a Committee of Her Majesty's Council, to prepare an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Fisheries. Resolution for Address to Her Majesty.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Job and Mr. Shea do form such Committee. Committee named.

On motion of Mr. JOB, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

*Resolved*,—That the following Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaint Her Majesty's Council that they have appointed a Select Committee, consisting of two members, to join a Committee of Her Majesty's Council to prepare an Address to Her Majesty from both Houses upon the subject of the Fisheries of this island, to which they respectfully request the concurrence of Her Majesty's Council. Message to H. M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That Messrs. Shea and Job do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence. Deputation to H. M. Council.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Bill for the protection of the Woods and Forests of this Country. Committee of whole on Forest protection Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some further progress in the Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

St. John's Re-building Acts Bill, read 2nd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to consolidate the St. John's Re-building Acts, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. CARTER, seconded by Mr. JOB,

Time of Committal.

*Resolved*,—That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Bill for shortening language used in construction of Acts read 2nd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill for shortening the language used in the construction of Acts of the Legislature, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. WINNER,

Time of Committal.

*Resolved*,—That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Order of day for 2nd reading of retiring allowance Bill, read.

The order of the day being read for the second reading of the Bill to make provision for the retirement of the Hons. A. W. DesBarres, and James Simms, Assistant Judges of the Supreme Court,

Motion that it be read a 2nd time on Wednesday.

Mr. PRENDERGAST moved that the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Motion negatived.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when it passed in the negative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

Notice of motion for 2nd reading to-morrow.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that the said Bill be read a second time.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1852.

Documents laid before the House by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House a Memorial from the Merchants and Traders of St. John's,—Praying for protection for our Fisheries at the

Labrador—transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor.

The Memorial was then read by the Clerk and is as follows :—

That your Petitioners regard with much alarm the intelligence lately received of the alterations made by the Government of France in the terms on which they award bounties to the Fishermen of that country, on Fish caught on the coast of this island and sent to the Markets of Europe.

That your Petitioners have learned that in consequence of the increased encouragement thus offered, the French Fisheries are to be prosecuted this season with increased vigour.

That your Petitioners have reliable information that the French fishermen catch from 200,000 qtls. to 300,000 qtls. of fish, at Cape John, Belle Isle, and Labrador, within limits in which they have no right to fish, according to the Treaties between Great Britain and France.

That the fish so caught enters into competition in the Markets of Europe with that exported from this colony, causing a reduction of price ruinous to our trade, which is not stimulated by a bounty as the French Trade is.

That your Petitioners have reliable information that a Cruiser, with a force of 25 to 30 men and 4 boats, would in a great measure protect that portion of our coast referred to from the encroachments of the French Fishermen.

Wherefore your Petitioners respectfully pray that your Honorable House would take the premises into your favorable consideration, and appropriate such a sum of money as may be necessary for the purpose of maintaining an efficient Cruiser on that part of the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador referred to.

*Ordered,*—That the said Memorial be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Mr. DELANEY gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, requesting that he would cause to be laid before the House copies of the correspondence between the Central Board of Road Commissioners and their Surveyor, on the subject of the Ship Harbor and Long Harbor lines of road, and the Surveyor's Report thereon.

Notices of Addresses to Governor.

Mr. JOB gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that His Excellency would make arrangements for the employment of a suitable vessel for the protection of the Fisheries in the Straits of Belle Isle, and north coast of this Island.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on Monday next he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Kerosene Gas Light Company in St. John's.

Notice of motion for Bill to incorporate Kerosene Gas Light Company.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report,

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Committee of whole on Forest protection Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Bill for the protection of the Woods and Forests of this country from burning.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's table.

Amendments agreed to.

And the said Amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Engrossed—3rd reading.

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

Then the House adjourned till Monday next, at Two of the Clock.

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MONDAY, MAY 3, 1852.

Petition from W. Minty.

Mr. JOB presented a Petition from William Minty, of Bird Island Cove, in Trinity Bay, which was received and read,—Praying that a yearly stipend may be granted him after this for his services as constable there,

the duties of which office he has fulfilled since 1847 without remuneration.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Richard O'Keefe and others, of St. John's, fire sufferers of 1846, which was received and read,—Praying that the House would adopt such measures for the redress of their grievances as may be considered meet.

Petition from R. O'Keefe and others.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table:

He also, with consent of his Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from the President and Officers of the Agricultural Society, which was received and read, as follows :—

Petition from Agricultural Society.

That the Agricultural Society desire gratefully to acknowledge the liberality extended to them by the Legislature in their last Session, when, in addition to the usual grant, a further sum of £75 was voted to the Society, for the purpose of being appropriated by them in the importation of an improved breed of cattle.

In accordance with the intention of the Legislature, the Society have ordered four head of cattle from Scotland, of the Ayrshire breed; and they have further ordered from Ireland some cows of the pure Kerry breed, having devoted for the latter purpose the sum of £50 sterling.

The Society have therefore, from the funds at their disposal, appropriated, including all expenses of importation, not less than £150 currency, towards the introduction of an improved breed of cattle; and the Society are unanimously of opinion that such an expenditure is judicious, and well adapted to promote the welfare of our agricultural population, and that if the same course of importing good cattle be persevered in, the most extensive benefits will be the result.

During the past year the Society imported two Ayrshire cows, which realized fair prices here, and have fallen into good hands.

They also, in the past year, purchased a young and approved Ayrshire bull, and sent him to Trinity, to remain there (on the north and south sides) for two or three years.

The Society have also kept in view the preservation of calves, the progeny of approved cows, already introduced, and have now bull calves rearing in several parts of the country.

A quantity of seed potatoes, both from Scotland and Nova Scotia, of kinds the least liable to disease, have been ordered, and are expected early in the spring, together with a variety of necessary seeds and grain, the whole to be disposed of so as to be most generally and extensively useful.

To enable the Agricultural Society to prosecute the various objects

they have in view, they respectfully pray your honorable House will extend to them such a grant for the present year, in aid of their funds, as to your honorable House may seem meet.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

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

On motion of Mr. Job, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

Resolution for Select Committee to draft Revenue Bill.

*Resolved*,—That a Select Committee be appointed to draft a Revenue Bill in conformity with the Resolutions passed in Committee on Ways and Means.

Committee named.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Job, Mr. Shea, and Mr. Hoyles, do form such Committee.

Committee of whole on Marine Assurance Company Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill for the establishment of a Company under the title of the Marine Assurance Company.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's table.

Amendments agreed to.

And the said Amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Engrossed, and time of 3rd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed, and read a third time on Thursday next.

Committee of whole on Light House Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill to amend and consolidate the laws now in force respecting Light Houses in this Colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

And the said Amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Amendments agreed to:

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

Engrossed, and time of 3rd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council upon the Bill to amend the Carbonear Street Act, be read a second time on Thursday next.

Time of 2nd reading of Amendments of H.M. Council on Carbonear Street Act.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill to shorten the language used in construction of Acts of the Legislature, be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Time of Committal of Bill to shorten language of Acts

*Ordered*,—That the Bill to consolidate the St. John's Re-building Acts, be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Thursday next.

Time of Committal of Bill to consolidate Re-building Acts.

*Ordered*,—That the notice of motion for an Address to the Governor, requesting that he would make arrangements for the employment of a vessel to protect our Fisheries in the Straits of Belle Isle and Labrador, stand first on the order of the day for Wednesday.

Notice of motion for Address to Governor, first on order of day.

Mr. CARTER gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the raising by loan of a sum of money towards the erection of a Lunatic Asylum.

Notice of motion for Bill to authorize the raising money by loan, &c.

Mr. JOB, from the Select Committee appointed to draft a Bill in conformity with the Resolutions reported from the Committee of the whole on Ways and Means, reported a Bill to continue the "Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into this Colony and its Dependencies," and the same was read a first time.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

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TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1852.

On motion of Mr. DELANEY, seconded by Mr. SHEA, pursuant to notice,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

Address to Governor.

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct that there be furnished this House a copy of all correspondence had between the Central Board of Road Commissioners and their Surveyor, on the subject of the Ship Harbor and Long Harbor lines of road, together with the Report of the Surveyor upon the said roads or either of them.

Engrossed, and Committee  
to present.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Delaney and Mr. Shea.

Pursuant to order of the day, the following engrossed Bills were read a third time:

Bills read 3rd time.

The Bill for preventing the burning of the Woods and Forests of this country in clearing of land.

The Bill to amend and consolidate the Acts now in force respecting Light Houses in this colony.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. JOB,

Passed and titled.

*Resolved*,—That the first Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act for preventing damage by unseasonable burning or firing of the Woods in the clearing of land, and burning the Woods and Forests of this Island.”

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. JOB,

*Resolved*,—That the second Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts now in force respecting Light Houses in this Colony.”

Deputation to H. M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That Messrs. Shea and Job do take the said Bills to Her Majesty’s Council and desire their concurrence.

Committee of whole on  
Supply.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had risen for want of a quorum. Report.

At 5 o'clock the names of members present being taken down, as follows:—Messrs. Parsons, Hanrahan, Carter, and Winsor, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House for want of a quorum. Adjourned for want of quorum.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1852.

Mr. JOB presented Petitions from Wm. Penny and others, of English Harbor, in Trinity Bay, and Thomas Fox and others, of the South side of Trinity Harbor, which were received and read,—Praying for grants to open and improve roads in those localities. Road Petitions from Trinity.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table. On Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to continue and amend the Revenue Act was read a second time. Bill to continue Revenue Act, read 2nd time.

On motion of Mr. JOB, seconded by Mr. CARTER,

*Resolved*,—That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow. Time of Committal.

On motion of Mr. JOB, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

Address to Governor:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly have had under their consideration the appeals made by many influential parties connected with the Trade of the Colony, respecting the necessity of affording protection to our Fisheries on the Labrador coast, and are of opinion that the interests of the Country require that the protection in question should be afforded as far as the means of the country will allow.

The House therefore respectfully request that Your Excellency will take the necessary steps to procure the employment of a suitable Cruiser, or Cruisers, with one or more Boats, to carry out this service at an expense not exceeding One Thousand Pounds, which the House will provide for in the Bill of Supply.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Job and Mr. Shea.

Committee of whole on Bill to shorten language, &c.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill for shortening the language of Acts of the Legislature.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's table.

Amendments agreed to.

And the said Amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Engrossed, and time of 3rd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed, and read a third time on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:

Address to Governor.

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House copies of all documents and correspondence with the Commissioners of the Burin Grammar School, or any of them, or any other person, and the Executive, with relation to that School or the appointment of master thereof.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Little and Mr. Delaney.

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

The Clerk to Her Majesty's Council, in the absence of the Master-in-Chancery, brought down the following written Message:—

Message from H. M. Council.

MR. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly, in reply to their Message of the 29th ultimo, that the Council is prepared to concur with the Assembly in an Address from both Houses to Her Majesty, on the subject of the Fisheries of this Island; but Her Majesty's Council are of opinion that the more Parliamentary and convenient mode of carrying this proposition into effect will be for the Assembly to transmit to Her Majesty's Council, for concurrence, such Address as may be agreed upon by the Assembly; which course of proceeding will render unnecessary the appointment of a Committee of the Assembly for the purpose of preparing the draft of an Address.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,  
*President.*

Council Chamber,  
5th May, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table. On Table.

On motion of Mr. WINNER, seconded by Mr. LITTLE, pursuant to notice,

*Resolved*,—That the Resolution of this House on the 7th April last, in reference to the Bill for the reduction of the Reserved and other salaries, be rescinded. Resolution rescinded.

*Ordered*,—That the notice of motion for leave to bring in a Bill to protect the Electric Telegraph lines, be postponed until to-morrow. Notice of motion postponed.

Mr. LITTLE, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to incorporate a Kerosene Gas Company in St John's, and the same was read a first time. Gas Company Bill read 1st time.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Time of 2nd reading.

Mr. CARTER, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to raise by loan a sum of money for the erection of a Lunatic Asylum, and the same was read a first time. Loan Bill 1st read time.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Time of 2nd reading.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House returns from the Coroners of St. John's, Harbor Grace, and Bay Bulls, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of his Excellency the Governor. Documents laid before the House by Mr. Speaker.

(For which see Appendix.)

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

Notice for committal of Reserved Salaries Bill.

Mr. WINNER gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that the Bill to reduce and make provision for the payment of the Reserved and other salaries, be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, praying that he will appropriate the sum of £ for the protection of the Telegraph line between St. John's and Carbonar, inclusive; and that the same be first on the order of the day.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow, at Two of the Clock.

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THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1852.

Petition from Road Commissioners, Carbonar.

Mr. HANRAHAN presented a Petition from the Road Commissioners in the district of Carbonar, which was received and read, setting forth,—That the disastrous results of the Seal Fishery have been attended by a great increase of poverty in that locality; and praying that the Road Act may immediately be put into operation, so that the able-bodied poor may be employed.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Road Petition from Trinity.

Mr. CARTER presented a Petition from Benjamin Smith and others, of Tickle Cove, and harbors adjacent; and also, from the inhabitants of Trinity, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to complete the road from Plate Cove to Trinity.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Road Petition from Torbay.

Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from James Goss, and others, of Torbay, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a road from John Goff's to Tapper's Cove.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Bridge Petition from St. John's.

He also presented a Petition from Edmund Clancey and others, of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to build a bridge over Upper Steady Water, on the Topsail road.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

The order of the day for the third reading of the Postal Act Amendment Bill being read,

On motion of Mr. DELANEY, seconded by Mr. JOB,

*Resolved*,—That the said Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next. Time of re-committal of Postal Bill.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

Address to Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly having learned with regret that frequent interruptions have taken place in the Telegraphic communication between St. John's and Conception Bay, owing to the breaking of the wires by evil disposed persons, most respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to appropriate a sum not exceeding £50 for the protection of the before-named Electric Telegraph line, to be expended under such regulations as Your Excellency may consider requisite; and this House will make provision for the same in the Bill of Appropriation.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Prendergast and Mr. Hanrahan. Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to incorporate the Newfoundland Marine Assurance Company, as engrossed, was read a third time. Marine Assurance Company Bill read 3rd time.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. JOB,

*Resolved*,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act to incorporate sundry persons by the name of the Newfoundland Marine Assurance Company.” Passed and titled.

*Ordered*,—That Messrs. Shea and Job do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence. Deputation to H. M. Council.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to provide for the relief of the Poor in the several Districts of this colony, was read a second time. Poor relief Bill read 2nd time.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

Time of Committal.

*Resolved*,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council upon the Carbonear Street Amendment Bill, were read a second time, and are as follow :

Amendments of H.M. Council on Carbonear Street Amendment Bill, read 2nd time.

Expunge the Preamble and the 1st Section of the Bill, and insert in lieu thereof as follows :—

WHEREAS it is expedient to repeal an Act passed in the fifth year of the reign of His late Majesty King William IV, entitled " An Act to regulate the Streets of the Town of Carbonear," and to amend the provisions thereof :

1st.—*Be it therefore enacted* by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, in Legislative Session convened, that the said recited Act shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Insert as the 2nd Section the following words :

*And be it enacted*, that the main street of Carbonear extending round the harbor thereof, from the house of Elizabeth Davis, on the the south side, and round the western side of a certain pond on the west end of the said harbor, and thence eastward, to Crocker's Cove Beach, shall not be less than fifty feet in width, in every part thereof, and shall be made to conform to such line, and plan, and metes, and bounds, as shall be fixed, settled, or laid down, concerning the same by such Commissioners as shall, under and by virtue of this Act, be hereafter for that purpose appointed ; and that all and every houses, stores, buildings, and erections whatsoever, which shall at any time or times hereafter be erected or built in the said street, whether the same be erected on any vacant spot of ground or upon the site of any former building, shall be made to conform to the width of the said street, as the same is hereby established and directed : Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to require the removal of any house or store which hath been built or erected previously to the passing of this Act : And provided likewise, that the water side of the present line of the said street or road, shall remain undisturbed, save and except that between the north-west angle of Marshall's house, and the north-west angle of Forward's stone store, the south side or water side line of the said main street shall be a straight line.

The second Section of the Bill to be the third Section.

In the 6th line of this Section, after the word " boundaries" expunge all the words to the word " also" exclusive, in the 7th line, and insert in place thereof " as described in the preceding section, and."

In the 9th line—Expunge “to” between “and” and “run,” and insert instead “which said street shall.”

In the 10th line—Expunge the words between “form” and “cross-streets,” exclusive, and insert instead thereof the word “four.”

In the 11th line—Expunge all the words in this line after the word “Fire-breaks” and before the word “and.”

In the 13th line—Expunge all the words after the word “wide” in this line to the word “Carbonear” inclusive, in the 15th line, and insert instead as follows:—“And shall extend from the harbour of Carbonear, northerly, to such new street, and shall be laid out, as nearly as may be, at right angles with the said new street.”

In the 3rd Section of the Bill, fourth line, expunge all the words from the word “defined” in this line, to the word “nor” (both exclusive) in the fifth line, and insert in place thereof the words “in manner aforesaid.”

In the 17th line—Expunge “assistance of” and the word “or,” and insert in its stead the word “and.”

In the 4th Section of the Bill, 11th line—Expunge the word “Three” and insert “Seven” instead.

Expunge the Proviso in this Section, and insert instead thereof:—Provided always, that no expenditure whatsoever shall be incurred for carrying this Act into operation, until an estimate of the whole cost of the improvement therein contemplated, shall first have been prepared and submitted by the Commissioners to the Governor and Council, and the consent of the Governor and Council to such expenditure, and to the time or times when such improvements shall be made, shall first have been obtained.

In the 7th Section, 4th line—Expunge the words “for that purpose.”

In the 9th line—Expunge “for public competition” and between “Tenders” and “and” insert “for the said work.”

In the 16th line—Expunge all the words after the word “Colony.”

On motion of Mr. HANRAHAN, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST,

*Resolved*,—That the said Amendments be committed to a Committee of Time of Committal the whole House to-morrow.

Committee of whole on  
St. John's Re-building Act  
Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the St. John's Re-building Act consolidation Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some further progress in the Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again.

On motion of Mr. CARTER, seconded by Mr HOYLES,

*Resolved*,—That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee to report upon.

Committee named.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Carter, Mr. Hoyles, and Mr. Shea, do form such Committee.

Committee of whole on  
Revenue Bill postponed.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee of the whole on the Revenue Bill be postponed until Monday.

Time of 2nd reading of Ke-  
rosene Gas Company Bill.

*Ordered*,—That the Kerosene Gas Company Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Loan Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Lunatic Asylum Loan Bill was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. CARTER, seconded by Mr. JOB,

Time of Committal.

*Resolved*,—That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. WINSER moved, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Motion for Committal of Re-  
served Salaries Bill.

That the Bill for the reduction of the Reserved, and other salaries, be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Whereupon,

Mr. HOYLES moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST,

Motion for adjournment.

That the House do adjourn.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared,

FOR THE AMENDMENT, 2.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT, 6.

Division.

Mr. Hoyles  
 " Prendergast.

Mr. Winsor  
 " Hanrahan  
 " Parsons  
 " Shea  
 " Delaney  
 " Little.

So it passed in the negative, and

Motion lost.

Accordingly the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

Committee of whole on Reserved Salaries Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. DELANEY took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, without amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House.

Report.

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

Time of 3rd reading.

Mr. PRENDERGAST, from the Select Committee on expiring Laws, reported a Bill to continue the Act for affording relief to wives and children deserted by their husbands and parents, and the same was read a first time.

Report of Select Committee on expiring laws.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Time of 2nd reading.

Mr. HANRAHAN gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency, praying that he will be pleased to direct that the respective Boards of Road Commissioners appropriate the unexpended grant for Roads, in the employment of the destitute poor in the several districts without tender or contract.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. WINSOR gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that the Bill to reduce and make provision for the payment of the salaries of the principal officers of Her Majesty's Government in this colony, be read a third time.

Notice of Motion for 3rd reading of Reserved Salaries Bill.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on Monday next he would move the House into a Committee of the whole upon Roads and Bridges.

Notice for Committee of whole on Roads & Bridges.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would ask leave to bring in a Bill to encourage the supply of Bait.

Notice of Bill to encourage Supply of Bait.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow, at Two of the Clock.

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1852.

Petition from Placentia for  
a Ferry.

Mr. SHEA, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from R. F. Sweetman and others, of Placentia, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to establish a Ferry at Colinet, until such time as a permanent bridge is built there.

Referred to Committee of  
Supply.

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

Petition from Lorenzo  
Moore, Greenspond.

Mr. CARTER, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from Lorenzo Moore, Colonial Sub-Collector and Justice of the Peace at Greenspond, setting forth,—That he had served Her Majesty or her Predecessors for seventeen years, at a salary commencing at £50 per annum, and never exceeding £107 per annum; and praying that his salary may be increased as Sub-Collector, or that he may be allowed some remuneration for the duties of Justice of the Peace, which he has hitherto performed without reward.

Referred to Committee of  
Supply.

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

On motion of Mr. HANRAHAN, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST,

Address to Governor.

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to give instructions to the Boards of Road Commissioners for the district of Carbonear, to appropriate the unexpended grant for Roads made in the Act of last session, in that district, in the employment of the destitute poor, and to apportion any work in small contracts, as provided for by the 7th Section of the said Act.

Engrossed, and Committee  
to present.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. HANRAHAN and Mr. PRENDERGAST.

Bill to shorten language  
used in construction of Acts  
read 3rd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill for shortening the language used in construction of Acts of the Legislature, was read a third time.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Passed and titled.

*Resolved*,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act for shortening the language used in Acts of the General Assembly, and to aid in the construction of the same.”

Deputation to H.M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That Messrs. LITTLE and PARSONS, do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

*Messages from Her Majesty's Council.*

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Messages :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council have passed the Bill sent up to them from the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act to continue an Act passed in the 14th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled 'An Act for the encouragement of Education,'" with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

Messages from H. M. Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council have passed a Bill entitled "An Act to simplify proceedings on the equity side of the Supreme and Central Circuit Courts," to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
7th May, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN 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 to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Report.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

*Resolved*,—That the Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council upon the Bill to continue the Act for the encouragement of Education, be now read a first time.

The said Amendments were read a first time accordingly, and are as follow :—

Amendments of H.M. Council on Education Bill.

Insert in the title of the Bill, between the words "continue" and "an" the words "and amend."

" In the first section of the Bill, second line—between the words "that" and "an" insert "the first section of."

" Fourth line—Expunge all the words after the word "Education," in this line, and in the fifth line—expunge the word "are" and insert "is," in its stead.

After the first section insert the following Sections:—

Second.—And be it further enacted, that the sum by this Act appropriated for the purposes of Education shall be distributed in manner following, that is to say:—in support of Schools for the instruction of children of members of the Church of England, and other Protestant Churches, and of the Roman Catholic Church, in proportion to their respective numbers, as appears by the census last taken.

Third.—And be it further enacted, that for the purpose of the distribution and proper employment of the money hereinbefore granted, there shall be constituted in St. John's, three Boards of Education, to be called respectively the Church of England Central Board of Education, the Roman Catholic Central Board of Education, and the General Protestant Central Board of Education. And it shall be lawful for the Governor, or Administrator of the Government for the time being, with the advice of the Council, from time to time, to nominate and appoint by Warrant under his hand and seal, to the said Church of England Board, nine members of the Church of England, of whom the Lord Bishop of Newfoundland shall be one—to the said Roman Catholic Board nine members of the Roman Catholic Church, of whom the Roman Catholic Bishop for the time being shall be one—and to the General Protestant Board nine Protestants, not being members of the Church of England. And whenever and as often as any vacancy shall occur in any of the said Boards, by the death, resignation, or absence from the colony, for twelve months, or the removal, of any such members, it shall be lawful for the Governor, or Administrator of the Government, with the advice aforesaid, to nominate and appoint, in like manner, a fit and proper person, or persons, to fill such vacancy, either temporarily or permanently, as may be deemed expedient.

Fourth.—And be it further enacted, that four members of the said Boards respectively shall constitute a quorum thereof, and such Boards shall, from time to time, make such bye-laws, rules and regulations, for the management and good government of all Schools under their respective control, as they shall deem necessary, and shall determine the places where Schools shall be established or supported under this Act, and the amount to be contributed from monies at their disposal for the erection

and repair of School-houses, and the proportions and conditions upon which such contributions shall be made, and shall from time to time appoint Teachers thereto, and remove the same for sufficient cause, and shall determine the amount of salaries to be paid to each Teacher, and the amount of support to be given to each School, and also the amount of fees to be charged to the pupils: Provided that no such bye-laws, rules, and regulations, shall be of any force or avail until the same shall have received the approval of the Governor, or Administrator of the Government, and Council; and provided also that no School shall be built, established, or supported under this Act in any town, place, or settlement, without the approval aforesaid.

Fifth.—And be it further enacted, that each of the said Central Boards may appoint from time to time, and, for sufficient cause, remove, a Secretary, who shall keep an accurate account of all monies expended under the said Board, and a faithful record of all the proceedings of such Board; and may also, if necessary, hire an office, and incur such expense as is absolutely needful for stationery, fuel, and such like contingencies; and such Secretary shall be paid such salary as the Board appointing him shall fix, subject to the approval of the Governor, or Administrator of the Government, and Council, which salary and other expense as aforesaid shall be deducted out of the monies appropriated by this Act to the said respective Boards.

Sixth.—And be it further enacted, that whenever it shall be necessary to prosecute or defend any action at law or suit in equity on behalf of any of the said Boards, the same may be brought or defended in the name of the Chairman of such Board.

Seventh.—And be it further enacted, that the exact amount, which, by the provisions of this Act, is to be appropriated by each of the said Central Boards, shall be ascertained and determined by the Governor, or Administrator of the Government, and shall be paid to the School Masters and other persons entitled to receive payment therefrom, upon the certificate of the respective Boards that the service for which such payment shall be demanded has been fully and faithfully performed.

Eighth.—And be it further enacted, that the following School-houses, being the property of the late Protestant Board of Education in the several Educational districts established by the Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled “An Act for the encouragement of Education in this colony,” shall be appropriated to the Church of England Central Board, and the General Protestant Central Board, respectively, as follows, that is to say:—In the district of St. John’s all the School-houses to the Church of England Central Board, they paying to the General Protestant Central Board one-third of their appraised value; in the district of Brigus one School-house to the Church of England Cen-

tral Board, they paying to the General Protestant Central Board one-third of the appraised value thereof; in the district of Harbor Grace, a School-house at Harbor Grace, and a School-house at Bay Roberts, to the Church of England Central Board, and at Musquito a School-House to the General Protestant Central Board; in the district of Carbonear a School-house at Freshwater, and another at Western Bay, to the General Protestant Central Board, they paying to the Church of England Central Board one-third of the appraised value of the same; in the district of Trinity Bay, north, the School-houses at Trinity to the Church of England Central Board, they paying to the General Protestant Central Board one-fourth of the appraised value of the same; in the district of Trinity Bay, south, the School-houses at Hants Harbour, Old Perlican, and Grates Cove, to the Central Board last-mentioned, and the School-houses at Scilly Cove to the Church of England Central Board; and in Burin, in the district of Burin, a School-house to the General Protestant Central Board, they paying to the Church of England Central Board one-half of the appraised value of the same.

Ninth.—And be it further enacted, that out of the aggregate fund to be by this Act appropriated to the education of Protestants, the sum of five hundred pounds shall be appropriated and paid for the maintenance and support of Schools established and supported, or which shall be established and supported within this colony by the Newfoundland School Society; and a further sum of two hundred and fifty pounds for the maintenance and support of Wesleyan Schools established and supported within the colony.

Tenth.—And be it further enacted, that the Roman Catholic Board for the district of St. John's shall appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds per annum to the support of the Orphan Asylum School, and the sum of two hundred pounds per annum to the support of the Nunnery School in the said district, out of the sum hereinbefore appropriated to such district; and the Roman Catholic Board in the district of Harbor Grace shall appropriate the sum of one hundred pounds per annum to the support of the St. Patrick's Free School, in the said district, out of the amount hereinbefore appropriated to such district; which said sums of money shall be paid quarterly, by warrant from the Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, to the respective Committees of Management of said Schools, upon the production of a Certificate from the said Central Board that such Schools have been in active operation for the period for which the respective amounts are payable.

Eleventh.—And be it further enacted, that the said several Central Boards shall annually furnish the Governor, or Administrator of the Government, with a full and true return, signed by the Chairman of each Board, of the number of Schools in operation during the past year, and

every month of the year, under their respective control ; the average number of scholars during each month ; the amount of fees or dues received by, and the salary paid to each Schoolmaster ; the amount of monies expended by each Board, with the service for which the same was so expended, together with such other information as such Boards respectively shall consider useful ; and such returns shall be laid before the Legislature at its next session.

Twelfth.—And be it further enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Governor, or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Council, by warrant under his hand and seal, from time to time, to nominate and appoint, and again, for sufficient cause, to remove, in the several electoral districts of this Island, and in as many settlements in each district as he may deem necessary, local Boards of Education for such settlements or districts, to consist respectively of members of the Church of England, of Roman Catholics, and of Protestants, other than members of the said Church of England, in such numbers as he shall think fit ; which said Boards shall carry into effect the rules and directions of their respective Central Boards, and shall visit and superintend the several Schools placed under their respective care, and may recommend to the said respective Central Boards fit and proper persons to be Schoolmasters in the respective districts. -

Thirteenth.—And be it further enacted, that in any place where there may be a Church of England School established under the provisions of this Act, and no other Protestant School, the children of such other Protestants respectively, shall be freely admitted to such School ; and that in like manner where there may be a General Protestant School and no Church of England School, the children of Church of England parents shall be freely admitted into such other Protestant School ; and that it shall not be lawful for the Teacher in either case to compel any child or children attending such Schools to receive religious instruction of such a character as may have been formally objected to by the parents of such child or children.

Fourteenth.—And be it enacted, that in apportioning the sums to be allotted for the support of Schools, the said Central Boards are hereby respectively authorized and required to call upon the inhabitants of the settlement or place where any School is intended to be established or supported, to provide, according to their ability, by a subscription or contribution from among themselves, towards the erection or repair of the School-house, and towards the maintenance of the School Master ; and the said respective Boards shall in their discretion exclude from a participation in the public monies hereby granted, any settlement or place, if the inhabitants thereof have not, according to their ability contributed and paid towards the erection or repair of a School-house and the salary of a Teacher.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Amendments of H.M. Council on Education Bill received.

*Resolved*,—That the Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council upon the Bill sent up from this House continuing the Education Act, are in violation of the privileges of this House; but that from the lateness of the Session, and the great importance of the Bill, this House will receive the Amendments, with a view to a conference; this proceeding not to be construed into a precedent, and be so entered on the Journals.

Time of 3rd reading of Reserved Salaries Bill.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill to reduce and make provision for the payment of the salaries of the principal officers of Her Majesty's Government be read a third time on Monday next.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next, at Two of the Clock.

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MONDAY, MAY 10, 1852.

Reports from Deputations appointed to present Addresses to Governor.

Mr. WINSER, from the deputation to present the Address requesting the Governor to cause copies of correspondence on the subject of the Burin Grammar School to be laid before the House, reported that His Excellency had been pleased to say that the official correspondence should be laid before the House.

Mr. DELANEY, from the deputation appointed to present the Address requesting the Governor to cause copies of expenditure on the Ship Harbor and Long Harbor roads to be laid before the House, reported that His Excellency had been pleased to say he would comply with the request of the House.

Mr. JOB, from the deputation to present the Address requesting the Governor to adopt measures for the protection of the Fisheries on the Labrador, reported that His Excellency had authorized him to acquaint the House that he could not confer upon any person who might be employed in carrying out this service the power to detain any French fishing vessel found within the limits marked out by the Treaty. It would therefore be for the consideration of the House, whether the expenditure contemplated by the Address would be necessary merely for the purpose of warning off vessels encroaching on the shores of Labrador, or reporting the names of such vessels to the French Authorities.

His Excellency further expressed his intention of requesting the Com-

mander of the Man-of-war who may be sent here, to make a longer stay in that locality, in order to afford more efficient protection to our fishing population on that coast.

Mr. HANRAHAN, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a petition from Alexander O'Donnovan, and others, of Carbonear, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to build a School-house, in connection with the Factory and female School, established there last year.

Petition from A. O'Donnovan and others, Carbonear.

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

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Mr. HOYLES, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from Thomas F. Bridge and others, of St. John's, which was received and read, setting forth,—That Memorialists have been informed that the Lord Bishop of Newfoundland has petitioned Your Excellency to recommend the House of Assembly to make a grant of money to enable him to continue and extend the Educational establishments conducted under his immediate superintendence, and at his own personal risk, for the benefit of the Protestant community in this colony; and more particularly to erect or otherwise procure suitable buildings of brick or stone, for the female School, for the upper and middle classes.

Petition from T. F. Bridge and others, St. John's.

Memorialists, therefore, are desirous of expressing to Your Excellency their sense of the great benefits which have been conferred upon the Protestant community in this town and colony by the various Educational establishments founded and superintended by the Lord Bishop; and more especially by the Collegiate School for boys, and the School for young ladies of the upper and middle classes, the latter of which is still in successful and beneficial operation; they are satisfied that great attention has been paid to the improvement, both moral and intellectual, of the scholars, and that no expense has been spared to render the Schools in every respect efficient and satisfactory. They believe that buildings of brick or stone for the female School are required, and would be of much service for safety, convenience, and economy of expense; and they gladly unite in requesting your Excellency to be pleased to recommend his Lordship's petition, to that effect, to the Honorable House.

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

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from John Newel, of Harbor Grace, which was received and read,—Praying for remuneration for ground taken to widen the road leading from Bears Cove to Musquito.

Petition from J. Newel, Harbor Grace.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Road Petitions from Bay Roberts, &c.

MR. PRENDERGAST presented Petitions from Richard Delaney and others, of Bay Roberts, which were received and read,—Praying for a grant to make two miles of road in the direction of Spaniards Bay pond :

And from Edward O'Keefe and others, of the Red Rocks, south side of Harbor Main,—Praying for a grant to make a road from thence to the main line.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

Petition from J. V. Nugent, St. John's.

He also, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from John V. Nugent, Junior Master of the St. John's Academy, which was received and read, setting forth,—That since the alteration in the Academy Act, he had been deprived of emoluments which he originally enjoyed ; and praying that he may be placed upon the same footing, as to salary, as when first appointed to the situation.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

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

Petition from W. Donnelly and others, Conception Bay.

He also, with consent of his Excellency, presented a Petition from W. Donnelly and others, residents in Conception Bay, which was received and read, setting forth,—That a short time since, a Company was formed in Conception Bay, under the style and title of the "Newfoundland Steam Packet Company," having for its object the establishment of Steam Communication in this island, and more particularly for connecting the said Bay with St. John's, the capital.

That hitherto, whilst all Her Majesty's other British North American colonies have enjoyed the advantages of Steam Communication, the travel between St. John's and Conception Bay, which, together, contain a population of nearly 60,000 inhabitants, has been by sailing packets ; and great inconvenience has always been felt in consequence—so much so, that it frequently happens in the fall of the year, that communication between both places cannot be had for upwards of a week ; and even in the summer season, the communication is uncertain, as passengers are frequently in the Bay for near twenty-four hours, although the distance could be accomplished by Steam in two hours. By the present mode of conveyance there is also great risk of human life, fatal instances of which have lately occurred.

That considering the improvements now being made in all the other colonies ; the strenuous efforts made by the inhabitants of St. John's for the introduction of direct Steam Communication with Great Britain ; and the liberal support given by your honorable House to the same ; the persons forming this Company are desirous that this island should enjoy the advantages of local Steam Communication ; and to commence their operations, in order to secure that object, they subscribed a sum of six thou-

sand pounds currency, for the purpose of procuring a steamer to ply daily, to and fro, between Harbor Grace, Carbonear, Brigus and Topsail, or Portugal Cove, under the confident belief that your honorable House would grant them an annual sum for the support of the object they have in view.

That besides the facilities afforded to the inhabitants of St. John's, and Conception Bay, by the establishment of the said steamer, the inhabitants of the other outports will participate in the same, as a large number of persons from those places travel to St. John's, by way of Conception Bay.

That they beg leave to state, that in carrying out this object, the outlay in the purchase of a new and efficient steamer in Britain, the expense of getting her to this country, and inducing competent officers and engineers to come here, will involve a large amount of capital, and annual expenditure, which, Petitioners feel assured, after having made the best calculations, that the passengers and other traffic will not cover for some years, unless aided by a public grant from the Legislature.

They therefore humbly pray that your honorable House will be pleased to take the case into serious consideration, and grant the said Company such an annual sum for the support of the said Steamer as to your honorable House shall seem meet.

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

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to reduce and make provision for the payment of the salaries of the principal officers of Her Majesty's Government, was read a third time.

3rd reading of Reserved Salaries Bill.

On motion of Mr. WINSER, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

*Resolved*,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled "An Act to reduce and make provision for the payment of the salaries of the principal officers of Her Majesty's Government in this colony."

Passed and titled.

*Ordered*,—That Messrs. Winser and Prendergast do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council, and desire their concurrence.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon Roads and Bridges.

Committee of whole on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some

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progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

Committee of whole on Amendments of H.M. Council on Carbonear Street Amendment Act.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council upon the Carbonear Street Amendment Act.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

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The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Amendments to them referred, without Amendment.

*Ordered*,—That the Amendments be read a third time to-morrow.

Committee of whole on Re-building Act first on order of day.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee of the whole upon the St. John's Re-building Act consolidation Bill stand first on the order of the day for Thursday next.

Kerosene Gas Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill for the introduction of Kerosene Gas, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

Time of Committal.

*Resolved*,—That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

Committee of whole on Loan Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Lunatic Asylum Loan Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Deserted wives Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to continue the Act for affording relief to wives and children deserted by their husbands and parents, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

- Resolved*,—That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow. Time of Committal.
- Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill sent down from Her Majesty's Council, entitled "An Act to simplify proceedings on the equity side of the Supreme and Circuit Courts," was read a second time. Equity Bill read 2nd time.
- On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr CARTER,
- Resolved*,—That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Thursday next. Time of Committal.
- Ordered*,—That the Committee of the whole upon the Revenue Bill, stand first on the order of the day for Monday next. Committee of whole on Revenue Bill first on order of day.
- Pursuant to order of the day, the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council upon the Bill to continue the Education Act, were read a second time. Council's Amendments on Education Bill read 2nd time.
- On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. JOB,
- Resolved*,—That the Amendments be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Thursday next. Time of Committal.
- Mr. PRENDERGAST, pursuant to notice, and leave granted, presented a Bill to make provision for the protection of Electric Telegraphs, and the same was read a first time. Electric Telegraph protection Bill read first time.
- Ordered*,—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Time of 2nd reading.
- Mr. PARSONS, pursuant to notice, and leave granted, presented a Bill to stimulate the shore fishery, by encouraging the supplying of bait, and the same was read a first time. Bill to stimulate shore fishery read 1st time.
- Ordered*,—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow. Time of 2nd reading.
- Mr PRENDERGAST presented the draft of an Address to His Excellency the Governor, which he read in his place, and afterwards handed in at the Clerk's table, where the same was again read as follows :—
- To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*
- MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—
- The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency would cause to be laid before this House a copy of the Report of the Surveyor of the Cape Ray Electric Telegraph line. Draft of Address to Governor.

Mr. PRENDERGAST moved, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

That the Address pass.

Carried.

And the question being put thereon, it passed in the affirmative on division of 5 to 3.

Engrossed, and time of 3rd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Prendergast and Mr. Parsons.

Notices of Addresses to Governor.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he would cause to be laid before this House a copy of the Commission constituting him Vice-Admiral of this Island.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, praying that he will appropriate forthwith the sum of £50, to be expended on the road from Portugal Cove to Topsail, and the sum of £50 to be expended on the main road from Torbay to Flat Rock, and from thence towards Pouche Cove ; to be laid out in small contracts, for the purpose of relieving the able-bodied poor in these localities, under the superintendence of the Central Board of Road Commissioners.

Report from deputation to present Address to Governor.

Mr. HANRAHAN, from the deputation appointed to present the Address requesting the Governor to instruct the Carbonear Board of Road Commissioners to expend the remainder of the Road grant, reported that His Excellency had been pleased to say he would comply with the request of the House.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

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TUESDAY, MAY 11, 1852.

Petitions presented by Mr. Little.

Mr. LITTLE, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read :—

From Mary Templeman, widow of the late Joseph Templeman, setting forth,—Her destitute circumstances, and the long services of her husband under Government ; and praying that some compensation may be made her in consideration thereof :

From Mary Gear, housekeeper at the Custom-house, praying for an increase of salary :

From Ann Dwyer, widow of the late Daniel Dwyer, setting forth,—

Her very destitute state; and praying that the grant made to her late husband might be continued to her:

From William Jenkins and others, composing the Sons of Temperance Volunteer Fire Brigade,—Praying for a grant to enable them to procure and keep in repair the hose, buckets, hatchets, &c., for the use of their engine:

From William Coyell and others, of the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company,—Praying for a continuance of the yearly grant:

From John Kickham and others, residents near the old Nunnery lane —Praying for a grant to make a tank in that locality:

From John Boggin, of St. John's, cooper,—Praying for remuneration for cost of constructing a tank near Gower street:

From Charles R. Ayre and others, householders, living between Williams's lane and new Gower-street,—Praying for a grant to construct a Tank in that locality:

From Eugenius Harvey and others, inhabitants of St. John's,—Praying for another Tank in the neighbourhood of Cuddihy's lane.

From William J. Ward, Secretary to the St. John's Water Company, by order of the Directors,—Praying that in addition to the annual grant for the repairs and superintendence of the Fire-plugs, and other expenses contingent thereon, the House would indemnify them for the sum of £300, borrowed, to enable them to build a Tank, as also to connect the small pond on the right-hand side of the road:

From Stephen March, of St. John's, setting forth,—That he had fitted out a crew for the prosecution of the Seal fishery at the Funk Islands, in the winters of 1850, and 1851. That the said crew had been instrumental in discovering a number of shoals and sunken rocks. That the discovery of those dangers has proved already of great advantage to vessels engaged either in the Labrador, sealing, or coasting trades of the country. That at considerable cost he had procured charts, in which all the discoveries made by the residents on the Funk Islands are correctly laid down; and praying that some remuneration may be made him.

From John T. Mullock and others, of St. John's,—praying for a grant to complete the House adjoining the Presentation Convent:

From Thomas G. Morry and others, of St. John's,—Praying for a grant to remove the fire plugs from the middle of Water-street, to the side of the footpath:

From Robert Prowse, Secretary of the St. John's Factory,—Praying for the annual grant.

From Laurence O'Brien, President of the Benevolent Irish Society,—Praying for a grant in support of the industrial school connected therewith.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petition from James Douglas.

Mr. LITTLE, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from James Douglas, Chairman of the Central Board of Road Commissioners, setting forth,—That the ice had greatly damaged Job's Bridge, in the course of the last winter ; and praying for a grant to repair the same.

Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Petitions presented by Mr. Delaney.

Mr. DELANEY, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read :

From Patrick Dunphy and others, inhabitants of the western shore of Placentia Bay,—Praying for a grant to erect a public wharf at the north-east arm of Presque :

From J. Walsh and others, inhabitants of Oliver's Cove,—Praying for a grant to enable them to complete the breakwater there :

From Walter Shelly, keeper of the government cottage on the Salmonier road,—Praying for a grant to build a chimney.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petitions presented by Mr. Carter.

Mr. CARTER, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read :—

From the Chairman of Directors of the St. John's Church of England Academy,—Praying for a grant to enable them to purchase a site, whereon to erect suitable buildings for the purposes of the Academy :

From James Finlay, Assayer of Weights and Measures, of St. John's,—Praying for a grant for his services for the past year.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petitions presented by Mr. Shea.

Mr. SHEA, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from Joseph Woods, of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to reimburse him for the cost of publishing the Almanac for this year :

Also, a Petition from Charles D. Newman, Bachelor of Arts, and Master of the St. John's Academy, which was received and read, setting forth,

—That in the year 1850, by an Act of the Legislature (13th Vic., cap. 5) the sum annually paid to him from the revenue of the colony was reduced from *Three Hundred to Two Hundred Pounds*.

That although such reduction was made in accordance with a suggestion contained in a letter addressed by him to the Chairman of the Directors of the St. John's Academy, yet other suggestions contained in said letter were totally disregarded; among them the erection, at the public cost, of school-rooms, and of residences for the Master of the Academy.

That, consequently, the charge of providing a school-room for the Church of England branch of the St. John's Academy has been thrown upon him, and he has also been compelled to pay out of his already reduced income the rent of a residence for himself.

That, as far as his experience extends, such charges on the income of a Master are unknown in any similar institution elsewhere.

That by a clause in a previous Act of the Legislature (7th Vic., cap. 3.) the sum of *Three Thousand Pounds* was granted for the erection and establishment of an Academy at St. John's.

That when, in accordance with the provisions of said Act (7th Vic. cap. 3) he was appointed Senior Master of the St. John's Academy, in the year 1845, he was led to believe by certain officers of the Government, as well as by several members of the Legislature, that by said clause was contemplated the erection, not merely of suitable school rooms, but likewise of residences for the Masters. That this interpretation was evidently given to the clause by the late Board of Directors, as they allowed Petitioner annually the sum of *Twenty Pounds*, expressly for house-rent. That similar clauses in the Acts for establishing Grammar Schools at Harbor Grace and Carbonar, have been so interpreted by the Directors of both these institutions; for, in each place, as petitioner is informed, a residence for the Master of the Grammar School, as well as a School-house, has been built at the public cost.

That since the month of June, 1850, he has paid from his own resources the salary of an Assistant Master; not on account of inability on his own part to give instruction in any of the subjects taught in the Academy, but because he found that without such assistance he could not give sufficient time and attention to the various studies of his pupils.

That in the same year he expended more than fifty pounds of his own money in the purchase of books for the use of the Academy, not one-third of which, after a lapse of eighteen months, has as yet been repaid to him.

That when appointed Senior Master of the St. John's Academy, his annual salary was *Three Hundred Pounds*, the Junior Master at the same

time receiving only *Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds*. That that gentleman still receives the same salary, while Petitioner's salary has been reduced by one third. That there seems to be no just ground for this difference; for although the number of pupils in the Roman Catholic branch of said Academy is, and probably always will be, greater than that in the Church of England branch, yet, inasmuch as all fees paid by pupils in each branch are the perquisite of the Master, the income of the Master of the Roman Catholic branch arising from this source, must necessarily be greater than his.

That by the changes introduced into the St. John's Academy by the provisions of the aforesaid Act (13th Vic. cap. 5) a great saving has been effected in the expenditure of the colony; for, not only from the date of the passing of said Act until the month of October, 1851, were salaries paid to the Masters of the Academy at the rate of *Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds* a year, instead of *Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, as before; but also, no further charge has been made on the colony for incidental expenses, which, under the previous system, annually averaged not less than *One Hundred and Twenty Pounds*.

That by said Act a great boon was conferred on the Junior Master of the St. John's Academy, as well as on all members of the several religious denominations throughout the island; while no one has suffered, or can suffer, in any way, by the operation of said Act, but Petitioner.

All which circumstances he humbly entreats your honorable House to take into consideration, and to grant him such compensation, or such increase of salary, as may appear to your honorable House just and expedient.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Petitions presented by Mr. Hanrahan.

Mr. HANRAHAN, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read:

From the Minister and others, Trustees of the Wesleyan Methodist School-house, Carbonear,—Praying for a grant to enable them to liquidate a debt contracted for the purchase of the ground on which the School-house is built:

From John Murphy, of Chappel's Cove,—Praying that the sum of £58 15s. may be paid him, being value of damage done to his property by running the main line of road from Holyrood to Brigus:

From John Stark, Chief Clerk and Registrar of the Circuit Court for the northern district of Newfoundland,—Praying for some compensation for loss sustained by the passing of the Acts 12 Vic., Cap. 12, and 14 Vic., Cap. 10.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Supply. Referred to Committee of Supply.

Mr. RANKIN, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from John Anguin and others, Trustees of the Wesleyan Black-head public School,—Praying for a grant to enable them to complete their School-house. Petition from John Anguin.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply. Referred to Committee of Supply.

Mr. JOB, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read :— Petitions presented by Mr. Job.

From the Chairman and Officers of the General Protestant Board of the St. John's Academy, setting forth,—That very considerable difficulty had to be encountered by them in establishing the Academy under their charge. After a protracted correspondence with friends in Great Britain, they succeeded in securing the services of a competent Master from Scotland: as an inducement to him to come to this country, they guaranteed him for three years a salary at the rate of £200 stg. per annum, and a house and school-room rent free. They have further been under the necessity of defraying his expenses to this country, and of providing funds to enable him to bring out a supply of School Books, Globes, and Maps, your Petitioners not having received any share of those articles which belonged to the former General Academy.

That your Petitioners have rented for three years a house at the head of Prescott-street, and expended a large sum in necessary repairs.

That the total sum, exclusive of salary to the Master, disbursed by them on the Academy, amounts to £149 9s. 7d. That they require a further expenditure of £50, to make the room suitable for teaching—making the total necessary outlay—say £200: That the Academy under your Petitioner's charge, was opened on the 1st day of October last, and that the only amount received by your Petitioners from the Local Government has been the sum of £75, being two quarterly payments to the master, at the rate of £150 stg. per annum.

That the Act under which they were appointed is the 13th Vic., Cap. 5, and that they consider that in accordance with the terms and spirit of the said Act, they are justly entitled to a sum at the above rate of £150, corresponding to the period from 30th April, 1850, when the Act was passed, to 1st October, 1851—that is one year and five months, or, in all, to the sum of £212 10s.

That the Academies under the direction of the Roman Catholic and Church of England Boards, have, it is understood, drawn the sum grant-

ed to each, from the date of the passing of the Act : they were each provided with a master on the spot, and had the advantage of carrying on their Schools without delay, besides having larger grants of the public money ; while they, with a smaller grant, had to incur trouble, expense, and delay, in obtaining the service of a master from Scotland.

That they have made applications to the Local Government for payment of the aforesaid arrears of £212 10s., but the Executive has not considered itself authorised to issue a warrant for the same.

They have accordingly to crave your Honorable House, that you will be pleased to sanction payment to them of £212 10s., being arrears due as aforesaid :

From Adam Nightingale and others, of Old Perlican,—Praying for a grant to enable them to re-build the School-house there :

From E. Botterel and others, of St. John's, setting forth,—That they had erected a building of sufficient dimensions to answer the double purpose of a Normal and common School. That competent Schoolmasters have been engaged in England for both departments ; and praying for a grant in support of the institution :

From the Members of the Managing Committee of the St. John's Mechanics' Institute, setting forth,—That this Institution has been in operation for a period of nearly three years, during which lectures on various subjects connected with literature and practical science have been delivered.

That the present number of its members is 343 ; that its income for the past year was £110 9s. 9d., the whole of which was expended in advancing the objects for which the Institute was established ; and that here is a growing desire on the part of the community to sustain it in its operations.

That the admission fee has been fixed at the low rate of five shillings currency, and the annual contribution at the same sum ; for the purpose of enabling men of the operative classes, and others, the more readily to become members.

That with the moderate funds at their command, the Committee have commenced the formation of a Museum, and the collection of a Philosophical and Chemical apparatus ; that they have collected a considerable number of specimens of the birds and quadrupeds of Newfoundland ; and that measures have been adopted for extending the collection, so as to embrace a series illustrative of the natural history of the island.

That in Great Britain, as well as in other countries, the Governments and

Legislatures are ever ready to extend a helping hand to institutions of a similar character with that represented by your petitioners.

That your Petitioners are therefore encouraged to approach your honorable House as they now do, praying for such a grant as may enable them to carry out the purposes of the Institute, in the formation of a Museum, illustrative of the natural history of Newfoundland :

From the Committee of the St. John's Library and Reading Room,—Praying for a grant to enable them to enlarge the library :

From W. T. Parsons, praying that the sum of £31 7s. 6d. might be paid him for superintending the town clock during the last two years :

From the Secretary of the Dorcas Society,—Praying for the annual grant in support of the institution :

From James Johnston and others, of Trinity,—Praying that a grant might be made of a sufficient sum to carry the mails from New Perlican to Trinity during the winter months :

From Benjamin Sweetland and others, of Trinity,—Praying for a grant to enable them to complete the public wharf there :

From Adam Nightingale and others, of the south shore of Trinity Bay,—Praying for the appointment of a Magistrate for that district.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Mr. PARSONS presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read :—

Petitions presented by Mr. Parsons.

From Captain James O'Neil, Schoolmaster, of St. John's, setting forth,—His valuable services as a teacher of Navigation in this town for the last thirty-three years ; and praying for a retiring pension :

From John Hatchet and others, of St. John's,—Praying for a grant to encourage the breeding of horses in this country.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

He also presented a Petition from Richard Perchard and others, residents on the Major's path, and Torbay road, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to complete that road :

And from Thomas Doyle and others, of Petty Harbor,—Praying for a grant to open the road from thence to the Goulds.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Petition presented by Mr. Delaney.

Mr. DELANEY presented a Petition from T. Welsh and others, of Sound Island, Placentia Bay, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a road from Newtown to Brown's Cove.

Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Petitions presented by Mr. Little.

Mr. LITTLE presented Petitions from Cornelius Winton and others, of St. John's,—Praying for a grant to repair the Meeting-house lane :

Also, from Patrick Wilson, and others, of St. John's,—Praying for a grant to repair Thomas-street, situated between Duckworth and Water-streets.

Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

Addresses to Governor.

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to advance out of the public Treasury, to be appropriated forthwith, under the superintendence of the Central Board of Road Commissioners, the sum of fifty pounds, to be expended on the road from Portugal Cove to Topsail; and the farther sum of fifty pounds on the main road from Torbay to Flat Rock, and thence towards Pouch Cove; the said sums to be laid out in small contracts, for the purpose of relieving the able-bodied poor in these localities; and this House will make provision for the said sums in the Road Bill, to be passed this session.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Prendergast and Mr. Parsons.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause to be furnished this House a copy of the Commission constituting your Excellency Vice-Admiral of this Island, received from the Commissioners for executing the office of High Admiral, mentioned in the 45th section of the Royal Instructions.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Prendergast and Mr. Parsons.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

It having been represented to the House of Assembly that many destitute persons in the district of Conception Bay are out of employment, and that they will become chargeable upon the public funds for relief, without a means of employment be immediately provided for them, this House respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct and authorize the several Boards of Road Commissioners in the above district to employ persons in destitute circumstances aforesaid, up to the 20th June, ensuing, either by days' work, or in small contracts not to exceed forty shillings each, on the public roads; the amount to be expended not to exceed £250, out of the unexpended grant made for Roads for the above district by the Act of last session.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Prendergast and Mr. Parsons.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the further consideration of Supply.

Committee of whole on  
Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

**Report.**

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some further progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

*Ordered,*—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1852.

Documents laid before  
House by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House Returns from the Coroners for the Central district of St. John's, and from Conception Bay, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor.

*(For which see Appendix.)*

On Table.

*Ordered,*—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

Petitions presented by Mr.  
Job.

Mr. JOB, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from James Johnston and others, of Trinity, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant for a Commercial School.

Referred to Committee of  
Supply.

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

He also presented a Petition from Thomas Meadows and others, of Salmon Cove, and Ship Cove, near Trinity, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a road between those places.

Referred to Committee on  
Roads and Bridges.

*Ordered,*—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Petition presented by Mr.  
Hanrahan.

Mr. HANRAHAN presented a Petition from James Doyle, of Carbonear, which was received and read, setting forth,—That for the last thirty-five years he had plied a Packet-boat between that port and Portugal Cove; and praying that some compensation may be made for the loss he will sustain from the establishment of a Steamer in Conception Bay.

*Ordered,*—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council upon the Carbonear Street Act Amendment Bill were read a third time.

Amendments of H.M. Council on Carbonear Street read 3rd time.

On motion of Mr. HANRAHAN, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

*Resolved*,—That the Amendments pass, and that a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council, acquainting them that this House concurs therein.

Passed, and Message to H. M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That Messrs. Hanrahan and Winsor do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon Roads and Bridges.

Committee of whole on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN 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 to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

Report.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again.

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

Message from H. M. Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed a Bill entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Shareholders of the St. John's Athenæum," to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
12th May, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

The Bill sent down from Her Majesty's Council, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Shareholders of the St. John's Athenæum" was read a first time.

Bill to incorporate Shareholders of Athenæum read 1st time.

Time of 2nd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Document laid before House by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the Report of the Physician of the Lunatic Asylum, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Document do lie upon the Table.

Committee of whole on Council's Amendments on Education Bill, first on order of day.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee of the whole on the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council upon the Act for the encouragement of Education stand first on the order of the day for to-morrow.

Petition from R. Power.

Mr. LITTLE, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from Richard Power and others, of Quidi Vidi, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to remove the sunken, and Whales Back Rocks, at the entrance of the harbor.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

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

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

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THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1852.

Petition from St. John's Gas Light Company.

Mr. JOB presented a Petition from the President and Directors of the St. John's Gas Light Company, which was received and read, setting forth,—That should the Bill for the introduction of Kerosene Gas, now before the House, pass into law, their interests would be materially damaged, from the power it confers of digging up, trenching, and laying down pipes in the streets of St. John's, whereby they fear much injury would result to the pipes already laid down by them ; and praying that the Bill in its present form may not be allowed to pass.

On Table

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Petition from Thomas Bearnce.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Thomas Bearnce, of St. John's, which was received and read, setting forth,—That in the year 1843, an Act was passed by the Legislature, whereby John Nash, who was then confined in gaol at his suit, for a debt of £65 5s. 6d., was discharged. That immediately thereafter the said John Nash left this country without having satisfied the aforesaid claim ; and praying that compensation may be made him for the loss sustained.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into the foregoing Petition.

Notice for Select Committee on said Petition.

Mr. PARSONS presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read :—

Petitions presented by Mr. Parsons.

From William Hennessey and others, of Topsail and Kelligrews,—Praying for a grant to repair the main road between Topsail and Holyrood :

From Thomas Travers and others, of Broad Cove, Horse Cove, and Portugal Cove,—Praying for a grant to repair the roads in those localities :

From William Gray and others, of Portugal Cove,—Praying for a grant to repair the wharf and road leading thereto in that settlement :

From Jane T. Keith, of Topsail,—Praying that compensation may be made her for ground taken to widen the streets of Harbor Grace.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. DELANEY, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from Edward Condon, P. P., of Great Placentia, which was received and read, setting forth,—The benefits that had already resulted to the inhabitants of that district from the establishment of looms there ; and praying for a grant to enable parties to pay the expense of learning the art of Weaving.

Petition from E. Condon, P. P.

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

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Mr. HANRAHAN gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that he would cause inquiry to be made as to the practicability of constructing a breakwater at Carbonear.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council upon the Bill to continue the Act for the encouragement of Education.

Committee of whole on Amendments on Education Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Amendments to them referred, and had come to a Resolution thereon,

Resolution reported from Committee.

which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he handed the Amendments and Resolution in at the Clerk's table.

The Resolution was then read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

*Resolved*,—That this Committee do not concur in the Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council upon this Bill ; and that a conference be requested on the subject.

Resolution agreed to.

And the said Resolution having been again read, was, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. JOB,

Message to H. M. Council.

*Resolved*,—That a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council requesting their concurrence in the conference on the foregoing Amendments.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Little and Mr. Job do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Committee of whole on Inland Post Act.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Bill to amend the Inland Post Act.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Mr. DELANEY moved, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST,

Motion that it be received.

That the report be received.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared

Division.

FOR THE MOTION, 9.

AGAINST THE MOTION, 2.

Mr. Delaney  
 “ Emerson  
 “ Prendergast  
 “ Hanrahan  
 “ Shea  
 “ Carter  
 “ Rankin  
 “ Hoyles  
 “ Winser

Mr. Little  
 “ Parsons.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Motion carried.

*Ordered* accordingly.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill as amended be read a third time on Monday next.

Engrossed, and time of 3rd reading.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

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FRIDAY, MAY 14, 1852.

Mr. PARSONS, from the Committee to present the Address requesting His Excellency to advance a sum of money out of the Road grant, to employ the destitute Poor on the Torbay and Topsail roads, reported that His Excellency had been pleased to say, he would comply with the request of the House.

Reports of Select Committees to present Addresses to Governor.

Mr. PRENDERGAST, from the Committee to present the Address requesting the Governor to cause a copy of his commission as Vice-Admiral, to be laid before the House, reported that His Excellency had been pleased to say he would comply with the request of the House.

Mr. HANRAHAN reported the assent of His Excellency the Governor to the Address requesting that he would cause the Road Act to be put into immediate operation in the Outports, with a view to relieving the destitute.

Mr. HANRAHAN presented a Petition from Donald Bethune, Sub-Collector at Carbonear, which was received and read, setting forth,—The smallness of his salary, considering the extent of his duties ; and praying for an increase.

Petitions presented by Mr. Hanrahan.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. HOYLES, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Memorial on behalf of the inhabitants of Fortune Bay, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant of £300 to complete the Court-house there.

Memorial presented by Mr. Hoyles.

Mr. HANRAHAN, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from Charlotte Noriss and others, the Committee of the Dorcas Society, of Carbonear, which was received and read,—Praying for the annual grant in support of that institution.

Petition presented by Mr. Hanrahan.

Petition presented by Mr. Little.

Mr. LITTLE, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from C. F. Bennett, the President of the Directors of the St. John's Hospital, which was received and read, setting forth,—That the amount voted last year was insufficient to discharge all the liabilities against the institution; and praying for a grant to liquidate the same; and also to provide for certain repairs, without which the building would scarcely be in a safe and habitable condition.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

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

Petition presented by Mr. Little.

Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from James J. Rogerson and others, members of the Sons of Temperance, which was received and read,—Praying that the House would adopt measures best calculated to abolish and render illegal the sale and manufacture of ardent spirits, or at least to place a greater restriction upon the same than at present exists.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On motion of Mr. HANRAHAN, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

Address to Governor.

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly having had presented a petition from the inhabitants of Carbonear, praying for a grant to construct a breakwater at the entrance of the harbor, most respectfully request that Your Excellency will cause inquiry to be made into the practicability of this undertaking, and the probable cost thereof.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Hanrahan, and Mr. Prendergast.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Resolution for Select Committee on Petition of T. Bearnès.

*Resolved*,—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Petition of Thomas Bearnès, in reference to John Nash.

*Messages from Her Majesty's Council.*

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Messages :—

Messages from H. M. Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council assent to the conference requested by the House of Assembly, upon the subject of the Amendments made by the Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the Assembly, entitled "An Act to continue an Act passed in the 14th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled 'An Act for the encouragement of Education,'" and have appointed two conferees to meet the conferees from the House of Assembly in the Committee-Room of the Council presently.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bills sent up for the concurrence of this House, entitled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts now in force respecting Light-Houses in this colony,"—and "An Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the Newfoundland Marine Assurance Company," with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
14th May, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*,—That the said Messages do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council in and upon the Bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts now in force respecting Light-Houses in this colony, were read a first time, and are as follow :—

At the end of the first section of the Bill insert the following proviso :—

Amendments of H.M. Council on Light-house consolidation Bill, read first time.

"Provided that nothing herein contained shall have the effect of reviving any Act or Acts repealed in whole, or in part, by any of the said recited Acts."

In the 8th section, 2nd line—Expunge the words "same day on" and insert in their stead the words "last Friday of."

In the 9th section, 2nd line—Expunge the words "or any three of them."

In the 10th section, last line—Expunge all the words after the word “Colony” in this line.

In the 11th section, 5th and 9th lines—Expunge the word “day” in each of these lines, and insert in each place thereof, respectively, the word “Thursday.”

Time of 2nd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the said Amendments be read a second time to-morrow.

Amendments of H. M. Council on Newfoundland Assurance Company Bill, read first time.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council in and upon the Bill sent up from this House entitled “An Act to incorporate sundry persons under the name of the Newfoundland Assurance Company,” were read a first time, and are as follow:—

In the 2nd and 4th sections—Expunge the word “six” and insert “twelve” in place thereof, in each section respectively.

In the 9th section, 4th line—Expunge the word “Board” and insert “Corporation” in its stead.

In the 13th section, 9th line—Expunge the word “Twenty” and insert “Ten” in its stead.

In the 25th section—Insert at the end of this section the words “unless at any general or special meeting of the Stockholders.”

In the 26th section—Expunge the Proviso in this section.

Time of 2nd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the Amendments be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. JOB,

Resolution for Select Committee to prepare Reasons.

*Resolved*,—That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare Reasons, to be offered at the Conference agreed to by Her Majesty's Council, upon the subject of the Amendments made by that Body upon the Bill to continue the Act for the encouragement of Education.

Committee named,

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Little and Mr. Job, do form such Committee.

Report of Select Committee to prepare Reasons.

Mr. LITTLE, from the Select Committee to prepare Reasons to be offered at a conference with Her Majesty's Council, for not concurring in the Amendments made by the Council in and upon the Bill sent up from this House, entitled “An Act to continue the Act for the encouragement of Education,” reported that they had attended to the duty to them referred; and he handed the Reasons in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read, and are as follow:—

The House of Assembly have desired this conference with Her Majesty's Council, upon the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act to continue an Act passed in the 14th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled 'An Act for the encouragement of Education,'" for the purpose of acquainting Her Majesty's Council that they do not concur in the above Amendments, for the following reasons:—

First,—Because the general education of this colony, for which this Bill was intended to provide, has been for many years based upon only two denominational distinctions, viz., Protestant and Roman Catholic; and the Legislature has accordingly divided the annual education grant between these denominations, in proportion to their respective numbers.

Second.—The House of Assembly are of opinion that the sub-division of the Protestant appropriation between the members of the Church of England, and of the other Protestant Churches, would impair the efficiency of the schools at present established—as the amount now allocated for their support is inadequate for their proper maintenance; whilst the sub-division of it would necessarily render the present system less effective, and tend to promote, rather than allay, religious differences, especially in the outports, between the different Protestant bodies.

Third.—That great variety of opinion upon the principle of the proposed Amendments exists amongst the members of the Church of England;—those of the other Protestant Churches being wholly opposed to it: and having undergone lengthened discussions for the past two sessions, in the House of Assembly, and in each session negatived; and this being the last session of the present General Assembly, and no census of the population taken since the year 1845, (the accuracy of which has been questioned by the Wesleyans, so far as their numbers are concerned,) this House are therefore of opinion, for these reasons, that it would be unwise and unjust to give practical effect to the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council under the existing circumstances of the country.

The House of Assembly further respectfully observe, that the Amendments are in violation of the privileges of this House, by altering the appropriation of a money grant; but that, from the lateness of the session, and the great importance of the measure, this House consented to receive them, with a view to a conference, in the hope that Her Majesty's Council would be induced to recede from the Amendments, rather than the Bill should be altogether lost.

*Resolved*,—That the said Reasons be adopted by the House.

Reasons adopted.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Little, Mr. Job, Mr. Hanrahan, and Mr. Winsor, do manage the conference on the part of this House.

Managers named.

And they went to the conference, and being returned,

Managers' Report.

Mr. LITTLE reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and had complied with the instructions of the House.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Select Committee on Petition of T. Bearnese named.

*Ordered*,—That Messrs. Parsons, Emerson, Winsor, Shea, and Little, be a Select Committee to inquire into the Petition of Thomas Bearnese, in reference to John Nash.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next, at Two of the Clock.

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MONDAY, MAY 17, 1852.

Documents laid before House by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the Blue Book, for the year 1851; and a copy of correspondence with the Central Board of Road Commissioners on the Ship Harbor and Long Harbor lines of road, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor.

*(For which see Appendix.)*

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

Petition presented by Mr. Hanrahan.

Mr. HANRAHAN, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from Alexander O'Donovan, Principal of the Carbonear Grammar School, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to enable him to complete the interior of the School-house there.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

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

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from John Kehoe and others, of Flat Rock, which was received and read,—Praying for some relief from destitution.

Petition presented by Mr. Parsons.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. HOYLES presented a Petition from Robert Prowse, President of the St. John's Water Company, which was received and read, setting forth,—That the powers conferred by the Bill for the introduction of Kerosene Gas, at present before the House, will be most injurious to their interests ; and praying that restrictions may be put therein, whereby the power of opening trenches for the laying down pipes may be more limited than at present contemplated.

Petition presented by Mr. Hoyles.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to amend the Act for the establishment and regulation of Inland Posts, as engrossed, was read a third time.

Inland Post Bill read 3rd time.

On motion of Mr. DELANEY, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST,

*Resolved*,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “ An Act to amend the Act for the establishment and regulation of Inland Posts.”

Passed and titled.

*Ordered*,—That Messrs. Delaney and Prendergast do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message :—

Message from H. M. Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council have passed the Bills sent up from the House of Assembly, entitled “ An Act for preventing damage by unseasonable burning or firing of the Woods in the clearing of land and burning the Woods and Forests of this island,” and “ An Act for shortening the language used in the Acts of the General Assembly, and to aid in the construction of the same,” with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,

*President.*

Council Chamber,  
17th May, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Table.

*Ordered,*—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

Amendments of H. M. Council on Forest Protection Bill, read first time.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council in and upon the Bill sent up from this House entitled "An Act for preventing damage by unseasonable burning of the Woods in the clearing of land and burning the Woods and Forests of this island," were read a first time, and are as follow:—

In the 1st section, 9th line—After the word "aforesaid" insert "and also for preventing the wilful or careless burning of any of the standing Woods and Forests in any of the said districts."

In the 4th section, 6th line—Expunge the words between the word "property" in this line, and the word "such" in the 7th line,—and insert instead thereof "contrary to any such rule to be made as aforesaid."

In the 4th section, 11th line—Expunge the words "the supreme or Circuit Courts of," and insert instead "any Court of record in."

Time of 2nd reading.

*Ordered,*—That the said Amendments be read a second time to-morrow.

Amendments of H. M. Council on Bill to shorten language used in construction of Acts, read first time.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council in and upon the Bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act for shortening the language used in the Acts of the Assembly, and to aid in the construction of the same," were read a first time, and are as follow:—

In the 1st section, 3rd line—Between "be" and "passed" insert "hereafter," and strike out the words "after the commencement of this Act."

In the 4th section—Add to this section the following words, "and all proceedings taken under the old law shall be taken up and continued under the new, when not inconsistent therewith, and all penalties may be recovered, and proceedings had, in relation to matters which have happened before the repeal, in the same manner as if the law were still in force."

In the 5th section, 12th line—At the end of this line insert "Justice" shall signify "Justice of the Peace," "Grantor" may be construed as including every person from whom any freehold estate or interest

passed by deed ; and "Grantee" as including every person to whom any such estate or interest passes in like manner. "Highway" or "Road" shall signify a public highway or road, and may also include public bridges. "Goods" shall mean personal property. "Representatives" shall mean Executors and Administrators. "Wills" shall include codicils. "Sureties" shall mean sufficient sureties ; and "Security" sufficient security.

In the 5th section, 22nd line—At the end of this line insert "The imposition of a penalty shall not relieve any person from liability to answer for special damages to a party injured.

In the 5th section, 29th line—At the end of this line insert "Quakers or Moravians, where an oath is prescribed, may, instead of taking the same, solemnly affirm in manner used in their religion ; and such affirmations shall have the like effect, and render the parties taking them liable to the like penalties, if false, as attach to an oath."

Add to the Bill—Printed copies of Acts published in the *Royal Gazette* newspaper, in St. John's, or purporting to be published by the Queen's printer for the island, shall be evidence of such Acts.

Expunge the 3rd section of the Bill, after the word enacted, in the first line, and insert instead thereof as follows:—"That no Act, nor any portion of An Act that shall be repealed, shall be revived, unless by express enactment."

*Ordered*,—That the said Amendments be read a second time to-morrow. Time of 2nd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee of the whole on the Revenue Bill stand first on the order of the day for Thursday next. Committee of whole on Revenue Bill first on order of day.

Pursuant to order of the day, the License Act Amendment Bill was read a second time. License Bill, read 2nd time.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. DELANEY,

*Resolved*,—That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow. Time of Committal.

Committee of whole on  
Deserted wives and chil-  
dren Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill to continue the Act for affording relief to Wives and Children deserted by their husbands and Parents.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with an Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendment in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendment agreed to.

And the said Amendment having been read throughout a first and second time, was, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Engrossed, and time of 3rd  
reading.

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

Telegraph protection Bill  
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill for the protection of Electric Telegraphs was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

Time of Committal.

*Resolved*,—That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Bill to stimulate Shore Fish-  
ery read 2nd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to stimulate the Shore Fishery by encouraging the supply of Bait, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Time of Committal.

*Resolved*,—That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Committee of whole on  
Poor relief Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill to provide for the relief of the Poor in the several districts of this colony.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House the names of Petitioners for Crown Lands, and the quantities purchased for the last two years up to this date, stating if any Petitioners for Land were refused ; and the reason for such refusal ; and the quantity of Land at present in the possession of Squatters ; with the names of such Squatters in the central district, and at Topsail in the district of Conception Bay :

Notices of Addresses to Governor.

Also, that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will appropriate the sum of £500 for the purchase of seed potatoes, to be distributed among the Poor in the several districts, according to the quantity of Land which they respectively may have, capable of raising potatoes.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

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TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1852.

Mr. PARSONS reported from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Petition of Thomas Bearnès, in reference to John Nash ; and he read the report in his place, and afterwards handed it in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read as follows :—

Report of Select Committee on Petition of T. Bearnès.

The Select Committee appointed to inquire into the merits of the Petition of Thomas Bearnès, of St. John's, beg to report, that they have diligently examined the same, and find that the said Petitioner is entitled to the sum of £65, 5s. 6d. currency, and recommend that provision be made in the Bill of Supply for the discharge of the said amount.

R. J. PARSONS, *Chairman*.  
J. L. PRENDERGAST,  
G. H. EMERSON,  
P. WINSER.

Committee-room, St. John's,  
May 18th, 1852. }

*Ordered*,—That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. PARSONS, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from William Earle, of St. John's, which was received and read;—Praying for further compensation for the cost incurred by him in making eye-water.

Petition presented by Mr. Parsons.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

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

Petition presented by Mr. Job.

Mr. JOB, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from Margaret Coyle, of St. John's, which was received and read, setting forth,—Her advanced age, and the length of time she has been employed in teaching the female youth of this country; and praying that her case may be considered, and some compensation made her.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

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

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, in reference to the Petitions of Thomas Bearnès, and James Campbell.

Petition presented by Mr. Parsons.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from the second-class Tide-waiters of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying for an increase of their present allowances.

Referred to Committee on Revenue Bill.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole on the Revenue Bill.

Notices of Addresses to Governor.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to His Excellency the Governor, in reference to the Petition of Jane Keith.

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that he would be pleased to appropriate a sum of money towards the support of a boat and crew, to be stationed at Cape John, for the protection of the Fisheries there from French encroachments.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to suspend any action upon the subject of the Address praying His Excellency to appropriate the sum of £1000 for the support of a Revenue Cruizer for the protection of the Fisheries at the Labrador, until the subject has been discussed, and the amount granted in the Bill of Supply.

Notice for appointment of Select Committee.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for the appointment of a Select Committee to draft an Address to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, praying that he would introduce a Bill into the House of Commons to amend the Act conferring a constitution upon this colony, by substituting Thirty, for the Fifteen members now forming the popular branch of the Legislature.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN 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 to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof. Report.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow, at Two of the Clock.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1852.

Mr. PRENDERGAST presented a Petition from William Andrews and others, of Harbor Grace, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to build a bridge over Windmill Brook near Cat's Cove: Petitions presented by Mr. Prendergast.

Also, a Petition from the same parties, which was received and read,—Praying that a portion of the yearly grant for educational purposes may be appropriated for that settlement.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table. On Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to continue the Act for affording relief to wives and children deserted by their husbands and parents, as engrossed, was read a third time. Deserted wives and children Bill read 3rd time.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. JOB,

*Resolved*,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act to continue the Act for affording relief to wives and children deserted by their husbands and parents.” Passed and titled.

*Ordered*,—That Messrs. Prendergast and Job do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence. Deputation to H. M. Council.

Pursuant to order of the day, the following Bill and Amendments were severally read a second time: Bill and Amendments read 2nd time.

The Bill to incorporate the Shareholders of the St. John's Athenæum :

The Amendments of Her Majesty's Council on the Light-house Amendment and continuation Bill :

The Amendments of Her Majesty's Council on the Woods and Forests protection Bill :

The Amendments of Her Majesty's Council on the Marine Insurance incorporation Bill :

The Amendments of Her Majesty's Council on the Bill to shorten the language used in the construction of Acts of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. JOB, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Time of Committal.

*Resolved*,—That the said Bills be severally committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

Message from H. M. Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council request a conference with the House of Assembly upon the subject of the last conference had between the two Houses, upon the subject of the Amendments made by the Council upon a Bill sent up to them from the Assembly, entitled " An Act to continue an Act passed in the 14th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled ' An Act for the encouragement of Education ;'" and they have appointed two Conferees to meet Conferees from the House of Assembly in the Committee-Room of the Council presently.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,  
*President.*

Council Chamber,  
19th May, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. JOB,

Resolution for Message to H. M. Council.

*Resolved*,—That a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council, agreeing to the conference requested by Her Majesty's Council upon the Amendments made by the Council in and upon the Bill sent up from this House, entitled " An Act to continue an Act for the encouragement of Education."

Deputation to H. M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That Messrs. Little and Job do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Managers named,

*Ordered*,—That the same Managers who managed the last conference on the part of the House do manage this conference.

And they went to the conference, and being returned,

Mr. LITTLE reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and that the Committee of conference on the part of the Council had handed him the following paper:— Managers' report.

Her Majesty's Council have requested this conference, upon the last conference with the House of Assembly, on the Amendments made by the Council in the Bill sent up by the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act to continue an Act passed in the 14th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled 'An Act for the encouragement of Education,'" for the purpose of acquainting the House of Assembly that they adhere to their Amendments, for the following reasons :

That the principle of division adopted by the Act of 1843 (before which, children of all denominations were educated together) is not approved by the great body of the members of the Church of England, which is abundantly testified by the numerous Petitions for sub-division, on the table of the Council ; and the Council are of opinion that religious differences will not be more promoted between the several denominations of Protestants by such sub-division, than between Protestants and Roman Catholics, by the division into two parts only.

That any difference of opinion between members of the Church of England, upon the principle of the proposed Amendments, is to a very limited extent ; and the discussions in the House of Assembly, of the two former sessions, which ended in the first by a continuance of the former Act, and in the second by a similar continuance, with an additional grant, to be differently applied, as the Council view it, by way of experiment, were each but for a single year, and rather show that no conclusion had been arrived at. The same may be said of the Bill now under consideration, which is also for a single year ; and the Council do not perceive that the propriety of the measure can be at all affected by this session being the last of the present General Assembly.

That the inefficiency of the Protestant schools, under the present system, is alleged, with good show of reason, to have arisen from the want of a sub-division similar to that now proposed—the schools being thereby in a great measure deprived of that religious instruction which could alone be effectually obtained through the cordial support and regular visitation of the Clergy of the several denominations—and the Council are of opinion that the proposed amendments provide, to a great extent, if not entirely, for a proper allocation of the sum now proposed to be granted.

That the Council have no reason to know or believe, that the census of 1845 was inaccurate, it not having been made to appear to them that in any place the numbers were falsely stated ; nor can the Council suppose

that if inaccuracies there were, the Wesleyans would suffer by them in a greater proportion than other denominations.

That the principle of division being adopted (concerning the wisdom or expediency of which there are, however, very divided opinions) the Council are of opinion that the members of the Church of England, who compose, in so great a degree, the largest portion of the Protestant community, are equally entitled, with the Roman Catholics, to their separate portion of the grant, and that their urgent petitions for sub-division cannot, without the appearance of partiality, be resisted.

The Council, therefore, with every desire to meet the views of the House of Assembly, in details, adhere to their Amendments.

The Council disclaim any intention of violating the privileges of the House of Assembly, and have no desire that the Amendments made in this Bill, and the conference thereon, if in violation of such privileges, should be drawn into a precedent.

Council Chamber, }  
19th May, 1852. }

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Instructions do lie upon the Table.

Mr. LITTLE moved, seconded by Mr. JOB,

Motion for free conference  
with H. M. Council,

That a free conference be requested with Her Majesty's Council, upon the subject of the Amendments made by the Council in and upon the Bill sent up from this House entitled "An Act to continue the Act for the encouragement of Education," and that a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council requesting their concurrence therein.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared

FOR THE MOTION, 8.

AGAINST THE MOTION, 1.

Division.

Mr. Hanrahan  
" Prendergast  
" Emerson  
" Job  
" Rankin  
" Little  
" Winsor  
" Parsons.

Mr. Hoyles.

Motion carried.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Little and Mr. Job do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill to enable the inhabitants of St. John's and its vicinity to manufacture and use Kerosene and other illuminating Gas, and to introduce it into their premises.

Committee of whole on Kerosene Gas Company's Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Report.

And the said Amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Amendments agreed to.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed, and read a third time on Friday next.

Engrossed, and time of 3rd reading.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill for the protection of Electric Telegraphs.

Committee of whole on Electric Telegraph protection Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with one Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendment in at the Clerk's table.

Report.

And the said Amendment having been read throughout a first and second time, was, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Amendment agreed to.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be engrossed and read a third time on Friday next.

Engrossed, and time of 3rd reading.

Mr. JOB gave notice that on to-morrow he would move the House into Committee of the whole on Ways and Means, to consider the propriety of imposing a duty on fish imported into this colony.

Notice for Committee of whole on Ways and Means.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor for copies of any correspondence that has taken place between the local Government and the late and present Secretary for the colonies, on the subject of Responsible Government, transmitting the Re-

Notice of Address to Governor.

solutions and Address of the House of Assembly, and the Address of the Chamber of Commerce of St. John's, and that of the bar of St. John's, on that subject.

Notice for Committee of whole on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on Saturday next he would move the House into a Committee of the whole on Roads and Bridges.

Notice for re-consideration of vote to Steam Company.

Mr. JOB gave notice that in Committee of the whole on Supply he would move the re-consideration of the vote to the Newfoundland Steam Packet Company.

Document laid before House by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House a Despatch from the Secretary of State for the colonies, in reply to the Address of the House praying for Responsible Government, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Despatch do lie upon the Table.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. EMERSON,

Address to Governor.

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to appropriate, out of the amount voted for the protection of the fisheries at Belle Isle and Labrador, a sufficient sum to be expended in protecting the fisheries at Cape John, on the north side of Green Bay.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Prendergast, and Mr. Emerson.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

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FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1852.

Petition presented by Mr. Carter.

Mr. CARTER, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from Robert Smith, Constable at Greenspond, which was re-

ceived and read, setting forth,—His long services in that capacity, and his advanced age; and praying that in consideration thereof a pension may be awarded him.

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

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Mr. SHEA, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from Harcourt Mooney, which was received and read,—Praying that the grant of £50 made him last year for reporting the proceedings of the law courts, may be continued.

Petitions presented by Mr. Shea.

Also, a Petition from Thomas Berkett, acting Chairman of the Burin Commercial School Committee,—Praying that he may be reimbursed for the sum of £23 12s. 8d. expended by him in the purchase of Books and Charts, and also for the hire of a School-room.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to order of the day, the following Bills were read a third time, as engrossed:

Bills read 3rd time.

The Bill for the protection of Electric Telegraphs.

The Bill to enable the inhabitants of St. John's to manufacture Kerosene Gas.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. SHEA;

*Resolved*,—That the first Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act to make provision for the protection of Electric Telegraphs.”

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

*Resolved*,—That the second Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act to enable the inhabitants of St. John's and its vicinity to manufacture and use Kerosene and other illuminating Gas, and to introduce it into their premises.”

Passed and titled.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Prendergast and Mr. Shea do take the Bills to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, upon a Message being sent to Her Majesty's Council.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Chair resumed by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

Message from H. M. Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council accede to the free conference requested by the House of Assembly, on the subject matter of the Amendments made by the Council on the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act to continue an Act passed in the fourteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled 'An Act for the encouragement of Education,'" and have appointed two conferees to meet the managers from the Assembly in the Committee-room of the Council to-morrow, at two o'clock, p.m.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
21st May, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow, at Two of the Clock.

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SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1852.

On motion of Mr. DELANEY, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

*Resolved*,—That this House do now adjourn.

Then the House adjourned till Tuesday next, at Two of the Clock.

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TUESDAY, MAY 25, 1852.

Mr. PRENDERGAST, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read,—

Petitions presented by Mr Prendergast.

From John Munn and others, of Harbor Grace,—Praying for a grant to enable them to erect and light a Beacon on the beach; and to defray the cost of lighting the streets with Gas, and providing a supply of water:

From Michael Mahony, planter, of Cats Cove,—Praying for a grant to compensate him for ground taken to improve the public road in that locality:

From Robert John Pinsent and others, of Harbor Grace, belonging to the Sons of Temperance there, setting forth,—The evils resulting from the excessive use of ardent spirits; and praying for a grant to enable them more fully to disseminate the principles of their order.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the following documents, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor:—

Documents laid before House by Mr. Speaker.

Presentments of the Grand Juries at Harbor Grace and Twillingate.

Letters from the Sheriffs of the Northern and Central districts, on the subject of the Court-houses at St. John's and Harbor Grace.

Letter from Major Robinson, requesting return of duties on personal baggage.

Returns from the Coroners for the year 1851, from Bonavista and Trinity.

*(For which see Appendix.)*

*Ordered*,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee of the whole on Ways and Means stand first on the order of the day for to-morrow.

Time for holding free conference arrived.

The time appointed for holding the free conference with Her Majesty's Council on the subject of the Amendments made in the Bill entitled "An Act to continue the Act for the encouragement of Education" being arrived,

Names of Managers called.

The names of the Managers were called over; and they went to the conference, and being returned,

Report.

Mr. JOB reported that the Managers had been at the conference, and he stated the substance thereof to the House.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. DELANEY took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some further progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

*Ordered*,—That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

Notice of motion for Education Bill;

Mr. JOB gave notice that to-morrow he would move for leave to bring in a Bill for the encouragement of Education:

And for suspension of rules.

Also, that the Rules of the House be suspended in reference thereto; and that this motion stand first on the order of the day.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1852.

Petition presented by Mr. Parsons.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Robert Finn and others, of Torbay, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to repair the road leading from Gallows Cove to the St. John's main line.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Report of Select Committee to prepare Address to Her Majesty.

Mr. Job, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare an Address to the Queen on the subject of the Fisheries of this Island, reported a draft

thereof, which he handed in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read a first time.

*Ordered*,—That the Address be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on Ways and Means, to consider the propriety of imposing a duty on fish imported into this country.

Committee of whole on  
Ways and Means.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. DELANEY took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had come to certain Resolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report to the house; and he handed the Resolutions in at the Clerk's table, where they were read, and are as follow :

Report.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that Fish, salted, dried, or pickled, be taken out of the Table of Exemptions, in the Act 13th Vic., cap 1.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a duty of 5s per cwt. be levied upon Fish, salted, dried, or pickled, imported into this colony and its dependencies.

And the said Resolutions having been again read, were, upon the question severally put thereon, adopted by the House.

Resolutions adopted.

On motion of Mr. JOB, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

*Resolved*,—That the said Resolutions be referred to the Committee of the whole on the Revenue Bill.

Referred to Committee of  
whole on Revenue Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Revenue Bill.

Committee of whole on  
Revenue Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. DELANEY took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Report.

And the said Amendments having been severally read throughout a first

Amendments agreed to.

and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Engrossed, and time of 3rd reading.

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

Committee of whole on Loan Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Lunatic Asylum Loan Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. LITTLE took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's table.

Amendments agreed to.

And the said Amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Engrossed, and time of 3rd reading.

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

Committee of whole on Equity Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill to simplify proceedings on the Equity side of the Supreme and Circuit Courts.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. PRENDERGAST took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Order of day for 2nd reading of Pension Bill read.

The order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for granting a pension to the Hons. A. W. DesBarres and James Simms, Assistant Judges of the Supreme Court, being read,

Mr. LITTLE moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. JOB,

Amendment thereon.

That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee to take evidence and report thereon.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared,

FOR THE AMENDMENT, 3.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT, 3.

Mr. Little

Mr. Hoyles

Division.

" Job

" Emerson

" Winser.

" Carter.

And the numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote in the affirmative,

So it passed in the affirmative, and

Motion carried.

*Ordered* accordingly.

*Ordered*,—That Messrs. Little, Emerson, Hanrahan, Delaney, and Prendergast, do form such Committee.

Committee named.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Athenæum Incorporation Bill.

Committee of whole on Athenæum Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. JOB took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's table.

Report.

And the said Amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Amendments agreed to.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill as amended be read a third time to-morrow.

Amended, and time of 3rd reading.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. JOB,

*Resolved*,—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council upon the Bills sent up from this House.

Committee of whole on Amendments of H.M. Council.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. JOB took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had severally considered the Amendments to them referred, and had instructed him to report to the House that they had passed the Amendments of Her Ma-

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jesty's Council on the Bill entitled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts now in force respecting Light Houses in this Colony," without Amendment :

The Bill entitled "An Act for shortening the language used in the Acts of the General Assembly, and to aid in the construction of the same," without Amendment :

The Bill entitled "An Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the Newfoundland Marine Assurance Company," without Amendment :

And the Bill entitled "An Act to prevent unseasonable burning of the Woods and Forests of this Country, in the clearing of land," without Amendment."

Time of 3rd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the said Amendments be severally read a third time to-morrow.

Education Bill first on order of day.

*Ordered*,—That the notice of motion for leave to bring in a Bill for the encouragement of Education, stand first on the order of the day for to-morrow.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that he would cause a Return of the amount of Duties collected by the Stipendiary Magistrate at St. George's Bay and Labrador, together with the appropriation thereof, to be laid before the House.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

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THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1852.

Petition presented by Mr. Job.

Mr. Job presented a Petition from Robert Prowse, Vice-President of the St. John's Athenæum, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to enable them to remove the rubbish from the site of the building about to be erected.

Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Documents laid before House by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the following documents, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor:—

Coroner Returns from Brigus.

Correspondence in reference to the Burin Grammar School.

(For which see *Appendix*.)

*Ordered*,—That the said Documents do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

The order of the day for the third reading of the Revenue Bill being read,

On motion of Mr. JOB, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

*Resolved*,—That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, to consider the propriety of amending the fifth section of the Bill, by expunging the words “that there be paid to the second-class Tide-waiters at St. John’s the sum of sixty pounds, in addition to the sum granted for that purpose by the 11th section of the said Act, to be appropriated in the manner therein provided.”

Revenue Bill re-committed.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had further amended the same; and he handed the Bill and Amendment in at the Clerk’s table.

Report.

The Amendment was then read a first time, and is as follows:

Expunge all the words in the fifth section of the Bill, after the word “enacted” down to “that” in the fourth line.

Amendment of H.M. Council on Revenue Bill.

And the said Amendment having been again twice read, was, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Amendment agreed to.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill as amended be read a third time presently.

And the said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

On motion of Mr. JOB, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

*Resolved*,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act to continue and amend the Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into this Colony and its Dependencies.”

Passed and titled.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Job, and Mr. Shea, do take the Bill to Her Majesty’s Council and desire their concurrence.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

Bills read 3rd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the following Bills were read a third time:—

The Bill to repeal the Acts respecting the establishment of a Lunatic Asylum.

The Bill to Incorporate the Shareholders of the St. John's Athenæum.

On motion of Mr. CARTER, seconded by Mr. JOB,

Passed and titled.

*Resolved*,—That the first Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act to repeal the Acts respecting the establishment of a Lunatic Asylum at St. John's, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof.”

Deputation to H. M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Carter and Mr. Job do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. CARTER, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

Passed and Message to H. M. Council.

*Resolved*,—That the second Bill pass, and that a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council, requesting their concurrence in the Amendment made by this House.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Carter and Mr. Shea do take the Bill and Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Amendments of H. M. Council on Bills read 3rd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council on the following Bills were severally read a third time :

On the Bill entitled “An Act to consolidate the laws now in force respecting Light Houses in this colony.”

On the Bill entitled “An Act to incorporate sundry persons by the title of the Newfoundland Marine Assurance Company.

On the Bill entitled “An Act for shortening the language used in Acts of the General Assembly, and to aid in the construction of the same.”

On the Bill entitled “An Act for preventing damage by unseasonable burning of the Woods in the clearing of land, and burning the Woods and Forests of this Island.”

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, second by Mr. SHEA,

Passed and Message to H. M. Council.

*Resolved*,—That the said several Amendments do pass, and that a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council acquainting them that this House concurs therein.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Little and Mr. Shea do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Mr. JOB moved, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST,

Motion for leave to introduce Education Bill.

For leave to bring in a Bill to continue the “Act for the encouragement of Education.”

Whereupon,

Mr. HOYLES moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

That the order of the day be discharged, and that the House do resolve Amendment thereon. itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council upon the Bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act to continue the Act for the encouragement of Education."

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared,

FOR THE AMENDMENT, 4.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT, 7.

Mr. Hoyles

Mr. Rankin

Division.

" Carter

" Prendergast

" Delaney

" Hanrahan

" Shea.

" Winser

" Emerson

" Job

" Little.

So it passed in the negative.

Motion negatived.

And the question on the original motion being then put, it passed in the affirmative, and Motion carried.

Accordingly, the said Bill being brought in, was read a first time.

Bill read first time.

Mr. JOB moved, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

That the Rules of this House be now suspended in reference thereto.

Motion for suspension of rules.

And the House dividing thereon, it passed in the affirmative on a similar division, and Division thereon.

Ordered accordingly.

Motion carried.

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

Bill read 2nd time.

And the said Bill was read a second time accordingly.

On motion of Mr. JOB, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST,

Resolved,—That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole upon the said Bill. Committee of whole on Education Bill.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. SHEA took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

- Report. The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's table.
- Amendments agreed to. And the said Amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question severally put thereon, agreed to by the House.
- Engrossed, and time of 3rd reading. *Ordered*,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time this day.
- And the Bill being engrossed, was read a third time accordingly.
- On motion of Mr. JOB, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST,
- Passed and titled. *Resolved*,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “ An Act to continue and amend an Act passed in the 14th year of the reign of Her Majesty, entitled ‘ An Act for the encouragement of Education.’ ”
- Deputation to H. M. Council. *Ordered*,—That Mr. Job and Mr. Little do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.
- Petition presented by Mr. Hoyles. Mr. HOYLES, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a petition from Bryan Robinson, Treasurer of the Law Society, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant in aid of the Library.
- Referred to Committee of Supply. *Ordered*,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.
- Petition presented by Mr. Little. Mr. LITTLE, with consent of his Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from James J. Rogerson and others, of St. John's, members of the order of the Sons of Temperance, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to enable them to purchase a piece of ground whereon to erect a Hall for holding their meetings.
- Referred to Committee of Supply. *Ordered*,—That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Supply.
- Petitions presented by Mr. Little. Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from Alexander Smith and others, farmers, residing near the Bay Bulls road, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open up a road from thence towards the White Hills :
- Also, a Petition from Thomas Brennan and others, of St. John's, residing near Job's Cottage,—Praying for a grant to build a Tank in that locality.
- Referred to Committee on Roads and Bridges. *Ordered*,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

FRIDAY, MAY 28, 1852.

Mr. EMERSON, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from Thomas Penny and others, of Seldom-come-by, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to open a road through the harbor; and also to establish a School there.

Petitions presented by Mr. Emerson.

He also, on behalf of the inhabitants of Twillingate, presented a Memorial to His Excellency the Governor, which was received and read,—Praying that the sum of £150 might be granted to complete the bridge across the Tickle at the head of the harbor.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that he will appropriate the sum of £60 in addition to the sum of £90 already granted, to be distributed among the second class Tidewaiters of St. John's.

Notices of Addresses to Governor.

Mr. WINSER gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House a full and detailed account of all sums of money paid for the relief of shipwrecked Sealers during the months of March, April, and May, 1852.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House the following documents, transmitted through Mr. Secretary Crowdy, by command of His Excellency the Governor:—

Documents laid before House by Mr. Speaker.

Statement of payments and liabilities on account of shipwrecked Sealers.

Letter from James Douglas, the late Supervisor of Road-work.

*(For which see Appendix.)*

*Ordered*,—That the said Documents be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Fisheries was read a second time, and is as follows:—

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 TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

 Address to Her Majesty on  
 subject of Fisheries.

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the House of Assembly of Newfoundland, in Session convened, beg leave to approach Your Majesty with feelings of profound respect for Your Majesty's person and Government.

The Legislature of this colony have frequently brought under Your Majesty's notice the important subject of our Fisheries, and have represented the serious evils to which they were exposed by the operation of the Treaties which give to foreign powers the right of fishing on the coasts of this Island. The manner in which those treaties have been infringed upon by the subjects of France has formed the subject of renewed complaint; and Your Majesty's Government has been implored to afford us the protection necessary to guard our rights against such intrusions. We regret that Your Majesty has not been pleased hitherto to accord to our prayers the consideration to which, we humbly submit, we had a just claim; but we are compelled by the pressing necessities of our position to appeal again to the wisdom and justice of Your Majesty.

Your Majesty is aware that the French Fisheries on this coast are supported by large bounties from their Government, which have forced them into great importance. They are accordingly carried on with vigour, and are steadily increasing from year to year. Our Fisheries are wholly self-sustained; and at this serious disadvantage, we have been obliged to compete with our rivals in the markets of Europe. For many years after the peace, the produce of the French fisheries was not greater than the requirements of their own Home markets; and while this continued, we experienced but the primary loss of the best portions of our fishing coast. Of late, however, the increasing growth of their operations has given them a large surplus above what the French markets require, and this finds its way into places which formerly were supplied by our produce. From some of our oldest markets we have been driven altogether; and in most of those on which we chiefly rely, our interests are weakened to a degree that menaces the integrity and foundations of our trade. The evils of this unequal competition have been progressively developing themselves for some years; but in the past season we experienced them to an alarming degree, a large quantity of our fish having been disposed of in the European ports at *one-half its actual cost*. It must be borne in mind that this amount, with the bounty they receive, is a compensating price to the French, and as their Fisheries are annually increasing, we have the prospect of a larger supply at the rate referred to being forced by them into the markets on which we have to depend—a state of things that must necessarily be accompanied by a corresponding decline of British prosperity in this colony.

The consequences of the losses experienced in the past year are now

being seriously felt. The Merchants are naturally alarmed at the prospect of embarking their means in a trade which seems withering beneath the gigantic influences with which it has struggled to cope, and they are curtailing their operations as far as possible. It is needless to remark that a decline of the population must keep pace with a diminution of the means of employment, and it will be matter of serious reproach if, in a colony like this, with inexhaustible resources in its Fisheries, the present small population should want for employment, where foreigners are acquiring wealth and importance in prosecuting the like pursuits of industry.

But, critical as we have shown our position to be, we regret to add that new causes of embarrassment have lately arisen. Former regulations required the landing of French fish in the first instance at a National Port, whence the surplus was transhipped. To relieve the trade from the expense of this second lading, and facilitate their fishing interests to the utmost extent, a decree has this year been issued which makes the bounty applicable to fish discharged by them *in any Transatlantic Port*, direct from their stations on the coasts of this island.

Your Majesty's Government cannot directly arrest this, however ruinous its results to us. Nor do we desire to urge on the attention of Your Majesty the question of Treaties which we know cannot be disturbed. But we humbly submit, that when we are so severely injured by the concessions made in these Treaties, and by the consequent circumstances we have herein referred to, in the rights which remain to us we have a just claim for protection. Great as the French competition would be, even if the terms of the Treaties were adhered to, the ruinous increase of their rivalry that we now experience is mainly attributable to their audacious intrusions on the Western Coast in quest of Bait, and on the Labrador Coast, to which, when the fishing has ceased or failed on the French Shore, they resort in great numbers. And whilst the interests of the subjects of France are completely guarded throughout the whole season by War Steamers and other armed Government Vessels peculiarly suited to the service, we are in effect wholly unprotected, and hence the daring intrusions to which we refer. It is true that one of Your Majesty's ships annually visits this island, but her presence, which is for but a very short period at the required stations, has little if any effect in correcting French encroachments, in which a continuous force alone would be of any substantial avail.

The question has at length assumed so serious an aspect, that the Local Legislature, out of our small colonial means, appropriated this session a sum for the employment of a Cruizer, with a view to the maintenance of our Treaty rights. We thought that in the absence of needful aid from Imperial Authorities, we were justified in an effort for the protection

of British interests, within the limits to which Foreigners have no pre-  
tence of claim—interests not alone involving the welfare of this colony,  
but of the highest national importance. We are now, however, concern-  
ed to find that Your Majesty's Representative in this colony was not pre-  
pared to communicate to the officer in charge the power of seizure for  
violation of the law, which alone could give effect to the movement in  
question.

In conclusion, we respectfully refer Your Majesty to our former repre-  
sentations on this, to us, all important subject, as well as to the Reports  
of Captain MILNE, Captain LOCH, and others of Your Majesty's Naval  
Commanders who have lately visited this Island, in which are pointed  
out the inadequacy of the means of protection heretofore employed.

Under all these circumstances, we humbly implore Your Majesty to  
provide for the employment of one or more suitable Vessels of War con-  
tinuously during the Fishing season, on the Southern Coast of this island  
and in the Straits of Belle Isle, and to cause to be furnished to the Com-  
mander of such Ships instructions to carry the terms of the Treaties into  
strict effect, and thereby do much to prevent those disastrous results to  
the colony which a further want of Imperial protection will inevitably oc-  
casion.

On motion of Mr. JOB, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST,

Adopted.

*Resolved*,—That the Address be adopted.

Engrossed:

*Ordered*,—That the Address be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. JOB, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST,

Message to H. M. Council.

*Resolved*,—That a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council request-  
ing their concurrence in the said Address.

Deputation to H. M. Coun-  
cil.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Job, and Mr. Prendergast, do take the Message to  
Her Majesty's Council.

Committee of whole on  
Supply.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Commit-  
tee of the whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some  
progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask  
leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

*Ordered,*—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Mr. PARSONS gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, praying that he would adopt measures for obtaining a correct survey of the Southern and Eastern coast of Newfoundland.

Notice of Address to Secretary of State.

Mr. HOYLES, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from Thomas F. Bridge, Archdeacon and Rector of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying that a sum may be granted for the building and repair of School-houses, under the superintendence of members of the Church of England, proportionate in amount to their numbers.

Petition presented by Mr. Hoyles.

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

Referred to Committee of Supply.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow at Two of the Clock.

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SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1852.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received a communication from Mr. Secretary Crowdy, stating that His Excellency the Governor will give his assent to the Revenue Bill, in the Legislative Council Chamber, to-day at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Speaker informs House of having received communication from Mr. Secretary Crowdy.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon Roads and Bridges.

Committee of whole on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message :—

Message from H. M. Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bills sent up from the Assembly for the concurrence of this House, entitled—

“ An Act to continue and amend the Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into this colony and its dependencies.”

“ An Act to continue the Act for affording relief to wives and children deserted by their husbands and parents.”

And “ An Act to make provision for the protection of Electric Telegraphs,” without Amendment.

Her Majesty’s Council have also passed the Bill sent up from the Assembly, entitled “ An Act to amend the Act for the establishment and regulation of Inland Posts,” with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

Her Majesty’s Council further acquaint the Assembly that they concur in the Amendment made by that House in and upon the Bill sent down for their concurrence, entitled “ An Act to incorporate the Shareholders of the St. John’s Athenæum.”

E. M. ARCHIBALD,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
29th May, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the chair of the Committee.

Committee resume.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, on the Black Rod being at the door.

Message from His Excellency.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, by F. W. Rennie, Esq., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod,—

Mr. SPEAKER and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly, His Excellency the Governor commands your immediate attendance in the Council Chamber.

House attend his Excellency.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker and the House attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber, and being returned,

Mr. Speaker reports His Excellency’s assent to Revenue Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that when in attendance on His Excellency the Governor, His Excellency had been pleased to assent to the Bill entitled “ An Act to continue and amend the Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, imported into this colony and its Dependencies.”

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council in and upon the Bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act to amend the Act for the establishment and regulation of Inland Posts," were read a first time, and are as follow :—

In the 2nd Section, 17th line,—After the word " vessel," insert " not being a packet boat."

Amendments of H.M. Council on Inland Post Bill.

In the 2nd Section, 24th line,—After this line insert " letters received by private ships from Spain, Portugal, Italy, Brazils, and West Indies, and commonly known as Market Circulars."

In the 4th Section, 14th line,—Expunge all the words between "sureties" in this line, and the word " adopt," inclusive, in the 17th line.

In the 16th Section, 1st line,—Insert after the word " the," the words " Salary of the Post-Master-General and the other"—and add the letter " s" to the word " expense."

In the 16th Section, 4th line,—Expunge the word " packet," and after the word " letters" insert " to or from places out of this island."

In the 16th Section, 5th line,—After the words " Saint John's" expunge the remainder of the section.

*Ordered,*—That the said Amendments be read a second time to-morrow.

