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JOURNAL
OF
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
THE PROVINCE
OF
NEW BRUNSWICK.

From 28th January to 14th April, 1847.

Being the First Session of the Fourteenth General Assembly.



FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK :
JOHN SIMPSON, PRINTER TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

1847.





By His Excellency Sir WILLIAM MACBEAN GEORGE COLEBROOKE, K. H., Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE, Lt. Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to the last Tuesday of this present month of June, I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby further prorogued to Tuesday the twenty second day of September next.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Fredericton, the sixteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six, and in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command.

JOHN S. SAUNDERS.



By His Excellency Sir WILLIAM MACBEAN GEORGE COLEBROOKE, K. H., Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE, Lt. Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Tuesday the twenty second day of September instant, I have thought fit to dissolve the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby accordingly dissolved; whereof all persons whom it may concern will take due notice.

And I have further thought fit to order and direct that Writs for calling a new General Assembly be forthwith issued in due form, returnable on Thursday the twenty ninth day of October next.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Fredericton, the sixteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six, and in the tenth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command.

JOHN S. SAUNDERS.



By His Excellency Sir WILLIAM MACBEAN GEORGE COLEBROOKE, K. H., Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE, Lt. Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province has been summoned to meet at Fredericton on Thursday the twenty ninth day of this instant October, I have thought fit to prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby prorogued to Tuesday the twenty ninth day of December next.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Fredericton, the nineteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six, and in the tenth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command.

JOHN S. SAUNDERS.



By His Excellency Sir WILLIAM MACBEAN GEORGE COLEBROOKE, K. H., Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE, Lt. Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Tuesday the twenty ninth day of December instant, I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby prorogued to Thursday the twenty eighth day of January next, then to meet at Fredericton for dispatch of business.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Fredericton, the twelfth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six, and in the tenth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command.

JOHN S. SAUNDERS.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF THE
Province of New-Brunswick.

FIRST SESSION OF THE FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

ANNO DECIMO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

His Excellency Sir William Macbean George Colebrooke, K. H., Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief.

At Fredericton in the Province of New Brunswick.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER, Thursday, 28th January, 1847.

WRITS having issued for a new Election of Representatives to meet in General Assembly on the twenty ninth day of October last, and the said General Assembly having been, by Proclamations, prorogued to this day, the Council met.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Saunders,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Peters.*

*Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin,*

PRAYERS.

At two o'clock, His Excellency Sir William Macbean George Colebrooke, Knight of the Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province, came to the Council Chamber, and being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Honorable the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know—"It is His Excellency's pleasure that they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come,

The President of this House said—

*"Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

"I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to inform you, that he doth not think fit to declare the causes for which he has summoned this General Assembly

Assembly until there be a Speaker of the House of Assembly. It is therefore His Excellency's pleasure, that you, Gentlemen of the House of Assembly, do repair to the place where the sittings of the House of Assembly are usually held, and there choose a fit person to be your Speaker; and that you present the person who shall be so chosen to His Excellency, in this House, forthwith, for his approbation."

The House of Assembly retired, and after some time was again commanded to attend; and being come,

Mr. Weldon said—

" May it please Your Excellency,

" The House of Assembly having received Your Excellency's commands, returned to the place where their sittings are usually held, and in the exercise of their undoubted right immediately proceeded to the choice of a Speaker: They have chosen me to fill that important office, and I am presented to Your Excellency for Your Excellency's approbation."

The President of this House said—

" Mr. Weldon,

" I am commanded by His Excellency to assure you, that he is fully sensible of your zeal for the public service, and of your sufficiency to execute the duties of the office to which you have been elected by the House of Assembly, and that he doth most readily approve of their choice, and allow and confirm you to be their Speaker."

Then the Speaker of the Assembly said—

" May it please Your Excellency,

" Your Excellency having been pleased to approve of the choice which the Assembly have made in electing me to be their Speaker, it now becomes my duty, on their behalf, and in the name of the Assembly, to claim and demand that they have all their ancient and accustomed rights and privileges, particularly freedom of speech—freedom from arrest—access to Your Excellency whenever the public service may require it—and that the most favorable construction be put upon all their proceedings. On my own behalf, I have to intreat that any error of mine may not be imputed to the House of Assembly."

Then the President of this House said—

" Mr. Speaker,

" His Excellency hath the utmost confidence in the loyalty and attachment of this House of Assembly to Her Majesty's Person and Government, and in the wisdom, temper and prudence which will accompany all their proceedings; and he doth most readily and willingly grant and allow them all their privileges in as full and ample a manner as they have at any time heretofore been granted and allowed.

" With respect to yourself, Sir, though His Excellency is sensible that you do not stand in need of such assurance, His Excellency will ever put the most favorable construction on your words and actions."

Then

Then His Excellency was pleased to open the Session by the following Speech to both Houses :—

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

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

“ **A**S the situation of the Province did not require, after the elections, that I should anticipate the ordinary period for the meeting of the Legislature, I have called you together at this time, with a confident reliance on your disposition to apply yourselves to the business of this first Session in a spirit of unanimity which will attest your zeal for the Public Service.