Time of 2nd reading:

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

The Chairman resumed the Chair of the Committee:

Committee of whole on Roads and Bridges resumed.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had come to certain Resolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House ; and he handed the Resolutions in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as follow :—

Report.

*Resolved,*—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of £8000 be granted to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, to be expended in making and repairing Roads, Streets, and Bridges, in the various districts of this colony, viz. :

Salmonier to Placentia and St. Mary's.....	£1500
St. John's .....	1450

Conception Bay .....	£1900
Trinity .....	690
Bonavista .....	530
Fogo .....	450
Ferryland .....	450
Burin .....	350
Fortune Bay, 430 ; Harbor Grace to New Harbor, 50.....	480
Hearts Content and Carbonear, 100 ; Ferryland, 50.....	150
Kings Cove to Trinity.....	50
	£8000

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of £4000 be raised by loan, if necessary, to carry out the provisions of the Road Act.

Resolutions agreed to.

And the said Resolutions having been again read, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Notice of Road Bill.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for leave to bring in a Road Bill, in conformity with the foregoing Resolutions.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next, at Two of the Clock.

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MONDAY, MAY 31, 1852.

Documents laid before House by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. SPEAKER laid before the House a letter from Assistant Judge Des Barres,—Praying reimbursement of expense incurred by him on the Northern and Southern Circuits in 1849, 1850, and 1851: Also, a Memorial from Aaron Hogsett, to be reimbursed for expenses incurred by him in constructing a drain.

*(For which see Appendix.)*

Referred to Committee of Supply.

*Ordered*,—That the said Documents be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Committee of whole on License Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the License Act Amendment Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN 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 to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof. Report.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Poor Relief Bill. Committee of whole on Poor Relief Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. WINSER took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's table. Report.

And the said Amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House. Amendments agreed to.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow. Engrossed, and time of 3rd reading.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

Addresses to Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that there be furnished this House the names of persons who have petitioned for grants of Crown Lands under the provisions of the Act 7th Vic., cap. 1, within the last two years, up to this date, and the quantities purchased during that period, stating if any such petitions were not complied with; and if so, the reason for any such non-compliance: Also, the quantity of land, and locality, at present in possession of squatters, with their names, in the central district; and in Topsail, in the district of Conception Bay.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Parsons, and Mr. Winser.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly having had under their consideration the petition of Thomas Bearnès, in reference to John Nash, most respectfully request that Your Excellency will authorize the sum of £65 5s. 6d. currency to be voted him in the Bill of Supply, agreeably to the report of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the merits thereof. The House of Assembly beg most respectfully to enclose, for Your Excellency's information, a copy of the Report of the Select Committee, and the original Petition presented to the House.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Winsler.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly having considered the Petition of James Campbell, praying that compensation may be made him for loss sustained as a private Teacher by the endowment of Educational establishments in this country, most respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to sanction a vote in Supply of £30 to remunerate petitioner.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Winsler.

On motion of Mr. LINTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :— Addresses to Governor.

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before the House copies of any correspondence that may have taken place between the local Government and the late or present Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of the Addresses on Responsible Government, transmitted by your Excellency from the House of Assembly, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Bar of this colony.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Little and Mr. Parsons.

On motion of Mr. EMERSON, seconded by Mr. JOB,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct that there be furnished this House a Return in detail of the amount of duties collected by the Stipendiary Magistrate of St. George's Bay, at the latter place and the coast of Labrador, together with the appropriation thereof.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Emerson and Mr. Job.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. WINNER,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly having taken into consideration the insufficient amount granted for remunerating the second-class Tide-waiters at the port of St. John's, respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to consent to the appropriation of the sum of £60, in addition to the sum already appropriated for the above service, and to be distributed in like manner; and this House will indemnify Your Excellency for such appropriation.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Winsler.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly most respectfully request that Your Excellency would cause to be laid before the House a statement in detail of the amount expended in relieving ship-wrecked Sealers in the months of March, April, and May, of this present year.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Winsler.

Engrossed, and Committee  
to present.

Mr. PARSONS, pursuant to notice, presented the draft of an Address to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, which he read in his place, and then handed in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read a first time, and is as follows:—

TO THE RIGHT HON. THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR  
THE COLONIES.

Address to Secretary of  
State.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP,—

The House of Assembly of Newfoundland begs most respectfully to represent to Your Lordship, that in consequence of the want of a correct Survey and Chart of the Southern, Eastern, and Northern Coasts of Newfoundland, serious losses and much inconvenience have been experienced by the shipping interests of this country; and during the last spring many vessels in the prosecution of the seal fishery, were wrecked on the north-eastern coast of this island—which was partially attributable to the absence of true and reliable coastal Charts.

The House of Assembly would therefore, respectfully suggest, that, as Her Majesty's Government has caused coastal surveys to be made of all the sea coasts of the neighbouring colonies; and officers under the direction of the French Government have been for some time past engaged in making a survey of that part of the coast of this island where the French Fishermen have a concurrent right of fishing with British subjects; the commercial importance of this island may induce the government to cause a correct Survey and Chart of the coasts of this island and Labrador, belonging exclusively to the British. And as in duty bound, the House of Assembly will ever pray.

And the said Address having been again read,

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

*Resolved*,—That the Address be adopted and engrossed.

Adopted and Engrossed.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

Address to Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to transmit the accompanying Address to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of a survey of the Southern and Western coast of Newfoundland, and coast of Labrador.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Little.

Notice for Committee on the state of the colony.

Mr. LITTLE gave notice that on Thursday next he would move the House into a Committee on the state of the Colony, to take into consideration the constitution of the Executive Council of this colony.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow, at Two of the Clock.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 1852.

Petition presented by Mr. Shea.

Mr. SHEA, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from Walter Shelly, Keeper of the Government cottage on the Salmonier road, which was received and read,—Praying that his yearly salary may be continued.

Petition presented by Mr. Emerson.

Mr. EMERSON, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from Henry Corbin Watts, which was received and read,—Praying for a salary as Crier of the Northern Circuit Court.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the further consideration of Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the business to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow, at Two of the Clock.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 1852.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to provide for the relief of the

Poor in the several districts of this colony, as amended, was read a third time. Poor Relief Bill read 3rd time.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

*Resolved*,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “ An Act to provide for the relief of the Poor in the several districts of this Island.” Passed and titled.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Prendergast and Mr. Hanrahan do take the Bill to Her Majesty’s Council and desire their concurrence. Deputation to H. M. Council.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Amendments of Her Majesty’s Council on the Bill to amend the Postal Act were read a second time. Amendments of H.M. Council on Postal Bill, read 2nd time.

On motion of Mr. DELANEY, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST,

*Resolved*,—That the Amendments be referred to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow. Time of Committal.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the further consideration of Supply. Committee of whole on Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN 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 to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof. Report.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. WINSER presented a Petition from John Driscoll and others, of Toads Cove, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to build a breakwater from Tax Island to the main land. Petition presented by Mr. Winsor.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table. On Table.

On motion of Mr. WINSER, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

Address to Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will

be graciously pleased to appropriate a sum not exceeding £200 for the construction of a Breakwater at Toads Cove, and the House will indemnify Your Excellency for the same.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Winsor and Mr. Shea.

Petition presented by Mr. Shea.

Mr. SHEA, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from D. P. Marrett and others, which was received and read, setting forth,—That they were engaged in the month of September last, by command of His Honor the Administrator, in compliance with a request of the Governor-General of Canada, to furnish detailed Customs Returns of Exports and Imports of this colony; that a copy of said Returns had also been furnished by them to the House of Assembly; and praying that some compensation might be made them for the time occupied in performing the same.

Referred to Committee of Supply.

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

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow, at Two of the Clock.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1852.

On motion of Mr. DELANEY, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

Address to Governor.

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

Her Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly having passed a Bill in the present session, amending the Inland Post Act which transferred to the colony the Postal Department, which Bill has a suspending clause; and the House of Assembly having understood that from the 1st of April last, the salary heretofore paid by the Imperial Government to the Post-Master-General has been discontinued, and some inconvenience

may consequently arise from no provision being made for this officer during the period which will elapse before the assent of Her Majesty is signified; respectfully request Your Excellency will cause payment to be made, not only of the salary of the Post-Master-General, but also the other salaries and contingencies provided in that Bill, until it has received the Royal allowance; and this House will indemnify Your Excellency for such payment.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Delaney and Mr. Hanrahan.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Amendments of Her Majestys Council upon the Postal Act Amendment Bill.

Committee of whole on Amendments of H.M. Council on Postal Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. JOB took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Amendments to them referred, without Amendment.

Report.

*Ordered*,—That the said Amendments be read a third time to-morrow.

Time of 3rd reading.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of Supply.

Committee of whole on Supply.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the business to them referred, and had come to certain Resolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House.

Report.

*Ordered*,—That the Resolutions be reported to-morrow.

Mr. SHEA gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of Free Trade with Canada and the United States.

Notice of Address to Her Majesty.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow, at Two of the Clock.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 1852.

Mr. PARSONS, from the deputation appointed to present the Address,

Reports of Deputations to  
present Addresses to Governor.

praying for compensation to Thomas Bearnès, for damage sustained from the passing of an Act of the Legislature: and also from the deputation to present the Address requesting the Governor to compensate James Campbell for loss sustained by him as a private Teacher, from the endowment of Academies in this town; reported that His Excellency had been pleased to say he would lay the Addresses before the Council:

He also stated that His Excellency, in reply to the Address requesting that he would advance £60 in addition to the amount already paid the second-class Tide-waiters of St. John's, reported that His Excellency had been pleased to say he would comply with the request of the House:

He also reported that His Excellency, in reply to the Address requesting copies of correspondence which accompanied the Addresses of this House, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Bar, on Responsible Government, had stated that he was not authorized to furnish the documents asked for.

Petition presented by Mr.  
Prendergast.

Mr. PRENDERGAST, with consent of His Excellency the Governor, presented a Petition from the Committee of the Wesleyan, Congregationalist, and Presbyterian burial ground, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant of £84, to enable them to liquidate a debt contracted in the purchase thereof; and also to defray the expense of fencing.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. JOB,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor:—

Address to Governor.

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly most respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to advance to the Committee of the Presbyterian, Congregationalist, and Wesleyan burial ground, the sum of £84, to enable them to defray the balance due on the purchase money thereof, together with the cost of fencing the same; and this House will indemnify Your Excellency for the amount.

Engrossed, and Committee  
to present.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Prendergast and Mr. Job.

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address

to the Governor, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to appropriate a sum not exceeding £300 in placing a Wall, Iron Railing, and Gates; in front of the Colonial Building; and also in laying out the grounds attached thereto.

Notice of Address to Governor.

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message :—

Message from H. M. Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council have passed the Bill sent up to this House, entitled "An Act to repeal the Acts respecting the establishment of a Lunatic Asylum at St. John's, and to make other provision in lieu thereof," with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

JAMES CROWDY,

*Presiding Member.*

Council Chamber, }  
4th June, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council on the Inland Postal Act Amendment Bill were read a third time.

Amendments of H.M. Council on Postal Bill, read 3rd time.

On motion of Mr. DELANEY, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST,

*Resolved*,—That the Amendments pass, and that a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council, acquainting them that this House concurs therein.

Passed and Message to H. M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Delaney, and Mr. Prendergast do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council in and upon the Bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act to repeal the Acts respecting the establishment of a Lunatic Asylum at St. John's, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof," were read a first time, and are as follow,—

Amendments of H.M. Council on Lunatic Asylum Bill; read first time.

In the fifth section of the Bill, eighth line—After the word "which" in this line, insert the words "Rules and Regulations."

In the sixth section of the Bill, third line—After the word "such" insert the words "medical superintendent and"—and after the second word in this line insert "subject to the approval of the Governor."

*Ordered*,—That the said Amendments be read a second time to-morrow.

Time of 2nd reading.

Committee of whole on  
Re-building Acts Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill sent down from Her Majesty's Council, entitled "An Act to consolidate and amend the St. John's Re-building Acts."

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's table.

Amendments agreed to.

And the said Amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill as amended be read a third time to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow, at Two of the Clock.

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MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1852.

Re-building Acts Bill read  
3rd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill sent down from Her Majesty's Council, entitled "An Act to amend and consolidate the St. John's Re-building Acts," as amended, was read a third time.

On motion of Mr. CARTER, seconded by Mr. JOB,

Passed and Message to H.  
M. Council.

*Resolved*,—That the Bill, as amended, do pass, and that a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council, requesting their concurrence in the Amendments made by this House.

Deputation to H. M. Coun-  
cil.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Carter and Mr. Job do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

Message from H. M. Coun-  
cil.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have

passed the Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the subject of the Fisheries of this Island, with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,

Council Chamber, }  
7th June, 1852. }

*President.*

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

The Address sent up from this House on the subject of the Fisheries, as amended by Her Majesty's Council, was read a first time, and is as follows:—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Council and House of Assembly of Newfoundland, in Legislative session convened, beg leave to approach Your Majesty with feelings of profound respect for Your Majesty's person and Government.

Address to Her Majesty on  
subject of Fisheries, as  
amended by Council.

The Legislature of this colony has frequently brought under Your Majesty's notice the important subject of our Fisheries, and has represented the serious evils to which they were exposed by the operation of the Treaties which give to Foreign Powers the right of Fishing on the coasts of this island. The manner in which those Treaties have been infringed by the subjects of France, has formed the subject of renewed complaint; and Your Majesty's Government has been repeatedly implored to afford us the protection necessary to guard our rights against such intrusions.

We lament that the favorable consideration, to which, we humbly submit, we had a claim, has not hitherto been accorded to our prayers, and we are compelled by the pressing necessities of our position to appeal again to the wisdom and justice of Your Majesty.

The French Fisheries on this coast are supported by large Bounties, which have forced them into great importance; they are accordingly carried on with vigour, and are steadily increasing from year to year. Our Fisheries are wholly self-sustained, and, at this serious disadvantage, we have been obliged to compete with our rivals in the markets of Europe. For many years after the peace, the produce of the French Fisheries was not greater than the requirements of their own Home Markets; and while this continued, we experienced but the loss of the best portions of our Fishing coast. Of late, however, the increasing growth of their

operations has given them a large surplus above what the French Markets require, and this finds its way into places which formerly were supplied by our produce. From some of our oldest markets we have been driven altogether, and in most of those on which we chiefly rely, our interests are weakened to a degree that menaces the foundations of our Trade. The evils of this unequal competition have been progressively developing themselves for some years, but in the past season we experienced them in an alarming degree, a large quantity of our Fish having been disposed of in the European Ports at *one-half its actual cost*. This amount, with the Bounty they receive, is a compensating price to the French ; and as their Fisheries are annually increasing, it is certain that a still larger supply will be forced by them into the markets on which we have to depend, which must necessarily be accompanied by a corresponding decline of British prosperity in this colony.

The consequences of the losses experienced in the past year are now being seriously felt. The merchants are naturally alarmed at the prospect of embarking their means in a trade which seems withering beneath the gigantic influences with which it has to struggle, and they are curtailing their operations as far as possible. A decline of the population must inevitably keep pace with a diminution of the means of employment, and it will be matter of serious reproach if, in a colony like this, with inexhaustible resources in its Fisheries, the present small population should want for employment, while foreigners are acquiring wealth and importance in prosecuting the like pursuits of industry.

But, critical as we have shown our position to be, we regret to add that new causes of embarrassment have lately arisen. Former regulations granted an additional bounty on French fish, landed in the first instance at a national port, and thence transhipped. To relieve their trade from the expense of this second lading, and to facilitate their fishing interests to the utmost extent, it is stated that a Decree has this year been issued by the Government of France, which makes the bounty applicable to fish discharged *in any Transatlantic Port* direct from the coasts of this Island.

We are sensible that Your Majesty's Government cannot directly arrest this evil, however ruinous its results to us. Nor do we desire to urge on the attention of Your Majesty the question of Treaties which we fear, cannot be disturbed. But, we humbly submit, that when we are so severely injured by the concessions made in these Treaties, and by the consequent circumstances we have herein referred to, we have a just claim for protection of the rights which remain to us.

Great as the French competition would be, even if the terms of the Treaties were adhered to, the ruinous increase of their rivalry that we now experience is mainly attributable to their daring intrusions on the Western coast, in quest of bait ; and on the Labrador coast, to which, when

the fishing has ceased or failed on the French shore, they resort in great numbers. And whilst the interests of the subjects of France are carefully guarded throughout the whole season, by war steamers, and other armed Government vessels peculiarly suited to the service, we are in effect wholly unprotected, and hence the intrusions to which we refer.

It is true that one of Your Majesty's ships annually visits this island, but her presence, which is but for a very short period at the required stations, has little, if any effect in preventing French encroachments; for which purpose a more suitable and continuous force would alone be of any substantial avail.

The question has at length assumed so serious an aspect that the Local Legislature, out of the small amount at its disposal, has appropriated, this Session, a sum for the employment of a cruizer, with a view to the maintenance of our rights. In the absence of needful aid from the Imperial Authorities, we deemed ourselves justified in making an effort for the protection of British interests within the limits to which Foreigners have no pretence of claim—interests not alone involving the welfare of this colony, but of the highest national importance. But it must be obvious that from the limited means at our command, and without the power of seizure for violation of Treaties, no great benefit can be anticipated from this measure.

The Reports of Captain Milne, Captain Loch, and other distinguished officers of Your Majesty's Naval Service who have been employed on the coasts of this island; point out the inadequacy of the means of protection heretofore employed; and under all these circumstances, we humbly implore Your Majesty to give directions that two small Steamers, and one or more small armed vessels, may be continuously employed during the Fishing Season, on the southern coast of this island, and in the straits of Belle Isle, and that there be furnished to the Commanders of those vessels such instructions as will cause the terms of the Treaties with Foreign Powers to be observed, and thereby prevent those disastrous results to the colony which the absence of Imperial protection must inevitably occasion.

On motion of Mr. JOB, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

*Resolved*,—That the said Address be now committed to a Committee of Time of Committal, the whole House.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Address to them referred, and had passed the Amendments made by the Council thereon, with the exception of the Amendment in the second last clause, which they had expunged, and inserted in lieu thereof, as follows:—"We are now however concerned to find that Your Majesty's Representative in this colony was not prepared to communicate to the officer in charge the power of seizure for violation of the law, which alone could give effect to the movement in question."

Address adopted.

And the question being then put, that the Address as amended be adopted, it passed in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

Message to H. M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council requesting their concurrence in the Amendment made by this House.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Job and Mr. Shea do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Road Bill read 1st time.

Mr. SHEA, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the making and repairing of Roads, Streets, and Bridges, in this colony, and the same was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN, pursuant to notice,

Motion for suspension of Rules.

*Resolved*,—That the Rules of the House be suspended in reference to the said Bill.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Bill read 2nd time.

And the Bill was read a second time accordingly.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

Resolution for Committal.

*Resolved*,—That the said Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had made some progress in the Bill to them referred, and had instructed him to ask leave to sit again on the further consideration thereof.

*Ordered*,—That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.  
Then the House adjourned till to-morrow, at One of the Clock.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1852.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the further consideration of the Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for making and repairing Roads, Streets, and Bridges, in this Colony.

Committee of whole on  
Road Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN 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 them referred, and had passed the same without Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill in at the Clerk's table.

Report.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Engrossed, and Committee  
to present.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Resolutions passed in Committee of the whole House on Supply were reported by the Chairman, and are as follow :—

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Two Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor: Provided that any salary for this officer shall cease with the Administration of His Excellency Sir J. G. LeMarchant, or upon the death, removal, or resignation of the present incumbent.

Resolutions reported from  
Committee of Supply.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Two Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Clerk of the Executive Council: Provided also that in the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of the Clerk of the Council, the successor to the present incumbent shall only receive the sum of One hundred pounds in lieu of the salary provided for that office.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Four Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salaries of two Clerks in the Secretary's Office.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Sixty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of a Messenger at the Secretary's office.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Sixty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of an Office-keeper to the Secretary's office.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Colonial Treasurer: Provided also, that in the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of Colonial Treasurer, the Successor to the present incumbent shall only receive the sum of £450 per annum.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Eighty-four Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Treasurer's Clerk; the Treasurer to contribute in addition Sixty-five Pounds, equal to Seventy-five Pounds currency.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty to defray the salary of the Chief Clerk and Registrar of the Supreme and Central Circuit Courts, together with the sum of Fifty Pounds to defray the salary of a Clerk Assistant; also, Twenty Pounds for purchase of Printed forms: Provided that all Fees and Perquisites received in or by virtue of the said Office, or in any way connected therewith, shall be accounted for and paid over half-yearly to the Colonial Treasurer.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Two Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Clerk of the Northern Circuit Court.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Two Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Clerk of the Southern Circuit Court.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Sixty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Crier and Tipstaff of the Supreme Court.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Nine Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salaries of Three Police Magistrates for St. John's: Provided always, that on the death, resignation, or removal of the present Stipendiary Magistrates for the Central district, there shall be one Magistrate only, who shall be a Barrister of the Supreme Court, of at least three years' standing, and who shall receive a salary of Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds per annum.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Eighty Pounds Sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the High Constable for St. John's.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Three Hundred and Sixty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salaries of Eight Police Constables for St. John's.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding One Hundred and Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Gaoler at St. John's, in lieu of fees, which are to be accounted for and paid over to the Colonial Treasurer.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Forty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Gaol Surgeon of St. John's.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding One Hundred and Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Hospital Surgeon for St. John's.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding One Hundred and Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the District Surgeon for St. John's, and Fifty Pounds for procuring and supplying medicines.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Thirty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Gaol Surgeon at Harbor Grace.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Twenty-six Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Gate-keeper at Government House.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Attorney-General, in lieu of all fees of office: Provided that in the event of a vacancy occurring in this office, the Successor to the present incumbent shall not be entitled to receive any amount in lieu of Fees above the salary provided for the office.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Two Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Solicitor-General, in lieu of all Fees of office, including all charges or Fees for any person prosecuting for the Crown on the Northern Circuit: Provided that upon the vacancy of the office by the present incumbent, the salary shall be One Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds for any future incumbent.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Two Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salaries of the undermentioned Outport Magistrates, as follow:

Two Magistrates at Harbor Grace, Three Hundred and Thirty Pounds, that is to say, One Hundred and Sixty-five Pounds to each.

A Magistrate at Carbonear, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

A Magistrate for Brigus and Port-de-Grave, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

A Magistrate at Ferryland, One Hundred Pounds.

A Magistrate at Bay Bulls, One Hundred Pounds.

A Magistrate at Burin, One Hundred and Fifty pounds.

A Magistrate at Lamaline, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds.

A Magistrate at St. Mary's, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds.

A Magistrate at Harbor Britain, One Hundred Pounds.

A Magistrate at Grand Bank, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds.

A Magistrate at Trinity, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

A Magistrate at Bonavista, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

A Magistrate for Twillingate and Fogo, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds.

A Magistrate for Placentia, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds.

A Magistrate for St. George's Bay, Three Hundred Pounds.

A Magistrate at Old Perlican, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Five Hundred and Sixty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salaries of the undermentioned Outport Clerks of the Peace, as follow :

A Clerk of the Peace at Harbor Grace, One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds.

A Clerk of the Peace at Carbonear, Sixty Pounds.

A Clerk of the Peace for Brigus and Port-de-Grave, Sixty Pounds.

A Clerk of the Peace at Trinity, Sixty Pounds.

A Clerk of the Peace at Bonavista, Forty-five Pounds.

A Clerk of the Peace for Twillingate and Fogo, Forty-five Pounds.

A Clerk of the Peace at Ferryland, Sixty Pounds.

A Clerk of the Peace at Placentia, Thirty-five Pounds.

A Clerk of the Peace at Burin, Thirty-five Pounds.

A Clerk of the Peace at Harbor Briton, Thirty-five Pounds ; Provided that all the fees of office received by the said Clerks of the Peace shall be accounted for by them and paid over half yearly to the Colonial Treasurer.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of One Hundred and Ninety Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salaries of the undermentioned Outport Gaolers, as follow :

A Gaoler at Harbor Grace, Ninety Pounds: Provided that all fees of office received by him shall be accounted for and paid over to the Colonial Treasurer.

A Gaoler at Trinity, Twenty-five Pounds.

A Gaoler at Ferryland, Twenty-five Pounds.

A Gaoler at Placentia, Twenty-five Pounds.

A Gaoler at Burin, Twenty-five Pounds.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Nine Hundred and Sixty-six Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salaries of the undermentioned Outport Constables, as follows :

One Constable at Petty Harbor, Twenty Pounds.

One Constable at Torbay, Twenty Pounds.

One Constable at Portugal Cove, Twenty Pounds.

One Constable at South Shore, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Harbor Maine, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Cat's Cove, Twelve Pounds.

Two Constables at Brigus and Port-de-Grave, Fifty Pounds.

One Constable at Bay Roberts, Twelve Pounds.

Three Constables at Harbor Grace, One Hundred Pounds.

Three Constables at Carbonear, Seventy-five Pounds.

One Constable at Bay-de-Verd, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Western Bay, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Hants Harbor, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Perlican, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Hearts Content, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at New Harbor, Twelve Pounds.

Two Constables at Trinity, Thirty-seven Pounds.

One Constable at Catalina, Twenty-five Pounds.

One Constable at Bonavista, Twenty-five Pounds.

One Constable at Tickle Cove, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at King's Cove, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Salvage, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Greenspond, Twelve Pounds.

Three Constables at Twillingate and Fogo, Forty-nine Pounds.

One Constable at Exploits Bay, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Bay Bulls, Twenty-five Pounds.

One Constable at Witless Bay, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Toad's Cove, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Brigus, south, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Cape Broyle, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Caplin Bay, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Ferryland, Twenty-five Pounds.

One Constable at Aquaforte, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Fermeuse, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Renew's, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Trepassey, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at St. Mary's, Twenty-five Pounds.

One Constable at Placentia, Twenty-five Pounds.

One Constable at Little Placentia, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Oderin, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Merasheen, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Burin, Twenty-five Pounds.

One Constable at St. Lawrence, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Lamaline, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Grand Bank, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Jersey Harbor, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Harbor Briton, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Hermitage Bay, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Burgeo Islands, Twelve Pounds.

One Constable at Spaniards Bay, Twelve Pounds.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Two Hundred and Sixty two Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the allowances of the following Ferrymen:—

To Ferrymen at Manuels and Little St. Lawrence, Ten Pounds each.

To Ferrymen at Great Placentia, Salmonier, Portugal Cove, South Arm of Trinity, Twenty-five Pounds each.

To Ferrymen between Burin and Spoon Cove, and between Belle Isle and Topsail, Twenty Pounds each.

To Ferrymen at Biscay Bay and Aquaforte, Fifteen Pounds each.

To a Ferryman at Malbay, Twelve Pounds.

To a Ferryman at John's Pond, North Harbor and Salmonier, Thirty Pounds.

And two Ferries at Holyrood, Thirty Pounds: that is to say—for a Boat to be stationed near Crawley's, on the South Side, and a Boat near Healy's, on the North Side of the Harbor, Fifteen Pounds each.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the annual allowance to the widow of the late James Blaikie, Esq.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Thirty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the annual allowance to the widow of the late George Holbrook, Esq.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Forty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty as a pension to Matthew Stevenson.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Ten Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty as a gratuity to Robert Connell for past services.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Forty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the support of a Commercial School at Great Placentia.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Forty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the support of the Presbyterian School at St. John's.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the support of the Commercial School at Ferryland.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Forty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the support of the Commercial School at St. Mary's.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Forty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the support of the Commercial School at Jersey Harbor, in Harbor Briton.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the support of the Commercial School at Brigus.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Thirty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty as compensation to John Mayne, Master of the Grammar School at Burin, for loss of situation on the abolition of the school.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty to defray Unforeseen Contingencies.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Two Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the ordinary expenses of Court Houses and Gaols.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Six Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the expenses of Gaols.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the expenses of Printing and Stationery.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Three Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the expenses of Crown Prosecutions.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Two Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the expenses of Coroners.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not

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exceeding Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the expenses of Fuel and Light for Public Buildings.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding One Hundred and Twenty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the expense of Postages, and other incidental expenses.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Four Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the expenses of Judges and Officers on Circuit, (including Crown prosecutions) that is to say, the sum of Two Hundred Pounds to defray the expenses of each Circuit, in full for table money and means of conveyance, and for payment of rent of any Court Rooms where Court Houses may not be erected: Provided that passages shall be allowed and provided on board of each vessel proceeding on the respective circuits, to such members of the bar as may desire to proceed thereon.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Four Thousand Pounds be granted to Her Majesty towards the relief of the Poor.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Four Hundred Pounds be granted to Her Majesty towards the relief of Outport Permanent Poor.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding One Thousand Pounds be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the expenses of Lunatic Paupers.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding One Hundred Pounds be granted to Her Majesty towards the relief of shipwrecked crews.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding One Hundred and Forty-three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the expense of lighting St. John's with Gas.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Twenty-five Pounds be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the office rent of Post-Master-General: Provided it be kept in a Stone Building.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Thirty-six Pounds and Ten Shillings be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the expenses of the men stationed at Fort Amherst.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards payment of duties on wines imported or purchased for the use of the Military.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Sixty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Keeper of the Colonial Building.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Two Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the erection of a Lock-up house at Greenspond.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding One Thousand Five Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the completion of a Roman Catholic Presentation Convent School house in St. John's; one half to be paid at the expiration of one year after the passing of this Act, and the other half to be paid in two years.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of One Thousand Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the erection of a School-house for the instruction of females in St. John's; one half to be paid at the expiration of one year after the passing of this Act, and the other half to be paid in two years.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Three Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the building and repairing of Wesleyan school houses; one half to be paid at the expiration of one year after the passing of this Act, and the other half in two years.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Two Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying expenses incurred by the General Protestant Academy Board in St. John's; one half to be paid at the expiration of one year after the passing of this Act, and the other half to be paid in two years.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding One Hundred and Thirty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty for the Trustees of the respective Wesleyan Schools following; that is to say:—

The sum of Sixty Pounds towards furnishing and repairing of the Wesleyan school house at Carbonear.

The sum of Fifty Pounds towards the building of the Wesleyan school house at Old Perlican.

And the sum of Twenty Pounds towards the building of the Wesleyan school house at Black Head.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding One Hundred and Thirty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the building of the Roman Catholic Presentation Convent school house at Carbonear.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding One Hundred and Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the support of the Agricultural Society.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty for the Newfoundland Steam Company: Provided that the said Company shall undertake the carriage of the mails between St. John's and such places in Conception Bay as the Governor and Council shall require, and the charge for such service shall not exceed the sum now paid therefor.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the sum of Twenty-five Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the support of the Dorcas Society, Carbonear.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Twenty-five Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the support of the Dorcas Society, Harbor Grace.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the support of the Dorcas Society, St. John's.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Twenty-five Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the expense of painting and repairing the Carbonear Grammar School-house, and for other necessary improvements.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Twenty-five Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty as compensation to Lorenzo Moore, Honorary Magistrate at Greenspond, for past services.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Ninety-five Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty as compensation to John Valentine Nugent, Second Master of the St. John's Academy, in full for rent and other expenses incurred by him for two years past.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Ninety-five Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty as com-

pensation to Charles Durnfurd Newman, Senior Master of the St. John's Academy, in full for rent and other expenses incurred by him for two years past.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Twenty-five Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the expense of an Almanac, published by Joseph Woods.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Ten Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying rent of office of James Finlay, Assayer of Weights and Measures.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Fifteen Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards compensating Patrick Clooney for land taken for the public road at River Head, St. John's.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Fifteen Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards compensating James Norris for land required for public purposes, St. Johns: Provided the land shall first be surrendered to the public.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards compensating Mrs. Keith for land taken at Harbor Grace in widening Water Street.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards compensating John Murphy for land taken into the public road in Chapel's Cove, Conception Bay.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Twelve Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards compensating Michael Mahony, for land taken for public purposes at Cat's Cove, Conception Bay.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Seventy-five Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the building and completion of a breakwater in Oliver's Cove, Placentia Bay.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Two Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the expenses of introducing Gas and Water into the town of Harbor Grace.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Three Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the completion of the Court House at Harbor Briton.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the expenses of repairing Court Houses and Gaols, and other Public Buildings.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the expense of constructing Pumps and Water Tanks in the Town of St. John's, under the direction of the Honorable the Surveyor-General: One Hundred and Fifty Pounds of the said sum for the above purposes to be expended at the western portion of the town.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Twelve Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty as compensation to John Newel for land taken for the public road at Bear's Cove, Harbor Grace.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Thirty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards aiding the Sons of Temperance, Harbor Grace, in procuring a Library for their Society.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Thirty-five Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of Walter Shelly, keeper of the half-way house at Salmonier; and the sum of Twenty Pounds towards defraying the expense of the erection of a chimney in the said house.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding One Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the support of the Night Watch, St. John's.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding One Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the support of the Factory, St. John's.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Eighty Pounds sterling, in equal amounts, be granted to Her Majesty towards remunerating the Phœnix Volunteer Fire Company, and the Temperance Fire Company, St. John's.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Twelve Pounds and Ten Shillings sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards reimbursing Major Robinson, Royal Engineers, for duties paid on luggage.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding One Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the support of the St. John's Hospital.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Ten Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty as compensation to William Earle for services rendered to the Poor in the distribution of Eye-wash prepared by him.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards encouraging the use of Looms at Placentia.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the establishment of a Commercial School at Trinity :—Provided Navigation be taught in the School.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Fifteen Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty as remuneration to William Parsons for attending at the landing, and defraying expense of repairing the town clock ; and the further sum of Ten Pounds remuneration for attending, regulating, winding up, and oiling the said clock, the past year.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying expense of repairing the Public Wharf at Trinity.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding One Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the erection of a Gas Light Beacon, at Harbor Grace.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Twenty-five Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty for the benefit of the St. John's Library.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Ten Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the erection of a Wharf at Presque, Placentia Bay.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty for the benefit of the Museum, in connection with the Mechanics' Institute, St. John's.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Ten Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the support of Miss Margaret Coyle, Teacher, St. John's.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Seven Hundred and Sixteen Pounds, Twelve Shillings, and Ten Pence sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards indemnifying His Excellency the Governor for monies advanced by him the past year, towards the relief of the Poor.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Sixty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the expense of procuring Plans of the Towns of Trinity, Bay Roberts, Brigus, and Bonavista.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Thirty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the support of a School at Seldom-come-by, in the district of Fogo.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Sixteen Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty as compensation to Aaron Hogsett for expenses incurred in making a drain in St. John's.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Crier and Tipstaff of the Northern Circuit Court at Harbor Grace.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Ten Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the support of Ann Dwyer, a distressed widow.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Ten Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty as a gratuity to Robert Smith, Constable at Greenspond, for past services.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards reimbursing Thomas Birkett for money expended in the purchase of Books for the Commercial School at Burin.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards compensating Harcourt Mooney for publishing proceedings of the Courts of Law.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Twenty-five Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty in addition to the annual salary of Donald Bethune, Sub-Collector at Carbonear.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Twenty-five Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards

the removal of the Whale and Sucker Rocks at Quidi Vidi, to be expended under the directions of the Honorable the Surveyor-General.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Twenty-five Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards compensating John Stark Esq., Chief Clerk and Registrar of the Northern Circuit Court, for loss sustained by the passing of the Act abolishing the Registry of Crown Grants.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding One Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the maintenance and encouragement of the Industrial Department of the Orphan Asylum School at St. John's.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Ten Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the support of James Silvey, an infirm person.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding One Hundred and Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the construction of a break-water at Little Placentia: Provided this amount shall not be expended until the Governor and Council shall be satisfied that the expenditure will be useful.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding One Hundred and Thirty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the erection of Church of England School Houses.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the erection of the Roman Catholic School for females at Harbor Main.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Twenty-two Pounds, Eighteen Shillings, sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards reimbursing the Electric Telegraph Commissioners for extra expenditure incurred by them.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Two Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying expenses incurred by the St. John's Water Company, in removing the Fire-plugs from the centres of the streets, and placing them in such manner as shall be directed by the Board of Road Commissioners for the District of St. John's; the said sum not to be paid until the completion of the work, upon the certificate of the Commissioners aforesaid.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Seventy-five Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty to ena-

ble the widow and family of the late Joseph Templeman Esq. to return to England ; to be paid on their arrival there.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Sixty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards remunerating the Second-class Tide-waiters, at the Port of St. John's.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Sixty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying expenses in compiling Statements for the Government of the United States.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding One Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the construction of a break-water at Toads Cove.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the building of a bridge at Swain's Island, Bonavista.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners for the relief of the Poor in the District of St. John's, to be paid out of the amount hereinbefore granted for the Relief of the Poor: Provided that this salary shall not be deemed fixed, but temporary, and shall be subject to any change the Legislature may think proper to make therein.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Two Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying the salary of the Medical Attendant of the Lunatic Asylum.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Twenty-five Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the purchase of books for the Law Library.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding One Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards defraying expense of making a wall and fence round the old church-yard ; and the sum of Fifty Pounds towards the erection of a wall and fence around the old Roman Catholic burial ground in St. John's.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding One Hundred and Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards the erection of a bridge across the Tickle at Twillingate.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not ex-

ceeding Twenty-five Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty as a gratuity to James Winter, Sub-Collector at Fogo, for past services.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards indemnifying His Excellency the Governor for monies expended in the relief of shipwrecked Sealers, authorised by Address the present Session.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding One Thousand Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards indemnifying His Excellency the Governor, appropriated by Address during the present Session, for the protection of the Fisheries on the Coast of Labrador.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Fifty Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards indemnifying His Excellency the Governor, appropriated by Address during the present Session, for the protection of the Electric Telegraph between St. John's and Harbor Grace.

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that a sum not exceeding Eighty-four Pounds sterling be granted to Her Majesty towards indemnifying His Excellency the Governor, appropriated by Address during the present Session, to the Trustees of the Cemetery at River Head, for the Wesleyans, Presbyterians, and Congregationalists, towards defraying balance of purchase money, and expense of fencing the said Cemetery.

Motion that Report be adopted.

Mr. SHEA moved, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

That the Report be adopted.

Whereupon,

Mr CARTER moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. EMERSON,

Amendment thereon.

That the Report be amended by expunging the following Resolution :—

*Resolved*,—That out of the amount hereinbefore granted for the relief of the Poor, the sum of £250 be paid as the salary of the Secretary of the Commissioners of the Poor, for the district of St. John's, provided that the said office and salary shall not be deemed fixed, but temporary, and subject to any change the Legislature may hereafter think proper to make therein.

Division.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared,

FOR THE AMENDMENT, 3.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT, 5.

Mr. Carter  
 " Rankin  
 " Emerson.

Mr. Hanrahan  
 " Little  
 " Shea  
 " Winser  
 " Parsons.

So it passed in the negative.

Motion lost.

And the question on the original motion being then put, it passed in the affirmative, and

Original motion carried.

*Ordered* accordingly.

On motion of Mr. CARTER, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

*Resolved*,—That a Select Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill in conformity with the foregoing Resolutions.

Resolution for Select Committee to bring in Road Bill.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Carter, Mr. Shea, Mr. Emerson, and Mr. Hoyles, do form such Committee.

Committee named.

Mr. WINSER gave notice that in Committee on the Bill for granting a Supply to Her Majesty, he would move that a section be added as follows:

Notice for additional section to Supply Bill.

And be it further enacted, that on the death, resignation, or removal of any of the Stipendiary Magistrates of the Outports, no new appointment be made, without the consent of Her Majesty's Legislative Council, and the House of General Assembly in Sessions convened.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow, at Two of the Clock.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1852.

Mr. PARSONS presented a Petition from Thomas Hally, of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying for a grant to encourage him in prosecuting the Mackerel Fishery in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Petitions presented by Mr. Parsons.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

He also presented a Petition from George Morgan, of St. John's, which was received and read,—Praying for remuneration for compiling an Index of the Legislative Library.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Road Bill read 3rd time.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for making and repairing Roads, Streets, and Bridges, in this Colony, as engrossed, was read a third time.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. JOB,

Passed and titled.

*Resolved*,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled, “An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for making and repairing Roads, Streets, and Bridges in this Colony.”

Deputation to H. M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Shea and Mr. Job do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

Messages from H. M. Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up to this House, entitled “An Act to continue and amend an Act passed in the 14th year of the reign of Her Majesty, entitled “An Act for the encouragement of Education,” with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,  
*President.*

Council Chamber,  
9th June, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council in and upon the Bill entitled “An Act to continue the Act for the encouragement of Education,” were read a first time, and are as follow :—

Amendments of H.M. Council on Education Bill, read 1st time.

In the Title of the Bill, first line—Expunge the words “and amend” and insert in their stead “the first section of”— and at the end of the title insert “and to make further provision for Education.”

In the Preamble, expunge all the words after the word “whereas” and insert in their stead “it is expedient to provide for the encouragement of Education in this Colony.”

In the first section, second line, expunge all the words after the word “convened” and insert in their stead as follows :—

“That the first section of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled “An Act for the encou-

agement of Education" shall be, and the same is hereby continued for the period of one year, from the thirtieth day of June in this present year, and no longer.

Expunge the second section of the Bill, and insert the following Sections:

And be it further enacted, that the sum by this Act appropriated for the purposes of Education shall be distributed in manner following, that is to say, in support of schools for the instruction of children of members of the Church of England and other Protestant Churches, and of the Roman Catholic Church, in proportion to their respective numbers, as appears by the Census last taken.

And be it further enacted, That for the purpose of the distribution and proper employment of the money hereinbefore granted, there shall be constituted in St. John's three Boards of Education, to be called respectively, the Church of England Central Board of Education, the Roman Catholic Central Board of Education, and the General Protestant Central Board of Education. And it shall be lawful for the Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, with the advice of the Council, from time to time to nominate and appoint, by warrant under his hand and seal, to the said Church of England Board, nine members of the Church of England, of whom the Lord Bishop of Newfoundland shall be one; to the said Roman Catholic Board, nine members of the Roman Catholic Church, of whom the Roman Catholic Bishop for the time being shall be one; and to the General Protestant Board, nine Protestants, not being members of the Church of England. And whenever and as often as any vacancy shall occur in any of the said Boards by the death, resignation, or absence from the colony for twelve months, or the removal of any such members, it shall be lawful for the Governor, or Administrator of the Government, with the advice aforesaid, to nominate and appoint in like manner, a fit and proper person or persons to fill such vacancy, either temporarily or permanently as may be deemed expedient.

And be it further enacted, that four members of the said Boards respectively shall constitute a quorum thereof, and such Boards shall from time to time make such bye-laws, rules and regulations for the management and good government of all schools under their respective control, as they shall deem necessary, and shall determine the places where schools shall be established or supported under this Act, and the amount to be contributed for monies at their disposal for the erection and repair of school-houses, and the proportions and conditions upon which such contributions shall be made, and shall from time to time appoint teachers thereto, and remove the same for sufficient cause, and shall determine the amount of salaries to be paid to each teacher, and the amount of support

to be given to each school, and also the amount of fees to be charged to the pupils: Provided that no such bye-laws, rules and regulations, shall be of any force or avail until the same shall have received the approval of the Governor, or Administrator of the Government, and Council; and provided also that no school shall be built, established, or supported under this Act, in any town, place, or settlement, without the approval aforesaid.

And be it further enacted, that each of the said Central Boards may appoint from time to time, and for sufficient cause remove, a Secretary, who shall keep an accurate account of all monies expended under the said Board, and a faithful record of all the proceedings of such Board; and may also, if necessary, hire an office, and incur such expense as is absolutely needful for stationery, fuel, and such like contingencies. And such Secretary shall be paid such salary as the Board appointing him shall fix, subject to the approval of the Governor, or Administrator of the Government, and Council, which salary and other expense as aforesaid shall be deducted out of the monies appropriated by this Act to the said respective Boards.

And be it further enacted, that whenever it shall be necessary to prosecute or defend any Action at Law or Suit in Equity on behalf of any of the said Boards, the same may be brought or defended in the name of the Chairman of such Board.

And be it further enacted, that the exact amount, which, by the provisions of this Act, is to be appropriated by each of the said Central Boards, shall be ascertained and determined by the Governor, or Administrator of the Government, and shall be paid to the school-masters and other persons entitled to receive payment therefrom, upon the certificate of the respective Boards that the service for which such payment shall be demanded has been fully and faithfully performed.

And be it further enacted, that all School-houses now belonging to the late Protestant Boards of Education shall be appropriated as follows, that is to say: that any such school-houses being at any place where the majority of the Protestant inhabitants, according to the last census, are of the Church of England, shall go to the Church of England Central Board; and any such School-houses being at any place where such majority are of other Protestants, to the other Protestant Central Board.

And be it further enacted, that out of the aggregate fund to be by this Act appropriated to the education of Protestants, the sum of Five hundred pounds shall be appropriated and paid for the maintenance and support of schools established and supported, or which shall be established and supported within this colony by the Newfoundland School Society; and a further sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds for the maintenance and

support of the Wesleyan schools established and supported within the colony.

And be it further enacted, that the Roman Catholic Board for the district of St. John's shall appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Fifty pounds per annum to the support of the Orphan Asylum School, and the sum of Two Hundred Pounds per annum to the support of the Nunnery School in the said district, out of the sum hereinbefore appropriated to such district; and the Roman Catholic Board in the district of Harbor Grace shall appropriate the sum of One Hundred Pounds per annum to the support of the St. Patrick's Free School in the said district, out of the amount hereinbefore appropriated to such district; which said sums of money shall be paid quarterly, by warrant from the Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, to the respective committees of management of said schools, upon the production of a certificate from the said Central Board that such schools have been in active operation for the period for which the respective amounts are payable.

And be it further enacted, that the said several Central Boards shall annually furnish the Governor, or Administrator of the Government, with a full and true return, signed by the Chairman of each Board, of the number of schools in operation during the past year, and every month of the year, under their respective control; the average number of scholars during each month; the amount of fees or dues received by, and the salary paid to, each schoolmaster; the amount of monies expended by each Board, with the service for which the same was so expended; together with such other information as such Boards respectively shall consider useful. And such returns shall be laid before the Legislature at its next session.

And be it further enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Governor, or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Council, by warrant under his hand and seal, from time to time to nominate and appoint, and again for sufficient cause to remove, in the several electoral districts of this island and in as many settlements in each district as he may deem necessary, Local Boards of Education for such settlements or districts, to consist respectively of members of the Church of England, of Roman Catholics, and of Protestants, other than members of the said Church of England, in such numbers as he shall think fit; which said Boards shall carry into effect the rules and directions of their respective Central Boards, and shall visit and superintend the several schools placed under their respective care, and may recommend to the said respective Boards fit and proper persons to be schoolmasters in the respective districts.

And be it further enacted, that in any place where there may be a Church of England School established under the provisions of this Act,

and no other Protestant School, the children of such other Protestants respectively shall be freely admitted to such school; and that in like manner where there may be a General Protestant School, and no Church of England School, the children of Church of England parents shall be freely admitted into such other Protestant School; and that it shall not be lawful for the teacher in either case, to compel any child or children attending such schools to receive religious instruction of such a character as may have been formally objected to by the parents of such child or children.

And be it enacted, that in apportioning the sums to be allotted for the support of schools, the said Central Boards are hereby respectively authorized and required to call upon the inhabitants of the settlement or place where any school is intended to be established or supported, to provide, according to their ability, by a subscription or contribution from among themselves, towards the erection or repair of the school-house, and towards the maintenance of the schoolmaster; and the said respective Boards shall in their discretion exclude from a participation in the public monies hereby granted, any settlement or place, if the inhabitants thereof have not, according to their ability, contributed and paid towards the erection or repair of a school-house and the salary of a teacher.

Mr. EMERSON moved, seconded by Mr. WINSER,

Motion that Amendments  
be not received.

That the Amendments on the foregoing Bill be not received, in consequence of their interfering with the privileges of this House.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared,

FOR THE MOTION, 6.

AGAINST THE MOTION, 1.

Division.

Mr. Shea

Mr. Carter.

“ Parsons

“ Emerson

“ Winsor

“ Rankin

“ Job.

Motion carried.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

Committee of whole on  
Loan Bill.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council upon the Lunatic Asylum Loan Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Amendments to them referred, and had come to a Resolution thereon, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he handed the Resolution in at the Clerk's Table. Report.

The Resolution was then read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Amendments on this Bill cannot be entertained by the House, being in violation of the privileges thereof.

*Ordered*,—That the Report be adopted.

Mr. CARTER, on leave granted, presented a Bill to repeal certain Acts respecting the establishment of a Lunatic Asylum at St. John's, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof; and the same was read a first time. Lunatic Asylum Bill read 1st time.

On motion of Mr. CARTER, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

*Resolved*,—That the Rules of the House be suspended in reference to the above Bill.

On motion of Mr. CARTER, seconded by Mr. SHEA.

*Resolved*,—That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole upon the said Bill.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, without Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House. Report.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be engrossed and read a third time this day. Engrossed and time of 3rd reading.

And the said bill was read a third time accordingly.

On motion of Mr. CARTER, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

*Resolved*,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act to repeal certain Acts respecting the establishment of a Lunatic Asylum at St. John's, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof.” Passed and titled.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Carter and Mr. Hanrahan do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. EMERSON, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

Message to H. M. Council.

*Resolved*,—That a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council, requesting that they would furnish this House with the amount of their Contingencies for the present Session.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Carter, and Mr. Shea do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Report of Select Committee to prepare Supply Bill.

Mr. CARTER, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare a Bill in conformity with the Resolutions passed in Committee of the whole on Supply, reported a Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of this colony, for the year ending the 31st day of December, 1852, and for other purposes, and the same was read a first time.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Report of Committee of Audit.

Mr. WINNER, from the Select Committee appointed to audit the public accounts, presented the Report, which was read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

The Committee appointed by your honorable House to examine and Audit the Public Accounts, in making a report thereon, beg to state that the sums of money received by James Douglas Esq., in 1850 and 1851, have *now* been accounted for to the satisfaction of the Committee.

The Committee last year in the Treasurer's account stated that the accounts of the expenditure on Roads and Bridges were imperfect; and in this manner desired to draw the attention of the Executive to the importance of adhering strictly to Her Majesty's Instructions:—"To take care  
" that fair books of accounts of all receipts and payments of all monies be  
" duly kept, and in which books shall be specified every particular sum  
" raised, or disposed of, together with the names of the persons to whom  
" any payment shall be made."

The Road Accounts for 1851, and the Report of the Supervisor, are satisfactory to the Committee.

The sum of the Poor accounts submitted to the Committee, (partly owing to the continuance of the potatoe disease, and partly from other causes,) has considerably exceeded the grants of 1851; but there is a sum placed in the present Bill of Supply to indemnify His Excellency for the over-expenditure.

Attached to this Report is the evidence of the Hon. James Crowdy, also

a comparative statement of sums granted and expended in 1851; as well as an abstract statement of the Treasurer's Accounts.

All of which is respectfully submitted for the favourable consideration of Your Honourable House.

Committee-Room, June 7th, 1852. PETER WINSER, *Chairman*.  
ROB. J. PARSONS.  
A. SHEA.  
RICHARD RANKIN.

For Evidence and Documents accompanying see *Appendix*.

On motion of Mr. WINSER, seconded by Mr. PARSONS.

*Resolved*,—That the Report be adopted.

Adopted.

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message :—

Message from H. M. Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Amendments of the Assembly upon the Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, for the protection of the Fisheries,—with Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,  
*President.*

Council Chamber,  
9th June, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, and are as follow :

In the 3rd line of the Amendment,—After the word "colony," expunge the words "was not prepared," and insert in their stead "does not deem himself authorized."

Amendments of H. M. Council on Fishery Address.

In the second last line,—Between "give" and "effect," insert the word "full."

*Resolved*,—That a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council, acquainting them that this House concurs in the foregoing Amendments, and have amended the Address accordingly.

Message to H. M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Job, and Mr. Shea do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

Mr. Job gave notice that on to-morrow he would move for leave to bring in a Bill to continue the Act for the encouragement of Education.

Notice of Education Bill.

Petition presented by Mr. Emerson.

Mr. EMERSON presented a Petition from Silas Scrope and others, of Herring Neck, which was received and read,—Praying for a separate Episcopal grant for Education.

Notice for suspension of Rules.

Mr. CARTER gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that the Rules of the House be suspended in reference to the passing of the Supply Bill.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow, at Two of the Clock.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1852.

Petitions presented by Mr. Little.

Mr. LITTLE presented the following Petitions, which were severally received and read:—

From John O'Mara and others, landlords and householders of certain properties and dwelling-houses situate upon the King's road, setting forth,—The great inconvenience and loss they sustain from the overflowing of their cellars; and praying for a grant to open a small drain from the Military road to join the main sewer leading from the King's road to Gill's Cove.

From Patrick Dooley and others, of St. John's,—Praying for a grant to repair the King's road.

From John Blundon and others, of St. John's,—Praying for a grant to repair the pumps in Beck's Cove.

From George Chancey and others, of St. John's,—Praying for a grant to repair the bridge leading from Prescott-street to the Meeting-house lane.

From James Tubrid and others, of St. John's,—Praying for a grant to repair the drain leading through the safety wall opposite the Methodist Chapel: and also, to enable them to gravel the new street leading from Bell's shute to the Episcopal Cathedral.

From P. H. Carter and others, of St. John's, residing in Adelaide-street, Gower-street, Water-street, and other streets adjacent,—Praying for a grant of money to build a breastwork and repair Warren's cove.

From John Thomas Mullock, Roman Catholic Bishop of Newfoundland, setting forth,—That by an Act passed by the House last session, the sum of £1,169 stg., was placed at the disposal of the Central Catholic Education Board, to be allocated towards the building of school houses, and augmenting the salaries of teachers; that the committee, of which petitioner is chairman, taking into account the backward state of the out-port districts, divided the greater portion of the money among them, by

which the district of St. John's has been deprived of anything like its just proportion of the fund—that, for example, the district of Conception Bay, containing, according to the census of 1845, 11,580 Catholics, has received this year £675 15s. 4d., being £335 for building and repairing, and £340 15s. 4d. for salaries; while the district of St. John's, with a Catholic population of 18,986, according to the same census, has received but £335 in all—of which £300 for building, and but £35 for the salaries of two industrial teachers in the Convent and Orphan Asylum Schools; that by this arrangement, St. John's district has been deprived of about £300, to which it is entitled, and Conception Bay has received nearly that amount over and above what it could lay claim to; that the other districts of the Island received, in general, an amount greater than their Catholic population would entitle them to, and that those who did not receive it last year (on account of the great draw on the building fund) would receive an equivalent out of this year's grant; that petitioner, in consenting to the great injustice done to the district of St. John's, was actuated by the desire of extending the blessing of education as much as possible among the unenlightened portions of the Island, at the expense of the capital, in whose extensive suburbs several schools are required, but considered himself obliged to make reparation for the injury out of his own means; that he has therefore expended, during the past twelve months, over £700 of his own money in the purchase of land for schools, in bringing out ladies to supply the place of those he sent to the Conception Bay district, and in other expenses connected with the educational wants of St. John's; that petitioner considers it would be more just, and more satisfactory to all parties, that the monies, after paying fifty pounds per annum for St. George's Bay, and ten pounds per annum to the Secretary, should be divided among the Electoral districts according to the Catholic population, reserving the sum of £200 stg., per annum, out of the Conception Bay portion, for the Convents of Harbor Grace and Carbonear, as the sum of £200 stg. is reserved out of the general Education fund of St. John's for the Presentation Convent; that the allocation according to districts being sanctioned by the House, the committee will be more embarrassed, and even exercise a more vigilant control over its expenditure, than if obliged to allocate the funds themselves; and expressing a hope that the house would consent to that just arrangement.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. PARSONS presented Petitions from John Stuart, Chief Clerk of the House of Assembly, Richard Holden, Assistant Clerk, and Frederick B. T. Carter, Solicitor, which were severally received and read,—Praying for some remuneration in consequence of the length of the present Session of the Legislature.

Petitions presented by Mr. Parsons.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Select Committee on Contingencies.

Referred to Committee on Contingencies.

Petition presented by Mr. Hoyles.

Mr. HOYLES presented a Petition from Elias Rendell, Sergeant-at-Arms to the House of Assembly, which was received and read,—Praying for remuneration in consequence of the length of the present Session of the Legislature.

Referred to Committee on Contingencies.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition be referred to the Select Committee on Contingencies.

Petitions presented by Mr. Parsons.

Mr. PARSONS presented Petitions from W. Dalton, Door-keeper of the House of Assembly, M. Power, Messenger, P. Browne, Under-doorkeeper, R. Cooney, Assistant Doorkeeper, Messenger, and Attendant, and P. Sexton, Outer-doorkeeper, which were severally received and read,—Praying for remuneration in consequence of the length of the present Session of the Legislature.

Referred to Committee on Contingencies.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petitions be referred to the Select Committee on Contingencies.

Petition presented by Mr. Emerson.

Mr. EMERSON presented a Petition from James Seaton, Official Reporter of the House of Assembly, which was received and read,—Praying for compensation for extra services, owing to the length of the Session ; and also for printing and publishing the Debates.

Referred to Committee on Contingencies.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition be referred to the Select Committee on Contingencies.

Petition presented by Mr. Winsor.

Mr. WINSER presented a Petition from W. J. Ward, the printer and publisher of the debates of the House of Assembly, which was received and read, setting forth,—The small amount hitherto allowed him for his services, the actual loss sustained by him in carrying out the required service ; and praying that an allowance may be made him sufficient to cover the cost thereof.

Referred to Committee on Contingencies.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition be referred to the Select Committee on Contingencies.

Petition presented by Mr. Little.

Mr. LITTLE presented a Petition from Robert Prowse and others, agents for proprietors and also owners of ground situated in Queen-street, Flower Hill, Codner's Cove, and Gas Work fire-breaks, which was received and read, setting forth,—the serious loss and inconvenience to which they have been subjected, from being prevented building upon their land since the passing of the Re-building Act in 1847, owing to their claims for compensation for ground taken to widen the public streets still remaining unadjudicated ; and praying that the Act may be so amended as to enable the streets and fire-breaks to be opened, and also that immediate compensation be made them for the loss complained of.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr. EMERSON gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will appropriate a sum not exceeding £80 for the purchase of an Iron Safe for the office of Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court, and towards furnishing and fitting up his office.

Notice of Address to Governor.

Pursuant to order of the day the Bill for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Civil Government for the year ending the 31st December, 1852, and for other purposes, was read a second time.

Civil Government expenditure Bill read 2nd time.

On motion of Mr. CARTER, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

*Resolved*,—That the Rules of the House be suspended in reference to the said Bill.

Motion for suspension of Rules.

*Resolved*,—That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole upon the said Bill.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Committee of whole on said Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's table.

Report.

On motion that the Report be adopted,

Mr. WINNER moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

That the Report be amended by adding the provisos reported from Committee of the whole on Supply, on the votes for the salary of Clerk of the Executive Council, the Colonial Treasurer, three Magistrates for St. John's, the Attorney General, and the Solicitor General.

Motion that the Report be amended.

And the question being put thereon, the House divided, when there appeared,

FOR THE AMENDMENT, 4.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT, 5.

Division.

Mr. Winner  
 " Shea  
 " Parsons  
 " Hanrahan.

Mr. Carter  
 " Job  
 " Emerson  
 " Prendergast  
 " Rankin.

Motion lost.

So it passed in the negative.

Original motion carried.

And the question on the original motion being then put it passed in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

Engrossed and time of 3rd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be engrossed and read a third time this day.

And the said bill was read a third time accordingly.

On motion of Mr. CARTER, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

Passed and titled.

*Resolved*,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “ An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony for the year ending on the 31st day of December 1852, and for other purposes.”

Deputation to H. M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Carter, and Mr. Hanrahan do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

Education Bill, read 1st time.

Mr. JOB, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill for the encouragement of Education, and the same was read a first time.

Time of 2nd reading.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Notice for suspension of Rules.

Mr. JOB gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that the Rules of the House be suspended in reference to the said Bill.

Mr. SHEA, from the Joint Committee of Her Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly, to inquire into the Legislative Library, presented the Report, which he handed in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read and is as follows :—

Report of Joint Committee of Legislative Library.

The Committee of the Legislative Library beg leave to report that the amount placed at their disposal by the grant of the last Session, has enabled them to make a valuable addition to the Library.

They transmitted an order to England and received a collection of select works got up in a superior manner, moderate in price, and in every way satisfactory.

They have on hand a balance of the vote for books amounting to £25 cy., which they will apply to its intended purpose as soon as possible.

The Contingent accounts annexed, amount to £58 16s. 2d. cy. This sum is unusually large, owing to the purchase of a Carpet and Book-case. It includes however a sum in advance for the Periodicals for the ensuing year.

W. B. ROW, *Chairman*.

Library, 5th June, 1852.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. JOB

*Resolved*,—That the Report be adopted.

Adopted.

Pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole upon the Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to appropriate the sum of £400 to be expended in laying out the grounds of the Colonial Building; and also in erecting an iron railing in front thereof.

Committee of whole on  
Address to Governor.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Address to them referred, and had passed the same with some Amendments, and he handed the Address and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Report.

The Address as amended was then read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

Address to Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly most respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to appropriate the sum of £400 to be expended under the superintendance of the President of Her Majesty's Legislative Council, and the Speaker of the Hon. the General Assembly, in erecting a Wall and Railing in front of the Colonial Building, and also in laying out the Grounds; and that the work be put up to public competition, and contracts advertized for in the public papers, and the best plan of the laying out of the Grounds, and the lowest tender for that purpose be accepted, unless it shall be deemed more advantageous to accept any other, and this House will indemnify Your Excellency for the same.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Emerson and Mr. Parsons.

Engrossed, and Committee  
to present.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow, at Two of the Clock.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 1852.

Petition presented by Mr. Prendergast.

Mr. PRENDERGAST presented a Petition from the Directors of the Newfoundland Steam Packet Company, which was received and read, setting forth,—The advantages of Topsail as a place of safety and convenience for landing Passengers in Conception Bay; and praying that a grant might be made to extend the wharf there.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Notice for Address to Governor.

Mr. PRENDERGAST gave notice that on to-morrow he would move an Address to the Governor on the subject of the foregoing Petition.

Education Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to order of the day the Bill for the encouragement of Education was read a second time.

Rules suspended.

*Ordered*,—That the Rules of the House be suspended in reference to the passing of this Bill.

On motion of Mr. JOB, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST,

Resolution for Committal.

*Resolved*,—That the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

Messages from H. M. Council.

*Messages from Her Majesty's Council.*

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Messages :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council have passed the Bill sent up from the Assembly, entitled "An Act to repeal certain Acts respecting the establishment of a Lunatic Asylum at St. John's, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof," without Amendment.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,

Council Chamber,  
11th June, 1852. }

*President.*

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly, with reference to their Message of yesterday, requesting to be furnished with the Contingencies of the Council for the present session, that the contingent account of the Clerk of the Council amounts to One hundred and ninety-five pounds, thirteen shillings and three pence sterling—and that of the Usher of the Black Rod, to One hundred and four pounds, eighteen shillings, sterling—and they have resolved that their officers shall be paid for their services during the present session as follows:—

To the Clerk of Her Majesty's Council.....	Stg.—£150	0	0
Master-in-Chancery.....	100	0	0
Usher of the Black Rod.....	85	0	0
Doorkeeper.....	45	0	0
Assistant-Doorkeeper and Messenger.....	20	0	0
Mr. Harcourt Mooney, for reporting the proceedings of this House.....	30	0	0
Mr. William J. Ward, for publishing the Reports and proceedings of this House.....	25	0	0
For printing and binding Journals for the present session	120	0	0

E. M. ARCHIBALD,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
11th June, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*,—That the said Messages do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair, the Black Rod being at the door.

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

Message from H. M. Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council have passed the Amendments made by the House of Assembly in and upon the Bill sent down from the Council, entitled "An Act to consolidate and amend the St. John's Re-building Acts," with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
11th June, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On table.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council upon the Amendments of the House of Assembly, in and upon the Bill sent down from

Amendments of H. M.  
Council on St. John's Re-  
building Bill read 1st time.

the Council, entitled "An Act to consolidate and amend the St. John's Re-building Acts," were read a first time, and are as follow:—

In the 13th Section, 2nd line—After the word "house" expunge the words "the road from Pokeham path to the Marine Parade," and insert in their stead the words "and the road or street (being a continuation of new Gower-street) which extends from Flowerhill firebreak westerly, by the northern end of Hutchings street, and on the northern side of land granted to the late honorable Robert Job, to the Marine Parade."

In the (new) 26th Section, 1st line—Expunge the words "the breach of" and insert in their stead "any person who shall neglect or refuse to comply with."

2nd line—Expunge the word "duly," and the words "in the matter."

3rd line—Insert "as" before "aforesaid."

4th line—After "recovered" insert "with costs."

5th line—After "manner" insert "by any party who shall sue for the same," and after "Peace" insert "of the Central district"—and between "and" and "levied" insert "shall be"—before "Justice" insert "Stipendiary."

6th line—After "chattels" insert "one moiety of which fine shall be paid to the party suing for the same, and the other moiety shall be paid to the Treasurer for the public uses of the colony."

In the (new) 27th Section, 13th line—Expunge the word "he" and insert instead thereof the words "the said Surveyor-General."

In the (new) 49th Section, 3rd line—Expunge the words "seventy five" and insert "sixty" in their stead.

In the (new) 49th Section, 5th line—Expunge this line, and the first two words of the 6th line, and insert in their stead "when and so soon as permission in writing for that purpose shall have been obtained from the Governor for the time being."

Time of 2nd reading.

*Ordered,*—That the Amendments be read a second time to-morrow.

Committee resume.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred without Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be engrossed and read a third time this day.

Engrossed and time of 3rd reading.

And the said bill was read a third time accordingly.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. JOB,

*Resolved*,—That the Bill pass and be entitled “An Act for the encouragement of Education.”

Passed and titled.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Prendergast and Mr. Job do take the Bill to Her Majesty’s Council and desire their concurrence.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow, at Two of the Clock.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 1852.

Pursuant to order of the day, the Amendments of Her Majesty’s Council in and upon the Amendments of the House of Assembly on the Bill entitled “An Act to consolidate and amend the St. John’s Re-building Acts,” were read a second time.

Amendments of H.M. Council on Re-building Acts Bill read 2nd time.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST,

*Resolved*,—That the Rules of the House be suspended for the remainder of the session in reference to all Bills and Addresses.

Motion for suspension of Rules.

On motion of Mr. CARTER, seconded by Mr. HOYLES,

*Resolved*,—That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole upon the foregoing Amendments.

Resolution for Committee.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Amendments to them referred, and had further amended the same, and he handed the Amendments in at the Clerk’s Table.

Report.

And the said Amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Amendments agreed to.

Engrossed, and read 3rd time.

*Ordered*,—That the Amendments be engrossed and read a third time this day.

And the Amendments were read a third time accordingly,

On motion of Mr. CARTER, seconded by Mr. HOYLES,

Passed and Message to H. M. Council.

*Resolved*,—That the Amendments pass, and that a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council requesting their concurrence in the Amendments made by this House.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Carter and Mr. Hoyles do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

Addresses to Governor.

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly being of opinion that great advantage would result to the Revenue from the appointment of a Preventive Officer at Burgeo, most respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to make such an appointment, upon the same terms as the other outport Preventive Officers throughout the island.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Prendergast and Mr. Hanrahan.

On motion of Mr. LITTLE, seconded by Mr. PARSONS,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to appropriate a sum not exceeding £50 pounds towards the

purchase of an iron Safe for the secure keeping of the Records of the office of the Chief Clerk and Registrar of the Supreme Court, and for furnishing and fitting up the said office.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Little and Mr. Parsons.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

Mr. PRENDERGAST moved, seconded by Mr. CARTER,

That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, respectfully requesting that His Excellency would appropriate a sum of £ towards defraying the cost of extending the Public Wharf at Topsail, under the superintendence of three Commissioners, to be appointed by His Excellency.

Motion for Address to Governor.

Whereupon,

Mr. LITTLE moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

Address to Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,— .

The House of Assembly respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to appropriate the sum of £25 in repairing the Public Wharf at Portugal Cove, under the direction of the Board of Road Commissioners for the District of St. John's, in the manner provided by law for the disposal of Road Contracts; and the Legislature will indemnify Your Excellency for such outlay.

And the House dividing thereon, there appeared,

FOR THE AMENDMENT, 5.

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT, 2.

Division.

Mr. Parsons

Mr. Prendergast

“ Little

“ Carter.

“ Winsor

“ Emerson

“ Hanrahan.

So it passed in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

Amendment carried.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed, and presented to His Excellency the Governor, by Mr. Little and Mr. Hanrahan.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

*Messages from Her Majesty's Council.*

Messages from H. M. Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Messages:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the following Resolution, to which they request the concurrence of the House of Assembly:—

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of Her Majesty's Council that the objects sought by the Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Fisheries are of so great importance, that it is advisable that a Delegation consisting of a number of each Branch of the Legislature should be appointed to take charge of the said Address, and personally advocate before Her Majesty's Government the prayer thereof."

E. M. ARCHIBALD,  
*President.*

Council Chamber,  
12th June, 1852. }

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council request a Conference with the House of Assembly, on the subject matter of the Assembly's Amendments on the Council's Amendments on the Bill entitled "An Act to consolidate and amend the St. John's Rebuilding Acts"—and have appointed two Conferencees to meet the Managers from the House of Assembly in the Committee-room of the Council presently.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,  
*President.*

Council Chamber,  
12th June, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Messages do lie upon the Table.

On motion of Mr. CARTER, seconded by Mr. HOYLES,

Message to H. M. Council.

*Resolved*,—That a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council, acceding to the Conference requested by the Council upon the Amendments made by this House on the Amendments of Her Majesty's Council on the Bill entitled "An Act to consolidate and amend the St. John's Rebuilding Acts."

Deputation to H. M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Carter, and Mr. Hoyles do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Carter, Mr. Hoyles, Mr. Job, and Mr. Little, do manage the Conference on the part of this House.

And they went to the Conference, and being returned,

Mr. HOYLES reported that the Managers had been at the Conference, and that the Committee of Conference on the part of Her Majesty's Council had handed him the following Reasons : Managers' report.

The said Reasons were then read by the Clerk, and are as follow :—

Her Majesty's Council have requested this Conference with the House of Assembly on the Amendments made by the Assembly on the Amendments of the Council on the Bill entitled "An Act to consolidate and amend the St. John's Re-building Acts," for the purpose of acquainting the House of Assembly that Her Majesty's Council do not agree to the last of the Amendments this day sent up by the Assembly, for these reasons :— Reasons of H. M. Council.

First—That the proposed Road will run entirely through ground set apart for the private use of the Governor for the time being, and that any proposition for the appropriation of ground for such a road ought to originate with His Excellency ; and Her Majesty's Council are not aware that His Excellency's sanction to the proposition has been obtained.

Secondly,—That as the ground requisite for forming the road in question is under the immediate control of the Governor, the intended enactment is unnecessary, inasmuch as sufficient ground for the making of the road can be appropriated by the Governor for the time being, whenever he may think fit to yield it for such purpose.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
12th June, 1852. }

*Ordered*,—That the same do lie upon the Table. On Table.

On motion of Mr. CARTER, seconded by Mr. HOYLES,

*Resolved*,—That the following Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council :— Message to H. M. Council.

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The House of Assembly acquaint Her Majesty's Council that they recede from their Amendments, the subject of the Conference this day on the Bill sent down from Her Majesty's Council entitled "An Act to consolidate and amend the St. John's Re-building Acts."

JOHN KENT,  
*Speaker.*

House of Assembly, }  
June 12th, 1852. }

Deputation to H. M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Carter and Mr. Hoyles do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Messages from H. M. Council.

*Messages from Her Majesty's Council.*

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Messages :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up for their concurrence, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the Government of this Colony for the year ending the thirty-first day of December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-two, and for other purposes," without Amendment.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,

*President.*

Council Chamber,        )  
12th June, 1852.        )

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Amendment made by the House of Assembly on the Council's Amendments on the Bill sent down from this House entitled "An Act to consolidate and amend the St. John's Re-building Acts," without Amendment.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,

Council Chamber,        )  
12th June, 1852.        )

*President.*

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Messages do lie upon the Table.

Report of Select Committee on Contingencies.

Mr. EMERSON, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Contingencies of the present Session of the Legislature, presented the Report, which he handed in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and is as follows :—

The Select Committee to whom was referred the Contingencies of the present Session of the Legislature, beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the following accounts, which they find correct and recommend being paid. They also recommend that the allowances to the members and officers of the House for their services during the present Session shall be as follow :—

The Speaker, Two Hundred Pounds.

The Clerk, for his services during the present Session, and for indexing and superintending the printing of the Journals, Two Hundred Pounds.

The Clerk, for transmitting copies of Journals to the Colonial Office, Twenty-five Pounds.

The Clerk, for extra services during the present Session, Fifty Pounds.

The Clerk Assistant, for his services during the present Session, One Hundred Pounds.

The Clerk Assistant, for extra services owing to the length of the last and present Session, Fifty Pounds.

The Sergeant-at-Arms, for his services during the present Session, One Hundred Pounds.

The Sergeant-at-Arms, for extra services owing to the length of the last and present Session, Twenty-five Pounds.

The Solicitor, for his services during the present Session, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

The Solicitor, for extra services owing to the length of the last and present Session, Fifty Pounds.

The Doorkeeper, for his services during the present Session, Forty-five Pounds.

The Doorkeeper, for extra services owing to the length of the last and present Session, Five Pounds.

The Messenger, for his services during the present Session, Forty Pounds.

The Messenger, for extra services owing to the length of the last and present Session, Five Pounds.

The Under Doorkeeper, for his services during the present Session, Thirty-five Pounds.

The Under Doorkeeper, for extra services owing to the length of the last and present Session, Five Pounds.

The Assistant Doorkeeper, Messenger, and Attendant, for his services during the present Session, Fifteen Pounds.

The Assistant Doorkeeper, Messenger, and Attendant, for extra services owing to the length of the last and present Session, Five Pounds.

The Outer Doorkeeper, for his services during the present Session, Fifteen Pounds.

The Outer Doorkeeper, for extra services owing to the length of the last and present Session, Five Pounds.

The Librarian, Fifty Pounds.

The Reporters, for their services during the present Session, viz :

James Seaton, One Hundred Pounds.

James Seaton, for extra services, Twenty-five Pounds.

Thomas Talbot, One Hundred Pounds.

The Proprietors of the *Patriot* Press, for printing Bills and Miscellaneous Papers during the present Session, Three Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds Six Shillings.

The Proprietor of the *Newfoundlander*, for balance printing Journals of last year, One Hundred and Forty-three Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Tenpence.

The Proprietor of the *Newfoundlander*, estimate for printing Journals for the present Session, Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

The Chairman of Audit, Fifty Pounds.

The Chairman of Supply, Fifty Pounds.

To Thirteen Members of the House of Assembly, (the Speaker not included.) being six outport members at Sixty-three Pounds, and seven Members resident in St. John's, at Forty-two Pounds, for their services during the present Session—Six Hundred and Seventy-two Pounds.

The Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the Contingent expenses of his office, Three Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Threepence.

The Clerk of the Assembly, to defray the contingent expenses of the Library, Fifty Pounds, Nineteen Shillings and Sixpence.

The Sergeant-at-Arms, to defray the Contingent expenses of his office, Two Hundred and Seventy-four Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and One penny.

W. R. Noad, for furnishing plans of the towns of Harbor Grace and Carbonear, Twenty Pounds.

The Proprietor of the *Morning Post*, in full for all claims for publishing reports of proceedings, Forty Pounds.

The Proprietor of the *Morning Post*, gratuity for extra labour owing to the length of the present session, Thirty-five Pounds.

John Higgins, for attending fires, Fifteen Pounds.

John Higgins, for extra services owing to the length of the present Session, Five Pounds.

D. P. Marrett and another, preparing Statements for the House of Assembly of Imports and Exports, Forty Pounds.

Amount Contingencies of Her Majesty's Council per Message, Eight Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds, Eleven Shillings and Threepence.

G. H. EMERSON, *Chairman.*

A. SHEA.

PETER WINSER.

RICHARD RANKIN.

Committee-Room,  
House of Assembly,  
12th June, 1852. }

On motion of Mr. EMERSON, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

*Resolved*,—That a Select Committee be appointed to draft a Bill in conformity with the foregoing Resolutions.

Resolution for Select Committee on Contingencies.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Emerson and Mr. Shea do form such Committee.

Committee named.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, pursuant to notice, seconded by Mr. LITTLE.

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty :—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

We, Your Majesty's loyal subjects, the Commons of Newfoundland in Session convened, beg leave to approach Your Majesty with feelings of profound respect for Your Majesty's person and Government.

Address to Her Majesty.

We have observed of late years that the neighbouring Provinces have made efforts to establish mutual Trade relations with the United States of America by the free interchange of their respective products, and Your Majesty's Government have approved of the desires of the Provinces in this regard, and have instructed the National Representative at Washing-

ton to facilitate the accomplishment of the measure in question.

The people of this colony have a strong assurance that beneficial results would flow to them from the establishment of Free Trade with the United States in articles of the natural produce of both countries, and the increasing competition of the French in the European Markets renders it a matter of growing necessity, that new Markets shall be found for the disposal of our produce.

We therefore respectfully pray that in any arrangements in connexion with the subject of Reciprocal Free Trade between the United States and the British Provinces, that may be negotiated by Your Majesty's Government, the claims and interests of this colony may not be overlooked.

Engrossed, and Address to Governor.

*Ordered*,—That the Address be engrossed, and that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to forward the same to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Committee to present.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Shea and Mr. Little do take the Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Report of Select Committee on Contingencies.

MR. EMERSON, from the Select Committee to prepare a Bill in conformity with the Resolutions reported from the Select Committee on Contingencies, reported a Bill to provide for the contingent expenses of the present session of the Legislature, and the same was read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. EMERSON, seconded by Mr. CARTER,

Resolution for Committal.

*Resolved*,—That the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

MR. SPEAKER left the Chair.

MR. PRENDERGAST took the Chair of the Committee.

MR. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had considered the Bill to them referred, and had passed the same with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's table.

The Amendments were then read by the Clerk, and are as follow :—

Expunge the words "Twenty-five" in the vote for the salary of the Sergeant-at-Arms, and insert "thirty-three" in lieu thereof

Expunge "Twenty-five" in the vote to the Reporters of the House, and insert "Fifty" in lieu thereof.

Add at the end of the Bill the words "That the sum of Seventy-five pounds be placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Governor, to procure coals for the House of Assembly, and Her Majesty's Council, in the next Session."

And the Amendments having been again read, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House. Amendments agreed to.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill as amended be engrossed and read a third time this day. Engrossed and read 3rd time.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

On motion of Mr. EMERSON, seconded by Mr. SHEA,

*Resolved*,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled "An Act to provide for the Contingent expenses of the Legislature." Passed and titled.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Emerson and Mr. Prendergast do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence. Deputation to H. M. Council.

Then the House adjourned till Monday next, at Eleven of the Clock.

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MONDAY, JUNE 14, 1852.

On motion of Mr. Job, seconded by Mr. RANKIN,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,* Address to Governor.  
*Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly having had under their consideration the accompanying Petition from Joseph Bacon, most respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to award Petitioner the same amount that may be awarded to James Campbell on his Petition, as some com-

compensation for the losses complained of by him; and this House will indemnify Your Excellency for the same.

Engrossed, and Committee  
to present.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Job and Mr. Rankin.

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

Message from H. M. Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill sent up for the concurrence of this House, entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the construction and repair of Roads, Streets and Bridges,"—with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
14th June, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council in and upon the Bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act to appropriate a sum of money for making and repairing of Roads, Streets, and Bridges within this Colony, and its Dependencies," were read a first time, and are as follow :—

Amendments of H. M.  
Council on Road Bill read  
1st time.

In the 1st Section, 4th line—Expunge the word "Eight," and insert the word "Seven in its stead—and expunge the word "One" and insert the word "two" in place thereof.

In the 1st Section, 9th page, 18th line—After the word "Placentia" expunge the words "One Thousand one" and insert in their stead the word "Two."

In the 11th Section, 1st line—After "that" expunge the word "the" and insert in place thereof the words "no larger."—After "sum" expunge "of" and insert "than" in its stead.

In the 11th Section, 2nd line—Expunge the word "eight" and insert "seven" in its stead—and expunge the word "one" and insert "two" in its stead.

In the 14th Section, 4th line—Expunge the word “Eight” and insert “Seven” in its stead.

In the 14th Section, 5th line—Expunge the word “One” and insert “Two” in its stead.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that the Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council on the foregoing Bill were in violation of the privileges of this House, and could not therefore be entertained.

Mr. SHEA, on leave granted, presented a Bill for granting a sum of money for making and repairing Roads, Streets, and Bridges, within this Colony and its Dependencies, and the same was read a first and second time.

Road Bill read 1st and 2nd time.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

*Resolved*,—That the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolution for Committal.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred without Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House.

Report.

And he handed the Bill in at the Clerk's table.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be engrossed and read a third time this day.

Engrossed and read 3rd time.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

*Resolved*,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the construction and repair of Roads, Streets, and Bridges.”

Passed and titled.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Shea and Mr. Little do take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message :—

Message from H. M. Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council have passed the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly, entitled “An Act for the encouragement of Education,”

with some Amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
14th June, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On Table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

Amendments of H. M. Council on Education Bill.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council upon the Bill sent up from this House, entitled "An Act for the encouragement of Education," were read a first and second time, and are as follow:—

In the 3rd Section, 5th line—Expunge the word "General" in this line and in the 12th line.

In the 3rd Section, 11th line—Expunge "of Newfoundland."

In the 3rd Section, 13th and 14th lines—Expunge the words "of which the Lord Bishop of Newfoundland shall be one, and the Rev. the Chairman of the Wesleyan Methodists shall be another," and insert in their stead "who shall be selected from members of the Church of England, and other Protestants, in proportion to their respective numbers, according to the last census."

In the 12th Section, 2nd line—Expunge the words "any six" and insert in their stead the words "the major part of the."

In the 12th Section, 5th line—Expunge the words "at present" and insert in their stead "now or hereafter to be."

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Committee of whole on Amendments,

*Resolved*,—That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Amendments.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. RANKIN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Amendments to them referred without Amendment, which they had directed him to report to the House. Report.

*Ordered*,—That the Amendments be read a third time presently. Amendmen-  
time.

And the Amendments were read a third time accordingly.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

*Resolved*,—That the Amendments pass, and that a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council, acquainting them that this House concurs therein. Passed and Message to H.  
M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Little and Mr. Prendergast do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council. Deputation to H. M. Coun-  
cil.

On motion of Mr. JOB, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

Addresses to Governor.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly, in conjunction with Her Majesty's Council, have passed the accompanying Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the subject of the Fisheries of this Island, which the House of Assembly respectfully request Your Excellency will forward to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Job and Mr. Hanrahan.

On motion of Mr. PRENDERGAST, seconded by Mr. HANRAHAN,

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly have had under their consideration the great

inconvenience and want to which Paupers in the Outports are subject by reason of there being no persons therein authorized to receive applications for relief; and most respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to appoint Boards of Commissioners for relief of the Poor in the several districts, in accordance with the provisions of the Bill passed in the House of Assembly this Session, and now under consideration of Her Majesty's Council, so far as Your Excellency may approve thereof, but which, it is feared, will not be perfected to receive the assent of Your Excellency at the prorogation of the Legislature this day.

Engrossed, and Committee to present.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Prendergast and Mr. Hanrahan.

Replies of His Excellency to Addresses.

Mr. LITTLE, reported that His Excellency, in reply to the Address praying that he would appropriate a sum of money to build a Safe in the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court, reported that His Excellency had been pleased to say, he would comply with the request of the House.

Mr. EMERSON reported also that, in reply to the Address praying His Excellency to advance £400, to be expended in laying out the Grounds around the Colonial Building, His Excellency had handed him the following written reply:—

I have no objection to the appropriation of the sum of £400 for the purpose specified in this Address; the sum, however, must be voted to Her Majesty, and will be expended by the Executive in carrying the same into effect.

Mr. PARSONS moved, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Motion for expenditure of £400.

That the sum of £400 be granted to Her Majesty for the purpose of enclosing, planting and improving the grounds around the Colonial Building in the manner and according to the terms of the Address of this House to His Excellency on the subject, and that the Speaker be authorized to communicate this resolution to the Executive.

Whereupon,

Mr. EMERSON moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. PRENDERGAST,

Motion in Amendment.

That the sum of £400 be granted to Her Majesty for the purpose of enclosing, draining, planting, adorning and improving the grounds of the Colonial Building.

Amendment lost.

And the House dividing thereon, it passed in the negative.

Original Motion carried.

And the question on the original motion being then put, it passed in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message :— Message from H. M. Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council beg leave to acquaint the House of Assembly that taking into consideration the unusual length of the present session, and the consequent extra duties imposed upon the Officers of this Branch of the Legislature, and for the reason that the Assembly have made extra allowance to their Officers, the Council have deemed it just to make the following allowances to the Officers of this House in addition to their ordinary salaries, viz. :

The Master-in-Chancery.....	£25	0	0
The Clerk of the Legislative Council .....	25	0	0
The Usher of the Black Rod.....	25	0	0
Mr. Harcourt Mooney, for reporting the proceedings of this House.....	25	0	0
Mr. William J. Ward, for publishing the Reports and proceedings of this House.....	20	0	0
The Doorkeeper.....	5	0	0
The Assistant-Doorkeeper.....	5	0	0

And as the Bill to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature is now before the Council, they request permission from the Assembly (without the same being drawn into a precedent) to insert in the Bill a provision for these additional allowances.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
14th June, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

On motion of Mr. EMERSON, seconded by Mr. JOB,

*Resolved*,—That a Message be sent to Her Majesty's Council, acquainting them that this House concurs in the request contained in their Message of this day, in reference to the Bill to provide for the Contingent expenses of the Legislature.

Resolution for Message to H. M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. Emerson and Mr. Job do take the Message to Her Majesty's Council.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Messages from H. M. Council.

Her Majesty's Council acquaint the House of Assembly that they have passed the Bill entitled "An Act to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature"—without Amendment.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
14th June, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

*A Message from Her Majesty's Council.*

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty's Council brought down the following written Message :—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty's Council have passed the Bill sent up to them from the House of Assembly entitled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the construction and repair of Roads, Streets and Bridges," with an Amendment—to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,

*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
14th June, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

On table.

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty's Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly, entitled "An Act for the construction and repair of Roads, Streets, and Bridges," were read a first time, and are as follow :—

Amendments of H. M. Council on Road Bill read 1st time.

In the 1st Section, 18th line—Expunge the 18th line, and insert in place thereof as follows :—"The sum of Three Hundred Pounds for the Main Road from Holyrood to Brigus ; and the sum of Three Hundred Pounds for Main Roads in the District of St. John's."

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that the Amendments could not be further entertained, as they interfered with the privileges of the House.

Mr. SHEA, on leave granted, presented a Bill for the construction and repair of Roads, Streets, and Bridges, which was read a first and second time.

Road Bill read 1st and 2nd time.

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

Road Bill committed.

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred without Amendment.

Report.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be now read a third time.

And the Bill was read a third time accordingly.

Bill read 3rd time.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

*Resolved*,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled “ An Act for the construction and repair of Roads, Streets, and Bridges, within this Colony.”

Passed and titled.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. SHEA and Mr. LITTLE do take the Bill to Her Majesty’s Council, and desire their concurrence.

Deputation to H. M. Council.

*A Message from Her Majesty’s Council.*

The Master-in-Chancery to Her Majesty’s Council brought down the following written Message :—

Message from H. M. Council.

Mr. SPEAKER,—

Her Majesty’s Council have passed the Bill sent up to them by the House of Assembly entitled “ An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for the construction and repair of Roads, Streets and Bridges,” with amendments, to which they request the concurrence of the Assembly.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,  
*President.*

Council Chamber, }  
14th June, 1852. }

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*,—That the said Message do lie upon the Table.

On Table.

The Amendments made by Her Majesty’s Council in and upon the Bill sent up from the House of Assembly, entitled “ An Act for the con-

struction and repair of Roads, Streets, and Bridges," were read a first time and are as follow :—

Amendments of H. M. Council on Road Bill.

In the 1st Section, 4th line—Expunge the words " Eight Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Pounds" and insert in their stead " Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety Pounds."

In the 1st Section, 9th page 18th line,—Expunge this line.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that the Amendments could not be received, as they interfered with the privileges of the House.

Road Bill read 1st and 2nd time.

Mr. SHEA, on leave granted, presented a Bill for the construction and repair of Roads, Streets and Bridges, which was read a first and second time.

Road Bill committed.

*Ordered*,—That the said Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House,

And the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. HANRAHAN took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Report.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, without Amendment.

*Ordered*,—That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read 3rd time.

And the said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

On motion of Mr. SHEA, seconded by Mr. LITTLE,

Passed and titled.

*Resolved*,—That the Bill pass, and be entitled " An Act for the construction of Roads, Streets, and Bridges."

Deputation to H. M. Council.

*Ordered*,—That Messrs. Shea, Little, Prendergast, Hoyles, Winsor, and Parsons, take the Bill to Her Majesty's Council and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. PARSONS, seconded by Mr. LITTLE.

*Resolved*,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor :—

Address to Governor.

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Assembly having taken into consideration the Petition

of James O'Neil, Teacher of Navigation in St. John's, most respectfully request that, should Your Excellency consider favorably the Petitions of James Campbell and Joseph Bacon, Your Excellency will be pleased to award Petitioner the sum of £20 as compensation for past services in instructing the youth of this country in so useful a branch of education; as also in consideration of his advanced age and infirmities.

*Ordered*,—That the same be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Parsons and Mr. Little.

Engrossed, and Committed to present.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, by F. W. Rennie, Esq., the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

Message from Governor.

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

His Excellency the Governor commands your immediate attendance in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr Speaker and the House attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to assent to the following Bills:—

House attend:

An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the 14th year of Her Majesty's reign, entitled an Act for the appointment of Electric Telegraph Commissioners, and for incorporating Electric Telegraph Companies, and also to provide for incorporating the Electric Telegraph Company.

An Act to continue an Act for affording relief to wives and children deserted by their husbands and parents.

An Act to amend the Act for the establishment and regulation of Inland Posts.

An Act to make provision for the protection of Electric Telegraphs:

An Act to incorporate a Company under the style and title of the Newfoundland Steam Packet Company.

An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts now in force respecting Light Houses in this Colony.

An Act for the encouragement of communication by Steam between certain ports and St. John's.

An Act to Incorporate sundry persons by the name of the Newfoundland Marine Insurance Company.

An Act to Incorporate a Company under the style and title of the Harbour Grace Gas Light Company.

An Act to shorten the Language used by Members in the Acts of the General Assembly, and to aid in the construction of the same.

An Act to amend the Carbonear Street Act.

An Act to prevent damage by unnecessary burning or firing of the Woods in the clearing of land, and burning the Woods and Forests of this Island.

An Act to remove doubts with reference to the application of certain portions of the Criminal Law of England to this Island.

An Act to consolidate and amend the St. John's Rebuilding Acts.

An Act to incorporate the Shareholders of the St. John's Athenæum.

An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of this Colony, for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and for other purposes.

An Act to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature.

An Act for the encouragement of Education.

An Act to repeal the Acts respecting the establishment of a Lunatic Asylum at St. John's, and to make other provision in lieu thereof.

After which His Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech:—

#### S P E E C H .

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

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

I feel it my duty to terminate a Session that has been protracted to a most inconvenient length.

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

I thank you for the Supplies which you have granted for the public service ; these shall be expended in the manner best calculated to meet the exigencies of the Colony, and to promote the efficiency of the Island.

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

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

In closing this, the last Session of the present General Assembly, I must express my deep regret, that in the place of the harmony and concord that marked the earlier part of your legislative career, party contentions and acrimonious debates have occupied the time which might have been usefully devoted to the developement of the resources of the Island, and the promotion of the welfare of its inhabitants ; and I may also add, that I feel disappointment, that after four years' legislation, I

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have it not in my power to congratulate Newfoundland on the benefits derived from your labours being commensurate with the length of time consumed in your deliberations, or with the necessary expense with which the same have been attended.

After which, the Hon. the President of Her Majesty's Council said,

It is His Excellency the Governor's will and pleasure that this General Assembly be prorogued till the 10th day of August, to be then here holden, and this General Assembly stands prorogued accordingly.

JOHN STUART,

*Clerk of the General Assembly.*

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# APPENDIX.

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**£18,697 16s. 8d.**

### PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF THE ABOVE SUM.

Salary of the Private Secretary .....	£ 200	0	0
Clerk of the Council .....	200	0	0
Two Clerks in the Secretary's Office .....	400	0	0
Office Keeper .....	60	0	0
Messenger .....	60	0	0
Colonial Treasurer .....	500	0	0
Treasurer's Clerk .....	84	0	0
Clerk of Supreme and Central Circuit Courts, (including allowance for Assistant Clerk, and for purchase of printed forms) ... ..	420	0	0
Clerk of Northern Circuit Court.....	200	0	0
Clerk of Southern Circuit Court .....	200	0	0
Crier and Tipstaff of Supreme Court .....	60	0	0
Three Police Magistrates, St. John's .....	900	0	0
High Constable .....	80	0	0
Eight Police Constables .....	360	0	0
Gaoler, St. John's ... ..	150	0	0
Gaol Surgeon, St. John's.....	40	0	0
Hospital Surgeon, St. John's .....	150	0	0
District Surgeon, St. John's, including Medicines .....	200	0	0
Gaol Surgeon, Harbor Grace .....	30	0	0
Gate Keeper, Government House Lodge ... ..	26	0	0
Attorney General's Fees .....	250	0	0
Solicitor General's Fees .....	200	0	0
Stipendiary Magistrates, &c., in the Outports (as per detail annexed) .....	4021	0	0
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Carried forward.....	£8791	0	0

*Estimates and Public Accounts.*

## MISCELLANEOUS.

	Brought forward .....	£8791	0	0
Ordinary repairs of Court Houses and Gaols	.....	£200	0	0
Gaol expenses	.....	600	0	0
Printing and Stationery	.....	500	0	0
Crown Prosecutions	.....	300	0	0
Coroners	.....	200	0	0
Fuel and Light	.....	450	0	0
Postages and Incidentals	.....	120	0	9
Circuits of the Judges	.....	400	0	0
Relief of the Poor	.....	4000	0	0
Outport Permanent Poor	.....	400	0	0
Lunatic Paupers	.....	1000	0	0
Shipwrecked Sealing Crews	.....	100	0	0
Clearing Snow from Streets of St. John's	.....	100	0	0
Gas Light Company	.....	143	6	8
Rent of Post Office	.....	25	0	0
Artillerymen at Fort Amherst	.....	36	10	0
Duties on Wines, Military Mess	.....	50	0	0
House Keeper to the Colonial Building	.....	60	0	0

## PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES.

Mrs. Blaikie	.....	50	0	0
Mrs. Holbrook	.....	30	0	0
Matthew Stephenson	.....	40	0	0
Robert Connell	.....	10	0	0

## ALLOWANCE TO FERRYMEN, &amp;c., VIZ.:

At Manuels	.....	£10	0	0	
Great Placentia	.....	25	0	0	
Little St. Lawrence	.....	10	0	0	
Salmonier	.....	25	0	0	
Burin and Spoon Cove	.....	20	0	0	
Biscay Bay	.....	15	0	0	
Portugal Cove	.....	25	0	0	
North and South side Holyrood, each £15	.....	30	0	0	
Aquaforte	.....	15	0	0	
Trinity	.....	25	0	0	
Malbay	.....	12	0	0	
John's Pond, North Harbor, and Salmonier	.....	30	0	0	
Belle Isle and Topsail	.....	20	0	0	
			262	0	0

## SCHOOLS.

Commercial School, Great Placentia	.....	40	0	0	
Presbyterian School, Saint John's	.....	40	0	0	
Commercial School, Ferryland	.....	50	0	0	
Do. Do. St. Mary's	.....	40	0	0	
Do. Do. Jersey Harbor	.....	40	0	0	
Do. Do. Brigus	.....	50	0	0	
Grammar School, Burin	.....	70	0	0	
			330	0	0
Unforeseen Contingencies	.....		500	0	0

£18,697 16 8

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DETAIL OF SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES TO STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES, AND CONSTABLES, CLERKS OF THE PEACE AND GAOLERS, IN THE UN-  
DERMENTIONED OUTPORTS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER,  
1852.

OUTPORTS.	MAGISTRATES.	CLERKS OF   THE PEACE.	CONSTABLES.		GAOL- ERS.	TOTAL.
			NO.	SALARY.		
Petty Harbor.....			1	£20	...	£20
Torbay .....			1	20	...	20
Portugal Cove .....			1	20	...	20
South Shore.....			1	12	...	12
Harbor Main.....			1	12	..	12
Cats Cove.....			1	12	...	12
Brigus and Port-de-Grave.....	£150 0 0	£60	2	50	...	260
Bay Roberts.....			1	12	...	12
Harbor Grace.....	180 0 0	100	1	50	90 } }	620
Ditto.....	150 0 0		2	50		
Carbonear. ....	150 0 0	60	3	75	..	285
Bay-de-Verds .....			1	12	...	12
Western Bay.....			1	12	...	12
Hants Harbor.....			1	12	...	12
Perlican.....			1	12	...	12
Hearts Content.....			1	12	...	12
New Harbour.....			1	12	...	12
Trinity.....	150 0 0	60	2	37	25	272
Catalina.....			1	25	...	25
Bonavista.....	150 0 0	45	1	25	...	220
Tickle Cove.....			1	12	...	12
Kings Cove.....			1	12	...	12
Salvage.....			1	12	...	12
Greenspond .....			1	12	...	12
Twillingate and Fogo.....	130 0 0	45	3	49	...	224
Exploits Bay.....			1	12	...	12
Bay Bulls.....	100 0 0		1	25	...	125
Witless Bay .....			1	12	...	12
Toads Cove .....			1	12	...	12
Brigus (South).....			1	12	...	12
Cape Broyle .....			1	12	...	12
Caplin Bay.....			1	12	...	12
Ferryland.....	100 0 0	60	1	25	25	210
Aquaforte .....			1	12	...	12
Fermeuse .....			1	12	...	12
Renews .....			1	12	...	12
Trepassey .....			1	12	...	12
St. Mary's .....	130 0 0		1	25	...	155
Placentia .....	130 0 0	35	1	25	25	215
Little Placentia.. ..			1	12	...	12
Carried forward.....	£1,520 0 0	£465	47	£821	165	£3,021

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## DETAIL—CONTINUED.

OUTPORTS.	MAGISTRATES.			CLERKS OF THE PEACE.	CONSTABLES.		GAOL- ERS.	TOTAL.
					NO.	SALARY.		
Brought forward	£1,520	0	0	£465	47	£821	165	£3021
Oderin.....					1	12	....	12
Merasheen .....					1	12	....	12
Burin .....	150	0	0	35	1	25	25	235
St. Lawrence.....					1	12	....	12
Lamaline .....	130	0	0		1	12	....	142
Grand Bank.....	130	0	0		1	12	....	142
Jersey Harbor.....					1	12	....	12
Harbor Briton.....	100	0	0	35	1	12	....	147
Hermitage Bay.....					1	12	....	12
Burgeo Islands.....					1	12	....	12
St. George's Bay.....	300	0	0				....	300
Spaniards Bay.....					1	12	....	12
Aggregate.....	£2330	0	0	535	58	966	190	4021

## RECAPITULATION.

16 Magistrates	.....	.....	.....	£2330
10 Clerks of the Peace	.....	.....	.....	535
5 Gaolers	.....	.....	.....	190
58 Constables	.....	.....	.....	966
				<u>£4021</u>

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## BALANCE SHEET OF THE COLONIAL TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS, JAN. 17, 1852.

		DR.		
Customs Bonds (outstanding)	.....		£11,172	13 8
Ditto, late Treasurer	.....		25	6 0
Cash in Treasury	.....		8,618	17 10
Patrick Morris, deceased, per Account	.....		3,481	6 8
			<hr/>	
Public Debt (as per contra) per Account	.....	Assets	£23,298	4 2
			103,718	14 8
			<hr/>	
		Total Debtors	£127,016	18 10

		CR.		
Outstanding Warrants, as per list	.....	.....	£1,648	7 10
Unpaid Interest	.....	.....	851	2 7
Unpaid Warrants (late Treasurer,) per account	.....	.....	757	6 5
Colonial Building, per account	.....	.....	462	19 0
Market House	.....	.....	586	0 1
Treasury Note Account	.....	.....	5,200	0 0
			<hr/>	
		Liabilities.....	£9,505	15 11
Revenue and Expenditure (per account) being excess of Assets over Liabilities			13,792	8 3

Debentures issued, viz. :—

St. John's Re-building Acts 9th and 10th, 10th and 13th Vic.	£48,401	13	4
Harbor Grace Street Act 9th & 10th Vic.	1,017	1	4
St. John's Academy Act 7th Vic. Cap. 3	630	0	0
Colonial Building and Market-house Acts	25,600	0	0
Act 9th Vic. cap. 7	13,070	0	0
Act 12th Vic. Cap. 20.	15,000	0	0
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			103,718 14 8
			<hr/>
Total Creditors...	£127,016	18	10

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## STATEMENT SHEWING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR EACH PARTICULAR SERVICE, FOR THE YEAR 1851.

SERVICE.	AMOUNT.
REVENUE FOR THE YEAR.	
Customs .....	£57,560 10 8
Ten per cent on St. John's importations .....	6,347 10 8
Light Dues .....	2,467 18 8
Crown Rents, &c. ....	1,061 8 4
Sheriffs' Fees .....	365 18 5
Clerk Courts Fees .....	258 15 7
Clerks Peace Fees .....	94 16 8
Goalers' Fees .....	15 13 4
License Fund, Fines, &c. ....	819 0 9
Sale of Temporary Court House .....	31 18 4
Fee in granting Patent to S. G. Archibald .....	5 0 0
	£60,058 11 5
Balance from last year .....	9,061 13 1
	£78,120 4 6

## EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR.

Agricultural Society .....	£75 0 0
Artillerymen at Fort Amherst .....	36 0 0
Almanac for publishing .....	25 0 0
Allen William, Dr. ....	26 0 0
Blaikie Mrs., Pension .....	50 0 0
Bridges in St. Mary's District (Address of House of Assembly) .....	32 12 7
Burying Ground, St. John's .....	350 0 0
Blackburn Josiah (Road at Grand Bank) .....	15 0 0
Breakwater at Oliver's Cove .....	69 17 0
Bridge (Head of Twillingate Harbour) .....	13 5 2
Byrne Patrick, compensation .....	20 0 0
Berney Richard, Dr. ....	13 0 0
Bay James (Custom House, Harbor Grace) .....	180 0 0
Crown Prosecutions .....	195 5 5
Ditto prior to 1851 .....	114 14 4

Carried forward...£16,215 14 6

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## EXPENDITURE—CONTINUED.

SERVICE.	AMOUNT.
Brought forward .....	£1,215 14 6
Circuit Courts .....	384 10 10
Coroners .....	228 15 1
Ditto prior to 1851 .....	1 17 0
Crown Lands' Act .....	671 4 0
Ditto prior to 1851 .....	245 1 8
Carrying out Provisions of Ditto .....	131 11 2
Commercial School, Great Placentia .....	40 0 0
Court-houses and Gaols, repairs .....	211 8 0
Ditto prior to 1851 .....	48 8 9
Connell Robert, gratuity .....	10 0 0
Carroll Joseph, compensation .....	10 0 0
Court-house St. John's .....	249 19 8
Debentures paid off .....	6,730 0 0
Duties on Wines for Military Mess .....	50 0 0
Dorcas Society, St. John's .....	50 0 0
Ditto Harbor Grace .....	25 0 0
Ditto Carbonear .....	25 0 0
Dwyer Daniel, compensation .....	20 0 0
Daley Thomas, and Delany Edward, ditto .....	20 0 0
Delaney Honora, ditto .....	10 0 0
Dow William, Dr. ....	20 0 0
Education .....	6,785 15 0
Earle William, special vote .....	10 0 0
Electric Telegraph .....	688 1 9
Fuel and Light .....	493 15 8
Ditto prior to 1851 .....	16 8 7
Ferryman .....	262 0 0
Factory Saint John's .....	100 0 0
Farmers' Mill Company .....	100 0 0
Finlay James, allowance for office rent .....	70 0 0
Gaol expenses .....	573 18 8
Ditto prior to 1851 .....	113 5 4
Gas Light Company St. John's .....	143 6 8
Ditto for 1850 .....	71 13 4
Gear Mary, Custom-house keeper .....	20 0 0
Grist Mill, Harbor Grace .....	69 6 8
Grammar School Carbonear .....	85 0 0
Holbrook Mrs., pension .....	30 0 0
Carried forward....	£20,031 2 4

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## EXPENDITURE—CONTINUED.

SERVICE.	AMOUNT.
Brought forward .....	£20,031 2 4
Harbor Grace Streets, &c. ....	886 13 4
Interest on Public Debt .....	5,783 10 5
Inland Posts .....	155 13 7
Lunatic Paupers .....	960 14 11
Ditto 1850 .....	216 12 5
Light-houses .....	2,323 18 6
Legislative Contingencies .....	4,085 0 6
Ditto, Coals for 1852 .....	40 19 0
LeMarchant Road .....	200 0 0
Messenger between Placentia and St. John's .....	22 10 0
Ditto ditto St. John's and Renewse .....	10 0 0
Ditto ditto Salmonier and St. Mary's .....	10 0 0
Ditto ditto Ditto, 1850 .....	5 0 0
Mooney Harcourt, publishing Law Reports .....	50 0 0
Mulloy Nicholas Dr. ....	26 0 0
Night Watch, Address of House of Assembly .....	100 0 0
Normore Elizabeth, compensation .....	15 0 0
Outport Magistrates .....	2,330 0 0
Ditto Clerks of the Peace .....	547 10 0
Ditto Gaolers .....	190 0 0
Ditto Constables .....	966 0 0
Ditto Permanent Poor .....	383 13 2
Ditto Ditto, 1850. ....	5 14 10
Printing and Stationery .....	460 2 5
Ditto prior to 1851 .....	85 2 3
Postages and Incidentals .....	86 17 1
Ditto prior to 1851 .....	20 15 1
Poor .....	4,205 3 6
Packet Boat and Messenger between Bonavista and Trinity Bay .....	120 0 0
Packet Boat between St. John's and Twillingate .....	100 0 0
Ditto ditto Burin and Placentia .....	30 0 0
Ditto ditto Ditto, 1850 .....	60 0 0
Presbyterian School, St. John's .....	40 0 0
Post-office Rent .....	25 0 0
Potatoes seed .....	373 0 0
Phoenix Fire Company .....	60 0 0
Public Wharf at Trinity .....	30 0 0
Plans of Harbor Grace and Carboncar .....	40 0 0
Registration of Voters, St. John's, 1850 .....	30 0 0
Carried forward...£45,111 13 4	

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## EXPENDITURE—CONTINUED.

SERVICE.	AMOUNT.
Brought forward	..... £45,111 13 4
Roads and Bridges, under Act 14th Vic., cap. 2, viz. :—	
District of St. John's	..... 919 14 2
Do. Conception Bay	..... 1,353 15 6
Do. Trinity Bay	..... 136 4 6
Do. Bonavista Bay	..... 14 14 1
Do. Fogo	..... 218 10 9
Do. Fortune Bay	..... " " "
Do. Burin	..... 128 11 1
Main Roads from Holyrood to Salmonier	..... 198 8 5
Salmonier to St. Mary's road	..... 355 14 6
Salmonier to Placentia	..... 771 16 2
Placentia to the Swans	..... 50 0 0
Toads Cove to Renewse	..... 317 2 8
Carbonear to New Perlican	..... 187 19 9
Trinity to Catalina	..... 220 18 7
Kingscove to Trinity	..... 0 17 4
Harbor Grace to New Harbor	..... 29 3 4
Horse Cove to Topsail	..... 48 19 4
Ship Harbor Road	..... 111 3 1
St. John's streets, &c., levelling and draining	..... 888 6 11
Road Contingencies	..... 409 9 4
Roads and Bridges Acts prior to 1850	..... 1,046 13 6
Rock at Quidi Vidi	..... 50 0 0
Richards Isabella, compensation	..... 20 0 0
Rochford John, M.D.,	..... 40 0 0
Rielley Ellen, compensation	..... 25 0 0
St. John's Hospital	..... 374 0 0
Shipwrecked Crews, 1850	..... 1 1 8
Salaries Miscellaneous	..... 4,616 0 0
Ditto Special	..... 2,522 10 0
St. John's Re-building Acts	..... 1,993 9 11
Stevenson Matthew, pension	..... 40 0 0
Shelly Walter, Government Cottage, Salmonier road	..... 45 0 0
Silvey James, special vote	..... 10 0 0
Steamer St. George	..... 500 0 0
Schoolhouse at Old Perlican	..... 10 0 0
Treasury Notes	..... 23 12 8
Treasurer's Clerk	..... 84 0 0
Carried forward	..... £62,874 10 7

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## EXPENDITURE—CONTINUED.

SERVICE.	AMOUNT.
Brought forward	£62,874 10 7
Unforeseen Contingencies	361 17 0
Do. 1850	7 11 8
Water Company, St. John's	100 0 0
Water Tanks, St. John's	250 0 0
Walsh John, compensation	15 0 0
Special Votes, Acts prior to 1850, viz :—	
Beacon at LaPoile	50 0 0
Town Clock	100 0 0
Breakwater at Lamaline	33 10 2
Repair of Ferry slip, Placentia	5 4 0
Topsail Public Wharf	250 0 0
Removing Rocks, Logy Bay	26 12 0
Iron Fence of Old Burying Ground	252 10 0
Streets of Keels (Bonavista Bay)	1 0 10
	64,327 16 3
Balance as per balance sheet	13,792 8 3
	£78,120 4 6

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STATEMENT SHEWING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF LEGISLATIVE GRANTS IN THE YEAR 1851 FOR EACH PARTICULAR SERVICE, DISTINGUISHING THE SUM EXPENDED, AND THE BALANCE REMAINING, IF ANY.

SERVICE.	SUM VOTED.	SUM EXPENDED.	BALANCE REMAINING UNEXPENDED.
Salaries Miscellaneous .....	£4686 0	£4616 0	£70 0
Outport Magistrates .....	2330 0	2330 0	
“ Clerks of Peace .....	535 0	547 10	
“ Gaolers .....	190 0	190 0	
“ Constables .....	966 0	966 0	
Ferry-men .....	262 0	262 0	
Packet Boat and Messenger between Bonavista and South-side Trinity Bay .....	120 0	120 0	90 0
Packet Boat between Burin and Placentia .....	120 0	30 0	7 10
Messenger between Placentia and St. John's.....	30 0	22 10	
Packet Boat between St. John's and Twillingate .....	100 0	100 0	10 0
Messenger between St. John's and Renew's .....	20 0	10 0	
Ditto ditto Salmonier and St. Mary's .....	10 0	10 0	
Commercial School, Great Placentia .....	40 0	40 0	
Presbyterian School, St. John's .....	40 0	40 0	138 3
Unforeseen Contingencies .....	500 0	361 17	
Court-houses and Gaols, repairs .....	200 0	211 8	26 1 4
Gaol Expenses .....	600 0	573 18 8	39 17 7
Printing and Stationery .....	500 0	460 2 5	104 14 7
Crown Prosecutions .....	300 0	195 5 5	
Coroners .....	150 0	228 15 1	
Fuel and Light .....	450 0	493 15 8	33 2 11
Postages and Incidentals .....	120 0	86 17 1	15 9 2
Circuit Courts .....	400 0	384 10 10	
Poor .....	3500 0	4205 3 6	16 6 10
Outport Permanent Poor .....	400 0	383 13 2	39 5 1
Lunatic Paupers .....	1000 0	960 14 11	100 0 0
Shipwrecked crews .....	100 0	...	
Gas Light, St. John's .....	143 6 8	143 6 8	
Post-office rent .....	25 0	25 0	
Almanac .....	25 0	25 0	
Artillerymen, Fort Amherst .....	36 0	36 0	
Military Mess .....	50 0	50 0	
Blaikie Mrs., pension .....	50 0	50 0	
Stevenson Matthew, pension .....	40 0	40 0	
Connell Robert, gratuity .....	10 0	10 0	
Carried forward.....£	18,048 6 8	18,209 8 5	690 10 6

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STATEMENT SHEWING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF LEGISLATIVE GRANTS IN THE YEAR 1851 FOR EACH PARTICULAR SERVICE, DISTINGUISHING THE SUM EXPENDED, AND THE BALANCE REMAINING, IF ANY.—CONTINUED.

SERVICE.	SUM VOTED.	SUM EXPENDED.	BALANCE REMAINING UNEXPENDED.
Brought forward .....	£ 18,048 6 8	18,209 8 5	690 10 6
Holbrook Mrs., pension .....	30	30	
St. John's Factory .....	100	100	
Dorcas Society, St. John's .....	50	50	
Ditto, Harbor Grace .....	25	25	
Ditto, Carbonear .....	25	25	
Agricultural Society .....	225	75	150
Bridge, Twillingate Harbour .....	150	13 5 2	136 14 10
Removing Rock at Quidi Vidi .....	50	50	
Public Wharf at Trinity .....	30	30	
Commercial School, Jersey Harbour .....	40	.....	40
Breakwater at Oliver's Cove .....	150	69 17 0	80 3
Carroll Joseph, compensation .....	10	10	
Delany Honora, ditto .....	10	10	
Walsh John, ditto .....	15	15	
Phoenix Fire Company .....	60	60	
Richards Isabella, compensation .....	20	20	
Byrne Patrick, ditto .....	20	20	
Daley Thomas, and Delaney Edward, ditto ...	20	20	
Grammar School, Burin .....	70	.....	70
Commercial School, St. Mary's .....	40	.....	40
Ditto, Ferryland .....	50	.....	50
Shelly Walter .....	45	45	
Grammar School, Carbonear .....	85	85	
Finlay James, Office Rent .....	70	70	
Mulloy Nicholas Dr. ....	26	26	
Allen William Dr. ....	26	26	
Dow William Dr. ....	20	20	
Berney Richard Dr. ....	13	13	
Water Company .....	100	100	
Water Tanks .....	250	250	
Blackburn Josiah .....	15	15	
Dwyer Daniel .....	20	20	
Bayley James, Custom-house, Harbor Grace	180	180	
Rochford John M. D. ....	40	40	
Earle William .....	10	10	
Normore Elizabeth .....	15	15	
Commercial School, Brigus .....	50	.....	50
Steamer St. George .....	600	500	100
Removing Rock at Lear's Cove .....	15	.....	15
Carried forward .....	£ 20,818 6 8	20,247 10 7	1422 8 4

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STATEMENT SHEWING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF LEGISLATIVE GRANTS  
IN THE YEAR 1851 FOR EACH PARTICULAR SERVICE, DISTINGUISHING  
THE SUM EXPENDED, AND THE BALANCE REMAINING, IF ANY.—CON-  
TINUED.

SERVICE.	SUM VOTED.	SUM EXPENDED.	BALANCE RE- MAINING UNEX- PENDED.
Brought forward.....	£ 20,818 6 8	20,247 10 7	1,422 8 4
School House, Old Perlican .....	10 0	10	
H. Mooney, publishing Law Reports .....	50 0	50	
Ricley Ellen, compensation .....	25 0	25	
Treasurer's Clerk .....	84 0	84	
Farmers Mill, St. John's .....	100 0	100	
Gear Mary, Custom house keeper .....	20 0	20	
Night Watch .....	200 0	100	100
St. John's Hospital .....	374 0	374	
Court House, St. John's .....	250 0	249 19 8	0 0 4
Plans of Harbor Grace and Carbonear.....	40 0	40	
Seed Potatoes .....	600 0	373	227
Burying Ground, St. John's .....	350 0	350	
LeMarchant road .....	200 0	200	
Silvey James .....	10 0	10	
Legislative Contingencies .....	4,100 0 6	4,085 0 6	15
Electric Telegraph .....	750 0	688 1 9	61 18 3
Roads and Bridges, Act 14th Vic. cap. 2—			
District of St. John's .....	1,845 0	968 13 6	876 6 6
Do. Conception Bay .....	2,340 0	1,353 15 6	986 4 6
Do. Trinity Bay .....	315 0	136 4 6	178 15 6
Do. Bonavista Bay .....	675 0	14 14 1	660 5 11
Do. Fogo .....	675 0	218 10 9	456 9 3
Do. Fortune Bay .....	450 0		450
Do. Burin .....	675 0	128 11 1	546 8 11
Main Roads from Holyrood to Salmonier...	720 0	198 8 5	521 11 7
Salmonier to St. Mary's road .....	360 0	355 14 6	4 5 6
Salmonier to Placentia .....	1,030 0	771 16 2	258 3 10
Placentia to the Swans .....	50 0	50	
Foads Cove to Renewse .....	720 0	317 2 8	402 17 4
Carbonear to New Perlican .....	360 0	187 19 9	172 0 3
Trinity to Catalina .....	450 0	220 18 7	229 1 5
Kingscove to Trinity .....	135 0	0 17 4	134 2 8
Harbor Grace to New Harbor .....	90 0	29 3 3	60 16 8
Ship Harbor Road .....	1,000 0	111 3 1	888 16 11
Road Contingencies .....	1,235 0	409 9 4	825 10 8
Protestant Central Board of Education ...	1,231 0	784 6 8	446 13 4
Roman Catholic ditto ditto .....	1,169 0	897 13 4	271 6 8
Road between Cape Ray and beyond Fortune Bay .....	225 0		225 0 0
	£43,731 7 2	34,161 15 1	10,421 4 4

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## REVENUE AND

1851.

DR.

Jan'y. 21.—To Warrant, No. 123.....	£76 12 2	
"    "    "    124.....	54 3 4	
	<hr/>	130 15 6
24. "    "    "    125.....		129 9 1
29. "    "    "    126.....		415 0 11
Feb'y. 1.—Compensation to the undermentioned parties, for damage sustained under the operation of the Acts for the re-construction of the town, per Ar- bitrators' award:—		
Patrick Kelly .....	0 17 4	
James Kelly.....	1 19 0	
	<hr/>	2 16 4
10.—Debenture, No. 4, Cape Spear Light House, Act favor the Commissioners of Pilots, due December 4th, 1836. Paid off.....		100 0 0
17.—Compensation to the undermentioned parties for damage sustained under the operation of the Acts for the re-construction of the town, per Ar- bitrators' award:—		
Edward Melligan.....	2 7 8	
Elizabeth Wiley.....	8 13 4	
James J. & James K. Moore .....	23 16 8	
George Prendergast.....	3 9 4	
Elizabeth Chafe.....	2 12 0	
John Barron and Thomas Ryan.....	1 6 0	
Patrick Blanche.....	2 12 0	
John Rowe .....	3 0 8	
Michael Furlong.....	5 4 0	
Martin Dunphy .....	0 17 4	
Michael Lanagan.....	0 17 4	
John Barron.....	1 14 8	
Thomas Ryan.....	1 14 8	
James Finn .....	1 14 8	
James Keane.....	1 14 8	
William Oates.....	6 18 8	
18.—Estate of R. Bully £8 13 4 and £4 6 8.....	13 0 0	
Ditto of Mary Cochrane £10 8s. and £8 13 4	19 1 4	
	<hr/>	100 15 0
19.—Warrant No. 127 .....		63 0 0
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	Carried forward.....	£941 16 10

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## EXPENDITURE.

1851.		CR.			
January. 1.—	By Balance	.....			£9,061 13 1
31—	“ Licenses, per Robert Carter, Magistrate, Ferryland, for the year ended Dec. 31st, 1850				2 10 0
April 5.—	“ Customs Duties, per Collector Kent.....				1,814 18 4
“	“ Customs Bonds, per Collector Kent, for the quarter ended 5th April 1851.....				5,276 3 1
7	“ Sheriff’s Fees, Central District, per Benjamin Greer Garrett, on account year 1850.....				104 0 0
10	“ Licenses, per R. W. Lilly, Acting Clerk of Peace St. John’s, for quarter ended March 31st, 1851.....		80	0	0
	Fees, per Robert R. W. Lilly, Acting Clerk of Peace, St. John’s.....		10	4	8
	Fines, &c., per Robert R. W. Lilly, Acting Clerk of Peace St. John’s.....		2	10	0
			<hr/>		92 14 8
17	“ Licenses, per John Lawrence, Clerk of Peace, Bonavista, for the half year ended November 1st, 1850.....		9	0	0
	“ Fees per John Lawrence, Clerk of Peace Bonavista.....		3	17	6
			<hr/>		12 17 6
19	“ Gaoler’s Fees, per William Magill, St. John’s, for quarter ended March 31st, 1851.....				1 18 8
24	“ Clerk of Peace Fees, per Wm. J. Stentaford, Brigus, for half year ended April 1st, 1851				3 3 6
May 14	“ Licenses per Andrew Ellis, Harbour Briton, for the year ended March 31st, 1851.....				9 0 0
15	“ Fine, per Josiah Blackburn, Grand Bank.....				0 1 0
17	“ Fees, per Luke Collins, Clerk of the Peace, Placentia, for half year ended April 1st, 1851				0 14 6
21	“ Fees, per Abraham A. Pearce, Clerk Peace, Twillingate, for half-year ended March 31st 1851.....				1 10 0
31	“ Fees, per Robert Bayly, Clerk of the Peace, Trinity, for half year ended March 31st, 1851.....				0 6 0
June 4	“ Customs Duties, per Collector Kent.....				6,000 0 0
7	“ Licenses, per John Mackay, Clerk of Peace, Carbonear, for year 1850 and 1851.....				16 0 0
16	“ Fines, &c. per Joseph Ryan, Magistrate, Carbonear.....				15 13 3
23	“ Fee in granting Patent to Samuel G. Archibald				5 0 0
24	“ Clerk Courts Fees, per Charles Simms, for half year ended December 31st, 1851.....				124 5 8
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			Carried forward.....		£22,542 9 3

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## REVENUE AND

1851.

DR.

Brought forward..... £941 16 10

Feb. 19— “ Compensation to the undermentioned parties for damage sustained under the operation of the Acts for the re-construction of the town, per Arbitrators’ award :—

	James Branscombe £10 16 8 and £2 3 4...	13 0 0	
20— “	William Butler.....	10 8 0	
	Thomas Ryall.....	10 16 8	
			34 4 8
24— “	Warrant No. 128.....		362 2 11
26— “	“ “ 2.....	453 5 0	
	“ “ 3.....	518 0 0	
	“ “ 4.....	300 0 0	
			1,271 5 0

March 1— “ Compensation to the undermentioned parties for damage sustained under the operation of the Acts for the reconstruction of the Town, per Arbitrators’ award :—

	John Woods and Michael McCarthy .....	8 13 4	
	John Cormack .....	3 5 0	
	Michael Hynes .....	3 5 0	
	Richard Earle .....	2 12 0	
	James Norris .....	6 1 4	
7— “	John Hanrahan.....	4 6 8	
8— “	Mary Ann Squarry .....	24 5 4	
			52 8 8
10— “	Paid William B. Row, John Kent, and Thomas B. Job, Commissioners for the reduction of the Public Debt.....		750 0 0
12— “	Warrant No. 129.....		129 0 2
29— “	“ “ 1.....		1,341 15 10
April 2— “	“ “ 5.....		547 10 0
3— “	“ “ 6.....		418 15 0
10— “	Debenture No. 3, Bonavista Light House Acct. favor the Misses Eales due Nov. 9th, 1843, paid off.....	500 0 0	
	Three Months’ Interest on Debenture No. 3, at 6 per cent to March 31.....	7 10 0	
			507 10 0
11— “	Warrant No. 130.....		182 10 4

Carried forward .....

£6,538 19 5

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## EXPENDITURE.

1851.

CR.

By amount brought forward .....	£22,542	9	3
July 2.— “ Fees, per Henry G. Clow, Clerk of Peace, Ferryland, being balance due for half-year ended 30th September, 1850.....	0	1	10
“ Fees, per Henry G. Clow, for half-year ended March 31, 1851 .....	1	19	0
	<hr/>		2 0 10
July 2.— “ Licenses, per Robert R. W. Lilly, Acting Clerk of Peace, St. John's, for quarter ended 30th June, 1851.....	193	10	0
Fees, per Robert R. W. Lilly, Acting Clerk of Peace, St. John's.....	10	14	10
Fees, per Robert R. W. Lilly, Acting Clerk of Peace, St. John's.....	17	5	0
	<hr/>		221 9 10
July 3.— “ Gaolers' Fees, per William Magill, St. John's, for quarter ended 30th June, 1851.....			3 8 0
July 3.— “ Sheriff's Fees, Central District, per B. G. Gar- rett, on account year 1849.....	7	18	7
Sheriff's Fees, per B. G. Garrett, 1850 .....	56	4	1
	<hr/>		64 2 8
July 7.— “ Customs duties, per Collector Kent.....	2,354	19	8
“ “— “ Customs Bonds, per Collector Kent, for the quarter ended 5th July, 1851.....	20,874	18	6
10.— “ Clerk Peace Fees, per Patrick Morris, Burin, for the year ended December 31st, 1850...			3 6 9
10.— “ Sheriff's Fees, Northern District, per Garland C. Gaden, for year ended July 1st, 1851...			64 14 7
11.— “ Crown Rents, &c., per James Crowdy, on ac- count year ended 30th June, 1851.....	1,061	8	4
23.— “ Sheriff's Fees, Central District, per B. G. Garrett, on account year 1851.....			28 1 1
Aug. 1.— “ Fees, per Andrew Ellis, Clerk of Peace, Har- bor Briton, for year ended March 31st, 1851			2 0 0
14.— “ Gaoler's Fees, per Richard Brace, Harbor Grace, for quarter ended 30th June, 1851...			1 6 8
Oct. 2.— “ Gaoler's Fees, per W. Magill, St. John's, for quarter ended 30th Sept., 1851.....			9 0 0
Oct. 3.— “ Licenses, per Robert R. W. Lilly, Acting Clerk of Peace, St. John's, for quarter ended 30th September, 1851.....	110	0	0
Oct. 3.— “ Fees, per Robert R. W. Lilly, Acting Clerk Peace, St. John's.....	10	12	4
Oct. 2.— “ Fines, per Robert R. W. Lilly, Acting Clerk Peace, St. John's.....	22	17	6
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Carried forward.....£47,376 16 0

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## REVENUE AND

1851.

Dr.

Brought forward .....		£6,538	19	5
April 11.—To Compensation to the undermentioned parties for damage sustained under the operation of the Acts for the re-construction of the town, per Arbitrators' award:—				
James Finn, £3 9s. 4d., and £1 14s. 8d. ....		5	4	0
James Keane .....		1	14	8
Catherine Mulcahy .....		3	0	8
Laurence Doyle .....		2	12	0
Florence Fitzpatrick .....		3	0	8
Andrew Duffy .....		4	6	8
Charles Gambey .....		4	6	8
James Elmes .....		1	14	8
John Marles .....		2	4	4
W. V. Whiteaway .....		8	13	4
John Shanahan .....		1	14	8
James Devereux .....		1	14	8
James Power .....		10	8	0
James Keels .....		1	6	0
Patrick Gresham .....		1	6	0
Michael Foley .....		4	6	8
James Dunphey .....		1	14	8
Catherine Cook .....		3	9	4
Mary Dwyer .....		11	14	0
			74	10
				8
12,—To Warrant, No. 7 .....		576	10	0
"    "    8 .....		807	10	0
"    "    9 .....		338	15	0
"    "   10 .....		210	0	0
"    "   11 .....		104	15	0
"    "   12 .....		70	0	0
"    "   13 .....		51	15	0
			2159	5
				0
Compensation to the undermentioned parties for damage sustained under the operation of the Acts for the re-construction of the town, per Arbitrators' award:—				
Estate of Sarah Cochrane ... ..		8	0	0
George T. Brooking .....		13	0	0
			21	0
				0
Carried forward.....		£8,793	15	1

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## EXPENDITURE.

1851.

CR.

Brought forward.....£47,376 16 0

Oct 6—	“	Nett Proceeds of Sale of Temporary Court-house, St. John's, per Benjamin G. Garrett, Sheriff, Central District, sold by public auction 20th September, 1851.....	31 18 4
11—	“	Customs Duties, per Collector Kent.....	2,503 15 6
“	“	Customs Bonds, per Collector Kent, for the quarter ended 10th October, 1851.....	15,783 13 10
16—	“	Fees, per John Mackay, Clerk of the Peace, Carbonear, for year ended 30th September, 1851..	9 5 0
24—	“	Licenses, per the Executrix of the late Alfred Mayne, from Robert John Pinsent, received into the Police Office, Harbor Grace, by the said Alfred Maine, to 1st April, 1851.....	32 0 0
		Fees, per Ditto Ditto .....	7 13 6
		Fines, &c. Ditto Ditto .....	4 1 0
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			43 14 6
“	“	Fees, per Lewis W. Emerson, Clerk of the Peace, Harbour Grace, for half year ended October 1st, 1851.....	5 0 6
“	“	Clerk of Courts Fees, per Charles Simms, for half year ended 30th June, 1851.....	134 9 11
25—	“	Fees, per William F. Stentaford, Clerk of Peace, Brigus, for half year ended October 1st 1851	2 7 0
Nov. 12—	“	Fees, per Robert Bayly, Clerk of Peace, Trinity, for half-year ending 30th September 1851	0 4 6
19—	“	Fees, per Abraham A. Pearce, Clerk of Peace, Twillingate, for half year ended 30th September, 1851.....	2 6 6
Dec. 12—	“	Sheriff's Fees, Southern District, per John Stephenson, for the year 1851.....	5 4 7
19—	“	Licenses, &c., per Charles Cozens, Magistrate, Brigus, for the year 1851 .....	3 18 0
31—	“	Fees, per Henry G. Clowe, Clerk of Peace, Ferryland, for half year ended 30th September, 1851 .....	2 1 3
1852.			
Jan. 3—	“	Licenses, per Hannibal Murch, Magistrate, St. Mary's, for the year, 1851 .....	2 10 0
5—	“	Sheriff's Fees, Central District, per Benjamin G. Garrett, on account year 1849.....	12 17 2
		Ditto ditto 1850.....	11 18 4
		Ditto ditto 1851.....	75 0 0
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			99 15 6
		Carried forward	..... £66,007 0 11

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## REVENUE AND

DR.

1851.	Brought forward.....	£8,793 15 1	
April 12—	“ Compensation to the undermentioned parties for damage sustained under the operation of the Acts for the re-construction of the town, per Arbitrators’ award :—		
	Patrick Walsh.....	1 14 8	
14—	“ Timothy Hogan.....	2 3 4	
	Sylvester Murphy .....	1 14 8	
		<hr/>	5 12 8
“	“ Warrant No. 14 .....		215 10 0
22	“ “ “ 131.....		86 5 2
25	“ Compensation to the undermentioned parties for damage sustained under the operation of the Acts for the reconstruction of the Town, per Arbitrators’ award :—		
	Michael Murphy.....	2 12 0	
30	Edmund Ryan.....	2 3 4	
	William Baker .....	1 6 0	
	James Prowse.....	2 3 4	
	Mary McCarthy .....	2 3 4	
	John Murray .....	1 6 0	
	Owen McCarty .....	2 3 4	
	Jeffrey Morris.....	1 14 8	
	Michael Murphy .....	1 14 8	
	Owen Redmond.....	0 17 4	
	James Dunphy.....	0 17 4	
	James Murphy .....	1 1 8	
	Michael Nelligan .....	2 3 4	
	Patrick Murray.....	2 3 4	
		<hr/>	24 9 8
May 2—	“ Warrant No. 132 .....		42 10 8
9—	“ Debenture No. 2, Colonial Building Acct. per H. W. Hoyles, due June 3rd 1847—paid off....	100 0 0	
	Debenture No. 3, Colonial Building Acct. per H. W. Hoyles due January 3rd, 1847—paid off	100 0 0	
		<hr/>	200 0 0
	Four months and 9 days’ interest on ditto at 6 per cent .....	4 6 0	
		<hr/>	204 6 0
17—	“ Warrant No. 15 .....		266 11 6
			<hr/>
	Carried forward .....		£9,639 0 9



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## REVENUE AND

1851.		DR.		
Brought forward .....				£16,531 4 0
June 5.—	To Warrant, No. 25			288 0 10
6.—	“ “ “ 26			100 3 10
7.—	“ “ “ 27	£65	5 1	
	“ “ “ 28	171	0 3	
				236 5 4
11.—	“ “ “ 29	400	0 0	
	“ “ “ 30	498	18 4	
				898 18 4
12.—	“ “ “ 134			99 2 2
13.—	“ “ “ 31			213 0 3
21.—	“ “ “ 32			729 12 7
25.—	“ “ “ 33			164 3 1
30.— “ Compensation to the undermentioned parties for damage sustained under the operation of the Acts for the re-construction of the town, per Arbitrators' award:—				
	William Butler		5 4 0	
	Sarah Power		1 1 8	
	Honora Haney		1 6 0	
	Thomas Mara		1 6 0	
				8 17 8
30.— “ Interest on £46,454 4s., Debentures issued under St. John's Re-building Acts for half-year ending 3th June, 1851, viz.:—				
£45,858	17 4	for 6 months at 5 per cent,	£1,146	9 5
60	0 0	5 “	1	5 0
156	0 0	4½ “	2	18 6
50	0 0	4 & 22 days “	0	19 8
150	0 0	3½ “	2	3 9
134	6 8	2 “	1	2 4
45	0 0	1½ “	0	5 7
				1155 4 3
Interest on £25,600, Debentures issued under Colonial Building and Market-house Acts. at 6 per cent., for half-year ending 30th June, 1851				768 0 0
Interest on £630, Debentures issued under St. John's Academy Act 7th Vic., cap. 3, at 6 per cent., for half year ending 30th June, 1851				18 18 0
Carried forward.....		£1,942	2 3	£19,269 8 1



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## REVENUE AND

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	Brought forward.....	£2,434 2 5	22,406 2 7
1851.			
June 30—	To Warrant No. 43 .....	547 10 0	
	“ “ “ 44 .....	353 0 0	
		<u>          </u>	3334 12 5
“ “	Debenture No. 6, Act 9th Vic. cap. 7, favor Matthew Byrne, due June 3rd 1851—paid off.....		200 0 0
July 1	“ Debenture No. 3, Act 9th Vic. cap. 7, favor William Bindon, due May 30th 1851—paid off.....	200 0 0	
“ “	“ Debenture No. 13, Act. 9th Vic. cap. 7, favor Patrick McGrath, due June 30th 1851—paid off	750 0 0	
		<u>          </u>	950 0 0
4	“ Debenture No. 8, Act 9th Vic. cap. 7, favor R. Anderson, due June 20th 1851—Paid off.....		200 0 0
5—	“ Compensation to the undermentioned parties for damage sustained under the operation of the Acts for the re-construction of the town, per Arbitrators’ award :—		
	Estate of late George Hutchings .....	18 4 0	
	James Woods .....	4 6 8	
	James Woods .....	4 6 8	
	John Kelly .....	12 2 8	
	John Kelly .....	8 13 4	
	James Murphy .....	5 4 0	
	Elias Ford .....	5 4 0	
		<u>          </u>	58 1 4
7	“ Warrant, No. 136 .....		197 15 3
“	“ Debenture No. 2, Act 9th, Vic., favour Henry Veal, due May 28th, 1851—paid off .....		250 0 0
“	“ Warrant No. 45 .....		423 8 0
15	“ Debenture No. 10, Act 9th Vic., favor Thomas Lynch, due July 14th, 1851—paid off .....	100 0 0	
	Fourteen days’ interest on ditto at 5½ per cent. ...	0 4 2	
		<u>          </u>	100 4 2
17	“ Warrant No. 46 .....		549 18 2
22	“ “ “ 47 .....		721 14 10
28	“ “ “ 48 .....		177 2 8
“	“ Debenture No. 7, Act 9th Vic. cap. 7, favour John Kelly, due June 17th, 1851—paid off.....		800 0 0
29	“ Warrant No. 49 .....		358 11 9
Aug. 7	“ Debenture No. 5, Act 9th Vic. cap. 7, favour William Talbot, due June 3rd, 1851—paid off....		100 0 0
		<u>          </u>	100 0 0
	Carried forward .....		£30,827 11 2

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## EXPENDITURE.

CR.

1852.—By amount brought forward ..... £66,007 0 11

	£66,007 0 11
Carried forward .....	£66,007 0 11

1851. Brought forward.....£30,827 11 1

Aug. 2—	“ Debenture No. 11, Act 9th, Vic. cap. 7, favour Kenneth McLea, due July 30th, 1851—paid off	£400 0 0	
	One month's interest on ditto at $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.....	1 16 8	
		401 16 8	
8—	“ Warrant No. 50 .....		596 2 1
18—	“ “ “ 51 .....		621 6 3
23—	“ “ “ 52 .....		252 14 7
24—	“ “ “ 53 .....	673 6 6	
	“ “ “ 54 .....	453 5 0	
	“ “ “ 55 .....	518 0 0	
	“ “ “ 56 .....	300 0 0	
		1,144 11 6	
29—	“ “ “ 137 .....		345 3 7
Sept. 10—	“ “ “ 1—Roads .....		103 7 0
11—	“ Debenture No. 18, Act 6th Vic. Cap. 23, favour Savings' Bank due June 30th, 1847—paid off		500 0 0
13	“ Warrant, No. 57 .....		743 5 9
24	“ “ “ 2—Roads .....		147 9 0
30	“ “ “ 3—Ditto .....		196 8 9
		£36,679 16 4	
	Carried forward.....		£36,679 16 4

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## REVENUE AND

Dr.

Brought forward .....£36,679 16 4

1851.

Sept. 15— To Compensation to the undermentioned parties for damage sustained under the operation of the Acts for the re-construction of the town, per Arbitrators' award:—

George Stevens	.....	.....	4	6	8	
Lydia Marshall	.....	.....	12	2	8	
			<hr/>			16 9 4
30— “ Warrant No. 58	.....	.....	528	8	5	
“ “ 59	.....	.....	576	10	0	
“ “ 60	.....	.....	807	10	0	
“ “ 61	.....	.....	338	15	0	
“ “ 62	.....	.....	210	0	0	
“ “ 63	.....	.....	104	15	0	
“ “ 64	.....	.....	70	0	0	
“ “ 65	.....	.....	51	15	0	
“ “ 66	.....	.....	65	10	0	
“ “ 67	.....	.....	547	10	0	
“ “ 68	.....	.....	291	15	2	
“ “ Debuture No. 9, Act 9th, Vic. Cap. 7, favour John Stark and John Fitzgerald, Trustees of Anne Sarah Mayne, due July 22nd, 1851, paid off	.....	.....	130	0	0	
Twenty-two days' Interest on Ditto at 5½ per cent	.....	.....	0	8	6	
			<hr/>			3,592 8 7
Oct. 2— “ Warrant No. 69	.....	.....				387 9 3
4— “ “ “ 4—Roads	.....	.....				168 15 11
30.— “ Compensation to the Successors of Bishop Lambert for damage sustained under the operation of the Acts for the re-construction of the town, per Arbitrators' award:—						8 13 4
8.— “ Warrant, No. 70	.....	.....	551	10	9	
9.— “ “ “ 5—Roads	.....	.....	112	18	1	
14.— “ “ “ 71	.....	.....	193	13	4	
16.— “ “ “ 6—Roads	.....	.....	149	9	4	
17.— “ “ “ 72	.....	.....	139	6	0	
18.— “ “ “ 7—Roads	.....	.....	65	4	0	
22.— “ “ “ 8 “	.....	.....	193	2	9	
23.— “ “ “ 73	.....	.....	271	17	10	
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			Carried forward	.....	£42,661	3 0

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## EXPENDITURE.

CR.

1852.—By amount brought forward ..... £66,007 0 11

Carried forward .....	£66,007 0 11
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1851.		Brought forward.....	£42,661 3 0
Oct. 29—	To Warrant No. 9, Roads .....		115 9 4
30—	“ Debuture No. 4, Act 9th, Vic. Cap. 7, favour Rev. John Snowball, due June 3rd, 1851— paid off .....		250 0 0
31—	“ Compensation to the Estate of the late Stephen Ryan, for damage sustained under the opera- tion of the Acts for the re-construction of the Town, per Arbitrators' award :		18 0 0
“ —	“ Warrant No. 74 .....		516 19 5
Nov. 4—	“ “ “ 75 .....	216 11 5	
	“ “ “ 10—Roads .....	36 15 11	
		253 7 4	
“ —	“ Compensation to John Rawlins, for damage sus- tained under the operation of the Acts for the re-construction of the Town, per Appraisers' award :		24 0 0
5 —	“ Warrant No. 76 .....		996 4 9
6 —	“ “ “ 11—Roads .....		71 12 8
11 —	“ “ “ 12 do. ....		49 18 0
12 —	“ “ “ 13 do. ....		136 15 1
		Carried forward.....	£45,093 9 7

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## REVENUE AND

Dr.

	Brought forward.....		£45,093	9	7
1851.					
Nov. 13—	To Warrant No. 14 .....			102	15 4
“	“ Compensation to the undermentioned parties for damage sustained under the operation of the Acts for the reconstruction of the Town, per Arbitrators' award :—				
	John Dicks .....	13	0	0	
	Thomas O'Brien .....	5	4	0	
					18 4 0
14—	“ Warrant No. 77 .....				407 13 5
18—	“ “ 15—Roads .....	209	3	3	
	“ “ 16 .....	65	16	4	
					274 19 7
19—	“ “ 78 .....				130 19 6
21—	“ “ 17—Roads .....				111 1 1
22—	“ “ 79 .....	280	6	4	
	“ “ 80 .....	453	5	0	
	“ “ 81 .....	518	0	0	
	“ “ 82 .....	300	0	0	
	“ “ 18—Roads .....	148	4	10	
					1,699 16 2
25—	“ Debenture No. 17, Act 9th, Vic. Cap. 7, favour William Hogan, due Nov. 23, 1851—paid off... Four months and 23 days' Interest on Ditto at 6 per cent .....	300	0	0	
		7	2	8	
					307 2 8
“	“ Warrant No. 19—Roads .....	149	3	6	
	“ “ 20 do. ....	134	7	8	
“	“ “ 21 do. ....	209	7	6	
					492 18 8
26	“ Compensation to Michael Commerford for damage sustained under the operation of the Acts for the re-construction of the Town, per Appraisers' award .....				5 0 0
28	“ Warrant No. 22—Roads .....				95 13 8
29	“ “ “ 23 “ .....				23 17 4
Dec. 1	“ “ “ 24 “ .....	107	19	1	
	“ “ “ 83 “ .....	367	18	6	
					475 17 7
	Carried forward .....				£49,299 8 7

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EXPENDITURE.

CR.

1852.—By amount brought forward.....		£66,007	0	11
	Carried forward.....	£66,007	0	11
1851.—To amount brought forward .....		£49,299	8	7
Nov 29.—“ Compensation to the undermentioned parties for damage sustained under the operation of the Acts for the re-construction of the town, per Arbitrators' award :—				
John Power .....	.....	6	1	3
John Brine .....	.....	10	8	0
			16	9
Dec. 2.—“ Warrant, No. 25—Roads .....	.....		119	12
3.—“ “ “ 26—Ditto .....	.....		94	1
4.—“ Paid William Hogan for interest on Debenture No. 17, Act 9th Vic., £300 at 6 per cent. from November 23rd 1846, to December 31st 1846, being a month and 7 days, (omitted to be paid by late Treasurer.)			1	17
“ “ Warrant, No. 84 .....	.....	369	3	11
“ “ “ “ 27—Roads .....	.....	125	19	3
			495	3
5.—“ “ “ 28—Ditto .....	.....		146	5
6.—“ “ “ 29—Ditto .....	.....		97	3
9.—“ “ “ 85 .....	.....		850	18
“ “ “ “ 30—Roads .....	.....		102	4
	Carried forward .....	£51,223	3	10





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## REVENUE AND

DR.

1851.		Brought forward.....			£56,920 12 4
Dec. 31.—	To	Interest on £47,796 13 4, Debentures issued			
		“ under St. John’s Re-building Acts, for half year			
		ending Dec. 31, 1851, viz.:—			
£46,454	4 0	for 6 months at 5 per cent	£1,161 7 1		
77	0 0	“ and 10 days at			
		5 per cent ...	2 0 7		
30	6 8	for 6 months and 10 days at			
		5 per cent ...	0 15 2		
81	9 4	for 6 months at 5 per cent...	2 0 9		
208	0 0	for 5 months and 26 days at			
		5 per cent ...	5 1 6		
30	0 0	for 3 months and 5 days at			
		5 per cent ...	0 7 11		
415	0 0	for 2 months and 17 days, at			
		5 per cent ...	4 8 6		
60	0 0	for 2 months and 17 days, at			
		5 per cent ...	0 12 9		
82	0 0	for 1 month and 19 days, at			
		5 per cent ...	0 11 10		
34	13 4	for 1 month and 18 days, at			
		5 per cent ...	0 4 6		
95	0 0	for 1 month and 17 days, at			
		5 per cent ...	0 12 4		
95	0 0	for 1½ month, at 5 per cent.	0 11 10		
50	0 0	for 1½ month, at 5 per cent.	0 6 3		
52	0 0	for 23 days, at 5 per cent. ...	0 3 3		
26	0 0	for 11 days, at 5 per cent. ...	0 0 9	—1,179 5 0	
“	“	Interest on £1,017 1 4, Debentures issued			
		under Harbour Grace Street Act 9th and 10th			
		Vic. Cap. 1, at 5 per cent. to date, viz.:—			
£125	13 4	for 5 months ...	2 12 4		
125	13 4	for 5 “ ...	2 12 4		
364	0 0	for 4 “ and 16 days ...	6 17 3		
156	2 0	for 4 “ ...	2 12 0		
72	11 8	for 2 “ and 27 days ...	0 17 5		
105	0 0	for 2 “ and 24 “ ...	1 4 5		
68	1 0	for 1 “ and 24 “ ...	0 10 2	—17 5 11	
“	“	Interest on £25,600 0 0 Debentures issued under			
		Colonial Building and Market-house Acts,			
		at 6 per cent. for half-year ending December			
		31st, 1851 .....	768 0 0		
“	“	Interest on £15,000 0 0 Debentures issued under			
		Act 12th Vic., cap. 20, at 6 per cent. for			
		half-year ending December 31st, 1851 .....	450 0 0		
“		Interest on £630 0 0, Debentures issued under St.			
		John’s Academy Act 7th Vic., cap. 3, at 6 per			
		cent. for half-year ending December 31st 1851	18 18 0		
		Carried forward.....	£2,433 8 11		56,920 12 4

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EXPENDITURE.

Cr.

1852.—By amount brought forward ..... £66,007 0 11

Carried forward ..... £66,007 0 11

1851. Brought forward.....£2,433 8 11||56,920 12 4

Dec. 31.—To Interest on £14,520 0 0, Debentures issued under Act 9th Vic. cap. 7, for half year ending Dec. 31st, 1851, viz. :—

£7,150	0	0	for 6 months, at 5½ per cent.	£196	18	0	
125	0	0	1 month and 13 days, at 5½ per cent.	0	16	2	
5,135	0	0	6 months, at 6 per cent.	154	1	0	
500	0	0	5 " and 7 days, at 6 per cent.	13	1	6	
300	0	0	5 months and 8 days, at 6 per cent.	7	18	0	
200	0	0	5 months and 9 days, at 6 per cent.	5	6	0	
100	0	0	5 months and 11 days, at 6 per cent.	2	13	8	
1,000	0	0	5 months and 10 days, at 6 per cent.	26	13	4	—407 7 8

2,840 16 7

1852.

Jan. 2.—To Debenture No. 15, Act 9th Vic. cap. 7, favour James Power, due Dec. 8, 1851—paid off ...	300	0	0				
Debenture No. 18, Act 9th Vic. cap. 7, favour Lieut. Walter Bold, R.N.C., due Dec. 11, 1851—paid off .....	100	0	0				
							400 0 0
" " Warrant No. 49—Roads ... ..							72 17 10
" " " " 50 ... ..							69 4 2

Carried forward..... £60,303 10 11

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## REVENUE AND

Dr.

Brought forward .....£60,303 10 11

1851.

Jan. 2—	To Warrant No. 51—Roads	.....			106	1	1	
3—	“ Debenture No. 22, Act 9th, Vic. cap 7, favour Jos. W. Crowdy, due Dec. 7th, 1851—paid off				100	0	0	
5—	“ Debenture No. 14, Act 9th Vic. cap. 7, favour Michael Harding, due Dec. 7th, 1851—paid off		500	0	0			
	“ Debenture No. 32, Act 9th Vic., cap. 7, favor John Gregory, due December 31st 1851—paid off	.....	200	0	0			
	“ Debenture No. 34, Act 9th Vic. cap. 7, favor A. W. Des Barres, due Jan. 1st, 1852—paid off.	.....	50	0	0			
					<u>750</u>	0	0	
6.—	“ Interest on Debenture, No. 15, Act 9th Vic., cap. 7, favor James Power, £300, from Dec., 8, 1846, to December 31st, 1846, at 6 per cent., (being 23 days) omitted to be paid by late Treas- urer	.....				1	2	0
7.—	“ Warrant, No. 101	.....	382	19	8			
	“ “ 52—Roads	.....	86	6	8			
	“ “ 53 “	.....	150	1	11			
					<u>619</u>	8	3	
9.—	“ “ “ 102	.....	135	17	4			
	“ “ “ 54—Roads	.....	65	17	8			
					<u>201</u>	15	0	
10	“ “ “ 55—Roads	.....				63	0	10
12	“ “ “ 103	.....	125	12	6			
	“ “ “ 104	.....	56	5	0			
	“ “ “ 56—Roads	.....	104	7	1			
					<u>286</u>	4	7	
“	“ Debenture No. 16, Act 9th, Vic. cap. 7, favour William Talbot, due Dec. 9th, 1851—paid off				200	0	0	
13	“ Warrant No. 105	.....			990	11	3	
15	“ “ “ 106	.....	194	0	5			
	“ “ “ 57—Roads	.....	122	1	0			
					<u>316</u>	1	5	
17	“ “ “ 107	.....	349	1	1			
	“ “ “ 58—Roads	.....	40	19	10			
					<u>390</u>	0	11	
						<u>64,327</u>	16	3
“	“ Balance as per balance sheet	.....			13,792	8	3	
						<u>£78,120</u>	4	6

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## EXPENDITURE.

CR.

1852.—By amount brought forward.....		£66,007	0	11
Jan. 5—By Licenses, per Robert R. W. Lilly, Acting Clerk of Peace, St. John's, for Quarter ended Dec. 31, 1851 - .....	£290	3	0	
Fees per Ditto ditto .....	14	17	6	
Fines, &c. Ditto ditto .....	26	17	0	
				<u>331 17 6</u>
6—" Custom Duties, per Collector Kent .....		3686	2	10
" " Customs Bonds, per Collector Kent, for the Quar- ter ended 5th January, 1851 .....		8,081	8	3
12—" Licenses, per John Lawrence, Clerk of Peace, Bona- vista, for half year ended Nov. 1st, 1851 .....		11	5	0
13—" Fees, per John Lawrence, Clerk of Peace, Bona- vista, on account half year ended November 1st 1851 .....			2	10 0

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£78,120 4 6

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## COLONIAL BUILDING.

1851.		Dr.		1851.	Cr.		
Jan. 22.—	To paid Jas. Purcell	£100	0 0	Jan. 1.—	By Balance.....	£1,712	19 0
Feb. 26.	“ Ditto	100	0 0				
April 3.	“ J. W. Crowdy	50	0 0				
19.	“ Ditto	50	0 0				
29.	“ James Purcell	100	0 0				
Aug. 16.	“ Ditto	150	0 0				
Sep. 8.	“ J. W. Crowdy	50	0 0				
Oct. 31.	“ Patrick Kough	450	0 0				
Nov. 3.	“ J. & W. Stewart	200	0 0				
		£1,250	0 0				
1852.							
Jan. 17.	“ Balance as per bal- ance sheet.....	462	19 0				
		£1,712	19 0			£1,712	19 0

## MARKET HOUSE.

1851.		Dr.		1851.	Cr.		
Feb. 20—	To paid Parker & Reed	£100	0 0	Jan. 1.—	By Balance.....	£730	12 9
Sep. 18.	“ Ditto	10	14 8				
Dec. 23.	“ Ditto	33	18 0				
		£144	12 8				
1852.							
Jan. 17.—	“ Balance as per bal. Sheet.....	586	0 1				
		£730	12 9			£730	12 9

## PATRICK MORRIS, DECEASED, (LATE TREASURER.)

1851.		Dr.		1851.	Cr.		
Jan. 1.—	To balance	£4,088	13 4	Dec. 15.—	By amount received from E. M. Archi- bald, Her Majesty's Attorney General	£607	6 8
		£4,088	13 4	1852.			
				Jan. 17.—	“ Balance per bal- ance sheet	3,481	6 8
						£4,088	13 4

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## UNPAID WARRANTS (LATE TREASURER.)

1851. DR.		1851. CR.	
April 16.—To paid David Connors, Wrn't. No. 46, 1849	£0 15 7	Jan. 1.—Balance.....	£764 3 9
May 5.— Paid Dr. Wm. Dow, Wrn't. No. 215. 1847	2 2 0		
Oct. 31.— Paid Alexander Stra- tie, Warrant No. 58, 1849	3 19 9		
	<hr/> 6 17 4		
1852. Jan. 17.—Bal. as per bal. sheet	£757 6 5		
	<hr/> £764 3 9		<hr/> £764 3 9

## SAINT JOHN'S ACADEMY.

1851. DR.		1851. CR.	
Mar. 7.—To paid Savings' Bank for interest on £130 note due by late Di- rectors, from March 15th, 1848, to Dec. 2nd, 1850, being 2 years, 8 months, & 19 days, at 6 per cent	21 4 5	Jan. 1.—By balance	21 4 5
Apl. 14.— " paid Savings' Bank for note due by late Directors, payable Dec. 3rd 1850	130 0 0	April 11.— " received from H. W. Hoyles for De- benture No. 2, issu- ed under Act 7th Vic., cap. 3,	130 0 0
	<hr/> £151 4 5		<hr/> £151 4 5

## TREASURY NOTE ACCOUNT.

1852.		1851.	
Jan. 17.—To balance as per balance sheet.....	£5,200 0 0	Jan. 1.—By Balance.....	£5,200 0 0

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UNPAID INTEREST, JANUARY 17TH, 1852.

No. of Deben- ture.		£	s	d	No. of Deben- ture.		£	s	d										
						Brought forward...	132	11	6										
3	.....	1	5	0	248	.....	13	5	10										
8	.....	1	0	0	259	.....	5	6	10										
20	.....	2	2	6	266	.....	10	15	0										
21	.....	3	17	6	269	.....	12	10	0										
27	.....	0	12	6	274	.....	1	14	4										
30	.....	4	5	0	276	.....	0	13	11										
31	.....	0	15	0	277	.....	1	10	0										
33	.....	2	15	0	290	.....	3	18	0										
45	.....	5	0	0	291	.....	2	4	8										
52	.....	1	5	0	293	} St. John's Re-build- ing Acts.	3	7	2										
53	.....	0	12	6	298		.....	5	1	6									
55	.....	7	10	0	299		.....	0	7	11									
56	.....	1	0	0	300		.....	4	8	6									
66	.....	13	15	0	301		.....	0	12	9									
70	.....	1	5	0	302		.....	0	11	10									
72	.....	3	2	6	303		.....	0	4	6									
73	.....	1	10	0	304		.....	0	12	4									
76	.....	2	5	0	306		.....	0	6	3									
79	.....	2	19	0	307		.....	0	3	3									
79½	} Saint John's Re-building Acts.	2	0	0	308	.....	0	0	9										
83		.....	2	10	0	12	.....	30	0	0									
85	.....	3	10	0	16	.....	4	10	0										
93	.....	2	5	0	19	.....	3	0	0										
108	.....	1	5	0	23	.....	45	0	0										
131	.....	6	17	6	25	.....	6	0	0										
134	.....	18	15	0	30	.....	47	5	0										
135	.....	0	18	6	34	.....	9	0	0										
140	.....	1	0	0	35	} Colonial Building & Market House Acts.	31	4	0										
146	.....	1	16	0	40		.....	27	0	0									
147	.....	1	16	0	41		.....	12	0	0									
149	.....	1	16	0	46		.....	25	16	0									
158	.....	7	5	0	49		.....	12	0	0									
188	.....	1	17	6	50		.....	9	0	0									
192	.....	10	0	0	51		.....	6	0	0									
203	.....	5	0	0	58		.....	3	0	0									
215	.....	2	10	0	59		.....	30	0	0									
221	.....	0	17	6	60		} Act 9th Vic. c. 7.	19	10	0									
222	.....	3	0	0	19	.....		26	13	4									
240	.....	1	5	0	20	.....		19	10	0									
Carried forward.....					£132 11 6					Carried forward.....					£566 15 2				

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## UNPAID INTEREST, JANUARY 17TH, 1852.

No. of Warrant.	Brought forward.....	£566	15	2
23	} Act 9th Vic. cap. 7.		9	0
33			10	7
7			9	12
1			10	8
2			3	0
5			45	0
7			9	0
10			30	0
11			15	19
13			6	0
14		6	0	
19		9	8	
20 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>		5	2	
21	} Act 12th Vic. cap. 20.		4	10
22			9	0
23			3	0
24			21	19
30			3	0
31			3	0
32			33	3
2			3	0
5			3	0
6			3	18
7		3	18	
14		3	0	
16		8	3	
1		6	17	
2	} Harbour Grace		1	4
6		} Street Act.		2
7				2
	As per balance sheet.....	£851	2	7

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## OUTSTANDING WARRANTS.

JANUARY 17TH, 1852.

No. of Warrant.						
163	Thomas Quirk	.....	.....	.....	£2	6 8
32	William S. Green	.....	.....	.....	4	6 8
217	George Hunter	.....	.....	.....	4	6 8
112	David Handy	.....	.....	.....	3	0 0
117	Representatives of late John Antle	.....	.....	.....	0	17 9
13	David Handy	.....	.....	.....	3	0 0
131	John Skelton	.....	.....	.....	3	3 0
28	Catherine Mesh	.....	.....	.....	0	5 1
34	Dorcas Society, Harbour Grace	.....	.....	.....	25	0 0
32	Michael Cullen	.....	.....	.....	5	3 0
39	Thomas George	.....	.....	.....	3	0 0
41	David Handy	.....	.....	.....	3	0 0
54	Protestant Board of Education Burin	.....	.....	.....	22	10 0
63	Thomas George	.....	.....	.....	3	0 0
64	James Oldford	.....	.....	.....	3	0 0
65	John Trood	.....	.....	.....	3	0 0
"	David Handy	.....	.....	.....	3	0 0
66	George Mitchell	.....	.....	.....	2	10 0
77	Edmund Glynn, Jr.	.....	.....	.....	1	1 8
"	William Butler	.....	.....	.....	1	1 8
"	Elizabeth Glynn	.....	.....	.....	0	8 8
80	Protestant Board of Education, Burin	.....	.....	.....	22	10 0
"	Ditto ditto, Fortune Bay	.....	.....	.....	45	15 0
"	Ditto ditto, Burgeo	.....	.....	.....	10	0 0
"	Ditto ditto, Bonavista South	.....	.....	.....	32	10 0
"	Ditto ditto, Fogo	.....	.....	.....	12	10 0
81	Roman Catholic Board of Education, St. John's	.....	.....	.....	145	0 0
"	Ditto ditto Fogo	.....	.....	.....	13	15 0
"	Ditto ditto St. Mary's	.....	.....	.....	18	15 0
82	Right Rev. Bishop Mullock	.....	.....	.....	50	0 0
92	Joseph Ryan	.....	.....	.....	37	10 0
93	William T. Stentafor	.....	.....	.....	15	0 0
"	Robert Bayly	.....	.....	.....	15	0 0
"	Abraham A. Pearce	.....	.....	.....	11	5 0
94	Charles Granger	.....	.....	.....	6	5 0
"	Edmund Glynn	.....	.....	.....	6	5 0
"	Edward Doyle	.....	.....	.....	5	0 0
95	George Garland	.....	.....	.....	6	5 0
"	Thomas Keefe	.....	.....	.....	3	0 0

Carried forward..... £553 2 10

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## OUTSTANDING WARRANTS.

JANUARY 17TH 1852.

No. of  
Warrant.

		Brought forward.....	£553	2	10
95	Daniel O'Connell	.....	3	0	0
"	Richard Anderson	.....	3	0	0
"	William Collins	.....	3	0	0
"	John Pawley	.....	3	0	0
"	Thomas George	.....	3	0	0
"	John Collings	.....	6	5	0
96	James Oldford	.....	3	0	0
"	John Ludlow	.....	3	0	0
"	John Jure	.....	3	0	0
"	Thomas Getherall	.....	3	0	0
"	Thomas Carew	.....	3	0	0
"	Michael Power	.....	3	0	0
"	William Trenear	.....	3	0	0
97	William Burke	.....	6	5	0
"	George Sutton	.....	3	0	0
"	William Butler	.....	6	5	0
"	Henry Beck	.....	3	0	0
"	Thomas Laskey	.....	3	0	0
"	John Trood	.....	3	0	0
"	David Handy	.....	3	0	0
"	Benjamin Cock	.....	3	0	0
98	William Pitts	.....	5	0	0
"	John Esmonde	.....	3	15	0
"	Robert Craft	.....	3	15	0
"	John Healey	.....	3	15	0
"	Patrick Linahan	.....	3	0	0
"	William Christopher	.....	3	0	0
"	John Thorne	.....	1	10	0
"	John Farrell	.....	2	10	0
"	George Mitchell	.....	2	10	0
"	Patrick Bonia	.....	1	10	0
103	Frederick Rowe	.....	12	7	0
"	Garland C. Gaden	.....	1	3	6
104	W. T. Stentaford	.....	2	10	0
"	Anne Buchanan	.....	2	10	0
"	James Fitzgerald	.....	2	10	0
"	Joseph J. Pearce	.....	2	10	0
"	Martin Williams	.....	2	10	0
"	John Morry	.....	2	10	0
"	John Devereux	.....	2	10	0

Carried forward.....£688 3 4

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## OUTSTANDING WARRANTS.

JANUARY 17TH, 1852.

No. of  
Warrant.

		Brought forward.....		£688	3	4
104	Hannibal Murch	.....	.....	2	10	0
"	Mary Morris	.....	.....	2	10	0
"	Thomas Berkett	.....	.....	2	10	0
"	Thomas E. Gaden	.....	.....	2	10	0
"	Andrew Drysdale	.....	.....	3	15	0
"	Thomas Hanrahan	.....	.....	3	15	0
105	Right Rev. Bishop Mullock	.....	.....	897	13	4
106	Thomas Butler	.....	.....	2	1	0
"	The Chairman of the Protestant Board of Education, Harbor Grace.....	.....	.....	34	13	4
107	John Stark.....	.....	.....	8	6	4
25	Richard Ryan, Trinity	.....	.....	0	0	6
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				As per balance sheet.....£1,648 7 10		



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DR.		STATEMENT OF PUBLIC			
1851.					
Jan. 1.—	To balance .....	.....	.....	£106,701	17 4
April 11.—	To Debenture No. 2, favor of H. W. Hoyles, issued under St. John's Academy Act, 7th Vic. cap. 3, payable in 7 years at 6 per cent. ....			130	0 0
	“ Debentures Issued under the Saint John's Re-building Acts, to the following parties. viz. :				
May 6.—	“ No. 285, favor Nicholas Mudge, Agent for Strip-ling's Estate .....	.....	.....	197	0 0
“	“ No. 286, “ William Branscomb .....	.....	.....	130	0 0
“	“ 287, “ Saving's Bank, favor Robert R. Wakeham, for Edward Banks ...			80	0 0
“	“ 288, “ Saving's Bank, for Robert R. Wakeham .....	.....	.....	190	0 0
“	“ 289, “ Robert J. Parsons ...	.....	.....	60	0 0
“	“ 290, “ J. B. Barnes & Co. ...	.....	.....	156	0 0
“	“ 291, “ Bryan Robinson .....	.....	.....	50	0 0
“	“ 292, “ Newman & Co. ....	.....	.....	150	0 0
“	“ 293, “ James Moore .....	.....	.....	134	6 8
22.	“ 294, “ William Blake .....	.....	.....	45	0 0
June 21.	“ 295, “ Cornelius Denehy.....	.....	.....	77	0 0
July 8.	“ 296, “ Job, Brothers & Co., Agents for Martha Ann Kean... ..	.....	.....	30	6 8
	“ 297, “ Lawrence Maccassey .....	.....	.....	81	9 4
	“ 298, “ James Tobin .....	.....	.....	208	0 0
Sep. 25.	“ 299, “ Brooking & Son, for James Fogarty.....	.....	.....	30	0 0
Oct. 24.	“ 300, “ Brooking and Son, for estate of Joshua M. Brooks ...	.....	.....	415	0 0
“	“ 301, “ Brooking and Son, for estate of Cockrane .....	.....	.....	60	0 0
Nov. 11.	“ 302, “ Patrick Doubtney.....	.....	.....	88	0 0
13.	“ 303, “ Patrick Clooney .....	.....	.....	34	13 4
“	“ 304, “ C. F. Bennett, for estate of Martha Young ... ..	.....	.....	95	0 0
15.	“ “ Hugh W. Hoyles, Administrator of late John Flood .....	.....	.....	95	0 0
“	“ 306, “ Sarah Flood .....	.....	.....	50	0 0
Dec. 8.	“ 307, “ John Power .....	.....	.....	52	0 0
23.	“ 308, “ John Saunders .....	.....	.....	26	0 0
27.	“ 309, “ Patrick Dunphy .....	.....	.....	65	0 0
				2,599 16 0	

Carried forward.....£109,431 13 4

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## DEBT ACCOUNT.

CR.

1851. By the following Debentures, paid off:—

Febry. 10.—	“	No 4, favor the Commissioners of Pilots, Cape Spear Light House Act.....	£100	0	0
April 10.—	“	No. 3, favor the Misses Eales, Bonavista Light House Act.....	500	0	0
May 9.—	“	No. 2, favor Hugh W. Hoyles, Colonial Building Act	100	0	0
“	“	“ 3, “ Hugh W. Hoyles, do. do. do.	100	0	0
30.—	“	“ 1, “ Lieut. Bold, R.N.C., Act 9th Vic.,	300	0	0
June 30.—	“	“ 6, “ Matthew Byrne “ “ “	200	0	0
July 1.—	“	“ 3, “ William Bindon “ “ “	200	0	0
“	“	“ 13, “ Patrick McGrath “ “ “	750	0	0
“	“	“ 8, “ R. Anderson “ “ “	200	0	0
“	“	“ 2, “ Henry Veal “ “ “	250	0	0
“	“	“ 10, “ Thomas Lynch “ “ “	100	0	0
“	“	“ 7, “ John Kelly “ “ “	800	0	0
Aug. 2.—	“	“ 11, “ Kenneth McLea “ “ “	400	0	0
“	“	“ 5, “ William Talbot “ “ “	100	0	0
Sept. 11.—	“	“ 18, “ Savings' Bank “ 6th Vic.	500	0	0
29.—	“	“ 9, “ John Stark and John Fitzgerald, Act 9th Vic.....	130	0	0
Oct. 30.—	“	No. 4, favor John Snowball, Rev., Act 9th Vic.....	250	0	0
Nov. 25.—	“	“ 17, “ William Hogan “ “ “	300	0	0

1852.

Jan. 2.—	“	“ 15, “ James Power “ “ “	300	0	0
“	“	“ 18, “ Lieut. Bold, R.N.C. “ “ “	100	0	0
3.—	“	“ 22, “ Joseph Crowdy “ “ “	100	0	0
5.—	“	“ 14, “ Michael Harding “ “ “	500	0	0
“	“	“ 32, “ John Gregory “ “ “	200	0	0
“	“	“ 34, “ A. W. DesBarres “ “ “	50	0	0
12	“	“ 16, “ William Talbot “ “ “	200	0	0

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 6730 0 0

Carried forward.....£6730 0 0

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## STATEMENT OF PUBLIC

DR.

1851.—To amount brought forward	.....	.....	£109,431	13	4
" Debentures issued under the Harbor Grace Street Act, 9th and 10th Vic. cap. 4, to the following parties, viz. :—					
Aug. 14.— " No. 1, favour Thomas B. Job, as agent for Martha Ann Kean and George Crawford Heath.....			364	0	0
Oct. 7.— " " 2, John Munn, for John Charles Nuttall and Mary Elizabeth Nuttall .....			105	0	0
Dec. 18.— " " 3, John Munn, for Arnold and Elizabeth Webber	£87	16	0		
	James Lampen	68	6	0	
			156	2	0
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" 4 John Munn, for Thomas B. Wills .....	43	6	8		
" " Ellen Dunford	29	5	0		
			72	11	8
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" 5 John Munn, for Nathaniel Davis	38	1	0		
	John Munn.....	30	0	0	
			68	1	0
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23.— " 6, Catherine Ash	.....	.....	125	13	4
" " 7, John Hayward	.....	.....	125	13	4
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£110,448 14 8

I certify that the foregoing amounts are just and true in every particular, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ROBERT CARTER,  
*Colonial Treasurer.*

Treasurer's Office, }  
17th of Jan. 1852. }

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## DEBT ACCOUNT.

1852.

Cr.

	Brought forward	.....	£6,730 0 0
Jan. 17.—	To balance as per balance sheet	.....	103,718 14 8

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£110,448 14 8

We do hereby certify that we have duly audited the foregoing accounts, and that we have finally settled and closed the same.

WM. THOMAS }  
A. SHEA } *Auditors.*  
PETER WINSER }

St. John's, Newfoundland, }  
8th March, 1852. }

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE COLONY, JANUARY 17TH, 1852.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Cash in Treasury.....	£8,618 17 10	Outstanding Warrants.....	£1,618 7 10
Customs Bonds Outstanding.....	11,197 19 8	Ditto Interest.....	851 2 7
		Ditto Warrants (late Treasurer).....	757 6 5
		Balance due Colonial Building.....	462 19 0
		Ditto Market-House.....	586 0 1
		Treasury Notes Issued.....	5,200 0 0
		Debt re-payable in 1851.....	2,775 0 0
		Unexpended Grants.....	2,000 0 0
		Balance of 10 per cent. Duties for redeeming	} 2,312 8 1
		Debt, &c.....	
		Balance.....	3,223 13 6
			-----
			16,593 4 0
			-----
			3,223 13 6
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			£19,816 17 6

R. CARTER, Colonial Treasurer.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE COLONY, FOR THE YEAR 1852.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Balance from last Year.....	£3,200	Estimate.....	£18,700
Estimated amount of Revenue.....	65,000	Reserved Salaries .....	6,812
“ Licenses, Fines, &c.....	1,500	Customs “ .....	4,600
“ Lands’ Act.....	1,000	Special “ .....	2,650
“ Light Dues.....	2,300	Lands Act.....	1,000
“ Late Treasurer’s Estate.....	600	Postal “ .....	1,000
		Education .....	7,500
		Debt repayable .....	1,095
		Interest on Debt .....	5,800
		Legislative Contingencies .....	4,000
		Light-Houses .....	1,800
		Registration of Voters .....	155
		Elections .....	1,200
		Unexpended Road Grant .....	7,880
		Balance of 10 per cent. Duties for redeeming Debt &c. ....	2,500
		Balance in favour of the Colony.....	£66,692
			6,908
			£73,600

ROBERT CARTER,  
Colonial Treasury.



## TREASURY ACCOUNTS.

## REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31ST 1849.

Dr.

## FERRIES.

1849,	Brought forward.....	£3845	15	2		2060	16	9
To Patrick Flood, Holyrood, quarter ending 30th Sept. ....	147	£2	10	0				
“ John Farrell, Spoon Cove, half-year ending 30th Sept. ....	171	5	0	0				
“ Patrick Flood, Holyrood, quarter ending 31st Dec. ....	192	3	15	0				
“ John Farrell, Burin, quarter ending 31st Dec. ....	...	2	10	0	—	253	18	4

## GAOL EXPENSES.

“ Richard Brace .....	135	17	16	3
“ William Stentaford .....	149	0	11	3
“ Jane Pippy .....	150	1	5	9
“ James Hanrahan .....	...	7	4	11
“ Michael Fennell .....	153	12	0	1
“ Catherine Mesh .....	154	1	4	5
“ Charles Granger .....	156	9	0	10
“ Edmund Glynn .....	...	0	10	0
“ Joseph Score .....	158	12	16	4
“ Clift. Wood & Co. ....	...	22	14	5
“ James Gambier .....	...	10	0	0
“ Elizabeth Sinnotte .....	...	3	9	8
“ David Rogers .....	161	11	5	0
“ Joseph Score .....	...	10	16	8
“ Richard Brace .....	162	11	1	10
“ James Hanrahan .....	162	3	18	11
“ Jane Pippy .....	...	0	11	7
“ Thomas Butler .....	166	5	0	0
“ Clift, Wood & Co., for representatives of James Fergus .....	...	23	16	11
“ David Rogers .....	168	11	11	0
“ James Rice .....	178	10	17	3
“ Charles Cozens .....	195	1	7	5
“ John Skeltan .....	198	2	2	0
“ Jane Granger .....	199	0	13	0

Carried forward.....£4099 13 6 | 2060 16 9



*Customs Returns.*

## PORT OF ST. JOHN'S.

*A CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNT CURRENT of Receipts and Payments for the Year ending the 5th day of January, 1852.*

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1852.—By this Amount due Sub-Collector at Placentia, vide Account					
5th January, 1852...	.....	.....		£55	1 6
“ Over Entries ...	.....	.....		219	9 10
“ Drawbacks ...	.....	.....		6,341	1 5
“ Returned Duties ...	.....	.....		116	7 5
“ Reserved Salaries ...	.....	.....		6,812	0 0
“ Incidental Expenses	.....	.....		191	3 4
“ Lumber Certificates	.....	.....		17	17 6
“ Salaries viz :					
Saint John's ...	.....	1,803	0 4		
Out Bays ..	.....	1,706	15 0	—	3,509 15 4
“ Tide Waiters ...	.....				674 2 8
“ Paid Treasurer, viz. :					
Bonds ...	.....	50,016	3 8		
Cash ...	.....	16,359	16 4	—	66,376 0 0
“ Out Bay balances to next year, viz. :					
Fogo ...	.....	143	8 0		
Greenspond ...	.....	112	9 5		
Trinity ...	.....	158	17 9		
Carbonear ...	.....	71	14 3		
Harbor Grace ...	.....	1,142	6 4		
Burin ...	.....	176	14 10		
Little Bay ...	.....	353	19 5		
Gaultois ...	.....	55	19 11	—	2,215 9 11
				£86,528	8 11

We do hereby certify that we have duly Audited the foregoing Accounts, and that we have finally settled and closed the same.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN. }  
 EDMUND HANRAHAN. } *Auditors.*  
 RICHARD RANKIN. }

St. John's, Newfoundland, }  
 The 14th day of February 1852. }

*Crown Lands.*SURVEYOR GENERAL'S RETURN OF GRANTS REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING 1st OCTOBER, 1851.

Nos.	Name of Grantee.	Contents.	Where situate.	Cost Grant.
1	Levi Simon .....	1 3 0	Carbonear .....	£ 0 5 0
2	Levi Simon .....	1 2 25	Ditto .....	0 5 0
3	Levi Simon .....	1 1 3	Ditto .....	0 5 0
4	Levi Simon .....	2 0 29	Ditto .....	0 5 0
5	Finn James .....	6 2 8	Cupids .....	0 7 0
6	Murphy Andrew...	11 1 15	Brigus .....	0 12 0
7	Flaherty Edward...	4 3 33	Cats Cove .....	5 0 0
8	Saunders John William	20 0 0	Renewse .....	1 0 0
9	Hutchings Monier	14 0 20	Brookfield Road	27 0 0
10	Field Right Rev. Dr.	0 1 5	St. John's .....	80 0 0
1	Duffy James .....	38 0 0	Distress .	2 16 0
2	Riley Thomas .....	5 2 15	Corslett .....	0 6 0
3	English John .....	29 0 0	Branch .....	1 18 0
4	Mangan Walter ...	27 1 31	Corslett .....	1 16 0
5	Ryall John .....	15 2 13	Port de Grave	0 16 0
6	Slade Robert, Executors of.....	11 2 8	Catalina .....	0 12 0
7	Slade Robert, Executors of.....	0 3 20	Trinity .....	0 10 5
8	Butler Maurice ...	3 0 0	Holyrood .....	0 5 0
9	Waddock John.....	30 0 0	St. John's .....	4 10 0
20	Veaables John.....	12 3 30	Ditto .....	1 6 0
1	Sheehy John .....	16 3 38	Renewse (Round Cove)	0 17 0
2	Maley James .....	12 1 24	Coots Marsh Road	8 5 0
3	Dunscomb Edward	124 0 0	Placentia Road	31 0 0
4	Sevier William ...	1 0 0	Trinity .....	0 5 0
5	Thompson John ...	17 0 4	Trinity Bay	0 18 0
6	Roach Patrick.....	32 2 33	Outer Cove .....	1 13 0
7	Arnett Archibald	6 2 23	Bonavista .....	0 14 10
8	Skiffington James	2 3 0	Ditto .....	0 5 0
9	Abbott John and James	5 1 37	Ditto .....	0 11 5
30	Fleming Maurice...	4 2 1	Ditto .....	0 9 4
1	McCormack Thomas	6 0 16	Ditto .....	0 15 2
2	Green William ...	4 1 18	Ditto .....	0 9 0
3	Burton Stephen ...	3 0 0	Ditto .....	0 6 3
4	Fennel Michael ...	7 1 0	Ditto .....	0 14 7
5	White Martin .....	0 3 22	Ditto .....	0 5 0
6	Fisher Joseph .....	2 0 16	Ditto .....	0 5 0
7	Little George .....	0 2 19	Ditto .....	0 5 0
8	Mills John .....	4 2 24	Ditto .....	0 9 8
9	Pardy John .....	2 3 8	Ditto .....	0 5 10
40	Moore Charles.....	22 1 22	Bay Bulls Road	3 7 6
1	Gahan William ...	3 3 33	Aquaforte .....	0 8 4
2	Gahan William ...	3 0 9	Ditto .....	0 5 0
3	White Richard ...	2 3 14	Ditto .....	0 5 0
4	Grant Richard.....	6 0 24	Cape Broyle	0 14 0
5	Johnstone James ...	9 0 0	Trinity .....	0 18 9
6	Lockyer James ...	1 0 0	Ditto .....	0 5 3
7	Ryan David .....	3 1 15	Ditto .....	0 8 4

## Crown Lands.

## REGISTRY OF GRANTS.—Continued.

Nos.	Name of Grantee.	Contents.	Where situate.	Cost Grant.
8	Randall William	9 0 17	Trinity	£ 1 0 10
9	House Robert	5 1 20	Catalina	0 6 0
50	Noonan Richard	1 3 17	Ditto	0 5 0
1	Crocker David	5 3 26	Trinity	0 10 3
2	Penny William, j'r.	2 0 0	Ditto	0 5 3
3	Wells Joseph	3 1 26	Ditto	0 8 4
4	Barber John	9 3 13	Ditto	0 16 5
5	Penny Charles	1 0 15	Salmon Cove	0 5 3
6	Penny William	11 1 12	Trinity	1 6 1
7	Moodey James	13 1 16	Ditto	1 9 2
8	Penny John and Samuel	1 3 14	Ditto	0 5 3
9	Grant Robert	0 2 15	Ditto	0 5 3
60	Hanlon John	6 3 0	Ditto	0 11 3
1	Fifield Thomas	4 0 0	Ditto	0 8 4
2	Randall Robert	12 0 27	Ditto	1 7 1
3	Jones Jonah	4 3 21	Ditto	0 10 5
4	Jones Robert	2 3 4	Ditto	0 6 3
5	Jones Jonah, j'r.	2 2 17	Ditto	0 6 3
6	Bennett Charles Fox	41 2 28	Bay Bulls Road	35 8 3
7	Ditto	14 0 2	Mondays Pond	24 8 0
8	Badcock William	1 3 35	Brigus (near Ferryland)	0 5 0
9	DeGrish William	2 2 25	Trinity	0 6 3
70	Pendergast John	28 0 12	White Hills	2 10 0
1	Job Thomas Bulley	14 0 0	Brookfield Road	19 17 6
2	Dancey Frederick James	6 1 22	Bay Roberts	0 14 7
3	Coughlan Richard	25 2 11	Bryant's Cove	1 12 0
4	Pitts James	2 1 20	Lance Cove	0 5 0
5	Ditto	33 1 26	Ditto	2 8 0
6	Landy Richard	37 1 36	Topsail Road	2 16 0
7	Hide Patrick	3 1 24	Rocky Hill Road	0 5 0
8	Crocker Aubrey George	49 0 0	Trinity	3 18 0
9	Langmead Richard	2 0 7	Harbor Briton	0 5 0
80	Mullock Right Rev. Dr.	2 3 5	Beau Bois, Placentia Bay	0 5 0
1	Burke Johanna	7 3 20	Mondays Pond	26 5 0
2	Gorman Patrick	20 0 0	Topsail Road	1 0 0
3	Shaughan John	1 0 13	Ferryland	0 10 1
4	Murphy Margaret	9 0 20	Branscomb's Hill Road	0 10 0
5	Morgan James	4 1 24	Ferryland	0 10 5
6	Carter Robert	9 0 30	Ditto	1 0 10
7	Foran Mathew	0 3 4	Ditto	0 5 1
8	Walsh Peter	0 1 9	Ditto	0 5 1
9	Lock James	2 1 14	Caplin Bay	0 5 1
90	Gregory John	0 0 12	Ferryland	0 5 1
1	Sullivan Joseph	4 1 10	Caplin Bay	0 10 1
2	Costello Patrick	4 0 12	Ferryland	0 10 5
3	Morry Matthew	8 0 30	Ditto	0 18 9

*Crown Lands.*

## REGISTRY OF GRANTS.—Continued.

Nos.	Name of Grantee.	Contents.	Where situate.	Cost Grant.
4	Evans Patrick .....	1 0 25	Ferryland .....	£0 5 0
5	Flannigan Thomas .....	0 2 25	Ditto .....	0 5 0
6	Walsh Peter .....	0 1 35	Ditto .....	0 5 0
7	Cain Martin .....	1 1 15	Ditto .....	0 5 0
8	O'Neile Cornelius .....	0 3 14	Fermeuse .....	0 5 0
9	O'Neile Henry.....	4 1 2	Ditto .....	0 5 0
100	O'Neile Henry.....	5 2 36	Ditto .....	0 12 6
1	Botterell Rev. Edmund .....	0 3 38	Burin .....	0 5 0
2	Botterell Rev. Edmund .....	0 1 8	Grand Bank .....	0 5 0
3	Murray Thomas ... ..	4 0 10	St. John's .....	6 7 6
4	Ryan William .....	16 0 0	Ditto .....	1 14 8
5	Ryan Richard .....	16 0 0	Ditto .....	1 14 8
6	Lane John .....	1 1 38	Catalina .....	0 5 0
7	Saunders John Wm. ....	0 0 34	Renewse .....	0 5 0
8	Stewart James .....	0 3 3	St. John's .....	0 5 0
9	Murphy John, Jas., and Edward .....	5 3 13	Catalina .....	0 12 6
110	Power John .....	0 1 22	St. John's .....	3 15 0
1	Aspall Richard ... ..	0 0 34	Ditto .....	2 12 6
2	Ward Edward.....	25 0 0	Ditto .....	2 16 3
3	Murphy John .....	6 0 0	Harbor Grace .....	0 6 0
4	Andrews William .....	0 3 6	Green Bay .....	0 5 2
5	Batstone Charles... ..	0 3 18	Ditto .....	0 5 2
6	Beck Robert .....	0 1 34	Port aux Basque .....	0 5 0
7	Payn Francois .....	1 1 28	Ditto .....	0 5 0
8	Nicolle Joshua M. ....	53 1 34	La Poile .....	2 14 0
119	Evans John .....	2 1 28	Channel Harbor .....	0 5 0
120	Fogarty James.....	21 0 20	St. John's .....	7 10 0
1	Brennan John .....	18 0 22	Ditto .....	0 19 0
2	Gullage Joseph ... ..	1 1 38	Catalina .....	0 5 0
3	Bremner Dugald ... ..	33 0 0	Ditto .....	3 10 10
4	Snellgrove Benjamin .....	1 2 0	Ditto .....	0 5 3
5	Manuels Joseph ... ..	1 3 17	Ditto .....	0 5 3
6	Courage Joseph ... ..	3 0 23	Ditto .....	0 8 4
7	Dempsey James ... ..	0 0 32	St. John's .....	2 12 6
8	Randall Isaac .....	3 0 18	Trinity .....	0 5 0
9	Baker Robert .....	6 1 0	Ditto .....	0 7 0
130	Carter Pascoe .....	57 2 8	Placentia Road .....	4 16 0
1	Bradshaw Francis Lodge .....	2 1 11	Great Placentia .....	0 5 0
2	English Richard ... ..	18 1 0	Distress .....	0 19 0
3	Forrystal Rev. William .....	21 2 0	Great Placentia .....	2 7 8
4	Forrystal Rev. William .....	12 0 0	Ditto .....	0 12 0
5	Dawe John and George .....	2 1 30	Port de Grave .....	0 5 0
6	Hornum Elizabeth .....	5 0 11	Hearts Delight .....	0 6 0
7	Dawe Jacob .....	1 0 28	Port de Grave .....	0 5 0
8	Dawe Isaac .....	0 3 29	Ditto .....	0 5 0
9	White John .....	1 3 36	Great Paradise .....	0 5 0
140	Doyle James .....	4 2 14	Pinchers Island .....	0 5 0

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S RETURN OF LANDS SURVEYED FOR PARTIES WHO WERE IN POSSESSION PRIOR TO THE PASSING OF THE CROWN LANDS' ACT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1ST OCTOBER, 1851.

*Crown Lands.*

NAME OF PARTY FOR WHOM A SURVEY HAS BEEN MADE.	CONTENTS.		WHERE SITUATE.	COST OF GRANT TO APPLICANT.	COST OF SURVEY.	BY WHOM SURVEYED.	REMARKS.
	A.	R. P.					
Keneary Patrick.....	26	1 12	South River .....	£1 14 0	£0 12 6	William R. Noad.	
Mogridge Patrick.....	12	0 0	Bay Bulls Road.....	0 12 0	0 12 6	Do.	
Murray Patrick .....	21	2 0	Portugal Cove Road..	1 4 0	0 12 6	Do.	
Brennan John .....	18	0 22	Petty Harbor Road...	0 19 0	0 12 6	Do.	
McBair's Estate .....	0	3 3	St. John's.....	0 5 0	0 12 6	Do.	
Haley Edmund .....	7	0 0	Black Head.....	0 7 0	0 12 6	£8 2 6	
Whiteway John .....	31	2 28	South River .....	2 4 0	0 12 6	Do.	
Supple Henry .....	100	0 0	Empty Basket .....	9 0 0	1 5 0	Do.	
Shea William.....	20	0 0	Portugal Cove Road..	1 0 0	0 12 6	Do.	
Walsh John.....	12	0 0	South River .....	0 12 0	0 12 6	Do.	
Wade Michael.....	22	2 0	Ditto.....	1 6 0	0 12 6	Do.	
McNamara Michael.....	17	1 26	Petty Harbor Road...	0 18 0	0 12 6	Do.	
Whehan James.....	50	0 0	Salmonier Road.....	4 0 0	1 5 0	John Delaney	
St. Croix William .....	50	0 0	Holyrood Pond.....	4 0 0	1 5 0	Do.	
Kehoe Michael .....	30	0 0	Oliver's Cove.....	2 0 0	0 12 6	Do.	
Walsh Rev. James .....	30	0 0	Ditto.....	2 0 0	0 12 6	£5 12 6	
Kelly Joseph .....	30	0 0	Lance Cove S. Shore..	2 0 0	0 12 6	Do.	
Stamp Thomas .....	30	0 0	Holyrood Pond.....	2 0 0	0 12 6	Do.	
McDonald William.....	10	0 0	Salmonier.....	0 10 0	0 12 6	Do.	

SURVEYOR GENERAL'S RETURN OF LANDS SURVEYED FOR PERSONS HOLDING UNDER LEASES AT AN ANNUAL RENT, AND WHO HAVE PURCHASED UP SUCH RENTS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1ST

OCTOBER, 1851.

NAME OF PARTY FOR WHOM A SURVEY HAS BEEN MADE.	CONTENTS.		WHERE SITUATE.	AMOUNT OF PURCHASE MONEY.	EXPENSE OF SURVEY.	BY WHOM SURVEYED.	REMARKS.
	A.	R. P.					
Dunscomb Edward .....	124	0 0	Placentia Road.....	31 0 0	nil	Surveyor General	
Bennett Charles Fox .....	14	0 2	Mondays Pond.....	24 8 0	£0 12 6	William R. Noad	
Maley James .....	12	1 24	Old Coots Marsh Road	8 5 0	nil	Surveyor General	
Hutchings Monier .....	20	0 28	Brookfield Road .....	27 0 0	nil	Do.	
Daly Michael .....	8	0 30	Signal Hill Road .....	23 5 0	nil	Do.	
Dempsey James .....	0	0 32	River Head, St. John's	2 12 6	0 6 3	William R. Noad	
Burke Joanna .....	7	3 20	Mondays Pond.....	26 5 0	0 12 6	Do.	
Wills John .....	5	2 0	Bay Bulls Road .....	8 5 0	0 12 6	Do.	
Aspell Richard .....	0	0 34	South-side, St. John's	2 12 6	0 6 3	Do.	
Murray Thomas .....	4	0 10	Waterford Bridge ...	6 7 6	£0 12 6	Do.	
Power John.....	0	1 22	Circular Road .....	3 15 0	0 6 3	Do.	
Keough Patrick .....	0	0 9	Hill of Chips.....	45 10 0	nil	Surveyor General	
Fogerty James.....	21	0 20	Pokeham Path.....	7 10 0	nil	Do.	
	218	0 31		£216 15 6	3 8 9		A small piece of land which the lines of firebreak and street threw in front of Mr. Kough's land.

*Crown Lands.*

JOSEPH NOAD, Surveyor-General.

*Crown Lands.*

RETURN OF BUILDING LOTS SITUATE IN ST. JOHN'S, DISPOSED OF AT PUBLIC AUCTION IN THE YEAR ENDING 1ST OCTOBER, 1851, ON LEASES RENEWABLE FOR EVER, AT AN ANNUAL RENT.

	Where situate.	Upset price p. foot.	Sold at per foot.	Total amt. annual rent.	Purchaser dead and the land returned.
Cormack James.....	25 feet front on Water St., 66 on Hollsway St....	20s.	£ 2 2 0		
Gleeson Philip.....	25 feet front on Water Street.....	15	1 0 0	£25 0 0	
Laughnan Charles..	25 feet front on Water Street.....	15	1 0 0	25 0 0	
Laughnan Charles..	25 ft. ft. on Water St., & 61 on Gambier St.....	20	1 8 0	35 0 0	
Power James.....	20 ft. front on Princes St., and 40 on George St..	5	0 6 6	6 10 0	
			.....	.....	
				£91 10 0	

STATEMENT OF LANDS SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION BY THE SURVEYOR-GENERAL FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING 1st OCT., 1851.

PURCHASERS NAME.	CONTENTS. A. R. P.	WHERE SITUATE.	SOLD AT			TOTAL AMT. PURCHASE MONEY.	EXPENSE OF SURVEY.	BY WHOM SURVEYED.	REMARKS.
			10	10	10				
Sullivan Cornelius	50	Salmonier .....	s.	d.	£5 12 6	nil	Sur-General		
Shea Ambrose.....	36	Ditto .....	2s.		3 15 0	nil	Do.		
Shea Ambrose.....	36	Ditto .....	2s.		3 15 0	nil	Do.		
Byrne John .....	30	Salmonier Road .....	2s.		3 2 6			Survey paid for in 1850.	
Gladney Mary.....	30	Broad Cove Road .....	2s.		3 2 6	£0 12 6	W. R. Noad		
Rourke Nicholas .....	30	Ditto .....	2s.		3 2 6	0 12 6	Do.		
Rourke Nicholas .....	20	Ditto .....	2s.		2 1 8	0 12 6	Do.		
Ryan William .....	16	Bay Bulls Road.....	2s.		1 14 8	nil	Sur-General		
Ryan Richard .....	16	Ditto .....	2s.		1 14 8	nil	Do.		
Lawler William .....	31	Broad Cove Road .....	2s.		5 16 3	nil	Do.		
— Abbott .....	25	Topsail Road .....	2s.		2 14 2			Do.	
Andrews William	0 3	Nobles Cove, Green Bay	5s.		0 5 2	nil		Do.	
Batstone Charles...	0 3	Ditto .....	5s.		0 5 2	nil		Do.	
Winton Henry.....	5	Topsail Road .....	2s.		0 10 10				
Fling Daniel .....	30	Old Topsail Road .....	2s.		3 7 6				
Carey John .....	37	Ditto .....	2s.		4 3 3	3 2 6	W. R. Noad	The charge for surveying includes the cost of Chainmen, travelling expenses, and Plan.	
Blackwood Andrew	36	Ditto .....	2s.		4 1 0				
Rennie Wm. Fred.	30	Ditto .....	2s.		3 7 6	nil	Sur-General		
Rodger Robert.....	5	Soldiers Fath .....	2s.		0 11 3				
Winton Henry.....	13	Topsail Road .....	2s.		3 11 6				
Griffin Gregory ...	4 2	Petty Harbor Road.....	2s.		0 11 3	0 12 6	W. R. Noad		
Purcell James .....	50	Indian Pond Bridge on	2s.		8 2 6	nil	Sur-General		
Purcell James .....	50	the Holyrood Road	2s.		8 2 6	nil	Do.		
John Tilley .....	10	Random Sound .....	2s.		1 2 6	nil			
John Tilley .....	20	Ditto .....	2s.		2 5 0	nil			
Rennie Wm. Fred.	50	Old Topsail Road .....	2s.		5 12 6	0 12 6	W. R. Noad		
	662 0		£		82 10 10	£6 5 0		JOS. NOAD, Sur-General.	

Crown Lands.

STATEMENT OF LANDS SURVEYED BY THE DEPUTY SURVEYOR AT BRIGUS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
ENDING 1ST OCTOBER, 1851.

NAME OF PARTY FOR WHOM A SURVEY HAS BEEN MADE.	CONTENTS.		WHERE SITUATE.	Days employed.	Rate per diem.	Total cost of Survey.	BY WHOM SURVEYED.	REMARKS.
	A.	R. P.						
Hall Edmund .....	1	1 11	Caplin Cove	2				
Russell Elijah.....	1	3 27	Bay Roberts					
Badcock John.....	2	0 0	Ditto	1				
Fitzgerald James.....	18	3 30	Ditto					
Loveys Anthony .....	0	2 0	Brigus	1				
Mercer Charles .....	10	3 35	Bay Roberts					
Neile Michael .....	14	0 0	Ditto	1				
Jones Philip .....	3	0 17	Ditto					
Goosney Philip and Bro's.	1	0 35	Ditto	1				
Hayes Robert .....	1	2 28	Ditto					
Williams Walter .....	5	3 24	Ditto	1				
Brown Elizabeth.....	12	0 0	Ditto					
Walsh William .....	2	3 29	Port-de-Grave	1				
Bishop Elijah.....	3	3 13	Burnt Head					
Dawe Jacob .....	1	0 28	Long Beach Pond	1	0	12 10	Joshua Green, Deputy-Surveyor, includes the charge for Chainmen, travelling expenses and plans.	
Dawe William .....	1	0 3	Ditto					
Dawe Isaac .....	0	3 29	Ditto	3				
Dawe John and George.....	2	1 30	Ditto					
Dawe Joshua .....	1	1 8	Ditto	1				
Cannon David .....	4	2 14	Southern Gut					
Richards Abraham.....	0	2 26	Bareneed	1				
Byrne John.....	1	2 0	Southern Gut					
Richards John .....	0	2 26	Bareneed	3				
Leary James .....	0	2 25	Brigus					
Morrissey Patrick.....	8	1 21	Ditto	1				
Walsh Richard .....	24	0 0	Ditto					
Heddek Thomas .....	6	1 13	Bay Roberts	1				
Bussey Joseph.....	6	3 12	Burnt Head					
Frenchard Patience.....	1	2 20	Bay Roberts	1				

STATEMENT OF LANDS SURVEYED BY THE DEPUTY-SURVEYOR AT BRIGUS, FOR THE YEAR END-  
ING 1st Oct., 1851.—Continued.

NAME OF PARTY FOR WHOM A SURVEY HAS BEEN MADE.	CONTENTS	WHERE SITUATE.	DAYS EMPLOYED	RATE PER DIAM.	TOTAL COST SURVEY.			BY WHOM SURVEYED.	REMARKS.
					£	s	d		
Power Richard .....	4	0	14	Port de Grave .....	1				
Wilson Thomas .....	3	0	12	Southern Gut .....	1				
Reid James .....	12	3	29	Ditto .....	1				
Morgan William and John ..	2	2	0	Ditto .....	1				
Kennedy William .....	2	2	10	Cats Cove .....	1				
Kennedy Martin .....	3	2	36	Ditto .....	1				
Hall Isaac .....	4	2	13	Northern Gut .....	1				
Hall William .....	3	0	4	Ditto .....	1				
Kennedy Patrick .....	0	3	0	Chappels Cove Ridge .....	1				
Buck John .....	0	0	29	Cat's Cove .....	1				
Hiscock Thomas .....	2	2	27	Brigus .....	1				
Hearn James .....	5	2	25	Colliers .....	1				
Whelan Matthew .....	11	2	0	Ditto .....	1				
Conway John .....	0	2	38	Ditto .....	1				
Connell Philip .....	5	3	4	Cats Cove .....	1				
Shea John .....	0	2	22	Colliers .....	1				
Shea John .....	0	2	18	Ditto .....	1				
Whelan Samuel .....	5	3	12	Ditto .....	1				
Gushue John .....	1	2	3	Ditto .....	1				
Connell Thomas .....	3	1	28	Cats Cove .....	1				
Evans William .....	20	2	15	Bay Roberts .....	1				
Bowring James .....	27	0	0	Ditto .....	1				
Thompson Linney .....	5	2	32	Ditto .....	1				
Carraway John .....	5	0	26	Ditto .....	1				
Mercer James .....	6	2	12	Ditto .....	1				
Dickson Thomas .....	6	2	9	Port de Grave .....	1				
Bussey Joseph .....	6	3	12	Burnt Head .....	1				
Ryan Patrick .....	7	0	8	Colliers .....	1				
McGrath John .....	5	0	0	Ditto .....	1				

The amount paid the Deputy-Surveyor includes the charge for Chainmen, travelling expenses and Plan.

Joshua Green.  
Dep.-Sur., Brigus.

Crown Lands.



STATEMENT OF LANDS SURVEYED BY THE DEPUTY-SURVEYOR AT BONAVISTA, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1st Oct., 1851.

Name of party for whom a Survey has been made.	Contents.	Where situate.	Days employed.	Rate per diem.	Total cost of Survey.	By whom Surveyed.	Remarks.
Mullally Edward	14 0 6	Bonavista	1	} 12s 6d £ 10 12 6	} W. Sweetland, Dep.-Surveyor, Bonavista.	} The charge for surveying includes the cost of Chain-men, travelling expenses, and Plan.	
Miffen Samuel	1 0 4	Ditto	1				
Lord Bishop of Newfoundland	0 3 38	Ditto	1				
Wesleyan Missionary Society	1 1 16	Ditto	1				
Keels William	0 2 21	Bayley's Cove	1				
Fleming William	0 3 1	Bonavista	1				
Miles William	1 0 6	Ditto	1				
Carpenter Joseph	2 0 12	Clark's Point, Cape Shore	1				
Fleming John	1 0 22	Bayley's Cove	1				
Fleming Maurice	3 3 26	pillars Cove	1				
Cox William & Brothers	0 1 24	Ditto	1				
Harris George and Rodney	1 0 19	Cannaile	1				
Hampton William	0 3 11	Ditto	1				
Sharpe William	0 2 39	Ditto	1				
Robins John	0 2 6	Ditto	1				
Stagg William	0 1 18	Ditto	1				
Sharpe Thomas	0 2 20	Ditto	1				
Keels Mark	0 3 4	Bonavista	1				
Keels Stephen	0 3 20	Ditto	1				
Yeatsell John	1 1 15	Cape L'Argent Cove	1				
Way Henry	2 2 22	Villa Verde	1				
Heaney Patrick	1 1 25	Plate Cove	2				
Fitzgerald Edward	1 0 0	Ditto	2				
Dooley Richard	9 0 15	Ditto	2				
Hancock Philip	6 3 15	Knights Cove	2				
Reader John	4 0 15	Ditto	3				
Light House Commissioners	103 2 20	Cape Bonavista	1				
Porter James	4 1 6	Bird Island Cove	1				
	167 2 16						J. NOAD, Sur.-Gen.

STATEMENT OF LANDS SURVEYED BY THE DEPUTY SURVEYOR AT TREPASSEY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
ENDING 1ST OCTOBER, 1851.

NAME OF PARTY FOR WHOM A SURVEY HAS BEEN MADE.	CONTENTS.		WHERE SITUATE.	RATE PER DIEM.	TOTAL COST SURVEY	BY WHOM SURVEYED.	REMARKS.
	A.	R. P.					
Curtis John.....	0	3 19	Trepassey	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
Hollahan James .....	2	1 32	Ditto				
Hewitt Samuel.....	4	1 22	Ditto				
Pennell William .....	11	1 4	Ditto				
Corrigan Joseph .....	3	3 10	Ditto	12 6	5 0 0	John S. Simms.	The amount paid the
Hewitt John.....	7	1 15	Ditto			Dep-Sur., Trepassey.	Deputy-Surveyor in-
Hollahan Thomas.....	3	1 15	Ditto				cludes the charge for
White Richard.....	4	2 7	Ditto				Chainmen, travelling
Waddleton Michael.....	16	0 28	Ditto				expenses and Plan.
Eitzgerald Edward.....	21	1 14	Ditto				
	75	2 6			5 0 0		

*Crown Lands.*

JOSEPH NOAD, *Surveyor-General.*

STATEMENT OF LANDS SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION BY THE DEPUTY SURVEYOR AT TRINITY UNDER  
THE CROWN LANDS' ACT. FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1ST OCTOBER, 1851.

PURCHASERS NAME.	CONTENTS. A. R. P.	WHERE SITUATE.	PRICE PAID.	SOLD AT.	COST OF SURVEY.			BY WHOM SURVEYED.	
					£	s.	d.		
Courage Joseph .....	3 0 28	Catalina .....	2s.	2	1			Benjamin Sweetland, <i>Deputy Surveyor.</i>	
Manuel Joseph .....	1 3 17	Ditto .....	5s.	5	3				
Snellgrove Benjamin .....	1 2 0	Ditto .....	5s.	5	3	3	2		6
Murphy John & Brothers ....	5 3 13	Ditto .....	2s.	2	1				
Bremner Dugald .....	33 0 37	Ditto .....	2s.	2	1				
	45 2 15								

*Crown Lands.*

J. NOAD,  
*Surveyor-General.*

STATEMENT OF LANDS SURVEYED BY THE DEPUTY-SURVEYOR AT TRINITY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1st

OCTOBER, 1851.

Name of party for whom a Survey has been made.	Contents.	Where Situate.	Rate p. diem.	Total expense.	By whom Surveyed.	Remarks.
Brought forward...	45 2 15			£ 3 2 6		
Phealin John .....	2 2 22	Bonaventure ...	12s. 6d	4 7 6	Benjamin Sweetland Deputy Surveyor, Trinity.	The amount paid the Deputy-Surveyor includes the charge for Claimmen, travelling expenses and Plan.
Bremner Alexander	3 1 17	Catalina ...				
Leonard John .....	1 1 17	British Harbor...				
Gardner Edward...	1 0 32	Ditto ...				
Bannell Robert ...	2 1 23	Ditto ...				
.....	56 2 6			.....		
				£7 10 0		

J. NOAD,  
Surveyor-General.

STATEMENT OF LANDS SURVEYED BY THE DEPUTY-SURVEYOR AT FERRYLAND, FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING 1<sup>st</sup> Oct., 1851.

NAME OF PARTY FOR WHOM A SURVEY HAS BEEN MADE.	CONTENTS, WHERE SITUATE.	DAYS EMPLOYED.	TOTAL COST OF SURVEY.	BY WHOM SURVEYED.	REMARKS.
Williams William	0 2 39 Quarry Pond	1			
White and Walsh	0 2 0 Ferryland	1			
Wade William	8 0 8 Stone Island	3½			
Meaney James	5 0 7 Ditto.	2½			
Badcock William	6 0 30 Tar Cove	1	10 9 4	Robert Carter, Deputy-Surveyor, Ferryland.	The amount paid the Deputy Surveyor, includes the charge of Chainmen, travelling expenses and plans.
Frampton George	3 2 10 Aquaforte Road	1			
Carter Robert & J. H.	4 1 32 Ditto.	1			
Kough Edward	5 0 36 Stone Island	2			
Winser John	6 0 33 Aquaforte	1½			
Power Michael	2 1 19 Caplin Bay	1			
Sweeney Thomas	0 0 6 Ferryland	½			
Kinchella Richard	2 1 13 Ditto	1			
Walsh Patrick	0 3 2 Ditto	1			
	46 1 35		£10 9 4		

*Crown Lands.*

JOSEPH NOAD, Surveyor-General.

*Crown Lands.*

STATEMENT OF LANDS SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION BY THE DEPUTY SURVEYOR AT FERRYLAND UNDER THE CROWN LANDS' ACT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1ST OCT., 1851.

PURCHASERS NAME.	CONTENTS.		WHERE SITUATE.	PRICE.	SOLD AT.
	A.	R. P.			
Foran Mathew .....	0	3 4	Look-out Hill.....	5s.	£ s. d. 5 1
Gregory John .....	0	0 12	Freshwater Road.....	5s.	5 1
Walsh Peter .....	0	1 9	Cornfields.....	5s.	5 1
Shanahan John.....	0	3 16	Quarry Road .....	5s.	5 1
Lock James .....	2	1 14	Caplin Bay. ....	5s.	5 1
Sullivan Joseph .....	0	3 25	Stone Island.....	5s.	5 1
Costello Patrick.....	4	0 12	Aquaforte Road.....	2s.	2 1
Morgan James .....	4	1 24	Ditto .....	2s.	2 1
Carter Robert .....	9	0 32	Caplin Bay Road .....	2s.	2 1
Morry Mathew, jr. ....	8	0 30	Ditto.....	2s.	2 1
	31 0 18				

Surveys paid for in 1850.

Crown Lands.

STATEMENT OF LANDS SURVEYED BY THE DEPUTY SURVEYOR AT LAMALINE, FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
ENDING 1ST OCTOBER, 1851.

No.	NAME OF PARTY FOR WHOM A SURVEY HAS BEEN MADE.	CONTENTS.		WHERE SITUATE.	RATE PER DIEM.	TOTAL COST BY WHOM SURVEYED.	REMARKS.
		A.	R. P.				
1	Newman & Co. ....	30	0 10	Gaultois .....	} 12s. 6.	£ 18 15 0	The amount paid the Deputy-Surveyor, includes the charge for Surveyor, Lamaline, travelling expenses and plans.
2	Ditto .....	4	0 14	Crole .....			
3	Ditto .....	9	1 12	Hermitage Cove .....			
4	Ditto .....	3	2 15	Barrisway Cove .....			
5	Ditto .....	3	3 9	Great Jervais Isld. ....			
6	Ditto .....	7	0 36	Fox Island .....			
7	Lord Bishop of Nfld. ....	1	3 2	Crole .....			
8	Cribb William .....	1	1 4	Ditto .....			
9	Newman & Co. ....	20	2 37	Harbor Briton .....			
10	Ditto .....	26	3 26	Little Bay .....			
1	Ditto .....	0	2 29	Harbor Briton .....			
2	Ditto .....	4	0 4	Ditto .....			
3	Ditto .....	0	1 12	Ditto .....			
4	Ditto .....	3	2 8	St. Jacques .....			
5	Ditto .....	0	3 5	Ditto .....			
6	Nicolle Joshua Mauger .....	22	0 31	Jersey Harbor .....			
7	Ditto .....	26	2 30	Ditto .....			
8	Hardy David .....	0	3 37	Ditto .....			
9	Burke William .....	0	2 36	St. Jacques .....			
20	Ditto .....	2	2 19	Ditto .....			
1	Ditto .....	0	1 8	Ditto .....			
2	Cake Richard .....	11	1 36	Lamaline .....			
3	Askell Henry .....	1	2 37	Ditto .....			
4	Ditto .....	1	1 9	Ditto .....			
5	Crewse Robert .....	1	0 32	Ditto .....			
6	Isaac William .....	2	1 13	Ditto .....			
7	Ditto .....	0	2 35	Ditto .....			
8	Cake Richard .....	3	1 14	Ditto .....			
9	Pitman William j'r. ....	3	0 3	Ditto .....			
		196	3 3			£ 18 15 0	

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Sur.-Gen.

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STATEMENT OF LANDS SURVEYED BY THE DEPUTY-SURVEYOR AT BRANCH, ST. MARY'S BAY. FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1st Oct., 1851.