“ I congratulate you on the abundance of the late Harvest, which has relieved the pressure on the Agricultural Classes occasioned by the failure of the Potato Crop in the preceding year; and while we deeply sympathize with the continued sufferings and privations of so many of our fellow subjects of the United Kingdom, we are bound to acknowledge with thankfulness that the People of this Province have, with few exceptions, been spared from a recurrence of this afflicting visitation.

“ In reflecting on the measures to which it becomes my duty to invite your attention, there are none which impress me with a deeper sense of their importance, than those which have for their object to improve and extend the means of Education for the People. The state of the Parish Schools, and the system under which they have been conducted, was the subject of an elaborate inquiry in 1844, and I need not remind you, that unless timely provision be made for their efficient regulation, training, and inspection, there are those who are growing up around us to whom the loss must soon become wholly irretrievable.

“ From the salutary effects which have elsewhere attended the introduction of an improved system in the management of Prisons, I recommend this subject to your especial notice. The enforcement of discipline, and of effective secondary punishments, under statutory rules, have been found to be conducive, not only to the reformation of offenders, but to the prevention of crime, and essential to the safety of society where the Criminal Laws have been ameliorated.

“ The recent improvements in the Laws of the United Kingdom which provide for the settlement and relief of the Poor, suggest for consideration, how far the Provincial Acts may require in this particular to be amended, to meet the altered circumstances of society. From the large increase in the number of Immigrants annually arriving, especially of the poorer classes, some amendment appears to be also necessary in the regulations applicable to their relief.

“ Representations having been made to me on behalf of the Indian population, and of persons residing on their Lands, of the ill consequences of delay in the adjustment of their respective claims, I hope that measures will be taken to facilitate such a settlement of them as will conduce alike to the satisfaction of the claimants, and to the credit and advantage of the Province.

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

“ I have the satisfaction to inform you, that from the prosperous state of Commerce, the Revenue in the past year has been amply sustained.

“ I have given directions that the Public Accounts should be laid before you.

“I have also directed to be communicated to you various Returns and Reports relative to the Roads and other Public Works, the execution of which, on a systematic plan, would materially tend to the public advantage.

“An urgent appeal having been made to me on behalf of the Inhabitants of Saint John's, Newfoundland, who had suffered from the destruction of that City by fire, I felt impelled to aid the private contributions which were raised for their relief, by an advance from the Public Funds, which I made in full confidence that I only anticipated your desire for the alleviation of the sufferings of our fellow subjects exposed to so severe a calamity.

“*Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

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

“Commissioners having been appointed by Her Majesty's Government to investigate and report on the Boundary in dispute between this Province and Canada, I have to regret that their labours have been in some degree retarded, owing to the lamented death of one of the Officers engaged on this service. I have no reason however to anticipate any further delay in the settlement of the question, and in the meantime the Jurisdiction of the Province in the Disputed Territory has been maintained.

“An examination of the Country by the same scientific Officers, with the object of ascertaining the best direction for a Trunk Line of Railway, to connect the Provinces, has been in progress, and will be resumed when the season becomes again favourable, another Officer having been appointed to the Survey.

“In order to effect a rapid communication of intelligence through the Provinces, the establishment of a Line of Electro Magnetic Telegraph, from Halifax to Quebec, has been proposed by the Governor General, in a Despatch which will be laid before you.

“Availing myself of the encouragement held out in the last Session, I have directed the prosecution of some special inquiries in reference to those important undertakings—the Reports, when received, will be communicated to you.

“I congratulate you on the prospects which at this time appear to be opening to the Province. With improved means of intercourse, so fertile a region cannot long remain imperfectly settled and reclaimed; and the time we may hope is approaching, when the labours of the early settlers and their descendants, aided by British enterprise and capital, will be applied in developing its vast and varied resources. That undertakings of this nature, conducted in a righteous spirit, will be eminently successful, I can entertain no doubt; and that they may prosper under your auspices, and become the means of diffusing the blessings which have elsewhere followed in their train, must be the aspiration of all who regard the welfare of their Country, and desire to extend and perpetuate the glory of her Institutions.”

Which being ended,

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

The Honorable the President reported His Excellency's Speech.

ORDERED, That a Committee be appointed to draft an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in answer to his Speech at the opening of the Session.

ORDERED,

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messieurs Botsford and Hatch be appointed a Committee for this purpose.

ORDERED, That the Journals of the House be printed daily, and that two hundred copies thereof be furnished.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 29th January, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Peters.*

*Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin,*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented a Petition from the Reverend James Dunphy, Edward Quinn, James Quinn, and three hundred and thirty others, inhabitants of the City of Saint John, praying Legislative aid to enable the Petitioners to complete the School House and Temperance Hall lately erected by them in Saint John.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 30th January, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Owen,*

*Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford, from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in answer to His Speech at the opening of the Session, reported a Draft thereof, which he read in his place.

ORDERED, That the Report be received; and the said Draft was again read by the Clerk.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole presently, to take the same into consideration.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had taken the said Draft into consideration, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

The said Address having been read, was approved of by the House, and is as follows :—

To His Excellency Sir WILLIAM MACBEAN GEORGE COLEBROOKE, Knight of the Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF HER MAJESTY'S LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN
GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council in General Assembly, beg to express the thanks of the House for Your Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session. We feel gratified that the favourable situation of the Province did not require that the ordinary period for the meeting of the Legislature should be anticipated.