NAME OF PARTY FOR WHOM A SURVEY HAS BEEN MADE.	CONTENTS. A. R. P.	WHERE SITUATE.	RATE PER DIEM.	TOTAL COST OF SURVEY.	BY WHOM SURVEYED.	REMARKS.
English Richard .....	18 0 26	Distress, Placn'ta. Bay		} £11 17 6	John English, Deputy-Surveyor, Branch, St. Mary's.	The amount paid the Deputy-Surveyor includes the charge for Chainmen, travelling expenses and plans.
Coneway John .....	26 2 8	Ditto Ditto .....				
Kelly Thomas .....	7 3 37	Placentia .....				
Doran Edmund .....	11 1 9	Ditto .....				
Kelly William .....	10 0 2	Ditto .....				
Lannan Michael .....	11 3 13	Ditto .....				
Roach Patrick .....	16 1 38	Branch, St. Mary's ...	£ s. d. 0 12 6			
Sullivan John .....	4 2 30	Ditto Ditto .....				
Hennessey Patrick .....	14 2 39	Beckford, Ditto .....				
Bradshaw Francil L. ....	2 1 11	Placentia Great .....				
Forristal Rev. William .....	12 0 2	Ditto .....				
Gamb Patrick .....	26 0 7	Ditto .....				
English John .....	21 2 8	Distress .....				
<b>183 2 30</b>						

STATEMENT OF LANDS SURVEYED BY THE DEPUTY-SURVEYOR AT PORT-AU-BASQUE. FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1ST OCT., 1851.

*Crown Lands.*

NAME OF PARTY FOR WHOM A SURVEY HAS BEEN MADE	CONTENTS.	WHERE SITUATE.	RATE PER DIEM.	TOTAL COST OF SURVEY.	BY WHOM SURVEYED.	REMARKS.
	A. R. P.					
Nicolle Joshua Mauger ...	53 1 34	LaPoile .....	} 12s. 6.	£2 19 4	Charles Deslisie, Deputy Surveyor, Port-au-Basque.	The amount paid the Deputy-Surveyor, includes the charge for Chainmen, travelling expenses and plans.
Evans John .....	2 1 28	Channel Harbor ...				
Payn Francois.....	1 1 28	Rose Blanche .....				
Beck Robert .....	0 1 30	Ditto.				
	57 3 0			£2 19 4		

*Crown Lands.*SURVEYOR GENERAL'S ACCOUNT OF MONIES EXPENDED UNDER THE  
CROWN LANDS' ACT, FOR THE YEAR 1851.

1851.	EXPENDITURE.	Sterling.
Feb.—	Amount of Mr. John English's account, Deputy Surveyor, Branch, surveying 13 lots of land—13 days work at 12s. 6d. stg. per diem, as per account forwarded Colonial Secretary's Office, copy thereof Voucher No. 1 .....	£11 17 6
Mar.—	Amount of Mr. Joshua Green's account, Deputy Surveyor, Brigus, surveying 33 lots of land—25 days' work at 12s. 6d. stg. per diem, as per account forwarded the Colonial Secretary, copy thereof Voucher No. 2 .....	15 12 6
June.—	Amount of Mr. Charles DeLisle's account, Deputy Surveyor, Port-aux-Basque, surveying 4 lots of land—4 $\frac{3}{4}$ days' work at 12s. 6d. stg. per diem, as per account forwarded the Colonial Secretary, copy thereof Voucher No. 3 .....	2 19 4
June.—	Amount of Mr. Stephen O. Pack's account, Deputy Surveyor, Lamaline, surveying 29 lots of land—30 days' work at 12s. 6d. stg. per diem, as per account forwarded the Colonial Secretary, copy thereof Voucher No. 4 .....	18 15 0
July—	Amount paid S. Ruddick opening boundary lines on land between the Deer's March and the Placentia Road, Voucher No. 5.....	0 17 4
July.—	Amount of Mr. Joshua Green's account, Deputy Surveyor, Brigus, surveying 32 lots of land—30 days' work at 12s. 6d. stg. per diem, as per account forwarded the Colonial Secretary, copy thereof Voucher No. 6 .....	18 15 0
July.—	Amount of Mr. Benjamin Sweetlands's account, Deputy Surveyor, Trinity, surveying 5 [lots of land—5 days' work at 12s. 6d. stg. per diem—as per account forwarded Colonial Secretary, copy thereof Voucher No. 7 .....	3 2 6
Oct.—	Amount of Mr. John S. Simms' account, Deputy Surveyor, Tre-passey, surveying 10 lots of land—10 days' work at 12s. 6d. stg. per diem, as per account forwarded Colonial Secretary, copy thereof Voucher No. 8 .....	5 0 0
Nov.—	Amount of Mr. Benjamin Sweetland's account, Deputy Surveyor, Trinity, surveying 5 lots of land—7 days' work at 12s. 6d. stg. per diem, as per account forwarded the Colonial Secretary, copy thereof Voucher No. 9 .....	4 8 6

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CROWN LANDS' ACT, FOR THE YEAR 1851.

## EXPENDITURE.—Continued.

1851.	Sterling.
Decr.—Amount of Mr. Robert Carter's account, Deputy-Surveyor, Ferryland, surveying 13 lots of land—16 $\frac{2}{3}$ days' work at 12s. 6d. stg. per diem, as per account forwarded the Colonial Secretary, copy thereof, Voucher No. 10 .....	10 9 4
Decr.—Amount of Mr. Joshua Green's account, Deputy-Surveyor Brigus, surveying 16 lots of land—15 $\frac{1}{4}$ days' work, at 12s. 6d. stg. per diem, as per account forwarded the Colonial Secretary copy thereof, Voucher, No., 11 .....	9 8 6
Decr.—Amount paid Denis Walsh opening roadway of 6 feet wide between the Topsail and Old Placentia Roads, as per account forwarded the Colonial Secretary copy thereof, Voucher No. 12 .....	13 8 8
Decr.—Amount paid Stephen Ruddick opening boundary lines of Crown Lands rear of Bay Bulls road, as per account forwarded the Colonial Secretary, copy thereof, Voucher No. 13 ... ..	0 17 4
Decr.—Amount of Mr. William R. Noad's account as Deputy-Surveyor, surveying 28 lots of land, containing 585 acres, 3 roods, 30 perches—28 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' work at 12s 6d. stg. per diem, as per account forwarded Colonial Secretary copy thereof, Voucher No. 14, .....	17 16 3
Decr.—Amount of John Delaney's account as Deputy Surveyor, surveying 7 lots of land containing 230 acres—9 days' work at 12s. 6d., as per account forwarded to the Colonial Secretary, copy thereof, Voucher No 15 .....	5 12 6
Amount of William Sweetland's account as Deputy-Surveyor, Bonavista, surveying 28 lots of land—17 days at 12s. 6d. per diem, as per account forwarded to the Colonial Secretary, copy thereof, Voucher, No. 16 .....	10 12 6
Amount of Incidental account—Voucher .....	0 19 10
Balance .....	14 7 7
	£164 19 2

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CROWN LANDS' ACT, FOR THE YEAR 1851.

1851.	CR.	Sterling.
	By balance from last year's account £21 3s. 6 Cy. ....	£18 7 0
Feb. 19.—	“ Warrant on Treasurer in favor of John English, Deputy Surveyor .....	11 17 6
Mar. 12.—	“ Warrant on Treasurer in favour of Joshua Green, Deputy Surveyor .....	15 12 6
July 7.—	“ Warrant on Treasurer in favour of Charles De Lisle, Deputy Surveyor .....	2 19 4
June 30.—	“ Warrant on Treasurer in favor of Stephen O. Pack, Deputy Surveyor .....	18 15 0
Aug. 28.—	“ Warrant on Treasurer in favour of Joshua Green, Deputy Surveyor .....	18 15 0
	“ Warrant on Treasurer in favor of Benjamin Sweetland, Deputy Surveyor .....	3 2 6
Oct. 1—	“ Warrant on Treasurer in favor of John S. Simms, Deputy Surveyor .....	5 0 0
Nov. 29.—	“ Warrant on Treasurer in favour of Benjamin Sweetland, Deputy Surveyor .....	4 7 6
Dec. 9.—	“ Warrant on Treasurer in favour of Robert Carter, Deputy Surveyor .....	10 9 4
	“ Warrant on Treasurer in favor of John Delany .....	5 12 6
	“ Warrant on Treasurer in favor of Mr. Sweetland .....	10 12 6
	“ Warrant on Treasurer in favor of Mr. Green .....	9 8 6
	“ Warrant on Treasurer in favor of Surveyor General .....	30 0 0
		£164 19 2
1852.		
Jan. 1.—	By balance in the hands of the Surveyor-General to meet outstanding accounts .....	£14 7 7

J. NOAD,

24th February, 1852.

*Surveyor General.*

*Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.*ORDER OF HER MAJESTY IN COUNCIL, LEAVING CERTAIN ACTS TO  
THEIR OPERATION.

AT THE COURT AT WINDSOR, THE 23RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 1851.

*Present:—*

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE ALBERT.

Lord Chancellor	Earl Granville
Lord President	Lord John Russell
Duke of Norfolk	Viscount Palmerston
Marquis of Abercorn	Lord Brougham
Lord Seymour	Mr. Labouchere.
Earl of Carlisle	Sir Francis Baring, Bart.

WHEREAS the Lieutenant Governor of Her Majesty's Island of Newfoundland, with the Council and Assembly of the said Island, did in the month of May, 1851, pass thirteen Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :—

No. 112.—An Act to continue the Act for granting to Her Majesty certain duties on Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this colony and its Dependencies.

No. 113.—An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for constructing and repairing Roads, Streets and Bridges within this colony, and for other purposes.

No. 114.—An Act for the encouragement of Education.

No. 115.—An Act for the establishment and regulation of Inland Posts in this colony.

No. 116.—An Act to extend the time allowed by the St. John's Re-building Acts for the removal of Wooden Buildings in certain parts of the said town, and for other purposes.

No. 117.—An Act for the appointment of Electric Telegraph Commissioners, and for Incorporating Electric Telegraphs.

No. 118.—An Act for the establishment and regulation of a Penitentiary in St. John's.

No. 119.—An Act for the granting of Patents for useful inventions.

No. 120.—An Act to amend the practice, and to fix and establish terms or sittings of the Northern and Southern Circuit Courts, and to provide for the appointment of Clerks and Registrars, and other officers, in the several electoral districts.

No. 122.—An Act to continue an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled "An Act to regulate the packing and inspection of Pickled Fish for exportation from this colony."

No. 123.—An Act in addition to the Act for the management of Light Houses in this colony.

No. 124.—An Act for granting to Her Majesty a sum of money for defraying the expenses of the Civil Government of this colony for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December, 1851, and for other purposes.

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No. 125.—An Act to provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislature.

And Whereas the said Acts have been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported as their opinion to Her Majesty that the said Acts should be left to their operation, Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve the said Report. Whereof the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, of Her Majesty's Island of Newfoundland, and all other persons whom it may concern are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed)

WM. L. BATHURST.

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DESPATCH FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE  
 "ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF TREASURY NOTES, AND FOR  
 THE REDUCTION OF THE PUBLIC DEBT OF THE COLONY."

Copy.  
 No. 209.

Downing-Street,  
 10th November, 1851. }

SIR,—Her Majesty's Government having had under their consideration the Act passed by the Legislature of Newfoundland in their recent Session entitled No. 126, "An Act to authorise the issue of Treasury Notes, and for the reduction of the Public Debt of the Colony," together with an Address to myself from the House of Assembly explaining their reasons for re-enacting, with certain modifications, the same Act, which was passed by them in 1850, and which was subsequently disallowed by Her Majesty's in Council.

2. The Amendments introduced into the present law, tend in some degree to remove the objections to the measure which Her Majesty's Government before entertained, but the Address of the Assembly contains views and opinions on which it is necessary I should make some observations.

3. From the tenor of the Address it would seem that the Assembly is under the impression that Her Majesty's Government have abandoned the controul hitherto exercised over Colonial Legislation on subjects affecting the currency or circulation of those Colonies to which Free Institutions and that form of Government usually termed Responsible Government, have been granted, and that the Colony of Newfoundland has reason to complain that it has not been allowed the exercise of entire discretion in this matter.

4. The House of Assembly labour under a misapprehension on this subject. So far from abandoning a controul over the proceedings of the Legislatures of other North American Provinces on questions of this nature, Her Majesty's Government have on several recent occasions declined to sanction measures which had been passed by those Colonies, but which appeared to them to be objectionable.

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5. Although Her Majesty's Government are prepared to act on the principle that those Legislatures should be allowed the exercise of a free discretion on all subjects of merely local interest, it appears to them that the maintenance of the integrity of the circulation is one of those questions which concern all those who have intercourse with the Colonies, and is essentially one of Imperial and inter-Colonial, as well as of local interest.

6. As regards the subject of inter-Colonial intercourse, I may advert to the inconvenience arising from the present condition of the currencies of the North American Provinces. Great confusion and difficulty exists at this moment, resulting from the separate measures pursued in the various Colonies in respect to their currency, the same coin representing a different nominal value in each of them; and it must be obvious that if any attempt is to be made to rectify the evils arising from this separate and unconnected legislation, and to adjust the discrepancies which have thence arisen, the supervision of Her Majesty's Government over the proceedings of the several Legislatures is almost indispensable for the attainment of that desirable object.

7. The proposed object of the issue of Government Notes was to facilitate the redemption of the public debt; and although the object itself is strictly one of local concern, Her Majesty's Government were bound to regard the collateral effect on the currency of the Island of the measure by which it was proposed to be attained. With the example before them of the utter derangement, ending in a depreciation to the extent of 50 per cent. of the currency of Prince Edward Island, arising from the incautious issue of Government Notes and Debentures, they felt it to be their duty to object to the passing of an act in Newfoundland for the same purpose, unless it were accompanied with adequate securities against a similar result.

8. The apprehensions which Her Majesty's Government entertained on the subject were not removed by Sir G. LeMarchant's Despatch which accompanied the first act, from which it appeared that vague notions prevailed in the colony regarding the effect of an issue of Government notes on the circulation. Similar views are repeated in the present Address, and reasons are assigned for the opinion that the issue could not have the effect which was apprehended.

9. The Address particularly refers to the resources and property of the Government, and to public confidence, as affording a sufficient guarantee against any evil consequences from the issue of Government notes. The expression of such an opinion affords alone sufficient proof that the principles on which a sound circulation of paper money should be founded have not received proper attention from the framers of the Address. Resources of the description referred to can afford in themselves no security for the convertibility of notes, and for preserving them from depreciation. Wealth and public confidence abounded in Great Britain during the suspension of cash payments by the Bank of England in the early part of the present century, but they did not prevent a great depreciation of the currency.

10. The Address also refers to the provision by which the amount of Notes to be issued is to correspond with the amount of Debentures paid off in specie, as affording security against over issue. Her Majesty's Government do not understand how it can have that effect. The payment of these Debentures in specie would put an additional amount of coin into circulation, and the increase of the note circulation at the same time would obviously tend to the contrary effect from that which is supposed. On the other hand, in proportion as Government Notes are put into circulation they will become the medium of payment on account of the Revenue, and the ability of the Government to obtain specie for the payment of the Debentures will be diminished.

11. I have felt it my duty to make these observations with regard to the views which ap-

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pear to have been entertained in the colony regarding the effect of the issue of Government notes, for although it is not with a view to affording aid to the circulation that the present measure is proposed, yet it is necessary to consider the consequences to which such a measure, if not sufficiently guarded, might lead in matters foreign to its immediate object.

12.—The principal objections entertained by Her Majesty's Government to the first Act were, that there was no adequate security for the convertibility of the Notes, and that there was risk of the necessity of resorting to the investment, on account of the Savings' Bank, which was referred to as affording a collateral fund, available for the purpose.

13.—Her Majesty's Government observe that in the present Act provision is made for retaining in the Public Treasury a reserve of specie equal to one-third of the Notes at any time in circulation; and that there is a further clause providing for the termination of the issues at the expiration of ten years.

14.—With these limitations Her Majesty's Government are of opinion that the immediate risks which they had apprehended from the measure are obviated, and although they still retain their objections to the principle on which the Act is founded, they are prepared to recommend the Act for Her Majesty's confirmation.

I am, &c.,

(Signed)

GREY.

The Officer Administering the  
Government of Newfoundland.

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DESPATCH FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE COMMUNICATING THE INTELLIGENCE OF THE DEATH OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF HANOVER.

[Circular.]

Downing-Street,  
21st November, 1851. }

SIR,—It has become my melancholy duty to communicate to you the intelligence of the decease of His Majesty the King of Hanover, uncle to Her Majesty the Queen, which event took place at Hanover on the 18th inst.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

GREY.

The Officer Administering the  
Government of Newfoundland.

*Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.*ORDER OF HER MAJESTY IN COUNCIL, SPECIALLY CONFIRMING THE  
ACT FOR THE ISSUE OF TREASURY NOTES, &c.[Copy.]  
No. 216.Downing-Street, )  
5th December, 1851. )

SIR,—Referring to my Despatch, No. 209, of the 10th ultimo, I have the honor to transmit herewith an Order passed by Her Majesty in Council on the 14th ultimo, specially confirming the Act passed by the Legislature of Newfoundland, in the month of May last (numbered 126, in the Records of this Department) intituled “An Act to authorise the issue of Treasury Notes, and for the reduction of the Public Debt of the Colony.”

I have, &amp;c.,

(Signed)

GREY.

The Officer Administering the  
Government of Newfoundland.

AT THE COURT AT WINDSOR, THE 14TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1851.

*Present :—*

THE QUEEN’S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE ALBERT.

Lord President  
Duke of Norfolk  
Lord Seymour  
Earl Grey  
Earl Granville

Lord John Russell  
Viscount Palmerston  
Mr. Labouchere  
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer.

WHEREAS the Lieutenant Governor of Her Majesty’s Island of Newfoundland, with the Council and Assembly of the said Island, did in the month of May, 1851, pass an Act, which has been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :—

No. 126.—An Act to authorise the issue of Treasury Notes, and for the reduction of the Public Debt of the Colony.

And Whereas the said Act has been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty’s Most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported as their opinion to Her Majesty that the said Act should receive Her Majesty’s special confirmation, Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased by and with the advice of Her Privy Council to declare Her special confirmation of the said Act ; and the same is hereby specially confirmed, ratified, and finally enacted accordingly. Whereof the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander-in-Chief for the time being, of Her Majesty’s Island of Newfoundland, and all other persons whom it may concern are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed)

C. GREVILLE.

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DESPATCH FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE ACKNOWLEDGING THE RECEIPT OF AN ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY FROM THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, PRAYING THAT AN INQUIRY MAY BE INSTITUTED INTO THE DISPOSAL OF THE FUNDS RAISED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SUFFERERS BY THE FIRE AT ST. JOHN'S.

[Copy.]

No. 219.

Downing-Street,  
16th December, 1851. }

SIR,—My Despatch, No. 218, of this day's date, will place you in possession of the views of Her Majesty's Government on the subject of the Address of the House of Assembly of Newfoundland, transmitted in your Despatch, No. 33, of the 4th of June, praying the establishment of a distinct Executive Council, possessing the confidence of the majority of the Assembly, and it only therefore remains for me to acknowledge the receipt of the second Address which you enclose from the same Body, praying that Her Majesty will be pleased to order an inquiry to be instituted into the disposal of the Funds raised for the benefit of the Sufferers by the Fire at St. John's.

On this point I have to instruct you to acquaint the House of Assembly that I have laid their Address before the Queen, but that it has not been in my power to advise Her Majesty to accede to the prayer of it. The appropriation of these Funds having been fully considered and decided by Her Majesty's Government in the year 1847, I see no reason for altering the opinions expressed on this subject in my Despatches, Nos. 39 and 40, of the 6th and 7th of October, of that year.

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

(Signed)

GREY.

Sir G. LeMarchant, &c., &c.,  
Newfoundland.

DESPATCH FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, IN REPLY TO AN ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, PRAYING FOR RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

(Copy.)

Downing-Street,  
16th December, 1851. }

SIR,—I have laid before the Queen the Address of the House of Assembly of Newfoundland, dated 28th of May last, and enclosed in your Despatch of 4th of June.

The prayer of this Address is that Her Majesty may establish an Executive Council distinct from the Legislative Council, and that this Executive Council may be composed of gentlemen possessing the confidence of the majority of the Assembly.

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Her Majesty has been pleased to receive the Address of the Assembly very graciously, but I have been unable to advise that its prayer should be complied with, because even if there were less ground than actually exists for doubting the expediency of the measures proposed, I should consider it premature for the Queen to sanction changes of this magnitude in the Government of Newfoundland without its having been ascertained, in the first instance, that their introduction would be in accordance with the deliberate wishes of its inhabitants.

Looking to the circumstances under which this address was voted, it cannot be regarded as such an expression of the wishes of the people of Newfoundland as would justify Her Majesty's Government in taking a step of so much importance consistently with that deference and attention which, in their judgment, ought always to be shown to the opinion of the colonists on changes of system affecting the internal policy of their country.

Too much importance cannot, I think, be attached to the authority which acts of Government derive from receiving the general support and concurrence of the different orders and classes of society in the colony, and of the various public bodies which represent the opinion of its inhabitants.

No such preponderance of opinion in favor of the introduction of what is termed Responsible Government has as yet been discernible in Newfoundland, and acting upon the principles of conduct to which I have adverted, I have for the present advised Her Majesty to decline complying with the prayer of this Address.

I have thought it the more advisable to make no change in the plan which at present regulates the selection of the Governor's confidential Advisers without a much more decided expression of a desire for such a change than I have yet been made acquainted with, because while the present system of administration has, in my opinion, worked satisfactorily in the view of the real wants and interests of the colony, various doubts may reasonably be entertained respecting the applicability of what is called Responsible Government to a community circumstanced like that of Newfoundland. One obstacle, among others, to a compliance with the desire of the Assembly is the present very limited number of its members; I cannot but regard a House of Assembly of only fifteen in number as quite inadequate to the efficient working of a system under which choice is to be made of the chief advisers of the Government, and of the principal officers of the administration from the leading members of the Legislature.

Nor would this objection be removed by merely increasing the number of members in the Assembly, without reference to any corresponding increase in the population and wealth of the island, because for the system in question to be productive of beneficial consequences, it is important that the several electoral districts into which the island is divided, should be represented by men of intelligence and property, not all of them resident in the single town of St. John's, but some, at all events, having the advantage of local connexion with the districts which they represent, and it may be questioned whether at the present stage of the social developement of the outport districts, men of the class I have pointed out, and possessing leisure to devote to public concerns, would be forthcoming to meet the increased demand for them occasioned by an augmentation of the number of members to be returned by each district.

I have further to remark that the establishment of the peculiar system of Government prayed for by the Assembly of Newfoundland is by no means necessary to enable the inhabitants of the colony to exercise a control over the administration of their own affairs. On the contrary such a control has been very fully experienced by some of the British Colonies for nearly two centuries by means of Representative Legislatures, constituted on the same model as that now existing in Newfoundland, while it is only about ten years since the first attempt was made in the British Colonies on the Continent of North America to establish the system of what is called Responsible Government, and a very much shorter time has elapsed since that system can be said to have been brought into complete operation. The short experience which has been gained of its working, where it has been established, tends strongly to show

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that this system of Government is hardly calculated to answer in a colony which has not made considerable progress in wealth and population, and where the inhabitants have not been for some time accustomed to the exercise of political power by the exercise of Representative Government in its simpler form. Such are the reasons which have had most weight in determining the advice which I have offered to Her Majesty; but I have also been influenced by the consideration that the present House of Assembly will arrive at the constitutional limit of its duration after the session of next year; and if the colony is generally favourable to the adoption of the system of Responsible Government, it is probable that the subject will not be without influence on the choice of the representatives of the several electoral districts.

I shall await, therefore, the views of the Legislature upon its re-assembling after the return of the new Assembly; and the opinion which may then be expressed on the part of the component branches of the Legislature, of the commercial and legal classes, as well as of the community in general, will at least have the advantage of being founded upon a more extended experience of the working of the existing Institutions, which have undergone modifications so recently, that more time than has yet been allowed is required to demonstrate that they are not sufficiently well calculated to meet the present wants of society in Newfoundland.

It is proper before closing this despatch that I should point out, that in considering this subject, its bearing on the Financial interests of the Colony ought not to be overlooked.

You are aware that in making a change in the system of Government similar to that now proposed in Newfoundland, it has been required in other Colonies that provision should be made for public servants who have thus been deprived of offices which they had been justified in expecting to be permanent.

The Assembly have very handsomely intimated their readiness to meet any such claims in Newfoundland, but this would create a charge on the Colonial Treasury which it would be desirable to avoid in the present state of its finances; and there is beside another and much more serious charge which might also require to be provided for—I advert to the question whether it would not devolve upon the colony, in the event of the concession of Responsible Government, to make provision for the charges which may be incidental to the maintenance of its internal peace and tranquility.

The Imperial Government at present defrays at a very heavy cost the expense of the Newfoundland Companies, which are not required for the defence of the colony from any foreign enemy, but are rather maintained for the purpose of preserving its internal tranquility.

This being the object with which the force is kept up, I incline to the opinion that the burden of this charge should be transferred to the Colony in the event of the Assembly being permitted to exercise so important a control over the Executive Administration of the Government as is prayed for in the Address.

I have the honor to be,

Sir, &c.

(Signed,)

GREY.

Governor

Sir J. G. LeMarchant, &c., &c.

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DESPATCH FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN REFERENCE TO THE ACT  
FOR IMPROVING THE COPPER CURRENCY OF THE ISLAND, AND POSTPONING, FOR THE PRESENT,  
THE SUBMITTING OF IT FOR HER MAJESTY'S CONFIRMATION.

[Copy.]  
No. 220

Downing-Street,  
27th December, 1851. }

SIR,—The Act recently passed by the Legislature of Newfoundland for improving the Copper Currency of the Island has not failed to engage the attention of Her Majesty's Government, but as the subject of the state of the Currencies in the whole of Her Majesty's North American Colonies seems to require consideration, we have thought it inexpedient to take any steps for the confirmation of this Law, or to adopt any partial change of this nature affecting the currency of one Colony, until it has been ascertained whether a more comprehensive and general measure may not be required.

As it does not appear that any serious inconvenience is at present experienced in Newfoundland from the want of Copper Coins, I have the less hesitation in deciding to postpone for the present submitting this Act for Her Majesty's confirmation.

I have the honor to be, &c.,  
(Signed)

GREY.

Governor Sir Gaspard LeMarchant,  
&c., &c., &c.

DESPATCH FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE, IN REPLY TO THE ADDRESS  
OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ON THE ALTERATION MADE IN THE CONTRACT FOR CONVEYING  
THE MAILS BETWEEN ST. JOHN'S AND HALIFAX.

Downing-Street,  
22nd January, 1851. }

[Copy.]  
No. 222.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 36, of the 16th of June last, enclosing an Address from the House of Assembly of Newfoundland, with reference to an alteration recently made in the original contract for the conveyance of the Mails between the port of St. John's and Halifax.

I have also received a memorial on this subject from the Chamber of Commerce of St. John's enclosed in the Acting Governor's Despatch No. 16, of the 7th of November last.

Having referred these documents for the consideration of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, I transmit the copy of a letter addressed to this department by their Lordships' direction, and I trust that the measures taken by the Contractor, of placing a Steamer on the line, will obviate any future inconvenience or delay in the conveyance of the Mails.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
(Signed,)

GREY.

Governor Sir G. LeMarchant, &c., &c., &c.

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(Copy.)

Admiralty, 15th January, 1852.

SIR,—With reference to your letters of the 19th December last, and 7th instant, respecting the Address from the House of Assembly of Newfoundland, requesting that a Steamer may be employed in conveying the Mails between that place and Nova Scotia, according to the terms of the Contract, I am commanded by my Lord Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you, for the information of Earl Grey, that since the memorial was sent, Mr. Cunard the Contractor, placed a Steamer named the "Levantine" on the line, to replace the "Falcon," but that having sustained injury in a heavy gale, she is now under repair, but will be employed again as soon as the repairs are completed.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

W. A. B. HAMILTON.

H. MERIVALE, Esq., &c., &c., &c.,  
Colonial Office.

DESPATCH FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES IN  
REPLY TO THE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, PRAYING THAT ST. JOHN'S MAY BE  
MADE A PORT OF CALL FOR TRANSATLANTIC STEAMERS.

No. 204.

Downing-Street,  
28th July, 1851. }

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 67, of the 18th ulto., enclosing an Address from the House of Assembly of Newfoundland, in which, with reference to a recent Act of the Legislature establishing a line of Electric Telegraph, they pray that St. John's may be made a Port of Entry for the Transatlantic Steamers.

I have laid the Address before the Queen, and Her Majesty was pleased to receive it very graciously.

I am commanded to acquaint you to instruct the House of Assembly that Her Majesty views the proposed undertaking with much interest, and that she thinks that if it be completed, it will contribute to the general prosperity of the Island.

I have further to add, that it has not been in my power to tender any advice to Her Majesty with respect to constituting St. John's a Port of Call for the Transatlantic Steamers. This will be a matter for future consideration, when the work contemplated by the Legislature shall have advanced towards completion; and adverting to the difficulties which presented themselves when the subject was on a former occasion brought under the notice of Her Majesty's Government, and which you will find referred to in Lord Stanley's Despatch No. 227 of 26th of July, 1845, I fear there is little probability of its being practicable to make the desired arrangements, though it would be premature to express any final opinion at present upon the point.

I am, Sir, your most obedient Servant,

Governor

Sir J. G. LEMARCHANT,

&amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

GREY.

*Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.*DESPATCH FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE, IN REPLY TO THE ADDRESS  
ON RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

[Copy.]

No. 5.

Downing-Street,  
6th April, 1852. }

SIR,—I have to acknowledge your Despatch, No. 5, of the 13th February-last, transmitting to my predecessor, Earl Grey, the copy of a series of Resolutions passed by a majority of the House of Assembly of Newfoundland, on receiving His Lordship's reply to the Address in favour of Responsible Government.

2nd.—I have to thank you on the part of Her Majesty's Government for the assistance which you have afforded them, by your clear and able statement of the circumstances under which these Resolutions and the Address were passed, and of the present political state and prospects of the Colony.

3rd.—Her Majesty's Government see no reason for differing from the conclusions at which their Predecessors had arrived on the question of the establishment of Responsible Government, and which were conveyed to you by Lord Grey in the Despatch already mentioned. I consider, on the contrary, that the wisdom and justice of these conclusions are confirmed by the accounts since received from Newfoundland, and especially by the contents of the Addresses from the Chamber of Commerce at St. John's, and from the majority of the Bar, enclosed in your present Despatch.

4th.—I concur also in your own general views on this subject, and approve of the liberal and conciliatory principles by which your personal conduct and your distribution of patronage have been guided.

5th.—Her Majesty's Government will entertain no disinclination to place Newfoundland on the same footing as to Responsible Government as the other North American Colonies, whenever it shall appear that such a boon can be conceded with the general concurrence, and for the general advantage of all classes. But whatever objections are felt to this concession under present circumstances, can only be increased by the unhappy dissensions, aggravated, as it appears, by religious differences, by which the community has been, and continues to be, distracted.

6th.—It is impossible, for instance, for Her Majesty's Government not to notice with deep regret, that the Roman Catholic Prelate of the Island, according to his own declaration of his sentiments through the Press, is disposed to take the part of a political party leader, rather than to instil into the minds of the members of his persuasion the duties of forbearance and Christian Charity. They will not, however, refuse to entertain a hope that the Bishop may yet be brought to see the impropriety and injurious consequences of such a course.

7th.—Should the event of a collision between the Executive and Legislative powers in the colony unfortunately occur, Her Majesty's Government will depend upon your meeting such a crisis in that judicious and temperate, but at the same time, firm and decided spirit which characterizes your Despatch. While you continue to act in such a spirit, you may rely on the support of Her Majesty's Government; and if the necessity for such a course should unhappily arise, they will not hesitate to recommend to Parliament such measures as in their judgment the case may require, in order to insure the better government of the Colony.

I have, &amp;c.,

(Signed,)

JOHN S. PAKINGTON.

Governor

Sir J. Gaspard LeMarchant,

&amp;c.,

&amp;c.,

&amp;c.

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## REPORT OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY FOR 1851.

The Directors of "The Church of England Academy" have the honor to report to His Honor the Administrator of the Government that that Institution has been in operation under their management from the month of July in the year 1850. Twelve months not having elapsed from the date of their appointment at the time prescribed by the Act — Vic., cap. —, for the presentation of the Annual Report of the School, the present is the first and earliest period at which it has been competent for them to furnish any statement of their proceedings, and the condition of the Academy.

The Directors beg now to report, that during the period referred to, the number of pupils at the Academy has averaged nineteen: this was the number in attendance at the termination of the last half-year. Of these pupils, thirteen are in the upper or classical department, and the rest in the lower school. The Academy is conducted by Charles D. Newman, Esq., A. B., of Wadham College, Oxford, head master, assisted by Mr. Charles Coomb, as second master. Appended to this Report is a list of the various subjects taught in the Academy, and of the number of pupils receiving instruction in each. (Appendix I.)

The pupils have been regularly subjected to a quarterly examination by the head master; and at the close of the last term they were examined during three days, on paper, and on a fourth day *viva voce*, under the direction of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Besides the Directors, there were present on that occasion, His Honor the Administrator of the Government, and other parents of the pupils.

The results of the examination were very satisfactory, and afforded ample proof of the ability and pains of the masters of the school.

The Directors also append to this Report a return of the boys, who competed successfully for prizes. (Appendix II.)

The Directors take this opportunity of respectfully expressing their unanimous opinion that several things are required to give due efficiency to the Academy. The first and chief desideratum is, in their judgment, that of suitable and sufficient premises for carrying on the school. The apartment now used as the school-room is lent to the head master by the Lord Bishop of Newfoundland.

The Directors have been informed that this accommodation cannot be much longer afforded; and as they believe it would not be possible to obtain in the town a proper room, (even independent of any space for a play-ground,) they deem it their duty to represent the necessity of immediate steps being taken for the erection of school premises, in conformity with the provisions of — Vic., cap. —. They are of opinion that a dwelling-house for the head master, sufficiently commodious for the lodging of boarders, should be included in such premises. The boarders are now accommodated in the House to which the school-room is attached,—a convenience which is also furnished by the Lord Bishop. The large diminution of income, to which the head master of "the Church of England Academy" generously submitted, in order to secure the introduction of a system of education, which, from the comparative failure of that previously in operation, was considered essential to the success of this and other similar schools endowed by the colony, not only renders that gentleman unable, but is, in the judgment of the Directors, a reason why he should not be required or expected, to provide the accommodation which is requisite for himself and the school under his charge.

The Directors also recommend that a pair of globes, a sett of mechanical powers, diagrams, and models of machinery in common use, and other scientific apparatus of an elementary character, be provided for the school.

The Directors, in conclusion, beg to represent the inconvenience and disadvantage of their not having some small sum at their disposal to meet contingent expenses. The prizes distri-

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buted at the late examination, were furnished by private liberality : without which the Directors would not have had it in their power to provide such awards, in acknowledgement of past diligence and good conduct among the pupils, and for the encouragement of future and further improvement.

By order of the Board of Directors,

THOMAS F. H. BRIDGE,

*Chairman.*

St. John's, 15th January, 1852.

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APPENDIX I.

Number of Pupils receiving instruction in each subject taught at the Academy during the last quarter :—

	UPPER SCHOOL.	LOWER SCHOOL.
English (including writing, arithmetic, &c) .....	13	6
Latin .....	13	0
Greek .....	6	0
French .....	13	2
Geometry .....	12	1
Algebra .....	5	0

Pupils who are members of the Church of England, besides reading the Scriptures, receive instruction in the Catechism and Doctrines of the Church.

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APPENDIX II.

*Prizes awarded at the Examination, 19th December, 1852.*

1st. Class, 1st. prize, J. H. Crowdy.	2nd. prize, G. H. Hooper.
2nd. " 1st. " E. H. Botterell.	2nd. " R. B. Brown.
3rd. " 1st. " A. C. Wood.	2nd. " J. H. Botterell.
Writing 1st. " J. Dunn.	2nd. " C. H. Bindon.

G. H. Hooper and A. C. Wood were highly commended for good conduct.

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## REPORT OF ROMAN CATHOLIC ACADEMY, ST. JOHN'S, FOR 1851.

Eton Buildings,  
16th Feb, 1852. }

MY LORD,—

Although I received your Lordship's note of to-day at 10 o'clock this morning, I was unable to reply until after school; I, therefore, trust Your Lordship will kindly excuse my apparent want of attention.

The number of pupils at the close of last year at the Roman Catholic School of the Academy was sixty-eight; at present it is thirty-three; the receipts of fees during the past year were Eighty-two pounds five shillings. The expenses, including the salary of one usher, of fifty pounds, and forty to another; a pair of globes seventeen pounds, six shillings, and seven pence; fuel (twenty-five hhds. coal) eight pounds, fifteen shillings; rent, twenty-five pounds; and sundries, one pound, ten shillings; make a total of one hundred and forty-two pounds, eleven shillings, and seven pence, leaving a deficit to me of sixty pounds, six shillings, and one penny.

I have the honor to remain, my Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient servant,

JOHN V. NUGENT, *Master.*

The Right Rev. Dr. Mullock,  
&c., &c., &c.

No. of pupils.	Mode of instruction.	Amount of fees.	Amount of expenses.
33.	Interrogative.	£82 5s.	£142 11 7

## REPORT OF PROTESTANT BOARD OF EDUCATION, ST. JOHN'S, FOR 1851.

To His Honor JAMES CROWDY, Esquire, Administrator  
of the Government of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

The Protestant Board of Education for the District of St. John's have the honour to present their Report of their proceedings and of the state of the schools under their management, for the year 1850, '51.

## MAGOTTY COVE SCHOOL, ST. JOHN'S.

The total number of children on the register is 73—viz. : 53 boys, and 20 girls, of whom there has been an average attendance of 35 boys, and 12 girls. Both boys and girls are instructed in reading, spelling, writing, arithmetic, grammar and geography; the girls are also taught needle-work; and for a portion of the past year, (His Excellency Sir J. Gaspard Le-Marchant having supplied the school with a hand-loom, spinning wheels, and other necessa-

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ry implements, as well as the requisite materials, and ordered the attendance of Mrs. Richardson,) they had lessons in weaving : considering the short time they were under Mrs. Richardson's direction, some of the elder girls obtained a tolerable proficiency in this useful act.

The Board regret that their last examination of this school does not justify them in speaking favourably of the general progress and condition of the pupils. Their reading, spelling, and writing from dictation were very imperfect : in arithmetic they exhibited various degrees of attainment. The discipline of the School was improved : the state of the school-room indicated a want of attention to the important matter of cleanliness.

The payments by pupils for the year have amounted to £4 7s. 6d. currency.

## THE BROAD COVE SCHOOL

Has been attended by the average number of 13 boys and 12 girls, during the portion of the year that it has been in operation. The Board have to report with regret, that it has been suspended now for some time, from the serious indisposition of the master, Mr. Thomas Jarrell. From this circumstance, the Board are unable to make any detailed report of the school. If their fears of Mr. Jarrell's continued inability to resume his duties are not speedily disappointed, the Board propose to enter into new arrangements for carrying on the School.

## THE LANCE COVE (BELLE ISLE) SCHOOL

Experienced a great loss last winter, in the death of its able and diligent master, Mr. David James. The Board, however, are happy to report that it was in their power to appoint a successor without delay.—viz. : Mr. William Swansborough, a young man who was already under training for the office of a school-master, being employed by them as an assistant in the school at Magotty Cove. A Deputation from the Board have recently inspected this School, and the result of their examination was in a high degree satisfactory to them and creditable to the master. The reading, spelling, and writing both in copy-books and on slates from dictation, are of a superior character ; and in the general progress and state of the school, the examiners found evidence of Mr. Swansborough's attention and capabilities.

The Treasurer's account exhibits a balance in favor of the Board of £39 18s. 6d. Cy.

By order of the Board,

THOMAS F. H. BRIDGE,

*Chairman.*

St, John's, 1st July, 1851.

## REPORT OF CARBONEAR PROTESTANT BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 1851.

Carbonear, 25th February, 1852.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit through you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor and the Legislature, the accompanying Return in duplicate of the Schools, &c. under the supervision of the Carbonear Protestant Board of Education for the year ended the 4th July last, 1851, by which it must appear manifest to His Excellency and the Legislature, that the sum placed at the disposal of this Board is altogether inadequate to meet the educational wants of this extensive district. The small salaries which the Board is now com-

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pelled to pay the teachers employed, precludes the possibility of obtaining suitably qualified persons, and must of necessity militate against the efficiency of the schools.—Yet with the economical expenditure of the funds at its disposal, it is still impossible for this Board to establish schools in several localities which may be fairly regarded as entitled to them.

The places within the limits of this Educational District, which are yet destitute of the advantages of elementary instruction, and for which a sum not less than £100 more would be required, are the following; viz. : Mulley's Cove and Lower Small Point, united, Ochre Pitts, Gull Island, Burnt Point, and Job's Cove, united : besides a sum to enable the Board to advance on the salaries paid to the present Teachers, and have a small contingency on hand for repairs of School-houses, &c.

This Board feels itself called upon respectfully but candidly to state, that the principle contemplated, and actually carried out, by the educational act of last year, of establishing a Central board in St. John's, is, in its opinion, worse than useless, inasmuch as the ignorance of any such Board of the relative wants of the respective districts, must of necessity lead to misapplication,—in which we consider ourselves as fully sustained by the manner in which the Protestant Central Board disposed of the funds under its controul in the past year, by appropriating to the District of St. John's about one-third of the entire sum, or nearly £400, while the District of Carbonear, which contains a larger Protestant population, and far more destitute, could only obtain £100 currency, added to which the organization and working of such a Board, involves a considerable amount of expenditure, which could be much better applied.

Another circumstance to which this Board would beg leave respectfully to refer is, that it considers the establishment of a Central Board to be a tacit condemnation of the manner in which the respective District Boards attended to the duties devolving upon them. It regards Legislation embodying any such principle as not only uncalled for, but unjust ; and further, it hopes not to be considered as indulging in an unwarrantable boast in asserting that the outport Districts have as fully attended to, and as efficiently conducted the management of the schools under their direction, as the Board for the district of St. John's, or as a Central Board can do, if they may be judged of by their proceedings in the past year. Besides this Board is induced to believe that if the principle of a Central Board is embraced in a new Educational Act, it will be difficult for the Executive to find persons suitably qualified to serve on District Boards under any such superintendence ; and hopes that in any enactment which may take place, the principle of a Central Board will not be entertained, but that the respective District Boards will be left, as heretofore, under the control of the Executive.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

On behalf, and by order of the Board,

J. NORRIS, W. M.

*Chairman.*

The Hon. James Crowdy,  
Colonial Secretary,  
&c., &c., St. John's.

A RETURN OF THE SCHOOLS &c., &c., UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE CARBONEAR PROTESTANT BOARD OF EDUCATION, FOR THE YEAR ENDED THE 4TH JULY, 1851.

Date when establish'd.	Locality.	Name of Master.	No. of Scholars Registered.		Average attendance.	Course of Education.	Period of vacation.	School Property.	Salary of Master.	Fees of Pupils.	Incidentals.	Total.
			Paid	Free [Totl]								
1843.	S. side Carbonear	G. Apsey	1	85	35	Reading, Writing, Cypher- ing, and Spelling, and a regular use of the	15th June	A school House.	Cy. £35	0 1 0	£5*	Cy. £40 1 0
Sept. 6.	Freshwater	J. H. Parsons	16	36	19	20	June		35	3 12 8		38 12 8
"	Perry's Cove	John Swaine	...	28	15	9	1st Aug.		25	...		25 0 0
"	Western Bay	Joseph Baggs	15	25	20	14			30	2 0 6		32 0 6
"	Northern Bay	Thomas Moors	...	34	15	18			25	...		25 0 0
"	Lower Island Cove	John Lewis	79	13	54	25			30	9 17 6		39 17 6
"	Bay de Verds	James Norris	...	49	21	16			25	...		25 0 0
1845.	Adams Cove	Samuel Hollett	4	18	8	9			20	0 11 0		20 11 0
Sept. 17.	Otterbury	Jos. Jutson	...	37	16	19			20	...		20 0 0
			115	325	140	203			£ 245	16 2 8	£5	266 2 8
												*11 10 9
											£	277 13 5

OBSERVATIONS.—\*£5 incidentals is for rent of School House.

\*£10 sterling, or £11 10s. 9d. currency, allowed by the Board for Secretary's salary.

On behalf of the Board,

J. NORRIS, W.M.

Chairman.

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## REPORT OF PROTESTANT BOARD OF EDUCATION, TRINITY BAY WEST.

Hearts' Content,  
24th Nov. 1851. }

SIR,—I beg herewith to present the annual Returns from the Board of Education for the District of Trinity Bay West.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. LIND.

C. Ayre, Esq.

*Number of children on the Books in the Schools in connection with the Board of Education for Trinity Bay West.*

Daily School at New Perlican, 58 children on the books.  
Ditto New Harbour, 52 ditto ditto.

H. LIND,  
*Chairman.*

Sept. 24, 1851.

*Account of Expenditure by the Board of Education, Trinity Bay West.*

## DR.

	Currency.
1850.	
October 31.—To paid Rev'd. H. Lind, for School-books, &c.....	£3 0 0
Nov. 22.— “ “ J. Godden, for repairs and improvements made by him in the School-house at New Harbor.....	4 0 0
“ “ J. Godden, 6 months' salary .....	15 0 0
“ “ J. Brien, 6 months' salary .....	15 0 0
Dec. 3.— “ “ M. Howley, amount of order .....	0 9 9
31.— “ “ C. Newhook, this amount expended by him on the school-house at New Harbour .....	6 0 0
1851.	
June.— “ “ J. Brien, 6 months' salary .....	15 0 0
July.— “ “ J. Godden, 6 months' ditto .....	15 0 0
2— “ Balance .....	16 8 9
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	£89 18 6

1850.

## CR.

Currency.

July 3.—By balance per account transmitted .....	£20 13 10
Nov. 22.— “ Amount of 2 quarters warrants .....	34 12 4
1851.	
June — “ Ditto ditto ditto .....	34 12 4
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	£89 18 6

E. E.

R. OLLERHEAD,  
*Treasurer.*

Heart's Content, 2nd July, 1851.

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1851.

Trinity, 21st October, 1851.

SIR,—Underneath is the return of the Board of Education, inspected and agreed to be forwarded by the Board at a meeting held this day.

If it were necessary or of any avail at this present to call attention to the further wants of this portion of the Electoral District, or to the difficulties attending what may be the more exact or profitable outlay of funds now at our disposal, perhaps a reference to our Report of 1849 may suffice.

The schools as they have been planted and continue,—namely: at Catalina, at Trinity north side, at Cuckolds Cove and Trouty, are, we trust, progressing on the whole satisfactorily.

It would be difficult in every instance, as in other districts, to realize all that might be expected from the appointment of a master to keep school. Where there is a daily school with a proper school-room, persons sufficiently can be got to teach, and the advance of the children is consequently in ordinary secured. But as in the smaller locations where the teaching is only on alternate days, it can hardly be expected that the children can advance much beyond learning to read, with a little writing and summing.

We are of opinion that in accordance with such sentiment, the people in the different settlements where the schools of this Board of Education are in operation, are partaking of a benefit, more or less, as for the general good, we can best under present means and circumstances devise.

In behalf of the Board,

I have the honor to remain, Sir,

Your obedient humble servant,

THOMAS M. WOOD,

Chairman of Trinity North

The Hon. Christopher Ayre,

*Secretary.*

Board of Education.

No.	Place.	Salary.	No. of children taught.	Average attendance.	Rent of School-houses.
1	Catalina .....	£30	160	24	
2	Trinity, north side	30	75	18	
3	Cuckolds Cove }	30	62	18	£2 0 0
4	Trouty .....		55	12	4 0 0

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## REPORT OF PROTESTANT BOARD OF EDUCATION, BONAVIDA, FOR 1851.

*The Schools in Account with the Protestant Board of Education, Bonavista, South.*

1851.

DR.

## June 30.—Bonavista School—

To this sum owed last year for cleaning the School House.....	£ 0 5 6
“ 4 quarters’ salary.....	60 0 0
“ 4 ditto rent of School-house.....	5 0 0
“ School requisites.....	2 12 0
“ 4½ yards ratline for flag halyards.....	0 3 6
“ paid for whitewashing and cleaning School house.....	0 8 6
“ Lime, 2s., 2 lbs. Soap, 1s.....	0 3 0—68 12 6

## Prescott Harbor School—

To 4 quarters’ salary.....	25 0 0
“ School requisites.....	2 0 4
“ Paid Mr. John Shears, window frames and other work for the School house.....	1 6 3—28 6 7

## Tickle Cove School—

To 4 quarters’ salary.....	25 0 0
“ School requisites.....	2 2 8—27 2 8

## Newman’s Cove School—

“ 4 quarters’ salary.....	25 0 0
“ School requisites.....	0 10 0—25 10 0
Treasurer and Secretary.....	5 0 0
Cash, per balance on hand.....	48 13 5
School requisites on hand, amount.....	0 18 2

£204 3 4

CR.

1850.

June 30.—By cash, per last year’s balance.....	£52 4 4
“ School requisites.....	1 19 0
“ 1 quarter’s grant, due 22nd August last.....	37 10 0
“ 2 ditto ditto, due in February.....	75 0 0
“ 1 ditto ditto, due in June.....	37 10 0
	£204 3 4

E. E. Bonavista, 30th June, 1851.

A. ARNOTT,  
*Secretary.*

Examined and found correct.

JAMES ENGLAND,  
*Chairman.*

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SCHOOL REPORT FROM THE HARBOR GRACE PROTESTANT BOARD, FOR THE YEAR 1850, '51.

In furnishing their annual Report, the members of the Board have not any thing of special import to communicate. The five schools under their direction have been in constant operation throughout the past year; they were visited and inspected by the members of the Board, and were found to be in need of suitable books, &c. and the school buildings to need some necessary repairs and school furniture, which the Committee will immediately supply and attend to, having on hand funds enabling them to do so.

The number of scholars on the Rolls is 250 : the daily average attendance has ranged from 150 to 180.

By the accounts transmitted with this Report, it will be seen that there is a balance of £71 13 1 Cy., as yet unexpended; but this will speedily be reduced in consequence of arrangements made by the Board for the purposes above specified.

W. E. SIENSTONE,

*Chairman of the above named Board.*

HARBOR GRACE PROTESTANT BOARD OF EDUCATION ACCOUNT WITH THE GOVERNMENT FOR 1850, '51.

1850.		DR.			
Oct. 7.—	To amount received from the late Chairman, the Rev. J. Chapman, being balance in his hands	£4 2 6	Currency.		Sterling.
	Deduct this sum due the Bank per Bank book	2 9 6	—	1 13 0	
22.—	Half a year's grant from the Government.....		135 11 6	—	118 18 6½
1851.	Quarterly proportion of grant paid into Bank, March 6 .....		67 15 9		
June 7.—	Quarterly proportion of Grant.....		67 15 9		
	Cash for Bibles and Testaments .....		0 9 4		
Sept. 5.—	Quarterly proportion of grant due on the 22nd of August, 1851 .....		67 15 9	—	176 13 0½
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			£341 1 1	—	295 11 7¼

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1850.

CR.

Oct. 7.—By paid Alfred Mayne, for drafting and engrossing Contract, Bond and Specifications with E. Peters, for building school-house, at North-side Harbour Grace.....	£1 16 4		
21.—“ paid for a stove for Harbor Grace School.....	3 0 0		
Nov. 20.—“ paid for a pane of glass for Harbor Grace School	0 0 6		
22.—“ paid J. Hierlihy's quarter salary .....	11 10 9		
“ “ paid W. Simmons ditto ditto .....	11 10 9		
“ “ paid F. Dancey ditto ditto .....	11 10 9		
“ “ paid R. Mayne ditto ditto .....	11 10 9		
“ “ paid H. Trapnell ditto ditto .....	11 10 9		
“ “ paid Edmund Peters, last instalment for building School-house, Harbor Grace .....	23 6 8		
“ “ George Dillon, for funnelling for stoves at Bryant's Cove, North-side and South-side School Houses	2 8 6		
“ “ Newfoundland School Society, for books distributed amongst the five schools .....	7 5 6		
Dec. 31.—“ Andrew Drysdale, postage 6 letters.....	0 4 0		
1851.			
Jan. 23.—“ Postage for letter to Patrick Scanlan.....	0 1 0	—	83 0 9
June 3.—“ paid H. Dancey, two quarters' salary.....	23 1 6		
4.—“ paid H. Trapnell, one ditto .....	11 10 9		
“ —“ paid W. Simmons, two quarters' ditto .....	23 1 6		
“ —“ paid Simmons for repairs of school-house .....	0 9 0		
5.—“ paid G. Hierlihy, two quarters' salary.....	23 1 6		
7.—“ paid R. Mayne, two quarters' salary .....	23 1 6		
11.—“ paid H. Trapnell, one ditto .....	11 10 9		
“ —“ paid postages to this date .....	0 1 6		
Aug. 22.—“ paid F. J. Dancey, quarter's salary ending this date .....	11 10 9		
“ 23.—“ paid H. Trapnell's quarter's salary.....	11 10 9		
“ 25.—“ paid Dr. Dearin, St. John's, on Hierlihy's acct...	9 0 0		
“ “ “ paid R. Maine, quarter's salary ending this date.	11 10 9		
“ 27.—“ paid W. Simmons, do. do .....	11 10 9		
“ 29.—“ paid G. Hierlihy's balance of quarter ending this date .....	2 10 9	—	150 8 10
Balance due.....	71 13 1	—	62 2 0

£341 1 1—295 11 7

Errors Excepted,

W. E. SHENSTONE,

Chairman P. B. E

Harbor Grace,  
29th September, 1851.



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## RETURN OF ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL AT ST. MARY'S FOR 1851.

*An Account of the Expenditure of the Roman Catholic Board of Education, St. Mary's.*

1851.	DR.		
May 1.—To Mr. Divine, Teacher, half-year's salary.....	£11	10	0
Aug. 6.—“ Ditto ditto, 3 months salary.....	5	15	0
“ John Stapleton, carpenter, for labour.....	9	10	0
“ Lumber for School house.....	3	10	0
“ Books.....	3	10	0
“ Mr. Patrick Walsh, half-year's salary.....	5	0	0—38 15 0
“ Books for Hollows.....	0	5	8
“ Mr. Neil, Teacher, for half-year's salary.....	7	10	0
“ Amount of expenditure in Salmonier, paid Mr. Morrissey, Teacher.....	18	0	0
“ Amount paid to Trepassey.....	22	0	0—47 15 8
“ Total amount.....			£86 10 8

1851.	CR.	Stg.	Cy.
By cash received.....	£75	0	0—86 10 8

JOHN RYAN,  
*Chairman.*

## REPORT OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CENTRAL BOARD OF EDUCATION.

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,  
Knight and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in  
and over the Island of Newfoundland and its  
Dependencies.*

The Central Roman Catholic Board of Education beg leave to forward the annexed Report of the expenditure of their funds for the information of Her Majesty's Government, and to offer a few remarks on the same.

The allocation could not be made as soon as they expected, as they considered it unjust to dispose of the funds under their control without sufficient information of the wants of the

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different districts, and on account of the difficulty of communicating with the remote settlements, their meetings were several times adjourned till that information was obtained.

As School-houses have to be built in very many settlements, a large portion of their funds has been allocated at present to this purpose; this expenditure, however, being only temporary, they will next year, should the same amount be placed at their disposal, be enabled to establish more schools, and by augmenting in many places the salaries of the Masters, employ a better class of Teachers.

They are happy to state that the establishment of the Female School, under the care of the Presentation Nuns in Harbor Grace, has been already productive of the greatest benefit to that community. The Chairman, on his last visit to that town, was pleased to find the Industrial school in full operation, and several of the poor children clothed in the work of their own hands.

The Convent now being built in Carbonar, is not, through the disappointment of the Contractor, yet completed, as the winter set in before the plastering could be finished. It is a beautiful building, and will, with the Schools, cost over £700; the Nuns are prepared to open School as soon as it is ready.

About nine months since the Chairman applied to Her Majesty's Government for a small piece of ground at the head of the promenade, sufficient to build a male and female School, pledging himself to lay out £500 on the building, which would have been of brick and stone, and besides its great utility, would have been highly ornamental to that locality. He regrets, however, for the sake of the numerous children there, that he has never received a definite answer to his application, and he has therefore purchased, at his own expense, a piece of ground in the same locality, where he hopes, before the end of the year, that male and female schools on an extensive scale will be established.

The Mistress of the weaving department of the Nunnery School having been notified by the Government that she is to be paid no longer, the Board, considering the great utility of the industrial teaching the children received, and that it would be a grievous loss to the community to have it discontinued, have allocated Twenty Pounds to continue her services.

STATEMENT OF THE APPROPRIATION BY THE CENTRAL ROMAN CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE FUNDS COMMITTED TO THEIR CHARGE, FOR THE YEAR 1851, '52. VIZ. :

ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

Towards building School-house, River-head.....	£200	0	0	
“ “ “ Magotty Cove .....	100	0	0	
“ Salary Industrial Teacher, Orphan Asylum School.....	15	0	0	
“ “ Mistress in Weaving, Nunnery School .....	20	0	0	
				335 0 0

BAY BULLS DISTRICT.

For female schools at Bay Bulls and Witless Bay .....	30	0	0	
Towards building Schools there .....	20	0	0	
				50 0 0

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## FERRYLAND DISTRICT.

Towards repairs of sundry Schools in this District .....	50	0	0
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## TREPASSEY.

Addition to Salary of Teacher there .....	5	0	0
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## PLACENTIA DISTRICT.

Towards Salary of Teacher at Branch .....	20	0	0
“ “ “ Paradise .....	25	0	0
	<u>45</u>	0	0

## BURIN DISTRICT.

Towards Salary of Teacher at Oderin	} .....	£25	50	0	0
“ “ “ “ Beaux Bois, each					

## SAINT GEORGE'S BAY.

Towards Salary of Teacher at Sandy Point .....	50	0	0
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## BRIGUS NORTH DISTRICT.

Towards building and repairing various Schools in this District	50	0	0
“ Salaries female and industrial at Harbor Maine .....	50	0	0
“ Building School-house there.....	50	0	0
“ Salary, Teacher at Topsail, per annum .....	20	0	0
“ Building and repairing Schools at Topsail and Kellygrews	20	0	0
	<u>190</u>	0	0

## HARBOR GRACE DISTRICT.

Towards building Nunnery- School at Carbonear .....	150	0	0
“ Salary Master Upper Island Cove .....	25	0	0
“ Building School-house there .....	10	0	0
Addition to salary, Teacher, Northern Gut .....	15	0	0
Towards salary, Teacher, Low Point .....	15	0	0
	<u>215</u>	0	0

## BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

Towards salaries Stock and Knight's Cove .....	20	0	0
“ Salary Teacher at Tickle Cove .....	20	0	0
	<u>40</u>	0	0

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## FOGO AND TWILLINGATE.

Towards salary Teacher at Fogo .....	30	0	0	
Addition to salary at Fortune Harbour .....	10	0	0	
				40 0 0
Salary to Secretary of Board .....				10 0 0
Reserved for general repairs and other contingencies .....				38 1 7
				<u>£1,118 1 7</u>

† JOHN T. MULLOCK,  
*Chairman of Roman Catholic  
Board of Education.*

## ALLOCATED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

Annual allowance to Convent at Harbour Grace .....	Stg.	100	0	0
Annual allowance to Convent at Carbonear .....		100	0	0

† JOHN T. MULLOCK.

### REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE HARBOR GRACE GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR 1851.

The Commissioners of the Harbor Grace Grammar School most respectfully beg leave to submit their Report for the year 1851, and to express their satisfaction in being enabled to state its efficiency, and the important advantages which the public have received, and continue to derive from its establishment.

The number of pupils in attendance during the first quarter was forty-six—the second, forty-seven—the third, forty-two—and the fourth forty-six—of whom two were instructed in Greek; twelve in Latin; six in Spanish; eight in French; fourteen in Euclid's elements of Geometry; three in Algebra; six in practical Mathematics; three in Navigation; seventeen in the use of the Globes; seventeen in History; thirteen in Book-keeping; Twenty-five in Composition; thirty-one in derivation of English words; and all more or less in English Grammar, Reading, Writing, Spelling, Geography, and Arithmetic.

To the Colonial Legislature the Commissioners desire to express their gratitude for its liberal grant, which has enabled them to purchase for the use of the School a valuable selection of Philosophical and Mathematical Instruments, &c., comprising a Theodolite and Chain, Sextant divided ten seconds, Sliding Gunter's Scale, Mechanical Powers, models in wood Cube, &c., Lines of Geometrical Planes, Air Pump Receiver and Glass Plate, Compound Microscope, Electro Magnetic Machine, complete, Horse shoe Magnet, Model of Steam Engine, Spirit Lamp, five Retorts, Ten Crucibles, and artificial Horizon, with quicksilver; by the aid of this valuable addition to the property of the Institution its Principal has been enabled to impart to his Pupils by clear demonstration the various phenomena in Science and Arts which before it had been found difficult to explain by theoretical induction.

With a view of rendering every assistance to the Principal of the School in enabling him to impart a thorough knowledge of the Geography of this Island and Labrador to those pu-

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pils who will, in all probability, be actively engaged in their Trade and Fisheries, your Commissioners have to request that a sufficient sum may be placed at their disposal, for the purpose of procuring a sett of School Maps.

To the Library of the establishment, now consisting of One hundred and ten volumes, a considerable addition has been made this year at an expense of Ten Pounds, which has been found to supply the pupils with a valuable source of amusement and instruction.

Appended to this Report the Commissioners submit a statement of the expenditure and account of Fees received for Tuition for the year, the former amounting to Seventy-four pounds nine shillings and four-pence; the latter to Seventy-four pounds nineteen shillings and sevenpence; leaving in the hands of the Commissioners a balance of ten shillings and three pence currency.

The Commissioners have much pleasure in expressing the utmost satisfaction with the conduct of the Principal of the Institution, who, in the discharge of the onerous and important duties devolving on him, has continued to manifest that indefatigable zeal and ability to which, in a great measure, it owes its efficiency, and to whom the public stand indebted for its extended usefulness.

W. STIRLING,

*Chairman of Commissioners.*

Harbor Grace, 15th March, 1852.

*The Commissioners of the Harbor Grace Grammar School in Account with H.M. Government.*

DR.

1851.

December 31.—To amount of Fees received for tuition from 1st Jany. last  
to this date.....

£74 19 7

CR.

1851.

Dec. 31.—By amount of Expenditure .....  
“ balance due.....

£74 9 4

0 10 3

£74 19 7

W. STIRLING,

*Chairman of Commissioners.*

Harbor Grace, 15th March, 1852.

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TREASURER, 1851.

## DR.

To amount paid principal Teachers, as per account, £993 4 10 stg., which, valuing Bills at 20 per cent. premium is in currency .....	£1,191 17 10
“ Amount paid branch Teachers in currency as per account.....	740 0 2
“ Amount paid for repairs of Schools and other incidental expenses .....	199 9 5
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	£2,131 7 5
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## CR.

By amount of Government Grant £500 stg., which is in currency .....	£576 18 4
“ amount of voluntary contributions in Newfoundland, as per account.....	435 19 11
“ balance received from the Parent Society in England, and raised there by voluntary contributions .....	1,118 9 2
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	£2,131 7 5
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NOTE.—£150 Cy. has been appropriated to the Society for repairs of its school premises in various parts of the Island, by the Protestant Central Board of Education during the past year, which sum is not included in the accompanying Return, as it was thought best to give an account thereof when the whole amount shall be expended.

In addition to the above statement, there has been sent out by the Society about £120 worth of books, stationery, &c. for the Schools, and several packages of clothing for the poor during the past year.

THOMAS DUNN,  
*Superintendent.*

St. John's, Nfld., }  
Feb. 4, 1852. }

*Fisheries.*

REPORT OF CAPTAIN RAMSAY, OF HER MAJESTY'S SHIP *ALARM*, ADDRESSED TO SIR GEORGE SEYMOUR, NAVAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST, 1851.

H. M. Ship *Alarm*,  
 St. John's, Newfoundland,  
 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 1851. }

SIR,—I have the honor to report to you that Her Majesty's Ship *Alarm* anchored in St. Pierre Roads on the afternoon of the 6th of June, and found in the outer and inner roads two French War Steamers, *Phoca* of 6, and *Styx* of 4 guns; 1 Colonial Schooner, *Gentile*, 16 Brigs, 1 Barque, 45 Schooners, and 7 luggars, all fishing vessels; some had lately returned from the Banks and were discharging their cargoes of fish, and others were preparing to go there. The next morning I waited on the Governor, Lieut. Colonel Jervait, (Artillery,) and communicated to him your orders to me respecting encroachments on the South Coast of Newfoundland by the French; he expressed his readiness to assist all in his power to comply with the spirit of the Treaties and issued notices to that effect. On the 8th of June, he did me the honor to visit the *Alarm*, and expressed his anxiety that no infringements, as far as laid in his power, should occur. Lieut. Colonel Jervait informed me that the Fishery had commenced very badly, fish were very scarce, and also that there was a great want of bait, as the caplin had not yet appeared on the coast. I observed many large boats on shore which had not been launched, and the fishermen told me that in consequence of the weather having been so stormy and cold, that more hands were required in their fishing boats, consequently fewer boats were employed; also that the fish had been very scarce and they did not expect them to strike in now until the arrival of the caplin. Last season St. Pierre and Miquelon were visited by the caplin in great abundance, but the French were not prepared to take them; however, this season they have provided themselves with proper nets for the purpose.

I was prevented by the weather from leaving St. Pierre until the morning of the 10th of June, and I arrived at the Burgeo Islands on the forenoon of the 11th, and found there two English brigs, loading with Fish, one for Oporto and the other for Jersey. The two mercantile establishments of Newman & Co. of London, and Nicolle of Jersey, carry on an extensive trade in Fish here, and as far West (I am told) as Cape Raye; but this season they have met with some opposition from a Mr. Furneaux, who has set up a small business on his own account, and I was informed by the fishermen that he had reduced the price of flour from 43s. to 38s. per barrel. The agents of the two houses here complain of the fishermen along the coast to the Westward breaking faith with them and selling their fish to Nova-Scotia traders. These two houses exported last year about 30,000 quintals Cod, 200 quintals of Salmon, and about 5000 of Herring; the population of these Islands have decreased; many families, I was informed, have gone further West and carry on a trade for themselves. The herring fishery was very abundant this spring, and many cargoes were taken to St. Pierre, at which place the supply far exceeded the demand, and whole cargoes were thrown over-board, the boats returning to the Islands for fresh herring for the same market; each of these boats brings back supplies, brandy, &c. upon which no duties are paid.

The country and the Islands appear to be entirely bog: there is a wooden path, laid from Newman's establishment to the nearest fishing hut, about 5 feet wide, passing the Church, and one of stone from Nicolle's house to it; without these two paths it would be impossible for the people to attend Church in the summer; there is also a School-house, but to get at it

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one must travel about five yards through a bog. I observed little children were over their ankles in going from the path to the school-house, which appeared to be very much out of repair; the clergyman was not in the neighbourhood during my stay. The scurvy appears to be the prevailing disease here caused by their diet being entirely of fish; and the nearest medical man resides at a distance of 40 miles to the Westward; several men and women were suffering so severely from this disease that the doctor had to visit them in their own houses. There is very little ground in cultivation—a few small garden patches around some of the houses, cabbage and turnips being the only vegetables which they seem to cultivate, and these in very small quantities,—the men seem to be too lazy to do anything but fish. There is no Magistrate here or Collector of Customs, but duties are paid in a certain way by the two houses of Newman & Co., and Nicolle; and I was informed no allowance is made of any kind from the Colonial Treasury for the improvement of this settlement. The French had not been on the coast this spring either fishing or digging for bait. All payments to the fishermen are made in truck, and the fish are valued at the average price of the St. John's market at the end of the season; consequently the poor fishermen never can know how his account stands with these agents. It is expected the catch of fish this season will fall short at least one-third of last year, owing to the stormy winter and spring.

I was detained at these Islands by fogs until the 16th, when I sailed for Harbor Breton, and anchored there on the 9th. This is a safe anchorage on the north-west side of Fortune Bay, opposite to which is Jersey Harbor, a bar across which permits only small vessels to enter. The house of Newman & Co. has a large establishment in Harbor Breton: they were loading two brigs with fish for the Brazil and Oporto Markets, and they employ about 75 men in their business. The Jersey house in Jersey Harbor employs about 50 men. There is a Collector of Customs here, Mr. Gaden, who informed me that the export of last year from the district of George's Bay was 47,651 quintals of Cod, 300 barrels of Salmon, 4,777 barrels of Herring, 79 tons of Whale Oil and Blubber, and 23 cwt. fins. The French had been seen fishing early in the season in the Bay, and I am told the English fishermen encourage them to do so for the sake of barter; there is a very large quantity of herring taken from here to St. Pierre in the season, and goods brought back for which no duty is paid. The Collector not being allowed a boat, cannot in any way prevent the smuggling which is carried on all along this coast to a great extent. The take of Fish this season is expected to fall short of last season at least one-third. Small punts with one man and a boy are employed for the fishing at the entrance of the harbor. There is an Episcopal Church here, and two clergymen, one medical man, and a population of about 300 in all; about 20 acres of ground is in cultivation, chiefly in gardens.

Fogs prevented my leaving this harbor until the 23rd, when I sailed for Lamaline, and anchored there on the morning of the 27th. I immediately landed for the purpose of obtaining lodgings for an officer and boat's crew, but could obtain no house whatever. The Stipendiary Magistrate had gone to St. John's, and the Sub-collector informed me that the duty on caplin had expired last session, that these fish had set in abundantly on the coast, and several cargoes had been taken over to St. Pierre, for which only two francs per quintal could be obtained, the caplin being abundant both at St. Pierre and Miquelon; consequently the traders in caplin are done up this season, the price given by the French not paying for the labor. Mr. Pitman, the oldest fisherman here, (85 years of age) told me that for the last sixteen years he had not seen so severe and late a season, that hardly any fish had been taken, and now that the caplin were so plentiful, the cod would not catch; several fishermen along the coast told me the same. There were about 50 smallschrs. laying in the Bay, and 32 punts fishing outside; several others were hauled up on the beach, as in consequence of the stormy weather, 2 men had been employed in each punt instead of one, as usual. The inhabitants here are much mixed up with the French, and carry on a trade with them in fish and meat; there are about

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350 head of cattle here, and a population of about 450 ; the fish which are not bartered to the French are sent in the schooners to the houses of Newman & Co., and Nicolle, in Fortune Bay.

The anchorage at Lamaline is very bad, and is open from South-west by South, to South-east, with a shingly bottom. I consider it to be a very unsafe anchorage, a heavy swell must always set in—and as the barometer was falling, I weighed and proceeded to Great Lawn, where I anchored in the afternoon. This settlement appears to be one only used for the summer fishing, as the people leave it in the winter. The chief resident here belongs to the house of Nicolle of Jersey, and all the fish caught here which is not bartered to the French, are sent to the two firms in Fortune Bay. Punts are used here for the fishing, which is carried on at the entrance of the Bay. The French carry on a traffic here with the fishermen, who openly acknowledge that without the French they could not subsist ; there is a mutual understanding between them, and I found that good brandy was sold in one of the miserable huts for one shilling per bottle. There are few cattle here, and I only observed three small gardens. There is a Roman Chapel here, but no Priest ; I was informed by the fishermen that they all contributed in kind £1 a year to the Priest, who lived at St. Lawrence and came here when sent for. The fishermen here also complain of the scarcity of the fish, and the old caplin traders of the quantity of caplin on the coast of St. Pierre and Miquelon having quite ruined their trade for this season.—There is a tolerable watering place at the head of the Bay.—I sailed from this on the 30th and proceeded off St. Pierre and Lamaline, and spoke to several fishermen who all complained that the Cod would not take, in consequence of the abundance of the caplin.

In the evening I made sail for Placentia Bay, and anchored in Burin on the evening of the 1st of July. The fish cured in this place are chiefly caught off Cape St. Mary's, and are of a much larger and finer description than any I have seen elsewhere ; there has been a plentiful supply this season, which has not been the case on any other part of the coast to the Westward. The fishing is carried on in schooners of from twenty-five to forty tons, who bring their fish from Cape St. Mary's to be cured. The fishermen expect upwards of 40,000 quintals of Cod this year ;—the Salmon fishing was fast commencing, very few fish had yet been taken. Herrings, about 4,000 barrels had been exported this season to Halifax and Boston. Punts are also used here for fishing among the Islands by the old men and boys, who were also employed doing the drying work of the fish in the absence of the schooners. The Stipendiary Magistrate here informed me that he was not aware of any traffic in fish or otherwise being carried on with the French. There are three churches, Episcopalian, Wesleyan, and Roman, all near to each other ; the population immediately in the neighbourhood exceeds 2,000, and in the district of Burin above 4,000 ; the three places of worship are about equally attended. There is more land cultivated in gardens here than I have seen in other places, and a good deal of natural grass on the hills, and there appears to be about 200 head of cattle in the neighbourhood. The people here seem to be a more industrious and respectable race, and chiefly descended from Devonshire and Somersetshire.

I was detained here by fogs until the 4th of July, when I sailed for St. John's, and when off Cape St. Mary's, I observed around St. Mary's Bays and off the Cape, 72 schooners fishing, and during the day passed several going to Burin with their fish.

I anchored at St. John's on the 7th July, and found His Excellency the Governor about to embark for England in a merchant brig ; he sailed the same evening. Owing to a request from His Excellency, and afterwards by the Administrator, I felt it my duty to comply with their wishes, and received Mr. Pinsent and Secretary for conveyance to St. George's Bay on the southwest side of the Island. I left St. John's on the 16th, and arrived in St. George's Bay on the 22nd, and anchored off Sandy Point on the 23rd. From all I could

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learn of this settlement, it appears that in 1828 there were seventeen families of English extraction, and two from Cape Breton ; at the three Barachois on the South-side of the Bay there were about six families on each, and on Indian Head seven families. In 1841 the population had increased on Sandy Point to 167 Protestants, and 84 at the Barochois ; the Roman Catholics in the Bay about half that number, they are a breed of French Canadians and Cape Breton people and called Jack-o-tars. In August 1851 during my stay there, and from the best information I could obtain, the population of Sandy Point had increased to 267 Protestants, one hundred and eight at the Barachois, and eight at Indian Head, making a total of 383, while the Romans have increased to 460. The Protestants on Sandy Point are chiefly the descendants of the first inhabitants of the settlement, and possess what little property there is in the place ; they subsist by the herring and salmon fisheries, every man fishing for himself, and after the herring fishery ceases in June, they carry their own fish to Halifax market and return with supplies for the winter, taxes and duties having been unknown in the place until the arrival of a Stipendiary Magistrate in June 1850. From the state of Society here there is no account of the quantity of herrings caught in this Bay ; several French vessels fish the herring here by right of Treaty. The agricultural capabilities of St. George's Bay are not better than other parts of the Island, or the climate more clear from fogs. Having questioned several of the inhabitants, I found that with the help of manurè, from five to six barrels of potatoes are procured from one of seed ; but at the Barachois the land produces there from nine to ten. Wheat and Barley have been tried, but the return was too small to be repeated. There are about two hundred head of cattle in the Bay, 330 sheep, 44 pigs, and 15 horses. The Bay is frozen over from December until March, and much drift ice comes up the Bay, which is sometimes not entirely clear until the first week in May, when the herring fishery commences, and continues for about six weeks. The herring are so abundant that one man may catch in the season 100 barrels, each barrel weighing 200 pounds of fish, which fetch two dollars in the Halifax market ; those who do not own a schooner are charged 2s. per barrel freight. Cod fishing is not attended to in the Bay, and Salmon fishing is only carried on by the descendants of the old settlers, who claim the right of all the coves which the salmon frequent ; there are about 280 barrels of salmon cured during the season, which are sent to Halifax. There is a great quantity of eels and lobsters caught here, and in the winter the Jack-o-tars chiefly subsist on the eels ; they are lazy, indolent people, and I am told, addicted to thieving ; in the winter and spring they are frequently in very destitute circumstances ; they are looked upon by the English and French as a degraded race, thence styled Jack-o-tars or runaways ; they live entirely separate from the English, who are the most respectable portion of the inhabitants, and are, in my opinion, very stupid and ignorant, somewhat obstinate in their adherence to old customs, but not a desperate or lawless people. There are three French families who reside among the English community on equal terms, but they keep aloof from the Jack-o-tars. There are a few Indians at present living on the opposite shore ; one family of five I met at Burgeo last June ; they have coasted round here in an open boat, and walked ; there are two families lately come from Twillingate, who intend to return in a few weeks ; they had no other reason for coming here than that they always came across in the summer ; they mix with neither party.

From the reports which I heard of the the fertility of St. George's Bay, and which were current at St. John's, I expected to have seen large timber, as well as Oak, Beech, and Elm Trees of a large size ; but I found timber of only one description, and in no respect superior to that found in all other parts of the Island ; the Oaks, Beech, and Elm, grow only in the imagination of those who circulated such statements.

There is one Episcopal place of worship, which was erected seven years ago, and a School supported by the Newfoundland School Society ; there is a Roman Priest here who is styled Vicar General of Canada, and has resided for twelve months at this settlement ; it is to be

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hoped that his residence among the Jack-o-tars will prove beneficial to their morals. Previous to June, 1850, the inhabitants in the Bay were subject to no duties, customs, or any other tax; no government authority was stationed in the Bay, and the people managed their own little affairs, and when any case of importance in their mind occurred, they usually referred it to the Captain of the English Man-of-war which visited the Bay annually; but in June, 1850, the government sent a Stipendiary Magistrate to the Bay, (Mr. J. Tobin,) who is also Collector of Customs, and the people were called upon suddenly to pay duties, taxes, &c.; consequently arrests, fines, costs, and imprisonments took place on the one hand, whilst refusals to pay, public meetings, and petitions to Government ensued on the other, until the whole settlement was in a flame. The people of St. George's Bay are not represented in the Legislature, and therefore it seems unjust that they should be taxed by the Legislature of Newfoundland, and by such a tax as a boat and net tax, when the French are permitted by treaty to fish alongside of them; and they are not called upon to pay any tax, but receive a bounty from the French Government for their fish.

I think a Magistrate stationed here with a salary of £250 per annum, and a Protestant, with plain good sense, a patient temper, and a tolerable acquaintance with the law, would be of great service in regulating and improving the community, and it would be advisable for him to unite his efforts with those of the clergyman and priest of the district for this purpose, as I am quite of opinion that the people are not violent or unmanageable, and by patient and judicious management they might be governed without much difficulty, and taught to be more active and industrious in their habits.

I now conceive it my duty to lay before you what, in my opinion, I consider is chiefly required for the protection of the fisheries and suppression of smuggling on the principal part of the South Coast of Newfoundland.

The coast from Cape LaHune to Chapeau Rouge, with its numerous Coves, affords every facility for illicit traffic to be carried on with the French Islands to a great extent, the English and French schooners being exactly similar, and of the same size and rig, and during the spring and summer fishings, the fogs are so dense and frequent that the fishermen have not the slightest cause to fear detection. It would be useless for a Ship to attempt to chase one of these Schooners near the line of limit, as the constant fogs in which the southern part of the coast is so suddenly enveloped, renders the navigation here exceedingly dangerous, owing to the numerous ledges and rocks lying several miles from the coast, with deep water close to them. A small Schooner should be employed to the westward of the Burgeo Islands so early as the 1st of April, and to continue until after the middle of May, to prevent the French from approaching the coast, and for checking the illicit traffic which is carried on by our fishermen and the French. The next part of the coast to require attention is from Cape LaHune to Chapeau Rouge, which I do not think can be properly protected by less than four small Schooners, and they should be similar to those trading to and from Fortune Bay, with an officer and from seven to nine men each; these Schooners could be hired for the season at a small cost to the colony; one of the fishermen should be also obtained at a reasonable price to act as pilot; no alteration in rig or appearance in any way should be made to these Schooners; they should be officered and manned from the Ship, sent early to the coast, and Great Lawn should be her Head Quarters, it being the safest anchorage and easiest of access and egress on the south coast; and she should cruize within a reasonable distance off St. Pierre, as her presence there would be a check on the French as well as the English smugglers.

I beg also to state that no account, with a shadow of accuracy, can be obtained, or any estimate formed, of the present state of the fisheries on the south coast of Newfoundland, as long as the colony leaves her fisheries and men entirely at the mercy of a few private individu-

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als. From all I could learn, the population has nearly doubled on the south coast within the last ten years, and yet the import duties have not held way with this increase, and it cannot be said that the improved cultivation on that coast helps to feed her families of fishermen; every article must be imported, one half of which in my opinion pays no duty. I have been unable to derive more or better information respecting the Fisheries, &c., on the south coast, from the apparent unwillingness on the part of individuals, and more so from those I considered best able to afford information, and this concealment on the part of the inhabitants has certainly confirmed me in my opinion that a mutual understanding in trade is carried on with the French along the whole coast to a great extent.

I have the honor to be,

Your Honor's most

Obedient Servant,

S. H. RAMSAY.

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DOCUMENTS FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, IN REFERENCE  
TO THE ENCROACHMENTS OF THE FRENCH ON THE LABRADOR.

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DECLARATION OF EDWARD WHITE.

Is a resident of Saint John's, but has been trading and fishing in the Straits of Belle Isle as master of his own vessel for the last six years, during that time French Fishermen constantly encroached on the British grounds and prove a serious injury to our fisheries. The number of vessels and boats thus encroaching increases annually and without any hindrance, there being no protection whatever for British fishermen. The fishing grounds on which they encroach in the most daring manner extend from York or Chateau Bay to Green Island, with the exception of Red Bay, and they come in such numbers, that they not only cannot be driven away, but actually take possession of all the best fishing grounds, and drive our own people from them. The fish generally makes its appearance first to the westward and passes eastwardly through the Straits, and is followed by the French fishing craft. There are a few families residing at Green Island, Lance a Loup, Penware, East and West Modeste, who encourage the French to come over, as the latter leave them their fish livers, but it very seriously injures all others, and in fact, if not prevented, must ruin our fishery altogether. French fishing vessels took away during the last season between 30 and 40,000 quintals of fish from the Bay between Great and Little Modeste alone, and have done so for some years past.

I caught, with my crew, in that Bay last summer in nineteen days, 354 barrels of fish, but when the French came over in such numbers and took possession of the ground, I had to give up, as I could not get any more. On passing in my vessel on the 6th of August the whole ground was covered with French vessels and boats, as far as I could see with my glass; there must have been from 150 to 200 craft of all sorts there, four brigs of from 150 to 200 tons passed across my bows as deep as if coal laden; and several schooners, besides other vessels at anchor on the ground. They pay no attention whatever to being warned off, as

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they are the strongest party, and they know there is not any Man-of-war there, nor any force to prevent their continuing to fish. There is no effectual protection whatever afforded British fishermen, a Man-of-war merely passing through the Straits is perfectly useless; but I consider that a small armed boat or vessel with an officer, stationed in the Straits, would be sufficient from the latter part of July to the middle of August, that being the time the French are usually on our ground. The mere knowledge of an armed craft being stationed there would keep the French from encroaching. If some effectual protection be not afforded, our fisheries on that coast must be abandoned. It will be useless for me to go there any more under present circumstances. The French so occupy the ground with their large boats and crews that they keep others away and stop all the fish at the head lands and prevent its passing into the Bays.

EDWARD WHITE.

Declared before me, at St. John's, Nfld. }  
 this 15th of December, 1851. }

WM. THOMAS, J. P.

## DECLARATION OF WILLIAM H. ELLIS.

Is at present a resident of St. John's, but has conducted a Mercantile establishment at Forteau in the Straits of Belle Isle for fourteen years. The French have constantly encroached during the whole of that period on our fishing grounds. They generally arrive from the 20th to the end of July, and remain until they have completed their cargoes, or the fish strikes off. Three brigs regularly resort to Green Island, from five to seven at Lance a Loup, and at Pinware and Great and Little Modeste Vessels of 200 tons, and of less burthen, boats, shallops, &c. are almost innumerable, and certainly not less than from 1200 to 1500 fishermen who take possession of all the good fishing grounds, and keep our own fishermen off.— They have naturally increased the last few years, and take, on an average, from the Bay, between Great and Little Modeste, between 30,000 and 40,000 qtls. of fish annually. This completely ruins the British fishery in that neighbourhood, and if permitted to continue, it will drive our fishermen altogether from the Straits. All the establishments East of Modeste must suffer severely, as the fish coming from the westward is completely stopped by the numerous French fishermen stationed in that neighbourhood. Pinware is the principal place for bait, and if the French were prevented from resorting there, they could not possibly procure so much fish as they now do, and does not think they would continue their fishing on the Western coast of the Island, as fish and bait do not frequent that part of the shore, to make it profitable to carry on the fishery, the fish and bait not being on the Labrador side of the Straits. What fish strikes in on the opposite side leaves it early in the summer, and the French follow it to our shores. There is but little if any benefit for a Man-of-war merely coming through the Straits, or even remaining in a harbour there for a few days; they are discovered by their lofty sails before they come within many miles of the shore, and when seen by the French, they cross over to their own waters and return again when the Man-of-war has passed. A small armed schooner or man-of-war's boat with an officer stationed in the Straits would effectually prevent the French from encroaching, and be of great benefit to our fishermen. The French frequently encroach about Belle Isle; has seen them there, but is not so well acquainted with that part as with what has come more immediately under his

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observation. There are a few families residing in the Straits who encourage the French to come over, as they receive the fish livers from the French, but it is of very serious injury to all others and ought to be prevented.

WILLIAM H. ELLIS.

Sworn before me at St. John's, Newfoundland,  
this 18th day of Dec., 1851. }

WM. THOMAS, J.P.

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DECLARATION OF WILLIAM PENNEY.

Is master of a vessel, and has been carrying on the Cod Fishery at Red Bay, in the Straits of Belle Isle, for eighteen years. That for the last four years the fishery on that part of the Labrador coast has been almost ruined from the encroachments of the French who come over in large numbers in brigs, shallops, batteaux, &c., about the end of July, generally to Black Bay, situate between Great and Little Modeste, and continue fishing there until they have completed their cargoes, or have cleared the coast of fish; and from the use of their large seines, and numbers of fishermen, stop all the fish that would otherwise pass through the Straits from the westward, and thus prevent any from entering into Red Bay where there are several establishments of British fishermen whose voyages are thus ruined in consequence.— That during the past summer, there was every prospect of a successful voyage until the arrival of the French about the end of July, when there were not less than twelve large brigs, besides numerous other crafts which anchored near Little Modeste, and no fish was caught at Red Bay afterwards, and the voyage in consequence ruined, whilst it was calculated that the French fishermen took between 20 and 30,000 quintals of Codfish. That towards the end of July, the fishermen residing at Little Modeste sent to Red Bay to deponent, and requested he would come with some of his men to drive off a French brig that had come there fishing, and in consequence he took some hands and went down and ordered the vessel off, taking away three boats which were fishing and told the captain that they would be detained and handed over to the first British Man-of-war that came on the coast. The Captain of the French brig promised to leave as soon as the wind permitted, but did not, as he was joined a few days after by several other French vessels, and a message was sent to them at Red Bay, that if the English came to interfere with them again, they should get their jackets peppered. The British fishermen could not venture on the ground where the French were in such large number, as they were driven away and pursued by the heavy boats the French used; and deponent was informed by the people residing at Little Modeste, that they had chased, run into, and sunk two boats the last summer belonging to Nova Scotia. That there are some few people residing at Modeste and in that neighborhood, who encourage the French to come there because they leave all their codlivers with them, but this advantage to a few is attended with ruin to hundreds, so that some have already left; and if protection is not afforded, and the French prevented from encroaching, all must leave it, and abandon the fisheries, which will not now afford them support. That the casual visit of a man-of-war, as at present, merely passing through the Straits is perfectly useless, as the French watch when they pass, and directly after cross over to our fishing grounds and remain unmolested. That during the last summer, sometime in July, a man-of-war brig which he thinks was the Sappho, appeared off Red Bay, and deponent went off to offer his service as pilot, but met a

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boat with an officer, who enquired if anything was amiss or wanted on shore, and was informed that all was then quiet, but that they were yearly annoyed by the encroachments of the French, but that the usual time of their coming was a week or ten days later ; the officer thanked him for the information, said they were in a hurry, but would be back again by that time, and soon after the brig stood away to the northward and he saw her no more for the summer. A few days after the French made their appearance as usual in large numbers, and remained until they had completed their loadings. That a man-of-war passing in that way is no protection whatever, and thinks the only sure protection would be a small armed craft stationed in the Straits, or even a man-of-war's boat with an officer to be stationed about Red Bay from about the 20th of July till the 20th or end of August, and the knowledge of a man-of-war's boat being there would probably prevent any French vessel or boat from venturing over. If something effectual is not done by the British Government to protect our fishermen, Newfoundlanders had better remain at home, than venture on the Labrador amongst so many Frenchmen, running the risk of their lives in quarrels, and losing their time besides.

Declared before me at St. John's, Newfoundland, }  
the 21st of November, 1851. }

WILLIAM PENNEY.

WM. THOMAS, J. P.

## REPORT OF LIGHT-HOUSE COMMISSIONERS FOR 1851, WITH ACCOUNTS.

The Commissioners of Light Houses, in submitting their Report for the past year, have pleasure in adverting to the general approval which the Trade continue to entertain regarding the Lights under their direction.

As soon after the passing of the Act as was practicable, the Board obtained tenders on public notice for the building of the dwelling at Cape Pine, and the work having gone into speedy operation, the building was completed in good time, and has for some months been in occupation by the keeper. The contract has been well performed, and the necessary comfort of the establishment is provided for by this erection. Two members of the Board visited Cape Pine in June last, and their inquiry served more than before to convince the Board of the necessity of completing the road from Trepassey to the Light-house, and thus be enabled to supersede the costly and hazardous mode by which the stores are now conveyed by way of the exposed landing at Cape Pine. The Executive concurring in their view, they made arrangements for proceeding vigorously with the work, and by the Report of their Inspector, dated 12th November last, they are pleased to be able to state that the water communication may now be abandoned, and the stores in future conveyed by the land route. A small amount to complete the Bridges will yet be required to make the road efficient.

After some considerable amount of negotiation with the Ordnance Department, tenders for erecting the building at Fort Amherst were advertised for on the 10th September. The

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lateness of the season rendered it necessary that every facility should be afforded, so that the work might be completed before winter; and being disappointed in not obtaining some cut stone that lay on the ground, and on which the Commissioners in making their calculations had relied, they were constrained to abandon their intention, and accordingly postponed the measure until spring. In the meantime, not being satisfied with the tenure by which they were to hold this establishment, and feeling that if the colony is called on to make a considerable outlay, its title to the property should be unequivocal, the Board on the 6th of October last, addressed a letter to Mr. Acting Secretary Ayre, requesting for the reasons urged, that the Executive Government would take steps to vest the property in the colony, reserving such rights for Military purposes as might be deemed necessary. The Commissioners have reason to believe that this application will not be refused by the Imperial Government.

The great wear and tear of the machinery at Cape Pine, from the rapidity of the revolutions, and the objection to this rapidity of movement from the Light not resting long enough on the seaman's eye, were lately urged on the attention of the Board. The present interval between the flashes, of 20 seconds, is proposed to be increased to 30; the latter being sufficiently different from the time of any other of our Lights to prevent danger of mistake. The Board approved of the suggestion, but not wishing to assume the responsibility of the change, they requested that the Executive Government would bring the subject under the notice of the proper authorities in England with a view to their assent being secured.

The several Lights of the colony are abundantly supplied with Oil, Wick, and all necessary stores, and are reported by the Inspector to be in a state of high efficiency.

Respectfully submitted by

NICHOLAS STABB,

*Chairman of the Commissioners of Light Houses.*

St. John's, Dec. 31, 1851.

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GENERAL LIGHT-HOUSE ACCOUNT.

Cr.

1851.		Stg.	Cy.
		£31	3 10
Dec. 31.—To Cape Spear Light House.....	£233 17	113 15	0
“ Fort Amherst ditto.....	119 3	65 2	8
“ Harbor Grace ditto.....	323 18 10	27 17	6
“ Cape Bonavista ditto.....	327 11 6	83 10	8
“ Cape Pine ditto.....	1281 17 3	313 19	0
“ Cape Race Beacon.....	13 11 0	56 7	1
“ Contingent account and remains..	329 5 0	50 0	0
Balance.....	31 15 11	115 13	4
		84 0	0
		196 6	0
		33 4	9
		86 13	4
		29 19	5
		188 11	8
		126 15	0
		108 9	3
		126 1	11
		150 0	0
		130 12	3
		65 9	6
		126 15	0
		£2,279 3 4	—2629 16 2
		£2,661 0 0	

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NICHOLAS STABB,  
Chairman of Commissioners Light Houses.

December 31, 1851.

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## CAPE PINE LIGHT HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.

1851.	DR.	Sterling.	Currency.
Jan. 24.—To	Thomas & Co., rope .....		£1 10 5
	“ Stabb, Row & Co., storage .....		3 5 0
	“ J. C. Withers, printing .....		2 17 10
	“ H. Winton, ditto .....		4 6 2
	“ J. McConnan, stationery .....		0 9 0
April 1.—“	H. Hearder, quarter's salary .....	£26 5 0	30 5 9
22.—“	John Ferris, smith .....		8 6 0
	“ Clift, Wood & Co., lumber .....		2 15 0
	“ P. H. Carter, 1 stove .....		7 12 0
	“ John Devereux, account for freight, storage, &c. ....		28 5 6
“ June 5.—“	Three Tuns oil .....		103 10 0
10.—“	H. Hearder, quarter's salary .....		30 5 9
	Ditto 12 months' fuel .....	28 0 0	32 6 2
	“ Expenses Commissioners' visit .....	50 0 0	57 13 10
July 1.—“	John Sheppard (Assistant Keeper) 6½ months' salary .....		32 10 0
Oct. 1.—“	E. & N. Stabb, sundries .....		8 4 4
	“ G. Sutton, a boat .....		4 0 0
	“ Brooking & Son, coal bags .....		7 0 0
	“ T. McConnon, stationery .....		0 8 4
	“ W. L. McKay, potash, &c. ....		0 12 2
	“ H. Hearder, quarter's salary .....		30 5 9
	“ J. Sheppard, ditto .....		15 0 0
	“ W. H. Marc, flour and molasses for road purposes .....		125 3 0
	“ J. J. Dearin, rotten-stone, &c. ....		0 11 10
	“ Insurance of oil .....		1 10 0
	“ Ditto flour, &c. ....		2 9 1
	“ Carnell, 1 wheel-barrow .....		1 5 0
Nov. 5.—“	James Hewit, freight .....		5 0 0
	“ John Devereux, account Cape Pine Road.....		173 1 6
	“ Bowring, Brothers, sundries .....		9 5 0
	“ Kerr & Moody, amount contract building dwelling house .....		426 10 0
	“ Kerr & Moody, extra work .....		37 13 11
Dec. 10.—“	John Devereux, freight, &c. ....		15 7 6
	“ R. Oke, gratuity .....		10 0 0
	“ Printing accounts. ....		17 5 8
31.—“	H. Hearder, quarter's salary .....		30 5 9
	“ J. Sheppard, ditto .....		15 0 0
			£1281 17 3

1851.

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Dec. 31.—By general account ..... £1281 17 3

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Dr. CONTINGENT ACCOUNT LIGHT HOUSES IN ACCOUNT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.		Cr.		
1851.	Sig.	Cur'cy.	1851.	Cur'cy.
April 1.—To R. Oke, travelling expenses.....		£18 0 6		£329 5 0
Oct. 1.—“ R. Oke, 1 year's salary as Inspector....		50 0 0		
“ R. Oke, travelling expenses.....		21 14 6		
31.—“ A. Shea, Secretary, salary.....	50 0 0	57 13 10		
“ A. Shea, disbursements.....		35 19 0		
“ Lambert, one office table.....		6 0 0		
“ Stentafor, Messenger.....		4 0 0		
“ Office rent.....	10 10 0	12 1 6		
		<u>£205 9 4</u>		
		123 15 8		
		<u>£329 5 0</u>		<u>£329 5 0</u>
		Amount of stores on hand		
* <b>CAPE RACE BEACON.</b>				
1851.				
Dec. 3.—To paid for advertising notice of erection.....		£13 11 0	Dec. 31.—By General Account.....	£13 11 0

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DR.	CAPE SPEAR LIGHT-HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.	CR.
1851.	1851.	Cy.
	Dec. 31.—By general account .....	£233 17 2
Jan. 24.—	To Stevenson & Co., burners .....	£6 16 7
	“ Brooking & Son, wick. ....	3 0 0
	“ W. L. McKay, potash, &c. ....	0 15 0
	“ J. Westcott, Braziers' work .....	2 5 0
	“ Ryan, boat hire .....	3 5 0
• Apl. 1.—	“ Cantwell, quarter's salary, £23 15s. Stg. ....	27 8 1
June 5.—	“ 300 gallons oil .....	40 8 7
	“ Cantwell, 12 months' fuel £28 stg. ....	32 6 2
	“ J. Strafford, chairs .....	2 8 0
Oct. 1.—	“ E. & N. Stabb, soap .....	1 13 0
	“ Brooking & Son, coal bags .....	7 0 0
	“ Cantwell, quarter's salary .....	27 8 1
	“ Fitzgerald, repairing boat .....	0 10 0
	“ Paid conveyance oil .....	5 0 0
	“ S. Allen, boat-hire .....	9 0 0
	“ Bowring Brothers, sundries .....	5 15 6
Dec. 15.—	“ Quigley, boat hire .....	1 10 0
	“ Printing accounts .....	2 12 0
31.—	“ Cantwell, quarter's salary .....	27 8 1
	<b>Total</b> .....	<b>£233 17 2</b>

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DR. FORT AMHERST LIGHT-HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS. Cr.

1851.		Sterling.	Currency.	1851.
Jan. 24.—To	Brooking & Son, Wick.....		£0 4 10	
"	W. L. McKay, Pot-ash.....		0 8 8	
"	M. Hayden, sweeping chimneys.....		0 6 0	
Apr. 1.—“	P. Roach, quarter's salary.....	£13 15 0	15 17 4	
"	Charles Daly, Mason.....		1 0 3	
"	Kerr & Moody, repairs.....		5 13 9	
June 5.—“	84 galls. Oil.....		11 6 5	
July 1.—“	P. Roach, quarter's salary.....		15 17 4	
Oct. 1.—“	M. Hayden, sweeping chimneys.....		0 9 0	
"	E. & N. Stabb, coals.....		11 5 0	
"	Brooking & Son, coal bags.....		3 15 3	
"	P. Roach, quarter's salary.....		15 17 4	
"	P. Woods, conveying coals & oil.....		4 10 0	
"	G. F. Bown, board.....		0 12 4	
"	Kerr & Moody, repairs.....		13 0 5	
"	Bowring Brothers, sundries.....		0 10 0	
"	Printing accounts.....		2 12 1	
Dec. 31.—“	P. Roach, qrs. salary.....		15 17 4	
			£119 3 4	
				£119 3 4
				Dec. 31.—By general account..... £119 3 4



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DR. HARBOR GRACE LIGHT HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE COMMISSIONERS.		Cr.	
1851.	Cur'cy.	1851.	Cur'cy.
Jan'y. 24.—To Stevenson & Co., Burners ...	12 0 0	Dec. 31.—By general account.....	£323 18 10
“ Brooking & Son, Wick.....	5 0 0		
“ W. L. McKay, sundries.....	1 10 0		
April 1.—“ E. Oke, quarter's salary, £26 5s., Stg.....	30 5 9		
“ St. John's Mill, 1 Stove.....	9 0 0		
May 1.—“ John Snow, Boat hire.....	3 0 0		
June 5.—“ 3 Tuns oil.....	103 10 0		
“ W. Giles, freight of do.....	2 8 6		
July 1.—“ E. Oke, quarter's salary... ..	30 5 9		
“ J. & W. Boyd, lumber.....	1 10 9		
“ E. Oke, 12 mo's fuel, £28 Stg,	32 6 2		
Oct. 1.—“ Brooking & Son, coal bags	7 0 0		
“ E. Oke, quarter's salary.....	30 5 9		
“ Insurance of oil .....	0 17 3		
“ Conveyance of Ditto to Light House .....	7 10 0		
“ R. Oke, expenses to H.r. Grace.	1 7 6		
“ Bowring Brothers, sundries	6 5 0		
Dec. 10.—“ Thomas & Co., lead .....	4 19 8		
“ Oke, boat hire.....	1 19 0		
“ Printing accounts .....	2 12 0		
Dec. 31.—“ E. Oke, quarter's salary ...	30 5 9		
	£323 18 10		£323 18 10

*Light Houses.***ESTIMATE**

OF THE COST OF MAINTAINING THE LIGHT HOUSES FOR THE YEAR 1852.

**CAPE SPEAR.**

					£	s	d
Salaries .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95	0	0
Fuel .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	0	0
Oil ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	0	0
Wick and Glasses..	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	0	0
Contingencies .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	0	0
							203 0 0

**HARBOR GRACE.**

Salaries .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	105	0	0
Fuel ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	0	0
Oil.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	0	0
Wick and Glasses.	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	0	0
Contingencies .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	0	0
							278 0 0

**CAPE BONAVISTA.**

Salaries .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95	0	0
Fuel .. ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	0	0
Oil.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	0	0
Wick and Glasses..	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	0	0
Contingencies .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	0	0
							268 0 0

**CAPE PINE.**

Salaries .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	157	0	0
Fuel... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	0	0
Oil.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	0	0
Wick and Glasses..	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	0	0
Contingencies .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	0	0
							390 0 0

**FORT AMHERST.**

Salary .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	0	0
Fuel... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	0	0
Oil.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	0	0
Contingencies .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	0	0
							117 0 0

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£1,256 0 0

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NICHOLAS STABB,  
*Chairman of Commissioners Light Houses.*

*Light Houses.*REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE IN REFERENCE TO THE FUNK AND  
OFFER WADHAM ISLANDS AS STATIONS FOR LIGHT-HOUSES.

THOMAS COYLE, EXAMINED.

Is of opinion that the Offer Wadham would be the best station for a Light House ; half of the Labrador vessels go inside the Funks on coming from the fishery, and merchant vessels generally take that route. John Slade, Esq., of Fogo, made enquiry some years since on this subject, and the result was that the Offer Wadham was preferred to the Funks, upon which he presented a petition to the first Assembly, praying that a Light House might be erected on the Wadham Island. Thinks that it would be a great injury to the people of the northward if a Light were established upon the Funks, as the birds upon which the poor people subsist during the winter would thereby forsake the island. The Offer Wadham would be a much more advantageous site for a Light than the Funks, particularly for all small boats and coasters ; has not been to the Labrador fishery for many years ; believes there are some dangerous shoals in the inside run, but they break in heavy weather. Would prefer the inside run even if there was a light on the Funks ; has been 40 years at sea ; if he were steering the direct course from the Labrador, he certainly would not run for a light on the Funks ; he would keep outside altogether and give the Funks a wide berth. If there was a Light on the Offer Wadham, would be able to see it off Little Fogo Island. Is employed in the Packet service, and admits that a Light on the Wadhams would be of benefit to him in that service. Has never heard of a wreck taking place upon the Funks, but several had occurred, with great loss of life, upon and near the Wadhams. The Offer Wadham is fifteen miles from the main land, and could have communication therewith at any season of the year, except when surrounded with ice. The difficulty of landing building materials upon the Funks would render it much more expensive to erect a Light House there than upon the Wadhams, as upon the latter materials could be landed almost at any time.

(Signed,)

T. COYELL.

HENRY KNIGHT, EXAMINED.

Is of opinion that the Funks Island is not at present a proper station for a Light House nor should a Light be put there until one was first placed upon the Offer Wadham and upon Baccalieu. The Offer Wadham is preferable to the Funks, because it is the thoroughfare of almost every craft ; has been 22 years making this run ; for every hundred vessels which see the Wadhams, one does not see the Funks. Labrador-men, as well as other vessels, from Conception Bay, steer generally by the way of the Wadhams ; they all take that course for the necessary purpose of getting rinds and fire wood. It would not be safe to run for the Funks even if a Light were on it, when coming from the Labrador, but to keep well off so as to avoid the shoals lying to the N. N. E. of the Funk Island, and in other directions. There is a large amount of coasting trade which all take the Wadhams course.— A Light upon the Funks would benefit a few only, while one upon the Wadhams would ben-

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efit all parties ; saw the Funks on the 5th Nov. last, the first time for the last 20 years, in a gale of wind. A Funks Light would indeed benefit the French on their way to their fishery, but very few British ; has been frequently upon the Offer Wadham ; it is about half a mile across in its widest part ; it has a very fine harbour where boats can be secure from every wind ; the Island is cultivable ; it is 70 feet above the level of the sea ; the greatest height of the Funks is about 30 feet above the level of the ocean ; saw the sea strike the higher point, and ascend 30 or 40 feet above the house of Mr. March on the Island, sufficient to carry off a boat if she were on the spot. Witness's trade is more in Green Bay than elsewhere, and a Light on the Wadhams would suit him better than upon the Funks, but it would also suit others as well as him. A Light on the Funks would be no benefit to Sealers, nor would a Light upon the Wadhams. Never heard of a wreck on the Funks, but scarcely a year passes that instances do not occur of shipwreck about the Wadhams. Is decidedly of opinion that a Light upon the latter would be preferable for all the business of the country.

(signed)

HENRY KNIGHT.

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JAMES LYNCH, EXAMINED.

Is a Master-mariner ; has fished at the Labrador several years, in his own craft ; has been 20 years going to and coming from the Labrador, and never saw the Funks but twice in the course of all that time ; saw the Wadhams, going to the Labrador, but in coming from thence always took the outside run ; and gave the shoals about the Funks a wide berth. Thinks that a Light upon the Funks would be but very partially useful, while one upon the Offer Wadham would be generally beneficial. Believes the height of the Funks to be about 35 feet above the sea ; thinks the sea breaks over it, and anything not stationary would be washed from it. Does not think that a Light on either of these Islands would serve the seal fishery ; is not engaged in the Green Bay Trade ; goes foreign ; the Island of Sables is well known, and seamen consequently keep clear of it ; the Funk is equally well-known and seamen give it a wide berth, and endeavour to steer clear of it.

(Signed)

JAMES LYNCH.

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WILLIAM DWYER, EXAMINED.

Is of opinion that a Light upon the Funks would be useless but to a few Labrador-men coming home in the fall, while a light upon the Offer Wadham would be of general utility. Has been upon the Funks ; thinks its height is about 40 feet ; there is no soil on the Island, but there is a trifle of grass among the rocks ; there is no water upon it except what may remain after rain ; there are plenty of one kind of birds upon it, and great quantities of eggs from June to September ; believes that a Light and residence there would disturb and ban-

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ish these birds, which are found now of vital necessity to the poor people about Fogo district, who chiefly subsist upon them in the winter. Has been to the Labrador as Master of voyage or skipper; believes that Labrador-men would be greatly benefitted by a Light upon the Wadhams; because it would lead the coasting craft over 20 leagues of the most dangerous and most dreaded part of the coast of Newfoundland; trades down the Straits and at the Labrador; does not trade alongshore; is nowise interested in a light upon the Wadhams personally; makes his fish about Fogo; thinks it would be an injury to sealers to have a light upon the Funks, and that it would only be a benefit to the Frenchmen going to the French-shore; was on the Wadhams scores of times; the highest of them is 500 feet above the level of the sea; the offer Wadham has good soil upon it; and wild hay in large quantities is cut off in the fall of the year; there are some settlers upon it, and it would be a fine place to rear cattle; the sea could not break over it, but believes it breaks over the Funks.

(Signed)

WILLIAM DWYER.

## JOHN BARRON, EXAMINED.

Is of opinion that the Wadhams would be the best station for a Light House; a Light on the Offer Wadham would be of general benefit to vessels bound to Seldom-come-by, Tilton Harbour, Fogo, &c.; it would enable them to avoid a cluster of dangerous shoals in that direction; has been many years voyaging to the Labrador as master of craft, on fishing voyages; does not believe that a Light on the Funks would be near so useful as one upon the Wadhams; has been upon the Funks; about the S. W. Point of which there are about 15 fathoms of water; would like to see a light everywhere; but if there is to be but one, he would prefer that one to be upon the Wadhams; has been 29 years to the Seal Fishery, and does not believe that a Light would be any benefit to him on the Funks, whereas a light on the Wadhams would be of material benefit; is entirely in favour of the latter, upon the principle that it is the most dangerous part of a coast that ought to be lighted up, and this was one of the most dangerous parts of the coast of Newfoundland.

(Signed,)

JOHN BARRON.

## COMMUNICATION OF MR. ROBERT OKE.

ST. JOHN'S, 9TH MARCH, 1852.

Sir,—The documents which I have now the honor to lay before you will be found to embody answers to the several queries you were pleased to submit for my consideration; and in compliance with your request I also annex such remarks relative to the contemplated Northern Light house as appear to me most likely to deserve the notice of the Committee.

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1st—"Would a Light on the Funk Island be of utility, or whether a Light on the Offer Wadham Island would not be more generally useful?"

The Funk Island is 31 miles from the main land, Cape Freels, and 37 or 38 from Greenspond, the nearest harbor; it is a bold, barren rock, over which the sea breaks in very heavy gales, (Note A) and is about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mile in circumference; it is occasionally visited in June and July for the purpose of procuring eggs; from late in November until the middle of March scarcely a vessel passes within sight of it, and for at least six months of the year intercourse with the island is impossible. An instance of shipwreck occurring on the Funk Island is not upon record, and (Note B.) the inference to be drawn from this fact is that it does not offer any material obstruction, and that it cannot be viewed as being particularly dangerous.

The Offer Wadham Island is 15 miles from the nearest harbor, Seldom-come-by; it is fertile, easy of access, and has the advantage of a small harbour; from the middle of January until late in April crews engaged in the Seal Fishery reside on it; it is frequented by fleets of fishing craft in the summer season. The vicinity of the Wadham Island is notoriously dangerous, it has been the scene of many Shipwrecks, with great loss of life.

If this comparative view of the Funk and Wadham Island only demonstrates the existence of the same amount of danger in each locality, yet the peculiar difficulties which oppose themselves at the former Island are such, that as a Light House station compared with the Wadham, it will not in my opinion bear the scrutiny of a sober investigation.

It has always been regarded as an axiom in Light House engineering, that it is better to have no Light at all, than to place one in such a difficult position as would render its appearance doubtful, and on the certainty of whose exhibition the mariner cannot at all times rely (Note C): and it may not be here out of place to notice some of the Light Houses of Britain remarkable for their dangerous and isolated position, in order to remove the impression that the obstacles by which they are beset are analagous to those at the Funks or Wadham Island.

The Eddystone Light-house is  $9\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the main land; the Bell Rock Light, east coast of Scotland, 11 miles; the Carlington, on the N.W. coast of Ireland, 6 miles, and the Skerryvore Light, on the N. coast of Scotland, 13 miles. Each establishment has a small attendant vessel, and signals with the shore in favourable weather are exchanged every day at noon; each Light has four keepers, who, in rotation, on performing six weeks duty, have a fortnight leave on shore; this interchange generally takes place at spring tides, and the period between each such communication with the shore seldom exceeds sixteen days (Note D.)

The distance from the Funk to the Offer Wadham Islands is about 23 or 24 miles; the advocates for a Light on the former argue that by keeping mid-channel, a glimpse of the Funk Island Light would determine the bearing of the Wadham, and the dangers in its vicinity, which is true; but the same argument must apply with equal force in determining the bearing of the Funk Island on sighting a Light exhibited on the Wadham. Vessels bound to the Labrador giving Cape Bonavista light the usual "berth," would, by steering one course, say N. by E., pass midway between the Funk and Wadham Island, and pass sufficiently outside the "Snap Rock."

"What would be the probable cost of erecting a Light-house on the Funk Island or on the Offer Wadham, the cost of Light apparatus and annual expense of its maintenance?"

The elevation of the Funk Island, on the authority of Mr. March, is stated to be 34 feet, and that of the Offer Wadham, by Mr. Knight, to exceed 60 feet (say 55); in estimating the

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cost of the Light Tower it is of importance to keep this in view, because to ensure the Light being seen 20 miles distance, the altitude of the Light above the level of the sea cannot be less than 90 feet (Note E.)

Say elevation of the Funk Island .....	34 feet
“ Light Tower .....	49 “
“ From the foot of the lantern to the flame .....	7 “
	— 90 feet
“ Elevation of the Offer Wadham .....	55 feet
“ Light Tower .....	33 “
“ From the foot of the lantern to the flame .....	7 “
	— 95 feet

Assuming therefore the elevation of the Wadham to exceed that of the Funk Island 21 feet in place of 26 feet, as would appear by Mr. Knight's statement, the Tower at the Funk will require an altitude of 49 feet, and at the Wadham Island 33 feet.

In 1846 and '47, the writer visited the French Light House at St. Pierre's, where he obtained information relative to its cost &c. ; it is replete with every convenience, every precaution has been taken to ensure its safety against fire, and is in all respects such as I should feel warranted in recommending for the Wadham or Funk Island. Probable cost, say:—

Light Tower to serve also as keeper's dwelling—21 feet square—33 feet high, materials—best American brick, free stone quoins, three floors not including the basement as a store, with circular stairs at the back .....	£1850	9	0
Light Apparatus of the most approved and economical principle.....	1200	0	0
Expense erecting Light apparatus .....	150	0	0
Incidental expenses .....	100	0	0
	<u>£3,300</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

The above as adapted for the Wadham Island.

Light Tower to serve also as keeper's dwelling—22 feet square—49 feet high .....	£2750	0	0
Light Apparatus as above .....	1200	0	0
Expenses in erecting Light, &c. ....	200	0	0
Incidentals .....	100	0	0
	<u>£4250</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

As adapted for the Funk Island.

## ANNUAL EXPENSE OF MAINTENANCE.

On the Funk Island.....	£550	0	0
On the Wadham Island.....	430	0	0

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In conclusion, I would beg to observe, that although in estimating the cost of the two Light Towers, I have endeavoured to bring to my aid all the judgment I felt capable of exercising, yet I feel assured that there are many matters purely of a local character which must baffle all general rules, and which a more intimate acquaintance with is necessary to calculate with precision the sum required for that particular service.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

ROBERT OKE,

*Inspector of Light Houses.*

To ROBERT J. PARSONS, Esq., M.G.A., }  
*Chairman Select Committee.* }

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REFERENCE.

A.—In strong gales the spray flies over Harbour Grace Island, which causes considerable inconvenience in obtaining water.

B.—During the last 35 years, but four vessels with their crews engaged in the seal fishery have been lost, the particulars and the locality in which such losses occurred remain a mystery.

C.—The destruction of the Eddystone Light House many years since caused the loss of the Winchelsea (74) man-of-war, with most of her crew.

D.—Mr. March states that 22 days last fall were spent in effecting a landing on the Funk Island.

E.

	Elevation. Feet.	Distance the Light is seen.
Eddystone Light Tower .....	68	13 miles.
Bell Rock .....	100	20 ditto
Skerryvore .....	138	25 ditto
Carlingford .....	111	21 ditto
Cape Pine.....	302	35 ditto
Cape Spear Light .....	273	35 ditto
Cape Bonavista .....	150	30 ditto
Harbour Grace Island .....	151	30 ditto

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THOMAS BUTLER, EXAMINED.

In his opinion the best place for a Light-house would be Wadhams; has been many years going to the Labrador as master of his own vessel; a light upon the Funks would benefit

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him, as he always takes the outside run, and he believes that most of the Labrador-men sailing out of St. John's take the same course; nevertheless, believes that for the good of the general trade the Offer Wadham would be a preferable situation for a Light-house; thinks a light on the Funks would be dangerous to sealers. The Funks is about a half-a-mile across, and about 40 feet high; never saw the sea break over it; it is the resort of myriads of one species of sea fowl, the eggs of which are found to be of great service to the poor people of the different settlements to the northward; has been upon the Wadhams; it is twice as large as the Funks, and has soil sufficient to raise potatoes, &c., which the Funks has not. Believes the outside run the best for large and well-equipped crafts, but the greater part of the Bay vessels and small craft take the inside run; there is a great coasting trade which take the inside run; has no doubt if there is to be but one Light-house, that the Wadhams would be more useful than any other Island; is confident that a residence upon the Funks would disturb the birds, and eventually frighten them from their customary haunts.

(Signed,)

THOMAS BUTLER.

## MICHAEL HAYES, EXAMINED.

Has been 31 years trading along the northern coast, and is of opinion that if there is to be but one Light-house, the Offer Wadham is the most useful spot for it; has taken both runs as circumstances made it necessary; to those who take the inside run—and they are by far the greater portion of the Labrador-men, and the small craft and coasters—a Light upon the Wadhams would be of essential service. Saw in Seldom-come-by in 1848 no less than 20 Labrador-men who came the inside run, and sheltered there; there is very little difference in the length of the runs; one was as short as the other. Was on the Funks for eggs several times; it is a low island—so low that in heavy weather the sea breaks over it; it is not so high as the Wadhams, in which there is a safe harbor; the soil of the Wadhams is very good, while the Funks is perfectly barren.

(Signed)

MICHAEL HAYES.

COMMITTEE-ROOM, }  
FEBRUARY 28th 1852. }

## THOMAS ASHMAN, EXAMINED.

Has been going to the Labrador 10 or 12 years; now goes northward; would say that it would be much more beneficial to have a Light on the Wadhams than on the Funks. Never went the outside run but twice, and never saw the Funks but once, when he made for them

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and landed to take eggs ; does not believe that Labrador-men could be benefitted by a Light upon the Funks ; has seen as many as 25 sail of Labrador-men in the Harbour of Seldom-come-by, all of which would be benefitted by a Light on the Offer Wadham, while they could reap no benefit whatever from a Light upon the Funks ; thinks the height of the Funks to be about 50 feet ; it may not be so high ; it is a small looking Island, and it is difficult at all times to land upon it ; it is quite easy at any time to land upon the Wadhams ; there are no birds or eggs upon the Wadhams, except occasional flocks of "Mother Carey's chickens ;" thinks the Offer Wadham is as low as the Funks, but the Copper Island is a great deal higher, some 300 feet above the level of the sea ; was never upon the Offer Wadham ; knows there can be no comparison between the Wadhams and the Funks for a Light-house station—the former being far above the latter for such a purpose as a general Light ; with regard to the Seal Fishery a Light upon the Funks or upon the Wadhams would be of little use to this particular branch of trade ; thinks that a Light and residence upon the Funks would banish all the birds from the Island, and this would be a great injury to the poor people who live upon these birds a great portion of the season ; and a great number of these poor people have no other meat, and if these birds were banished these people would be badly off. The expense of erecting a Light-house upon the Funks would, in his opinion, be double that of raising one upon the Wadhams ; for you can land materials for building at any time on the Wadhams, whilst you must watch your opportunity to land on the Funks, and even then there is great danger ; could have no communication with the Funks from the middle of November till the month of April ; his business has been with Green Bay for the last six or seven years, but no interest of his own would induce him to advocate the establishment of a Light upon the Wadhams if he were not satisfied that the general good would be subserved thereby.

(Signed)

THOMAS ASHMAN.

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 JOHN NURSE, EXAMINED,

Is now a Pilot of the Port of St. John's ; but has been going to the Labrador some 15 years ; was only 15 years old when first he went there ; was skipper 10 or 11 years of the time ; he sometimes took the outside and sometimes the inside run coming from the Labrador ; in his opinion a Light upon the Funks would not benefit Labradormen much ; but a Light upon the Wadhams would ; all the small craft take the inside run, and consequently a Beacon would be invaluable to them on that dangerous coast ; his conviction is that a Light on the Wadhams would confer an essential service upon the general trade of the Colony.

(Signed.)

JOHN NURSE.

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 G. DAVIS, EXAMINED.

Is a Shipmaster engaged in the general trade of the country ; has been 18 years so engaged, constantly ; has been frequently at the Labrador carrying on the fishery ; is of opi-

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nion that the Funks would be the best position for a Light House, because the difficulties of survey, and the ignorance of those who are not acquainted with charts would, if there was a Light on the Wadhams, seduce many into dangers which a Light upon the Funks would cause them to avoid ; has a general knowledge of the whole coast about the Wadhams, Green Bay, French Shore, and the various Bays in that vicinity ; and knows that there are, from his own observation, hundreds of rocks and shoals from Cape Freels round the bays, which are not laid down in the charts ; has been repeatedly on the Funks, and has taken observations to prove the incorrectness of the position of the Funks as laid down in the charts, particularly in the longitude ; the distance between the Funks and the Wadhams is about 23 miles ; believes from a long practical experience, that a Light on the Funks would be far more serviceable than a Light upon the Wadhams for the general trade of the colony ; to vessels returning from the Labrador, if a Light House was upon the Wadhams, a North-east wind would encrease a Westerly current and take a vessel out of her course and bring her inside the Barracks shoals, and endanger her safety ; thinks that a Light on the Funks would lessen, and one on the Wadhams would encrease the risks as regards insurance, for the reasons he has stated ; is at present engaged foreign, but has been employed in the coasting trade ; the rocks are laid down in the charts of this Island very erroneously, and particularly on the Labrador coast ; has been upon the Wadhams ; the soil, what there is of it, is better than that of the Funks,— indeed there is little soil upon the Funks, except about a quarter of an acre ; no sea breaks over the Funks, it is from 30 to 40 feet high, the Offer Wadham is not more than 45 feet perpendicular ; it is his opinion that a Light upon the Funks, for the general purposes of the trade, would be preferable to the Wadhams. It is true that there is a large trade on the coast in small craft, which those engaged in it may fancy would be benefitted by a Light on the Wadhams ; but he believed that while such a Light would be no benefit to foreigners, it would be more dangerous to coasters than if there was no Light there ; thinks that the birds would be banished by the erection of a Light upon the Funks, but that circumstance would be no injury, for the time wasted in obtaining eggs could be better employed in catching fish ; does not believe that any people to the northward are compelled to live upon birds, because it is the best portion of the Island for the fishery, and none but those who are too idle to fish resort to the shooting of birds for the purpose of subsistence in the fishing season. Of course in the fall of the year, when there is little else to do, it is creditable to add, by means of shooting birds, to their stock of provisions ; believes that those engaged even in the coasting trade would not be generally benefitted by a Light on the Wadhams, because the greater number of craft take the inside run of the Wadhams, and therefore could not see the Light after a certain distance, and it is only a comparative few who take the outside run, who may acknowledge the utility of a Light upon the Offer Wadham.

(Signed,)

GEO. G. DAVIS.

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 EDWARD WHITE, EXAMINED.

Is satisfied that a Light upon the Funks would be of universal benefit to the trade, and particularly as regards Labrador-men and Sealers ; thinks so from experience, having for the last 25 years been engaged in the Labrador trade and coasting about the Wadhams and

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Funks; has been repeatedly on both Islands; the eastern point of the Funks is about 80 feet high; Gannett Head, on the western point is about 60; there is a little soil upon the Island; lots of *Alexander* and other herbs there; was eleven days upon the Island for the purpose of obtaining eggs, &c.; thinks there could not be a better situation for a Light-house, for Labrador-men in particular; there are several landing places, but three in particular, which are safe ones; thinks that a Light upon the Wadhams would lead thousands into danger, which would not be the case if there were no Light there, because from its position it would lure parties coming from the Labrador into dangers that they would avoid by giving them a wide berth, as they do now; thinks that a Light on St. John's River-head bridge would be of as much benefit to Labrador-men and Sealers as a Light upon the Wadhams; believes that where a hundred pounds value passes the Wadhams, one thousand pounds pass the Funks; that is, of our Island produce and trade; comparatively speaking a Light upon the Wadhams would be useless, while one upon the Funks would be invaluable. With reference to Insurance, there has been an Association formed here, in which he is interested, and he would be cautious in recommending a Light upon an Island that he did not conceive would be one of utility; there is no haze over the Funks more than over any other Island, and a Light would be as visible as the nature of the atmosphere would admit; believes that the charts of this island are very incorrect; the shoals laid down in a Chart by Mr. March are not in the ordinary Charts, and believes Mr. March's survey to be correct.

(Signed)

EDWARD WHITE.

## PATRICK LYNCH EXAMINED.

Is master of a vessel engaged in the general trade of the country, the Cod-fishery and Sealing in particular; is of opinion that a Light upon the Funks would be generally useful, while no use whatever would accrue from a Light upon the Wadhams; it would be of great use to Labrador-men and sometimes to Sealers; thinks that a Light on Little Fogo Island would be better than on the Wadhams; thinks that a Light on the Wadhams would create dangers that are now avoided; was often upon the Funks going to the Labrador, for the purpose of getting eggs; believes the height of the Island to be about 80 feet; never was upon the Wadhams, but passed close by them; believes one of them to be higher than the Funks; there is no harbor at the Wadhams, it is only a cove, and that is open to the northwest and northeast winds; it is not easy to land on the Wadhams in rough weather, but it is more difficult to land upon the Funks.

(Signed)

PATRICK LYNCH.

## M. H. WARREN, EXAMINED.

The Wadhams lie in 49, 35 N.; are a cluster of eight or nine Islands, the largest, Peckford's Island, bears N. by W. from Cape Freels; the coast about these Islands is the most

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dangerous in Newfoundland. The Funk Island is about 27 miles N. N. E. from Cape Freels, 32 miles from the Barracks, and 32 miles from Fogo; inside the Funks are Cromwell's, Durell's and many other Ledges; it is the direct course for vessels from the Labrador; and bound thence, by going close aboard inside or outside the Funks, you avoid all dangers; can be seen on all sides; the Funks are, he would say, a mile round, and about 40 to 60 feet high; the prevailing winds in the fall are northeast and easterly; a vessel coming from the Labrador, if she does not steer a direct course from Belle Isle, will harbour on the French Shore, and often be detained by outwinds for days or weeks, as he had been, while those who had gone outside made the passage in three; the vessels that take the inside run generally harbour by night, and never go through Stack Harbour Tickle Run late, without anchoring for the night in Seldom-come-by; in coming from the Northward the inside run, you cannot see the Offer Wadham until you pass Seldom-come-by; has made fifteen passages to and fifteen passages from the Labrador; in going, always passed outside the Funks, in returning in vessels always outside, in small craft twice between Fogo and the Funks and twice through Stack Harbour Tickle Run; once was caught with the wind S. E. between Fogo and the Barracks, and after several narrow escapes got into Fogo Harbour; had he kept outside would the next day have got into St. John's; was six days in Fogo; fair wind, N.E but could not get out.

The coast from the north side of Bonavista Bay to the Barracks is the most dangerous in Newfoundland; by placing a Light on the Funks, vessels from Europe for Fogo or Twillingate would make it; there would not be so many vessels stranded or lost on the coast did our craft keep more at sea; vessels often from Labrador get their decks swept by keeping inside and running over the shoal ground; coasters generally know the bearing and distance of the land, and are seldom out by night. In all countries Lights are placed on the outside Islands, not hid away in Bays; has been on the Funk Island, and is well acquainted with the coast between this and Belle Isle, and considers the Funk the best place for the proposed Light.

(Signed.)

M. H. WARREN.

COMMITTEE-ROOM,

March 3rd, 1852. }

MICHAEL POWER EXAMINED.

Has been some 49 or 50 years seafaring; principal part of the time, fishing on the French Shore, and at the Labrador; lived on the Funks for 14 days; landed there for eggs and birds, and in consequence of bad weather could not get off; fished at that time in Seldom-come-by; thinks the Funks more than 100 feet high at the east end; does not believe the sea could break over it, though the spray might; some grass grows upon it; there is a regular spring of water on one part of it; there is no part of the Newfoundland coast where a Light would be of more benefit than on the Funks for the Labrador fishermen; fears that a Light there would be the destruction of the birds which frequent the Island, but as regards the Light there is no better place for it; believes that a Light on the Wadhams would do more harm than good; for people would be labouring to see the Light and thus be led into danger; believes that many wrecks occur about the Funks that are never heard of; declares that if he met the Funks in the night he would never be able to clear them. It would be easier to land materials for building upon the Wadhams than upon the Funks; there is a cove, but no harbour, in the Offer Wadham, but could not ride there in foul weather,

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and at any rate it is only fit for small craft ; does not know what benefit a Light upon the Wadhams would be, except to the small traders, but it would be more injurious to the Labrador fishermen than a benefit to them. Cape Freels or the Barracks would be preferable for a light than the Wadhams for coasters ; but no place could be better for the benefit of the Fishery carried on at the Labrador for a Light than the Funks.

(Signed,)

MICHAEL POWER.

COMMITTEE-ROOM, }  
MARCH 4th 1852. }

J. HANRAHAN, EXAMINED.

Thinks the Wadhams the best position for a Light ; has been 44 years going to sea, 37 in this country—employed in the general business of the country—coasting, trading, and fishing to the Labrador ; has been master of crafts for the last 27 years ; knows the whole neighbourhood of the Funks ; has been 2 years fishing out of Tilton Harbor ; was often on the Funks for a day and a night at a time, obtaining eggs ; in coming from the Labrador always kept inside the Funks, and if there was a Light on the Funks would keep the same course, and a Light on the Funks would be of no use to him—because the Funks are so low that you could not see a light more than fifteen miles distant ; does not believe the sea breaks over the Funks ; there is no shelter on the Funks ; it is a barren rock with only two places of landing, and that only in smooth weather ; you could not land materials for building unless the weather was very smooth ; there is no water but that which is caught in the fissures of the rocks from rain ; thinks it would destroy the birds which frequent the island if there was a Light and residence there ; the people to the Northward are principally supported by these birds, which they salt in for winter subsistence ; never heard of any wrecks on the Funks ; heard that the party left on the Island prevented some Fogo people from landing to take eggs, by pointing their guns at them. Was frequently on the Wadhams—inside on Evan's Island was once wrecked, lost his vessel there in the fall of the year some years ago, and on the same night two boats belonging to Tilton Harbor and Twillingate were lost ; the Offer Wadham is a fine level Island—cuts lots of hay off it—plenty of water—fine pond there—and a safe cove for craft except in the fall—often split a boat load of fish there ; in his opinion it is the only part of that coast fit for a Light-house, and can land materials at any time there ; in consequence of the water being shoal, you can anchor in any place about the Offer Wadham ; thinks that the greater portion of the Labrador men would be benefitted by the Offer Wadham Light ; they take the inside run for the purpose of safety and shelter—being loaded with passengers' luggage, in addition to their fish ; coming home in the fall—light vessels take the outside run, being in ballast ; to all a Light there would be of great use on the Wadham, while on the Funks it would be of no use at all ; thinks that while One Thousand Pounds worth of property passes inside the Funks, one pound does not pass outside ; an immense trade is carried on, on the coast inside the Funks ; Craft keep outside the Barracks as the safest course—and can take advantage of the Wadham Light all through the course. From Offer Point to Ragged Harbor Point distance, 14 miles ; from Peckford's Island to the Offer Island, 4 miles. E. S. E. ground of the Offer Wadham, over which there is not more

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than 8 to 9 fathoms water,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles off; the Tomcod rock  $1\frac{1}{4}$  mile from the Offer Wadham in the Run;  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles in the ship's run lies S. S. W. rock;  $4\frac{1}{2}$  leagues from the Offer Wadham, Seldom-come-by.

The Funks Island is 27 miles from Cape Freels; can be seen 10 or 11 miles in clear weather; 200 yards N. of the Funks is a large rock above water, N. W. by W.; at 180 yards distance are two other large rocks, but between them there are 18, 37 to 42 fathoms water, so that there is no danger; between these rocks and the Funk Island there is a rock with only 10 feet water, but always breaks over it; near this rock there are from 16 to 18 fathoms water.

(Signed,)

J. HANRAHAN.

## THOMAS KNIGHT, EXAMINED.

Has been 28 years going to sea, as master to the Labrador and coasting in the general trade; been on the Funks frequently; would take the inside run, coming home for the purpose of shelter and smooth water; thinks that a Light on the Offer Wadham would be of much more benefit to the Labrador fishermen and to the general trade of the country than on the Funks; there is a very large trade carried on by coasters on that part of the shore to which a light would be of great value. Would not recommend the Funks at all for a Light; but thinks a Light on Cape Freels, and Green Island in Catalina, preferable to the Funks—but the Offer Wadham before any of them. There is water on the Funks, but not very pure—no spring there; thinks that a Light there would destroy the birds; if the Light was necessary, thinks that circumstance ought not to tell against its erection. Has heard, nevertheless, that the people salt birds in for their winter use; people gather eggs until the caplin come in—and they are a great assistance to the poor people during the season—it would be very difficult to land materials upon the Funks; has been frequently in the vicinity of the Offer Wadham; there is a snug little harbour there, by which any kind of materials could be landed in the summer; thinks the Offer Wadham the most preferable for a Light House for many reasons; could see a Light on the Offer Wadham from the Barracks; carries on business now in Green Bay, but has been frequently to the Labrador; believes that for the general good a Light on the Wadhams would be of essential service; the safest run is the third Island run; it is a dangerous run, and therefore the greater is the reason why there should be a Light on the Offer Wadham—a Light on the Funks would not benefit the Sealers any more than a Light on any other Island at all, but knows that a Sealer was lost on the Offer Wadham in '36.

(Signed,)

THOMAS KNIGHT.

COMMITTEE-ROOM, }  
MARCH 5. }

## J. COZENS, EXAMINED.

Has been 50 years sea-faring, principal portion in the fishery trade at the Labrador. Is

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of opinion that a Light on the Funks would be preferable for Labrador-men, either going or coming; always endeavoured to make the Funks; always kept the outside run if possible, because the inside run was dangerous in thick weather. Has been on the Funks—it is about thirty or forty fathoms in height, or one hundred feet in the highest part; it is a barren rock; believes there is water on it; the sea could not break over any part but the very lowest; it is a fine site for a Light House; could see a light on the Funks 30 miles in clear weather; does not know that the birds would be banished by a residence there; but knows the eggs are of great service to the poor to the northward; but nevertheless thinks that they had better be employed jigging fish in the month of June than gathering eggs; there are some dangerous shoals inside the Funks, which is one reason for keeping outside; has seen the Wadhams at a distance; generally kept away from them; thinks that a Light for coasters would be good upon the Wadhams, but for no other purpose; no use whatever to Labrador-men; thinks that a Light on the Funks would be of benefit to Sealers, because they generally try to make the Funks if they can. As to landing materials, it would be difficult to land them, unless in very smooth water; but believes that a good deal of the stone material might be found on the Island, and timber might be floated alongside and hoisted up with a crane. For all the general purposes of the trade, thinks that no other site is so good as the Funks for a Light House.

(Signed)

JOHN COZENS.

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COMMITTEE-ROOM,  
March 11th, 1852. }

W. H. ELLIS—EXAMINED.

Has been 14 years sea-faring—trading in the general business—the greater period to the Labrador—has an establishment at *Fortaux*. If he had the choice of position for a Light, he would prefer the Offer Wadham to any other place as a Light of general utility—has been going to and coming from the Labrador about 20 times, and could never get a Newfoundland Master to go outside the Funks—always took the inside run.—Since the relative claims of the Wadham Island and the Funk Island for a Light House have been introduced, I have given the subject some attention, the result of which has been, that while I believe a Light on the Wadhams would be of great utility to the trade of the colony, I cannot see of what real use it would be on the Funks.

The parties immediately interested are the Labrador-men, and the residents and others connected with the Trade in the district of Fogo.

When I consider the number of the former who take the Wadham passage in preference to the run outside the Funks, I am led to inquire into the reason, which appears on a little reflection very obvious that it is the best run; without Light they had to seek in their passage to and from the coast of Labrador, the safest and best course, which I believe has been accorded almost unanimously to the Wadham; long experience has made them perfectly acquainted with it—the position of the Offer Wadham once known, the passage can be made in safety, whilst the Funk Island ground is comparatively more or less entirely new to them, and the statement given by Mr. March in his letter to the public Journals of this place, that an immense number of breakers exist in that locality extending considerable distances seaward, does not lead me to believe any better passage than the one selected by our Fishermen is to be found with the range of a Light on the Funk Island. It is well known that our La-

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brador-men in the spring of the year require rinds, wood, and other materials for flake building, and that they visit the northern ports for that purpose; a Light on the Funks would not prevent their doing this. It is equally well known that vessels on their return are deeply laden, and have at least from 50 to 70 passengers each, men, women and children, without accommodation for one-third the number; women and children are crammed into the berths; men sleep on their boxes or on the lockers; they have often heavy deck loads—the mens' sea chests in many cases among the rest; little room is left for a supply of wood and water to any extent; when detained late by the weather, or a late fishery, their provisions are scanty enough. Would a prudent man, in the face of all these obstacles, venture outside the Funks at the risk of being blown off, or if he met breezes from W.S.W. to W.N.W., unable to haul in for the land, whilst in running for the Wadhams he would keep the shore on board, have smooth water, and if he met adverse winds could easily make a port; the distances in the points of departure would be very different. I always considered the shorter the better; the elevation of the two places is also of importance.

The number of Western boats and small craft from every port north of St. Mary's are, I presume, as much entitled to consideration as those who can boast of a Royal Yard, across. I cannot say with any degree of certainty the number; some idea may be formed when I say near three hundred of these kind of craft may be seen in the port of Battle Harbour alone almost every season; last though not the least is the Northern trade and coasting to every port North of Cape Freels; a great portion of this traffic is centred in St. John's, statistics of which, I have no doubt, have been fully laid before the Committee, and will at their hands receive the attention its importance deserves. Again, supposing the relative claims of the two places to be equal, the difficulty and expense of erecting and maintaining a Light on the Funks would be equal, in my opinion, (I may err), to one each on the Wadhams, Green Island of Catalina (a Harbor Light) and Baccalieu; supposing the position to be safe, which is questionable, for an ordinary Light House, an accident happening to which all Lights are liable, it cannot be known or remedied for a great portion of the year; the fatal, I may say awful, results of such an accident, we have often known or read of; the Funk Light could not, I think, be seen from the main land, the keeper or keepers could not in an ordinary boat, such as could be kept on the Island, attempt to reach the land, and any accident thus remain undiscovered; from all this the Wadhams are free.

With respect to the destruction of the eggs, which the advocates of the Funks treat with so much contempt, I believe a tax of 100 per cent. on pork and beef of the northern fishermen would be less injurious; many have neither, wild fowl is in many cases for months their only animal food; I do not hesitate to say that the wild fowl of Northern ports have saved more people from starvation than a Light on the Funks would or ever will, from shipwreck. Could a correct account be taken of the numbers who have subsisted on these and mussels for a long period, it would for ever silence those who treat this important subject so lightly; a proof of the value they are held in by these poor people may be seen by the numerous petitions to the Legislature for the protection of the eggs. To me personally it is immaterial on which place it is put, and I doubt much if I shall ever see either when finished.

(Signed,)

WILLIAM HENRY ELLIS.

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WILLIAM HALLY, EXAMINED.

Has been about 40 years sea-going; has been frequently to the Labrador as Master of schooner; thinks that inside the Funks is the general run from the Labrador, but it depends

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a good deal upon circumstances ; if a vessel was properly equipped, he would take the outside run ; no doubt in such case a Light on the Funks would be beneficial ; has been on the Funks ; thinks that the height of the highest part of the Funks to be about 70 feet ; it is a barren rock ; there is water generally on the Funks from rain ; thinks the sea does not break over it ; it is a good position for a Light-house ; there are two landing places, but it is difficult to land ; does not know how materials could be landed there ; the cliff is perpendicular from 8 to 10 feet high, it would be attended with great risk and great expense to land materials, but thinks that stone might be found on the spot calculated for building ; there are a great many birds upon the Island, and he landed on it when going to the Labrador to get eggs ; thinks that residence on the Funks would banish the birds from the Island, and has heard that the people to the northward subsist upon birds and eggs a good portion of the season ; don't know of many shoals about the Funks, but knows of one—has heard from his own crews that there are. Thinks that a Light-house on the Wadhams would be more generally useful for the trade than on the Funks—because the vessels in general are not seaworthy, and therefore they are forced to take the inside run, which is by no means so safe as the outside ; there is a cove or small harbor in the Offer Wadham by which materials can be landed in the summer season at almost any time ; if examinant had the choice of placing a Light on one of these Islands, he would prefer the Offer Wadham. A Light upon the Funks would be of considerable benefit to the seal fishery ; has heard of many wrecks about the Wadhams, but never heard tell of a wreck near or upon the Funks, but if such were the case, perhaps they might never be heard of. Vessels coming from the Labrador are generally lumbered up with passengers, luggage, &c., and for this reason they take the inside run, and therefore a Light on the Wadhams would in his opinion be of general utility.

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WILLIAM HALLY.

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 GEORGE PIPPY, EXAMINED.

Has been going to see some 45 years—14 years master trading in the general business—several years going to the Labrador—14 or 15 years since he was there ; was never on the Funks but often saw them—in going to and coming from the Labrador some times took the outside course and sometimes the inside, but it depended on circumstances—as regards the position for a Light, thinks the Wadhams would be the best place for a Light House, because more vessels go the inside run than the outside—and the reason is, that vessels coming from the Labrador are not calculated for the outside run, being in most cases small craft ; and it is not so dangerous for those acquainted with the coast as the outside ; has been on the Wadhams and fished about them for four years when living in Seldom-come-by ; has been frequently trading about Fogo, Tilton Harbor, and other places in Green Bay ; if he were about to place a Light on that coast he would establish it on the Offer Wadham in preference to the Funks or any other place ; don't think that a Light on the Funks would be of any benefit to Sealers. Has known the harbor of Seldom-come-by to be nearly filled by Labrador-men, loaded with women and children ; and in general none of these vessels with a heavy deck load was fit for the outside run.

(Signed)

GEORGE PIPPY.

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WILLIAM BYRNE, EXAMINED.

Has been eighteen years going to sea, master and trader, coastwise ; was never to the Labrador ; never on the Funks ; often saw the Wadhams, but was never on them ; a Light on the Funks would be of no benefit to coasters ; don't know that it would be of benefit to sealers. Believes that a Light on the Wadhams would be far preferable to the Funks for all general purposes. Thinks that a Light is strongly required upon the Offer Waddam for the safety of life and property, while one is not at all required on the Funks. For the general benefit of the trade believes that a Light on the Wadhams would be preferable to any other part of the coast—particularly would it be beneficial to small craft coming from the Labrador in the fall of the year heavily laden. If the country could afford it, would like to see a Light on every fitting spot, but as there is to be but one light, he would place it upon the Offer Wadham.

(Signed,)

WILLIAM BYRNE.

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*Extract of a Letter from JOHN MUNN, Esq., of Harbour Grace, dated 23rd February, 1852, addressed to, and read by Mr. RANKIN, one of the Committee:—*

“ I am also directed to transmit to you a petition from the shipowners, shipmasters, planters, and others engaged in the general trade, especially the sealing, coasting, and Labrador interest, praying that a Light House may be placed upon the Funk Island. I have spoken to some hundreds regarding the relative claims on this important subject as affecting the great public advantages to be derived from the Light being placed on the Offer Wadham Island or Funk Island, and all state unhesitatingly that the Light, to be really useful to the Sealing and Labrador interests, should be placed on the Funks, and if placed on the Offer Wadham Island will doubtless be a source of the greatest injury that can possibly be conceived by alluring in amongst those dangerous rocks and shoals which it should always be their duty and interest to avoid.”

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*Postal Communication.***REPORT**

FROM THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL, AND OBSERVATIONS THEREON, BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL, AND RECOMMENDING THAT PROVISION BE MADE FOR CARRYING THE POSTAL ACT INTO EFFECTIVE OPERATION.

**General-Post Office,**

*St. John's, February, 1852.*

SIR,—I have the honor to lay before you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, a Report of the proceedings of this Department, from the 15th October last (the period on which the Postal Act came into operation) up to the close of the quarter ended the 5th ultimo.

The annexed statements, numbered one and two, shew first the number of mail routes, names of contractors employed, and the annual amount of contracts. Second, the number of local letters that passed through this office, and the amount of postage received; which though comparatively small, yet I think must prove satisfactory when it is considered that the Postal system has been so recently entered upon, and that even at this period in many parts of the Island its existence is yet unknown.

There being no provision made for the transmission of letters from this office to Aquaforte and Fermeuse further than Ferryland, and between St. John's and Little Placentia further than Great Placentia, I would advise that letter carriers for these places be appointed, viz.: one between Ferryland, Aquaforte and Fermeuse, and one between Great and Little Placentia, and that a small sum for each of these services be granted.

I have also the honor to recommend that a Way-office be established at New Perlican, and that it be placed immediately under the controul of the Deputy Post-master at Carbonear.—A means of communication would then be opened for the transmission of correspondence between Carbonear and the Southern-shore of Trinity Bay, reaching as far as Break Spear Point.

I now beg respectfully to draw your attention to the following suggestions which, if embodied in the Postal Act, will, I am of opinion, facilitate the means of posting letters throughout the Island, will add to the revenue of the office, and further, will operate beneficially in an extended correspondence:—

1st.—I would propose that Colonial Stamps to the value of threepence currency, for the prepayment of postage upon letters posted in any part of this Island, be introduced, “and that such Stamps as are issued in the Provincial Post Offices in the other British North American Colonies, shall be allowed in this Colony as evidence of the pre-payment of Colonial postage in these Colonies respectively on the letters or packets to which they are affixed, and which have been posted there.”

2nd.—That the 1st Vic. cap. 34, sec. 24, in reference to Ship Letters be made applicable to this colony, by substituting the term “Newfoundland,” for “British dominions.” This Act is now in force in this Department, and will be acted upon here until the office is transferred to the controul of the Colonial Government.

3rd.—That the following Sections of the Laws for the government of the Post-office, recently established in Canada, (so far as they can be made applicable,) shall apply to the government of the Post-office of Newfoundland, viz.: the 8th Sec. respecting regulations for establishing or discontinuing any Post-offices or Post Routes, &c.

9th.—Respecting exclusive privilege of Colonial Post-master General.

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- 10th.—Respecting letters sent contrary to Postal Act to be seized.
- 12th.—Post-masters not bound to give change.
- 13th.—Certain powers vested in the Colonial Post-master General.
- 14th.—Respecting letters of soldiers and seamen.
- 16th.—Certain offences to be felonies ; stealing or receiving stolen letters, &c.
- 18th.—Property of Post Letters, &c., stolen, how to be laid.
- 20th.—Actions to be compounded.
- 21st.—Penalties how recoverable.
- 22nd.—Who may be a witness.
- 23rd.—What shall be evidence in any action against Post-offices for monies officially received by them.

Also the following Sections of an Act to amend the Post-office Act of Canada, 30th Aug. 1851, viz. : 2nd Sec. Mode of advertising for tenders for Mail Service.

- 3rd.—Additional compensation to Contractors limited,
- 8th.—Contracts for less than £50 per annum how entered into.
- 9th.—Contracts not to be made with persons who have combined to keep back tenders.
- 10th.—Unclaimed Letters to be advertised, &c.
- 12th.—Annual Report of the Colonial Post-Master-General to Legislature.
- 14th.—Branch Post-offices in towns.
- 17th.—Insufficient Stamps to be disregarded.
- 20th.—Post Masters to render accounts and pay over balances quarterly.
- 21st.—Penalty for neglect.
- 23rd.—Embezzlement, what and a felony,

Also that the 1st Vic., Cap. 23, Sec. 12, and the 1st Vic., Cap. 36, Sec. 47, respecting Officers of the Post-office Department being exempted from serving on juries or inquests, shall apply to this Department, as at present.

There has necessarily been much difficulty in bringing the present system into operation. In Great Britain and the Colonies, when a new Post-office is opened, an Inspector is sent to instruct the newly appointed Post Master in his official duties. Here, however, thirteen Offices were opened simultaneously ; and the officers appointed to preside over them wholly unacquainted with their duties. The consequence was that much labour devolved upon myself in their instruction, and that the efficiency of the system is yet only partially secured.

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The routes also being newly opened, the Couriers and Contractors not being familiarized with the importance attached to their Postal duties, or the necessity of maintaining a strict regularity in the fixity of their stations, have been the cause of some irregularity in the transmission of the Western Mails ; (which has in several instances occurred.) It will be my duty, however, to correct the evil and report to His Excellency upon the subject should I find the conduct of the Deputies or Couriers blameable.

I now deem it my duty to draw your attention to the necessity for providing a suitable building for a Post-office. In my letter to you of the 8th of February, 1850, when bringing under the notice of the Government the expediency of establishing Inland Posts in this colony, I then stated that "the chief difficulty in bringing such a system into operation, rested in the contracted and unsuitable character of the Post-office, that the remedy of this defect would involve an extra expense ; but that apart from the additional reasons which the adoption of any plan would suggest, the great inconvenience and exposure to which the public were subjected, required that another Post Office should be provided." In the reiteration of these remarks I would now observe that since the destruction of the former Post-office by fire, a Building of stone suitable for a Post-office could not be obtained, and, for the present, a small and inconvenient one, the large sum of £60 per annum is paid.

A General Post-office should be sufficiently large to have apartments assigned for the various parts of the business of the department.

The Trade has suffered great inconvenience from the want of a Ship Letter Office where vessels may be entered independently of the business, in those periods when the Foreign Mails arrive.

A separate apartment is also necessary for transaction of the inland business, &c.

I have also respectfully to draw the attention of His Excellency to the want of means in this office for carrying out an efficient, well-regulated and satisfactory Postal system.

The mails per the last steamer, were contained in 26 large bags, they were received at this office at  $\frac{1}{4}$  before 12 o'clock p. m. and took four persons, including myself, until 5 o'clock next morning to assort. The office had then to be prepared for their delivery, and thus, both the assistants and myself had to commence the business of the day without any cessation from duty. I would therefore respectfully suggest that two additional persons be employed to assist in assorting the letters on the arrival of the Mails, and as their employment would not exceed over a few hours on each occasion, I would recommend that a small sum be allowed for this service. At present but one Clerk is allowed this department, (which is for the Imperial service). It must therefore be apparent that from the want of a sufficient Staff in this office, the head of the department must engage in those laborious details to the neglect of more general and important duties, both in the immediate direction of this and the extern offices.

On bringing the new Act into operation I found it necessary to engage the services of a Clerk, which I did on my own responsibility as stated in my letter of the 20th November last. As this assistance is indispensable to the carrying out of the service, I beg respectfully to recommend that provision be made for the appointment, to date from the 15th October last.

The sum allowed by the Legislature for the management of this department is small, and I trust that when the subject of the Post Office is again brought under consideration a further amount will be allowed.—I would also beg to state, that I am of opinion the service would be promoted by a liberal compensation to the Deputies of Harbour Grace, Carbonear, and Brigus, as I do not think the Salaries allowed to these Officers are proportionate to their labors.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient humble servant,

W. L. SOLOMON.

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RETURN SHEWING THE NUMBER OF CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO, ALSO THE NUMBER OF MAIL ROUTES AND THE ANNUAL EXPENDITURE OF THE SAME.

NUMBER OF MAIL ROUTES.	No. of CONTRACTORS.	ANNUAL AMOUNT OF CONTRACTS.
Between St. John's and Portugal Cove by coach .....	Robert Oke .....	£5 0 0
" Portugal Cove and Carbonear by boat .....	James Doyle .....	60 0 0
" Portugal Cove and Harbour Grace by boat .....	Andrew Drysdale .....	60 0 0
" Portugal Cove and Brigus by boat .....	William Antle .....	60 0 0
" St. John's and Carbonear (and intermediate places) during winter months over land by foot messengers .....	Andrew Drysdale .....	60 0 0
" Carbonear and New Perlican .....	Daniel Sullivan .....	18 0 0
" New Perlican and Trinity by boat, £100, between Trinity and Bonavista by Messenger £20 .....	John Coleman .....	120 0 0
" Trinity and King's Cove by messenger .....	James Martin .....	15 12 0
" St. John's and Ferryland by messenger .....	Patrick Ryan .....	30 0 0
" Ferryland and Trepassy by messenger .....	Philip Jackman .....	37 0 0
" St. John's and Salmonier by messenger .....	Walter Shelley .....	20 0 0
" Salmonier and Placentia by messenger .....	Thomas Rielley .....	20 0 0
" Salmonier and St. Mary's by messenger .....	William Peddle .....	12 15 0
" Placentia and Burin by boat .....	Nicholas Coady .....	120 0 0
" Burin and Garnish, and Garnish to Harbour Britain and Beloram .....	Thomas Coyle .....	60 0 0
" St. John's, Greenspond, Fogo and Twillingate by boat .....	Thomas Coyle .....	100 0 0
		£793 7 0

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[No. 2.]

THE GENERAL POST-OFFICE, SAINT JOHN'S, IN ACCOUNT WITH HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT FOR  
THE QUARTER ENDED THE 5TH JANUARY, 1852.

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Saint John's	£18 1 0	St. John's	...	By Letters remaining in office	.....	£0 5 0
Harbor Grace	19 1 6	Harbor Grace	...	“ Dead	.....	0 6 0
Carbonear	8 2 5	Carbonear	...	“ Letters remaining in office	.....	0 11 0
Brigus	6 17 0	Brigus	...	“ Dead	.....	0 1 3
Trinity	2 12 9	Trinity	...	“ Letters remaining in office	.....	0 5 9
Bonavista	0 14 3	Bonavista	...	“ Dead	.....	0 0 9
Bay Bulls	0 1 0	Bay Bulls	...	“ Letters remaining in office	.....	0 3 6
Ferryland	1 4 9	Ferryland	...	“ Dead	.....	0 2 0
Trepassey	0 4 0	Trepassey	...	“ Letters remaining in office	.....	2 12 6
St. Mary's	0 4 6	St. Mary's	...	“ Dead	.....	0 0 3
Placentia	1 5 0	Placentia	...	“ Letters remaining in office	.....	0 13 0
Burin	0 15 3	Burin	...	“ Dead	.....	0 1 0
Harbour Briton	0 3 0	Harbour Briton	...	“ Letters remaining in office	.....	0 0 0
				“ Dead	.....	0 0 0
				“ Amount paid Colonial Treasurer	.....	52 2 11
				Number of letters that have passed through this office		
				this quarter, 4035.		
	£59 13 8					£59 13 8

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STATEMENT SHEWING THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE FOLLOWING SERVICES.

Number of Post Offices.	Number of Postmasters.	Salaries allowed to Postmasters.	Number of Way Offices.	Salaries allowed Way Offices.	Postman at St. John's.	Salary allowed to Postman, St. John's.
St. John's .....	William L. Solomon .	£75	Salmonier	Patk. Hurley	John Freeman	£25 0 0
Brigus .....	Wm. T. Stentafoord...	10	Garnish	Henry Camp*		0 0
Harbor Grace .....	Andrew Drysdale.....	15				
Carbonear .....	Thomas Hantahan.....	15				
Trinity .....	Anne Buchanan.....	10				
Bonavista.....	John Lawrence.....	10				
Fogo.....	James Fitzgerald.....	10				
Twillingate .....	Joseph J. Pearce.....	10				
Bay Bulls .....	Martin Williams.....	10				
Ferryland.....	John Morry .....	10				
Trepassey .....	John Devcreux.....	10				
St. Mary's .....	Hannibal Murch.....	10				
Placentia.....	Mary Morris.....	10				
Burin .....	Thomas Birkett.....	10				
Harbor Briton.....	Thomas E. Gaden.....	10				
15	15	£225	2	2	1	£25 0 0

\* Has not yet entered upon the duties of his office.

*Statement shewing the Annual Amount of Expenditure for Stationery, &c.*

STATIONERY.....	£25 0 0	INCIDENTALS.....	£20 0 0
Total.....			£45 0 0

W. L. SOLOMON.

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SIR,—I have the honor to enclose a tabular Report, shewing what the probable annual expense of this Department will be, commencing the 5th April, 1852, the period, I apprehend, when the whole cost of this Department will be borne by the Colony. Annexed is a memorandum of the Incidental expenses named in the Report.

Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

W. L. SOLOMON.

HON. JAMES CROWDY.

## INCIDENTALS.

Twenty pounds extra for Placentia Courier.

Seven pounds five shillings extra for St. Mary's ditto.

Four pounds eight shillings extra for Courier between Trinity and King's Cove.

Seven pounds extra for Courier between Carbonear and New Perlican.

Thirty-five pounds extra for Deputy Post Master, Harbor Grace.

Fifteen pounds extra for Deputy Post Master, Carbonear.

Twenty pounds extra for a Deputy Post Master at Brigus.

Five pounds extra for a Courier to Little Placentia.

Five pounds extra for a Way Office at Salmonier.

Five Pounds extra for a Way Office at New Perlican.

Ten pounds extra for Post Master, Greenspond (not yet appointed.)

Five pounds extra for Way officer at Garnish.

One hundred and fifty pounds extra for Assistants in General Post Office.

Two hundred and fifty pounds stipend allowed Post Master at St. John's, including Fifty pounds for Clerk, Imperial.

Eighty five pounds, Sundries.

*Statement shewing the probable Annual Expense of the Post Office Department, commencing the 5th April, 1852.*

Am't. of Contracts.	Salaries to Postmasters	Salary to Postman.*	Stationery.	Incidentals.	Total.	
£793 7 0	225 0 0	26 0 0	25 0 0	623 13 0	1693 0 0	
					25 0 0	...Office Rent.
					1718 0 0	
		† Not including account books, or printed forms.				

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## OBSERVATIONS ON THE REPORT OF THE POST-MASTER-GENERAL, AT ST. JOHN'S.

Upon reading the accompanying Report from Mr. Solomon, and the returns annexed to it, we are struck in the first place with the small amount of postage collected during the first quarter that the Act has been in operation, the total amount paid into the Treasury being only £52 2s. 11d., cy. As regards several of the outports which it was supposed would have been greatly benefitted by the establishment of Postal Communication with St. John's, and where a corresponding amount of Revenue, it was anticipated, would have been collected, the Act as been hitherto all but a dead letter. The whole of the postage, for instance, payable upon the letters transmitted to Trinity, Bonavista, St. Mary's, Placentia, Burin and Harbor Briton, amounts for the quarter to the sum of but £5 14s. 9d., cy., not one penny of which has been collected—the letters representing the postage being returned as remaining in the Post-office at the above mentioned places, with the exception of seven letters addressed to parties deceased. Indeed out of the £52 2s. 11d. paid to the Colonial Treasurer, with the exception of about 25s., the whole amount was received at the St. John's, Carbonear, Harbor Grace, and Brigus Post-offices. These facts evidence either an indisposition to take advantage of the facilities of Postal Communication afforded by the recent Act, (which, however, is strangely at variance with the rates of postage, lower by half than the previous cost of conveying letters) —or that which is more probable, a much more limited amount of actual correspondence with the outports other than those in Conception Bay, than was estimated. The benefit, therefore, derived or supposed to be derived by the public from the establishment of internal Posts, is thus far exceedingly incommensurate with the very heavy expense of maintaining the communication with so many distant parts of the Island. The experiment has perhaps been hardly yet fairly tested, and the working of the Act for a longer period is necessary to obtain results that can be relied on with more certainty. But judging from the returns furnished by Mr. Solomon, it would seem hardly justifiable as yet to incur the expense of Postal Communication with any other places than the principal towns in Conception Bay.

From these Returns the expense of the present establishment is shewn to be at the rate of nearly £1,100 a-year; and as an increase of the stipends and allowances to some of the Deputy-Post-Masters and Couriers is represented as necessary to do justice to those parties and make the system efficient, and as the whole expense of the Post-office establishment at St. John's will (under the provisions of the Act of the Imperial Parliament) have to be henceforth borne by the colony, an annual expense of not less than £1,500 must be incurred.

Several of Mr Solomon's suggestions are worthy of adoption, and might be embodied in the provisions of any amended Act to be passed by the Legislature.

Those, for instance, relating to Postage Stamps, letters by private ships—and more extended powers to the Post-Master-General in certain cases. The introduction here of the English Criminal Law renders others unnecessary, and the remainder may be carried out by regulations of the Governor and Council.

In reference to the subject of a more commodious Post-office, we think that a part of the new Market-house might be advantageously employed for the purpose, without inconveniently restricting the space in the building required for its more legitimate use; and as the Market-house Act will come under the review of the Legislature during the present session, provision could be made for carrying out this recommendation if approved of.

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In Nova Scotia, by the Act brought into operation during the past Session, one-sixth of the amount of Postage on letters by Packet, is carried to the credit of the Provincial Post-office—ten-pence only out of each shilling being remitted to England. We presume there would be no objection to a similar arrangement in reference to this colony, which would probably meet the expense of the present office at St. John's.

Considering the enormous amount which the colony is necessarily obliged to pay for the maintenance of Inland Posts,—none having ever before been established by the Imperial Government, and the receipts from postage in consequence being exceedingly small, there is great hardship in throwing upon the Colony the additional burthen of the establishment at St. Johns, whilst the whole of the Postage on letters by Packet is remitted to England. We think therefore that it is desirable that a short Act should be passed, independently of any amended Postal Act, providing for the retention by the colony of one-sixth of the Postage received on letters by Packet, with a suspending clause reserving it for Her Majesty's approval, and we can hardly doubt that under the circumstances such an enactment will be readily acceded to.

(Signed,)

E. M. ARCHIBALD.  
WM. THOMAS.  
J. NOAD.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE POST-OFFICE.

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1.—That the Postmaster or Deputy Postmasters appointed or to be appointed under the said Act, shall carry into effect the provisions of the same, agreeably to the General Instructions (so far as the same can be made applicable to this colony) heretofore issued by Her Majesty's Postmaster General at London, and now in force for the government of the Inland Postal Department in the other British North American Provinces.

2.—That the said Postmaster shall transmit to the respective Deputy Postmasters for their guidance, copies of such of the said General Instructions as shall be approved of by the Governor and Council.

3.—That the General Post Office at St. John's shall be kept open daily (Sundays excepted) from 9 o'clock, A. M., until 4 o'clock, P. M.; and, when the mails shall not have previously arrived, the office shall be kept open until a later hour, for the purpose of complying with the 17th following rule—the unpaid letter box remaining open at all times—and the office shall also be kept open later when necessary for the purpose of receiving letters by ships arriving.

4.—Letters when once put into an official receiving box become the property of the person to whom addressed; on no application however urgent and on no authority whatever, must letters be returned to the writers.

5.—Provided always, that the Governor, or Officer Administering the Government, shall be permitted to withdraw any of his own letters so deposited, on giving to the Postmaster, or Deputy Postmaster, an order in writing, under his hand, for the return to him of such letters.

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6.—When letters or packets have remained in the Post-office the periods undermentioned, and every effort to deliver them has failed, the Deputy Postmaster shall write, in red ink, on the front of such letters, the true reason of their non-delivery, and stamp them; he will then transmit them to the Post-office, at St. John's, where such letters shall be opened by the Post-master, and be returned to the writers—that is to say :

Dead .....	Immediately.
Refused—gone away—not known where—not known —not to be found—not called for, (if addressed to the Post-office) .....	Kept for four months and then returned.

7.—These returns are to include all undelivered letters, whether received from other Offices or put into the Deputy's own Office, or within its delivery.

8.—For the information of the public, a corrected alphabetical list of letters which may have lain ten days in any Post-office without being called for, shall, from week to week be posted up at the window, or in some other conspicuous place in the respective office.

9.—All letters addressed or re-directed to places requiring the previous payment of postage, but put into the Post-office unpaid, must be stamped with the office stamp and written upon "Postage not paid." Also letters put into the office without or with any imperfect addresses, shall be opened by the Postmaster, to whom they shall be transmitted for the purpose, and be returned by him to the writers.

10.—Way offices for the receipt and transmission of letters shall be established at Aquaforte, Fermeuse, Renewse, Topsail, Kelligrews, Holyrood, Salmonier, Isle of Valen, Oderin, Garnish, Belloram, Portugal Cove, New Perlican, King's Cove, Catalina and Greenspond. Letters addressed to any of the said places shall be delivered at the way office at such place by the Mail Carrier; and letters received at any of such way-offices shall be forwarded by the Mail Carrier to the next Post-office on the route, to be there regularly stamped, and taxed, and forwarded or delivered as may be necessary. The Mail carriers in passing through or calling at the above named places shall remain a sufficient time for the delivery and receipt of letters at the way offices.

11.—Mails for Portugal Cove, Harbor Grace, Carbonear and Brigus, shall be made up at 10 o'clock, A. M., and despatched from the Post-office at St. John's, at 10½ o'clock, A. M., on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays; return mails for Portugal Cove and St. John's, from Harbour Grace, Carbonear and Brigus, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 9 o'clock, A. M. and despatched from the Post-offices at the said places at 9½ A. M.

12.—Mails for New Perlican, Trinity, King's Cove, Catalina and Bonavista, as also Mails for Bay Bulls, Ferryland, Aquaforte, Fermeuse, Renewse and Trepassey,\* shall be made up at 10 o'clock, A.M., and dispatched from the Post Office at St. John's, at 10½ o'clock A.M. every Tuesday. Return mails for St. John's shall be made up at Bonavista and Catalina, at the expiration of 12 hours after the arrival at those places, respectively, of the mails from St. John's; and at Trinity at the expiration of one hour after the arrival of the Courier with the mails from Bonavista. At Trepassey, for St. John's, at the expiration of 12 hours after the arrival of the mail from St. John's; and at Ferryland and Bay Bulls, at the expiration of one hour after the arrival at those places of the Courier with the mail from Trepassey.

13.—Mails for Topsail, Kelligrews, Holyrood, Salmonier, St. Mary's and Placentia† shall

\*† Mails to be made up for these places semi-monthly, during winter months.

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be made up at 10 o'clock, and dispatched from St. John's at 10½ o'clock A.M., every Thursday. Return mails for St. John's shall be made up at Placentia and St. Mary's respectively, at the expiration of 12 hours after the arrival of the mail from St. John's. The Courier with the Mails from Placentia shall remain a reasonable time, not exceeding three hours, at Salmorner, for the arrival of the Courier with the mails from St. Mary's.

14.—Mails for Placentia, Isle of Valen, Oderin, Burin, Garnish, Belloram and Harbor Briton, and also for Greenspond, Fogo and Twillingate, shall be made up at St. John's every alternate Thursday at 10 o'clock, A.M. Return mails for St. John's shall be made up at Harbor Briton at the expiration of twelve hours after the arrival of the mails from St. John's, and at Burin and Placentia at the expiration of one hour after the arrival of the Courier with the mails from Harbor Briton, and at Twillingate at the expiration of forty-eight hours after the arrival of the packet-boat there, and at Fogo and Greenspond at the expiration of two hours after the arrival at those places respectively of the packet-boat on her return to St. John's. Should the packet-boats be detained at any of the said places by head winds, the mail to be kept open during such detention.

15.—During the winter season, and at such times as the navigation of the different Bays shall be impeded by ice, the mails shall be dispatched from and to the said places respectively as nearly in conformity with the above-mentioned days and times, as may be found practicable.

16.—When the mail packet arrives from Halifax with the English and Colonial mails, then the Inland mails shall be detained until two hours after the commencement of the delivery of the letters by the Packet at St. John's.

17.—Letters by the Inland mails received at St. John's at any time before 9 o'clock, P. M. shall be delivered immediately after their receipt, by a messenger from the office at the residences in town (if known) of the several persons to whom the same may be addressed. † Should the mails not arrive until after 9 o'clock, P. M., the letters shall be delivered the next morning by the messenger: such delivery to commence not later than 8 o'clock, A. M.

18.—In conformity with the provisions of the said Act, the rates of postage on letters sent to or received from any part of the Island shall be as follows:

Every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight.....Threepence, Cy.  
 For every additional ½ oz .....Threepence, Cy.

Books, periodicals, publications, and pamphlets, twopence per ounce up to six ounces in weight; over that weight, threepence per ounce up to sixteen ounces in weight; beyond which weight no book or pamphlet aforesaid shall be transmitted by post.

Letters, despatches, and other documents from and to any of the Public  
 Offices, on public business—Papers ordered to be printed by either  
 branch of the Legislature—Returns, writs, and processes to and from  
 the Sheriffs' and their Deputies, and all newspapers..... } Free.

19.—The inland postage on all letters to be sent by packet to any place out of Newfoundland shall be prepaid.

By order,

CHRISTOPHER AYRE,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

October 13, 1851.

† The Messengers' stated hours for calling at the General Post-Office to take out letters for delivery, shall be 4, 6, and 9 o'clock, p.m.

*Electric Telegraphs.*

## REPORT OF THE ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH COMMISSIONERS.

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT  
Knight, and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and  
over the Island of Newfoundland and its Depend-  
encies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, the undersigned Commissioners appointed in pursuance of the Act of last Session, entitled "An Act for the appointment of Electric Telegraph Commissioners and for incorporating Electric Telegraph Companies," beg leave to report to Your Excellency that in compliance with the duty entrusted to us of causing a survey to be made of a line of Electric Telegraph between Saint John's and Cape Ray in this Island, to be extended to Cape North in Cape Breton by the submarine line of Telegraph, and for that purpose to employ so many competent persons as we might think necessary, we entered into a negotiation with Mr. F. N. Gisborne, a gentleman of much experience in the establishment of Electric Telegraphs in British North America, and who is in fact the projector of the proposed line of Telegraph communication with the British Provinces and the United States, the Act of the Legislature having been passed mainly in consequence of the representations and evidence laid before the Assembly by Mr. Gisborne. We beg further to report, that in the selection of Mr. Gisborne for the arduous and important duty of making an exploring survey of that part of the Island over which the line would pass, we were actuated by a desire to procure the services of a person not only peculiarly qualified for the duty, as shown by the testimonials of the various functionaries in the other provinces under whom Mr. Gisborne has been employed; but one who, if the undertaking were found practicable, would devote his energies to the completion of it; and from the reputation he has acquired of experience in such matters, would, (in the lack of enterprise and the absence of adequate means within the Island for the undertaking of the work,) procure the aid of influential parties, elsewhere in carrying it out.

Herewith we submit the minutes of our proceedings; by which it will appear that after some correspondence with, and an estimate from, Mr. Gisborne, a contract was entered into with that gentleman, a copy of which is annexed; in fulfilment of which Mr. Gisborne set out upon the survey on the 2nd September and returned again early in December, when he submitted the preliminary report hereto annexed, and at the same time some suggestions for a modification of the Act of the Legislature with the view of inducing capitalists to embark in the undertaking. Mr. Gisborne stated that it was then his intention to proceed at once to the United States, and if need be, to England (after returning again to Newfoundland,) as well for the purpose of procuring the necessary information to complete his estimate of the probable expense of the undertaking, as of obtaining, if possible, offers of assistance to undertake the work; and having solicited our opinions on the suggestions which he had submitted, we took the same into consideration and addressed to Mr. Gisborne a letter, of which a copy is also annexed, dated 15th December, 1851.

Mr. Gisborne having proceeded to Nova Scotia and the United States, returned by the last Packet, and has now laid before us an abstract of the survey and a chart shewing the courses of the proposed line of Telegraph, accompanied by an estimate of the cost of building it, as well as of opening a good bridle road to *Port au Basque* and bridging the numerous streams which intervene. These documents we have now the pleasure to lay before Your Excellency.

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We also beg leave to submit a statement and account of the expenses incurred in carrying out the proposed survey, by which it will be seen that the amount granted by the Legislature has unavoidably been exceeded by the sum of £22 18 stg.

In conclusion, we beg leave respectfully to recommend to the favourable consideration of Your Excellency the proposals which Mr. Gisborne has now submitted on his own behalf and that of parties who are willing to undertake the risk and expense of constructing and carrying out this great undertaking.

As it is of much importance to secure the attention of Capitalists to this enterprise, with a view to an early commencement of it, we think it advisable, and beg leave to recommend that a reasonable provision be made to defray the expenses of Mr. Gisborne in any mission that may be undertaken by him, with the approbation of the Legislature, for the purpose of negotiating with Capitalists elsewhere to furnish the means for accomplishing the work.

E. M. ARCHIBALD,  
C. F. BENNETT,  
J. KENT.  
A. SHEA.  
H. W. HOYLES.

St. John's, Newfoundland, }  
December 15th, 1851. }

F. N. GISBORNE, Esq.

DEAR SIR,—We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. on the subject of the proposed Electric Telegraph from hence to Cape North in Cape Breton,—suggesting the expediency of a modification of the Act of Incorporation passed in the last Session of the Legislature.

The propositions contained in your letter, and which we submitted with the view and expectation of attracting the attention of Capitalists elsewhere, are briefly as follows:

1st—The Incorporation of a Company under the name of the “NEWFOUNDLAND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH ASSOCIATION,” with a Capital of £100,000, to be called up in instalments of one shilling in the £, at intervals of three months, the first monies paid up to be applied exclusively to the laying down of the Telegraph to Cape North.

2ndly—The payment by the Legislature of the interest for the first three years on so much of the paid up Capital as will defray the expense of building the Telegraph.

3rdly—The substitution for the alternate square half miles of land on either side of the line, granted by the present Act, of tracts of land in large blocks which may be more readily settled.

And 4thly—Permission to the Company to open and work mines and minerals which may be discovered by the agents or servants of the company subject to the usual Royalties.

You further suggest the formation of a Company and the subscription of Stock provisionally upon the adoption of these modifications by the Legislature in its next Session.

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As you are about to proceed to the United States for the purpose of ascertaining how far Capitalists there may be disposed to embark in the enterprise, and have asked our opinion of the suggestions made by you, we beg to state that they appear to us, for the most part, to be judicious and well calculated to promote the success of the undertaking.

The extension of the capital limited by the existing Act appears to be absolutely necessary; and from the vast importance of the undertaking, and the deep interest felt in its success by all classes in the community, and from the unanimity of the Legislature upon the subject in its last Session, we have every reason to believe that the Legislature would defray the interest, for a period not exceeding three years, upon so much of the paid up capital as shall be expended exclusively in the building of the Telegraph, repayable in the manner provided by the existing Act, provided the amount of interest be limited not to exceed in all the sum of £3,000.

We have also no reason to doubt that the Act would be so modified as to provide for the granting of compact allotments of land, but of much more limited extent in all, in lieu of the alternate half miles of land already allotted—upon the like terms, however, as to settlement, and the precedent completion of the proportion of the Telegraph specified and mentioned in the present Act.

As it is of great importance to attract the attention of Capitalists to our internal resources and to induce them to embark in their developement, we doubt not that liberty will be cheerfully conceded by the Local Government for the opening and working of mines and minerals, subject to the reservation of the usual rents and royalties; and, in the absence of more certain information as to metalliferous deposits, the beds of coal which are known to exist in the vicinity of the proposed line, and in localities favorable for shipment, hold out the prospect of a remunerative return for the investment of capital in working them.

As a means of hastening the commencement of the undertaking, we approve of your proposition of opening a Stock list and of procuring the subscription of Capitalists in Great Britain and the United States, as well as of individuals in this Island, conditionally upon the modification of the terms of the charter provided to be granted by the Act of last Session. If the whole of the stock should not be taken by private parties, we think it probable the Legislature of the Colony would take the remainder, to the extent of at least one fifth of the whole, on the public account.

We beg you, however, to bear in mind that the expression of our opinion as to the alteration of the Act which the Legislature of the colony may be disposed to make, conveys no authority for relying upon such a modification of the law, beyond our individual sentiments upon the subject, and our opinion of the policy and expediency of such a modification, and of the public benefit which will thereby be conferred upon the colony.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

E. M. ARCHICALD,  
C. F. BENNETT,  
JOHN KENT,  
H. W. HOYLES,  
A. SHEA.

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St. John's, Newfoundland, }  
December 10th, 1851. }

## TO THE NEWFOUNDLAND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH COMMISSIONERS.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to report that on the 2nd day of September, 1851, the surveying party under my charge left St. John's *en route* for Port-au-Basque. We proceeded via Brigus and the Ship Harbor Road to Spread Eagle Peak, thence via Chappelle Arm, Tickle Harbour and Come-by-Chance to Pipers Hole, (bottom of Placentia Bay,) at which point we arrived on the 17th of September:—thence via Long Harbour, (Fortune Bay,) to Conn (Bay of Despair,) at which place we arrived on the 18th October:—thence to White Bear Bay, which occupied us until the 29th. During the foregoing march I was accompanied in alternate parties by the men who left St. John's with me, half of them being required to man the boat which it was found necessary to charter at Sound Island, in order to supply us with provisions at the head of the various Bays.

From White Bear Bay I departed on the 31st October, in company with two Indians only, and arrived at the bottom of LaPoile Bay on the 7th November, and thence via Gavio to Burnt Island Brook, at which point I was effectually prevented from proceeding by a heavy and continuous fall of snow, which was soon two feet deep upon the barrens, and drifted to the extent of 6, and even 10 feet deep in the gulshes. On the 13th ult., therefore, (Cape Ray being in full view,) and Port-au-Basque being but one day's walk in advance of us, we were obliged to turn our steps seaward in search of a long point of the land upon which a few fishermen were known by the Indians to reside.

Off this point, by a most singular and fortunate chance, I espied and boarded our boat, which was beating up for Port-au-Basque. We then made every dispatch, but in consequence of foul weather and head winds, it occupied us from the 15th to the 28th in reaching Placentia, via Gavio, LaPoile, Burgeo, Otter Point, New Harbor, St. Peters, Burin, Oderin, and Petit Foote, at all of which places we touched during the homeward voyage. We were storm-stayed in Placentia until the 30th, and finally arrived in St. John's via Colinet, Salmonier, and Holyrood on the 4th inst., after an absence of 3 months and 3 days—all in good health.

I have infinite pleasure in assuring you that the Electric Telegraph enterprize is a perfectly feasible undertaking, having myself laid down on a chart now in course of preparation (and noted in such a manner that any person can without difficulty follow out the proper track) a good line for the proposed road. The general appearance of the country is extremely barren; but in certain localities, fine birch, juniper, spruce and fir, are to be found, and, in a variety of instances, abundance of good land for agricultural purposes. Granite constitutes the principal formation of the country, but varieties of slate are also of common occurrence. Lime is to be found in small quantities in Fortune Bay, Iron in North Bay, a small seam of Coal, about 6 inches thick, crops out in White Bear Bay, and it is said that Silver also has been found by the Indians in the country, and from a fragment of mineral picked up by me in the bed of a mountain torrent, and which had the appearance of silver, I was induced to believe that perhaps it might be found if properly searched for:—possessing, however, but very little knowledge of geology or mineralogy, and the object of my journey being to discover, if possible, a practical line for the passage of the Electric wires, I made no researches into extraneous matters, particularly as the season was so rapidly advancing, and as I had no authority to incur the risk of occasioning any additional expense to the colony for a continuance of the survey in the spring. It was mainly in consequence of this latter consideration that I procured the Indians in lieu of my St. John's men, and it was for this reason alone that I did not procure snow shoes in Gavio and return to the interior for the purpose of completing the exact distance mentioned in my agreement. The object of my jour-

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ney however having been accomplished, and in the face too of the most trying difficulties, I trust, Gentlemen, that this preliminary report may meet with your approval, and until my sketches, maps, and plans, (which I hope to have completed during the approaching Session of the Legislature,) are ready for your inspection.

I beg to remain,

Your very respectful and obedient servant,

F. N. GISBORNE.

F. N. GISBORNE, Esq.

St. John's, Newfoundland, }  
15th December, 1851. }

DEAR SIR,—Having perused the Preliminary Report of your exploratory survey of a route for the proposed Electric Telegraph from St. John's to Cape Ray (to be connected by a submarine line with the Continent of America), and having heard your personal explanation of some interesting particulars of the Survey, preparatory to the submission of a full and detailed Report to be accompanied by maps, plans and estimates,—for the completion of which we learn that it will be necessary for you to visit New York, whither you intend proceeding by the next Packet for Halifax,—we deem it due to you to testify our entire approval of your proceedings thus far, as well as to express our admiration of the great energy and industry you have displayed in traversing the widest and hitherto unexplored portion of this Island, and in the successful performance of a most arduous duty, encompassed by difficulties of no ordinary nature, but which your untiring perseverance enabled you to surmount.

The warm interest you have exhibited, and the strenuous efforts which you have made towards the promotion of the grand project for which the Survey was undertaken, afford us the strongest assurance of its early and successful accomplishment.

We are, dear Sir,

Your most obedient Servants,

E. M. ARCHIBALD,  
C. F. BENNETT,  
JOHN KENT,  
H. W. HOYLES,  
A. SHEA.

*New York and Galway Steam Ship  
Company's Office, No. 11, Wall Street, }  
New York, Jan. 5, 1852.*

F. N. GISBORNE, Esq.

Sir,—The Plan suggested to you by Mr. Archibald and others, Telegraph Commissioners

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of Newfoundland, strikes me very favorably, and I will accept the same with a slight alteration, which I will make known to you at our next interview.

I would recommend you to obtain the Government acceptance or authority to effect a contract with the Steamship Company I am now establishing, and return to this city therewith as early as you conveniently can. The importance of this step, in order to facilitate your and our own further movements, must be apparent to you.

Should you obtain the authority, I will engage to accept your proposition as amended on behalf of the Steamship Company.

With respect,

I remain yours, &c.

H. B. TEBBETTS.

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*New York, 2nd February, 1852.*

F. N. GISBORNE, Esq.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have your very kind favor of the 19th January. My application to Congress for Mail Contract has been introduced and referred to the Committees, and is looked upon most favorably by the Members. Also, my Charter has been introduced and referred in our State Legislature, of which there is no doubt of success.

I have proposed to Congress to make St. John's a Port of Call, which is considered of great importance. I hope you will not lose any time in arranging matters at St. John's.

By next Mail I hope to be able to give you a full Report of the action of Congress.

I remain very truly yours,

H. B. TEBBETTS.

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*St. John's, March 15th, 1852.*

TO THE NEWFOUNDLAND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH COMMISSIONERS.

GENTLEMEN,—Having on the 10th December last laid before you a preliminary Report explanatory of the survey of a line of Electric Telegraph from St. John's to Cape Ray, and to which I beg to refer, I have now the honour to submit for your consideration a journal of the details and incidents of that survey, in which are interspersed sketches of various headlands and remarkable hills, as landmarks, which, from the description accompanying the sketches, may be recognised without the least difficulty by any party crossing the country in future. I had commenced and have now in course of preparation an extended plan (upon a scale of 2 feet to the 100 miles, the most important section of which I now submit,) of the route of the proposed line, with the various streams to be spanned and the high lands of remarkable

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character on either side of it ; but from the necessity of proceeding on to the United States, and my incessant occupations since, I have not been enabled as yet to complete these plans for your inspection. In lieu of it, however, I herewith transmit one of the latest charts of the Island upon which I have roughly laid down the courses and directions of the proposed line.

The notes in my journal will supply the necessary information as to the description of country along the proposed route, the expense of making the road and building bridges across the numerous streams that intervene, &c. &c. ; but as these notes run to great length, and a brief statement of the more necessary particulars to accompany this chart will put the Government and Legislature in possession of sufficient information for the purpose of forming an opinion of the practicability and probable expense of carrying out the enterprise, I beg leave to state, that in the first place it will be necessary to construct a good substantial and serviceable bridle path, which path it will also be essential to keep in good repair, between Brigus and Cape Ray. I propose that this road shall be drained 8 feet wide across marshes, and over barrens that it shall be made 4 feet wide. The bridges also to be 8 feet wide. 2ndly,—That the line being carried from St. John's to Brigus in conjunction with the Telegraph Line now established to Carbonear, will diverge from Brigus following the Ship Harbour road until it reaches Spread Eagle Peak. This section of the route passes over several ridges of very fair land which can be turned to good account for agricultural purposes so soon as the road is rendered passable for horses. On this road the Telegraph Company will have to erect their line on poles, and to expend the immediate sum of about £20 per mile. From Spread Eagle Peak the line must run direct for the head of Chappel Arm, (the proper course being more easily obtained by surveying the route southward from the Arm towards the Peak) thence via Tickle Harbor through the westward gap in the Doe Hills (particularized in my journal) and thence via Little Southern Harbor, Come-by-Chance, and North Harbor, to Piper's Hole. On this section of the road there is some very good land, particularly in the neighbourhood of Chappel Arm and Come-by-Chance. The cost of the road will average £27 10s. per mile, to which add the cost of bridging Come-by-Chance brook, Black River, and Pipers brook. Before reaching this place I found it a waste of time and money to build cairns of stones, set stakes and otherwise mark the particular line of road over which we travelled, as frequently after making our course of procedure to any particular eminence, we could look back upon a much better line of road. This determined me to confine myself to sketching the various eminences of note as landmarks, and then correcting my compass course as circumstances demanded. After experience proved to me that it was the only feasible plan for making a preliminary survey in this country, especially when time and expense were of so much consequence, the particular line over which the Telegraph is to be laid must be re-surveyed by the Company constructing it, and to whom that duty and cost very clearly belong. From Pipers Hole the road must run W. N. W. directly for the bottom of the arm of Despair, in order to avoid the broken ground between North Bay (Fortune Bay) and Eastern Little River. The road will average a cost of about £30 per mile, and there are 8 streams to bridge. After leaving Pipers Hole, where there is some good arable land, until you reach the timbered districts in the Bay of Despair, the whole country is a succession of marshes and barrens of slightly undulating surface.

From the Arm of Despair the course must be W. by N., although per chart a due West course would hardly fetch our next harbor, White Bear Bay. This must be owing either to a difference in variation or else to the incorrectness of the chart ; such, however, is the correct course. This intermediate tract of country is very barren, an occasional *droke* of birch and spruce on the margin of some small lake or stream being the only variation to the usual scenery. This road will average £30 per mile, and there are 5 streams to bridge, one of which "Western Little River" is the largest river on the south-western shore of the Island. From White Bear Bay to LaPoile the course is W.N.W., and the road will average £30 per mile, to which add the cost of bridging 16 streams—the country being barren and

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mountainous about LaPoile. From LaPoile the course runs W. by N. and W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  N., until Cape Ray bears S. W., when it runs down the Cape Ridge. This part of the route is exceedingly barren and mountainous, and will average over £30 per mile. There are also nine streams to bridge. Thus, in all, there are 44 streams to bridge, at an average cost of nearly £50 each. This is an ample estimate of the cost of these constructions, and I now beg to call your attention to the following condensed summary of cost, &c., for the whole undertaking:—

**ESTIMATE OF COSTS, ANNUAL EXPENSES, AND INCOME OF THE NEW-  
FOUNDLAND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.**

COST.

It will be perceived by the foregoing remarks and notes in my journal, that the Electric Telegraph has to traverse 333 miles of wilderness,

The road making through which will average a cost of £30 per mile or about.....	£10,000 0 0
To which add for bridging streams &c, say .....	2,000 0 0
There are then 27 miles of road requiring an immediate outlay of £20 per mile.....	540 0 0
And 45 miles more of public road which will soon be passably good.....	.....
Besides which the 75 miles of road between St. John's and Trepassey will entail an additional expense, say.....	760 0 0
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Thus in road-making alone it will be necessary to expend the sum of.....	£13,300 0 0
The 147 miles of Telegraph between Trepassey and Spread Eagle Peak being alongside of a public highway will be erected on poles at an expense of about £30 per mile to lay down.....	4,410 0 0
The 333 miles of subterranean line will cost about £10 per mile to lay down.....	3,330 0 0
Supposing the subterranean wire to cost \$100 per mile <i>i. e.</i> equal to.....	8,325 0 0
For freight and carriage say £5 per mile.....	1,665 0 0
For Superintendent and Overseer's Salaries say.....	2,000 0 0
For instruments &c., say.....	470 0 0
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In all for 480 miles of land lines.....	£33,500 0 0
To which add for 60 miles of Submarine wire at the rate of £250 per mile.....	15,000 0 0
And for expenses in laying down the same, at the very outside, say.....	10,000 0 0
To which add for yachts, &c., &c.,.....	1,500 0 0
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Making the whole cost of this great work but.....	£60,000 0 0
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## ANNUAL EXPENSES.

Salary of Superintendent.....	£500	0	0
“ of Assistant Operator at St. John’s.....	100	0	0
Expenses of St. John’s Station.....	100	0	0
Repairs, not over.....	350	0	0
Expenses at Cape Ray Station.....	250	0	0
“ at Middle “.....	150	0	0
“ at Trepassey “.....	200	0	0
“ of “ Yacht.....	200	0	0
Batteries &c.....	100	0	0
Extra boat hire.....	50	0	0
In all.....	£2,000	0	0
Interest at 6 per cent. on Capital.....	3,600	0	0
Total.....	£5,600	0	0

## INCOME.

26 Fortnightly Reports for the Associated Press of New York, at \$500 each.....	£3,250	0	0
Supposing we succeed in intercepting outward bound Steamers but 20 times only out of nearly 200 chances, we should secure from the Press.....	2,500	0	0
Thus alone by two items more than paying the annual expense.	5,750	0	0

Allowing the overplus of £150 to make up for three or four disappointments in getting the news through, there is still all the local private business of Newfoundland, and the business on private account between the two worlds, to say nothing of the public reports for the English Press, all to the credit of the line after the 6 per cent has been paid.

It may, perhaps, be as well to remark, that the Associated Press pay already a greater proportionate price for their reports than would be readily believed, and are prepared to pay any amount within reason for the earliest intelligence. They will not allow any one to outbid them, and I have already had an offer of \$500 a message for the first of the news from one Merchant alone in New York. The simple fact being, that the first news of the market, is worth any price,—thus making it quite unnecessary for me to advance anything further as to the paying qualities of the undertaking.

The above estimate having been laid before well informed and practical gentlemen in the United States, and some modifications of the existing Telegraph Act having been proposed by me, principally in accordance with the suggestions contained in my letter to you of the 10th Dec. The modifications are briefly as follows:—

1st.—That the pecuniary encouragement to be given by the Government of Newfoundland shall, instead of Interest on Capital expended, be in payments of certain amounts for every 100 miles of road made and thrown open for the use of the public.

2ndly.—That the Company have an exclusive right for 30 years, the Government having at any time a right to purchase at 50 per cent. on the first cost, and

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3rdly.—That a smaller quantity of land, than that granted by the existing Act, but in compact allotments, be conceded to the Company.”

By the enclosed letter from the Manager of the “New York and Galway Steam Ship Company” it will be seen that the said parties are now prepared to undertake the immediate commencement of the work so soon as these modifications meet with the approbation of the Newfoundland Legislature.

As it is of very great importance to the speedy success of the undertaking that I should return to the United States by the next mail Steamer, I trust, Gentlemen, that this enterprize may meet with your immediate and favourable attention.

And, I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

F. N. GISBORNE.

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A.

*St. John's, Newfoundland, July 12th, 1851.*

TO “THE NEWFOUNDLAND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH COMMISSIONERS.”

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GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with the request contained in your favour of the 9th instant, I respectfully beg to present for your consideration a brief outline of what I should consider the necessary accompaniments to the proposed survey. The party undertaking this survey should be required first to mark out distinctly either with stakes, cairns of stones, or otherwise, the shortest track suitable for a bridle road between St. John's and Cape Ray, which road should skirt the heads of the principal Bays on the Southern Shore of the Island.—2ndly, to furnish a correct map and description of all the lands over which he may pass *en route* to Cape Ray, together with such sketches of the scenery as may prove interesting to the Commissioners. 3rdly, to give an estimate of the cost of laying a suitable line of Electric Telegraph between St. John's and the most convenient harbour near to Cape Ray. 4thly, to draft out such a scheme as may in the most efficient manner enable the Commissioners to carry out the grand object for which the survey was undertaken, and on account of which the grant was made by the Legislature. And finally, I may add that it would be advisable to re-survey the route, and to estimate the cost of continuing the Telegraph Line from St. John's to Trepassey, and that all such general information (appertaining to the survey) as may prove interesting to the public, should be embodied in the report presented.

I am of opinion that the surveying party should start upon the expedition about the latter end of August, and that they would be occupied on the route to Cape Ray about two and a-

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half months: that the maps, drawings and report would require at least six weeks preparation before they would be ready for presentation; that the survey to Trepassey would require to be deferred until the spring; and that before a very correct estimate of the cost of constructing the Telegraph Line could be made, a visit to New York or England would be almost indispensable. Thus, in all, it would require nearly six months' work to complete the survey, although a preliminary report could be furnished, a stock list opened, and the Company formed before the next meeting of the Legislature.

The expenses attending the survey, over and above the amount of remuneration agreed upon with the person in charge of such survey, I estimate at little or anything under £300 Cy., as per the following items, viz:—

5 men at 5s. per day for 75 days,.....	£93 15 0
1 man at 7s. 6d., “ “ .....	28 2 6
Provisions for 7 men for 75 days, not less than.....	75 0 0
Cost of outfit, <i>i. e.</i> silk tent, axes, instruments, charts, blankets, &c., &c. about.....	50 0 0
Transportation back to St. John's.....	30 0 0
Incidentals, including visit to Trepassey.....	20 0 0
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In all, at a moderate calculation.....	£296 17 6
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Regarding the amount of remuneration which I should expect for my own services, in case I should be so highly honored by your confidence as to have charge of this important expedition, I can merely reiterate my statement in your House of Representatives, by informing you that it would not be less than £500 cy., as out of that amount my contingent expenses would exceed £150, before I could, with any degree of satisfaction to myself, furnish such a Report as would prove creditable to the Commissioners, or practically useful to the country.

And, I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your very respectful and obedient servant,

F. N. GISBORNE.

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B.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT made and entered into at St. John's, in the Island of Newfoundland, this Seventeenth day of July, in the year of OUR LORD, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty One, between Frederick Newton Gisborne, at present of St. John's, aforesaid, Esq., of the one part, and the undersigned Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Commissioners, appointed under the Act of the Colonial Legislature, 14th Vic., cap. 7, of the other part. The said Frederick Newton Gisborne, for himself, his Executors and Administrators, undertakes and agrees by these presents with the said Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Commissioners,

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that he will personally traverse all that part of the Island of Newfoundland lying between St. John's and Cape Ray, and survey, and mark out in the manner detailed in his letter to the Commissioners, dated the Twelfth day of July instant, (hereto annexed) the most suitable and practicable route for a main trunk line of Electric Telegraph from St. John's to Cape Ray, conducting the same as near as conveniently may be to the heads of Bays and settlements on the southern shores of the Island, and having regard to such course, direction and levels, as may hereafter facilitate the formation of a main line of post road towards Cape Ray. That he will commence such survey on or before the Thirty-first day of August next, and complete the same before the first day of June next; and upon the completion of the same furnish such Reports and Statements, with Plans, Maps, and Delineations accompanying the said Report, as may fully elucidate and explain the survey so to be made as aforesaid. The said Newfoundland Electric Telegraph Commissioners on their part hereby agree to furnish and provide for the assistance of the said Frederick Newton Gisborne such number of men, not exceeding six in all, as may be required, and to defray the expense of the wages of such men, cost of provisions, and such other incidental charges as in their judgment may be requisite and necessary. And in consideration of the said survey being well and faithfully performed by the said Frederick Newton Gisborne, to the satisfaction of the said Commissioners, they hereby agree to pay him the sum of Five Hundred Pounds currency, that is to say: One Hundred Pounds in advance; Three Hundred Pounds on the delivery of the Preliminary Report, after the same shall have been made, and One Hundred Pounds on the delivery of his final Report, and of the Maps and Plans aforesaid.

E. M. ARCHIBALD.

J. KENT.

A. SHEA.

*Newfoundland Electric  
Telegraph Commissioners.* }

F. N. GISBORNE.



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## DR. THE NEWFOUNDLAND ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH COMMISSIONERS

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Sept.—	To advance paid F. N. Gisborne, account survey.....	£100	0	0
“	“ Outfit, paid L. O’Brien & Co., <i>vide</i> account received, No. 1.....	4	0	2
“	“ “ R. O’Keefe “ 2.....	11	12	6
“	“ “ P. Canning “ 3.....	0	19	0
“	“ “ J. Graham “ 4.....	0	17	7
“	“ “ F. R. Page “ 5.....	7	12	1
“	“ “ Baine Johnston & Co. “ 6.....	4	18	0
“	“ “ W. Hogan “ 7.....	1	2	3
“	“ “ R. O’Dwyer “ 8.....	22	19	4
“	“ “ J. Egan “ 9.....	3	10	6
“	Wages “ J. Hanrahan .....	31	15	0
“	“ “ Thomas Lakeman .....	27	8	4
“	“ “ A. Dady .....	27	8	4
“	“ “ John Walsh .....	27	8	4
“	“ “ John Mulloy .....	27	8	4
“	“ “ P. Gallishev .....	27	8	4
“	“ “ P. Ryan } .....	12	5	0
“	“ “ L. Morrissey } .....	10	4	10
“	“ “ Joseph Paul } .....	10	2	0
“	“ “ John Brazil } .....	2	15	0
“	“ “ Benjamin ——— } Indians .....	2	0	0
“	“ “ Frank Paul } .....	0	6	0
“	“ “ M. Brazil } .....	0	5	0
“	“ H. Whiffen, for the “William & Brothers,” £20; for over time, £5; and for accepting the boat in Placentia, £2.....	27	0	0
“	“ Insurance of the boat “William & Brothers.....	5	0	7
“	“ Coach fares, boat hire, pilotage and horse hire, 36s., 26s., 10s., 25s., 5s., 10s., 20s., 5s., 5s. 6d., 10s., 2s., 15s., 5s., 2s., 5s., 15s., 41s.—Vide Memorandum, No. 10.....	11	17	6
“	“ New anchor and chain, replacing those lost off Fortune Har- bor, £5 10s. 10d., and £4.....	9	10	10
“	“ Provisions, £19 4s. 8d., £10 6s. 9d., £4 14s. 7d., £2 12s. 3d., as per account received.....	36	18	3
“	“ Provisions, 1s. 3d., 5s., 15s., 2s. 4d., 5s. 6d., 10s., 36s. 3d., 10s. 21s., 20s., 1s., 15s., 30s. 9d., 5s., 35s., 40s., 3s., 73s. 3d., 5s., 2s., 53s., 22s. 6d., 21s., 15s., 10s., 10s., 3s., 5s., 20s., 65s. 9d., 5s., 20s., 15s., 10s., 24s. 6d., 15s. 8d., as per Voucher.....	32	19	1
“	“ Incidental expenses, &c., &c., 6d., 2s. 5d., 3s. 9d., 3s. 3d., 1s. 4d., 1s. 2d., 7s. 6d., 40s., 3s., 10s., 1s., 10s., as per Voucher....	4	3	11
“	“ Balance on hand.....	2	2	9
1852.				
Dec. 10.—	“ Amount payable on Preliminary Report.....	300	0	0
Mar. 18.—	“ Final instalment due F. N. Gisborne.....	100	0	0

£893 18 10

*Electric Telegraphs.*

IN ACCOUNT WITH F. N. GISBORNE.

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1851.

Sept.—By cash £200 stg. exchanged at the Bank for.....	£230	15	4
“ Drafts upon the Attorney General. £19 4s. 8d. ; £4 ; £18 10s. 3d. ; £7 ; £12 ; £40 8s.....	101	2	11
“ Sundry sums paid by the Attorney General, £5 ; £5 0s. 7d. ; £2.....	12	0	7
“ Cash.....	150	0	0
“ Amount account, balance over.....	2	2	9
“ Cash paid F. N. Gisborne.....	300	0	0
“ “ due “ .....	71	9	10
“ “ “ “ .....	*26	8	5

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 £893 18 10

Whole amount grant for survey.....	£750	0	0	Stg.
Amount expended.....	772	18	0	Stg.
Excess beyond grant.....	£22	18	0	Stg.

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March 15th.

F. N. GISBORNE.

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## REPORT ON LUNATIC ASYLUM, 1851.

St. John's, Dec. 31, 1851.

During the past year 60 cases of mental disease have been under treatment in the Provisional Lunatic Asylum. Forty-one of these remained from 1850, and 19 were admitted in 1851. The crowded state of the Asylum, its complete want of room for any classification, and general unfitness as an abode for insane persons, interfere so much with any plans of treatment as almost to render these a dead letter, from the simple impossibility of carrying them out. I am justified in saying, therefore, that the insane are rather taken care of, than treated in a medical point of view, in the present Asylum: and that although they possess complete freedom from personal restraints, they are notwithstanding cooped up in the narrowest limits during the day (giving them but a nominal liberty of action); and at night, especially on the male side of the house, they sleep in rooms so small and crowded as to be positively unhealthy. I have indeed been glad to get out of the bed-rooms where I have had occasion to visit them at night, as soon as possible. Certainly my duty is to complain loudly of such a state of things, and request that the new Asylum may be immediately erected for the accommodation of our increasing numbers.

In 1817, there were only 14 insane persons received into the present building from the St. John's Hospital, being all that remained in the care of the Government, in any public Institution in the whole island—whereas, according to the statistics, shewing the comparative number of the insane with that of the population generally in North America, the average number for a people numbering 75,000, is 150, viz. : 2 in every 1000—now, I may ask, where were the 136? Did they die rapidly off, year after year, neglected, abused, and miserable, to the disgrace of humanity? It is much to be feared that they did; when we observe that in 4 years after a retreat was provided for them, poor as it is, the 14 has become 47. An average increase of something over 8 annually; and which, according to the ratio given above will progressively increase, until in 17 years we shall have to provide for the full number of 200 insane persons, for 100,000 people.

As the building of a new Asylum will occupy probably two years, it is evident that above 60 insane persons will require accommodation at the outset, and it ought to have ample room for 40 more, to avoid the building of additions every year or what is far more objectionable, frustrating the object of the new institution altogether, by so over crowding it, as to render its intentions impracticable and therefore useless. I may here observe that the estimates of the cost of building for 1846,—'7 are no longer applicable, inasmuch as they were calculated with the view of providing for 50 patients, whereas we now require to provide for double that number. The former estimates amounted to £3000, the present ones will comprise £2000 more.

In the Provisional Asylum, since its establishment, patients have been admitted from all parts of the Island, of every Christian denomination, and of every class of society. It is therefore the interest of every one, as well as their duty, to promote the erection of an Asylum adapted for the curative treatment of the insane, as well as for their general care and comfort; yet six years have elapsed since the Legislature voted a sum of money for this purpose, and not a stone has been laid. Moreover, in the present miserable building the annual expenses amount to quite as much for the general maintenance and safe-keeping of the insane as would be incurred in the finest Asylum that money could build.

It is my duty to report annually upon the management and treatment of the insane; but how can I reasonably do so, in the circumstances connected with the present building? It is an effort; and little more than a repetition of the difficulties of my situation, and of those entrusted to my care.

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Let me for example compare the course adopted, from sheer necessity, in the present Asylum in a case of acute mania with that which would take place in a fitting Asylum.

A patient is admitted, suffering from this dreadful disease,—furious, violent, making the greatest noise possible for a human being to do, shouting, screaming, singing, cursing, laughing, crying, howling, by turns; as the wild uncontrollable excitement of the brain acts in different directions on the intellect and passions—jumping, stamping, rushing savagely against the partitions, &c. All this indescribable scene of confused violence and noise enduring without one moment's cessation, night or day. Language is utterly inadequate to paint this miserable transformation of a reasonable being into a wild and dangerous animal, often without common instinct. Again, the patient so admitted is brought into the midst of the disciplined, quiet, and comparatively happy, ordinary inmates, exciting them in a high degree; he is then placed in a separate little room, it is true, but separated only from patients on either hand by wooden partitions that convey every sound, and every expression of this distorted and tortured mind, to those who are most susceptible of its evil influences. So that the whole succeeding days and nights become hideous with noise and fury, from the general excitement produced—and thus the work of months is with some undone in a few days by this lamentable misfortune of the improper introduction of a recent maniac into the midst of those who are in process of cure. And besides these bad consequences, all the patients and attendants of the Asylum are in a great degree deprived of sleep for some nights, from the facility with which the noise made by the new comer is transmitted to every part of a building constructed of wood. It is thus also that occasionally the Asylum is turned from a peaceful abode into a veritable Bedlam. Let us now turn to the case of a furious maniac entering a well constructed Asylum,—by secluded ways, unseen by its inmates and placed for a certain period in a separate and prepared apartment, from whence no sound can issue to disturb or annoy others. Let us watch him step by step as he is brought gradually into the society of the other inmates until, as he daily improves in mind and body, he becomes fit to take his place amongst the most orderly and peaceful of the patients, preparatory, in many instances, to his restoration to the family and friends who have so bitterly mourned over his loss. But this can only be predicted or expected of an Asylum built and furnished for the express purpose, with every means to so good an end, and where the inmates are classified and orderly throughout, being subject to a constant wholesome discriminating controul, so that we may there observe a community of persons deprived of reason, passing their days in a sober, orderly manner, not without enjoyment and cheerfulness; working, reading, or taking exercise, as the case may be, and thus placed in the most favorable position of which their state will permit.

One of the gravest arguments in favor of the immediate erection of a new Asylum is the danger of fire breaking out in the present one, a very slightly built wooden house, containing nearly 50 insane patients, locked up in 27 bed-rooms at night; besides the eight attendants of the Asylum. Who would not anticipate a fearful catastrophe, in the event of a fire, under such circumstances, enough to make the blood run cold?—It has been argued, that every Asylum ought to be fire-proof; in consequence of the necessity of locking all the bed-rooms of insane persons at night, and the probable difficulty, in the confusion incidental to the alarm of fire, of unlocking all of these, and setting free the patients. Indeed, an instance occurred, not long since, in the United States, of an Asylum being burned with many of its inmates. And I will add to this, another reason, viz, the obstinacy with which some of the insane often refuse to move from their beds until taken out of them by attendants. But not only is the present Asylum not fire-proof, it is, on the contrary, fuel for fire, if I may so speak, of the best quality—the wooden materials throughout, being, in winter especially, dried up and made exceedingly inflammable, by the great heat constantly maintained in the stoves in order to keep up the temperature in such a building sufficiently for the health and comfort

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of the patients ; who, from the nature of their malady, are peculiarly susceptible of cold.—It may be easily said, but it is scarcely a reply to the argument of danger from fire in a wooden building, that sufficient precautions against such a danger ought of course to be taken.—Has not fire, I would ask, in spite of every precaution, broken out again and again in St. John's, the origin of which has never been satisfactorily discovered ?

And where the lives of so many are at stake, what man will stand forth and say it is of small importance ; because proper precautions may be taken, there is no present need of an Asylum of stone,—let alone, there is time enough. Alas ! It is an old truism—the poor have few friends. Be ye warm and clothed !

At the close of the June quarter of the past year, after a twelvemonth's patient trial of the scale of Dietary adopted in 1850—I found it my duty to represent it as injurious to the Patients, and the change immediately made by the Government, upon my report, has resulted, I am happy to say, most favourably. In this respect there is now nothing to be desired.

With regard to the attendants of the Asylum there is some deficiency to be mentioned—the increased number of patients requiring a corresponding increase of attendants to take charge of them. There is much need of an additional attendant, both on the male and female side of the house.

The patients themselves have never been happier or more contented than lately, in the Asylum. The regularity of their lives, the confidence they have acquired in their attendants, and the unvarying substitution of kindness for harshness under the most trying circumstances towards them—has rendered them for the most part as well pleased with their present lot and as careless of the future as children, whom they so greatly resemble in their habits and dependence upon the will of others. They only require in addition a sufficient space of ground, to wander at will without feeling themselves as at present imprisoned by fences at every step.

I have had the satisfaction of commencing in the Asylum during the past year that most interesting experiment which has of late excited so much the attention of philanthropic men, and which I myself saw in successful operation at the *Bicetre* in Paris, viz :—The educational treatment of idiots who have been always considered, hitherto, to be wholly unsusceptible of mental and moral improvement, and have been neglected accordingly as mysterious blots upon the fair face of humanity. Adopting with alacrity every fresh means of practising the highest benevolence, the people of London have recently erected an Asylum especially devoted to the reception of idiots, for the purposes of education and moral training. The daily success of such Institutions will naturally induce other communities to practice the same system, and according to our means, there is no reason why we should be backward in the same good cause.

One of the idiots alluded to in the Asylum is occasionally subject to violent maniacal fits ; yet he and another have learned letters, words, and sentences, within a very moderate period, and will in a few months be able to read very tolerably. In another instance, a patient of very deficient intellect (not less than 45 years old,) an epileptic, and subject to violent paroxysms of mania—has learned to read a little—not one of the three having known a letter six months ago.

Imitation is a faculty which the insane are wont to practice very commonly, and the daily lessons given to the idiots, and the production of books and newspapers amongst the more intelligent of the inmates, have brought out several readers from amongst the patients, who would most probably have remained long enough, otherwise, without evincing any desire to

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read, or permitting it to be known that they could do so. The shyness of parading before others their indifferent education also, would have prevented their making any attempts, but the habit of hearing others learning to read, less instructed even than themselves, has gradually given them courage to come out and try their own long disused faculties.

A remarkable case under my care of an insane criminal, condemned to spend the remainder of his life in an Asylum, after a trial for murder and acquittal on the ground of insanity, is well deserving of notice in my report, seeing that in the present day the relation of insanity to criminal jurisprudence is exciting so much attention, to the end, it may be hoped, of being placed on a sounder footing, and so also of terminating the extraordinary and even unseemly differences of opinion that notoriously exist between the members of the professions of law and medicine, on this important medico-legal point.

This case is deserving of notice on two points, first as confirming, with regard to itself, the verdict and judgment, as founded in wisdom and justice; and secondly, with regard to the general question in jurisprudence, touching upon the welfare of society at large, and throwing some light upon the difficulties at present existing in the minds of legal functionaries as to the admissibility of the plea of insanity in criminal cases.

The patient referred to, an inmate of the Asylum, during the past four years, (having been confined elsewhere for — years previously) never shewed a symptom of insanity or mental affection whatsoever up to the past summer,—that is to say, for a period of three years and a-half, and more than one person had remarked of him “that man does not appear to be insane, why is he in the Asylum?” At the time mentioned he complained of general uneasiness and some slight bodily affections, which were readily removed by medicine, and for the first time he spoke to me concerning the deed for which he had been tried —, assuring me that he had no recollection whatever of having committed the crime of which he was accused, and which of course, it has been proven he really did commit. A very evident change now took place in his general conduct; from being the quietest and most inoffensive of men, he became restless, talkative, easily offended, lost his rest at night, and indeed by rapid degrees passed into a state of acute mania, during the persistence of which, his whole talk or rather shouting, had reference to deeds of violence and murder, and he was also so violent personally as to require every precaution being taken even to approach him. The whole amount of time from the first symptoms of the attack to the complete renewal of his health and customary quiet behaviour, was about three months, of which three weeks passed during his state of violent madness.

This man is now, as before the fit, a religious and good man, and spends his leisure time in instructing some of the other patients to read, or in reading religious books himself, and is ever ready to do any little job I may request of him. The long period between the attacks of insanity—their violent character and the ordinary sensible calm demeanor of the patient, deserves much attention. They show the uncommon nature of such insanity, demanding very serious consideration in a legal point of view—for how could the insanity of such a person be proven, even a short time after the commission of a great crime under the wildest fit of insane fury, seeing that his return to reason and judgment is so complete, and lasts so long—could any Jury if at all jealous of the plea of insanity, acquit such a man upon that plea?—much less, would any Judge refrain from dilating upon the danger to society of letting such a criminal escape from the punishment awarded to his crime?

But I apprehend, whilst the details of such cases, the knowledge of which must be confined to those having the constant superintendence of Asylas, may go to assist both Judges and Juries in their judgments and verdicts—in analagous cases—they also shew, that the delibe-

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rate opinions of medical men having charge over Asylas, touching the plea of insanity in criminal cases, are worthy of more weight than they often obtain. For it is upon personal observation and consequent practical experience of the complex workings of insanity in the human mind, that such opinions are founded—and it is much to be desired that Medical Reports from Asylas all over the world should contain a notice of every such case as it may occur, to add to the store of existing ones, in order to bring before the legal authorities such a mass of facts, as shall of itself bring conviction to any reasoning mind by logical induction concerning the not uncommon existence of insanity in individuals, causing them to commit great crimes, and soon afterwards leaving those unhappy victims of so dreadful a disease perfectly sane. A number of proven facts like the present one, would at least lead to this amongst other things given, the existence of an almost sudden insanity impelling homicide, and its succeeding rapid and total disappearance leaving the subject of disease a healthy moral being for a certain number of years,—for at least an equal number of years, a criminal, sworn to have been lunatic, by a competent medical witness, would at once claim from society—imprisonment in special Asylas instead of capital punishment; and upon positive recurrence of the disease, there—an acquittal as a necessary consequence.

It is to be feared, that some at least of those who have in past times been executed for great crimes, have suffered, having been utterly insane and unconscious of the crimes they may have committed. And this probability may be placed alongside a well known fact scarcely to be understood, that many have undergone the last sentence of the Law—solemnly protesting in their last awful moments, on the very brink of eternity, their innocence of the crime for which they have been condemned upon the clearest evidence.

I will add one word to the above, touching the personal life of the individual alluded to in the Asylum.

He moves about amongst the other inmates, unconscious of guilt, harmless, cheerful, and contented; and if any of the inmates there know his history, which is most probable, it has never been for a moment hinted at, even in the midst of occasional violent quarrels or warm disputes.

HENRY H. STABB,

*Medical Superintendent.*

TABLE OF CASES ADMITTED INTO THE PROVISIONAL LUNATIC ASYLUM, FOR THE YEAR 1851.

Names.	Dates of Admission.	If married.	Trade, &c.	Religion.	Country.	Disease.	Duration.	State on Admission.	Subsequent state.	Remarks.
H. S.	May 15.	Single.	Servant.	Roman Catholic.	Newfoundland.	Mania.	2 years	{ Very much excited ; restless ; making frequent efforts to escape.	{ Not improved.	{ Threatened with idiotcy.
C. B.	Do. do.	Married.		Do.	Ireland.	Dementia.		{ Quiet, harmless. Incapable of governing her actions.	{ Unaltered.	{ Useful and happy in the Asylum, although of defi- cient intellect and helpless in the world.
M. M.	Do. do.	Single.		Do.	Newfoundland.	Amentia.	Congenitl.	{ In a low state of body and mind from starvation and ill usage.	{ Much improved. Strong and active.	
B. F.	Do. do.	Married.		Do.	Ireland.	Dementia.		{ Harmless ; restless ; subject to convulsive fits.	{ Unaltered.	Likely to be a permanent inmate.
J. H.	Do. 19.	Do.	Fisherman.	Wesleyan.	Newfoundland.	Mania.	Years.	Highly excited and restless.	Perfectly quiet and contented.	Likely to be a permanent inmate
J. A.	Do. 31.	Single.	Gentleman.	Church of England	Do.	Monomania.	Years.	Highly excited and restless.	Perfectly quiet and contented.	Likely to be a permanent inmate.
M. H.	June 10.	Married.		Roman Catholic.	Ireland.	Mania.	Years.	Violent ; troublesome ; dirty.	Very manageable.	Otherwise not improved.
J. P.	Do. do.	Do.	Fisherman.	Church of England	Newfoundland.	Do.	Recent	{ Quiet and reasonable, but un- able to govern his actions.	{ Improves steadily.	{ Suffers much from disease of body ; Mind nearly re-established.
J. H.	Do. 24.	Do.	Cooper.	Do.	England.	Melancholia.	Do.	Consumptive ; inclined to suicide.	{ Became perfectly sane and con- tented in mind.	{ Died of Consumption.
J. P.	July 6.	Do.	Fisherman.	Do.	Newfoundland.	Mania.	Do.	{ Re-admitted, being unable to go- vern his actions ; otherwise well.	{ Perfectly well under direction in the Asylum.	{ Will in all probability recover perma- nently.
J. L.	Do. 21.	Single.		Roman Catholic.	Ireland.	Amentia.	Congenitl.	In different degrees of idiotcy.	{ Is epileptic, but improves in mind very much.	{ Is likely to leave, greatly improved and able to work.
W. K.	Do. do.	Do.		Church of England.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Ditto	Not improved.	Will be permanent.
H. S.	Do. 27.	Do.	Fisherman.	Do.	Do.	Dementia.	Recent.	Violent ; restless ; in bad health.	Improving steadily.	Will recover in some months.
E. R.	Do. 28.	Do.	Servant.	Roman Catholic.	Do.	Lypedmania.	2 years.	Violent ; in bad health.	Improved ; very excitable.	
J. J.	Do. 29.	Married.	Fisherman.	Church of England.	Newfoundland.	Melancholia.	1 year.	{ Extremely depressed ; excitable fearful.	{ Improved ; cheerful.	{ An old man, unlikely to recover per- manently.
B. W.	Sept. 15.	Single.		Roman Catholic.	Do.	Do.	1 year	Exceedingly desponding.	Very much improved.	Will soon recover.
P. W.	Do. 28.	Do.		Do.	Do.	Amentia.	Congenitl.	Violent ; epileptic.	Improving in mind.	Likely to be permanent.
J. B.	Dec. 9.	Married.	Fisherman.	Do.	Do.	Mania.	Years.	{ Mania hereditary. Inclined to violence.	{ Remarkably improved.	
M. H.	Do. 31.	Single.		Do.	Ireland.	Mania.		{ Disease periodical ; succeeding epileptic fits.	{ Is well and useful in the inter- vals of her malady.	Likely to be a permanent inmate.

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EXPENSES INCURRED AT THE PROVISIONAL LUNATIC ASYLUM, FROM  
JAN. 1ST TO DEC. 31, 1851.

	March Quarter.	June Quarter.	Sept. Quarter.	Dec'r. Quarter	Totals.
Rent.....	£11 5 0	£11 5 0	£11 5 0	£11 5 0	£45 0 0
Wages.....	34 10 0	34 10 0	34 10 0	34 10 0	138 0 0
Diet of Patients....	93 15 4	99 8 3	116 19 6	132 6 0	442 9 1
Diet of Servants....	30 0 0	30 0 0	31 0 0	36 0 0	127 0 0
Extras for the Sick	1 5 0	1 14 7	1 7 7	0 5 0	4 12 2
Wood, Fuel, and Light.....	8 15 1	7 3 9	4 15 3	8 13 5	29 7 6
Clothing.....	11 17 5	16 17 10	44 2 10	3 9 5	76 7 6
Bedding.....	2 11 9	2 2 2	21 12 5	4 19 0	31 5 4
Medicines.....	1 4 7	2 18 10	1 14 10	2 1 9	8 0 0
Stationery.....	1 8 10	.....	0 2 10	1 10 6	3 1 4
Sundries account...	11 3 2	17 14 5	20 19 10	27 14 3	77 11 8
Lime and Whiting	0 17 10	0 12 0	1 16 4	0 16 0	4 2 2
Straw.....	1 14 0	0 16 0	3 15 0	.....	6 5 0
Burials.....	1 8 0	0 15 6	5 10 6	.....	7 14 0
Cartage.....	0 5 9	.....	0 17 3	0 13 0	1 16 0
Tobacco and Snuff.	1 11 0	1 10 0	1 13 0	1 4 10	5 18 10
Soap.....	1 17 4	3 14 8	3 14 8	1 17 4	11 4 0
Carpentry.....	1 5 0	1 5 0	1 5 0	1 5 0	5 0 0
Iron work.....	0 18 10	.....	.....	2 16 7	3 15 5
Lumber.....	.....	.....	15 11 11	2 8 11	18 0 10
Mason work.....	0 5 0	.....	.....	.....	0 5 0
Coals.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54 5 0
Paid for the pas- sage of a Lunatic...	.....	.....	.....	.....	0 10 0
	£217 18 11	£232 8 0	£322 12 11	£273 16 0	£1101 10 10

THE GOVERNMENT IN ACCOUNT WITH THE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

1831.

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To Annual Expenditure ..... £1101 10 10  
Cash in hand ..... 12 17 10—£1114 8 8

CR.

By Amount of Warrants ..... £1108 16 2  
Discount on an Asylum account ..... 5 12 6—£1114 8 8

Errors excepted,

HENRY HUNT STABB,  
*Medical Superintendent.*

St. John's, Newfoundland, }  
Dec. 31, 1851. }

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## NUMBER OF PATIENTS, 1851.

Quarter ending.	Admitted.	Discharged.	Died.	Remaining.
31st March.	0	2	2	41 from 1850. 37
30th June.	9	2	1	43
30th September.	8	1	5	45
31st December.	2	0	0	47

## CAUSES OF DEATH.

J. A.—Exhaustion from intemperance.

M. C.—Consumption, with other diseases.

J. D.—Dysentery.

S. B.—General debility.

J. M.—Disease of brain ; dropsy.

J. H.—Consumption.

M. M.—Chronic disease of brain.

J. O.—Disease of brain and other organs.

*Poor Returns.*

## SUMMARY OF ALL EXPENSES FOR THE POOR, YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1851.

No. 1.—	Amount paid Permanent Poor.....	£1474	12	0½
“ 2.—	“ Hospital.....	216	6	6
“ 3.—	“ Casual relief.....	241	15	10½
“ 4.—	“ For sick Poor in lodgings.....	138	16	1
“ 5.—	“ Funeral expenses.....	41	12	3
“ 6.—	“ Butcher's account.....	70	4	1
“ 7.—	“ Baker's account.....	29	12	7
“ 8.—	“ Loom account.....	69	14	8
“	“ Fencing repairs, &c., in Sheds.....	55	19	7½
“	“ Fuel for Sheds.....	16	7	8
“	“ Extras for sick in sheds—soap and salt.....	39	4	11½
“	“ Wine for sick.....	11	1	6
“ 9.—	“ Cash to Outports.....	625	10	9
“	“ Joseph Shea.....	288	9	2
“	“ Timothy Mitchell and John Freeman.....	115	7	8
“	“ Jeremiah Crowley.....	32	0	0
“	“ Clothing on hand since 1850.....	95	18	0
“ 10.—	“ Merchants, and others.....	1302	13	8
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		£4865	7	1
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JOSEPH SHEA.

December 31st, 1851.



*St. John's Hospital.*

## REPORT OF DIRECTORS OF THE ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL.

St. John's, Newfoundland, }  
28th January, 1852. }

SIR,—I have the honor to forward to you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, the account current of the St. John's Hospital, shewing the receipts and disbursements of that institution for the past year, ending the 31st December.

The Directors have to acknowledge the receipt of £431 10s. 9d. Cy., granted by the Legislature during its last session, and which sum, they are now enabled to acquaint His Excellency, has been appropriated to the payment of the old liabilities of the Hospital, as contemplated by the Legislature.

I am directed respectfully to draw the attention of His Excellency to the present condition of the Hospital buildings, which are in a most dilapidated state; the roof, in particular, requires immediate repair, as indeed do many other parts of the building, much of which is completely rotten; and as these repairs, to place the building in a fit condition to receive patients, will entail a considerable outlay of money, which the present income of the Hospital, after paying its current expenses, is altogether inadequate to meet, the Directors suggest, for the consideration of His Excellency, the propriety, if not the necessity, of bringing the subject under the notice of the Legislature, with the view to a suitable grant being voted for that purpose. If (as the Directors are of opinion should be the case) the Keeper, for the future, is to reside in the Hospital, or in a building contiguous thereto, a further sum will be required to provide for him suitable apartments.

I have the satisfaction to acquaint His Excellency, that the receipts for the past year, under the operation of the old Act, have enabled the Directors to meet all the current liabilities of the Hospital, and to leave a balance in favor of that institution of the sum of £32 2s 5d.; but whilst the Directors express this satisfaction, they are unanimously of opinion that the existing Act is not only susceptible of great improvement, but is in many respects very difficult to work, unsatisfactory to the great body of the people, and disappointing in its results, even to those who originated it: Whereas if some of the principles contained in a Bill introduced into the Assembly during the last session of the Legislature, were to pass into law, the funds of the institution would be greatly increased, the usefulness of the Hospital proportionally augmented, and a large portion of the industrial population relieved from what they now consider an oppressive tax.

On behalf of the Directors, I therefore respectfully pray that His Excellency will be pleased to bring this subject also before the Legislature.

I have the honor to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

THOMAS BENNETT,

*President.*

To the Honorable JAMES CROWDY, }  
Colonial Secretary. }

*St. John's Hospital.*

## DR. THE ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL IN ACCOUNT

1851.

Jany. 1.—To balance from 1850.....				£439	1	2
“ 8.—“ 10 yds. Flannel.....	£0	19	9			
“ 5 reels Cotton.....	0	0	10			
“ 15 yds. Calico.....	0	7	6			
“ 2 doz. Ale.....	0	8	0			
“ 6 lbs. Loaf Sugar.....	0	3	6			
“ 2 doz Ale.....	0	8	0			
“ 1 brl. Pork.....	3	5	0			
				£5	12	0
Feby. 5.—“ Tapper's funeral expenses.....		0	12	6		
April 5.—“ Ellen Glasket's wages.....		1	9	0		
“ Redmond Brian, fresh beef to 31st March.....		21	0	8		
“ James Bruce, 3 doz. Wine.....		4	8	0		
“ James Murray, bread to 31st March.....		48	5	1	81	7
June 6.—“ Thomas Westcoat, repairing bath.....		1	7	10		3
“ 2 qtls. Codfish.....		1	4	0		
“ 8 lbs. Loaf Sugar.....		0	4	8		
“ Paid E. Coady, nurse.....		1	0	0		
“ Heffern's funeral expenses.....		0	12	6		
“ 10 hhds. Coals.....		4	0	10		
“ 106 yds. Cotton.....		1	6	6	9	16
“ 10.—“ John Rohan, for fresh fish.....		3	0	0		4
“ Guessy's funeral expenses.....		0	12	6		
“ Catherine Walsh, wages,.....		6	0	0	9	12
July 3.—“ John Rohan, wages to 1st July .....		11	18	6		6
“ Paid for burials in Roman Catholic Cemetery		2	0	0		
“ Paid Mary Murphy for milk .....		5	17	6	19	15
“ Edward Kielly, half year's salary .....		75	0	0		11
“ Frederick Bunting, do. do. ....		50	0	0		
“ Thomas Glen, one year's salary .....		50	0	0	175	0
“ James Murray, bread, &c. to 30th June .....		42	11	0		0
“ James Bruce, wine .....		1	10	0		
“ Redmond Brien, fresh beef to 30th June .....		24	11	9		
“ For burial fees.....		0	12	6		
“ 10 hhds. coals .....		2	9	6		
“ Paid Elizabeth Glasket's wages .....		3	0	0	74	14
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£809 7 11

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*St. John's Hospital.*

## CURRENT WITH THE DIRECTORS.

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1851.

April 1.—By amount received for District Paupers for quarter ending 31st March .....	£51	12	8			
“ amount received for Casual Patients, for quarter ending 31st March .....	7	7	2			
“ amount received for Navy Department for quarter ending 31st March .....	5	8	0			
“ amount received from vessels registered here for quarter ending 31st March .....	21	12	4	—	86	0 2
June 30.—“ amount received from crews of Sealing vessels...					314	1 3
July 5.—“ amount received for District Paupers for quarter ending 30th June .....	64	11	4			
“ amount received for Casual Patients for quarter ending 30th June .....	8	19	8			
“ amount received from vessels registered here for quarter ending 30th June .....	15	18	7	—	89	9 7
“ 14—“ amount of Legislative Grant received to pay off the old liabilities of the Hospital. ....					431	10 9

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Carried forward..... £921 1 9

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DR.	THE SAINT JOHN'S HOSPITAL IN ACCOUNT	Brought forward	£809 7 11
August 1.—To	paid for potatoes and turnips in 1850 .....	£5 14 0	
“ “	Dempsey, per account .....	0 16 8	
“ “	Valentine Merchant, per account .....	13 0 0	
“ “	Advertising in <i>Patriot</i> .....	0 10 0	
“ “	Ditto in <i>Courier</i> .....	0 12 6	
“ “	Printing 200 extracts from Hospital Act ...	1 0 0	
“ “	For a lot of washing tubs .....	1 0 0	22 13 2
October 5.—“	Duncan Weir, groceries &c., for quarter ending 30th September .....	13 11 3	
“ “	Redmond Brien, for fresh beef, quarter ending 30th September .....	12 13 5	
“ “	James Murray, for bread, quarter ending 30th September .....	14 6 11	
“ “	Mary Murphy, milk to 30th September ...	4 4 3	
“ “	McBride & Kerr for 20 counterpanes .....	£4 7 6	
	12 Cotton Sheets .....	3 3 0	
	30 yds. Holland .....	1 3 9	8 14 3—53 10 1
“ “	Henry Winton printing .....	2 2 8	
“ “	E. D. Shea “ .....	3 0 0	
“ “	For carpenter work .....	1 7 0	
“ “	For white washing .....	2 14 0	— 9 3 8
“ “	John Rohan's wages to 30th September ...	6 5 0	
“ “	A. Kenny's “ “ .....	3 0 0	
“ “	Catherine Glasket “ “ .....	2 5 0	
“ “	Catherine Walsh “ “ .....	3 0 0	
“ “	Dr. Bunting “ “ .....	18 15 0	— 33 5 0

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## CURRENT WITH THE DIRECTORS.

CR.

By amount brought forward .....	£921	1	9
Oct. 5.— “ amount received for District Patients for quarter ending 30th September.....	£46	2	6
“ amount received from vessels registered here for quarter ending 30th September.....	22	9	10
“ amount received for Casual Patients for quarter ending 30th September.....	14	13	8—83 6 0
Nov. 19.— “ amount received from fishermen and shoremen....	£72	1	6
“ “ “ “ “ “ .....	6	6	0—78 7 6

£1082 15 3

*St. John's Hospital.*

DR.

## THE ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL IN ACCOUNT

	To amount brought forward .....		£927	19	10
Nov. 5.—	“ McBride & Kerr for 50 yds. of bed tick .....	£2	1	8	
	“ 12 yds. Huckabuck .....	0	6	6	
	“ 12 “ Scotch Osnabury .....	0	6	0	
	“ $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. thread .....	0	1	2	
	“ 1 Paper Needles .....	0	0	3	2 15 7
13.—	“ Paid for 12 Barrels Potatoes .....	2	17	0	
	“ 13 Bushels Lime .....	1	7	0	4 4 0
	“ Job, Brothers for 80 Hhds. Coal, 7s. 6d.....				30 0 0
	“ Paid Hoyles, law charges .....	0	7	6	
	“ Paid advertising in <i>Morning Post</i> .....	0	16	6	1 4 0
25.—	“ Paid F. Glascott, wages .....	1	6	3	
Dec. 15.—	“ Paid for 2 Gallons Ale .....	0	4	0	1 10 3
	“ Paid for 4 Qts. Codfish .....	2	4	0	
	“ Paid for 2 Bls. Herrings .....	1	5	0	
	“ Cartage .....	0	2	0	3 11 0
	“ Paid Thomas McConnan.....				0 9 9
31.—	“ Paid H. W. Hoyles, law charges.....	0	12	0	
	“ Paid Dr. Bunting, salary to 31st. December quarter .....	18	15	0	
	“ Edward Kielly, salary to 31st December, half year. ....	62	10	0	
	“ John Rohan “ “ “ “ .....	6	5	0	
	“ Catherine Walsh “ “ “ “ .....	3	0	0	
	“ Bridget Coady “ “ “ “ .....	0	15	0	91 17 0
	“ Duncan Weir, groceries, for quarter ending 31st December.....	21	16	5	
	“ James Murray, for bread, quarter ending 31st December.....	14	17	4	
	“ Redmond Brien, for fresh beef, quarter ending 31st December.....	14	9	6	
	“ John Murphy, milk, &c., for quarter ending 31st December.....	6	3	1	57 6 4
	“ Bowring Brothers, for $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. tumblers £0 3 6				
	“ $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. Wine glasses.....	0	3	3	
	“ 3 doz. Cotton shirts .....	3	7	6	3 14 3
	“ 1 doz. Night caps.....	0	11	0	
	“ Paid burial fees of Roman Catholic Cemetery.....	1	10	0	
	“ Paid Waterman, Messenger, &c.,.....	1	0	0	
	“ Paid Thomas Westcott, Tinman.....	1	18	2	
	“ Paid for 6 brls turnips, at 2s. 6d. per brl.....	0	15	0	9 8 5
	“ the Secretary as a gratuity for extra services, and travelling expenses.....	20	0	0	
	“ balance carried to 1852.....	32	2	5	52 2 5

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## CURRENT WITH THE DIRECTORS.

CR.

	Brought forward.....		£1082	15	3
Dec. 31.—	By amount received for Casual Patients for quarter ending 31st December, 1851.....	£11	14	0	
	“ amount received for district patients for quarter ending 31st December.....	54	0	0	
	“ amount received from Navy Department for quarter ending 31st December.....	7	1	0	
	“ Amount received from vessels registered here for quarter ending 31st December.....	26	18	4	—99 13 4

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£1182 8 7

## RECEIPTS OF THE HOSPITAL FOR 1851.

From Government	
Patients.....	£228 15 6
“ Casual Patients.....	42 14 6
“ Crews of vessels registered here.....	86 19 1
“ Crews of Sealing vessels...	314 1 3
“ Fishermen & Shoremen.....	78 7 6
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	£750 17 10

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## ASSETS, 1852.

Jan. 1.—	To cash in Treasurer's hands.....	£28	12	5
	To cash in Secretary's hands.....	3	10	0
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			£32	2 5

THOMAS GLEN,

*Secretary to the Hospital Directors.*

St. John's, 31st December, 1851.

*Committee of Audit.*

COMMITTEE OF AUDIT, }  
 March 29th, 1852. }

PRESENT:—MESSRS. LITTLE, SHEA, RANKIN, PARSONS, WINSER.

Came Mr. Secretary Crowdy, according to notice sent him, and gave evidence as follows:—

For some years prior to my taking possession of my office, Mr. Templeman had been receiver of Crown Rents, accounting from time to time to the Secretary. This practice I continued. In 1846 from May to the end of August I was absent from the Colony. On my return Mr. Templeman settled with me up to the 30th June 1846, this being the end of the Financial year; at which time the accounts would be made up. We had then received some Rents on account of the Current year, and continued to do so until the Christmas of that year. About this period his health became very bad. Previously to this time he had paid over a portion of the receipts of the Current year; but after this period he became so enfeebled in mind and body, that although I repeatedly endeavoured to get money and accounts from him, I was unsuccessful. This state of things continued until his death. After his death I ascertained that in addition to what he had acknowledged to have received, there were several amounts received and not credited, and which was only ascertained on application being made to parties for rent apparently due. Mr. Templeman received no pay for the collection of the Crown Rents. The receipts were signed by him for the Receiver. As a member of the Legislature I was necessarily frequently absent from the office. In Mr. Templeman's absence, the other Clerk sometimes received Rents, and handed them over to Mr. Templeman. I have occasionally received the Rents in Mr. Templeman's absence and then gave him an account of the monies so received. My son now receives. He or I have received them since Mr. Templeman's death. It was part of Mr. Templeman's duty as Clerk to receive the Rents. I found him discharging this duty and so continued it. With my approval and arrangement my son receives the rents. Mr. Templeman admitted to have received about £200 which he had not paid. This was in the spring of 1847. He was very ill then. The receipts in 1847 were less than 1846 in consequence of the disasters which befel the Colony. When I discovered the deficiency in Mr. Templeman's returns I used every means to recover it, but without avail. He died in bad circumstances. Proceedings were taken by the Attorney General against the estate, on which the Court directed an issue as to the liability of the estate, &c. to the Crown, a proceeding which, even if successful, would have been so expensive, that the estate would have left but little for the Crown, or any other party. The claim was accordingly abandoned. During Mr. Templeman's illness I urged the claim in every possible way; and only desisted when I feared that further proceeding would have precipitated his death. A payment of £60 4s. 3d. to Capt. Ramsay was for expense of receiving on board his ship, and victualling a Commissioner appointed by the Governor and his Clerk to proceed to George's Bay to investigate into the charges against the Magistrate there. This charge was according to a scale prescribed by the Imperial Government.

A payment of £60 13s. 4d. to Joseph Noad was for his services as Arbitrator under the St. John's Rebuilding Act, paid by authority of the Governor and Council.

A payment to Mr. Perchard and John Bulley were for similar services. Mr. Rushworth received the full amount of his salary for 1851. He was absent about six months. His duties I procured to be performed during his absence. The charge of £250 10s. to the Church Wardens is part of an appropriation of an Act of 1846/47. It is to be expended on iron railing for the old churchyard.

The charge of £110 for a retaining wall was paid on the authority of the Governor. We supply stationery to all the Public Offices. We have a rule as to the quantity in each case, as regards most of the offices. The charge of £7 10s. a quarter to David Rogers is an allowance to pay a servant to look after the office in the Court House, light, fires, &c.

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The charge to James Gambier of £10 a quarter is for his services as assistant turnkey. The charge of £13 6s, 8d; for Surveyor, Ship Harbour Road, was paid on the requisition of the Central Board to enable them to furnish the men employed with some necessary materials and provisions in advance.

(Signed),

JAMES CROWDY.

## MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS, &amp;c., OF 14TH VICTORIA, &amp;c., 1851.

FOR WHAT PURPOSE.	GRANTED.	EXPENDED.
Almanac, for publishing .....	£25 0 0	£25 0
Allen William, for medical attendance .....	26 0 0	26 0
British Artillerymen, Fort Amherst .....	36 0 0	36 0
Bridges, St. Mary's district .....	32 12 7	32 12 7
Blackburn Josiah, for road Grand Bank ...	15 0 0	15 0
Break-water at Olivers Cove .....	150 0 0	69 17
Bridge, Twillingate harbor .....	150 0 0	13 5 2
Byrne Patrick, compensation for land .....	20 0 0	20 0
Birnie Richard, for Medical attendance.....	13 0 0	13 0
Commercial School, Placentia .....	40 0 0	40 0
Carroll Joseph, for loss sustained by fire .....	10 0 0	10 0
Duties on Wines for the Military Officers .....	50 0 0	50 0
Daniel Dwyer for past services .....	20 0 0	20 0
Delanys, Thomas and Edward, for loss by gale 1846 .....	20 0 0	20 0
Delany Honora, for loss by fire .....	10 0 0	10 0
Dow William, for medical attendance .....	20 0 0	20 0
Earle William, compensation for eye-water .....	10 0 0	10 0
Factory St. John's, for employment of the poor .....	100 0 0	100 0
Farmers' Mill Company, for &c., &c., &c. ....	100 0 0	100 0
Finlay James, four years rent of an office .....	70 0 0	70 0
Gear Mary, compensation for labour .....	20 0 0	20 0
Grist Mill at Harbor Grace .....	.....	69 6 8
Grammar School, Carbonear .....	85 0 0	85 0
Mooney Harcourt, for reporting law proceedings .....	50 0 0	50 0
Molloy Nicholas, for medical attendance &c. ....	26 0 0	26 0
Normore Elizabeth, compensation for land .....	15 0 0	15 0
Presbyterian School at St. John's .....	40 0 0	40 0
Phoenix Fire Company, for their services, &c. ....	60 0 0	60 0
Public Wharf, Trinity .....	30 0 0	30 0
Post Office Rent .....	25 0 0	25 0

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## MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS, &amp;c.,—CONTINUED.

FOR WHAT PURPOSE.	GRANTED.	EXPENDED.
Plans of Harbour Grace and Carbonear .....	40 0 0	40 0 0
Registration of Voters, St. John's .....	30 0 0	30 0 0
Rock removing of at Quidi Vidi .....	50 0 0	50 0 0
Richards Isabella, compensation for land .....	20 0 0	20 0 0
Rielley Ellen, compensation for past services .....	25 0 0	25 0 0
Rochfort John, for medical attendance .....	40 0 0	40 0 0
Shelly Walter, keeper of half-way house .....	45 0 0	45 0 0
Silvey James, for his support, being blind .....	10 0 0	10 0 0
School house, Old Perlican .....	10 0 0	10 0 0
Treasury notes for preparing the blanks .....		23 12 8
Walsh John, compensation for loss by fire .....	15 0 0	15 0 0
Beacon at La Poile by a former grant .....	50 0 0	50 0 0
Town Clock ditto .....	100 0 0	100 0 0
Breakwater, Lamaline ditto .....		33 10 2
Removing Rock at Logy Bay .....		26 12 0
Ferryslip at Placentia for repairs .....		5 4 0
Streets at Bonavista Bay, Keels .....		1 0 0
Treasurer's Clerk .....	84 0 0	84 0 0
		<b>£1730 0</b>

## PENSIONS.

NAMES OF PERSONS.	GRANTED.	EXPENDED.
Connel Robert .....	£10 0 0	10 0 0
Blaikley Mrs. ....	50 0 0	50 0 0
Holbrook Mrs. ....	30 0 0	30 0 0
Stevenson Matthew .....	40 0 0	40 0 0
		<b>£130 0 0</b>

## Committee of Audit.

## A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF GRANTS MADE, AND SUMS PAID, IN 1851.

FOR WHAT PURPOSE.	GRANTED.	PAID.
Agricultural Society.....	£150	£ 75
Burying ground, by an old Act; ditto by 14th Victoria	150	602 10
Bayley James, Custom-house, Hr. Grace...	180	180
Crown Prosecutions, 14th Victoria	300	309 19 9
Circuit Courts " "	400	384 10 10
Coroners " "	150	230 12 1
Crown Lands	1061 8 4	1047 16 10
Court Houses and Gaols repairs, 14th Vic.	200	259 16 9
Court House, St. John's " "	250	249 19 8
Debentures paid off... ..		6730
Education Act, 14th Victoria	7500	6785 15
Electric Telegraph, ditto	750	688 1 9
Fuel and Light ditto	450	510 4 3
Ferry-men ditto	262	262
Gaol expenses ditto	600	687 4
Gas Light Company, ditto	143 6 8	215
Harbor Grace Streets Act		886 13 4
Interest on Public Debt		5783 10 5
Inland Post Act	1000	155 13 7
Lunatic Paupers, 14th Victoria	1000	1177 7 4
Light Houses Act	2467 18 8	2323 18 6
Legislative Contingencies, 14th Victoria ...	4100	4125 19 6
LeMarchant road ditto	200	200
Miscellaneous Grants ditto	1730 0 3	1730 0 3
Night Watch, St. John's ditto	100	100
Outport Magistrates ditto	2330	2330
" Clerks of Peace ditto	535	547 10
" Gaolers ditto	190	190
" Constables ditto	966	966
" Permanent Poor ditto	400	389 8
Printing and Stationery ditto	500	545 4 11
Postages and Incidentals ditto	120	107 12 2
Poor in St. John's, &c., ditto	3500	4205 3 6
Packets and Messengers ditto	400	457 10
Potatoes seed ditto	600	373
Roads & Bridges, St. John's dist. ditto	1800	919 14 2
" Con. Bay " ditto	2340	1353 15 6
" Trinity " ditto	315	136 4 6
" Bonavista " ditto	675	14 14 1
" Fogo, &c. " ditto	675	218 10 9
" Burin " ditto	675	128 11 1
" Fortune " ditto	450	Nil
" Main lines ditto	5135	2292 3 2
" Conting'cies ditto		409 9 4
" Prior to 1850		1046 13 6
St. John's Streets, 14th Victoria	1000	888 6 11
" Hospital ditto	374	374

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FOR WHAT PURPOSE.		GRANTED.	PAID.	
Shipwrecked crews	14th Vic. ....	£100	£1	1 8
Salaries Miscellaneous	ditto ....	4,616	4,616	0 0
“ Special	.....	2,522	2,522	0 0
St. John's Re-building Act	.....		1,993	9 11
Steamer St. George	ditto ....	500	500	0 0
Topsail Public Wharf	ditto ....	250	250	0 0
Unforeseen Contingencies	ditto ....	500	369	8 8
Water Company, St. John's	ditto ....	100	100	0 0
“ Tanks, “	ditto ....	250	289	8 7
Pensions	ditto ....	130	130	0 0
Dorcas Societies, St. John's &c.	ditto ....	100	100	0 0

## ABSTRACT OF THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT 1851.

## DR.

Jan'y. 1.—To balance in the Treasury	.....	£14,486	6	2
“ Received from the Collector	.....	66,376	0	0
“ “ as Crown Rents	.....	1,061	8	4
“ “ Sheriff's Fees	.....	365	18	5
“ “ Clerks of Courts Fees	.....	258	15	7
“ “ of Peace “	.....	94	16	8
“ “ Gaolers “	.....	15	13	4
“ “ Licence fund, fines, &c.	.....	849	0	9
“ “ Attorney General, P. Morris	.....	407	6	8
Fee for Patent, S. G. Archibald	.....	5	0	0
Sale of temporary Court House	.....	31	18	4

1852.

Jan'y. 17.—Outstanding warrants	.....	1648	7	10
“.— ditto Interest	.....	851	2	7

£86,651 14 8

1851.

## CR.

By sum paid as per Account	.....	£64,327	16	3
“ paid Colonial Building	.....	1,250	0	0
“ “ Market House	.....	144	12	8
Late Treasurer's unpaid warrants	.....	6	17	4
Directors St. John's Academy	.....	21	4	5
Jan'y 1st.—Outstanding warrants	.....	573	11	1
“ Ditto Interest	.....	510	15	5

£66,834 17 2

1852.

Jan'y 17.—Balance in Treasury	.....	19,816	17	6
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£86,651 14 8

PETER WINSER, *Chairman.*

*Tariff.*EVIDENCE TAKEN BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE TO INQUIRE INTO THE  
EXPEDIENCY OF ALTERING THE PRESENT TARIFF.

CARBONAR, MARCH 1st, 1852.

MY DEAR SIR.—I have received the printed Resolutions of the House of Assembly, which you were kind enough to send me, dated 23rd February, regarding a Free Trade with the Canadas and the United States, viz., for Bread, Flour, Pork, and other agricultural produce in exchange for our Fish and Oil, and I presume you may have wished a few lines from me on the matter, which I readily give as my humble opinion as follows :

There can be but little doubt, if the thing could be carried out with the United States' Government, and with the Canadas at the same time, a beneficial result would obtain for this Country, but decidedly not with the Canadas alone, but rather a fatal injury to the Supplying Merchants and fishermen, inasmuch, that the St. Lawrence is often unapproachable until late in April, and again very dangerous from storms after the month of October, (which no doubt, you are aware of); therefore, the latter is the season we should wish to send our fish to Canada to barter for Bread, Flour, &c. &c., for the sealing voyage; and in respect to the former, I appeal to you to ask, what Merchant in the Island would risk sending his vessel to that Province for the supplies of his trade for the summer's fishery to have them in time for the outfit? I answer, none whatever; the consequence will be that for the outfits of the Cod-fishery, duty must be paid on them; and the only advantage to the Country by having Free Trade with the Canadas alone will mostly be to the tradesmen, persons holding office, and other house-holders not engaged in the fishery, who would have an opportunity of laying in their stock of provisions for the whole year in the summer duty free, to the injury of the fishermen.—Secondly, I doubt if the Canadas would take much of our dry cod fish, for they have extensive cod fisheries of their own in Lower Canada, particularly at Gaspe and many other places or settlements thirty miles below Quebec on both sides of the St. Lawrence, and they take so much that they find a better market for cod fish in Italy than at home, and which fish come in competition with ours in that Country.

I could extend these remarks, but have not time this morning, to be in time for the Post

I remain, my dear sir,

Yours truly,

ROBERT PACK.

To EDMUND HANRAHAN, Esq., M. H. A.  
St. John's.

CARBONAR, MARCH 3rd, 1852.

MY DEAR SIR,—I beg reference to my respects to you, of the 1st, and I find in the hurry of writing early in the morning to save post, that I omitted to send you an important letter which I now enclose of the quantity of fish imported into Naples for 1851 to January 1852, from Gaspe. I fear also I made a mistake in saying that Cod fish was taken 30 miles below Quebec, which I took from casually reading McGregor's *British America*, wherein he says

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page 449, vol. 2: " At great Fox River there are a few fishermen ; and at Anse de l'Etang, twelve leagues above Cape Gaspe, there is a small harbour for shallops. It may be known by a remarkably high wooded conical hill on the east side, and by a beach with a few huts and stages on the west. Some of the *habitans* of the parish of St. Thomas, on the river Sud, thirty miles below Quebec, frequent this place during the cod-fishing season. The River issues from several Lakes, one of which is only half a mile through the woods from the fish stages ;" and also I find there were at that time, 1832, only a few transient fishermen on the North side of the St. Lawrence. I shall feel obliged if you will put me right with the Committee, as it is evident now I made the mistake by looking at only the latter part of the paragraph instead of the whole—and it was only by subsequent reflection of Fresh-water being so near Quebec that I discovered the error.

I remain, my dear sir.

Yours, truly,

ROBERT PACK.

To EDMUND HANRAHAN, ESQ. M. H. A.  
St. John's.

P. S.—I have since been told that there is not much Codfish taken by the Canadians on the North Shore of the St. Lawrence, but the establishments are Salmon fisheries.

*Committee Room, March 19, 1852.*

JAMES J. GRIEVE, MERCHANT.

The competition in the Markets of Portugal, Spain, and Italy, is considerably on the increase, and the French particularly appear determined to compete actively in many markets which have hitherto been supplied with fish from this colony. During the last year our trade in Brazil has been seriously affected by the Norwegians. The markets in the past year have been most unremunerative, and I should estimate the loss on fish shipments of the catch of 1851, at £150,000. The catch of last year was not above an average. I attribute the bad markets in some degree to the defective cure of the Labrador fish, which often necessitated its immediate sale, without reference to the state of the market, but I am of opinion that had the quantity of Shore and Labrador cure been equalled by a similar quantity of Shore fish, the markets would not have afforded a paying price. We have a decided over-production of fish, and I have no doubt the trade must be materially curtailed in the present year, as far as the issue of supplies is concerned. This curtailment will be mainly carried out in the Labrador fishery, but I think the men thus thrown out of employment will find it in the fishery on the different parts of the shore. As an example: the planters on the Southern and Western shore find difficulty in getting men to prosecute their fisheries, from the fact of so many having of late years been employed in the Labrador fisheries.

It would be most desirable to establish a reciprocal Free trade with the United States. If we could send in our fish there on perfect equality with the Americans, our Trade would be materially extended ; a considerable quantity of herrings would find a vent there if the duty were taken off. I think it would be highly desirable to open negotiations with the United States Government, with a view to the attainment of this object ; but the abolition of the

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American bounties on fish should form part of any arrangement that might be made on this subject. If the Trade with Canada were made free, a considerable Trade in herrings, oil, and dry fish, would be carried on from this country. I have done a fair business with Canada in these articles, in the last two years, notwithstanding the duty there, which was a great difficulty, and operates as an important restriction. In Nova Scotia, however, where the trade with Canada is free, a very small trade in those articles has been carried on. My opinion however is unaltered as to what may be done between us and Canada in this respect, if the heavy duties on our produce were removed. In this country, where all classes are consumers of duty-paid goods to the extent of their means, I do not think it of any consequence what the articles are on which a certain amount of Revenue is raised, so that the duties are placed on articles of general consumption, and not too heavy on any to induce smuggling. The loss of Revenue from the remission of the duty here on Canadian and American goods might be made up by a duty of 10 per cent. on unenumerated goods, though I think a sufficient amount of Revenue for the purposes of the Government might be raised by a duty on this class of goods of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.

JAS. J. GRIEVE.

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JOHN MUNN, MERCHANT.

From my own experience, the competition with our Fish Trade in Foreign Markets is steadily on the increase. The Norwegian, French, and Gaspe fish enters into competition with us in most of the Italian, Portuguese, and Brazil Markets. Genoa is almost wholly supplied with French fish, whereas from 15 to 20 years ago 60 or 70,000 quintals British fish found sale there. The present markets for our fish are wholly insufficient for its consumption, and will continue so while the present heavy duties are maintained in those markets. The great drawback to the progress of this country is the want of markets for our produce. The result of the fish shipments of 1851 is the worst I have known for 27 years—for the last 3 years the price of fish has been declining in our principal markets, and our correspondents inform us that fish will in future only be consumed at very reduced rates. The fisheries of this country in their present position in reference to the markets, are not capable of continuing to support our present population. This would have been clearly shown in the past two years but for the unusually low rate of provisions. The low prices of fish abroad were not owing to an abundant catch, for that of 1851 was not above an average. The issue of supplies for the fishery in the present year will be much less than in the last. Many men must therefore be unemployed who were last year engaged in the fisheries. These causes must necessarily occasion a material diminution of Revenue.

I am of opinion that Reciprocal Free Trade with Canada would create an extended demand there for the produce of this country, particularly in pickled fish, in which avocation a large number might be profitably engaged when thrown out of employment in the Cod-fishery. I do not think, however, that the interests of the trade would be fairly conserved if the trade with Canada alone were opened. The markets of the States should be comprehended in any arrangement of the kind. If, however, the Herring trade were carried on to the extent I should contemplate, the Canadian market might be opened alone, which could also be done if Canadian produce were made admissible duty free from American Ports. Our shipping would be advantageously affected by a trade with Canada. After a fish voyage to the West Indies, they would carry West India produce to Canada, and return cargoes to this place, a description of employment most suitable to the wants and convenience of the

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shipping of this country. Having no interest here requiring protection, I see no difference as to articles on which duties are laid to produce a certain revenue, while they rest on articles of general consumption, and while duties are so moderate as not to afford a stimulus to smuggling. The proposed Free Trade system of abolishing duties on the necessaries of life, and increasing them on unenumerated goods, would favor the working population, the greater portion of their expenditure being for food.

I think the present Revenue is far beyond the requirements of the country, and that there is no necessity for making up the whole amount of the loss to follow from the change in question. I think an additional duty of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. on unenumerated goods would supply as much of diminished revenue as is demanded by the exigencies of the country. I give this opinion in connexion with the view I entertain of the present debt, which I see no necessity for redeeming very materially, affording as it does a convenient and safe investment for monies of parties in the colony who would otherwise find it difficult to employ their savings.

British-cured herrings shipped from Labrador are subject in Canada to the duty of  $12\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.

The first step to be taken with the fisheries of this country, is to improve the cure, and every effort should be made to reduce the cost of carrying them on.

JOHN MUNN.

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SATURDAY, March 20.

EDWARD BOWRING, MERCHANT.

Considers that the competition in the fish markets from various causes has been very injurious the past season ; one reason is that there is too much caught, and another that quantities have been shipped in an uncured state from Labrador, and sales forced. The results of this have been very disastrous the past year, though the catch was not above an average one. There will be a material curtailment of the Labrador fishery this year.

It is most desirable our markets should be extended, and reciprocity with the United States would tend to that object ; that a very large pickled fish trade would be done. Has no idea as to what extent a trade with Canada could be carried on.

Considers that to make up the loss of revenue consequent on Free Trade, that it is of no consequence on what particular article the duty is levied, provided it is not excessive on any particular article.

Say  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent on unenumerated Goods.

1d. per gall. on Molasses.

On Spirits a reasonable advance.

Thinks it advisable to establish a Revenue Cruiser, either a steamer or sailing vessel, to protect the Fisheries north and south, and to collect the duties on Labrador ; and that it would tend to a material curtailment of the French Fisheries.

EDWARD BOWRING.

*Tariff.***PETER McBRIDE, MERCHANT.**

The competition of Foreigners in our fish markets has been increased the past few years, caused by the increase of French and Norwegian fisheries, especially of the former, on this coast; considers that the markets are insufficient for the produce of our fishery to obtain remunerating prices if the competition continues. The catch of last year was not above an average one. The Labrador fishery has been extended very much in late years, but does not consider that fishery will be carried on to the same extent in future. Thinks that if two-thirds of the quantity usually sent from that quarter were to be sent in future, the result would amount to the same.

Thinks that it would be desirable that new markets should, if possible, be found for our produce.

Thinks it is of no consequence on what particular article duty is levied, provided it is not so excessive on any one article as to induce smuggling.

Has had no business transaction with Canada. Has heard that the Nova Scotians have a very small trade there, notwithstanding it is free.

Thinks that if Reciprocal Free Trade with the States was established, the consumption of our produce then would be materially increased. Would not open the trade with Canada exclusively. To make up the loss of revenue, I would recommend  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. on manufactured goods, an increase of the duty on wine, rum, and on spirits manufactured in this country, also on molasses, or any other heavy or bulky article that could not be smuggled.

Thinks a very important consideration is the protection of our fisheries from the encroachments of foreigners; and if the colony would have a small Screw Steamer built for that purpose, it would be a good appropriation of revenue; and that in the meantime a sailing vessel should be employed immediately, and that the Steamer would be useful in collecting duties on Labrador where the parties could no longer refuse payment in consequence of the protection which would be given to their fishery; and the cruiser this year ought to endeavour to collect the duties if possible.

Thinks there will be a falling off in the Revenue this year in consequence of the large stock of flour and manufactured goods on hand, coupled with smaller import of goods in consequence of curtailment in the supplies that are likely to be issued the coming season.

**PETER McBRIDE.**

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**WILLIAM M. BARNES, MERCHANT.**

In reference to the Resolutions on Free Trade now before the House of Assembly, I am of opinion that the admission of the produce of Canada and the United States into this country, duty free, would be productive of much advantage to the Trade, and adapted to the present circumstances of the colony, being based on the reciprocal admission of the produce of this country, free of duty, into those countries in return.

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I should not, however, recommend the admission of the produce of Canada, duty free, without placing the like articles from the States at once on the same footing ; as otherwise the regular existing order of Trade would be disturbed, and forced from its natural channels into others less advantageous, and to the serious injury of a large portion of the Trade, as it is well known that very many of our vessels employed in carrying fish to the West Indies now call at Ports in the States for cargoes of provisions, and particularly at a late season in the year, when the navigation of the St. Lawrence is closed : our supplying Merchants also are obliged to draw all their spring supplies from the States ; as the navigation of the St. Lawrence does not open sufficiently early to admit of their being drawn from that quarter.

A partial admission, therefore, of the produce of Canada, duty free, without allowing the produce of the States to participate, would be the infliction of a serious evil, instead of a boon, as the vessels now ordered to the States for cargoes, would have to return in ballast at certain seasons of the year, rather than bring cargoes which could only be landed here at an unequal competition with free cargoes from Canada ; the extra price at which the supplying Merchant would have to charge his spring supplies from the States, (in consequence of duty) to planter and fisherman, would be felt severely by them, who are but ill able to bear it. I am aware that objections may be urged against granting immediately the same privileges to the States as to Canada, (the latter Government having already offered to reciprocate, while the former may not.) on the ground that the American Government will then have no motive to reciprocate, if already permitted to enjoy the privileges of Free Trade unconditionally ; but I think that this objection may be obviated, by introducing into the Act authorising Free Trade, a proviso to the effect, that if at the end of one year from the commencement of Free Trade, the American Government should not agree to reciprocate, that a differential duty be then placed on the produce of the States equal to 5 per cent.

By adopting this plan, instead of that laid down in the Resolutions, all the benefits hoped to be derived from Free Trade can be enjoyed at once, as far as Canada is concerned, without disturbing the present order of trade with the States, and by giving ample time to the American Government to consider fully the question of reciprocation, they may, before the expiration of that period, be led to coincide with our views.

I would also strongly urge upon the Legislature (in the event of the Free Trade Tariff not being passed) the necessity of equalizing our present scale of duties, by reducing the high rates exacted on all the necessaries of life, which now amount to 10 per cent. on flour, 10 per cent. on pork, 20 per cent. on molasses, 25 per cent. on tea, and 30 per cent. on sugar, all which press heavily on the middle and laboring classes of society, the principal portion of whose earnings are expended on the above necessaries, the duties on which should not be over 5 per cent.

Any deficiency of Revenue occasioned by such reduction of duty on the above articles, could be made up by a small increase in the duties on manufactured goods, which would be less felt than the present high rates on the necessaries of life.

In making the foregoing important alterations in the Tariff, I think it would be advisable also to remove the extra ten per cent. on duties (now collected on account of the St. John's Rebuilding Act) which bears unequally and oppressively on the most necessary articles of food, from the fact that those articles are at present most unfairly taxed, and any extra tax on the said duties would operate more injuriously still ; and as the above Act is now being amended before the Council, a good opportunity presents itself to repeal that part of it relating to the said extra duty, and make the debt on account of the said Act chargeable upon the general Revenue of the Colony.

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ROBERT H. JOB, MERCHANT.

The competition with our produce in foreign markets has increased considerably of late years, arising partly from the legitimate results of the Treaties with France and America, and also from the infraction of these Treaties in the operations of Foreign fishermen on this coast.

If the heavy duties on fish in Spain, Portugal, and Italy were materially reduced, the consumption of our fish would be considerably augmented. There was a heavy loss on the shipments of last year ; the catch was not above the average. I think the out-fit for the Labrador fishery may and ought to be lessened in the present year. I think it most important that the markets for our produce should be extended, and I am of opinion that the opening up of a free trade system with the United States and Canada would tend to a considerably increasing sale of our produce in those countries. The arrangement with Canada and the United States should be made concurrently, but I should be averse to any immediate decision on this important measure, which is likely to affect so many interests, and on which at this moment no little difference of opinion exists.

I know the change would occasion a loss to the Revenue, which I am not prepared to say it would be wise to incur at this moment, seeing the many important questions which call for Government outlay ; among these I place the protection of the fisheries in the foreground, and this measure, if efficiently carried out, would go far to correct the evils of Foreign competition. I would suggest the immediate equipment of one or more sailing vessels for this purpose, as a temporary arrangement in view of the ultimate employment of a small steamer, for the purchase of which the colony would be acting wisely in making immediate provision.

ROBT. H. JOB.

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 W. L. ANTHONY, MERCHANT.

Get the British Government, if possible, to obtain a reduction of the present enormous duties in Spain, Portugal, and Italy, so that the cost of your fish to the consumer may be considerably reduced ; if the fish be well or properly cured, the increased consumption will tend materially to enhance its actual value here ; this subject should be continually pressed upon the attention of the Home Government until some concession be made.

If this were accomplished, perhaps the present annual produce of our fisheries would not be greater than can meet with markets at remunerative prices.

I do not think that anything emanating from this country can possibly affect the policy of the United States, with a regard either to Free Trade or protection ; our utmost capabilities cannot but appear insignificant when compared with the vast interest involved with them.

How will you shew that Resolution No. 3 would be advantageous to the United States ?

As the United States will not remove the existing duties on our produce, it is, in my opinion, useless to waste time in speculating upon utter impossibilities ; if any alteration be made in the present Tariff (at this time) the desirability of which I doubt extremely, I should suggest that the duties be lessened upon articles of food, but in no case increased.

I consider it extremely doubtful if any corresponding advantage could be obtained by granting to Canada the privilege of sending her produce to us, duty free, even if we could

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afford it, as the only article we shall be likely to send them to any considerable extent would be Herring, and I do not think this branch of our trade by any means of sufficient importance to warrant so much concession on our side.

It is admitted pretty generally that our present Tariff works fairly, and should therefore be approached with extreme caution in making any changes.

W. L. ANTHONY.

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THOMAS H. RIDLEY, MERCHANT.

The supplies in Conception Bay for Labrador will be curtailed materially the ensuing season. The markets last season were wretched—the worst I ever knew—arising, not from an excess of catch here, but from the competition of the French and Norwegians. I think that a great portion of the fishermen employed last season at Labrador will be unemployed this season, consequently there will be some loss in the revenue. The fisheries of this country must decline, for if the catch was one-third less, the aggregate results would be the same, but in that case there would be a redundant population.

If the duties were reduced both in the United States and Canada, I do not consider that the consumption of our produce would be to any extent, although it might be an increasing consumption; but still it would be desirable to open the Trade; if we could go into it on equal terms the Trade would increase. It is not material on what articles duty is imposed, so long as it is confined to articles of general consumption, and not so high as to induce smuggling.

Should the duties on food be removed, I would suggest the deficiency of revenue should be made up by duties on wines and spirits—molasses, sugar, Home manufactured spirits, and an increase of 1 to 2 per cent on manufactured goods.

It is essential for the interests of the Trade that our fishermen should be protected on the Labrador, and that an outlay for such service would be a judicious one; thinks there should be some legal protection from the depredations committed on the coast.

THOMAS H. RIDLEY.

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MARCH 22, 1852.

NICHOLAS STABB, MERCHANT.

The competition in the Fish Markets has increased considerably within the past two or three years—French caught fish finding its way into most of the principal ones; and the competition is likely to continue unless they are restrained from taking fish on our part of the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The markets will not take off our catch under the above named circumstances.

The results of the sale of fish last season are wretched. The catch of last year was not

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above an average. Thinks that every supplier who can will curtail his supplies the ensuing season.

If we keep up the present quantity of fish caught we must find new markets; it is impossible for a planter or fisherman to live if a less price is given for fish. Thinks that a vent may be obtained in the United States, if their duties and bounties were relaxed, for a small quantity of our produce. Does not think that Canada would take any considerable quantity of our produce, or at any rate not enough to make it worth while to make any alteration in our Tariff; at any rate there should be no exclusive arrangement with Canada. Thinks that a Revenue Cruiser should be employed for the protection of our Fisheries north and south, to prevent the French from making any encroachments on our shores, either for the purpose of taking bait or catching fish.

N. STABB.

MARCH 27, 1852.

ROBERT PROWSE, MERCHANT.

The competition in our Fish Markets has much increased of late years, owing to the large quantities of Fish brought into those markets by the French. This, with the heavy duties on Fish, is fast lessening the consumption of our staple, and unless a change in these circumstances take place, we shall be driven out of those markets altogether,—our competitors being sustained by large bounties from their Government. The Norwegians have also been competitors with us in the North of Spain and Brazil, and other places. In Bilboa, where we formerly found a market for a large quantity of fish, they have almost wholly furnished a supply of late. The catch of fish of late years is found to exceed considerably what the Markets will consume at remunerative rates. The last year's results have been the worst I have ever known. There must be a material curtailment in this year's issue of supplies, from the above causes, and consequently a great number of men must be thrown out of employment. The Revenue will necessarily be lessened from the short imports. It would be of great benefit to the country to establish a free Trade with the States and Canada in our respective products. Very extensive markets, particularly in Pickled Fish, would be opened up. This branch of our fishery is susceptible of considerable extension if new markets were obtained, and a convenient barter trade would result from the arrangement in question. From St. John, N. B. a large proportion of the average catch of Allwives (an inferior herring) are sent to the States despite the heavy impost; and in herring we should do a large trade with that country if the duty were remitted. If the trade with Canada were made free, our Fish trade there would be augmented, and a large herring trade from Labrador would probably result. This, under existing circumstances, would be peculiarly desirable. The loss of Revenue from the proposed changes might be made up by a slight addition to several articles of import, and might be accomplished, I think, without any difficulty, or without pressing unduly on any particular class or interest. The present amount of Revenue, I think, unnecessarily large for the requirements of the country.

ROBERT PROWSE.

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EUGENIUS HARVEY, MERCHANT.

I have read the examination of Mr. Prowse, and in the main concur therein, with the exception that I am not aware of the quantity of Allwives above mentioned being sent from New Brunswick to the United States. Our West India Markets also suffer from the Importation of French fish there, and I am of opinion Free Trade with Canada would not be desirable unless it were combined with Free Trade with the United States, though both combined would be very desirable. I think that if we were united with the other Colonies in their endeavours to obtain Free Trade with the United States, we would be more likely to obtain our common object than by any solitary efforts of our own; but the quantity of produce we take from the United States is too inconsiderable to induce them to alter their Tariff for the sake of continuing that supply to us. I am decidedly of opinion that opening the trade to Canada alone, so far from being advantageous, would be injurious to us—as Canada produce would drive American produce out of our markets, and the Americans would consequently have less inducement to come here for fish. Another evil resulting from the change would be, that we should have an increased importation of Canada Flour at a time of the year when the demand would not be equal to the supply, and as Canada flour will not keep any length of time, it would necessarily be sacrificed at a loss to the importers. I have now on hand Canada flour imported in October which I believe to be still good, but which will not keep like American flour during hot weather. I am of opinion that the importation of flour from Canada would be more excessive in the autumn than at any other time.

E. HARVEY.

HON. WM. THOMAS.

The competition in our Fish Markets has been increasing very materially lately, especially in the Mediterranean, but principally by the French and Norwegians. The present produce of our Fisheries is too much for the markets, under the above circumstances. There will be a decidedly smaller outfit for the fishery the ensuing season, and in consequence, numbers will be thrown out of employment, which must have an injurious effect on the revenue. These evils we must put up with for a time. Considers they are only temporary, but we have nothing to fall back on but the fisheries, and in them we must persevere. In Canada there would be an opening for a considerable quantity of pickled Fish. Does not consider we should benefit by Free Trade with the United States and Canada. Our fisheries should be protected from the encroachments of Foreigners, and considers an outlay for that purpose would be a judicious expenditure; it would materially lessen the quantity of fish caught by them. Does not think it desirable to alter the present Tariff. Does not see any thing in the proposed alteration to render it expedient. If the Americans were to be admitted in their small vessels, smuggling would be carried on to a very great extent. The duty on unenumerated articles falls at present more heavily on the servants than on others, consequently any additional impost on them would be very injurious, because the planter finds the provisions, and the servant his clothing.

WM. THOMAS.

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MARCH 27, 1852.

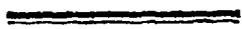
HON. L. O'BRIEN.

The markets for the past two or three years, particularly the past year, have been much depressed in consequence principally from the competition of Foreigners. Thinks that the supplies to the Fishery will be curtailed the coming season.

The circumstances of the country demand that an effort should be made to open Free Trade with the United States and Canada, but has no positive information as to the extent of the Trade that would be carried on, but believes there is an opening for a considerable trade. Thinks that for the purposes of Revenue it does not matter on what particular article the impost is laid, while it is kept on articles of general consumption; recommends an increase of duty on non-enumerated articles to the extent of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. to make up any proposed deficiency arising out of the establishment of Free Trade; thinks that the larger amount of expenditure of the poor is in provisions, and that the proposed arrangement of admitting food duty free would benefit them materially; all luxuries should be taxed to the fullest extent, such as wines, brandies, &c. and the deficiency of the Revenue should be made up as much as possible by taxing this description of goods.

The protection of the Fisheries is a paramount duty of the Legislature, inasmuch as we have been so much neglected by the mother country; the facilities the French have in procuring bait tends materially to the success of their Fisheries; thinks that immediate steps should be taken by the Legislature to correct this evil. Any moderate outlay for the purpose should be incurred. The revenue should be raised from importers residing under this Government, either at Labrador or on this Island.

LAWRENCE O'BRIEN.



*Roads and Bridges.*RETURNS FROM THE SUPERVISOR-GENERAL OF ROADS FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 1852.

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SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
2nd March, 1852. }

SIR,—I have the honor of forwarding to you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, my Accounts as Supervisor-General of Roads, shewing the expenditure in the various road districts, under the Grants made in the session of 1851.

By the terms of the Act, 14th Victoria, cap. 2, sec. 13, the Chairman of each Board of Commissioners is directed to transmit to me a statement of all work done in their respective districts, on or before the first day of December in each year. A strict compliance with this direction has, however, been found impracticable, as many contracts are, at the date referred to, only then in the early stage of their progress, and in fact it is but within the last week since the last return has been sent to me. As the Colonial Treasurer closes his accounts for the year on the 17th January, I have thought it may be advisable to complete mine to the same date, and which accordingly I have done.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

J. NOAD,

*Supervisor.*

HON. JAMES CROWDY, &c., &c., &c.,

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## Roads and Bridges.

## BURIN ROAD DISTRICT.

SUMS VOTED IN THE SESSION OF 1851.			BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.		
From Burin to Garnish.....	£540	0 0	Mr. EDWARD MORRIS, <i>Chairman</i> .		
“ Fortune to Grand Bank.....	31	10 0	WILLIAM HOOPER, Esq.		
“ Lamaline.....	36	0 0	CLEMENT BENNING, Esq.		
“ Bulls Cove towards Port au-Bras.....	13	10 0	Messrs. FRANCIS BERTRAM, and FRANCIS MORAN.		
“ George Point to Path-end.....	13	10 0	Mr. WILLIAM BUTLER, <i>Inspector</i> .		
“ Kirby Cove to Ship Cove.....	13	10 0			
“ Beau Bois towards Port- au-Bras.....	18	0 0			
“ Great Burin road.....	9	0 0			
	£675	0 0			

During the past season general repairs have been effected on the various roads in this district, for which grants were made, with the exception of that between Fortune and Grand Bank ; and at Lamaline an order to the amount of £127 12s. 11s. sterling has been presented for payment. By a statement received from the Chairman it appears that contracts to the amount of £343 2s. 8d. sterling have been completed, although orders to that amount have not come forward.

In the Estimate forwarded of probable amounts required for roads £400 is set down as necessary for the line from Burin to Garnish. This estimate, I conclude, is contemplated as no more than sufficient to complete a mere bridle-road ; as to make a road fit for carts to pass between the places named would take double the estimated sum.

## RECAPITULATION.

Roads for which Grants were made in 1851.	Amount granted— Stg.	Amt. expended in 1851—stg.	Balances, &c., un- drawn.	Probable amt. ne- cessary to complete roads.
From Burin to Garnish.....	£540 0 0	£76 18 4	£463 1 8	£400 0 0
“ Fortune to Grand Bank.....	31 10 0	.....	31 10 0	
“ Lamaline.....	36 0 0	.....	36 0 0	
“ Bull Cove towards Port-au- Bras.....	13 10 0	13 3 4	0 6 8	10 0 0
“ George Point to Path end..	13 10 0	13 0 0	0 10 0	
“ Kirby Cove to Ship Cove...	13 10 0	11 0 10	2 9 2	
“ Beau Bois towards Port-au- Bras.....	18 0 0	9 2 1	7 19 9	30 0 0
“ Ditto ditto ditto.....	.....	0 18 2		
“ Great Burin road.....	9 0 0	4 8 4	4 11 8	
	£675 0 0	£128 11 1	£546 8 11	£440 0 0

## Roads and Bridges.

## RECAPITULATION.—Continued.

Burin Bay, £5; Court-house to Bulls Cove, £30.....	£35	0	0
Beau Bois to Mortier Bay, £15; Jean-de-Bay to Spanish room, £10.....	25	0	0
Spoon Cove, Corbin and St. Laurence.....	200	0	0
Estimated amount for roads in the Burin road district.....	700	0	0

J. NOAD, *Surveyor-General.*

February 23, 1852.

## DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE.

NAME OF CONTRACTORS.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	Sums paid Contractors—stg.	Total in sterling.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
T. Walsh.....	Between Kirby's Cove and Ship Cove, 17 p. at 3s. cy.	£ 2 4 2	
J. Peckham...	Ditto ditto ditto	2 4 2	
J. Fleming.....	Ditto ditto ditto	2 4 2	
J. Taylor.....	Ditto ditto ditto	2 4 2	
M. Brown.....	Ditto ditto ditto	2 4 2	—11 0 10
R. Isaac.....	Between George Point and Pathend, 25 p. at 3s. cy.	5 5 0	
E. Reddy.....	Ditto ditto ditto	3 5 0	
M. Slaney.....	Ditto ditto ditto	3 5 0	
J. Quinn.....	Ditto ditto ditto	3 5 0	—13 0 0
M. Driskell...	Between Burin and Garnish, 20 perches at 5s.....	4 6 8	
W. Check.....	Ditto ditto.....	4 6 8	
J. Quinn.....	Ditto ditto.....	4 6 8	
P. Nowlan.....	Ditto ditto.....	4 6 8	
James Bushell	Ditto ditto.....	1 10 4	
Denis Doherty	Ditto ditto.....	4 6 8	
John Butler...	Ditto ditto.....	4 6 8	
Pat. Hanrahan	Ditto 26 perches at 5s.....	5 12 8	
Pat. Hanrahan	Ditto ditto.....	5 12 8	
Richd. Brown.	Ditto 20 perches at 5s.....	4 6 8	
Thos. Walsh..	Ditto at 5s. per perch, 60 perches.....	13 0 0	
Thos. Clark...	Ditto ditto 20 perches.....	4 6 8	
Thos. Walsh..	Ditto ditto, 76 perches.....	16 9 4	—76 18 4
Thos. White..	Beau-bois towards Port-au-Bras, 14 perches at 3s.....	1 16 5	
John Whelan..	Ditto ditto ditto.....	1 16 5	
Fras. Corkran.	Ditto ditto ditto.....	1 16 5	
W. Check....	Ditto ditto ditto 14 p.....	1 16 5	
Benj. Whittle.	Ditto ditto ditto.....	1 16 5	— 9 2 1
John Power...	Bulls Cove to Port-au-Bras, 17 perches at 3s.....	2 4 2	
Rich. Kennedy	Ditto ditto.....	2 4 2	
Rich. Walsh..	Ditto ditto.....	2 4 2	
Michl. Brown.	Bulls Cove towards Port-au-Bras, 20 perches at 5s...	4 6 8	
Jas. Kavanagh	Ditto ditto, 17 perches at 3s.....	2 4 2	—13 3 4
Wm. Revels...	Road to Great Burin, 17 perches, at 3s.....	2 4 2	
G. Newport...	Ditto ditto.....	2 4 2	— 4 8 4
Denis Long....	Beau-Bois to Port-au-Bras.....	0 18 2	— 0 18 2

Total expended to 17th January, 1851.....

£128 11 1

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February 25th, 1852.

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## TWILLINGATE ROAD DISTRICT.

Amounts granted in the Session of 1851.	BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS.
Twillingate ..... £150	Peyton, Esq. <i>Chairman.</i>
Tizzards Harbor ..... 25	Messrs. A. Pearce.
Morton ..... 25	Chas. Edmonds
Fortune ..... 25	John Young.
Stg. £225	Samuel Prowse, Esq.
	Mr. J. J. Pearce, <i>Inspector.</i>

A representation having been made to His Honor the Administrator of the Government in November last, by the Board of Road Commissioners at Twillingate, stating that the mercantile establishments there had such a short supply of provisions that it would be impossible for the Contractors to obtain from them any articles of food for the amounts they may severally earn by road work—and praying therefore that a portion of the amount voted for their roads, may be applied in the purchase in St. John's of a quantity of bread and flour, the same to be sent to Twillingate and placed under the controul of the Road Commissioners there, to be disposed of by them at a price no more than sufficient to cover costs and charges, to such Contractors as may request payment in those articles—adding, that unless this were done a supply of provisions must be sent to be distributed as pauper relief: His Honor, under the circumstances stated, was pleased to accede to the request, and the sum of £156 3s. 1d. stg. has been so applied—a detailed account of its expenditure with all necessary vouchers is to be forwarded by the Board of Commissioners.

In addition to the above the sum of £38 7s. 9. stg. has been expended on the North and South sides of Twillingate in general repairs, and in compensating parties for Land taken from them ; and the sum of £30 9s. 2d. stg. remains undrawn for.

## ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE.

NAMES OF CONTRACTORS.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	SUMS PAID TO CONTRACTORS IN CURRENCY.	TOTAL IN STERLING.
J. Stricklers.....	South side of Twillingate ...	£5 0 0	
R. Haines.....	North Side .....	6 10 0	
G. King.....	South Side.....	2 8 0	
T. Burton.....	“ .....	4 8 0	
J. Haskell.....	“ .....	5 4 6	
			£20 7 9
J. Elliot.....	Compensation for land tak- } en, south side Twillingate }	0 4 7	
J. Smith.....	Ditto	11 10 9	
			18 0 0
Amount of provisions purchased.....			156 3 1
		Total.....	£194 10 10

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24th February, 1852.

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## FOGO ROAD DISTRICT.

Amount granted in the Session of 1851.	Board of Road Commissioners.
Tilton Harbor..... £100 0 0	J. B. Righmore, Esq., <i>Chairman.</i>
Joe Bat's Arm and Bard Island 75 0 0	G. E. Ridoubt, Esq.
Fogo..... 100 0 0	Messrs. H. Findlater.
Between Fogo and Seldom-come-by..... 100 0 0	J. Winter.
	S. Ludlow.
	J. Fitzgerald, Esq., <i>Inspector.</i>
£375 0 0	

From the Fogo district no report of any kind has been received, and only one order has been forwarded for payment amounting to £24 stg. drawn in favour of eleven Contractors and made payable to Messrs. Cox & Co. of Fogo.

From the Burnt Island Exploits district, for which the sum of £75 was granted—no report has been received and no order presented for payment.

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## ROAD DISTRICT FROM HANTS HARBOR TO THE HEAD OF THE BAY.

Amounts voted in the Session of 1851.	Board of Road Commissioners.
New Harbor to Dildo ..... £18 Stg.	Robert Allerhead, Esq. <i>Chairman.</i>
Hearts Delight to Hearts Content 18 0 0	Mr. R. Underhay, Hearts Content.
Silly Cove to Hants Harbour..... 67 10 0	" James Bemister, New Perlican.
New Perlican Harbor Road..... 13 10 0	" James Wiseman, Hearts Delight.
	" John Killand, Scilly Cove.
£117 0 0	" James Quirk, <i>Inspectors.</i>

This District extends along the shore from Dildo on the South to Hants Harbor on the North.

From Dildo to New Harbour, is about one mile ; no portion of the sum voted last Session was expended during the past year. This amount (£18) the chairman is of opinion, will complete the mile of road.

From New Harbor to Hearts Delight no road has ever yet been opened.

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From Hearts Delight to Hearts Content is a distance of nine miles. The sum of £13 6s. 6d. sterling has been expended during the last year, and the balance (£4 13s. 6d. stg.) yet remains to be applied—after this latter sum shall have been expended, many parts of the road will require repairs, and the sum of fifty pounds will be necessary to complete them.

The road from Hearts Content to New Perlican is under the contract of the Carbonear Board and provided for in the grant for the road from Carbonear to New Perlican.

New Perlican to Scilly Cove and thence to Hants Harbor is a distance of nine miles.—The road is generally much out of repair, and it will require, in addition to the vote of last Session, the sum of £60 stg. to complete it. In the past season only £15 18s. 10d. was expended on this line.

New Perlican Harbour road has had only a small sum (£3 8s. 8d.) as yet expended on it.

## RECAPITULATION AND ESTIMATE.

Locality.	Amounts voted in the Session of 1851.	Am'ts expended in year 1851.	Balances.	Estimated to complete roads.
New Harbor to Dildo .....	£18 0 0	0 0 0	18 0 0	0 0 0
Hearts Delight to Heart's Content ..	18 0 0	13 6 6	4 13 6	50 0 0
Scilly Cove to Hants Harbor .....	67 10 0	15 18 11	51 11 1	60 0 0
New Perlican Harbor Road .....	13 10 0	3 8 8	10 1 4	10 0 0
	£117 0 0	32 14 1	84 5 11	120 0 0

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20th January, 1852.

## ROAD DISTRICT—TRINITY BAY NORTH.

Amounts granted in the Session of 1851.	Board of Road Commissioners.
Trinity to Catalina ..... Stg. £450	Mr. William Stoneman, <i>Chairman.</i>
Ditto to Bonaventure ..... 18	Francis K. Hepburn, Esq.
Brown Road in Trinity ..... 36	James Johnston, M. D. Esq.
	Mr. Robert Bayley
£504	A. Bremner, Esq. <i>Catalina.</i>
	Mr. Richard Ash, <i>Inspector.</i>

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## ROAD FROM TRINITY TO CATALINA.

During the past year the sum of £254 18 11 currency has been expended on this road chiefly in draining, the work having been done on an average at about 2s. 5d. cy., per perch. The general state of this road may be thus described—for the first three miles and a-half from Trinity it has been, by the work performed in former years, drained and prepared for gravelling; the second three and a half miles which end at Salmon Cove, have been brought into the same state by the contract of the past year. From Salmon Cove to the twelfth mile from Trinity (5 miles) the road has had no labor expended on it, beyond the mere opening, (done several years ago) to a width of fourteen feet. Between the 12th mile and Ragged Harbor to Catalina, a distance of about three miles, the road has been during the past year drained, and made fit for gravelling, and from Ragged Harbor to Catalina, a distance of about two miles, the road is, from the labor of former years, in a fair state.

To complete this road, that is to drain and gravel the whole distance between Trinity and Catalina, the Board of Commissioners estimate, would take the sum of £500 sterling in addition to the unexpended balance of £229 3s. 7d. sterling from the grant of last session.

## ROAD—TRINITY TO BONAVENTURE.

The sum of £18 stg. voted in the session of last year for the above named road remains yet to be applied, the Commissioners being of opinion that so small a sum could not be expended beneficially. The distance between Trinity and Bonaventure is about nine miles, and a road was opened some years ago between the two places of a width of fourteen feet, but nothing beyond this has been done. The opened line is represented as taken over hilly ground, and that it will require, in consequence, to be materially altered to secure a better level; to accomplish this would increase the distance between the places named to ten miles, and to complete it, that is to open, drain, and gravel the same, would require the sum of about £700 stg.

## BROWN HILL IN TRINITY.

The sum of £36 stg. was granted in the last session for Brown Hill, which has been expended—and to effect other and necessary repairs in the town of Trinity, the street and bridge in which are in a bad condition, would require the sum of about £100 stg.

## BRANCH ROAD—FROM THE BONAVENTURE LINE TO CUCKHOLD'S COVE.

This branch line is in extent about half a mile, and has been opened to a width of fourteen feet—but it has been neither drained nor gravelled; to effect this would require about £100 stg. The road if completed would be a very useful one.

## RECAPITULATION.

Sums granted—Session 1851.	Sums granted sterling.	Sums expended, sterling.	Balance stg.	Estimate to complete road, sterling.
Trinity to Catalina.....	£450 0 0	£220 19 1	£229 0 11	£500 0 0
Brown road in Trinity.....	36 0 0	36 0 0	.....	.....
Trinity to Bonaventure.....	18 0 0	.....	18 0 0	700 0 0
Street and Bridge in Trinity.....	.....	.....	.....	100 0 0
Branch road Bonaventure Line to Cuckold's Cove.....	.....	.....	.....	100 0 0
	£504 0 0	£256 19 1	£247 0 11	
Aggregate amount necessary to complete Roads.....				£1400 0 0

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## DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE.

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sums Paid to Contractors in currency.	Total in stg.
John Ash.....	Catalina Main Line of road	£ 10 0 0	
S. Freeman.....	Ditto	9 13 4	
Thos. Northover..	Ditto	5 0 0	
Henry Mase.....	Ditto	10 10 0	
Patk. Brinnick.....	Ditto	8 14 0	
Thos. Talbot.....	Ditto	17 0 0	
John Dooly.....	Ditto	15 3 0	
Patrick Dooly.....	Ditto	15 3 0	
Thos. Medus.....	Ditto	9 15 0	
Robert Bowman....	Ditto	7 8 10	
John Rendall.....	Ditto	4 13 4	
William Hyden.....	Ditto	9 2 3	
Jas. Goldsworthy..	Ditto	10 1 3	
Robert Done.....	Ditto	10 5 4	
Richard Ryan.....	Ditto	10 0 7	
Thomas Ryan.....	Ditto	10 6 10	
Robert Nurse.....	Ditto	10 7 6	
James Batson.....	Ditto	9 13 4	
William Nurse.....	Ditto	10 6 3	
Richard Barnes....	Ditto	11 18 0	
William Batson....	Ditto	10 8 9	
E. O'Donnell.....	Ditto	13 16 0	
John O'Donnell....	Ditto	14 19 0	
William Ryan.....	Ditto	6 0 0	
John Randle.....	Ditto	4 13 4	—£220 19 1
Thomas White.....	Brown's Hall, town of Trinity	10 12 0	
Charles Sevier.....	Ditto	8 12 0	
William Crocker....	Ditto	15 0 0	
Charles Sevier.....	Ditto	3 18 0	
Joseph Hewitt.....	Ditto	3 8 9	—36 0 0
Total expended.....			Stg. £256 19 1

## BONAVISTA BAY—ROAD DISTRICT.

The sum of £675 sterling granted for the Bonavista Bay District has been appropriated for the several Boards in that district in the following manner, viz. :

To the Bonavista Road Board the sum of .....	£206 13 0 Stg.
King's Cove Ditto .....	195 9 0
Salvage Ditto .....	50 10 0
Greenspond Ditto .....	217 10 0
Amount as yet unappropriated .....	4 18 0
	£675 0 0
Road from Catalina to Bird Island Cove .....	36 0 0
Road from King's Cove to Trinity .....	135 0 0
	£846 0 0

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From the Bonavista section of this district, orders for only four Contractors have been presented for payment—the aggregate amount of such orders being £8 7s. 1d. Sterling; but from a statement received from the Chairman of the Board, it appears that (though no orders have come forward beyond those mentioned) yet that contracts to the amount of £199 4s. 3d. Sterling have been finished, leaving only the small unexpended balance of £7 8s. 9d. Sterling; a detailed account of the actual payments made is shewn on the adjoining page, together with an estimate of the probable amount necessary to finish the roads in the Bonavista section of the Bonavista Bay road district.

From the King's Cove Road Board no report of any kind has been received, and only one order (for 20s, cy.) has been presented for payment.

From the Salvage Road Board no report or statement of any kind has been received and no order from that Board has been presented for payment.

From the Greenspond Road Board no report or statement of any kind has been received, and only one order for £6 7s. 1d. Sterling has been presented for payment.

## DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE.

NAMES OF CONTRACTORS.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	SUMS PAID CONTRACTORS.	TOTAL—STERLING.
Joseph Mifflin.....	Queen's Bridge, Bonavista.....	£3 0 0	
Charles Bright.....	Catalina Road.....	1 11 6	
Stephen Keel.....	Cape Bonavista.....	2 18 4	
Mark Keel.....	Ditto .....	2 3 0	£8 7 1

## RECAPITULATION.

Grants in 1851.	Am'ts. allowed for the several Road.	Amt's. paid on orders from the Boards.	Amt's in the Treasury yet undrawn.
Bonaventure Bay Road District .....£675			
Bonavista Board .....	£206 13 0	8 7 1	198 5 10
King's Cove Do. ....	195 9 0	0 17 4	194 11 0
Salvage Do. ....	50 10 0		50 10 0
Greenspond Do. ....	217 10 0	6 7 1	211 2 11
Sums appropriated .....	4 18 0		4 18 0
	£675 0 0	15 11 6	£659 8 6

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ROADS IN THE BONAVIDA SECTION OF THE BONAVIDA BAY ROAD  
DISTRICT.

ROAD.	SUM Sterling.
Road from Bonavista to Birchy Cove.....	£360 0 0
“ Birchy Cove to Newman’s Cove and Lower Amherst Cove....	60 0 0
“ Lower Amherst Cove to Seal Cove Brook.....	135 0 0
“ Bonavista to Catalina.....	100 0 0
In the town of Catalina to the Brook .....	60 0 0
From Catalina to Bird Island Cove .....	200 0 0
Roads, Streets and Bridges at Bonavista .....	100 0 0
Bonavista to Lance Cove .....	25 0 0
“ to Spillar’s Cove .....	80 0 0
“ to the Cape Light House .....	100 0 0
“ to Bird Island Cove .....	100 0 0
Total .....	£1320 0 0

24th February, 1852.

J. NOAD,  
*Supervisor. Gen.*

## TRINITY BAY SOUTH—ROAD DISTRICT.

Amounts voted in the Session of 1851.	Board of Road Commissioners.
Seal Cove to Old Perlican...£72 0 0 Stg.	S. March, <i>Chairman</i> , Old Perlican.
Old Perlican to Grates Cove 22 10 0	Richard Brooking, Do.
Short’s Marsh to Caplin Cove 13 10 0	S. Rendell, Hants Harbor.
	Saml. Miers Do.
	Thomas Cooper, Grates Cove.
	John Collins, <i>Inspector</i> .

From Seals Cove to Old Perlican is a distance of twelve miles ; the road leads through a rugged country interspersed with large marshes and crossed by four large brooks—the bridges over which are now in a dangerous state. During the past year the sum of £34 19s. 5d. stg. has been expended in levelling and gravelling ; the road repaired having been cleared 14 feet wide and gravelled seven.

To renew the Bridges, will take the sum of £200 stg., and to complete the road, that is, to level, drain, and gravel the same of the width as above mentioned, will require £500 stg. making an aggregate of Seven Hundred Pounds sterling, including the four new bridges.

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From Old Perlican to Grates Cove is a distance of six miles; during the past season the sum of £19 1s. 4d., stg. has been expended in general repairs. To complete the road will require about £212 stg., which is estimating the work to be done at the rate of £40 stg. per mile.

From Short's Marsh to Caplin Cove is a distance of about 3½ miles—during the past year the sum of £13 10s. stg. has been expended in general repairs. To complete the whole distance will cost at the rate of £40 stg. per mile, making an aggregate estimated amount of £120 stg.

## RECAPITULATION.

Roads for which grants were made in Session of 1851.	Stg. Amount granted 1851.	Stg. Amount expend'd in 1851.	Stg. Balance from Grants.	Stg. Estimated cost to complete road—Stg.
Seal Cove to Old Perlican.....	£72 0 0	34 19 5	37 0 7	700 0 0
Old Perlican to Grates Cove .....	22 10 0	19 1 4	3 8 8	212 0 0
Short's Marsh to Caplin Cove ....	13 10 0	13 10 0	0 0 0	120 0 0
	£108 0 0	67 10 9	40 9 3	

Estimated amount necessary to complete the Roads in Trinity Bay South  
Road District ..... Stg. £1,032 0 0

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.

Name Contractor.	Where employed.	Amount of Con- tracts paid.	Total.
James Green.....	Shorts Marsh towards Caplin Cove.....	£ 8 1 6 Cy.	Cy.
Abraham Green....	Ditto ditto.....	7 10 0 "	
		13 10 0 Stg.	£ 15 11 6½
John Day.....	Old Perlican towards Grates Cove.....	9 15 0	22 0 0
Thomas Barrett....	Ditto ditto.....	12 5 0	
		19 1 4 Stg.	
William Kavanagh	Ditto towards Hants Harbor.....	10 11 6	40 7 0
Joseph Barrett.....	Ditto ditto.....	15 5 6	
William Green.....	Ditto ditto.....	14 10 0	
		£34 19 5 Stg.	

20th January, 1852.

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## LOWER ISLAND COVE—ROAD DISTRICT.

Amounts granted in the Session of 1851.	Road Commissioners.
Main line from Western Bay to Bay-de-Verd..... £340 0 0	Richard Rankin, Esq., <i>Chairman</i> . Messrs. David Bransfield, Western Bay. Jabez Pike, Blackhead. John Power, Kettle Cove. Thomas Neill, Bay-de-Verd.
Road from Gussett's Cove to Western Bay..... 30 0 0	
Stg.....£370 0 0	

The Lower Island Cove Road District extends from Spout Cove to Bay-de-Verd, a distance of 29 miles. On this line during the past year there has been expended the sum of £95 9s. 5d. currency (sterling £82 14s. 10d.) in general repairs; of this sum £51 currency (stg. £41 4s. 0d.) was paid in repairing the bridge at Northern Bay, and which is now a far more durable structure than it was in the first instance.

The part of the road that most imperatively called for repairs, is situate between Lower Island Cove and Bay-de-Verd, and 372 perches given out in small lots have been drained and gravelled at rates varying from 1s. 3d. to 4s. 11d. per perch.

The plan of letting the contracts at auction has been tried and found efficient, especially in cases where the tenders have been considered excessive and consequently rejected.

The Commissioners have entered into Contracts for the several Bridges repairs on which are necessary, and the work on which is to be completed by the 15th May next.

No work has yet been done on the road leading from Gussett's Cove Chapel through Adam's Cove to Western Bay—the sum appropriated for that line, it is presumed, will be sufficient to put the same in a good state of repair and possibly leave some surplus.

To complete the whole line of road in this district, and to repair the Bridges, the Commissioners estimate, would require the sum of £250 Sterling, in addition to the unexpended balance from the vote of last session.

## RECAPITULATION.

Roads for which Grants were made in 1851.	Amount voted in 1851.	Sums expended in 1851, stg.	Balances sterling.	Estimated am't to complete road, stg.
Road from Western Bay to Bay de Verd.....	£ 340 0 0	£82 14 10	£ 257 5 2	£ 250 0 0
Road from Gussett's Cove to Western Bay.....	3 0 0	.....	30 0 0	.....
	£ 370 0 0	£82 14 10	£ 287 5 2	£250 0 0

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20th January, 1852.

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## DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE IN 1851.

NAMES OF CONTRACTORS.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	Am't vot- ed in Ster- ling.	Am't. paid to contractors in cy.	Total in stg.
Thos. Hannon.....	Western Bay to Bay-de-Verd	£340	£2 11 0	
Cornelius Byrne.....	Ditto		2 17 6	
Ditto .....	Ditto		2 8 0	
Thos. Neale, 5 contracts...	Ditto		15 8 7	
James Moon.....	Bridge at Western Bay.....		49 4 0	
Ditto .....	Ditto		1 16 0	
James Dunn.....	Bay-de-Verd and Caplin Cove		5 1 10	
John Culleniere.....	Road through Lower Island Cove.....		2 15 6	
John Manuel.....	Road between Caplin Cove & Island Cove .....		5 15 0	
Thos. Whelan.....	Western Bay to Bay-de-Verd		7 12 0	
				£82 14 1
		Cy. £95 9 5		

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20th January, 1852.

## BRIGUS ROAD DISTRICT—HOLYROOD TO SPANIARD'S BAY LONG BRIDGE.

Amounts voted in the Session of 1851.	Board of Road Commissioners.
Salmonier to Spaniards Bay Bridge inclusive..... £720 0 0	Mr. J. Lemon, Brigus, <i>Chairman</i> .
Parsons's Road from Mercer's Cove 20 0 0	Charles Cozens, Esq., Brigus.
Surveyor General's Road, South Shore..... 10 0 0	Mr. James Hearn, Do.
Smith's Village Road..... 15 0 0	James Cormack, Esq., Bay Roberts.
Tilley's Packet Road, Kelligrews.. 5 0 0	Mr. John Byrne, Holyrood; and Messrs.
Crawley's Road to McGrath's..... 15 0 0	Joshua Green and John Murphy, <i>Inspectors</i> .
Stg. £785 0 0	

The main road from Spaniard's Bay Long Bridge to the Salmonier road, is a distance of about 30 miles. From the Long Bridge to Brigus the road has been repaired and much improved during the last season, and though the greater part of it will require to be gravelled before it can be considered as complete, yet loaded carts can now pass along it with ease; and the two miles next to Brigus are very good.

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From Brigus to Salmon Cove Bridge (about 10 miles) the road is generally in a very bad state; the Commissioners having been able, from the funds at their disposal, only to repair the worst parts of the worst places, and much remains to be done before it will be fit to receive gravel.

From Salmon Cove Bridge to Harbor Main the road is in a fair state, requiring but slight repairs, and in some parts gravelling, and contracts have been entered into for gravelling the greater part of the road through Holyrood.

Between Brigus and Holyrood the main line is taken in several places in a very objectionable direction, leading as it does over hills situate near the head of Colliers and Cats Cove, which are so steep as to prevent the passage of loaded carts—an alteration in the part of the road referred to will be advisable both with reference to an economical expenditure as well as the public convenience.

There are several bridges on the main line which will require a considerable outlay. On the Northern and Southern Guts, Salmon Cove, the bridges which are large wooden structures, and have now been built several years (about 14) are in a very bad state; the repairs given them the past year were only considered by the Commissioners as sufficient to secure them for a few months; the bridges cost originally about £150 each; they could now be renewed at about £100 sterling each.

The Long Bridge at Spaniard's Bay (over 300 feet) is little better than a temporary erection, and will require at least £40 sterling to repair it.

Nothing has been done by the Commissioners towards the expenditure of the sums granted for the Surveyor General's Road, Smith's Village Road, Tilly's Packet Road, Crawley's Road and Parson's Road from Mercer's Cove. The sum of £20 appropriated for the latter road will be insufficient for its mere opening, and to make it passable, would, it may be presumed from the statement of the Commissioners, require from £80 to £100 in addition to the unexpended vote. The sum allotted for the road on the South-side of the Bay will be barely sufficient to open them roughly.

Many of the cross-roads in the district are described as wretchedly bad, and several settlements have as yet no road opened for them, as Turks Gut, Bulls Cove, Caplin Cove, and many others. The sums estimated as necessary to open additional cross-roads and to effect the repairs before referred to, are shown on the adjoining page.

J. NOAD,

*Supervisor General.*

19th February, 1852.

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## RECAPITULATION AND ESTIMATE.

## AMOUNTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE ROADS.

Roads for which grants were made in 1851.	Amount of Grants, stg.	Amts. paid on Contracts.	Balances or sums undrawn.	Estimated cost to complete road.
Spaniards Bay Bridge to Salmonier	£ 720 0 0	£ 564 9 4	£ 155 10 8	£ 1500
Parson's road from Mercer's Cove.	20 0 0	.....	20 0 0	100
Surveyor General's road, South Shore.....	10 0 0	.....	10 0 0	} 200
Smiths village road.....	15 0 0	.....	15 0 0	
Tilly's packet road, Kelligrews...	5 0 0	.....	5 0 0	
Crawley's road to J. McGrath's...	15 0 0	.....	15 0 0	
	£ 785 0 0	£ 564 9 4	£ 220 10 8	
Bridge at Salmon Cove, repairs ..				£20 0 0
Northern and Southern Gut, new bridge .....				200 0 0
Spaniards' Bay Long Bridge, repairs .....				40 0 0
Road in and about Holyrood .....				50 0 0
Do. Harbor Main .....				60 0 0
Road leading to Salmon Cove (1 mile) .....				50 0 0
“ from Main Road to Cats' Cove and Bacon Cove .....				150 0 0
“ from Main Road to Colliers .....				150 0 0
“ to Turks Gut and Bull Cove .....				100 0 0
“ to Riverhead Brigus .....				50 0 0
Road in the town of Brigus from Frogmarsh to the Butter's inclusive .....				150 0 0
Road, Colliers to Cats' Cove, repairs .....				30 0 0
From Main Road into Cupids to Burnt Head .....				100 0 0
From Main Road to Salmon Cove near Southern Gut .....				100 0 0
From Main Road Northern Gut to Bareneed, Port-de-Grave, and thence to Hibbs' Hole, 5 miles .....				150 0 0
From Main Road to Cold East Point .....				30 0 0
Do Bay Roberts to Black Duck Pond .....				30 0 0
Do. Do. to Sugglers Cove .....				100 0 0
Estimated aggregate sum necessary to complete Roads and Bridges in the Brigus Road District .....				£3,360 0 0

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## DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE.

Name of Contractor or Owner of Land.	Where Employed.	Sums paid Contractors in Cy.	Total in Stg.
Thomas Connelly.....	Compensation for land taken for Main Road, Holyrood.	£3 10 0	
James Woodford .....	Do.	40 0 0	
M. Benginall .....	Do.	2 0 0	
Richard Kelly .....	Do.	6 0 0	
M. Cummings .....	Do.	3 5 0	
Patrick Fitzgerald .....	Do.	10 0 5	
John Cunningham .....	Do.	15 0 0	
M. Benginall .....	Do.	1 5 0	
Joseph Parnell .....	Do.	5 0 0	
			74 10 8
John Heally .....	Compensation for land taken at Healey's Ferry.	5 0 0	4 6 8
John Hickey .....	Do. Hickey's Hill.	10 0 0	8 13 4
Michael Wall .....	Do. Grant's Marsh.	3 0 0.	2 12 0
James Cole .....	Do. Colliers.	5 15 0	
Patrick Conway .....	Do. Do.	1 15 0	
			6 10 0
John Percy .....	Do. Brigus.	10 0 0	
Edward Percy .....	Do. Do.	5 0 0	
			13 0 0
John Hearn.....	Do. Bay Roberts.	5 0 0	4 6 8
John Pearce .....	Do. Port-de-Grave.	4 0 0	3 9 4
	Total paid for compensation in Sterling. ....		£117 8 8
Patrick Carroll.....	Main Road.	18 10 0	
Thomas Duggan .....	Do.	10 17 0	
Patrick Foley .....	Do.	3 0 9	
Edward Ryan .....	Do.	3 10 0	
Wm. Ainsworth .....	Do.	3 15 0	
James Wall .....	Do.	12 5 0	
Thomas Pinnell .....	Do.	10 7 6	
Robert Manning .....	Do.	13 15 0	
Thomas Bride.....	Do.	14 4 0	
Pat Brian .....	Do.	4 7 1	
Lawrence Roach .....	Do.	4 7 1	
Edward Dollard .....	Do.	4 0 0	
Roger Tool .....	Do.	4 0 0	
Denis Kennedy .....	Do.	9 0 0	
George Butler .....	Do.	1 10 0	
James Brophy .....	Do.	3 8 8	

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Name of Contractor or owner of land.	Where Employed.	Sums paid Contractors in cy.	Total in Sterling.
William Butler .....	Main Road	£7 6 10	
John Whelan .....	Do.	3 10 0	
John Noel .....	Do.	15 0 0	
J. & J. Roberts .....	Do.	11 0 0	
John Harley .....	Do.	10 0 0	
David Whelan .....	Do.	9 10 0	
Stephen Shean .....	Do.	15 0 0	
Michael Hickey .....	Do.	4 10 3	
Do.	Do.	6 11 0	
Michael Wall.....	Do.	4 19 2	
R. & J. Whelan.....	Do.	12 13 4	
Thomas Fennell.....	Do.	2 10 0	
			£193 12 0
Michael Wall.....	Repairing Bridges on main line	1 0 0	
George Butler.....	Do.	5 0 0	
			5 4 0
Sullivan & Wall.....	Grant's Marsh	4 0 0	
Ditto .....	Do.	6 0 0	
Thomas Wall.....	Do.	11 1 0	
Garrett Wall.....	Do.	7 1 4	
			24 7 4
John Pennell.....	Healey's Ferry.	3 4 0	
			2 15 6
Daniel O'Connell.....	Main Road into Cat's Cove	10 0 0	
Ditto .....	Do.	5 10 0	
Philip Mahony.....	Do.	5 10 0	
			18 4 0
Samuel Whelan.....	Main Road into Colliers.	10 7 3	
Ditto .....	Do.	1 16 3	
Michael McDonald.....	Do.	7 9 9	
Daniel Fling.....	Do.	5 10 6	
			21 16 7
Patrick Brian.....	Road in and about Brigus	12 0 0	
Thomas Antle.....	Do.	1 10 0	
John Walsh.....	Do.	4 18 6	
John Dunn.....	Do.	19 6 8	
John Power.....	Do.	15 0 0	
			45 14 6
John Dunn.....	Brigus, work at Bridge	7 0 0	
James Breen.....	Road, Brigus to Cupids	6 10 0	
Patrick Grace.....	Do.	4 10 0	
Michael Hartery.....	Do.	7 0 0	
John Power.....	Do.	8 0 0	
			28 12 0
Patrick Croak.....	From Cupids to Main Road.	8 8 4	

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Name of Contractor or Owner of Land.	Where Employed.	Sums paid Contractors in cy.	Total in Sterling.
Philip Bennett.....	From Cupids to Main Road	£ 5 19 2	
John Conelly.....	Do.	13 0 0	
Ditto .....	Do.	11 15 0	
			33 18 2
Simon Spracklin.....	Main Road to Cupids N. Pond	6 13 4	
Alfred Roe.....	Do.	6 13 4	
Ditto .....	Do.	7 0 0	
			17 12 5
Roberts & Spracklin.....	Main Road to Port-de-Grave	11 9 0	
Thomas Norris.....	Do.	3 10 0	
Ditto .....	Do.	7 10 0	
Joseph Porter .....	Do.	2 10 0	
			21 12 5
Charles Calpin.....	Main Road into Bay Roberts	22 1 9	
Thomas Norris.....	Do.	16 13 4	
			33 11 9
Total amount of expenditure in 1851.. ...		£651 6 2	£564 9 4

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19th January, 1852.

## FORTUNE BAY—ROAD DISTRICT.

Sums granted in the Session of 1851.	Harbor Briton Board of Road Commissioners.
For Roads, Streets, and Bridges..... £450	Andrew Ellis, Esq. T. E. Gaden, Esq. John Frowd, Esq. H. Clinton, M. D. John Chapman, Esq. Messrs. John Cluett. John Grady. Patrick Burke, and James Pine.

No report received from the above district, and no orders presented for payment.

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## ON THE WESTERN SHORE—BETWEEN CAPE RAY AND BEYOND FORTUNE BAY.

Sum granted in the Session of 1851.	Board of Road Commissioners.
£225.	Rev. T. Appleby. Rev. J. Cunningham. William Mathew. Thomas Ried. Philip Clement.

No report received from the above district, and no order presented for payment.

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## ROAD DISTRICT—FROM PLACENTIA TO THE SWANS.

Sums granted in the Session of 1851.	Board of Road Commissioners.
From Placentia to the Swans ..... £50	F. L. Bradshaw, <i>Chairman.</i> Rev. W. Forrestal. R. F. Sweetman, Esq. Messrs. Michael Kelly, and John Rielly.

No report of the nature of the work done in the above named district has been received, but the whole sum is expended, and the order for the same presented and paid.

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## CARBONEAR—ROAD DISTRICT.

Sums granted in the Session of 1851.	Road Commissioners.
From Barrett's, north east of David Connor's, to Crocker's Cove bridge ..... £148 stg.	John McCarthy, Esq. <i>Chairman.</i>
Roads and Bridges, in and about Carbonear, &c. &c. .... 408 "	William W. Bemister, Esq.
Carbonear to New Perlican ..... 360 "	John Rorke, Esq.
—	George Forward, Esq., and
£916	Mr. William Brown.
	Mr. Richard Anderson, <i>Inspector.</i>

From Barrett's, north east of David Connor's to Crocker's Cove Bridge is a distance of about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles. During the past year the sum of £97 14s. 4d. sterling has been expended in repairs to Crocker's Cove Bridge; to the road between Carbonear and Harbor Grace, and to the drain, &c. in the main street in Carbonear; this road, to Carbonear beach (about 2 miles) is now in very tolerable repair, being gravelled 14 feet wide—from the Beach to Barrett's Cove, the road and main street will require material repairs, including levelling and gravelling to the latter, which will be necessary to be done during the present year.

Out of the sum of £408 stg. granted for roads in and about Carbonear, the sum of £192 7s. 11d. stg. has been expended during the past season, in general repairs on the various roads referred to in the Act.

From Carbonear to New Perlican, a distance of 15 miles, the road has been opened to a width of from 10 to 20 feet. Some parts of it are represented as badly laid out, and therefore requiring alteration during the past year; with the exception of that part lying between Heart's Content and New Perlican, the whole line has been drained and prepared for gravelling; the bridges on this road, 12 in number, and the cross drains, of which there are about 90, all require considerable repairs, or to be renewed. £200 is the sum estimated to effect the repairs.

## RECAPITULATION.

Roads for which Grants were made in 1851.	Sums granted in sterling.	Sums paid in Sterling.	Balance un-drawn for.	Estimated am't. to compl'te road.
From Barrett's, north east of David Connor's, to Crocker's Cove Bridge .....	£148 0 0	£97 14 4	£50 5 8	£580 0 0
Roads and Bridges in and about Carbonear .....	408 0 0	192 7 11	215 12 1	448 0 0
Carbonear to New Perlican ...	360 0 0	212 18 3	147 1 9	200 0 0
	£916 0 0	503 0 6	412 19 0	1228 0 0

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## ESTIMATE OF AMOUNT NECESSARY TO COMPLETE ROADS IN THE CARBONEAR ROAD DISTRICT.

From Spout Cove Bridge on the main line to Perry's Cove, 2 miles .....	£160
“ thence to Salmon Cove, three miles .....	90
“ thence to Clown's Cove .....	150
“ thence to Crockers Cove.....	50
“ thence to Carbonear Gut including the main street .....	100
“ thence to Barret's corner .....	30
Bye-roads in Carbonear District : —	
“ Bunker's Hill road .....	60
“ Crockers Do. ....	10
“ Jones' Do. ....	15
“ Bakery Do. ....	25
“ Gladstones road.....	15
“ Valley road—to be opened a mile further.....	50
“ London &c.....	20
“ South side from Powell's brook towards Penny's, and thence to join the Musquito Point road leading to Harbor Grace.....	60
“ Powell's Brook road leading to William Walsh's.....	18
“ English Hill.....	25
“ Hiscock's road .....	20
“ Scanlan's road—leading towards Little Beaver Pond.....	30
“ Bemister's Hill road.....	15
“ Irish Town road.....	40
“ Donovan's road.....	30
“ Crawley's road.....	15
Road from Carbonear to New Perlican.....	200
	Stg..... <u>£1,228</u>

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Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sums p'd to Contractors in Cy.	Totals in Stg.
Edward Ginney .....	(Amount specially voted) Valley Road .....	£6 18 5	6 0 0
Do.	Valley Road, and round Carbonear Pond Head.	4 0 0	
Henry Deane.....	Crocker's Cove to Spout Cove...	9 12 6	
Levi Butt.....	Do.	7 5 0	
William Parsons.....	Do.	8 0 10	
Joseph Butt.....	Do.	8 5 0	
Parsons and Bulers.....	Do.	7 19 9	
Ananius Case.....	Do.	8 0 0	
Terence Butt.....	Do.	3 9 10	
William Budden.....	Do.	14 6 6	
			58 0 10
John Moore.....	Main Street Carbonear.	2 0 0	
Thomas Drake.....	Do.	26 15 0	
Do.	Main Drain rear of Carbonear.	4 15 0	
			29 0 8
John Bailey.....	South-side Carbonear.	6 0 0	
John Walsh.....	Do.	13 10 0	
Edward Ginney.....	Do.	9 19 0	
Patrick Dunphy.....	Do.	8 10 0	
			32 17 10
John Kielley.....	London Road.	10 0 0	
John Walsh.....	Do.	6 0 0	
Henry Ryall.....	Do.	6 0 0	
			19 1 4
William Green.....	Valley Road.	19 15 0	
Ed. Ginney.....	Do.	8 0 0	
			24 1 0
William Budden.....	Between Carbonear and Spout Cove .....	4 0 0	3 9 4
Michael Kilarvay .....	Spout Cove Bridge.	1 0 0	0 17 4
Henry Burges .....	Hiscock's Road.	2 0 0	1 14 8
Patrick Rogers .....	Bemister's Hill Road.	6 0 0	5 4 0
Thomas Vincent .....	James's Hill Road.	2 18 0	2 10 3
Edward Ginney .....	Carbonear Pond Head.	7 0 0	6 1 4
James Howell .....	Repairing Bridge at Crocker's Cove .....	3 1 8	
Do.	Do.	7 18 4	
John Walsh .....	Road over Carbonear Beach.	9 10 0	
William Davis .....	Safety Wall main street, Carbonear .....	8 10 0	
Ed. Ginney .....	Carbonear Pond Road.	4 0 0	
William Davis .....	Main street Do.	4 5 0	
Ed. Ginney .....	Road between Harbor Grace and Carbonear .....	9 13 4	
Peter Keefe .....	Do.	15 0 0	

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Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sums p'd. to Contractors. Cy.	Totals in Stg.
Maurice Doherty .....	Road between Harbor Grace and Carbonear .....	17 0 0	
Edward Guiney .....	Do.	6 0 0	
Do.	Do.	19 6 8	
William Davis.....	Safety Hill north-side main street Carbonear .....	8 10 0	
George Lahy.....	Road between Carbonear and New Perlican .....	12 0 0	97 14 4
Richard Butt.....	Do.	5 15 0	
William Butt.....	Do.	5 0 0	
George Everly.....	Do.	13 0 0	
David Layan.....	Do.	28 0 0	
Thomas Drake.....	Do.	11 18 0	
Edward Hopkins.....	Do.	18 15 0	
Robert Peddle.....	Do.	10 0 0	
Henry Ryall.....	Do.	13 0 0	
Joseph Butt.....	Do.	18 0 0	
Moses Butt.....	Do.	35 0 0	
William Kennedy.....	Do.	10 10 0	
Henry Ryall.....	Do.	10 10 0	
John Walsh.....	Do.	27 0 0	
James Grant.....	Do.	3 0 0	
William Crowby.....	Do.	6 5 10	
William Penny.....	Do.	17 19 6	212 18 3
Total expended in Stg. in '51.			£503 0 6

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## FERRYLAND—ROAD DISTRICT.

Sums granted in the Session of 1851.	Board of Road Commissioners.
Bridge at Bay Bulls..... £50 0 0	Matthew Morry, Esq., Ferryland, <i>Chairman.</i>
Road South side of Renew's..... 40 0 0	Messrs. James Carter, Do.
“ Goulds to Bay Bulls ..... 50 0 0	Thomas Norris, Do.
“ Between Bay Bulls & Toads Cove..... 50 0 0	Peter Winser, Esq., Aquaforte.
“ Toads Cove to Renew's..... 530 0 0	Mr. M. Coady, Bay Bulls.
	Mr. M. Morry, Jr., <i>Inspector.</i>
£720 0 0	

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The sum of £530 granted for the general repairs of the road between Toads Cove and Renewsc, has been apportioned by the Commissioners in the following manner, viz. :—

For the road between Toads Cove and Brigus cross road .....	£307 Stg.
From the Brigus cross-road to Renewsc .....	93 “
Towards the construction of the Bridge at Aquaforte .....	130 “

The old line of road between Toads Cove and the road leading from the main line to Brigus having been originally badly laid out, the country was re-examined by Mr. Byrne, Road Surveyor, and a new line surveyed and re-commended by him, of about four miles in length, was adopted and partly opened. During the past year, the opening has been completed, and contracts entered into for making about five miles of the road—, that is, opening and levelling the same fourteen feet wide, and gravelling seven feet. To accomplish this will take the sum of £307 above mentioned, and to complete the whole distance between Toads Cove and Brigus cross road, including all necessary bridges and cross drains, will require an additional sum of £350 Sterling.

On the Road lying between the Brigus cross-road and Renewsc, a distance of nearly nineteen miles, the sum of £15 *1s. 7d.* Sterling has been expended during the past year, in repairing Bridges and cross-drains, and contracts have been entered into for the removal and repairs of others, the whole of the Bridges and cross-drains in this portion of the main line being greatly out of repair. The road is a tolerable bridle road, but needs repairs, and to put the whole into an efficient state will require about £450 Stg.

## AQUAFORTE BRIDGE.

The Commissioners have contracted for the erection of 10 wharves at a cost of £115 Currency, which are partly finished, and are to be completed in the spring—This Bridge when finished will be 470 feet in length from land to land, and 14 feet broad. It will require half a mile of road to be made as an approach to it, on the north side, and three quarters of a mile of road on the south side. To effect this, as well as to complete the Bridge, will require in addition to the £130, a further sum of £320 Sterling.

## FROM THE GOULDS TO BAY BULLS.

The sum allotted for this part of the road yet remains to be expended.

The Bridge at Bay Bulls for which the sum of Fifty pounds was granted, has been built for that amount. It is 108 feet long, built with scantling and covered with plank (three inch) seven feet wide. This Bridge, it is expected, will last without any material repairs, for 10 or 12 years.

## FOR THE ROAD ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF RENEWS

The sum of Forty pounds Stg. was granted and has been expended in repairing marshes and rendering them fit for a horse and cart to pass between Renewsc and Broad Cove.

## ROAD BETWEEN BAY BULLS AND TOADS COVE.

Of the sum of £50 allotted for this Road, and left to be applied under the direction of the Governor, thirty pounds Stg. has been expended under the control of the Rev. P. Clary, in

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draining, levelling, and gravelling, and the unexpended balance will render the road passable, but not for vehicles with heavy loads.

N. B. It may be questionable whether it would not be more advisable to open a new line of road between the new Bridge at Aquaforte and Fermews, a distance of about three miles, rather than to make three quarters of a mile in an indirect direction to meet the main road, and that more especially when the existing main road between the places named is not well laid out, and when a much better line could be found.

## RECAPITULATION.

Roads for which Grants were made in 1851.	Sums granted in sterling.	Sums paid in Sterling.	Balance un-drawn Stg.	Estimated am't. to complete roads.
Bridge at Bay Bulls.....	£50 0 0	£50 0 0	... ..	... ..
Road South side Renew.....	40 0 0	40 0 0	... ..	... ..
Goulds to Bay Bulls.....	50 0 0	... ..	£50 0 0	£60 0 0
Bay Bulls to Toads Cove.....	50 0 0	30 0 0	20 0 0	60 0 0
Between Toads Cove and Brigus Cross Road.....	307 0 0	156 15 3	150 4 9	350 0 0
Brigus Cross Road to Renew..	93 0 0	15 1 7	77 18 5	450 0 0
Bridge at Aquaforte.....	130 0 0	25 7 0	104 13 0	320 0 0
<b>Total in Sterling .....</b>	<b>£720 0 0</b>	<b>£317 3 10</b>	<b>£402 16 2</b>	<b>£1,240 0 0</b>

JOSEPH NOAD,  
*Supervisor-General.*

9th February, 1852.

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## DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE.

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sums p'd. Contractors in Cy.	Total in Stg.
Thomas Fortune ...	40 perches clearing off woods, LaManche..	£3 0 0	
Patrick Neagle.....	Ditto ditto.....	3 7 0	
John Hearn.....	Ditto ditto.....	2 18 0	
John Braswell .....	40 p. road—LaManche and Hell Hill bridge	5 16 8	
Patrick Power.....	Ditto ditto.....	7 10 0	
Martin Lary .....	Ditto La Manche.....	4 16 8	
Edward Keef.....	Ditto ditto.....	5 0 0	
Edward Hayley....	Ditto ditto.....	7 3 0	
Thomas Fortune ...	41 Ditto ditto.....	4 19 1	
Patrick Tobin.....	Ditto ditto.....	6 0 0	
Michael Green.....	10 Ditto Hell Hill.....	4 11 1	
John Hays.....	Ditto LaManche.....	5 4 5	
Philip Kough.....	59 Ditto Hell Hill.....	11 1 3	
Mat. Whelan.....	44 Ditto LaManche.....	8 5 0	
Peter Gregory.....	40 Ditto ditto.....	3 17 9	
George Barfield... 40	Ditto ditto.....	7 0 0	
James Maney.....	Ditto ditto.....	5 10 0	
Thomas Keys.....	Ditto ditto.....	10 0 0	
Michael Lahey.....	Ditto ditto.....	6 13 4	
Michael Bryan.....	Ditto Hell Hill.....	3 17 10	
William Bryan.....	Ditto ditto.....	5 4 6	
John Duggan.....	Ditto LaManche.....	6 2 3	
Nicholas Green....	Ditto Hell Hill.....	4 8 10	
Patrick Dunphy....	Ditto LaManche.....	6 13 4	
John Bowlind.....	Ditto ditto.....	6 13 4	
Thomas Hayden....	Ditto ditto.....	4 13 11	
James Hayes.....	Ditto ditto.....	5 4 5	
Michael Bryan.....	Ditto ditto.....	4 0 0	
Edward Keef.....	Ditto, Toads Cove & LaManche..	5 4 5	
Ditto Ditto.....	40 Ditto road at LaManche.....	8 0 0	
Garret Burke.....	Road near Toads Cove.....	3 3 9	
Cornelius Power...	Ditto at LaManche.....	4 17 9	
Robert Oats.....	6 drains between Fermeuse and Renewse..	3 0 0	
John Power.....	Bridge between Caplin Bay & Cape Broyle	5 9 0	
James Wickins....	Road to Renewse.....	4 19 0	
Walter Keating ...	Ditto.....	4 0 0	
James Murphy.....	South side of Renewse.....	6 18 5½	£15 1 7
John Sheen.....	Ditto.....	17 6 2	
Edward Quinland..	Ditto.....	4 12 3½	
John Degan.....	Ditto.....	4 12 3½	
Edward Sheen.....	Ditto.....	12 13 10½	
Michael Coady.....	Bridge at Bay Bulls.....		40 0 0
Robert Powell.....	Bridge at Aquaforte.....	3 9 8	50 0 0
Samuel Hunt.....	Ditto.....	3 4 0	

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## DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE.—[CONTINUED.]

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sums p'd Contractors, cy.
Terence Tool.....	Bridge at Aquaforte.....	£3 10 0
Joseph Gatherall...	Ditto.....	3 13 4
Martin Conway....	Ditto.....	3 19 0
George Parsons.....	Ditto.....	3 18 0
John White.....	Ditto.....	3 19 0
Thomas Lovel.....	Ditto.....	3 13 0
		£25 7 0
		£287 3 10

## HARBOR GRACE—ROAD DISTRICT.

Sums granted in the Session of 1851.	Board of Road Commissioners.
From Spaniards Bay Long Bridge to Ship Head, Harbor Grace, Stg. .... } £180	Messrs. ANDREW DRYSDALE, <i>Chairman</i> . DANIEL GREEN. JAMES HANRAHAN. FRANCIS LYNCH, and MOSES GOSSE,—U. I. Cove. RICHARD ANDERSON, <i>Inspector</i> .
Carbonear Road—from Water-street, Harbor Grace, Stg. .... } 27	
Towards the opening, repairing &c. of Roads leading to and from H. Grace, &c. Stg. .... } 422	
Road, Harbor Grace to New Harbor, Stg. .... } 90	

## MAIN ROAD FROM SPANIARD'S BAY LONG BRIDGE TO SHIP HEAD, HARBOR GRACE.

Is a distance of six miles and three-quarters of a mile—the first three and three-quarter miles reach from Ship Head to Spaniard's Bay ridge, and which during the past year have been drained—cleared to a width of 20 feet and gravelled twelve feet, at a cost of £142 6s. 6d. stg.

From Spaniard's Bay ridge to the Long Bridge at Spaniard's Bay, a distance of three miles, the road has yet to be drained, and the balance remaining from the sum voted (£180) equal to £37 13s. 6d. Sterling is reserved for that purpose.—To complete the last mentioned three miles, that is, to drain, gravel, and roughly repair the same, will, it is estimated, cost an additional sum of £200 Currency.

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Carbonear Road—from Water Street—Harbor Grace ; comprises within it about one mile and a half of road—The sum of £10 12s. 9d. Stg. has been expended in draining, clearing, and gravelling—To complete the whole distance will require in addition to the unexpended balance of £16 7s. 3d. Stg. the sum of £70 Stg.

**HARBOR GRACE TO NEW HARBOUR.**

In 1846 the road to New Harbor was opened—the width varying—the first four miles from Spaniard's Bay road having been opened eighteen feet wide and the stumps removed—the second four miles were opened eight feet wide—the work on the eight miles here named was done under the Harbor Grace Board.—From the eighth mile to the old road, a distance of four and a quarter miles, the road was opened by the New Harbor Board, the whole having been performed under the general superintendence of Mr. McGill, the then Surveyor connected with a Board of Control.—From the end of the new line as above described, to New Harbour, is a distance of two miles and five furlongs, following the old road. The whole distance between the Spaniard's Bay road and New Harbor is fourteen miles and five furlongs.

During the past season the first five miles from Spaniard's Bay road has been drained and made fit for carts, and to complete the whole in the same manner will require the sum of £260 Sterling.

**BYE ROAD LEADING TO AND FROM HARBOR GRACE—SOUTH SIDE—RIVER HEAD, &c. &c. &c.**

From River Head, Harbor Grace, towards Island Cove, is a distance of three miles. During the last year one and one fourth miles have been drained and gravelled eight feet wide, at an outlay of £41 16s. Stg., and to complete the same, including the branch road to Bishop's Cove, will require a further sum of £26 stg.

From Island Cove through Bishop's Cove to Northern Cove, Spaniards Bay, is a distance of four miles. During the past season the road between Bishop's Cove and Otterbury (2 miles) has been drained and gravelled eight feet wide. To complete the whole in a like manner will require the sum of £26 stg.

On the South-side Harbor Grace, from River-head towards Feather Point, the sum of £44 stg. has been expended in side and cross-draining and in general repairs. On the Lady Pond road £36 3s. 8d. Stg. has been expended. On the Mosquito Valley Road the sum of £26 1s. 0d. Stg.—On the Cork Road, Hard-path Road, Crowdy Road, Woodville Road, and Native Road, general repairs have been done. On the whole of the foregoing bye-roads the aggregate sum of £237 8s. 0d. stg. has been expended. The sum granted for them was £122 stg. ; a balance therefore of £184 12s. 0d. yet remains undrawn for. To put these bye-roads, as enumerated, together with others as stated in the Appendix A, into a tolerable state of repair, would, it is estimated, require the sum of £1373 Stg.

To show the situation of the various roads referred to, a sketch of Harbor Grace is annexed, on which they are laid down—this sketch is not exhibited as a survey—but merely as an eye sketch, and is added only to make the report more easily understood.

J. NOAD,

*Supervisor General.*

2nd February, 1852.

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## DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE IN 1851.

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sums p'd. to Contractors. Cy.	Totals in Stg.
Timothy Ryan.....	Road from Harbor Grace towards Spaniards Bay	£18 0 0	
William Smith.....	Do.	18 0 0	
John Dooling.....	Do.	27 16 3	
Patrick Hearn.....	Do.	18 10 0	
Timothy Ryan.....	Do.	23 11 6	
Michael Smalcombe.....	Do.	29 6 8	
Patrick Hearn.....	Do.	29 0 0	
			£142 6 6
Michael McCormack.....	Carbonear Road from Waterstreet, Harbor Grace.	12 5 6	
			10 12 9
William Grealy.....	Harbor Grace towards Island Cove.	19 18 0	
Joseph Burn.....	Do.	12 6 8	
W. Sharp & Moses Behan.	Do.	16 0 0	
			41 16 1
Nicholas Dobbyn.....	Island Cove towards Spaniards Bay.	2 10 0	
John Higgins.....	Do.	11 15 0	
Jacob Smith.....	Do.	12 6 0	
Abraham Smith.....	Do.	11 0 0	
John Higgins.....	Do.	12 0 0	
			42 13 10
William Ryan.....	South side Harbor Grace.	12 0 0	
D. & John McCarthy.....	Do.	20 0 0	
Do.	Do.	19 0 0	
			44 4 0
Patrick Loughnan.....	Hard Path Road.	15 10 0	
			13 8 8
William Brennan.....	Lady Pond Road.	12 0 0	
Thomas Griffin.....	Do.	3 15 0	
Phil. Shea and H. McLean	Do.	16 13 4	
William Conolly.....	Do.	9 6 8	
			36 3 8
Mathew Stevenson.....	Native Road	7 10 0	
John Bolan.....	Do.	4 0 0	
Roger Hanrahan.....	Mosquito Valley Road.	22 10 0	
Mathew Ryan.....	Do.	7 11 2	
Michael Donohue.....	Crowdy Road	3 0 0	
Mor. and George Walsh...	Cork Road	17 6 8	
James Ryan.....	Woodville Road.	6 0 0	
Robert Pike.....	New Harbor Road.	6 13 4	
Moses Butt.....	Do.	6 13 4	
Robert Mercer.....	Do.	6 13 4	

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## DETAILED ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE IN 1851.—[CONTINUED.]

Name of Contractor.	Where employed.	Sums p'd. to Contractors. Cy.	Totals in Stg.
William Jones.....	New Harbor Road.	£6 13 4	
Caleb Peddle.....	Do.	7 0 0	29 3 7
Total paid in the past season.....Stg.			£419 10 10

## RECAPITULATION AND ESTIMATE OF AMOUNT NECESSARY TO COMPLETE ROADS.

## APPENDIX, A.

Roads, &c. for which Grants were made in 1851.	Amts. granted in Sterling.	Amts. paid in stg.	Balances un-drawn, stg.	Estimat'd sums to complete roads, stg.
Spaniard's Bay Long Bridge to Ship Head, Harbor Grace.....	£180 0 0	£142 6 6	£37 13 6	£173 6 8
Carbonear Road—From Water Street, Harbour Grace.....	27 0 0	10 12 9	16 7 3	59 6 8
Towards opening roads, &c. about do.....	422 0 0	237 8 0	184 12 0	
Harbor Grace to New Harbor.....	90 0 0	29 3 7	60 16 5	260 0 0
	£719 0 0	£419 10 10	£299 9 2	

## ROADS ESTIMATED FOR AS UNDER.

Road Island Cove and Bishops Cove to Spaniard's Bay .....	£26 0 0
“ Harbor Grace to Island Cove and Bishops Cove .....	26 0 0
“ South side Harbor Grace River Head to Feather Point &c. ....	43 6 1
Lady Pond Road .....	34 13 4

## ROADS LEADING TO AND FROM SPANIARDS' BAY, VIZ.:

Phelan's Road £5 Cy. Godsells Road £15 Cy. £20 Fields Road, Spaniard's Bay Road to Bishops Cove, £1 <sup>n</sup> Cy. ....	26 0 0
Island Cove street, and Island Cove to Bryants Cove.....	26 0 0

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## ROADS IN AND ABOUT BRYANT'S COVE, VIZ:—

Hearn's Road Cy. £10, Squid Cove Road Cy. £10 £20 Cy.....	}	Sterling.
Bryant's Cove Valley Road.....£20		
Do. to Feather Point £15 Cy. Road to School		
House £10.....£25		
		£56 6 8

## ROADS LEADING FROM SOUTH SIDE HARBOR GRACE, VIZ:—

To Bryant's Cove, £30 Cy., Fairy Road, £10 Cy.....£40	}	60 13 4
Youghal Road, £10 Cy. Glavine's Road, £10 Cy.		
Black Marsh Road, £10.....£30		

## ROAD LEADING FROM RIVER HEAD, HARBOR GRACE, VIZ:—

Gulley Path road, £10 Cy. Fisherman's road, £10 Cy. £20.....	}	69 6 8
Cooper Corner road, £15 Cy. Hard Path road, £15 Cy. 30.....		
Dungarvan road, £10 Cy. Mill road, £20 Cy.....30.....		
Cork Road.....		
		17 6 8

## ROADS LEADING FROM MAIN ROAD TO CORK ROAD.

Summer's road, £10 Cy. St. Mark's road, £10 Cy. Oulard	}	£52 0 0
Hill road, £10 Cy.....£30		
Gardner's road, £10 Cy. Mc Donald's road, £10 Cy.		
Scotland road, £10 Cy.....£30		
Newtown road, from main road, to Lady Pond road.....	}	17 6 8
Devonshire road, £10 Cy. Stanley road, £10 Cy. leading to		
Newtown Road.....		
		17 6 8

## ROAD LEADING FROM WATER STREET—WEST OF NOAD STREET, VIZ:—

Smith's Lane £10 Cy.....	8 19 4
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ROAD LEADING FROM WATER STREET TO HARVEY STREET, BETWEEN  
NOAD AND VICTORIA STREETS, VIZ:—

Brazil's Lane, £10 Cy. Martin's Lane £10 Cy.....	17 6 8
Parker's Lane, £10 Cy. Prendergast's Lane, £10 Cy. between Victoria and LeMarchant Streets.....	17 6 8
Bennett's Lane, £10, Kingswell's Lane, £10 Cy. Webber's Lane £10 Cy. Kerry Lane, £10 Cy.....	34 13 4
Woodville road, £20 Cy., Old Balley road, £5 Cy. Kennedy's Road, £5 Cy.....	26 0 0
Sullivan's Hill road, Noad Street to Lady Pond, £20 Cy. Bow- lan's road, from Lady Pond, £10.....	26 0 0
Dunmain road, £10 Cy. Kitchen's Hill road, £10 Cy. Native Road, £10 Cy. Rosemore road, £10 Cy.....	34 13 4
Cottage road, £10 Cy. Driscoll's road, £20 Cy. Crowdy road, £40 Cy. Higgin's road, £10 Cy.....	69 6 8
Military Road, £40 Cy. Kildare road, £20 Cy. Mount Pleasant Road, £10 Cy.....	60 13 4
DesBarres road, £20 Cy. Forbes' road, £10 Cy. Pike's road, £10 Cy.....	34 13 4

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## ROADS LEADING TO AND FROM MOSQUITTO.

Mosquitto South Branch.....	£43 6 8
Barrott road, £10 Cy. Kilcash road, £10 Cy. Doran's road, £10 Cy.....	26 0 0
Estimated sum to complete the road in the Harbour Grace Road District.....	Stg. £1,373 13 4

## CONTINGENCIES.

STATEMENT SHEWING THE SUMS PAID ON ACCOUNT OF THE CONTINGENCIES OF THE SEVERAL ROAD BOARDS, TO 17TH JANUARY, 1852.

Road District.	Names of persons to whom payments were made.	Service.	Amt. of order in Stg.	Sums expended by Board.
St. John's.....	James Douglas.....	Chairman.	£80 0 0	3,293 15
".....	Thomas Byrne.....	Inspector.	80 0 0	
".....	John Delaney.....	Do.	40 0 0	
".....	Edward Tobin.....	Do.	40 0 0	
".....	R. J. Parsons.....	Printing	8 15 6	
".....	P. McConnan.....	Stationery.	8 15 3	
			257 10 9	
Harbor Grace....	Andrew Drysdale.....	Chairman.	19 12 2	} 419 10 10
".....	".....	Contingencies.	3 2 10	
".....	Richard Anderson.....	Inspector.	19 12 2	
			42 7 2	
Carbonear.....	John McCarthy.....	Chairman.	23 5 3	503 0 6
".....	Richard Anderson.....	Inspector.	23 5 3	
			46 10 6	
Trinity Bay, North	William Stoneman.....	Chairman.	22 18 3	256 19 1
Ferryland.....	Robert Evans.....	Inspector, Renewals.	2 0 0	40 0 0
Hants Harbor to Head of the Bay	Robert Ollerhead.....	Chairman	3 9 4	32 14 1
Brigus.....	John Murphy.....	Inspector.	8 13 4	564 9 4
	J. Noad, Supervisor General, whose whole remuneration is to be at the rate of $\frac{2}{3}$ per cent. on amount.....		26 0 0	
	Whole amount paid for Con- tingencies to 17th January, 1852.....		409 9 4	

J. NOAD,

*Supervisor General.*

24th. February, 1852.

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UNDER ACT VICTORIA 14, CAP. 2.

The first Act of the Commissioners after their appointment was to ascertain the actual condition of the Roads and streets under their direction, and for which Legislative Grants had been given, that they might be the better informed as to how far the sums appropriated would meet the requirements of the Roads and Streets respectively.

This preliminary and requisite information having been obtained, the Commissioners lost no time in causing Plans and Specifications to be prepared, having strict reference to the means at their disposal, and in the interim advertising for the performance of the work in conformity with the provisions of the Road Act, restricting their operations in the first instance to the principal Roads and Streets which require more immediate attention.

It may not be out of place in the outset to remark that the very limited means placed at the disposal of the Commissioners for each particular service, confined their proceedings in most instances to very partial repairs, where they had wished to have made more permanent improvements: their operations, however, which have been of a widely extended and diversified character, have not been without important and useful results—which they trust will be experienced not only in the Town and District, but be felt in every part of the country where the supervision of the Roads has been confided to the Central Road Board.

The main object of this Report, however, being to impart to His Excellency and the Legislature, more precise information of what has been done as well as what remains to be accomplished, the Commissioners have thought it advisable briefly to refer to the Roads and Streets on which money has been expended, and where by a reference to the work performed, the benefits already conferred, and yet to be derived, afford the best evidence that the Commissioners could possibly give of the useful expenditure of the public money.

## PORTUGAL COVE ROAD.

On this Road, extending ten miles, there is a vast amount of traffic at all seasons of the year, and viewing it as connecting Conception Bay and the Northern districts with the capital by means of the packet station at Portugal Cove, may as yet be fairly considered the most important Main Road within the Central District; nevertheless its paramount importance has been overlooked, inasmuch as no adequate grant has been given for some years past to put it in a thorough state of repair.

For want of means alone the smaller Bridges and Cross-drains have fallen into a state of decay; the centre of the road-way is worn down to its very foundation, and in many parts below the level of the side-channels; moreover the side-drains being literally filled up with deposit from the banks on each side of the road, exposes it to the action of the rain and the constant overflow of water from the high ground which everywhere overlooks it.

To remedy this manifest defect the side drains should first be scoured and deepened along the whole line, and a coating of good road material laid on the centre of the road to a depth of eighteen inches at least; were this once accomplished, a comparatively small grant annually would serve to keep it in excellent working order, whilst in the absence of this draining and raising, a large annual grant will be required.

Every attention that the Commissioners could possibly bestow was given to the right application of the grant for this service, to which may be added a rigid inspection (on this as well as on all the other roads) during the progress of the work, and the repairs having been contracted for at an exceedingly low rate, upwards of five miles have been greatly improved and the whole brought into a very passable state.

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Few roads offer so many advantages for improvement as that referred to; excellent material of every description is to be had in abundance along the whole line, and stones suitable for roadwork have been deposited for many miles close to the road, inviting, as it were, a trial of the Macadamising system—moderate means therefore would be wanted to make this one of the most durable roads in North America.

## TOPSAIL ROAD.

The extensive traffic on this Road, extending twelve miles, in the course of last spring and the early part of the summer left it in a very indifferent state of repair, and it was not without reflection that the Commissioners were enabled to decide on the nature and extent of repairs which the small sum granted for it would authorize—and the difficulty was still further increased in determining on those parts that should be first attended to, the whole Line being much in the same state. It was however thought desirable to extend partial mending along the whole distance, and wherever it should be found most necessary and to such extent as the means in hands would permit—however the first work having been contracted for at a very low rate, justified the plan adopted, and now is in a very tolerable state of repair.

The sum appropriated by the Legislature having been expended in effecting the general repairs referred to, no surplus remained to be applied to the scouring of the side drains and clearing and repairing the cross drains, and which, for the preservation of the Roads, are of paramount importance. The Commissioners therefore most gladly embrace the opportunity afforded them, in this their first report, of stating their opinions, and further take leave to urge their well-founded convictions for the consideration of the proper authorities, having been taught by experience that the expenditure of trifling sums for the purpose of effecting slight repairs on the Roads generally, without having previously scoured the Drains so as to discharge the water, is in a great measure a wasteful outlay of the public money:—many instances might be adduced which came under the view of the Board during the heavy freshets which took place on the 7th and 8th November last, and which did great damage that would not have happened had the drains been of sufficient capacity and in a state of repair, and this the Commissioners, for want of adequate means, could not accomplish. The Commissioners further take leave to submit that the foregoing remarks are strictly applicable to every Road under their direction.

Before closing their remarks on this much frequented Road, the Commissioners have to draw attention to the exceeding narrowness of parts of the Road alluded to, and particularly from Judge DesBarres' property to Brookfield farm, which makes it very unsafe; the slightest deviation, particularly by night, would expose the traveller to imminent danger. There are other parts of the Roads in a similar state—say along the whole of the 6th and 7th miles where the road-way is raised, and very high and narrow.

## BAY BULLS ROAD.

This most important main line of road, which is the only outlet to all the Southern settlements as far as Trepassy, and when completed will connect the intermediate harbours, &c., with the Capital, is still in a very unfinished state, even between Saint John's and Bay Bulls, a distance of eighteen miles, about two-thirds only have been prepared for gravel or other suitable road metal, and in many parts, very imperfectly drained and bridged.

The value of this road to the public will be infinitely enhanced when the contemplated Telegraph shall have been established, as Trepassey may then become an important packet station.

That part under the supervision of the Central Road Board, and situate between Saint John's and the Goulds, (eight miles) was greatly cut into deep holes and ruts, while the snow

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yet partially covered it in the spring—and the Commissioners were at a loss how to apply the small sum granted for the repairs to any permanently beneficial purpose. They were therefore induced to confine the expenditure in the mean time to making it passable, resting on the assumption that an adequate sum would be granted by the Legislature the ensuing session to complete it.

It is much to be regretted that this great Main Road which will, when completed, confer so many advantages, and holds out such inducements to the people of Bay Bulls, and the whole of the settlers along the Southern Shore, should have been left so long unfinished. At present it is only partially made, leaving large intervals almost untouched throughout the whole line, which, as far as the inhabitants are concerned, for practical purposes, precludes them from every advantage derivable or resulting from rapid and uninterrupted intercourse.

Great however as would be the advantages to the more Southern settlements, from the completion of the whole line to Trepassey, they would not be the only parties benefitted. When the Branch Road from Petty Harbour, to the Goulds shall have been made and opened for public use, the people of Petty Harbour will have received a lasting benefit, and such as is not, we apprehend, at present fully foreseen. The farming interests at the Goulds would also receive an impulse which would shortly raise this young settlement from its present languid state into a prosperous condition. In a word, were the roads referred to above sufficiently made for the safe use of Carts, &c. the traffic from all parts of the district of Ferryland would be quadrupled in one season. If the foregoing remarks be correct, the utility of this road has not only been undervalued, but greatly overlooked.

## TORBAY ROAD.

This much frequented Road, extending nearly eight miles, which is alike useful to fisherman and farmer, was in the first instance only prepared for gravel; consequently it is the more liable to be worked into ruts and holes during the melting away of the snow in the Spring, and it is also much affected in the fall of the year from alternate rain and frost.

The sum granted by the Legislature, though small, was husbanded and laid out to the very best advantage, and the worst parts were selected.

The road from Torbay to Flat Rock, and thence to Pouch Cove and the Cape Shore (altogether about eighteen miles) may be considered as an extension of the same line, connecting the whole of the settlements from Biscayan Cove with St. John's. Owing to the numerous settlers along the whole line the traffic is proportionably great, and in every point of view is the most important bye-road within the district. Two hundred pounds would repair it from St. John's to Flat Rock.

Between Flat Rock and Pouch Cove the road has only been made in detached pieces—the other parts have been partially levelled and drained. Three hundred and fifty pounds would make it workable for carts, &c.

From Pouch Cove to Biscayan Cove the road has only been opened to a width of seven feet or thereabouts, and is barely safe for foot passengers. One hundred pounds would put it in a very passable state.

## LEMARCHANT ROAD.

Upwards of two and a quarter miles of the unmade parts of this road have been contracted for—the work, comprising building, draining, and making, was very far advanced towards completion when severe frost and snow set in, which stopped the further progress of the work—about one mile still remains to be made on the Portugal Cove side; when this shall have

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been completed, and a bridge built on the part of the road near Torbay, the whole may be worked with carts and other wheeled vehicles.

This road intersects the country between Torbay and the Portugal Cove road, near the 8th mile mark, and when completed, will not only connect Torbay with Portugal Cove, but by means of the road now opened from Portugal Cove to Broad Cove, thence to Horse Cove, will join the Topsail Road within two miles of Topsail, thus connecting the South Shore of Conception Bay with Portugal Cove and Torbay by a continuous chain of roads.

**ROAD FROM PORTUGAL COVE TO TOPSAIL, BY BROAD COVE AND HORSE COVE.**

This is an important bye-Road alike serviceable to Fishermen and Farmers: commencing at Portugal Cove it passes through Broad Cove to Horse Cove; and the whole of that distance, about six miles, is studded along the Road with cultivated fields of greater or less extent, affording great facilities for the application of fish offal to agricultural purposes.

At Horse Cove the Road parts the shore and runs inland in a more southern direction through a fine wooded district and fertile land, meeting the Topsail Road about two miles from Topsail.

Great advantages have already been derived by the opening of this part of the road; by far the greater portion of dry wood which has been brought to Town along the Topsail Road has been cut in the vicinity of Horse Cove; the facilities for obtaining timber in the locality referred to will be greatly increased when the road shall have been opened to its full width, and bridged, drained and made. That part of the road situate between Broad Cove and Portugal Cove is still unfit for the use of Carts or any sort of wheeled Carriage; in many parts it is almost impassable. In its present state it is of little value to the inhabitants of the settlements referred to, and until it shall have been repaired, it cannot be made available for agricultural purposes. It will require a sum of one hundred pounds.

Midway between the two settlements of Portugal Cove and Broad Cove is Beachy Cove Brook, which is not only dangerous, but frequently impassable, especially after heavy freshets; to throw a bridge over this stream, is indispensable for the safety of the people in that locality. The sum of Twenty-five pounds would build the bridge and make the embankments, and a further sum of two hundred and fifty pounds would complete the line from Portugal Cove to Topsail.

**ROAD FROM SAVAGE'S BRIDGE TOWARDS THE FARMS OF THOMAS BRIEN AND OTHERS.**

This Road has been contracted for and made as far as the sum granted would allow; to make it useful for the farmers in that locality a further sum will be requisite.

**ROCKY HILL ROAD.**

This road connects Outer Cove with Logy Bay, and between the two settlements there is hardly an acre of land fit for cultivation which is not cultivated; upwards of half a mile of this very useful road has been contracted for and nearly completed. There is still half a mile of the Road next to Outer Cove in a very bad state, which it is most desirable to have made for the benefit of the farmers in this locality.

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## ROAD FROM CORE'S HOUSE IN PETTY HARBOUR TOWARDS THE GOULDS.

Amongst the many useful bye-roads of the District, few will be of greater utility than that now in course of being made from Petty Harbour to the Goulds.

The advantages which this Road will confer on the people of the former settlement cannot at present be fairly estimated. If the often expressed and growing desire of the people be a test by which to judge the road when completed, it will be the means of making the people a farming as well as a fishing population.

Petty Harbor, viewed as a fishing station, stands, when contrasted with other settlements, and according to population, in the very first class; and were the fish offal, which is every season cast into the sea and lost to its owners, saved and applied to agricultural purposes, in a few years hundreds of acres of land might be converted from a state of barrenness into fertile fields; this, however, cannot be accomplished until the aid of a good road is secured to the Goulds.

Petty Harbor, of all the settlements in the Island, is the least indebted to the colony for public relief of any description whatever; it therefore only requires the aid of agriculture to render the people comparatively independent, and those resources from which they are at present shut out will be available so soon as the road referred to is opened and made fit for public use.

The utility of this road, however, will not be confined alone to Petty Harbor—there is not a resident farmer situate between the Goulds and Waterford Bridge who will not participate in the benefits equally with the inhabitants of that place.—Pearl town will also share in the benefit to be derived therefrom.

From Core's house to Lennegar's, on the hill, a very decided improvement has been effected—the rock in front of Lennegar's dwelling house has been lowered nearly six feet, and the hollow at the entrance to the Chapel has been raised in a corresponding degree; from Lennegar's house to the north end of the bridge, which connects the north and south sides of the harbor, the road has also been greatly improved—the hill at French's garden has been lowered seven feet, and the hollows filled in, so that the whole distance between Core's house and the bridge alluded to, which was formerly a rugged foot path only, has been reduced, widened, and made into easy inclined planes, namely, from Core's house to Lennegar's, and from Lennegar's house to the bridge.

It is, however, from the improvements which are in progress on the south side of the river, that the greatest benefits will be derived to the whole of the inhabitants;—after a careful examination of the road by several of the Commissioners, the road has been laid out to the best advantage by a slight departure from the old foot path, which was in many parts too steep for any useful purpose; it was decided, therefore, to drop down towards the river, where a much more level line has been obtained.

The season was far advanced before the Commissioners were enabled to undertake this road; they have therefore been unable to do all that they could have wished; nevertheless a great improvement has been accomplished on one of the worst parts of it.

The Commissioners have also caused a temporary Bridge to be built over the river at the foot of Little Pond which will at all times enable the people to keep up a communication with the Bay Bulls road. The sum of six hundred pounds sterling will finish the road, and thus establish an intercourse between the Goulds and Petty Harbour.

## HEAVY TREE ROAD.

This road which opens up a new and fertile track of country, between the Bay Bulls

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Road and the old Placentia Road, has been partly opened, drained, bridged, and prepared for gravel, and will be of great advantage to the new settlers in this locality; it is most desirable that a suitable grant should be made for this road, until it shall have joined the road at South River, and completed the connection between the old Placentia road and the Bay Bulls road with the new line from the Goulds to Petty Harbor.

## ROAD TO BLACKHEAD BY FRESHWATER.

Contracts have been entered into for several bridges and cross-drains, as also for opening and draining the worst parts in the locality referred to. The whole of the work is in a forward state, and will, when finished, exhaust the grant for this road, but will still leave this road unfit for the use of horses, &c., to render it sufficient for which would require a very large sum.

## MADDOX COVE ROAD.

This little settlement is divided by a small stream, over which it was indispensable to build a bridge—after repeated advertisements the bridge was contracted for, and has been nearly completed, which will render future intercourse between the eastern and western sides of the settlement safe and commodious; about a quarter of a mile of the road has also been contracted for, and nearly finished, which contracts will nearly exhaust the Legislative grant. To complete the communication between this settlement and the Petty Harbor road, a further sum of eighty pounds will be requisite.

## OLD ROAD FROM THE BAY BULLS ROAD AND PETTY HARBOR.

Until the new line from Petty Harbor to the Goulds shall have been made and opened, it is of the utmost importance to the people of Petty Harbor that the old road should be kept in a thorough state of repair, because the whole of the disposable fish offal in that settlement is purchased by the farmers located on that road, and in the vicinity of Waterford Bridge and Pearl Town, and hauled on the road referred to; it is therefore evident that farmers and fishermen participate alike in the advantages derivable from keeping this road in a state of repair.

Contracts in detached pieces for repairing the worst parts of the road and for securing the side-drains have been entered into and completed. To put this road in a thorough state of repair one hundred and fifty pounds would suffice; and this road will always be an expensive road to the Colony until the new one to the Goulds shall have been completed.

## POKEHAM PATH ROAD.

About fifty-two perches of the unmade part of this road have been contracted for, as also thirty-two perches of draining, and one small bridge, and the work completed. To open, drain, and make that part situate between the made part and Monday Pond Road, a further sum of fifty pounds would be requisite.

## PENNYWELL PATH ROAD.

Nearly a mile of this road has been contracted for, and the work, comprising bridging, draining, and making, nearly completed. This contract, together with twenty shillings paid as compensation for land taken by the Commissioners for the use of the road, exhausts the Legislative grant. To open, make, and drain the unmade part to Mr. Roger's boundary line, a further sum of eighty pounds will be requisite. Were this desirable object once accomplished,

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an impulse would thereby be given to agricultural pursuits in this locality, which, in the absence of a suitable road, have been greatly retarded.

## ROAD FROM PORTUGAL COVE TO BROAD COVE.

It is of the utmost importance to the inhabitants of Broad Cove and Horse Cove, that this road should be kept in a thorough state of repair, and the people having experienced the benefits to themselves of a good road, have at all times evinced their readiness to contract for making or repairing the roads in that locality at the lowest possible rate. About two miles of this road have been contracted for, and nearly completed. To put this desirable road in a state of repair would require a further sum of one hundred pounds.

## NFWFOUND-POND ROAD.

This new road has been contracted for, and partly opened and cleared of trees, stumps, and roots, &c. To make it serviceable a further sum of £80 will be necessary.

## OLD PLACENTIA ROAD.

Upwards of a mile of this road has been contracted for in detached pieces, and the work, comprising repairing the road-way, scouring the side channels and mending and clearing the cross-drains, nearly finished. The small grant of the Legislature for the service confined the improvements to limited and partial repairs on the worst part of this very useful line of road.

In an agricultural point of view this road is of great importance; the whole line of it is studded with farms of considerable extent, the occupants of which mainly depend for their support and prosperity on the state of the road.

## ROAD FROM ST. JOHN'S TO FRESHWATER.

The bridge at Freshwater and the whole of the cross-drains on this road were in such a decayed state that not one of them could be passed over with any degree of safety. Contracts were therefore early entered into and general repairs made on all of them, which have nearly exhausted the grant. To scour the drains and repair the roadway, a further sum of £50 will be requisite.

## ROAD FROM FRESHWATER BY KENMOUNT.

About a quarter of a mile of this road situate between Freshwater and Kenmount has been repaired, and further on, a quarter of a mile has been opened, drained, and partly made. This road leads into a fine agricultural tract of land, which requires only the facility of a good road to induce the owners of it to bring it into cultivation; a further sum of £90 would accomplish this desirable object.

## ST. JOHN'S STREETS.

As respects the streets in the town, it would be superfluous to refer to them separately in this report—in every part where improvements have been either completed or entered on, the benefits accruing therefrom are so manifestly obvious as to require no comment from the Commissioners to enable His Excellency and the people to appreciate them, and the reason why they have not been more extended is simply—the want of means.

It will not, however, have escaped the public observation that the Commissioners have, with few exceptions, directed their attention more to bringing the streets into form and prepa-

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ring them for future operations, than attempting, with the limited means at their disposal, to complete them.—Moreover, the obstructions which everywhere existed owing to Buildings in course of erection, positively precluded the progress of all improvements in the principal thoroughfares of the Town, until the season was too far advanced to proceed with the work.

The street which claims exemption from the foregoing general remarks, is Church-hill street, in which a great permanent improvement has been effected. In this street a very deep cut had to be made to bring it into a uniform inclination—and the whole of the spare material fit for road purposes was, under the terms of the contract, carried and applied to the repairs of other streets in the town, thus conferring a double benefit. An improvement in most respects similar to the one referred to above, has been accomplished in that part of Duckworth street situate between Church-hill street and Free St. Andrew's Church, which, prior to the alteration, was nothing more than a confined dirty lane, but it is now sixty feet in width, and one of the finest streets in the town. The whole of the spare material from this street was carried at a low rate, and applied to the repairs of other streets and lanes.

In that part of Water-street situate between the premises of Messrs. Wilson and Meynell and Job's bridge, a very decided and important improvement has been made. The bridge in the firebreak at Newman's premises has been raised and widened—and when the contract shall have been completed, it will add greatly to the convenience of the inhabitants in this section of the town, as well as to the convenience of the public.

## SOUTH SIDE ROAD, EAST AND WEST OF JOB'S BRIDGE.

The improvements contracted for on the South side road had hardly been completed when the storm of wind and rain which took place on the 7th and 8th of November last, not only injured all that had been done, but caused great additional injury, owing to the fearful force of water rushing down from every crevice and water-course along the south side hill, so that the road in all parts was overlaid with heaps of mud and rubbish, and in many places to a considerable depth, and breaches were made at intervals in the embankments on the lower side of the road.

New contracts had to be entered into for repairing the damage done, and although the season was too far advanced fully to complete the work, the road has been put in a very passable state.

## ROAD FROM TOPSAIL TO HOLYROOD.

This road, from which the main northern and western Roads diverge at Holyrood, and which connects them with the capital, vies in general utility with any other road in the colony; it has nevertheless been overlooked in the appropriations of the last Road grant.

From Topsail to Kelligrews the road, with very few exceptions, has been made to the width of 20 feet with material of approved quality, and in all respects will bear a comparison with the best made roads in the Island. The direction of the road is along the southern shore of Conception Bay, and at no great distance from it, affording at intervals not far apart fine glimpses of the waters of the Bay—passes through a country beautifully diversified with natural scenery, and in many parts the prospect both in extent and variety is hardly to be equalled.

From Kelligrews to Holyrood the road has only been made in detached pieces of no great extent, whilst long spaces have been partially made, and by no means convenient for the use of loaded carts, or fast work with wheeled carriages of any description. The sum of five hundred pounds would complete this most useful road, for all practical purposes, to the Southern Gut of Holyrood.

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From the Southern Gut to where the Salmonier, Placentia and St. Mary's roads branch off, and also the roads to Harbor Grace, Carbonear, and Hearts Content, little has been done, and that little not of the best benefit to the public; and thus at the converging point of all the roads referred to, about a mile intervenes, which greatly mars their general utility.

Whichever way the road may be driven between the points specified, it will have to pass through private property, for which compensation is claimed, and the want of means is the main cause why this small but difficult part has been allowed to remain unopened to the public.

As much difference of opinion was known to exist respecting the direction in which the road should be driven through the southern part of the settlement of Holyrood, the Commissioners determined to visit and examine the ground and decide on the spot, the mooted question.—In accordance with this resolution, the Commissioners left St. John's and proceeded by Topsail to Holyrood, observing minutely the state of the road as they passed along, and immediately on their arriving at Holyrood, they walked over the old road, which they found partly opened, marking the difficulties which stood in the way of completing it; after which the proposed new line was carefully examined, along with the Surveyor to the Board, Mr. Byrne, who made a rough estimate of the comparative cost of making the different roads, and having satisfied themselves on this point, the Commissioners thought it most desirable to abandon the first line and to adopt the new one, which skirts the shore; and where it was found that a much more level road could be made at less expense, and in every point of view more useful to the public.

The reason why the Commissioners did not deem it advisable at once to open this short but very difficult part, was assigned in a report published on their return to St. John's, on reference to which it will be observed that the sum required to indemnify parties through whose property the road would have had to pass, and to make the road useful to the public, would have taken too much of the grant from Holyrood to Salmonier, which it was thought might be more usefully expended over a surface of ten to twelve miles: moreover, it was thought better to refer the matter to the Legislature, in order to obtain a special grant, seeing that it is at the junction of all the other roads alluded to, and cannot be properly said to belong to any one in particular.

This matter disposed of, the Commissioners considered that it would greatly conduce to the Road service to make themselves personally acquainted with the roads under their direction, more especially the main lines; acting on this conviction they started at an early hour from Holyrood to examine the state of the road and bridges from thence to Salmonier, and in doing so they were enabled to see and judge for themselves, and set at rest other mooted points in connection with the whole of the roads referred to.

## ROAD FROM SALMONIER TO ST. MARY'S.

The Report of Inspector Delaney is now before the Commissioners, having reference to the varied improvements that have been accomplished and which are in course of completion between Salmonier and St. Mary's, and it is most satisfactory to the Board, that so much really useful work has been performed at so little cost to the colony, in the construction of bridges over wide and rapid streams, in draining and levelling the worst parts of the line, by means of which constant intercourse may be kept up with the capital by the inhabitants of that distant settlement.

The following abridged statement will shew the nature and extent of the work performed: 1500 perches and upwards have been levelled, and the road made to a width of 8 feet in the clear.

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One hundred and forty-three perches of the worst marshy parts have been gravelled to a width of 8 feet or thereabouts.

Forty new cross-drains have been built and the whole of the old ones opened, repaired and re-covered with new material.

The narrow parts of the road have been opened and widened from 4 to 8 feet, and the sidelong parts cut down and levelled.

Three bridges have been built, the largest of which is 43 feet span, which is not quite finished.

Little Harbour river bridge, which has been made passable, is not quite completed ; the sum of £150 will be requisite to finish this bridge.

The Commissioners, anxious to impart the fullest information as regards all their proceedings, have thought it desirable to append Mr. Delany's report to their own, in which the improvements effected on this and the Placentia road are stated more in detail, and by reference to which the public will be better enabled to estimate the benefits already conferred and yet to be derived therefrom.

## ROAD FROM SALMONIER, BY COLINET, TO PLACENTIA.

In whatever aspect we look at the main western road, whether in a commercial or in an agricultural point of view, we are struck with its vast importance to the whole of the inhabitants residing on the Cape shore to Placentia, and this altogether apart from the increased communication which is afforded with other and more distant settlements by means of the packet station at Great Placentia.

As regards the work performed, and the improvements made on this important road, in many respects they are similar to those on the St. Mary's road, namely, bridging, draining, and levelling, and looking at the rapid progress made during the last season, it is evident that if reasonable means be provided by the Legislature, in a very short time the whole line will be completed and opened to the public.

In furtherance of this most desirable object great efforts were made to have that part of the road situate between Salmonier and Colinet freed from the dense growth of heavy timber and underwood, which has heretofore prevented a safe and easy communication between Placentia and St. John's, and rendered that part of this extensive line of road between Great Placentia and Colinet comparatively useless.

Before this could be accomplished, however, a survey had to be made, and the line partly traced before the contracts were entered into. By great exertion on the part of the Surveyor, Mr. Byrne, and his party, this work was speedily and satisfactorily performed—and this fine line has been opened in almost all its parts to twenty feet, and the communication alluded to established ; however, a considerable amount of draining and levelling has been done, which is given in detail in the report referred to. The sum of two thousand six hundred pounds will finish this road.

## ROAD FROM HOLYROOD TO SALMONIER.

About seven miles of the worst parts of this road have been let by auction in suitable lots, and the varied work, comprising side and cross-drains, levelling and making, nearly completed. Owing to the pressure of work on other main roads, and the late period of the year at which they commenced their labors, the Commissioners were unable to bestow all the attention to this line which its importance demanded—still many essential improvements have been

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made, so that it may be travelled with comparative ease and safety along the whole distance to Salmonier. The residue of the Grant will be expended early in the ensuing spring.

To finish this road fit for the use of carts and other wheeled vehicles a further sum of five hundred pounds will be requisite.

The importance of finishing this road will be better understood when it is considered that the St. Mary's road and the road to Placentia by Colinet diverge from it at Salmonier, making, as it were, a part of both roads for upwards of twenty miles.

## SHIP HARBOR AND LONG HARBOR ROAD.

The season was far advanced before the survey was commenced on this great northern and western line of road, which was justly owing to the anxiety of the Commissioners to have a sufficient quantity of work laid out on the Placentia and St. Mary's roads for the employment of the people in those settlements who were represented to be in urgent want, and which, in some measure, prevented the Surveyor from proceeding at an earlier period on that important main line. On going upon this service the Surveyor was directed to avail himself, as far as possible, of the line of road already explored on which public money had been expended.

Notwithstanding the lateness of the season, and the changeable state of the weather, which was unfavorable for penetrating into the jungle and thickly wooded parts, the Surveyor succeeded in obtaining an amount of practical information sufficient to enable the Commissioners fairly to estimate the importance of the changes which have been recommended by him for adoption.

The first concern of the party under Mr. Byrne was to clear the whole line of road from windfalls—by doing which a two-fold object was accomplished: first, to remove the impediments and open a way for the use of the public; and secondly, to obtain more precise information as to the comparative levels of the old road and the proposed new one.

The next thing was to explore that part of the country situate between Spread Eagle Peak and Long Harbor, in order to obtain correct information as to whether the road could, with advantage to the public, be driven direct to Long Harbor instead of Ship Harbor; moreover, the Surveyor was instructed to ascertain correctly, and acquaint the Commissioners whether the steep parts of the old line at Spread Eagle Peak and Monument Hill could not be avoided, and a better level found. The Letters and Report of the Surveyor, whilst engaged in this service, are now before the Commissioners, in which full and satisfactory information is given as regards that part of the road from Spread Eagle Peak to Long Harbor.

The Surveyor distinctly states that from Spread Eagle Peak to Long Harbor is not only more level than that to Ship Harbor, but five miles shorter. It is further stated that a change of the road at Spread Eagle Peak and Monument Hill can be made, and better levels had, and in all respects of greater advantage to the public.

As regards the other parts of the proposed new line, so far as the country has been explored, and the facts ascertained, there is but little doubt that from Salmon Cove bridge, at the head of Conception Bay, to Long Harbor by Spread Eagle Peak and Monument Hill, a level and advantageous road can be had.

This road, when completed, will open up a communication direct with Placentia Bay, and the other western settlements of the colony.

From the head of Conception Bay to Spread Eagle Peak, a distance of twenty miles, it will form part of the Great northern road which is intended to divide the colony, and eventually to open a communication by means of cross roads, with the whole of the Bays and settlements of the eastern and western shores of the island.

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Its advantage, however, will be more immediately felt by the facilities that it will afford for procuring timber of the first quality to the inhabitants of Conception Bay, Trinity Bay, and Placentia Bay: and not only is the timber abundant, but the soil for agricultural purposes is allowed to be of the very best description, comparatively free from stones, and holding out every inducement to settlers along the whole distance alluded to.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

The Commissioners, impressed with the belief that the Road grant contemplated giving relief to the destitute and able-bodied poor, by means of employment on the roads, have found it difficult to accomplish this object, and at the same time adhere to the provision of the Road Act. If the Board be correct in the opinion that the Legislative Grant for the making and repairing of Roads and Bridges has in view the employment of the poor, more especially where the fishery has failed, then would the Commissioners recommend that in any locality where such necessity should hereafter arise, or under any special circumstances, they might, with advantage, be authorized to dispense with the usual period of advertising, and let the road work at a fairly estimated cost, and in such lots or otherwise as would meet the wants of the applicants for labor, or the special exigencies of the case.

In the application of the respective road grants, the Commissioners have learned from experience the inadequacy of the sums appropriated to the requirements of the different roads specified in the road Act; this deficiency has been more particularly observable in the sums given for the repairs of main lines of road, and other important lines where the benefits participated in are of a general character.

The Commissioners have further to remark that the roads for which no Legislative grant has been given, (some of which had fallen into great disrepair, the bridges and cross-drains especially) had become impassable without any available means with which to repair them. To meet such unforeseen contingencies in future, the Commissioners most respectfully recommend a special grant for the purpose.

The sum of £500 would accomplish the object desired.

The Commissioners deem it their imperative duty to avail of this opportunity to draw the attention of His Excellency and the Legislature to the water-plugs which have been placed in the centre of Water-street, to the manifest annoyance of the public. In the least frequented streets the inconvenience alluded to would be much felt, but in the centre of the greatest thoroughfare in the city, they are not only dangerous, but an actual nuisance.

At no period of the year is the centre of the street a fit place for water-plugs; in winter they are peculiarly objectionable; during the winter months the streets are deeply overlaid with snow, when, to make the water-plugs available in case of fire, deep holes are constantly kept open at short intervals, along the whole extent of the street.

The Commissioners most respectfully submit that it would conduce alike to the convenience of the public and the safety of the town to have the water-plugs removed from the centre of the street to the side channels, where they would be out of the way, and where they might at all times by day or night be easily come at.

The Commissioners feel constrained to bring under His Excellency's notice the imperative necessity that exists in St. John's for the establishment of a number of effective sewerage, not merely for the convenience of the public but for the health of the population. To supply as far as they could the inconvenience alluded to above, the Commissioners constructed an ex-

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cellent sewer in Hunter's Cove, and another in Beck's Cove Firebreak, and also a number of minor drains, which will greatly benefit the localities referred to.

In reference to cleansing the streets of the town by means of surface drains, &c., the Commissioners submit that it would add much to the convenience of the community and effect a considerable saving to the colony, were they authorized to employ two men constantly, and a horse and cart when required, to remove all filth from the streets and side channels, and whose duty it would be to keep the mouths of all the public drains and gratings continually open; thus would much and often very serious damage be prevented to our streets, besides cleansing them. The same individuals might be at all seasons of the year employed in mending the streets and lanes where required.

The Commissioners were under the necessity, in order to insure despatch in the important business confided to their care, to appoint a Secretary to the Board, which fact was duly communicated to the Administrator of the Government, and His Excellency is respectfully requested to bring under the consideration of the Legislature the necessity of providing for the salary of such officer.

JAMES DOUGLAS,  
*Chairman Central Road Board.*

## ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

SIR,—In submitting a report of the progress made in exploring and improving the Ship Harbor line of road, and marking a line to Long Harbor, I beg leave to state that I have marked a line from the head of Long Harbor to a point on the Ship Harbor line eastward of Monument Hill; the length of this is nearly four and three-eighths miles. In marking this road, if the knaps would have been lowered on an average two and a-half feet, and the hollows raised as much, there would be no part of it on which the inclination would be greater than the upper part of Cochrane-street, and not 30 perches so steep even as this.

In the vicinity of Monument Hill and Spread Eagle Peak, the improved line keeps to the southward, as will be seen by the rough plan, thereby avoiding Monument Hill altogether, and crossing the wing of Spread Eagle Peak at a low elevation. In passing from the westward by these hills, the traveller has not to ascend more than twenty feet; the line keeps about one-fourth of a mile from the Peak, and is marked to a point about one and a quarter mile to the eastward and westward of it.

After having a few miles from Long Harbor marked, I sent notices for Tenders, according to instructions, to Fox Harbor, Little Placentia, and to such other neighbouring settlements as I could send to, but the winter setting in, there were only a few persons applied for work. I let about two and a quarter miles next to Long Harbor by ticket in six lots, the whole amounting to £15 12s. 6d. for opening eight feet in width. I also let the clearing of the line from Ship Harbor to the point from which the Long Harbor line diverges, for the sum of £10 (distance nine and three quarter miles) for clearing the road of the growing birch, fir, and spruce, and of windfalls, &c.

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In making the rough plan of the old Ship Harbor Line I have laid down the branch line to Emberley's Gulley, and also the Conception Bay road from the latter place to Salmon Cove Bridge. On the Branch Road to Emberley's Gulley there could be considerable improvement made by avoiding some steep hills, which could be done without increasing the distance.

If this would have been done, there would be a good winter-path from Emberley's Gulley to the woods. On the plan I have traced a line shewing the route where the shortest and most level line can be had. This line would avoid the high ridges which are between Colliers and the Goulds River, over which the old line crosses, and open a tract of country where the best and largest field of timber can be found within ten miles of the head of Conception Bay. When this line shall have been opened, levelled, drained, and bridged from Salmon Cove Bridge to the Goulds River, there will be a field of employment opened for the inhabitants of Colliers, Cats Cove, Salmon Cove, Harbour Main, &c., I might say inexhaustible, if kept from accidental fire.

I feel it my duty to remark that if the old line would have been improved so as to avoid the steep knaps, its length would have to be considerably increased, and there would scarcely be one-third of the old line left. This one-third would be the wet parts where the stumps are too high to suffer them to remain when draining the road; the removing these stumps would be as expensive as opening so much of a new line. There are four large bridges carried away, the others are in a decayed state.

Perhaps I should also bring under the consideration of the Board whether it would not be advisable to open the road to twelve or thirteen feet in width instead of eight feet (the width the Board have instructed to have opened) as the road would be too narrow when the side drains would be taken from the latter width, and thereby cause travellers and cattle, &c., to keep so near the drains as to be almost certain of breaking them down.

I have the honor to remain, Sir,

Your obt. servant,

(Signed,)

THOMAS BYRNE,

*Road Surveyor.*

JAMES DOUGLAS, ESQ., *Chairman Board of  
Road Commissioners.*

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St. John's 13th January, 1852.

SIR,—Agreeably to the instructions of the Board I proceeded to Placentia and thence to Salmonier and St. Mary's, for the purpose of carrying into operation the expenditure of a sum of money voted by the Legislature for the road between these places. After laying out the road from Placentia to Colinet into convenient lots, I proceeded to St. Mary's and laid out suitable lots along the whole line so as to meet the exigencies of the people. The demand for

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employment there was so general and so urgent, that I was necessarily compelled to re-survey the road and reduce the amount of the contracts to such an extent as would enable all who had applied to participate in the work.

The number of contracts upon this line is about sixty, all of which are completed, with the exception of two or three, and in each of these two families have been associated.

As the certificates contain a detailed statement of the number of perches of draining, leveling, and opening, and also the number of cross-drains made, repaired and altered, it is useless to refer to them at present.

On this line three bridges have been in course of erection—two of which are completed, the one over River Head River, St. Mary's, the other over Musket Brook. Although these rivers are in dry weather comparatively insignificant, yet after heavy rains they were impassable. The bridge over the back river, about midway between Salmonier and the river head of St. Mary's, is forty-three feet span. The wharves, three in number, which are to support the bridge, are built—the approach is rendered easy, and the beams laid on temporary, so as to afford a safe transit for the winter.

At Little Harbour Bridge I have not been able to do much, owing to the press of work—however, I have succeeded in building protecting wharves one hundred feet in length to each abutment, and also have sheathed the cutwater of the centre wharf with iron, and put some ballast into it. There are only seven principal beams on the bridge, four on one span and three on the other, and the flooring laid on temporarily. Five more of the beams remain to be brought in and laid on the wharves before the flooring can be permanently secured.

Before I left Salmonier I contracted with a man named Moses Murphy, to haul them to the bridge, and I hope they are at their destination by this time. It would be desirable, should the weather permit, to have some ballast laid into the protection wharves to prevent any damage being done them. It was my intention when I left Salmonier to return there after Christmas, for the purpose of securing this bridge from the influence of the ice, as it would be a great evil should any accident occur after the expense that has been incurred.

## SALMONIER BRIDGE.

All the temporary flooring have been removed and about one hundred feet added to the length of the bridge. The flooring of the centre part of the bridge has been hewn, set home and well secured—the centre wharf fully ballasted and the cut-water well headed with iron. The abutments have also been ballasted, the railing and span shores prepared, but I was compelled to give up the work, owing to the severity of the weather. Indeed I have no doubt that such is the character of the work done that this bridge may be looked upon as perfectly secure. I proceeded in the same manner at Placentia with the road works as at St. Mary's; upwards of seventy contracts were entered into, all of which, with a few exceptions, are finished. Two bridges are in course of erection, the one over North Harbor Back River which is so far advanced as to admit of any traffic over it: the one at Southeast Main River, the wharves have been built, and a passage made over it for the winter. This bridge would be much more advanced were it not owing to the timber that had been cut for it got frozen up in the river. The temporary bridge that had been built in 1850 over North Harbor River, I had it raised two feet higher, and a substantial flooring laid upon it. These rivers are all forty feet wide. I also take leave to mention that Mr. Byrne and I had examined Rocky River at three different points, to choose a place where it would be practicable for a bridge, but on the score of economy I should prefer the site originally selected as the cheapest and the

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most practicable at present. However before any conclusion should be come to upon the matter, I should recommend that the Board would permit Mr. Byrne and me to examine the river at the time the sea is beating up, as at that time it will be clearly seen whether the body of ice will act upon it in such a way as to be likely to endanger it. The site for a bridge at Colinet has been selected, and only requires the sanction of the Board for its adoption. When I had placed the various contracts upon the St. Mary's and Placentia roads in operation, I joined Mr. Byrne, and assisted him in making and laying out the road between Colinet and Salmonier, after the completion of which Mr. Byrne left for the Ship Harbor line. The season being then far advanced, and having considerable delay for the want of provisions and implements, I was doubtful of getting much done. I was afterwards glad to find that notwithstanding the weather had set in very inclemently before the men had given up working, that I had succeeded in having fifteen lots opened the full width, (*i. e.*) twenty-two feet, and a path four feet wide cleared through the unopened lots, so as to effect a thorough communication for the winter, and also several lots of draining and levelling nearly finished, and some of them completed. The number of contracts between Colinet and Salmonier is about forty. I cannot avoid bringing under the notice of the Board the great interruption to communication produced at Colinet and Rocky River, by the want of bridges, and I should strongly recommend that they would immediately order contracts to be made for hauling timber suitable for the bridges, so as to complete the uninterrupted transit between Salmonier and Placentia, for if this be not done this winter, a full year will be lost before so important a work can be commenced. The Board, perhaps, are not aware that it is only in the winter time that timber can be brought to these places; and if this winter is allowed to pass over without getting the material, certainly, as I have said before, another year must elapse before any attempt can be made to obtain it. I hope I shall be excused for any irregularities that may have occurred in carrying out the road works on this occasion, keeping in view the great difficulties by which I was encompassed, the press of work upon me, without any assistance whatsoever, from the commencement to the end, embracing a period of four months, devoted to the discharge of a most onerous and harrassing duty.

I have the honor to remain, Sir,

Your obedient and humble servant,

(Signed)

JOHN DELANY,

JAMES DOUGLAS, Esq., Chairman of  
Board of Road Commissioners.

*Inspector.*

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## STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED COSTS OF FINISHING THE ROADS AND BRIDGES HEREINAFTER SPECIFIED.

The Governor's Road .....	£100	0	0
Branch Road from Torbay Main Road to farms of Bulger and others .....	20	0	0
Branch road leading towards the fishing rooms of Martin and Whitty, and north side Torbay .....	15	0	0
Branch road leading by Mr. Murphy's gate to the N.W. point of the pond S. side Torbay .....	20	0	0
Branch road from Torbay Main road to Tappers Cove .....	50	0	0
Ledge Road from Flat Rock Main Road to dwellings of Patrick Boyle and others .....	5	0	0
Branch road from Middle Cove to Torbay Road .....	25	0	0
Branch road and bridge from Middle Cove towards McGragh's, Roach and others .....	21	0	0
Branch road from Flat Rock Main Road towards Thomas Dee's fishing room .....	5	0	0
Branch road from Torbay to Middle Cove by Freshwater ... ..	60	0	0
Branch road in Western part of Outer Cove, leading from Outer Cove Main Road at Savages bridge towards Brine and others .....	15	0	0
Branch road leading from Logy Bay road southward of Forest pond bridge to Torbay road .....	35	0	0
Branch road to farms of McGuire and others, from the branch road adjoining Torbay Main Road ... ..	10	0	0
Branch road from Logy Bay road towards fishing room of Patrick Ryan ...	10	0	0
Bridges on Winterpath from Portugal Cove road, running north of Island pond towards south shore Conception Bay .....	20	0	0
Branch road from Middle Cove and Kelly's house towards Pine river .....	5	0	0
Branch road and wharf connecting beach with main road on east side Belle Isle .....	50	0	0
Branch road from Portugal Cove road towards Newfound-pond and Majors path .....	80	0	0
Branch road from Portugal Cove to Topsail ... ..	276	0	0
Ditto, from Portugal Cove road near Coady's well towards Broad Cove .....	100	0	0
Pringle's bridge, old Portugal Cove road .....	10	0	0
Bridges and drains on road from Black Head to St. John's ... ..	300	0	0
Branch road from Petty Harbor main road through Maddox Cove settlement .....	80	0	0
Branch road from Petty Harbor to Goulds and Bay Bulls road, commencing near Core's house .....	600	0	0
Branch road from Kelly's house towards Pridham's .....	50	0	0
Petty Harbor Main road and bridge to St. John's .....	150	0	0
Road from Thomas's farm to farm of John Whiteway .....	90	0	0
	£2,200	0	0

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	Brought forward.....	£2200	0	0
Branch road from New Bay Bulls road to petty Harbor road, by Gregory Griffin's, commencing at Delahunty's bridge .....	.....	90	0	0
Branch road from Bay Bulls road through Pearltown, towards Placentia road west of Sweeney's marsh... ..	.....	80	0	0
Branch road from Waterford bridge to Dunscomb's bridge... ..	.....	120	0	0
Branch road from Pokeham-path road unto Monday's Pond and George's Pond Road .....	.....	50	0	0
Branch Road from Monday's Pond by Branscomb's hill to Topsail road, north of Simon Morris's farm .....	.....	90	0	0
Pennywell-path and Soldiers-path road, beginning at Cow knap, thence toward Topsail road .....	.....	80	0	0
Road from Freshwater towards Topsail .....	.....	90	0	0
Roads and bridges from Apple-tree-well to Monday's pond, and road from Monday's pond by Nowlan's farm to the Pennywell road .....	.....	80	0	0
Road from bridge near Outer Oove beach to the farms of Richard Fox and others, Rocky hill .....	.....	45	0	0
Wigmore Gully road from Freshwater, westerly .....	.....	35	0	0
Freshwater road and bridges... ..	.....	50	0	0
Road from old Bay Bulls road through Thomas Quin's farm and by Patrick Walsh's to new Bay Bulls road .....	.....	35	0	0
Main road and bridges to Portugal Cove .....	.....	400	0	0
Road and bridges from Queen's bridge angle to Torbay.....	.....	200	0	0
Roads and bridges in and from Logy Bay, Outer Cove, Middle Cove, to Bally Haly .....	.....	80	0	0
Road and Bridges from St. John's to Topsail .....	.....	300	0	0
Bay Bulls road from St John's to Goulds, commencing at Waterford Bridge .....	.....	200	0	0
Branch Road to fishing rooms, to Outer Cove or Logy Bay from Main Road .....	.....	5	0	0
Branch Road from Torbay road by N. West part of Scanlan's farm toward Island Pond .....	.....	100	0	0
Holyrood to Salmonier .....	.....	500	0	0
Salmonier road to Placentia .....	.....	2600	0	0
Ship Harbor or Long Harbor line of road .....	.....	3200	0	0
St. John's Streets and drains .....	.....	2500	0	0
Road from Horse Cove to Topsail .....	.....	100	0	0
Road from Salmonier to St. Mary's .....	.....	1500	0	0
		Total £14,640 0 0		

Roads and Bridges.

ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

STATEMENT SHEWING THE PARTS OF THE TOWN WHERE CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN PERFORMED UNDER THE GRANT OF £1000, 14 Vic., CAP. 2, SEC. 3.

Parts of the town where the Contracts were performed.—Am't. paid in Stg.	Sums voted in the Session of 1851.			Board of Road Commissioners,
Duckworth-street . . . . .	£118	6	0	James Douglas, Esq. <i>Chairman</i> . Hon. Chas. F. Bennett. " L. O'Brien. Bryan Robinson, Esq. Robert J. Parsons, Esq.
Church-hill . . . . .	289	7	3	
Beck's Cove . . . . .	47	13	4	
Orphan Asylum . . . . .	45	10	9	
Water-street . . . . .	42	5	0	
Job's Cove . . . . .	36	8	0	
South-side . . . . .	30	17	1	
Gower-street . . . . .	21	10	9	
George's Town . . . . .	19	18	8	
Pringle's Bridge, Western side of . . . . .	16	9	10	
Warren's Cove . . . . .	13	17	4	
Cochrane-street . . . . .	11	14	0	
Adelaide-street . . . . .	10	8	0	
River-head . . . . .	6	10	0	
Queen-street . . . . .	6	2	8	
Cuddihy's-lane . . . . .	2	12	0	
Various Streets, &c., not specified in Orders . . . . .	168	16	5	
	£888	7	1	Thomas Byrne. } John Delany. } <i>Inspectors</i> . Edward Tobin. }

General repairs have been effected on the roads and bridges in this District, for which grants were made in 1851, with some few exceptions, as will be seen in the abstract of the expenditure on the other side, and where is also shown the probable amount which may be necessary to complete the several roads in the District.

*Roads and Bridges.*

Roads for which Grants were made in the Session of 1851.	Amts. granted in stg.	Amts. expended in stg.	Estimate of probable amts. to complete Roads in stg.
The Governor's Road ...	£180 0 0	£94 19 3	£100
Road to fishing rooms of Martin and others, Torbay	18 0 0	5 12 8	15
Road from Flat Rock main road to dwellings of Sinnet and others ...	9 0 0	6 1 4	5
Road from Middle Cove to the Torbay Road ...	22 10 0	Nil.	25
Road, &c., from Middle Cove towards farms of McGrath, Roach, &c. ...	18 0 0	Nil.	20
Road from Flat Rock main road towards Thomas Dee's fishing-room ...	18 0 0	Nil.	5
Road from Torbay to Middle Cove by Freshwater	27 0 0	6 18 8	60
Road from Outer Cove main road at Savage's bridge to Brine's Farm, &c. ...	18 0 0	15 12 4	15
Road from Logy Bay main road towards Patrick Ryan's fishing-room ...	18 0 0	3 18 0	10
Road from Portugal Cove road towards Newfoundland, &c. ...	18 0 0	Nil.	80
Road from Portugal Cove to Topsail ...	90 0 0	65 12 2	275
Road from Portugal Cove road at Coady's Well towards Broad Cove ...	27 0 0	13 0 0	100
Pringle's Bridge on Old Portugal Cove road ...	28 16 0	28 16 0	10
Road from Black-head to St. John's (bridges and drains) ...	45 0 0	10 16 8	300
Road from Petty Harbour main road through Mad-dox Cove ...	54 0 0	27 6 0	80
Road from Petty Harbor to Goolds from bridge at Core's house ...	270 0 0	126 6 8	600
Road from Petty Harbor to St. John's (bridges, &c.)	90 0 0	76 13 4	150
Road from Thomas's farm to John Whiteway's ...	27 0 0	19 18 8	90
Road from Bay Bulls road by Gregory Griffin's to Petty Harbour road ...	36 0 0	13 0 0	90
Road from Bay Bulls road through Pearl Town towards Placentia road ...	18 0 0	14 14 8	180
Road from Pokeham Path into Monday's and George's Pond roads ...	27 0 0	22 11 1	50
Penneywell-path and Soldier's path from Cow Knap towards Topsail ...	22 10 0	21 9 0	80
Road from Freshwater towards Topsail road ...	22 10 0	21 1 3	90
Road, &c., from Apple-tree Well towards Monday's Pond and Pennywell Path ...	22 10 0	20 17 4	80
Road from Outer Cove beach to Rocky Hill by Fox's farm ...	22 10 0	13 8 8	45
Road, &c., to Freshwater ...	18 0 0	12 11 4	50
Road, &c., from St. John's to Portugal Cove ...	126 0 0	112 10 9	400
Road from Queen's Bridge angle to Torbay ...	45 0 0	41 14 11	200
Road to Outer Cove, Middle Cove, Logy Bay, &c., by Bally Hally ...	27 0 0	22 18 5	80

*Roads and Bridges.*

Roads for which Grants were made in the Session of 1851.— <i>Continued.</i>	Amts. granted in Stg.	Amts. expended in Stg.	Estimate of probable amts to complete Roads in stg.
Road, &c., from St. John's to Topsail ...	£72 0 0	£70 9 11	£300
Road from St. John's to Goolds, from Waterford Bridge ...	67 10 0	30 10 4	200
Road leading to fishing-rooms in Outer Cove and Logy Bay ...	2 14 0	2 6 9	5
Road from Torbay road by Scanlan's farm towards Island Pond ...	13 10 0	12 2 8	100
Road from Holyrood to Salmonier ...	720 0 0	197 18 6	500
Road from Salmonier to Placentia ...	1030 0 0	771 12 7	2600
Ship Harbour Line of Road ...	1000 0 0	111 3 2	3200
St. John's streets and drains ...	1000 0 0	888 7 1	2500
Road from Horse Cove to Topsail ...	45 0 0	34 5 3	100
Road from Salmonier to St. Mary's ...	360 0 0	355 14 9	1500
Road from Torbay road to farms of Bulger and others ...	18 0 0	} Nothing has been expended on these Roads.	20
Road from J. Murphy's gate to N. W. point of pond South-side of Torbay ...	27 0 0		20
Road from Torbay main road towards Tapper's Cove ...	27 0 0		50
Road to the farms of McGuire and others near Torbay ...	13 10 0		35
Road from Logy Bay Road South of Forest Pond Bridge to Torbay Road ...	13 10 0		10
Bridges on road from Portugal Cove Road towards Island Pond ...	13 10 0		20
Road from Middle Cove towards Pine River ...	18 0 0		5
Road and Wharf at Belle Isle ...	27 0 0		50
Road from Kelly's house towards Pridham's premises ...	18 0 0		150
Road from Waterford Bridge to Dunscomb's bridge ...	31 10 0		120
Road from Monday Pond by Branscomb's Hill ...	36 0 0	60	
Wigmore Gulley Road ...	13 10 0	35	
Road from Petty Harbor to the Goolds ...	.. ..	0 15 2	
Road from Old Bay Bulls Road through Quinn's to New Bay Bulls Road ...	22 10 0		35
Total Stg. ...	£5955 0 0	£3293 15 4	£14,900

J. NOAD,

*Surveyor General.*

*Roads and Bridges.*

GENERAL STATEMENT SHEWING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT EXPENDED  
IN EACH ROAD DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING THE 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 1852  
—TOGETHER WITH AN ESTIMATE OF THE PROBABLE SUM NECESSARY.  
TO COMPLETE THE ROADS IN THE SEVERAL DISTRICTS.

Road District.	Amt. of grant in Session of 1851, Stg.	Amts. expend- ed to 17th Jan. 1852, Sterling.	Es'te. of probable amt. necessary to complete Roads. Stg.
St. John's .....	£1,800		
Salmonier to St. Mary's .....	360		
Holyrood to Salmonier .....	720		
Salmonier to Placentia .....	1030		
Rose Cove to Topsail .....	45		
Ship Harbor to Long Harbor...	1000		
St. John's Streets .....	1000		
	£5955 0 0	3293 15 4	14,900 0 0
Conception Bay .....	£2340		
Harbor Grace to North Harbor	90		
Carbonear to New Perlican ....	360		
	2790 0 0	1569 15 6	6,211 0 0
Trinity Bay .....	£279		
Trinity to Catalina .....	450		
	729 0 0	357 3 11	2,550 0 0
* Bonavista Bay .....	£675		
Catalina to Bird Island Cove...	36		
Kings Cove to Trinity .....	135		
	846 0 0	15 11 6	1,320 0 0
Fogo .....	675 0 0	218 10 10	No estimate for.
Fortune Bay .....	450 0 0		Ditto
Burin .....	675 0 0	128 11 1	700 0 0
Ferryland .....	720 0 0	317 3 10	1240 0 0
Western Shore, between Cape Ray and Fortune Bay .....	225 0 0		No Returns.
Placentia to the Swans. ....	50 0 0	50 0 0	No Estimate for.
	£ 13,115 0 0	£5950 12 0	

\* N. B. The estimate for Bonavista Bay includes only the roads in the Bonavista section of that District, no other estimates having been forwarded.

J. NOAD,

*Surveyor General.*

24th February, 1852.



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*Roads and Bridges.*LETTER FROM JAMES DOUGLAS FOR COMPENSATION.

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St. John's, May 6th, 1852.

SIR.—In transmitting the enclosed documents for the House of Assembly, I avail of the opportunity afforded me to bring under the consideration of His Excellency the Governor, the great amount of trouble and inconvenience, as also considerable expense, which I have incurred in the supervision of the Road work, so varied in kind, and extending over a very considerable extent of country, for which I have received no remuneration whatever. My usual salary as Chairman of Roads was not allowed me for 1850 and 1851.

For the accommodation of the contractors and labourers employed on the roads and streets, I had to keep an office, for which no allowance has been made for the years referred to.—I have, therefore, most respectfully to request that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend my claim to the consideration of the Honourable the House of Assembly for such remuneration as His Excellency may think me entitled to.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

JAMES DOUGLAS.

The Hon. JAMES CROWDY.

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*Roads and Bridges.*

DR.		GENERAL ABSTRACT OF			
To Balance from 1849, £512 10s. 3d., less £10 for Daw's contract given up	.....	.....	£502	10	3
" Amount of General Statement	.....	.....	1494	5	11
" " Supplementary Do.	.....	.....	72	2	6
					—2068 18 8
					<u>£2068 18 8</u>

## LEVELLING ACCOUNT

To amount general Levelling Statement	.....	.....	£948	16	2
" Supplementary Do.	.....	.....	2	5	0
					—948 1 2
					<u>£948 1 2</u>

## ROAD ACCOUNT

To Balance from 1850	.....	.....	£519	7	2
" Amount of contracts, &c., 1851	.....	.....	230	15	4
" " under Act Vict. 9, cap. 2	.....	.....	18	9	7
					—768 12 1
					<u>£768 12 1</u>

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ROAD ACCOUNTS FROM 1850.				CR.
1850.				
May 15.—By Warrant	.....	.....	£115 7 8	
June 13.—“ do.	.....	.....	28 17 0	
July 10.—“ do.	.....	.....	100 0 0	
Aug. 6.—“ do.	.....	.....	57 13 10	
“ 26.—“ do.	.....	.....	115 7 8	
Oct. 4.—“ do.	.....	.....	230 15 4	
“ 17.—“ do.	.....	.....	230 15 4	
Nov. 4.—“ do.	.....	.....	230 15 4	
“ 13.—“ do.	.....	.....	39 4 7	
“ 26.—“ do.	.....	.....	253 14 9	
1851.				
Jany 29.—“ do.	.....	.....	150 0 0	
			<hr/>	£1,549 11 6
“ Balance to 1851	.....	.....		519 7 2
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				£2,068 18 8
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## FOR 1850.

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1850:						
Dec. 3.—By Warrant	.....	.....	£250 0 0		£288 9 3	
“ 13.—“ do.	.....	.....	250 0 0		288 9 3	
1851.						
Jany. 4.—“ do.	.....	.....	200 0 0		230 15 4	
“ 29.—“ do.	.....	.....	119 14 0		138 2 4	
					<hr/>	£945 16 2
“ Balance to 1851 ...	.....	.....				2 5 0
						<hr/>
						£948 1 2
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## FOR 1851.

May 3.—By Warrant	.....	.....	.....	£115 7 8	
23.—“ do.	.....	.....	.....	115 7 8	
June 5.—“ do.	.....	.....	.....	57 19 5	
24.—“ do.	.....	.....	.....	173 1 6	
July 17.—“ do.	.....	.....	.....	18 9 7	
Aug. 14.—“ do.	.....	.....	.....	150 0 0	
Dec. 15.—“ do.	.....	.....	.....	115 7 8	
				<hr/>	£745 13 6
“ Balance to 1852 ...	.....	.....	.....		22 18 7
					<hr/>
					£768 12 1
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## LEVELLING ACCOUNT

To Balance from 1850	.....	.....	.....	£2	5	0
“ Amount of Statement	.....	.....	.....	128	5	10
						<u>130 10 10</u>

## GRAVEYARD ACCOUNT

To amount of statement	.....	.....	£273	14	2
“ Balance in hands	.....	.....	14	15	0
					<u>£288 9 2</u>

## TOPSAIL WHARF

To amount of statement	.....	.....	£302	19	4
					<u>£302 19 4</u>

## SOUTH SIDE OF ST. JOHN'S

To amount of statement	.....	.....	£22	7	6
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FOR 1851.

April 5.—By Warrant	.....	.....	.....	£80 15 4
July 7.—“ do.	.....	.....	.....	49 15 6
				<u>£130 10 10</u>

FOR 1851.

March 29.—By Warrant	.....	.....	.....	£115 7 8
April 12.—“ do.	.....	.....	.....	173 1 6
				<u>£288 9 2</u>

ACCOUNT, 1851.

Sept. 11.—By Warrant	£115 7 8;	Oct. 22nd, £115 7 8	...	£230 15 4
Nov. 5.—“ do.	£39 19 7;	Nov. 19th, £17 14 3	...	57 13 10
				<u>£288 9 2</u>
“ Balance due	.....	.....	.....	14 10 2
				<u>£302 19 4</u>

HARBOUR—A FENCE. 1851.

March 1.—By Warrant	.....	.....	.....	£22 7 6
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JAMES DOUGLAS,  
*Superintendent.*

*Roads and Bridges.*STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE ON VARIOUS LINES OF ROADS,  
BRIDGES, &c., 1851.

## LEMARCHANT ROAD.

William Manning	.....	.....	£1 10 0
Patrick Leasy	.....	.....	1 10 0
James Crow	.....	.....	1 10 0
Martin Carey	.....	.....	1 10 0
Michael Headon	.....	.....	2 10 0
Thomas Forrestal	.....	.....	1 10 0
Thomas Downs	.....	.....	1 12 0
Patrick Manning	.....	.....	1 10 0
John White	.....	.....	1 10 0
Michael Rogers	.....	.....	1 10 0
Con. Manning	.....	.....	1 10 0
John Byrne	.....	.....	2 0 0
Michael Neal	.....	.....	1 10 0
Ed. Kelly	.....	.....	1 15 0
Wm. Cody	.....	.....	1 10 0
Richd. Woodfine	.....	.....	1 10 0
Thos. Carey	.....	.....	1 10 0
Con. Collins	.....	.....	1 10 0
John Woodfine	.....	.....	1 10 0
John Goff	.....	.....	1 10 0
James Duggan and Thomas Roach...	.....	.....	3 15 0
John Donovan	.....	.....	1 10 0
John Field	.....	.....	1 10 0
Mr. Kelly	.....	.....	1 12 0
Wm. Cody	.....	.....	1 10 0
Thos. Carew	.....	.....	1 10 0
Wm. Cody	.....	.....	1 10 0
John Field	.....	.....	1 10 0
Patk. Manning	.....	.....	1 10 0
Richd. Woodfine	.....	.....	1 10 0
Patk. Leasy	.....	.....	1 10 0
Kyran Phelan	.....	.....	1 13 9
John Donovan	.....	.....	1 10 0
John Cody	.....	.....	1 16 0
Wm. Manning	.....	.....	1 10 0
Wm. Manning	.....	.....	1 10 0
Thos. Manning	.....	.....	3 17 6
Mr. Kelly	.....	.....	3 15 0
Francis Smith and John Donovan...	.....	.....	1 10 0
John Kelly	.....	.....	1 10 0
James Bulger	.....	.....	1 10 0
Walter Culleton	.....	.....	1 15 0
Mr. Nowlan	.....	.....	3 0 0
John Murphy and partners	.....	.....	8 6 0
Wm. King	.....	.....	2 0 0
John Culleton	.....	.....	2 10 0
Wm. Murphy	.....	.....	2 10 0

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				Brought forward	£90	17	3		
Mchl. Donovan	.....	.....	£2	0	0				
John Neal	.....	.....	4	19	0				
FLAT ROCK AND POUCH COVE ROAD.							97	16	3
Ed. Martin	.....	.....	£0	6	6				
Richd. Allen	.....	.....	0	7	0				
James Bulger	.....	.....	0	7	0				
John Hanlon	.....	.....	0	7	6				
James Hanlon	.....	.....	0	7	9				
Denis Maher	.....	.....	0	8	6				
Wm. Butt and Thos. Furlong	.....	.....	0	10	0				
Philip and David Greshue	.....	.....	0	17	0				
Henry Maynard	.....	.....	1	12	0				
Wm. Martin	.....	.....	1	10	0				
Saml. Martin	.....	.....	1	10	0				
Michl. Culleton	.....	.....	1	10	0				
Michl. Dee	.....	.....	1	10	0				
James Reddy	.....	.....	1	10	0				
John Fitzgerald	.....	.....	1	10	0				
James Boyle	.....	.....	1	10	0				
John Stamp	.....	.....	1	10	0				
James Hanlon	.....	.....	1	13	0				
Edward Martin	.....	.....	1	15	0				
John Hanlon	.....	.....	2	9	0				
Thomas McDonnell	.....	.....	1	10	0				
Denis Maher	.....	.....	1	10	0				
Cornelius Power	.....	.....	2	7	9				
Richard Allen and partners	.....	.....	3	11	3				
James Bulger and partners	.....	.....	5	0	0				
Daniel Manning	.....	.....	1	15	0				
James Cahill	.....	.....	1	10	0				
James Bulger	.....	.....	1	17	6				
Oliver Grace	.....	.....	1	15	0				
John Grace	.....	.....	1	10	0				
James Butler	.....	.....	4	14	6				
Garret Keefe	.....	.....	1	10	0				
David Greshue	.....	.....	1	12	0				
Michael Delahunty	.....	.....	1	8	0				
Philip Greshue	.....	.....	1	10	0				
Thomas Furlong	.....	.....	1	12	0				
Michael Delahunty & partners	.....	.....	6	10	0				
Thomas Martin	.....	.....	1	15	0				
Thomas Houlahan	.....	.....	1	13	0				
William Doyle	.....	.....	1	10	0				
Robert Evans	.....	.....	1	10	0				
William Butt	.....	.....	1	10	0				
Martin Butler	.....	.....	1	12	0				
Daniel Connors	.....	.....	1	10	0				
Patrick Power	.....	.....	1	10	0	—76	13	3	

£174 9 6

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		Brought forward	£174	9	6
Joseph Walsh	.....	1	10	0	
Edward Kelly	.....	1	10	0	
James Wall & Martin Butler	.....	0	15	0	
Philip Ryan	.....	1	11	6	
John Delaney	.....	1	11	6	
Robert Murrin	.....	1	10	0	
John Boon	.....	1	10	0	
John Newell	.....	1	10	0	
Morgan Toole	.....	1	10	0	
Butler, Keefe, and partners	.....	1	13	0	
John Shea and partners	.....	1	10	0	
Keefe, Butler and partners	.....	1	11	0	
William Furlong	.....	1	10	0	
James Wall	.....	1	12	0	
Isaac Newell	.....	1	10	0	
John Shea	.....	1	10	0	
John Furlong	.....	1	10	0	
John Murphy and partners	.....	16	0	0	
Maurice Higgins	.....	1	10	0	
Edward Fling	.....	1	10	0	
Thomas Houlahan	.....	1	10	0	
James Parsons	.....	1	10	0	
James Bulger	.....	0	16	0	
Walter Culleton	.....	1	5	0	
Michael Delahunty	.....	3	0	0	
Michael Dee	.....	3	0	0	55 5 0
Paid for Stationery	.....				1 0 10

## OLD CONTRACTS.

Joseph Long, Magotty Cove, Act 9th Vic., Cap. 2	.....				18	9	7
Balances Contracts 1849 & 1850 ...	.....				519	7	2
					<u>£768 12 1</u>		
1851.	CR.						
May 3.—By Warrant	.....	£115	7	8			
23.—“ do.	.....	115	7	8			
June 5.—“ do.	.....	57	19	5			
24.—“ do.	.....	173	1	6			
July 17.—“ do.	.....	18	9	7			
Aug. 14.—“ do.	.....	150	0	0			
Dec. 15.—“ do.	.....	115	7	8	745	13	6
“ Balances Contracts...	.....				22	18	7
					<u>£768 12 1</u>		

JAMES DOUGLAS,  
*Superintendent.*

St. John's, February 16th, 1852.

*Roads and Bridges.*

## STATEMENT OF LEVELLING, &amp;c., IN VARIOUS STREETS OF THE TOWN—1851.

DUCKWORTH STREET.			
To labor, as per book	.....	.....	£94 3 1
" Powder, &c.,	.....	.....	1 5 6
" Tools and utensils	.....	.....	13 18 7
" Martin Fitzgerald, at Court-house hill	.....	.....	10 18 8
" Gas Company, removing pipes	.....	.....	5 0 0
" William Hill...	.....	.....	2 0 0 —127 5 10
PRINCES STREET.			
" Richard Kelly	.....	.....	1 0 0
" Balance due me, last year's account	.....	.....	2 5 0
			<u>£130 10 10</u>
CR.			
April 5.—By Warrant	.....	.....	£80 15 4
" Ditto	.....	.....	49 15 6— 130 10 10
			<u>£130 10 10</u>

JAMES DOUGLAS, *Supervisor.*

## STATEMENT OF GRAVEYARD ACCOUNT, AND EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FOR EMPLOYMENT OF THE POOR—1851.

To labor, as per labor book	.....	.....	£200 10 10
" Tools and utensils...	.....	.....	43 1 9
" Lime, per receipt ...	.....	.....	20 0 0
" Labor, spreading ditto	.....	.....	1 1 0
" John Reid, removing remains	.....	.....	4 0 7
" John Dwyer, ditto ditto	.....	.....	5 0 0
" Balance carried down .	.....	.....	14 15 0
			<u>£288 9 2</u>
CR.			
March 29.—By Warrant	.....	.....	£115 7 8
April 12.—" Ditto ...	.....	.....	115 7 8
" " —" Ditto ...	.....	.....	57 13 10 —288 9 2
To balance in hand	.....	.....	£14 15 0

JAMES DOUGLAS,  
*Superintendent.*

Jan. 28th, 1852.

*Roads and Bridges.*STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE ERECTION OF A PUBLIC WHARF  
AT TOPSAIL BEACH, 1851.

Labor .....	£178	17	7	
Materials, &c. at Topsail .....	46	13	6	
Ditto, ditto, St. John's, per sundry Vouchers .....	77	8	3	—302 19 4
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				CR.
By amount of sundry Warrants .....	£288	9	2	
" Balance due .....	14	10	2	
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				£302 19 4
				<hr/>

STATEMENT OF EXPENSE OF ERECTING A FENCE AT THE SOUTH  
SIDE—1851.

To paid for posts, longers, &c., per receipts .....	£10	8	0	
" " " labor, as per receipts .....	11	19	6	
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				£22 7 6
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Feb. 18.—By Warrant for amount unexpended grant..... £22 7 6

JAMES DOUGLAS, *Superintendent.*LETTER FROM JAMES DOUGLAS, CHAIRMAN OF CENTRAL ROAD BOARD,  
ON THE SUBJECT OF JOB'S BRIDGE.

St. JOHN'S, April 24th, 1852.

SIR,—I am directed by the Central Board of Road Commissioners to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that Job's Bridge has been considerably damaged by the pressure of the heavy drift of river ice in its descent to the Harbour.

Both the wooden and iron sheathing which binds and strengthens the centre paling have been broken and stripped off by the force of the ice, and the centre cut-water is much chafed

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and injured ; two of the piers which protect the extreme abutments have also been crushed by the weight of the heavy pans of ice, and all the supports of the bridge more or less damaged.

The causeway on each side of the bridge has been shaken, and several small breaches made in the stone work which require to be re-built so soon as the weather will permit. To effect the repairs which are indispensably necessary, the sum of £80 stg. will be necessary, and as this bridge has never been considered entitled to participate in the street grants, it is desirable that a special sum should be appropriated for this essential service.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obt. servant,

JAMES DOUGLAS.

*Chairman Central Road Board.*

Honorable James CROWDY, Secretary, &c., &c.

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COPY OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE HAD BETWEEN THE CENTRAL BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS AND THEIR SURVEYOR ON THE SUBJECT OF THE SHIP HARBOR AND LONG HARBOR LINES OF ROAD—TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF THE SURVEYOR UPON THE SAID ROADS, AND ALSO EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD.

SEPTEMBER 3, 1851.

After some discussion in reference to the Ship Harbour Line of Road, it was moved by Mr. ROBINSON, seconded by Mr. BENNETT, and

*Resolved*,—That Mr. BYRNE proceed as soon as he conveniently can to examine and survey the best Line of Road to Ship Harbour or Long Harbour, keeping in view the surveys already made, and as far as practicable, making the line already explored and the expenses already incurred, available for the permanent road, and that Mr. Byrne be authorised to employ a number of hands not exceeding seven.

OCTOBER 20, 1851.

*Resolved*,—That as there may not be an opportunity of communicating with Mr. Byrne for some time whilst engaged on the Ship Harbour Line, he be informed that if in opening the said line, and especially in blazing those parts of the line which will require to be altered, and in removing the windfalls the whole distance, he shall require further assistance to get through the work before the snow comes, he be authorised to employ labourers at a sum not exceeding 2s. 6d. a day, and that he be informed that the people of Brigus have been represented to be in urgent want of support and of work ; and that he will in opening the Ship

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Harbour Road—especially in clearing away those parts where an alteration is proposed to be made—bear in mind the double advantage of employing these people who are thus in distress, and obtaining the labour cheap.

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*To Mr. Thomas Byrne, Road Surveyor.*

ST. JOHN'S, Oct. 20, 1851.

DEAR SIR,—The bearer of your letter having informed me that a party had been sent on the Ship Harbour Road some time since, the Board felt disappointed that you did not report what had been done on this important main line; and although the Commissioners are disposed to look upon the want of the requisite information as a mere inadvertence on your part, still the omission is open to unpleasant inferences which it is the duty of the officers of the Road Board, and more especially yourself, to dissipate. Moreover, the road referred to being a mooted one, it is the more necessary that you should proceed to the examination of it with all possible alacrity, and if possible, produce a line that will be alike creditable to the Road Board, satisfactory to yourself, and beneficial to the public.

I herewith enclose a resolution of the Board expressive of their desire, and by which you will perceive that the Commissioners are anxious that the road should, as far as possible, be opened up and forthwith made available for public use; and to effect this, the Commissioners have placed at your disposal an additional number of labourers to enable you to open the new line, and also to clear of windfalls and other obstructions on such parts of the old line as may be adopted by you.

Should you find it convenient to employ the people of Brigus referred to in the resolution, well and good; if not, lose not a day nor an hour at this advanced period of the year in carrying out the intention of the Commissioners.

I am, Sir, &c.

(Signed,)

JAMES DOUGLAS,

*Chairman*

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*To James Douglas, Esq, Chairman.*

SIR,—On yesterday I heard from the men on the Ship Harbour Road, and learned that they have cleared the greater part of the road of the windfalls, and report favorable of Long Harbour.

Perhaps I should here state, for the information of the Board, that Thomas Walsh and James Darmady, of Little Placentia, had informed me that Robert Ledwick, and Patrick Mullins, and themselves, were in Ship Harbour looking for bait, on the 27th of August last, when Ledwick's road bursted, and the three had to run their boats ashore at the bottom of the harbour to save their lives, and that Darmady ran for Long Harbour where he saved his boat without using his anchor.

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I will be on my way to Ship Harbour as soon as I will point out to the Contractors the work that was sold yesterday.

I have the honor, &c.

(Signed,)

THOMAS BYRNE,  
*Road Surveyor.*

*To James Douglas, Esq., Chairman.*

Bottom of Long Harbour. }  
Nov. 7, 1851. }

SIR,—On the receipt of this you will, for the information of the Board, be handed per the bearer, a rough plan of part of Ship Harbour Line of Road, shewing the relative position of Long Harbour and Ship Harbour, by which it will be seen that the former is about five and a-half miles nearer to St. John's than the latter, and also nearer to Trinity and Conception Bays. Although I have only made a hasty survey of part of Long Harbour, it is sufficiently correct to shew that in it there are harbours within a harbour. I have formerly given a survey of Ship Harbour, which I believe is in the library of the House of Assembly, which would better shew its position as the entire harbour is laid down. From what I have seen and learned, I am convinced that Long Harbour is a better and more desirable terminus than Ship Harbour.

There had been a great number of windfalls on the road which I have caused to be removed. Travellers can now make a far better journey on this line than heretofore.

Whether it is from the number of windfalls and a young growth of birch and fir on parts of the road between Howard's Droke and Ship Harbour (distance about eight miles and a half) or that travellers prefer passing by Long Harbor, distance from the same place about three miles, there are in most parts of the former hardly a foot-path to be seen, particularly where vegetation is poor. There is a path opened from Howard's Droke to Long Harbour, about three feet wide on an average—the stumps from three to twelve inches high; this part, though difficult to travel, is more used than the line from Howard's Droke to Ship Harbour—parts of it are too steep for a road. There can be a good line found to the north of this path, although there are several steep inclinations between Howard's Droke and Ship Harbour that could be avoided—the greater part is tolerably fair. To give this a fair trial, I think it would be desirable to clear it of the young growth of birch and fir that is growing on several parts. It would not cost at most above £10. I am anxious for instructions what to do with this part; whether those improvements alluded to will be left in abeyance, or whether the above young growth will be attended to. If the best line of Road be required, there will be less of the old line adopted than if the improvements of the steep parts alone be attended to.

Having called at Brigus on my way here, I had an opportunity of seeing a branch line of road opened from the Goulds to meet the Ship Harbour line at Brigus pond; the stumps are left from three to twelve inches high which prevents travellers making as good a journey as they otherwise would. Although there could be considerable improvements made on the line, there is some credit due to William McDonald, (Ml. Courier's man), who has pointed out the route. These improvements ought to be made before any money should be expended on it, as there would be very little difference between the opening a new line, removing the stumps

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and roots with the trees, and taking up the stumps and roots of the old line, which should be done before it could be drained ; otherwise gravelling the road would be more expensive.

There is another line opened from Emberley's gulley which is about three miles nearer to the bridge than the head of the Ship Harbour line, and meets the latter about three miles from its head, forming almost an equilateral triangle, the length of each side being about three miles. I have not as yet seen more than the head of this line, but from where I have learned it meets the Ship Harbour line, I believe it passes along one valley convenient to an old winter path and Emberley's Brook, leaving the same ridges between that and the Goulds river to cross along the old line. The ridges to the eastward of this line are crossed along the Conception Bay road at a lower elevation than on the Ship Harbour Line.

Seeing the advantage of a road to Long Harbour, and believing that the Board on learning those advantages would be anxious to have a good line opened to this place, I am marking a line from the bottom of the harbour, to meet the Ship Harbour line in the vicinity of Howard's Droke. I feel it my duty here to observe for the information of the Board, that if the line of road from the head of Conception Bay to the westward of Spread Eagle peak, or the vicinity of Howard's Droke, be considered as so much of that great main line of road that is expected hereafter to open a communication with the northern and western bays, and that the road to Long Harbour be considered a branch road, and the latter be laid out on the most level line to meet the former, the distance from Long Harbour to St. John's might be increased at this place about a quarter of a mile. The branch line would form about one-half the line that would open a communication between Placentia Bay and Chapel Arm in Trinity Bay. I expect the instructions of the Board, whether it is this or the shortest line should be attended to.

There are several parts of the road west of Monument Hill that can be adopted, as part of the line between that and Long Harbor. At Monument Hill and Spread Eagle Peak there can be a very great improvement effected by keeping the line to the southward of both as the long steep inclinations on the former will be entirely avoided and the steep inclinations on the westward of the northern wing of the Peak will be also avoided ;—the ground over which it will pass between Monument Hill and the highest part of the southern wing of the Peak over which the new line will take being nearly a level. If the most level and shortest line from the latter place to St. John's is to be marked and laid out, it will have to be kept to the southward of the old line altogether, and meet the Conception Bay road nearer to the Salmon Cove Bridge, passing through what is called the Saddle and south of Nine Island Pond, over one ridge only between the Goulds and Colliers Rivers, and that at the lowest elevation. If the line be opened in this place, which I am determined to have done, unless the Board will think well of instructing me otherwise, the people at Collier's will be enabled by this line to bring timber or other building material from the Black Ridge, south of the Saddle to the beach, without having to ascend as much as 20 feet, by making trifling improvements on part of their winter path which meets this line ; it would also open perhaps the best field of timber within 12 miles of Conception Bay to the people of Cat's Cove, Salmon Cove, Harbor Maine, and Chapels Cove, as well as to those at Colliers. If the Board approve of this line and the one to Long Harbor, perhaps it would be desirable to mark the line from Long Harbor to Spread Eagle Peak and let the opening to contractors ; and then to proceed to Cat's Cove and mark the line from the Saddle or Goulds river to meet the Conception Bay road and get that part opened as soon as marked. This arrangement would give the best line from Long Harbor to the Peak, and employment to people at Placentia Bay, and open a field of permanent employment to many at the head of Conception Bay at the earliest opportunity. The other part of the line could be afterwards attended to.

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I have given employment to four men from Colliers, and three from Harbour Buffet, who came to seek employment: they are building such tilts as are necessary to live in whilst marking the line; they will be afterwards useful to contractors and travellers, (boarded tilts at about £4 10s. 0d. and tilts of ruder construction at about £1 15s. 0d.)

I wish to be instructed whether it is by tender or by auction the Board would be desirous of letting the work, and to have it given to parties who are in need of employment at an estimated price. I have learned that there are some of these at Harbour Buffet, Fox Harbour, and Little Placentia, and some in the neighbourhood of Colliers. The people of those places being so far apart and difficult to collect together, perhaps it would be the better way to advertise and receive tenders at the different places and have the entire collected and decided on at one place. I am also desirous to know whether the Board wishes to give any part of the work near Placentia Bay to people living at Conception Bay, or whether the same work will be advertised at both bays, or at Trinity Bay.

I have, Sir, &c.,

Signed,

THOMAS BYRNE,

*Road Surveyor.*

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*Extract from the Minutes of the Board, Nov. 14, 1851.*

The Chairman having submitted a communication from Mr. Byrne, Surveyor to the Board, reporting on the Ship Harbour road and Long Harbour road, and suggesting important alterations on the said lines, after some discussion, it was

*Resolved*,—That Mr. Byrne be authorized to lay out and blaze the line from Salmon Cove bridge, to Spread Eagle Peak, in conformity with the suggestions contained in his own report, to a width of seven or eight feet, and that the suggested alteration from Spread Eagle to Monument Hill be also adopted, and that the line of road be driven thence to Long Harbour as proposed—Also to open and clear of young growth the road from Ship Harbour to Howard's Droke, and after the aforesaid work shall have been completed, to superintend the alterations on the Brigus branch line, to where it joins the new line.

*Resolved*,—That Mr. Byrne be instructed to report to the Board the saving of distance in the new line.

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*To Mr. Thomas Byrne.*

ST. JOHN'S, Nov. 17, 1851.

SIR,—I have received and laid before the Board your letters of the 7th and 8th instant, in which you require definite instructions to govern your future proceedings in completing the survey of the Ship Harbour and Long Harbour road.

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The Board having carefully considered the various alterations and propositions as detailed in your report, have instructed me to acquaint you that placing as they do implicit reliance on the representations you have made, and moreover, having perfect confidence in your knowledge and judgment in reference to the matters referred to in your letters, they desire that you will with all possible despatch carry out to the fullest extent, the whole of the improvements suggested by you; and further, to prevent the possibility of any misunderstanding on your part, as regards the intention of the Commissioners in the powers delegated to you, I will briefly refer to the more prominent parts of your report, where you state that very important and most decided improvements can be made.

The Commissioners have adopted the alterations recommended by you at Spread Eagle Peak and Monument Hill, and they also concur in the alterations which you propose from Howard's Droke to Long Harbour.

It was however not without considerable reluctance that the Commissioners yielded to the alterations which you propose from Spread Eagle Peak to Salmon Cove Bridge, seeing that it embraces an abandonment of a considerable portion of the old line, which has been laid out at much cost to the colony, and I may remind you that greater responsibility is hereby thrown upon you.

The Commissioners have desired me to say that they have also considered the advantages which would accrue to the people of Brigus by carrying out the improvements as suggested by you on the branch road which has been opened under supervision of Charles Cozens, Esq., J. P., of Brigus, and it is their desire that you should superintend the alterations proposed of that part which has been opened, and also continue this road to where it should join the new line which you are authorised to open.

The Commissioners having considered the advanced period of the year and the probable difficulties which would unavoidably follow delay, I have further to signify their anxious desire that you will, under your own direction, lay out the surveying work on the road in such lots as may suit applicants for labor, or the men you may have occasion to employ; and after setting a reasonable value on the work to be performed, you will proceed to let by ticket and according to the numbers drawn by the labourers respectively.

Should any lots remain undrawn for, you will have to take the next best method of accomplishing the work, to the end that the whole line from Long Harbour to Salmon Cove Bridge may be fit for the use of travellers this season. The road is to be opened and cleared to the width of 8 feet in all parts.

I have only to add that by all available means you will complete the survey this present all.

The Commissioners think it advisable to open that part of the road to Ship Harbour situate between Howard's Droke and that settlement to a width of 8 feet, for special accommodation of Little Placentia. I need not perhaps remind you that the work you have been above directed to have performed is merely under the head of survey, and you will accordingly pay every attention to following upon the most unexceptionable line in all respects.

I am, Sir, &c.

(Signed,)

JAMES DOUGLAS,

*Chairman.*

*Roads and Bridges.**To James Douglas, Esq., Chairman.*

Brigus, 1851.

SIR,—After arriving at Cats Cove I learned there were reports in that neighbourhood and at Colliers that I wanted fifty men at 5s. 6d. a-day. Several persons applied for work but declined taking 2s. 6d. a day, what I was instructed by the Board to give to persons in need of employment. Understanding from your letter that there were many here glad to be employed at that wages, I took this way to Ship Harbour, and have learned that labourers were employed here at 4s. a day. I called on the Clergymen and Magistrate, to know if they knew any who were desirous of employment at 2s. 6d. Father Mackin knev of none. Rev. Mr. Snowball said he could not get men to do his own work for 3s. a day, and the magistrate Mr. Cozens said there were none to be had here, but that I *might* get some in the neighbouring settlements.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
(Signed,)

THOMAS BYRNE,  
*Surveyor.*

*To James Douglas, Esq., Chairman.*

Long Harbor, Dec. 4, 1851.

SIR,—Having just returned from Little Placentia, after making a survey of the Harbor there, I have not as yet an opportunity of making a plan or preparing a report. The gut or entrance into the harbor is filling with sand and beach stones. The wharf erected for the purpose of preventing the gut closing up with those materials, was placed too near the point of beach that forms one side of the entrance of the harbor, and in such position as caused an eddy on that side which deposited a large quantity of gravel, sand, &c. in the gut. Until I can furnish a plan I cannot properly explain how it is closing up, or what I think would be best for remedying the evil. Another wharf will be necessary to have been erected between 20 and 30 perches from the Gut; it would be desirable to provide material for it during the winter.

After receiving your letter of the 17th ultimo, I sent notices to Placentia, Fox Harbor, Rams Island, and other neighbouring settlements, that I was prepared to let by contract the opening of parts of the road between Long Harbor and Spread Eagle Peak. When I had been at Little Placentia and at Rams Island I met parties who wanted employment on the road, but required 5s. per day. I made known to them that I would let the work on contract by ticket at about £8 and upwards per mile for clearing 8 feet in width, but none as yet have taken any part of it. I have let the clearing the road from Ship Harbor to the Long Harbor road (distance about 10 miles) of the young growth and windfalls, and to build a bridge over Ship Harbor brook for the sum of £10, when I considered that the two heavy falls of snow which we have had was likely to prevent parties contracting for the work. I have got a path of 3 or 4 feet wide opened from the bottom of Long Harbor to a distance of about 3 miles by my own crew, which will enable travellers to make use of the part of Long Harbor road and meet the old line and proceed to St. John's or Conception Bay.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed)

THOMAS BYRNE,  
*Surveyor.*

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P.S.—I have given a month's employment to — Lloyd and son at 6s. 6d. per day, and afterwards agreed with him for clearing the young growth, &c. of the road from Ship Harbor to the Long Harbor road.

(Signed)

THOMAS BYRNE.

*Mr. Byrne's Report to James Douglas, Esq.*

SIR,—In submitting a report made in exploring and improving the Ship Harbor line of road and marking a line to Long Harbor, I beg leave to state that I have marked a line from the head of Long Harbor to a point on the Ship Harbor line, eastward of Monument Hill. The length of this is nearly  $4\frac{3}{8}$  miles. In making this road, if the knaps would have been lowered on an average  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet, and the hollows raised as much, there would be no part of it on which the inclination would be greater than the upper part of Cochrane-street, and not 30 perches so steep even as this.

In the vicinity of Monument Hill and Spread Eagle Peak, the improved line keeps to the southward, as will be seen by the rough plan, thereby avoiding Monument Hill altogether and crossing the wing of Spread Eagle Peak at a low elevation. In passing from the westward by these hills the traveller has not to ascend more than 20 feet. The line keeps about a quarter of a mile from the Peak, and is marked to a point about  $1\frac{1}{4}$  mile to the eastward and southward of it.

After having a few miles from Long Harbor marked, I sent notices for tenders, according to instructions, to Fox Harbor, Little Placentia, and such other neighbouring settlements as I could send to, but the winter setting in, there were only a few persons applied for work. I let about  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles next to Long Harbor by ticket in 6 lots, the whole amounting to £15 12s. 6d. for opening 8 feet in width. I also let the clearing of the line from Ship Harbor to the point from which the Long Harbor line diverges for the sum of £10, (distance  $9\frac{3}{4}$  miles) for clearing the road of the young birch, fir, and spruce, and of windfalls, &c.

In making the rough plan of the old Ship Harbour Line, I have laid down the branch line to Emberley's gulley, and also the Conception Bay road from the latter place to Salmon Cove bridge. On the branch road to Emberley's Gulley, there could be considerable improvements made by avoiding some steep hills, which could be done without increasing the distance. If this would have been done, there would be a good winter path from Emberley's Gulley to the woods. On the plan I have traced a line showing the route where the shortest and most level line can be had. This line would avoid the high ridges which are between Colliers and the Goulds rivers over which the old line crosses, and open a tract of country where the best and largest field of timber can be found within ten miles of the head of Conception Bay.

When this line shall have been opened, levelled, drained, and bridged from Salmon Cove bridge to the Goulds river, there will be a field of employment opened for the inhabitants of Colliers, Cats Cove, Salmon Cove, Harbour Main, &c., I might say, inexhaustible, if kept from accidental fire.

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I feel it my duty to remark that if the old line would have been improved so as to avoid the steep knaps, its length would have to be considerably increased and there would be scarcely one third of the old line left. This one third part would be the wet part where the stumps are too high to suffer them to remain when draining the road—the removing these stumps would be as expensive as opening so much of a new line. There are four large bridges carried away, the others are in a decayed state, except the one over the Goulds river which has been repaired.

Perhaps I should also bring under the consideration of the Board whether it would not be advisable to open the road to twelve or thirteen feet in width instead of eight feet (the width the Board have instructed to have opened) as the road would be too narrow when the side drains would be taken from the latter width, and thereby cause travellers and cattle &c., to keep so near the drains as to be almost certain of breaking them down.

I am, Sir, &c.

Signed,

THOMAS BYRNE,  
*Road Surveyor.*

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*Extract from the Minutes of the Board.*

*Resolved*,—That the Commissioners having thoroughly considered all the points connected with the several surveys of the Ship Harbour Road, the evidence of Mr. Gisborne and others, and having examined the plan of a new line recommended by Mr. Byrne and now laid before them, and also the plan proposed by Mr. Page of the old line,—are of opinion that the advantages of adopting a new line would not be commensurate with the loss and expense of abandoning the line already surveyed, bridged, and partly opened, and that the interests of the public generally, and the convenience of the traveller will be best consulted by adhering to the old line, making those necessary alterations on that line of which it is susceptible for its improvement, especially the new opening from Emberley's Gully, and that their original instructions given to their Surveyor, Mr. Byrne, under date the 3rd day of September last, be strictly adhered to.

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*Miscellaneous.*

## CORRESPONDENCE IN REFERENCE TO THE BURIN GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT  
Knight, and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and  
over the Island of Newfoundland and its Depend-  
encies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The petition of the undersigned inhabitants of Burin

HUMBLY SHEWETH,—

That Your petitioners have learned with feelings of gratitude that your Excellency has been pleased to sanction the appropriation of a sum of money as salary for the Teacher of a Commercial and Grammar School to be established in this district, and under that assurance have made arrangements for the hire for one year of a suitable dwelling-house and school-room, for the immediate accommodation of a teacher and pupils.

That your petitioners, while regretting the neglect under which this populous portion of the District has hitherto suffered, are now deeply and gratefully sensible of the interest taken in their welfare as evinced by the character of this vote, and humbly pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to appoint a competent Teacher for the said school as well as a sufficient number of Directors to manage and superintend the same.

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

(Signed,)

J. G. Falle.  
F. Bertram.  
Willm. Hooper.  
Thos. Birkett.  
John Marshall.  
Willm. Butler.  
Richard Marshall.  
Michael Gorman.  
Hirzl. LeMessurier.  
Francis Moran.  
Clement Benning.  
John O'Neill.  
John Thorn.  
Arthur McAuley.  
Matthew Marshall.  
Charles Hollett.  
Owen Pine.  
John Oliver.

*Miscellaneous.*

(Copy.)

Secretary's Office, July 9th, 1852.

Sir,—I am directed by the Administrator of the Government to transmit to you, the accompanying *Gazette* containing the names of the gentlemen appointed Commissioners of the Grammar School at Burin, together with three applications for the situation of master. This appointment being left by the Governor with the Commissioners, the several applicants will be referred to them.

I have, &amp;c.,

Signed.

C. AYRE,

*Acting Secretary.*

J. G. Falle, Esqr., M. H. A., Burin.

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 Burin, 22nd. August, 1851.

SIR,—We have to request that you will lay the accompanying copy of a protest before the Administrator of the Government, which was handed by us to the Chairman of the Commercial School at its first meeting on the 20th instant, and a meeting without one day's notice—not even a line in writing given. We regret that we were placed in such a position as to prevent us from carrying out the views of the Government, but how they overlooked the position they thus placed us in, is surprising. We beg respectfully to refer them to the Census, and they will see that the Catholics are rather more than three-sevenths of the whole population of this District, to say, Catholics are 1951, Episcopalians are 1221, and Wesleyans are 1163. Under these circumstances, they are of opinion that the construction of the Board for conducting the school, and more particularly so, for electing of a Teacher places us in rather the unenviable position of mere cyphers—and more assuredly so, from the *private public letter* addressed to the Government by the member for Burin calling on them to appoint a Mr. Webber, although he stated at a public meeting that mentioning the name of Mr. Camble who at the same time seemed to give general satisfaction, would be an interference, and might be considered dictating to the Government; but in the above epistle he attempts to dictate and calls on them to appoint an Episcopalian, on the ground that they had subscribed the greatest amount towards the support of the school and teacher, yet, at the time he wrote, it was not the fact. The difference is very small, but it is in favour of Catholics, and they were, and are determined to increase their subscriptions if necessary, should they be dealt with as others of Her Majesty's subjects.

I beg leave to conclude by informing you, that the subscription of each denomination is as follows, Catholics, £10, Episcopalians, £9 15s. and Wesleyans, £4 5s. Total, £24. Cy.

We are, &amp;c.,

Signed

CLEMENT BENNING.

MATTHEW MARSHALL.

To Christopher Ayre, Esq., &amp;c., &amp;c., &amp;c.,

*Miscellaneous.*

A COPY OF A PROTEST HANDED MR. FALLE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
COMMERCIAL SCHOOL,

We, the undersigned, being informed that we are, together with four other gentlemen, appointed Directors or Commissioners of a Commercial School for the District of Burin by the Government, which places us in a minority of two Catholics to four Protestants, although the Catholic population of the District is nearly one half :

We decline acting for the above reason as well as the following : being informed that Mr. Falle, the member for Burin, has written the Government that a Mr. Webber must be appointed, or else the Episcopalian Protestants would not countenance or support the said School, and further, that a person who had applied and was approved, was not appointed because he was a Roman Catholic, although admitted by the head of the Government to be in every respect qualified.

We consequently protest for ourselves and on behalf of Catholics of this district, against any appointment or any other proceedings connected with the Commercial School, until we are more fairly represented at said Board.

Signed,

CLEMENT BENNING.  
MATTHEW MARSHALL.

To the Commissioners of the Commercial School.

Court-House, Burin, }  
20th August, 1851. }

Burin, 23rd September, 1851.

SIR,—I have the honor to report to you that at a meeting of the Commissioners of the Grammar School held at the Court-house on the 20th ultimo.

Mr. John H. Mayne, of Harbor Grace, was duly elected teacher for the above School.

In his reply to the Chairman's communication apprising him of his appointment, he will be prepared to open school on the 1st of October, inst.

Joshua G. Falle, Esquire, Chairman, has drawn an order on the Treasurer for the salary voted by the Honourable House of Assembly for the master.

I have, &c.

Signed,

THOMAS BIRKETT,  
*Acting Chairman.*

The Honorable  
The Colonial Secretary, &c. &c., &c.

*Miscellaneous.*

Secretary's Office,  
29th September, 1851. }

SIR,—I am directed by the Administrator of the Government to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst., acquainting me that the Commissioners for the Burin Grammar School had duly elected Mr. John H. Mayne, of Harbour Grace, teacher, and that he will open School on the 1st October.

I have, &c.,

Signed,

C. AYRE,

*Acting Secretary.*

T. Birkett, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

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ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING A POST OFFICE IN THE  
MARKET-HOUSE.

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It is proposed to construct a strong partition across the principal floor of the Market-house, leaving the room on the south end, fifty-four by thirty-nine feet, to be entered from the stone gallery, and used for any purpose that may be required. The other portion of the floor, shaded in lake, to be appropriated as a Post-office establishment, as the same is indicated by the accompanying plan. This, if approved, will require to have quartering partitions, lathed and plastered, enclosing and sub-dividing the offices; to be entered and ceiled at the height of seventeen feet, the wall strapped and lathed and plastered; sufficient glass in front to cover the letter boxes intended for the mercantile establishments; these boxes to be open towards the front, the numbers painted on the glass, so that the letters, when in them, may be seen and called for by those for whom they are intended.

The undermentioned quantities of work will be required:—

11 $\frac{1}{3}$  squares strong trussed partitioning.

21 $\frac{3}{8}$  squares quartering partitions.

11 squares ceiling joists.

816 yards lathing and plastering on sides and ceilings.

84 yards strapping, lathing, and plastering on walls.

2 front doors, and dressing.

4 inside doors, and dressing.

140 feet sashes and frames, made, fitted, and glazed with strong plate glass.

78 feet running of cradling, frieze and cornice.

*Miscellaneous.*

Skirting to be fixed round the rooms.

Trimnings for three windows, &c.

The work here mentioned is estimated to cost £280 sterling.

PATRICK KOUGH.

St. John's, 14th April, 1852.

MEMORIAL FROM ASSISTANT JUDGE DESBARRES, IN REFERENCE TO  
PENSIONS FOR THE JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT.

*To His Excellency Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT  
Knight, and Knight Commander of the Orders  
of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of  
Spain, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and  
over the Island of Newfoundland and its Depend-  
encies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The Memorial of Augustus, W. Des Barres, Senior Assistant Judge of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland, respectfully sheweth:—

That Your Excellency's Memorialist whilst recently in England, made an application to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, requesting to be informed whether in the event of his being obliged by age or infirmity to retire from his present office, he would be entitled to a pension, and to what amount from Imperial funds; to which His Lordship replied, that in such event, memorialist would be entitled to no pension, except from colonial funds, and that he thought the passing of a general law, assigning pensions to Judges after certain terms of service, would be a wise measure on the part of the Colonial Legislature.

That memorialist begs to bring under Your Excellency's consideration herewith a statement of his services as laid before the Earl Grey, and would also remind Your Excellency of the peculiar circumstances of this colony, which compel the judges in the discharge of their circuit duties to undertake coasting voyages for nearly two months during the most tempestuous season of the year, exposing them to perils, discomforts, and privations which, at an advanced time of life, they are unable to undergo.

Your Memorialist therefore respectfully requests that Your Excellency will recommend to the Legislature to pass a measure for securing pensions to the judges of the Supreme Court, unable to continue to discharge their duties, as suggested by the noble Secretary of State.

And memorialist, as in duty bound, will ever pray,

A. W. DESBARRES.

*Senior Assistant Judge, Supreme Court.*

*Miscellaneous.*

## CASE OF A. W. DESBARRES, F. E. S. OF LONDON, AND FIRST ASSISTANT JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

In 1812, Mr. DesBarres was appointed a member of H. M. Privy Council, for Prince Edward Island.

In 1817, Mr. DesBarres being then a Barrister of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in the profitable practice of his profession, received a dispatch from Major General Ainslie, Lieut. Governor of the Island of Cape Breton, offering him the appointment of Attorney General, and received a royal mandamus to that office, which he continued to hold till the year 1822, when the government of Cape Breton was annexed to that of Nova Scotia under Lieutenant General, Sir James Kempt, and the duties of Attorney General thereof became transferred to the Attorney General of Nova Scotia.

In 1823, Mr. Des Barres returned to England by direction of General Sir James Kempt, in order to obtain compensation for the loss of the office of Attorney General at Cape Breton, and on the recommendation of the late Lord Sidmouth, and certificates from the Chief Justices of Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, and Mr. Sergeant Goulburn, was nominated by Earl Bathurst Secretary of State, and appointed, pursuant to the provisions of the Imperial Act 5th George 4th, cap. 67, by Royal Charter, First Assistant Judge of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland, and received a letter from the Under Secretary of State, Mr. Wilmot Horton, dated July, 1824, informing him of the amount of salary provided for the office, and requesting him to proceed to the colony to assist the Chief Justice, Mr. Tucker, in making arrangements for the promulgation of the Royal Charter. He also received a communication from Mr. Gwilt, King's Agent, of London, directing the advance of a moiety of the salary provided by their Lordships of the Treasury, under grant of Parliament.

In 1824 Mr. DesBarres proceeded to Newfoundland, and assisted the Chief Justice, Mr. Tucker, in preparing Rules of Court for the admission of Practitioners in the Supreme and Circuit Courts, and the forms and practice of those Courts generally, which subsequently received the Royal confirmation.

In 1825, on the arrival of the Governor, Sir Thomas Cochrane, Mr. DesBarres was appointed by the Royal Instructions, third Member of Her Majesty's Council of that island, which last office he continued to hold till the grant of a Legislative Assembly was conceded to the colonists, when the Judges were withdrawn from that Board. That the salary was invariably paid in England by Bills drawn by the Governor of Newfoundland upon their Lordships of the Treasury up to this date, 1834.

That up to the year 1837, the Imperial Revenue of the colony was paid over by the Collector of Her Majesty's Customs to the Commissary General, and issued to Her Majesty's troops. A Colonial Legislature having been conferred on the colony, the Imperial Revenues were made over to that Body upon condition of a sum of £6500 annually, to meet the salaries of the Governor, Judges, and other officers, and accordingly an Act passed the Legislature, granting to Her Majesty the sum of £6500, called the Reserved Salaries Bill, without any provision being made therein for retiring pensions for such of them as by long service, advanced age, and infirmity, might become unable to discharge the duties of their office.

Mr. DesBarres, at the time of his appointment, was informed, though not by any communication in his possession, that his appointment of First Assistant Judge, by Royal Charter, pursuant to the Act of Parliament, 5th George 4th, cap. 67, was a permanent office, and the salary thereof secured to him, and payable under their Lordships of the Treasury: and, as regards retiring allowance, the date of his appointment by Royal Charter being the 19th Sept. 1825, and anterior to the contributions of the per centage on salaries for the creation of a retired fund, he was entitled to the benefit thereof without any deduction from his salary.

*Miscellaneous.*

Mr. DesBarres is now far advanced in years without the power of active and laborious exertion, and having a large family of children to provide for without sufficient means, is anxious to know—

1st.—In case of incapacity from age and infirmity, and the appointment of a successor to his office, if he is entitled to any allowance.

2ndly.—What amount of retiring allowance he will be entitled to, the salary being £700 per annum.

3rdly.—Whether he would have a right to look to Her Majesty's Government directly for payment thereof, in the event of the Legislature of Newfoundland refusing to provide such retiring allowance.

Refer to Act 5th, George 4th, cap. 67.

MONT. MARTINS,  
BURGES Colonial Law. } Royal Charter of Nfld.

Copy.

CADIGAN HOTEL, }  
2nd August, 1851. }

SIR,—Having had the honor dutifully to submit for consideration a statement of my faithful services under the Crown, and to request the Earl Grey's favourable consideration thereon, and being unwilling to intrude on your valuable time at the close of the session of Parliament, I beg you will permit me most respectfully in the consideration of my case to draw your attention to the Act of Parliament 5 Geo. 4, cap. 67, and the Royal Charter by which I was appointed to carry out the duties therein contemplated—the establishment of a Court of Superior Jurisdiction in the Island of Newfoundland, to be governed by the laws of England, so far as the same could be applied. It will appear thereby that my appointment was under the Great Seal of Great Britain, and of precisely the same high and solemn authority as any Judge of the United Kingdom, and the same Oath of Office was administered to me; and I beg to observe, I never held such appointment under Mandamus or Colonial authority; that Newfoundland at that period, and for that purpose, was considered to be a portion of England, an English settlement, no Civil Governor having been appointed, and no Royal Instructions had ever issued, giving to the Island the constitution of a colony.

I would also beg to claim your attention to the Despatch of General Ainslie recommending my appointment to the office of Attorney General at Cape Breton in 1817, together with the certificates of Mr. Justice Roach, Mr. Justice Blair, and Mr. Halliburton then King's Counsel of Nova Scotia, proving the value of my professional avocations at that period, which, with other documents, are recorded at the Colonial Office.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Signed,

A. W. DESBARRES,  
*Senior Assistant Judge Supreme  
Court of Newfoundland.*

B. HAWES Esq., M. P.

Under Secretary of State, &c. &c. &c.

*Miscellaneous.*

## MEMORIAL FROM JUDGE DESBARRES, TRANSMITTED BY MR. SECRETARY CROWDY.

JUDGES' CHAMBERS,  
13th March, 1852. }

SIR.—In obedience to the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, for the years 1849, 1850, and 1851, I proceeded to the extern districts of this colony, and presided in the Northern and Southern Circuit Courts, and there is now in arrear and owing to me by Government, under the head of table money and the hire of conveyances for that service, a balance of sixty one pounds, nine shillings, and six pence, which has not been issued to me, owing to the insufficiency of the legislative votes for those years to cover the actual expenditure. Not having received any answer to my former applications, I beg leave respectfully to draw His Excellency's consideration to the subject, in order that the necessary steps may be taken during the present session to procure the reimbursement of my advances in the course of the public service.

I have the honor to enclose herewith the particulars of my claim against the Government, the accuracy of which will be proved by the number of days &c. mentioned in the Governor's Proclamations appointing the places and days for holding the sittings of the Circuit Courts, in the years, 1849, 1850, and 1851; and the amounts already paid to me appearing by the warrants drawn on the Colonial Treasurer may be deducted and the balance so ascertained compared with the amount.

His Excellency will please to remark that the right of the judges whilst on circuits to the allowance of table money is unquestioned. It was established by Governor Sir Thomas Cochrane so far back as the year 1826, and then approved by Her Majesty's Government in carrying out the 5 Geo., 4 Cap., 87, at twenty shillings per diem. As to its operation, it was the subject of reference to the Right Honourables, the Secretaries of the Colonies on various occasions, particularly as to its applicability to Harbour Grace in 1832; to the Right Honorable Sir George Murray, in the case of Mr. Justice Brenton, and in the year 1833; to the Earl Goderich in my own case, by both of whom its position was affirmed. It is also expressly recognised by the Legislative enactments of Supply for the years 1849, 1850, and 1851, the years for which it is now claimed, and it has been invariably issued to me from 1826, inclusive, up to the year 1849, without diminution.

I would also observe that the annual vote since the year 1848, for the expenses of the same circuits, has been reduced nearly one-half, and if the sums granted by the colonial legislature be so much reduced below the amount of the expenses actually and necessarily incurred by the circuit judge in the course of the circuit, in providing a table &c. for the clerk and sheriff, and the hire of conveyances and accommodation for the officers of the court and the public; and the difference between the sum voted and the sum expended were to be deducted from the salary of the judge, the measure would operate as a reduction of the reserved salary, without repealing the Royal Charter and the reserved salaries Act, which could never be contemplated.

Under these circumstances, I respectfully request His Excellency will be pleased to recommend to the Legislature now in session, to vote a sufficient sum to reimburse me for advances and expenses incurred whilst presiding judge on the Northern and Southern Circuit Courts in 1849, 1850, and 1851, over the amount granted by the Legislature for table money and conveyances to those circuits.

I have the honor, to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

A. W. DESBARRES.

*Senior Assistant Judge, Supreme Court.*

The Honble. James Crowdy,  
Colonial Secretary, &c., &c..

*Miscellaneous.**Her Majesty's Government of Newfoundland to Senior Assistant Judge DesBarres.*

DR.

1849.—To like amount granted in Session of 1850 to Acting Assistant Judge Emerson, over the amount granted by the Legislature for the circuit of 1839.....			£29	9	6	
1850.—To table money and expenses for the Spring Circuit Court at Harbour Grace, 23 days.....	23	0	0			
Conveyances round the Bay, and returning by Portugal Cove .....	3	0	0			
				26	0	0
1851.—To Fall Circuit at Harbor Grace, 24 days .....	24	0	0			
Conveyances, &c. ....	2	0	0			
				26	0	0
Received on amount Warrant .....	14	0	0			
				12	0	0
Balance due .....	12	0	0	12	0	0
				£61	9	6

A. W. DesBarres, Assistant Judge Presiding.

LETTER AND ESTIMATE FROM HARBOR GRACE IN REFERENCE TO THE  
GAOL.SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Harbor Grace, }  
May 17th, 1852. }

SIR,—In accordance with a presentment of the Grand Jury, in the last Northern Circuit Court, respecting the Gaol and Court House of this place, I beg to forward you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, an estimate of the expenditure necessary for the repairs of the same, and beg leave also to state that the steps and platform leading to the Court are in such a dilapidated state that they are altogether unsafe.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

G. C. GADEN,

*Sheriff Northern District.*

Per pro. J. F. BURROWS,

*Deputy Sheriff.*The Hon. JAMES CROWDY,  
Colonial Secretary, &c., &c.

*Miscellaneous.*

We, the undersigned, being appointed to inspect the Court House and Gaol at Harbor Grace, report as follows:—

1st.—The wooden sills and frame of the lower storie windows of Court House are in a rotten state, and want immediate repairs; should recommend stone for that purpose.

2nd.—The roof wants repairing in several places, being now in a leaky state.

3rd.—The east wall of the prison yard requires to be rose, to correspond with the west wall, to make it more safe for keeping prisoners.

4th.—The privy at the west end of the Court House wants a great deal repair, the foundation walls having given way.

5th.—The gallery in front and leading to the upper story, is in a very dilapidated state, and wants a great deal repair, or a new one.

6th.—The wall of the Court House requires pointing with Roman cement, throughout the building.

7th.—New shutes required in front, the present ones being rotten; with leading ones to the ground.

8th.—All wood-work on the exterior of the building requires painting.

The above specification will take at least the sum of Two Hundred and Twenty Pounds sterling to make it substantial, finding all materials.

THOMAS KITCHIN, Mason.

ROBERT LEE WHITING, Carpenter.

Harbor Grace, May 17th, 1852.

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RETURN OF THE AMOUNT OF CROWN RENTS RECEIVED IN THE YEARS  
ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1846, '7, 8, 9, AND 1850, AND OF THE APPROPRIATION  
OF THE SAME.

*Rent Account for the year ending 30th of June, 1846.*

DR.

1846.

June 30.—Received for Rents .....	£621	13	9
“ Ditto redeemed, and Lands sold .....	400	12	2
			5
Carried forward .....	£1022	5	11

*Miscellaneous.*

DR.

To amount brought forward ..... £1022 6 11

CR.

1846.

June 30.—Receiver's Commission, 5 per cent ..... £51 2 3  
 " Balance paid to Treasurer ..... 971 3 8  
 £1022 5 11

JAMES CROWDY.

RENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE, 1847.

DR.

1847.

June 30.—Received for Rents and Lands sold ..... £383 2 9

CR.

June 30.—Receiver's Commission, 5 per cent ..... £19 3 1  
 " Balance paid to Treasurer ..... 363 19 8  
 £383 2 9

JAMES CROWDY.

In addition to the above amount the sum of £266 8 5 was received (but not accounted for) by Mr. Templeman in this year. J. C.

RENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 1848.

DR.

1848.

June 30.—Received for Rents ..... £518 6 11  
 " " ——— Ditto ——— redeemed, and Lands sold ..... 645 1 11  
 Fines ..... 53 12 6  
 £1217 1 4

CR.

1848.

June 30.—Receiver's commission, (5 per cent ..... £60 17 0  
 " " Balance paid to Treasurer ..... 1156 4 4  
 £1217 1 4

JAMES CROWDY.

*Miscellaneous.*RENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE, 1849.

DR.

1849.		
June 30.—	Received for Rents .....	£800 15 0
"	" ——— Ditto ——— redeemed, and Lands sold .....	145 4 10
	Fines .....	8 0 0
		<u>£953 19 10</u>

CR.

1849.		
June 30.—	Receiver's Commission, 5 per cent. ....	£47 13 11
"	Balance paid to Treasurer .....	906 5 11
		<u>£953 19 10</u>

JAMES CROWDY.

RENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE, 1850.

DR.

1850.		
June 30.—	Received for Rents .....	£1036 8 9
"	Ditto redeemed, and Lands sold .....	166 18 10
"	Fines .....	56 14 0
		<u>£1260 1 7</u>

CR.

1850.		
June 30.—	Receiver's commission, 5 per cent. ....	£63 0 1
"	Balance paid to Treasurer .....	1,197 1 6
		<u>£1260 1 7</u>

JAMES CROWDY.

*Miscellaneous.*

## PRESENTMENT FROM GRAND JURY OF HARBOR GRACE.

COURT HOUSE, HARBOUR GRACE, }  
 April 5th, 1852. }

“ We, the Grand Inquest, have inspected Her Majesty’s Gaol, which we find clean and comfortable, the prisoners having no cause of complaint,—but further, we deem it necessary that the double iron door nearest the yard should be immediately repaired, as in its present state it is not sufficiently secured for the safety of prisoners: also, by report of Mr. Brace, we deem it necessary the window sills throughout the entire building should undergo inspection, as he asserts that, being of wood, they are in many parts quite rotten, more especially on the south side of the building.”

For self and fellow-jurors,  
 Signed

M. WILSHEAR.  
*Foreman.*

## PRESENTMENT OF GRAND JURY, TWILLINGATE.

The Grand Jury having viewed the Jail of this District, respectfully present, that the apartments occupied by the Jailer are wholly insufficient for such purpose, there being but two rooms set apart for him, one used as a kitchen and the other as a bed-room; his whole family are necessarily obliged to sleep in the one bed-room. There is also but one fireplace in the building, and from the imperfect construction of the cells for the prisoners, it becomes absolutely necessary that in cold weather the prisoners confined should share, in common with the jailer and his family, the only fire in the building, or be exposed to the chance of being frozen in their cells.

The jurors present that such a communion between prisoners and other persons mentioned cannot answer the ends for which imprisonment was intended, and should be most carefully guarded against: at the same time, for the want of proper rooms and jail accommodation, this intercourse cannot at present be avoided.

The Jury are also of opinion, that whilst the safety of persons in jail ought to be secured, so (if possible) ought their health to be preserved, and that the confined and unhealthy state of the cells in the jail, and the want of a yard in which prisoners could take the benefit of fresh air, are matters of such serious moment, that the jurors solicit the assistance and co-operation of this Honorable Court, in making such a representation to the Government as may ultimately lead to those improvements which are so palpably required.

CHARLES EDMONDS.

*Foreman.*

Grand Jury room, Twillingate, }  
 3rd. September, 1851. }

A DETAILED REPORT OF ALL INQUESTS HELD BY JOSEPH SHEA, CORONER FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT, DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DEC., 1851.

Name.	Date.	Verdict.	Where held.	Coroner's fees.		Medical fees.	Jurys' Fees.	Con- stls. Fees.	Burial Fees.	Mileage ex- penses.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.					
William Purcell...	Jan. 6...	Visitation of God.....	King's road.....	1	1	0	12s.	5s	s. d.	
Patrick Hayes.....	" 9...	Accidental burning.....	Freshwater.....	1	1	0	12	5		
Michael Doyle.....	" 9...	Accidental death.....	Pokeham-path.....	1	1	0	12	5		
James Ivenay.....	" 17...	Ditto.....	King's beach..	1	1	0	12	5		
John Furlong.....	" 20...	Visitation of God.....	Goulds.....	1	1	0	2 2 0	5		£1 1 0
Peter Bulger.....	Feb'y. 6...	Ditto.....	Queen-street..	1	1	0	12	5	10 10	
Joanna Power.....	" 11...	Ditto.....	James-street...	1	1	0	12	5		
William Hurley.....	" 17...	Accidental death.....	Near Gov. house	1	1	0	12	5		
Catherine Marshall	" 21...	Visitation of God.....	King's road.....	1	1	0	12	5		
Edward King.....	" 28...	Suicide.....	Blackhead.....	1	1	0	2 2 0	12	7 6	1 16 0
Child found dead...	April 7...	Still born.....	King's bridge.	1	1	0	2 2 0	12	13 6	
Ditto do. do.....	" 9...	Natural death.....	Duckworth-st..	1	1	0	2 2 0	12	13 6	
Mary Byrne.....	" 10...	Accidental burning.....	Torbay.....	1	1	0	2 2 0	12	6 6	0 14 0
Child found dead...	" 11...	Found dead.....	Flower-hill.....	1	1	0	2 0 0	12	13 6	
Child found, Du- } der's farm.....	" 21...	Wilful murder against some per- son or persons unknown.....	Duckworth-st..	1	1	0	2 2 0	12	13 6	
James Ryan.....	April 26...	Hung himself—insanity.....	Georges-town.	1	1	0	12	5	13 0	
James Curran.....	" 30...	Accidental death—drowning.....	Cribbies.....	1	1	0	12	5	10 10	
James Chudleigh...	May 24...	Death from cold & intemperance	Govmt. Sheds	1	1	0	12	5	19 6	
James Piccot.....	" 26...	Visitation of God.....	Portugal Cove.	1	1	0	2 2 0	12	17 9	1 0 0
Joanna Paterson ..	June 9...	Ditto.....	Water-street..	1	1	0	1 1 0	12		
Margaret Kinsman	" 14...	Ditto.....	Lime Kiln Hill	1	1	0	1 1 0	12		
Margaret Kelly.....	" 17...	Accidental, by burning.....	Tarahan's town	1	1	0	1 1 0	12		
Edward Danhany..	" 20...	Visitation of God.....	Portugal Cove	1	1	0	2 2 0	12		1 0 0
Richard Mayne.....	July 5...	Accidental explosion of Gas.....	Gas-house.....	1	1	0	1 1 0	12		1 0 0
Eliza Stancombe....	" 16...	Accidental burning.....	Portugal Cove.	1	1	0	2 2 0	12		1 0 0
Patrick Ryan.....	" 24...	Found drowned.....	King's beach..	1	1	0	1 1 0	12	14 8	
John Squires.....	Sept. 6...	Accidental drowning.....	Prescott-street	1	1	0	1 1 0	12		0 9 0
Joseph Ryan.....	" 7...	Visitation of God.....	Cove road.....	1	1	0	1 1 0	12		
Child found dead..	" 13...	Still born.....	Duckworth-st..	1	1	0	2 2 0	12	12 10	

Miscellaneous.

A DETAILED REPORT OF ALL INQUESTS HELD BY JOSEPH SHEA, CORONER FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT, DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1851.—Continued.

Name.	Date.	Verdict.	Where held.	Coroner's fees.		Medical fees.		Jury's fees.		Constables' fees.		Burial fees.		Mileage expns.	
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
Child found dead....	Sept. 17	Still born	Duckworth St.	1 1 0	2 2 0	0 0 0	12 0 0	5 0 0	0 6 4						
Patrick Hayes.....	" 18	Accidental burning	Casey's lane...	1 1 0	1 1 0	0 0 0	12 0 0	5 0 0							
James Crotty.....	Oct. 29	Ditto	Croker's lane..	1 1 0	1 1 0	0 0 0	12 0 0	5 0 0							
Martin Murray.....	Nov. 10	Found drowned	Maggotty Cove	1 1 0	1 1 0	0 0 0	12 0 0	5 0 0	1 10 4						
Eli Butler.....	" 21	Visitation of God	Foxtrap, S. S.	1 1 0	3 3 0	0 0 0	12 0 0	5 0 0						1 12 0	
Patrick Kennedy...	Dec. 4	Found drowned in Clift's cove	Gov't. Sheds...	1 1 0	1 1 0	0 0 0	12 0 0	5 0 0	0 14 8						

Miscellaneous.

RECAPITULATION.

CORONER .....	£36 15 0
MEDICAL FEES .....	44 2 0
JURIES .....	21 0 0
CONSTABLES .....	9 0 0
FUNERALS .....	10 18 9
MILEAGE .....	8 12 0
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	£130 7 9

J. SHEA.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF A. HOGSETT, CORONER FOR CENTRAL DISTRICT, FOR YEAR 1851.

Name of Person deceased.	Time Jury sat.	Place Jury sat.	Verdict of Jury.	Coroner's fees.	Jury fees.	Constable's fees.	Fees of Medical men.	Burial fees.	Total.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	Sterling.
John Quick, Quidi Vidi, found dead	Feby. 10..	House of deceased	Died of intense cold and old age.	1 1 0	12 0	0 5 0	1 11 6		3 9 6
Elizabeth Quick, his wife, found dead	"	Ditto	ditto	1 1 0	12 0	0 5 0	1 11 6		3 9 6
Rd. Power, child burnt to death	March 18..	Father's house	Accidental death.	1 1 0	12 0	0 5 0			1 18 0
Thomas McDonald	"	House of deceased.	Apoplexy.	1 1 0	12 0	0 5 0	1 1 0		2 19 0
James Gorman, carpenter	" 19..	House of deceased's mother	Accidental death—fall from scaffold.	1 1 0	12 0	0 5 0	1 1 0		2 19 0
Name unknown, found dead	Decr. 23..	Court-house	Still born child.	1 1 0	12 0	0 5 0	1 1 0	0 8 8	3 7 8
									£18 2 8

Miscellaneous.

£18 2 8

A. HOGSETT, Coroner.

*Miscellaneous.*

## CORONER'S RETURNS FROM CONCEPTION BAY.

Inquest in view of the body of Elizabeth Rodgers, of Lower Island Cove, aged 18 years, burnt in a boat in crossing Trinity Bay, so as to occasion death, April 29th, 1851, held in Island Cove, April 30th. Verdict—accidental death :—

Coroner holding inquest .....	£1 0 0
“ travelling to Island Cove .....	1 1 0
Paid Doctor Thompson for officially attending.....	1 1 0
“ Constable summoning Jury.....	0 5 0
“ Do. travelling to Island Cove .....	0 4 6
“ Messenger from Island Cove, to call Coroner.....	0 5 0
“ Jury for attendance.....	0 12 0
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	£4 8 6
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Inquest in view of the body of a female infant, daughter of Thomas Parsons, planter, aged 3 weeks, found dead in the bed in Ochre Pitts on the morning of May 9th 1851. Verdict—Died by visitation of God.

To Coroner holding inquest.....	£1 0 0
“ Travelling to Ochre Pitts.....	1 1 0
Paid Messenger to call Coroner .....	0 5 0
“ Constable summoning Jury.....	0 5 0
“ Jury for attendance.....	0 12 0
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	£3 3 0
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Inquest held in Ochre Pitts, May 10th 1851.

Inquest in view of the body of Robert Summers of Flat Rocks, near Carbonear, aged 6 years, found dead at the bottom of a precipice fifty or sixty feet high, over which he had fallen on Sunday forenoon, May 25th, 1851. Inquest held in Flat Rocks May 26th. Verdict—accidental death.

To Coroner holding inquest.....	£1 0 0
“ Do. travelling to Flat Rocks.....	1 1 0
Paid Constable summoning Jury.....	0 5 0
“ Do. travelling 9 miles.....	0 4 6
“ Jury for attendance.....	0 12 0
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	£3 2 6
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Inquest in view of the body of William Marshall, Fisherman, of Flat Rocks, near Carbonear, aged 26 years, found drowned July 1st. 1851, held in Flat Rocks on July 2nd. Verdict—accidentally drowned.

*Miscellaneous.*

To Coroner holding inquest.....	£1 0 0
“ Travelling to Flat Rocks.....	1 1 0
Paid Constable summoning Jury.....	0 5 0
“ Do. for travelling.....	0 4 6
“ Jury for attendance.....	0 12 0
	<hr/>
	£3 2 6
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Black Head, }  
 May 6th, 1852. }

JOHN CURTIS,  
*Coroner.*

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CORONER'S RETURN FROM BAY BULLS.

Bay Bulls }  
 To wit. }

A report of all cases where the attendance of Coroner was necessary, and juries required to be summoned according to law in all such cases, stating the name of the person deceased, the verdict of the jury in such case, the time during which, and the place where, the jury sat, and the expenses thereon for the year ending December 31st. 1851.

NIL.

MARTIN WILLIAMS.

Bay Bulls, April 23rd. 1852.

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A RETURN IN DETAIL OF MY OFFICE OF CORONER, STATNG THE NAME OF THE DECEASED, THE VERDICT OF THE JURY IN EACH CASE, THE TIME DURING WHICH, AND THE PLACE WHERE, THE JULY SAT, AND THE EXPENSES THEREON, FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY TO 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 1851.

No.	NAME OF DECEASED.	VERDICT.	THE DURING WHICH THE JURY SAT.	PLACE WHERE THE JURY SAT.	EXPENSES.	TOTAL AMT.
1 ...	Richard Frampton.	Accidentally burnt to death .....	One hour .....	House of Wm. Curtis at Harbor Grace, 4th January, 1851.	Paid Constable Martin summoning Jury ..... Paid Jury for attendance ..... Coroner holding Inquest .....	£0 5 0 0 12 0 1 1 0 <hr/> £1 18 0
2 ...	William Fisher ....	Found drowned in Harbor Grace ...	One hour and a-half..	House of Robert LeeWhiting in Harbour Grace, 25th July, 1851	Paid High Constable Connell summoning Jury ..... Paid Jury for attendance ..... Coroner holding Inquest ..... Paid Robert LeeWhiting for a coffin and pitching the same, the body } being in a state of decomposition, and the party a pauper ..... } Paid Robert Clowe, digging grave .....	£0 5 0 0 12 0 1 1 0 0 13 0 0 5 0 <hr/> £2 16 0
3 ...	Stephen Bryan ....	Accidentally burnt to death.....	Four hours .....	House of Michael Costigan at Carbonear, 19th August, 1851.	Paid Constable Rowe summoning Jury ..... Paid Jury for attendance ..... Coroner holding Inquest ..... Coroner travelling upwards of four miles .....	0 5 0 0 12 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 <hr/> £2 19 0
4 ...	Cecilia Summers ...	Accidentally burnt to death .....	Two hours .....	House of Rachel Summers at Flat Rock near Salmon Cove, 13th October, 1851.....	Paid William Summers summoning Jury ..... Paid Jury for attendance ..... Coroner holding Inquest ..... Coroner travelling upwards of seven miles . ..... Paid John Summers messenger who was sent by the inhabitants for the } Coroner ..... }	£0 5 0 0 12 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 0 5 0 <hr/> £3 4 0
5 ...	*Patrick Dawley ...	Wilful murder against Hiram Holmes	Nine hours .....	Court-house at Harbor Grace, 16th Dec. 1851 .....	Paid Constable Hartery summoning Jury ..... Paid Jury for attendance ..... Coroner holding Inquest ..... Paid Constable Hartery, two days' attendance ..... Paid Dr. Wm. Sterling, <i>post mortem</i> examination ..... Paid Robert LeeWhiting, coffin and shroud, the deceased being a pauper, and not food enough in his house for one day. }	£0 5 0 0 17 0 1 1 0 0 10 0 2 2 0 0 17 4 <hr/> £5 2 4

\*By the 3rd Henry, cap. 7, I am entitled to 13s. 4d. on every case of murder, but which has hitherto been disallowed. I respectfully hold my claim to be good. This Inquest occupied my time three whole days. The time for preparing the papers is not included in the time the Jury sat.

JOHN STARK, Coroner from Harbor Grace to Bay-de-Verds, both places inclusive, in Conception Bay.

*Miscellaneous.*REPORT IN DETAIL OF THE OFFICE OF CORONER FOR DISTRICT OF  
BRIGUS, ENDING 31ST. DECR. 1851.

Name of deceased.	Verdict of Jury.	Date of Inquest.	Place where Inquest sat.	Expenses.																				
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Brigus, May 9th, 1852.

JOSHUA GREEN.

*Coroner.*REPORT OF INQUESTS HELD BY ME WITHIN THE YEAR ENDING 31st  
DECEMBER, 1851.

NAME.	VERDICT.	WHERE HELD.	WHEN HELD.	Expenses thereon.
W. McCarthy, s'r.	Accidentally drowned	Bird Island Cove	11th Jan., 1851.	£2 2 0
A boy, name unknown	Accidentally drowned	Bird Island Cove	15th Jan., 1851.	2 2 0
John Chant	Destroyed himself by hanging in a fit of temporary insanity.	Bird Island Cove	30th June, 1851.	2 2 0
				£6 6 0

WM. SWEETLAND,

*Acting Coroner.*

Bonavista, 14th May, 1852.

*Miscellaneous.*

## REPORT IN DETAIL

of all cases when the attendance of Coroner was necessary, and Juries required to be summoned according to law, the names of persons deceased, the verdict of the Jury in each case, the time during which, and the place where, the Jury sat, and the expenses thereon.

Date— 1851.	Name of de- ceased.	Verdict of the Jury.	The time during which.	Place where the Jury sat.	Expenses thereon.	Remarks.
July 9—	P. Penny.....	Accdtal. drowning.	About 3	Eng. Harbor..	£5 3 0	Over 6 miles
“ 18—	Jane Plough...	Accdtal. drowning.	hours.	Ship Cove....	3 19 6	2 “
Nov. 6—	Ann Ford.....	Found dead in bed	.....	Eng. Harbor..	5 3 0	6 “
Dec. 23—	T. Shurrel.....	Found drowned...	.....	Island Cove...	4 1 6	2½ “
“ 23—	Henry Vine....	Found drowned....	.....	Cuckolds Cove	4 1 6	2 “
“ 24—	Wm. Davis....	Cold & exhaustion.	.....	Eng. Harbor..	6 1 0	6 “*

\*In this latter case is included 18s. for burying the body.

B. SWEETLAND, *Coroner.*

LETTER FROM THE COLLECTOR OF THE REVENUE RECOMMENDING A  
DIVISION OF THE OFFICES OF LANDING AND TIDE SURVEYOR.

CUSTOM HOUSE, ST. JOHN'S, }  
Feb. 25th, 1852. }

SIR.—I beg to enclose, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, a letter from Mr. Canning, Landing and Tide Surveyor under my survey; the suggestions contained in that letter, as far as my experience guides me, I believe to be correct. On the remodelling of this department, when the offices above referred to were united in one individual the duties connected with them were onerous: since that period, by Acts of the Legislature several stringent regulations have to be enforced, which increase the labour and responsibility: these circumstances, added to the considerations growing out of an increasing revenue, induce me respectfully to request that His Excellency would be pleased to sanction the separation of these offices, and to recommend to the Legislature that provision be made for such a contingency.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

JOHN KENT,  
*Collector.*

The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary, &c., &c., &c.,

*Miscellaneous.*

CUSTOM HOUSE, ST. JOHN'S }  
Feb. 26th. 1852. }

SIR.—I beg to refer you to the last paragraph of my letter addressed to you on the 17th January, 1850, relative to the duties performed by the Landing and Tide Surveyor of this port, where I stated—“That with great exertions they can be done by one individual, so far as I can judge from the nature of those duties already performed: however, I must admit that the experience I have had is scarcely sufficient to enable me to form a decided opinion on the matter.”

Having had considerable experience since the above remarks were made, I can now decidedly say that the duties performed by me up to the present period have been very great, and rendered the more onerous from the increased trade of the port, which is manifest from the revenue collected the last two years, and which has also given a corresponding increase of labor in the Landing Surveyor's department.

Under these circumstances I deem it my duty to state, that, although the revenue has been protected to the present period, that I think such will not be the case hereafter, unless the offices of Landing and Tide Surveyor are separated, and placed in the hands of two, instead of one individual. These remarks I respectfully submit for your consideration, and am,

Sir, your most obedient servant,

JOHN CANNING.

*Landing and Tide Surveyor.*

To John Kent, Esq., *Collector.*

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A STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS AND LIABILITIES ON ACCOUNT OF SHIP-  
WRECKED SEALERS.

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	Sterling.
Appropriated by a Committee of the House of Assembly.....	£560 0 0
Voted by address for Outports.....	600 0 0
Paid by the Treasurer on the order of the Governor.....	315 0 0
Two vessels employed to carry provisions to the northward, and bring..... men home.....	415 0 0
Claims recognized by the Council.....	660 0 0
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Grant of last and present year.....	£2550 0 0
	200 0 0
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	£2350 0 0
There are still some claims requiring further investigation which will probably amount to.....	150 0 0
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	£2500 0 0

*Miscellaneous.*

## SAINT JOHN'S FACTORY IN ACCOUNT WITH WILLIAM THOMAS, TREASURER.

1851, '2.	DR.	
To balance account furnished .....		£8 12 7
“ Paid for twine, rope, &c., for net making .....		122 2 6
“ “ work people .....		184 5 6
“ “ Blake for funnelling, &c. ....		6 0 0
“ “ barking nets .....		3 12 6
“ “ Insurance premises .....		10 2 6
“ “ fuel and cartage .....		6 7 6
“ “ Mrs. Knight, superintendent's salary .....		24 0 0
		£365 3 1

## REMAINING.

9 Herring Nets—60 rans each.
6 “ “ 50 “ “
13 “ “ 40 “ “
5 “ “ 30 “ “
—
33
—
89 garments.

1851.	CR.	
By Grant from Legislature, £100 Stg. ....		£115 7 8
“ Nets sold .....		109 15 0
“ Cash received for mending nets and sewing work .....		105 16 9
“ Donations from Native Society .....		10 0 0
“ Ditto Ditto Concert Committee .....		4 1 0
“ Hire room by British Society .....		1 10 0
Balance due Treasurer .....		18 12 8
		£365 3 1

W. THOMAS, *Treasurer.*

St. John's, Nfld., 20th April, 1852.

SURVEYOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE, }  
9th March, 1852. }

SIR,—I have the honor to forward to you, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, my Report on the expenditure of the sum granted in the session of 1851 for constructing Water Tanks in St. John's. In the prosecution of this work I have exceeded the amount placed under my direction, for which I entreat the forbearance of His Excellency.

I would offer as my excuse the very many urgent demands on me for Wells and Tanks,

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and the difficulty there is at the outset of such works to estimate what the ultimate expense will be, as that depends on circumstances which can hardly be foreseen.

The erection of a large Tank, too, which has been completed in Gower-street, mainly contributed to the over-expenditure, but the ground where it is placed, and which is most suitable for such a purpose, having been offered free of any expense, provided it were made use of as a site for a Tank, I was induced, under such terms, to accept it.

Under these circumstances I respectfully pray His Excellency will be pleased to recommend to the Legislature a re-payment to me of the amount I have advanced from my own funds, as well as sufficient to enable me to discharge some unpaid accounts.

A detailed statement of the whole of the expenditure is herewith forwarded. I have also the honor to forward a Report and full Statement of the expenditure of Fifty Pounds stg., granted in the session of 1851, to improve the entrance to the harbor of Quidi Vidi, showing a balance of 16s. 1d. in my favor.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

JOSEPH NOAD, *Sur. Gen.*

The Hon. JAMES CROWDY, &c., &c.

### DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF TANKS AND WELLS, WITH VOUCHERS, 1851.

#### ACCOUNT OF EXPENSE INCURRED IN SINKING A SMALL TANK NEAR THE BOTANICAL GARDENS.

1851.—To cash paid Henry Goldsworthy, 11 days' work at 3s. 6d. per diem .....	£1 18 6	Voucher 1.		
July 13.—“ Cash paid Michael Fitzpatrick, 11 days' work at 3s. 6d. per diem.....	1 18 6	Voucher 1.		
“ Cash paid Michael Smith, 7 days' work at 3s. per diem .....	1 1 0	Voucher 1.		
“ Cash paid Edward Duff, truckage of gravel.....	0 6 0	Voucher 2.		
			5 4 0	
July 19.—“ Cash paid workmen, for week ending July 19th, Voucher No. 3			3 8 0	
“ Cash paid John Walsh, hauling clay from tank, Voucher No. 4			0 6 0	
“ 26.—“ Cash paid workmen, for week ending July 26, Voucher No. 5 ...			4 12 11	
“ Cash paid Richard Hakey, repairs to pump for temporary use, Voucher No. 6 .....			0 11 0	
Aug. 2.—“ Cash paid workmen, for week ending August 2, Voucher No. 7			2 11 7	
4.—“ Cash paid Richard Moore, 13½ tons stone at 3s., Voucher No. 8			2 0 6	
11.—“ Cash paid workmen, for week ending Aug., 11, Voucher No. 9.			1 8 10	
19.—“ Cash paid Thomas McGrath, for grating, &c., Voucher No. 10.			1 4 2	

Carried forward £21 7 0

*Miscellaneous.*

					Brought forward	£21	7	0
Sept. 6.—	“	Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, 2 days’ work at 3s. 6d., Voucher No. 11				0	7	0
Oct. 18.—	“	Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, 2 days’ work at 3s. 6d., Voucher No. 12				0	7	0
	“	Cash paid Thomas Maher for casing pump, &c., as per account, Voucher No. 13				7	6	7
	“	Cash paid Thomas Mahon, for chambered pump of 16 feet length, Voucher No. 14				4	0	0
						<u>£33</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

ACCOUNT OF EXPENSE INCURRED IN SINKING A SMALL TANK OR RESERVOIR, NEAR HARVEY ROAD.

July 19.—	To	cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, as per account, Voucher No. 15			£2	10	0
“ 26.—	“	do. do. do. do. Voucher No. 16			6	10	0
Aug. 9.—	“	do. do. do. do. Voucher No 17			0	10	0
	“	do. do. do. do. Voucher No 17 (a)			2	17	4
					<u>£12</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>

ACCOUNT OF EXPENSE INCURRED IN SINKING A WELL IN GEORGE’S TOWN.

Aug. 2.—	To	Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor for labor, Voucher No 18			£5	0	0
16.—	“	Cash paid do. do. 8 days work, at 3s. 6d. Voucher No. 19			1	8	0
23.—	“	Cash paid do. do. 15 days work, at 3s. 6d. Voucher No 19			2	12	6
Sept. 1.—	“	Cash paid laborer, assisting carpenter in casing pump, Voucher No 21			0	10	6
	20.—	“ Cash paid Thomas Maher, casing pump &c., Voucher No 13			1	14	10
Oct. 18.—	“	Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, 23 days’ work, Voucher No 12			4	0	6
	25.—	“ Cash paid do. do. 20 do. do. Voucher No 22			3	0	0
		“ Cash paid do. do. 7 tons stone at 2s. 3d. Voucher No. 22			0	15	9
		“ Cash paid Thomas Mahon, 28 feet chambered pump, Voucher No 14			7	0	0
Nov. 8.—	“	Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, 20 days at 3s. Voucher 17 (a)			3	0	0
					<u>£29</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

*Miscellaneous.*

## ACCOUNT OF EXPENSE INCURRED IN SINKING A WELL IN MONKS TOWN.

Aug. 9.—To cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, clearing out and rebuilding well, Voucher No. 17 .....	£1 11 6
Sept. 6.—“ Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, 2 days' work at 3s. 6d., Voucher No. 11 .....	0 7 0
13.—“ Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, 22 days' work at 3s. 6d., Voucher No. 23 .....	3 17 0
“ Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, 2½ days' work at 3s. 6d., Voucher No. 21 .....	0 8 9
20.—“ Cash paid Thomas Maher, casing pump, &c., Voucher No. 13	1 11 8
“ Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, 24 days' work at 3s. 6d., Voucher No. 24 .....	4 4 0
Oct. 4.—“ Cash paid Ditto Ditto, 4 ditto ditto, Voucher No. 25 .....	0 14 0
“ Cash paid Thomas Mahon, 25 feet chambered pump, Voucher No. 14 .....	6 5 0
“ Cash paid Thomas Mahon, extra work at pump, Voucher No. 14 .....	0 12 6
	<u>£19 11 5</u>

## ACCOUNT OF EXPENSE INCURRED IN SINKING A WELL IN COOK'S TOWN.

Aug. 9.— To Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, 10 days' work at 3s. 6d. Voucher No 17.....	£1 15 0
Sept. 6.—“ Cash paid do. do. 3 do. do. do. Voucher No 11.....	0 10 6
Oct. 4.—“ Cash paid do, do. 30 do. do. do. Voucher No 25 .....	5 5 0
“ Cash paid Thomas Mahon, 12 feet chambered pump, Voucher No 14.....	3 7 6
	<u>£10 18 0</u>

## ACCOUNT OF EXPENSE INCURRED IN SINKING A WELL IN PRESCOTT STREET.

Aug. 9.—Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 6 days' work, at 3s. 6d., Voucher No. 17 .....	£1 1 0
“ 16.—Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 4 days' work, at 3s. 6d., Voucher No. 19 .....	0 14 0
	<u>£1 15 0</u>
Carried forward.....	£1 15 0

*Miscellaneous.*

		Brought forward.....	£1 15 0
Oct. 4.—	Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 33½ days' work, at 3s. 6d., Voucher No. 25	.....	5 17 3
" "	"—Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, 4 tons stone at 2s. 3d., Voucher No. 25.	.....	0 9 0
" "	" " Thomas Mahon, 12 feet chambered pump, Voucher No. 14	.....	3 0 0
" "	" " Thomas Mahon, extra work at pump, Ditto 14	.....	0 7 6
			<u>£11 8 9</u>

## ACCOUNT OF EXPENSE INCURRED IN SINKING A WELL NEAR THE ORDNANCE YARD.

Aug. 9.—	Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 4 days' work at 3s. 6d., Voucher, No. 17	.....	£0 14 0
" 16.—	Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 15 days' work at 3s. 6d., Voucher, No. 19	.....	2 12 6
" 23.—	Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 11 days' work at 3s. 6d.,	.....	1 18 6
" "	" " Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 1 mason, at 7s.	.....	0 7 0
" 30.	" " Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 4 days' work at 3s. 6d., Voucher, No. 26	.....	0 14 0
	Cash paid Thos. Mahon, 25 feet chambered pump, Voucher No. 14	.....	6 5 0
	Cash paid Thomas Mahon, extra work at pump, Voucher, No. 14.	.....	0 5 0
			<u>£12 16 0</u>

## ACCOUNT OF EXPENSE INCURRED IN SINKING A WELL IN TARAHAH'S TOWN.

Aug. 16.—	Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 5 days' work at 3s. 6d. Voucher No. 19	.....	£0 17 6
" 23.—	Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 9 days' work at 3s. 6d.	.....	1 11 6
" 30.—	Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 19 days' work at 3s. 6d. Voucher, No. 26	.....	3 6 6
Sep. 6.—	Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 18 days' work at 3s. 6d. Voucher, No. 11	.....	3 3 0
" "	"—Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, powder fuse, &c., &c., 8s. 7d. Voucher, No. 11	.....	" " "
" "	"—Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, longers to fence in well, 3s... Voucher, No. 11	.....	" " "
" "	"—Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, Smith's account for jumpers, 8s. 9d. Voucher, No. 11	.....	1 0 4
			<u>£9 18 10</u>
		Carried forward.....	£9 18 10

*Miscellaneous.*

	Brought forward.....	£9 18 10
Sep. 20.—Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 24 days' work at 3s. 6d.		
Voucher, No. 24 .....	4 4 0	
Oct. 11.—Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 17 days' work at 3s. 6d.		
Voucher, No. 27 .....	2 19 6	
“ 18.—Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 5 days' work at 3s. 6d.		
Voucher, No. 12 .....	0 17 6	
Cash paid Thomas Mahon, 21½ feet chambered pump, Voucher,		
No. 14 .....	5 7 6	
	<u>£23 7 4</u>	

## ACCOUNT OF EXPENSE INCURRED IN SINKING A WELL IN KING'S ROAD.

Aug. 16.—Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 13 days' work at 3s. 6d.,		
Voucher No. 19 .....	£2 5 6	
23.—Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 18 days' work at 3s. 6d.,	3 3 0	
30.—Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 16 days' work at 3s. 6d.,		
Voucher No. 26 .....	2 16 0	
Oct. 11.—Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 4 days' work at 3s. 6d.,		
Voucher No. 27 .....	0 14 0	
Cash paid Thomas Mahon, 27 feet chambered pump, Voucher		
No. 14 .....	6 15 0	
	<u>£15 13 6</u>	

## ACCOUNT OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN SINKING A TANK ON THE MARSH HILL.

Sept. 6.—Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 10 days' work at 3s. 6d.		
Voucher 11 .....	£1 15 0	
13.—Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 26 days' work at 3s. 6d.,		
Voucher 23 .....	4 11 0	
Oct. 11.—Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 23 days work at 3s. 6d.,		
Voucher 27 .....	4 0 6	
Cash paid for Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 12 nights' watching		
and pumping, Voucher 27 .....	2 2 0	
18.—Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 10 days' at 3s. 6d, Voucher		
12 .....	1 15 0	
	<u>£14 3 6</u>	
	Carried forward.....	£14 3 6

*Miscellaneous.*

	Brought forward.....	£14 3 6
Oct. 18.—	Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 7 nights' watching and pumping, Voucher 12 .....	1 4
25.—	Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 16 days at 3s., Voucher 22 .....	2 8 0
	Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 5 days at 3s. 6d., Voucher 22 .....	0 17 6
	Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 2 horses and carts 1 day, Voucher 22 .....	0 11 0
Nov. 8.—	Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, 7 days at at 3s., 1 load wood 5s. 6d., Voucher 17 (a) .....	1 6 6
21.—	Cash paid Jeremiah Bolan, contractor, levelling ground about tank, Voucher 28 .....	4 17 6
	Cash paid James and John Hutchings for tank on Marsh Hill, 14 feet 9 inches by 26 feet 6 inches, depth 10 feet, cart hire &c., Voucher 35 .....	75 0 0
		<hr/> £100 8 6 <hr/>

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Sep. 1—	To Cash paid for sawdust used about pumps, Voucher 21.....	£0 1 6
13.—	“ Cash paid for paint, powder, &c, for pumps, do. 23.....	0 10 5
20.—	“ Cash paid for powder, fuse, longers, nails, &c. do. 24.....	1 4 8
	“ Cash paid for $1\frac{3}{4}$ days work at various pumps do. 24.....	0 6 1
Oct. 18.—	“ Cash paid nails, rope, cartage Voucher 12.....	0 5 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Nov. 11.—	“ Cash paid McKay & Kenzie, 800 feet plank Voucher 17 (a).....	2 4 1
	“ Cash paid R. Moore, 47 tons stone do. 17 (a).....	7 1 0
	“ Cash paid Thomas Mahon, repair of Bellshute pump, Voucher 14	1 17 6
	“ Cash paid Thomas Mahon, extra work at Cook's Town pump Voucher 14 (a) .....	1 9 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
	“ Cash paid Thomas Mahon, extra work at Prescott Street pump Voucher 14 (a) .....	1 13 9
Aug. 22—	“ Cash paid cartage, plank, nails, powder, &c., Cheque .....	0 11 1
	“ Cash paid Thomas McGrath, smith's work at wells and tanks Voucher 28 (a) .....	3 0 2
	“ Cash paid George F. Bown, for plank in tanks &c., Voucher 29..	1 7 0
	“ Cash paid “ <i>Courier</i> ” Office for printing do. 30..	0 18 0
	“ Cash paid “ <i>Patriot</i> ” Office, do. do. 31..	1 0 0
	“ Cash paid “ <i>Newfoundlander</i> ” Office do. do. 32..	0 15 0
Aug. 30—	“ Cash paid for powder, fuse &c., for blasting do. 26..	0 14 2
	“ Cash paid “ <i>Times</i> ” printing do. 33..	0 11 3
	“ Cash paid “ <i>Ledger</i> ” Office, printing do. 34..	0 11 4
	“ Cash paid for 100 spruce sticks for draining, 18s. cash paid Mr. McAuslan for repairing fountain at Orphan Asylum School 12s.	1 10 0
		<hr/> £27 12 1 <hr/>

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## ACCOUNT OF CASH PAID JEREMIAH BOLAN, SUPERINTENDENT OF LABORERS EMPLOYED IN SINKING TANKS AND WELL, AND FOR HIS SERVICES IN BLASTING AND BORING.

Aug 16.—To	Cash paid	Jeremiah Bolan, for services as above,	Voucher 19...	£5	0	0
30.—“	Cash paid	do. do. ditto.	do. 26..	10	0	0
Sep. 13.—“	Cash paid	do. do. ditto.	do. 24...	5	0	0
Nov. 8.—“	Cash paid	do. do. ditto.	do. 17 (a)	3	11	1
Oct. 18.—“	Cash paid	do. contract work, a tank commenced in Prescott Street not completed	do. 12...	10	0	0
“	“	Cash paid do. do. ditto.	do. 36...	3	15	6
				<u>£37 6 7</u>		

N. B.—The sum of £10 paid as above on Oct. 18, was for a tank commenced in Prescott Street on ground presumed to belong to the public—such ground was subsequently claimed as part of Kean's estate, and this work has been consequently suspended until such claim be investigated.

JOSEPH NOAD, *Sur. Gen.*

March 9th, 1852.

## REPORT ON THE EXPENDITURE OF £50 STG., GRANTED TO IMPROVE THE ENTRANCE TO QUIDI VIDI HARBOR.

After consulting with the inhabitants of Quidi Vidi as to the work which in their opinion was the most desirable to be attended to, men were employed in accordance with their desire, and which concurred with my own opinion, in boring and blasting the rock lying in the shoalest part of the channel, the position of which is indicated on the accompanying plan by the parts tinted lake. The whole of the rocks removed were from under water, and the men employed carried on their work at a depth generally of about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet, and that at the lowest time of tide; of course under these circumstances less work could be done than if the operation had to be carried on on shore. The result of the whole however has been materially to improve the entrance; yet much remains to be done. The expense of any future work could not be expected to be accomplished for much less than four shillings per foot for boring,—such price to include the blasting, together with the preparation of tubes and bags necessary for the last mentioned part of the work; and at that rate the men were employed at the close of their labours the last season.

To render the entrance to Quidi Vidi safe in stormy weather it would be necessary to remove that portion of the rock called the “Sucker” which lies under water except at low tides, and which forms the Southern side of the entrance to the harbor. From the Northern point of this rock marked A on the plan to the “Tom Cod Rock” marked B. on the opposite side, is a distance of only twenty-one feet, and in boisterous weather when the wind is from the eastward the sea breaks so heavily on the submerged part of the “Sucker” as to render the entrance to the harbour difficult to those best acquainted with it, while others could only

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approach it with the greatest risk. To remove this "sucker" would therefore be most desirable, but difficult to effect, as men could only work there under the concurring circumstances of an off shore wind or calm, combined with the lowest tides. It would be difficult to estimate as to the sum that would be necessary to remove the obstructions which lie in the way of a safe entrance to Quidi Vidi; but to deepen farther the shoalest parts in the channel and to remove part of the sucker, could not probably be accomplished for a less sum than £150 sterling.

A detailed account of the expenditure of the amount (£50) granted in the session of 1851 is forwarded herewith, which shows a small balance due the Surveyor General, by whom the above report is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH NOAD, *Sur. Gen.*

March 7th, 1852.

DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE EXPENDITURE AT QUIDI VIDY, UNDER THE GRANT OF £50 STG., IN SESSION OF 1851.

Aug 2.—Cash paid Michael Fitzpatrick, 2 days boring rocks under water at 5s., Voucher 1.....	£0 10 0
Cash paid Henry Goldsworthy, 2 days boring rocks under water at 5s., Voucher 1.....	0 10 0
Cash paid Henry Goldsworthy, 4 days at 3s. 6d. Voucher 1.....	0 14 0
Cash paid Mallard, conveyance of tools from St. John's to Quidi Vidi.....	0 2 6
Cash paid John Cook, 2 days work at 4s., Voucher 1.....	0 8 0
Aug 9.—Cash paid Henry Goldsworthy, 6 days at 5s., Voucher 2.....	1 10 0
Cash paid Henry Goldsworthy, extra work in making tubes, bags, &c., Voucher 2.....	0 5 0
Cash paid Michael Fitzpatrick, 6 days at 5s., and extra work 5s., Voucher 2.....	1 15 0
Cash paid John Furlong, 6 days work at 4s. 6d., Voucher 2.....	1 7 0
11.—Cash paid Thomas Mallard, boat hire for works, Voucher 3.....	0 10 0
16.—Cash paid Henry Goldsworthy, 6 days work at 6s., Voucher 4...	1 16 0
Cash paid for candles, Voucher 4 (a).....	0 1 1
Cash paid Michael Fitzpatrick, 6 days at 6s., Voucher 4.....	1 16 0
Cash paid John Furlong, 6 days work at 5s, Voucher 4.....	1 10 0
Cash paid John Pendergast, 4 days work at 1s. 6d., Voucher 4...	0 6 0
19.—Cash paid Thomas McGrath for Iron work, Voucher 5.....	4 16 6
22.—Cash paid James Scott, 25 sticks firewood (house for workmen) and cartage, Voucher 6.....	0 11 0
23.—Cash paid workmen, for week ending August 23, Voucher 7.....	5 11 0
30.—Cash paid workmen, for week ending August 30, Voucher 8.....	5 11 4
Sept. 6.—Cash paid workmen, for week ending Sept. 6, Voucher 9.....	5 17 4
20.—Cash paid Thomas Maher, carpenter, for work at Quidi Vidi.....	0 4 0
Carried forward.....	£35 11 5

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	Brought forward.....	£35 11 5
Sep. 27.—	Cash paid workmen, boring 12 holes, 21 feet at 4s. Voucher 10...	4 4 0
"	—Cash paid 6 days, at 1s. 6d. 5 lbs. candles, 4s. 7d. Voucher 10...	0 13 7
Oct 31.—	Cash paid workmen, for week ending Oct. 31. as per account Voucher 11.....	9 5 0
"	—Cash paid Thomas McGrath, iron work &c., Voucher 12.....	4 7 7
"	—Cash paid Samuel Knight, powder and fuse, Voucher 13.....	0 10 10
"	—Cash paid G. F. Bown, lumber for works, Voucher 14.....	1 12 6
	Amount due for 2 kegs of powder, as per Voucher No. 15.....	1 5 0
	Amount due to W. R. Noad, for survey and plan.....	1 0 0
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		£58 9 11

## RECEIPTS.

		Currency.
By cash received by Warrant on the Colonial Treasurer, .....	Stg. £50	£57 13 10
Balance due the Surveyor General .....		0 16 1
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		£58 9 11
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Balance due, brought down.....		0 16 1

J. NOAD, *Sur. Gen.*

9th March, 1852.

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## NEWFOUNDLAND.

*Copy of Despatch from Lord Goderich to the Governor of Newfoundland transmitting the Commission, with abstract from Royal Instructions.*

HOWICK.

Colonial Department,  
Downing-street, 3 August, 1832. }

Downing-street,  
27th July, 1832. }

SIR,—I have the honour herewith to transmit to you His Majesty's Commission under the Great Seal, appointing you Governor of the Island of Newfoundland, together with your General Instructions under the Royal Sign Manual, referred to in that Commission.

As this is the first occasion on which provision has been made for convening a Legislative Assembly for the Island of Newfoundland, the importance of that measure requires that I should not limit myself to the merely formal duty of placing you in possession of these instruments, but that I should shortly explain the grounds and the nature of the policy by which His Majesty's Councils on this subject have been directed.

It were superfluous at the present day to inquire into the wisdom of that system which was pursued for so many years towards the ancient colony under your government, the fundamental principle of which was to prevent the colonization of the Island, and to render this kingdom the domicile of all persons engaged in the Newfoundland fisheries. The common interest or convenience of those persons virtually defeated the restrictions of the various statutes respecting them, long before Parliament admitted the necessity of repealing those laws. A colony gradually settled itself along the shores of the Island, and has of late years assumed a rank of no inconsiderable importance amongst the foreign possessions of the British Crown; but notwithstanding the growing population and the wealth of Newfoundland, no plan has hitherto been adopted for regulating such of the internal affairs of the colonists as demanded the enactment of laws specially adapted to their peculiar situation. Parliament, indeed, contemplated the erection of corporate towns, with the power of making bye-laws, for remedying this inconvenience; but on attempting to carry this design into effect, unforeseen obstacles were encountered. It was found altogether impracticable to reconcile the contradictory wishes and recommendations of the parties who would have been more immediately affected by the measure; and it became evident that the boon which it was proposed to confer would be received by a great body of the inhabitants, not as an act of grace, but as an infringement of their rights, into whatever form the intended charters might have been thrown. The consequence was, that His Majesty became practically unable to execute the trust which Parliament had confided to him.

The necessity of some provision for regulating the internal concerns of Newfoundland by enactments adapted to the peculiarities of their local position became however daily more and more evident. Carrying with them from this kingdom the law of England as the only code by which the rights and duties of the people in their relations to each other, and in their relation to the State could be ascertained, it was obvious, as soon as the colony began to assume a settled form, that the adaptation of that code to the various exigencies of the local society was a task demanding the exercise of much reflection and caution; that many of its provisions were entirely inapplicable to the wants of a population so peculiarly situated; and that many more could be applied only by a distant and uncertain approach to the original

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standard. Hence it occurred that, in the administration of the law, the judges virtually assumed to themselves functions rather legislative than judicial; and undertook to determine not so much what the law actually was, as what, in the condition of Newfoundland, it ought to be. For this assumption of power no censure attaches to those learned persons; without any positive rules of decision, nothing remained for them but to engage in such an inquiry; yet the practical inconvenience was not the less urgent, nor the anomaly the less glaring.

It was not, however, merely in the absence of rules which this latitude of judicial interpretation might supply, that the public detriment was sustained. There were still wanting other regulations, which no judge could either invent or enforce. Especially in whatever related to police and internal improvements, demanding the co-operation of different persons, nothing could be carried into effect which any individual found an adequate reason for opposing, or which he opposed from mere caprice. I find that in a matter so trifling in appearance, and yet affecting the comforts of so many, as the prevention of domestic animals wandering at large through the country, an earnest application was made to His Majesty's Government to obtain an Act of Parliament for the redress of the grievance endured by the colonists. Although it was thought improper to encumber the British statute-book with such provisions, yet it was fully admitted that they could be supplied by no other authority; and the application itself forcibly illustrated the inconvenience of so remote a society being destitute of any local Legislature.

It may seem, however, superfluous to accumulate reasons in proof of the propriety of establishing in Newfoundland that form of constitution which generally prevails throughout the British Transatlantic colonies; the difficulty would consist rather in finding valid arguments for withholding it. The reasonable presumption seems to be, that a system of colonial government which has been attended with so many advantages in British North America, would produce similar benefits at Newfoundland, if transferred to that settlement. I do not indeed mean to deny that some considerable inconvenience has occasionally resulted from the adoption, in those dependencies of Great Britain, of constitutions modelled into a miniature resemblance of our own; but I know not what is the system of which the same might not be truly asserted. It is sufficient to say of the scheme of internal polity in force in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, that in all the colonies to which it has been extended, it has invariably secured the attachment of the people, by giving them a large share in the management of their own affairs; by affording an open field for the free exercise of talents and public spirit; by providing honourable ambition with a legitimate object and reward; by insuring immediate and careful attention to the various exigencies of society; and by promoting a frugal and judicious administration of public affairs. With the single exception of those colonies in which the people are separated from each other by distinctions analogous to those of caste, representative Assemblies are not only recommended by abstract considerations drawn from the genius and principles of our own Government, but by a long course of experiments pursued under a great variety of circumstances, but still leading to the same general result.

In advising his Majesty to convene an Assembly from among the inhabitants of Newfoundland, I have therefore not yielded myself to the guidance of any improved theory, but have simply extended to another of the colonial possessions of the Crown principles which have been elsewhere brought to the test of repeated and successful experiment. Yet I do not conceal from myself, nor wish to deny, that the duty which you will have to perform will be attended with some difficulty, and that you will have large scope for the exercise of circumspection and industry. In the first execution of such a design, many questions will probably arise which it were impossible to anticipate distinctly. From the novelty of the duties cast upon them, and from their inexperience in civil business of that nature, I can foresee that the returning officers, the voters, and the members of Assembly, may all in some instances misapprehend the functions which they will have to discharge, or the proper mode of proceeding

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for the methodical and accurate discharge of them. Cautiously abstaining from the appearance of usurping any undue authority over matters properly falling within the cognizance of the Assembly, you will yet be prompt to afford to all parties whatever counsel or assistance you can render them, to obviate difficulties of this nature. It cannot be made too apparent that the boon which has been granted is seconded by the cordial good will and co-operation of the Executive Government, and that the House of Assembly is regarded, not as a rival power, but as a body destined to co-operate with yourself in advancing the prosperity of the settlement.

For your own guidance it may be right to observe, that colonial Assemblies, as they derive their general form from the model of the British House of Commons, so they have drawn their rules and system of procedure from the same source. The distinctions are, of course, both numerous and important, and grow out of the dissimilarity of the circumstances of the representative bodies of a small colony and of an extensive kingdom; but in general the analogy is maintained, and therefore the laws and rules of Parliament, as modified by the exigencies of the case, may be taken as the safest guide for the conduct of the Council and Assembly, and for your own proceedings towards them.

As soon as conveniently may be after your arrival in Newfoundland, you will convene the Council, according to your general instructions, and arrange with them the whole course of proceedings to be adopted for giving effect to so much of those instructions as relate to the convoking the Assembly. Especially you will consider the proper forms of the writs to be addressed to the returning officers, the proper places for holding elections, the most convenient times at which they can take place, the necessary arrangements for the reception and accommodation of the legislative body at the town of St. John's, the most convenient method of opening the first session of the General Assembly with appropriate and decorous solemnities; and above all, the topics to which their attention should in the first instance be directed.

In conformity with the precedents in use on similar occasions, a Proclamation has been approved declaratory of the future system of government to be observed in the colony. This Proclamation you will cause to be circulated in the most public manner as soon as conveniently may be after your arrival.

It has for the present divided the country into electoral districts, and has determined the number of members who are to be returned for each. These, however, are topics on which it is very probable that the information I have been able to acquire in this kingdom may be erroneous or defective. Any other division of the country which may be more generally convenient, and any other arrangement of the number of representatives for different districts, which the Council and Assembly may deem more advantageous, will be the fit subject of legislative enactment. No change in the constitution of the House, or in the total number of members, can, however, be effected, except with His Majesty's previous approbation, and in the manner indicated in your general instructions.

In accordance with the uniform course of precedents, your commission constitutes a Council which will participate with the Assembly in the enactment of laws. It is not, however, to be denied that this part of the established system of colonial legislation has been practically found to be attended with some serious difficulties. The members of Council, deriving their authority from the Royal Commission, have not seldom been regarded with jealousy and distrust by the great body of the people. Their elevation in rank and authority has but too often failed to induce a corresponding degree of public respect. Even the most judicious exercise of their powers has occasionally worn the semblance of harshness when opposed to the unanimous, or the predominant opinions of those to whom the colonists looked with confidence as their representatives. The Councils, it must be confessed, have not uniformly exerted themselves to repel, or to abate, this prejudice. The acrimony engendered by such disputes has

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sometimes given occasion to an eager assertion of extreme rights on the part of the Council, and to a no less determined denial of their necessary and constitutional privileges on the part of the Assembly. The Councils have also been employed as instruments for relieving Governors from the responsibility they ought to have borne for their rejection of measures which have been proposed by the other branch of the Legislature; and have not seldom involved them in dissensions which it would have been more judicious to decline. Some of the principal inhabitants of the colony, as well as the chief officers of the local Government, being usually members of the Council, are removed from the prospect of obtaining seats in the House of Assembly. Even in colonies in which there is a larger society, and a greater number of proper persons to become members of the Legislature than in Newfoundland, considerable inconvenience has been found to result from raising to the rank of councillors the leading members of the Assembly, and thereby losing their services in that body. The want of any member competent to explain or vindicate the course pursued by the executive authorities, has been still more severely felt; measures have not unfrequently been misunderstood, and it has happened that a trifling misconception which a few words of timely explanation would have removed, has grown into a serious and embarrassing controversy. The effect of the institution, therefore, is too often to induce a collision between the different branches of the Legislature, to exempt the Governor from a due sense of responsibility, and to deprive the representative body of some of its most useful members. Yet the compensation which might atone for these evils is not obtained, and the Council does not assume in the colony a position or an influence analagous to that of the House of Peers, because entirely destitute of that hold on public opinion which the property and independence of its members, as well as the antiquity of the institution itself, confers upon the peerage of this country.

Adverting to these considerations, and to the legislative history of the British North American and West Indian colonies, I should regard with satisfaction any arrangement which should consolidate the Council and the Assembly into a single House, in which the representatives of the people would be met by the official servants of the crown. An example of this form of government exists in British Guiana, and is found to possess in practice many of the advantages which it promises in theory, by casting upon the Governor an undivided responsibility as often as he adopts or rejects the proposals of the legislative body, and by securing to them all the information and assistance which can be rendered by members officially conversant with the various subjects brought under their consideration. This however, is a system which prevailed in Guiana before the conquest of that settlement by Great Britain, and which, I apprehend, His Majesty could not establish by the exercise of his prerogative in Newfoundland. If, however, the Council and Assembly, as established by your Commission and Instructions, should concur in the view which I have taken of this subject, and should be disposed to pass a Bill for uniting the two Houses, with a clause suspending the operation of the law for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure, you will, on His Majesty's behalf, assent to any such Bill. Should the design be entertained, I think that the Colonial Secretary, the Attorney General, and the Chief Officer of Customs, would be the most proper persons to hold seats in the Assembly, by virtue of their official situations: they would be enabled to explain the views of the Executive Government upon the principal points which could be brought under the consideration of the Legislature; and the introduction of so small a number as three gentlemen nominated by the Crown could not be supposed in any degree to control its deliberations. Upon this point it is only necessary to add, that the bill should be so framed, as, in depriving the Council of its legislative functions, to allow of its continuance as a body to which the Governor might resort for advice during the intervals between the sessions of the Legislature, and upon other occasions when it might be convenient to him to do so; for this purpose, however, a numerous body is not required, and I have therefore at present only recommended to His Majesty one gentleman, not holding any official situation, for a seat in the Council. The gentleman whom I have selected is Colonel Haly, who has been strongly recommended by yourself, and to whom a dormant Commission will be granted,

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authorising him to assume the Government of the colony in the event of your absence in order that the regular discharge of the duties of the subordinate officers may not be interrupted by their being called upon to assume the temporary administration of the government.

In contemplation of the change which has been effected in the internal government of the colony, it was resolved to apply to Parliament to continue in force the Acts by which the celebration of marriages, the administration of justice, and the conduct of the fisheries are regulated. Bills are now pending for that purpose, and will, I trust, be shortly passed into law. The Marriage and the Administration of Justice Acts, being matters exclusively of local concern, will remain in force until the local Legislature shall see fit to repeal or to alter them. If the Council and Assembly should think that any change is requisite on either of these topics, the remedy will therefore be in their own hands. The Newfoundland Fisheries Act affects interests partly local, and partly co-extensive with the trade and navigation of the empire at large. It will therefore be continued in force for two years. Before the expiration of that time, it will be fit that the local Legislature should be invited to consider the subject in all its bearings. So much of that statute as relates to the navigation and commerce of this kingdom, may then be revised by Parliament, with the benefit of the assistance to be anticipated from the labours of the Council and Assembly; so much, on the other hand, of the statute as refers to interests properly local, may then also be remitted to the local Legislature for their decision.

By one of the two bills to which I have referred, provision is made for transferring to the Governor, Council, and Assembly of Newfoundland the appropriation to the public service of the Island, of all money levied there under any Parliamentary authority. From his existing revenues His Majesty has reserved nothing for his own unqualified disposal, but has placed the whole under the control of the local Legislature, with the exception of a sum which must be applied for the support of the Governor, the Judges, the Colonial Secretary and the Attorney-General. This arrangement will, I trust, effectually obviate the difficulties which have been so sensibly felt in other colonies, and satisfy the inhabitants of His Majesty's fixed purpose and earnest solicitude to promote to the utmost of his power a wise economy in the expenditure of the public revenue, and to respect the constitutional rights of the popular branch of the local Legislature.

You will observe that the expense of collecting this branch of the revenue is to be deducted from its gross proceeds, and that these arrangements do not embrace any part of that revenue which accrues to the Crown in virtue of His Majesty's prerogatives. Such, for example, are the rents or the proceeds of the sales of Crown lands, escheats, fines and forfeitures. His Majesty is, however, graciously pleased to authorize you to assure the Council and Assembly that whatever money may accrue to the Crown in the Island will always be applied towards the expense of the civil or military government, or towards objects strictly and exclusively local.

I hope shortly to convey to you the authority of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury for the apportionment of that part of the Parliamentary duties which will be applicable to the support of the public officers already enumerated.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

GODERICH.

Governor Sir Thomas Cochrane,  
&c., &c., &c.,

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## ABSTRACT FROM ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS.

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To Our trusty and well-beloved Sir *Thomas John Coch-  
rane*, Knight, Our Governor and Commander-in-  
Chief of Our Island of Newfoundland, or in his ab-  
sence to the Lieutenant-Governor or Officer admin-  
istering the Government of our said Island for the  
time being. Given at Our Court at St. James's, the  
26th day of July 1832, in the third year of Our reign.

II.—And whereas by Our aforesaid Commission you are authorised and empowered to summon and call General Assemblies of the freeholders and householders within Our said Island, in such manner and form, and according to such powers, instructions and authorities as are granted or appointed by these Our Instructions in that behalf, you are therefore, for the purpose of electing the members of such Assemblies, hereby authorized to issue a proclamation dividing Our said Island in districts or counties, towns or townships, and appointing the limits thereof, and declaring and appointing the number of representatives to be chosen by each of such districts or counties, towns or townships respectively, and from time to time to nominate and appoint proper persons to execute the office of returning officer in each of the said districts or counties, towns or townships ; and you are, so soon as you shall see expedient, to issue writs in Our name, directed to the proper officers in each district or county, town or township, directing them to summon the freeholders and householders thereof to proceed to the election of persons to represent them in the General Assembly according to the regulations and directions to be signified in the proclamation to be issued by you as aforesaid.

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## CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS RELATING TO FORMATION OF THE AMALGAMATED CONSTITUTION OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

## No. 1.

(Confidential.)

*Extract of a Despatch from Governor Sir JOHN HARVEY, K. C. B., to Lord JOHN RUSSELL, dated Government-House, Newfoundland, October 6th, 1841.*

In obedience to your Lordship's commands, I proceed to place before you the views and opinions which I have formed upon the actual condition of this Colony, from such observations as I have been afforded the opportunities of making, and such information as I have been enabled to acquire, since my arrival in the Island.

1. The inhabitants of Newfoundland appear to be unfeignedly loyal and firmly attached to British connexion.

No material degree of political excitement appears at present anywhere to exist, but, on the contrary, an apparent approximation towards a general disposition to bury past occurrences in oblivion. The trade of the colony is flourishing; its revenues ample and increasing; the fisheries of the present year, both of seals and cod-fish, have been highly successful.

2. The apparent suspension of their representative constitution, so recently conferred upon them, upon the ground of their gross abuse of the elective franchise, has evidently created much apprehension in the public mind, and has, I am willing to believe, produced such a moral effect as would exert a salutary influence in repressing any undue violence in future elections, in the event of Her Majesty's Government deciding on authorising me to convene another Assembly. That there are persons of both intelligence and experience in this community who may entertain doubts on this subject, I think very probable but I cannot allow myself to believe that any intelligent individual in this Island would be found favourable to the extinction, or even to the suspension for any lengthened period, of those benefits which a representative constitution can alone confer upon its inhabitants, and this merely because, during the first few years of the experiment, it has not been found to work with that degree of harmony which is so desirable, but which has not always been exhibited in other colonies after a much longer trial. To some of the causes to which these discordant proceedings may be imputed I may hereafter advert; at present I will merely observe, that all parties are, I hope and believe, convinced that moderation in their measures and proceedings, will best accord with their true interests; and all, every individual of every creed, party and denomination who has approached me, and with whom I have held communication, has expressed an anxious desire that its constitution should be restored to the Island, with certain modifications.

In submitting to your Lordship, therefore, a proposition that I should be authorized to convene the General Assembly of Newfoundland, I will at the same time suggest the modifications which appear to me to be desirable, if not absolutely indispensable:—

1.—That the qualification of the "members" of the Assembly should be so raised, as, if possible, to ensure the election of persons above the class of common labourers; the possession of an income of not less than £100 per annum, or of property of any kind of the value—say £500, might perhaps effect this object.

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2.—Such a subdivision of the electoral districts, based upon population, as materially to increase the number of members—say to nearly double the present amount.

3.—The elections throughout the Island to be simultaneous.

With regard to the qualification of “voters,” which is at present conferred by a mere residence in the island for one year, although it certainly may be regarded as amounting almost to “universal suffrage,” yet there are circumstances attaching to the unsettled and migratory character of a certain portion of the population of this island, which may perhaps be regarded as constituting a sufficient cause for not at present interfering with the enlarged privileges granted to them by the Royal Proclamation of July 1832, but which would perhaps rather render it advisable to leave any limitation of these privileges (beyond perhaps of extending the qualifying period to two years’ residence) to the good sense of the representatives of the people themselves, and to future legislative enactment.

The modifications which I have above suggested are therefore the only propositions which I deem it necessary to submit to your Lordship at present ; but as these, in the event of their receiving your Lordship’s concurrence and approbation, can only be effected, I apprehend, by an Act of the Imperial Parliament, there will be sufficient time for me to learn your sentiments on this subject, and to offer such further suggestions as further information or more matured consideration may appear to render advisable.

I respectfully submit, that the members of the Council, as it now exists, should be allowed to retain their legislative character, and that I should be permitted to recommend to Her Majesty such additional members as I may consider fit and proper persons for raising that body, in point of numbers, to the amount which Her Majesty may be pleased to assign to it. The several interests of the colony (and these are not limited to its trade and fisheries) might thus be duly represented in the Legislative Council, and that body would then assume its proper constitutional character, as a separate branch of the Legislature, independent alike of the throne and the people.

I have thus endeavoured to possess your Lordship of the result of my own observations, and of the information derived from other sources, during the brief period of my residence in this Island, and in doing this, I have endeavoured to divest that information of all tincture of local prejudice, and while applying to it whatever of practical experience I may have acquired in North American colonial affairs, I have assuredly not sought to bend facts or circumstances to any pre-conceived theory or previously formed opinions ; on the contrary, should further experience induce me to alter any of the views which I have now presented to your Lordship, I shall not hesitate in frankly bringing such changes of opinion, with the grounds upon which they may rest, to your Lordship’s early knowledge.

Bespeaking your utmost indulgence for this early exposition of my impressions in relation to this ancient, loyal, and valuable appendage to the British Crown, and soliciting as early an intimation as may consist with your Lordship’s convenience, as to how far the principles upon which my suggestions are based have your Lordship’s concurrence, or otherwise,

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. HARVEY.

P.S.—Although I have forborne to place this report in the series of numbered despatches, in consequence of its being of a somewhat confidential nature, yet I should be happy to receive your Lordship’s permission so to record it, should you see no objection.

(Signed) J. H.



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that requiring two years' residence would increase the respectability of the constituent body ; but you will oblige me by furnishing any details which you are able to procure, as to the extent of the change which this regulation would produce, and also as to the effect upon the constituency which would result from raising the household franchise in towns to £5, or even £10. Unless I am misinformed, it would be very difficult to establish an uniform franchise, with any considerable increase on the present amount, as in the country districts a very trifling increase would operate a very large disfranchisement, while the high rate of house-rent in St. John's would there leave the constituency, even at £10, not materially altered, unless some alteration were made with regard to the state of the law as to separate occupiers under one roof. The subject is one involving so much of detail, that I should be glad to receive from you such calculations as you may be able to give of the effects which would be produced, in different localities, by different alterations of the franchise, giving the present proportions of the constituency to the population, with the proportions which would subsist under the different modifications. You will also have the goodness to send me your scheme for a new division of the electoral districts, with the grounds on which you recommend it. A qualification for members of the Assembly, I think, is right in principle, and would probably have the effect of inducing a superior class of men to offer their services, and thus raise the tone and character of the Assembly.

There is, however, another change of a more important character, to which you do not advert, and to which I am aware that many plausible objections may be urged, but from which, could it be introduced without creating great dissatisfaction, I conceive that much advantage would result,—I mean, the abandonment of the fancied analogy to the Imperial Parliament, and the union, in one chamber, of the representatives of the people, and the nominees of the Crown. I am strongly of opinion, that half the difficulty of governing small colonies arises out of the feuds and jealousies engendered by contests about the privileges of the two Houses, and the necessity in which the Crown finds itself of establishing a certain counterpoise to the democratic spirit in a separate Council, rather than in the body of a single Legislative Assembly. I should be glad that you should consider, with reference to past events, the practicability of introducing such an alteration into the constitution of Newfoundland, and the effect of amalgamating the Council and Assembly, the members of the former being to the latter in a proportion of about two to three.

Whether with one Chamber, or with two, the Government will always have to contend with the difficulties arising out of the conflicting interests of two great classes of the community (independently of religious distinctions,) the commercial and the resident class ; and although it may be true that, taken broadly, these interests must act and re-act upon each other, yet each will have separate objects to pursue, and separate views to promote, either by expenditure of public money, or by imposition of public taxes. The former of these classes, up to a recent period, monopolized the power, as they possessed the whole capital of the Island, which it was their avowed object to consider merely in the light of a fishing station. In pursuance of this policy, internal improvements were discouraged, and the Island itself was looked upon as subservient to the interest of trade alone. The gradual increase of population has led to the formation of a rival interest, which has now obtained a large share of political power, which it desires, not unnaturally, to direct towards the furtherance of its own objects.

If the power of this resident interest predominate, as with a low qualification I apprehend it may in the House of Assembly, its objects will naturally be the expenditure of large sums of public money on the improvement of internal communications, and the increase of local advantages to be obtained by taxation upon the British merchant and British trade.

I am far from saying that the object, within reasonable bounds, is not a legitimate and praiseworthy one ; but it is one which may easily be carried to an extreme, at least as pre-

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judicial as the opposite policy which has guided the mercantile class. The balance between these interests requires to be held with a steady hand by the Executive.

I apprehend that the union of the two Houses would enable the Governor to hold this balance with comparative ease; but I am certain that with this, among other objects, it will be necessary, in any modification of the constitution, to reserve to the Crown, as in England, and as recently in Canada, the exclusive right of originating all grants of public money. In the interval which must elapse before the Legislature can be again called together (more especially if you are decidedly of opinion that a summer session is impracticable,) I shall hope to receive from you full information as to the state of the public revenue and expenditure, and of the objects to which you conceive that the former may be most advantageously applied. Your despatch, now before me, gives a more favorable report than I was prepared to receive of the capabilities of the Island in point of soil and climate, which I shall rejoice to find that you are able to confirm upon further investigation. I shall receive with interest the further communications which you lead me to expect on these subjects; and you may rely upon my cordial co-operation, and that of Her Majesty's Government, in any measures which may seem to hold out a reasonable prospect of developing and increasing the resources of the remote, but not unimportant portion of Her Majesty's dominions which is intrusted to your charge. Into these topics, on the present occasion, I shall decline to enter, my object having been to address myself to the subject of the political changes which it may be necessary to introduce into the constitution of the colony, and in which I shall hope to receive, at your earliest convenience, such further and more detailed reports as longer experience and mature consideration may enable you to furnish.

I had almost omitted to say, that if the colony will supply materials, I should approve of your proposed separation of the Executive and Legislative functions, and of the mode which you suggest for the constitution of the Executive Council.

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 No. 3.

EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir JOHN HARVEY, K. C. B., to Lord STANLEY, dated Government House, Newfoundland, 21st December, 1841.

With reference to one of the concluding paragraphs of my confidential despatch of the 6th October, I have now the honor to invite your Lordship's attention to the following observations:—

Having since the date of that despatch seen some reason to apprehend that to find at present in this colony a sufficient number of persons of suitable respectability, intelligence and attainments, from which to construct a machinery of Government and Legislation so extensive as two Councils and an increased Assembly, may not be easy, if it be even practicable, I have turned my attention to the devising of some means of escape from this dilemma, without depriving the people of their elective franchise; in doing this, the suggestion contained in Lord Goderich's despatch, No. 15, of 27th July, 1832, has naturally presented itself to my mind, and after having given it mature consideration, I am inclined to the opinion that a modification, or rather a slight extension of the plan therein suggested of uniting the Council and Assembly in one Legislative body, might, perhaps, with the addition of a Council of ad-

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vice for the Governor, properly composed, constitute a form of Government not unadapted to the present condition of this colony.

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I now proceed to Lord Goderich's suggestion, and to the adaptation of it to the actual circumstances of this colony; and in expressing my ideas on this point, I would merely submit that the number of ex-officio members of the General Assembly be somewhat increased, say from three to five. As an experimental measure, and one which might without difficulty or delay be carried into effect, I would propose that the Council thus composed should be united to the same number of representatives of the people to be chosen for the same electoral districts, as sat in the last House of Assembly,—the argument for the extension of the number of that body\* being considerably weakened, in my judgment, if not altogether destroyed, by the addition which would be made to the numbers of the General Legislative Assembly by the nine members of the Legislative Council; the Assembly would then consist of twenty-four members, of which fifteen would be chosen by the people,—a number sufficient to try the experiment, particularly as the Assembly would have power to increase its number by legislative enactment, so as to meet the increase of the population of the Island.

\*To obtain a sufficient quorum, and thus to guard against (what has already occurred) the control of the public purse, and in some respects, the management of public affairs falling into the hands of a few members of the Assembly at the close of a session.

## No. 4.

[Confidential.]

EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir JOHN HARVEY, K. C. B., to Lord STANLEY, dated Government House, Newfoundland, 23rd December, 1841.

I do myself the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships's despatch of the 19th ultimo, marked "Confidential," the contents of which shall receive my early and serious consideration and attention. In the meantime, your Lordship will peruse, I trust, with satisfaction, the modified suggestion which I have been induced to place before you in a confidential despatch, written a short time previous to the receipt of that from your Lordship, which I have now before me, relative to the union of the Council and Assembly in one Legislative body; to that despatch, therefore, written in anticipation of the arrival of the mail packet, whose almost immediate return leaves no time to do more than acknowledge communications, I have the honor to refer.

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## No. 5.

EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir JOHN HARVEY, K. C. B., to Lord STANLEY, dated Government House, St. John's, Newfoundland, 10th Jan. 1842.

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With reference to your Lordship's despatch of the 19th November, marked "Confidential," I now proceed to place before your Lordship some further observations and information explanatory of the views which I had the honor to present to you in my confidential Report of the 6th October 1841.

QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS.—I am of opinion that to require any rent qualification whatever, or any property one, beyond, perhaps, the lowest value of a log hut (say 40s.) and that, in fact, can scarcely be regarded as the property of the squatter, from being erected on ground to which he can have acquired no other title than such as an unauthorized occupancy may be considered conferring upon him, would operate a very extensive disfranchisement in the country districts, without at all improving, or indeed materially changing, the description of voters; and with regard to the towns, the qualifications being already restricted by an Act of the Local Legislature to one person in each house, viz., him by whom the rent is paid, no further provision would appear to be required upon this subject. At the same time I would observe, that if a rent qualification of, say £5; in towns; be considered desirable, and could be confined to the towns, I do not think, for the reasons which I have just assigned, that it would produce any material diminution in the number of voters, although it certainly would, if extended to the district in which those towns are situated; this effect, however, might be guarded against by an alteration in the electoral divisions.

The class of emigrants which I understand is in the habit of resorting to this island may be described as being of a transitory, unsettled, experimental character, a considerable proportion of it passing onwards into some of the other colonies of British America, or into the United States after having tried the fisheries as servants or laborers for a single season, and not relishing the pursuit, which is one of considerable hardship, but having through it acquired the means of proceeding onwards: This class, having no settled interest in the colony, should be excluded from the constituency; but after a residence in the island of full two years, by which a pledge is in some measure afforded of a disposition to adopt the island as a future abode, the object of the government and of the legislature should then, I conceive, be to encourage and confirm that disposition, by conferring upon such persons the elective franchise. Again, with reference to a rent or property qualification, as regards the inhabitants of the country districts, I am inclined to think that considerable difficulty might be found to exist (even if the government was ready in all cases to confirm the squatters in the occupation of their lots) from the circumstance of their not having been regularly surveyed. Perhaps the quickest and simplest mode of escape from this difficulty might be to institute a scrutiny into the fact of the continued occupation of their lots for two complete years, and then to allow the establishment of that fact not only to confer upon the occupant a claim to the elective franchise, but also a title to the ground in his actual occupation, and consequently to the improvements which he may have made upon it. Such an arrangement would not be attended with any material difficulties.

From the constituency, both in towns and country, should certainly be excluded, if practicable, paupers, individuals receiving public charity for themselves or their families, and persons of notorious bad character, or such as may have been convicted of any offence of a deeply criminal character.

With these observations and explanations, I beg to renew my recommendation that the qualifications for voters for members of the popular branch of the legislature in Newfoundland be not for the present raised beyond two years' continued residence in the island. This recommendation refers, of course, only to British subjects.

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With regard to the qualification of members of the Assembly, I have found no reason to alter, but many to induce me to adhere to, my former suggestions on this subject ; I allude to the concurrent opinions of individuals, considered as among the best-informed and most moderate of every creed and party, in favour of the sufficiency of the qualification suggested in my Despatch of 6th October ; viz., the possession of £500 clear of all debts, or £100 per annum.

## MONEY GRANTS.

Whether derived from that fiction of the constitution by which the Sovereign is supposed to be vested with all the property of the realm, or merely from Parliamentary usage, the rights of the Crown to originate all money grants must surely be regarded as still less equivocal in the colonies than even in the parent state, inasmuch as that the former can possess no other revenues than such as are derived from a voluntary surrender by the Crown, on certain conditions, for the benefit of Her Majesty's loyal subjects, either of the Crown estates, or of imposts levied on Her Majesty's subjects in Her Majesty's name, by Her authority, and for Her service. In graciously conferring upon these colonies a form of constitution as nearly analogous to that of the parent state as their actual condition will admit of, Her Majesty has not, I conceive, intended to divest Herself of Her undoubted right to prescribe in what mode the privilege of appropriating the public monies which is thus conferred upon them shall be exercised ; and it has accordingly become the established usage, sanctioned by the Crown, that each branch of the General Assembly of each province shall be enabled freely to exercise its separate and independent judgment, not only upon the expediency and amount of every vote of supply in aid of the public service, but on every item of which such vote may consist.— This is effected either by the introduction in the Assembly of separate Bills for each separate branch of the public service, or by a series of separate resolutions (ultimately embodied in any appropriation or supply bill), to all of which the concurrence of the Legislative Council is essential. No private money bills or petitions for relief are ever entertained by the Speaker of the House, or the chairman of any committee of supply, without the permission of the Queen's Representative having been previously obtained.

This practice has been cheerfully acquiesced in by the Assemblies of the provinces with which I have been connected, and has, as respects these provinces, been productive of legislative harmony and general satisfaction ; and I shall accordingly deem it to consist with my duty to urge upon the Assembly of this Island the necessity of assenting to a similar course of proceeding, or of leaving to the local government the originating of all money grants, to be separately discussed and concurred in by both branches of the legislature.

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