We will apply ourselves to the public business with an anxious desire that a spirit of unanimity may prevail in our deliberations.

While we cordially participate in Your Excellency's congratulations on the abundant Harvest of the past year, which has relieved the agricultural classes from the pressure occasioned by the failure of the preceding Potato Crop, we deeply sympathize in the distress and privations under which so many of our fellow subjects of the United Kingdom are now suffering; and we acknowledge with thankfulness that the people of this Province have, in a great measure, been spared from a recurrence of this calamity.

Deeply impressed with the importance of the interests involved in the improvement and extension of the means of Education, we shall give our best consideration to such measures as will add to the efficiency of the Parish Schools.

The introduction of an improved system in the management of Prisons, and the amendment of the Laws for the more effectual enforcement of secondary punishments, shall receive our serious attention, feeling satisfied that they will be found essential to the reformation of offenders, to the prevention of crime, and to the safety of society.

We shall willingly give our consideration to any suggestions on the subject of the Poor Laws, and will cheerfully concur in such an amendment of the regulations for the relief and encouragement of Immigrants, as the increased numbers which annually arrive among us may seem to demand.

Fully aware of the necessity of an adjustment of the respective claims of the Indian population, and of persons residing on the Indian Reserves, we shall readily give our assent to such measures as will conduce to their early settlement, in the hope that they will prove alike satisfactory to the claimants and advantageous to the Province.

We deeply regret with Your Excellency that the labours of the Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty's Government to investigate and report on the Boundary in dispute between this Province and Canada, have been in some degree retarded by
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the lamented death of one of the Officers engaged in the service: We are, however, glad to be informed that Your Excellency anticipates no further delay in the settlement of this question, and that in the meantime the jurisdiction of the Province has been maintained in the Disputed Territory.

Duly sensible of the paramount importance of establishing a Trunk Line of Railway to connect these Provinces, we are gratified to learn that the examination of the Country for this purpose by scientific Officers, will be resumed during the ensuing season.

We thank Your Excellency for the promised Despatch of the Governor General on the subject of the establishment of a Line of Electro Magnetic Telegraph from Halifax to Quebec, and shall give to it, as well as to the result of the special inquiries made by direction of Your Excellency on this important subject, and the contemplated Trunk Railway, our most favourable consideration.

We warmly reciprocate Your Excellency's congratulations on the cheering prospects which appear to be opening out to the Province. We feel the great importance of improved means of intercourse in settling and reclaiming those fertile portions of its lands, which, notwithstanding the labours and privations of the early settlers and their descendants, yet remain uncultivated; and we shall hail with satisfaction, and give every encouragement to the application of British enterprise and capital in aiding to develop its vast and varied resources. We participate in Your Excellency's aspirations, as must all who regard the welfare of their Country, and desire to extend and perpetuate the glory of her Institutions, that these undertakings may prosper and become eminently successful, thereby diffusing the blessings which have elsewhere followed in their train.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messieurs Botsford and Hatch be appointed a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when this House would be received with their Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler, by leave, presented a Petition from James Wheton, a licenced Teacher, praying remuneration for teaching a Grammar School at Richibucto, in the County of Kent.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Hatch, by leave, presented the following Petitions:—

A Petition from Jacob Paul, of Charlotte County, praying the Pension due to the late Experience Thompson, the Widow of an old Soldier, may be paid to him: and

A Petition from Rosanna Pulk, the Widow of an old Soldier, praying her usual Pension may be continued.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Minchin, by leave, presented a Petition from David Weeks, of York County, praying the last year's Pension due the late Dorcas Allen, the Widow of an old Soldier, may be paid to him.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until Monday next at 12 o'clock.

MONDAY

MONDAY, 1st February, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin.*

*Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Owen,*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford, from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to ascertain when this House would be received with their Address, in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session, reported that they had done so, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, he would receive the Address this day at one o'clock.

At one o'clock the House proceeded to the Government House with their Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session; and having returned,

The Honorable the President reported that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the same, and to return an Answer thereto, of which he had obtained a copy, which he read; and it was again read by the Clerk, as follows:—

" Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen,

" I receive with much satisfaction your dutiful and loyal Address, and I rely on your cordial assistance in bringing the business of the Session to a prosperous termination."

The Honorable Mr. Hatch, by leave, presented a Petition from Walter Calder, Commissioner of Highways for the Parish of West Isles, in the County of Charlotte, praying a grant of money to relieve him from the heavy expenses to which he was subjected in the discharge of his public duty.

* ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 2d February, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin.*

*Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Owen,*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Hatch, by leave, presented the following Petitions:—

A Petition from Christiana Walker, a licenced Teacher, praying to be remunerated for

for teaching a School in the Parish of Saint George, in Charlotte County, for six months ending the first day of December last :

A Petition from Guy Clinch, of the same place, praying an amount due his late Wife, Lucretia Clinch, for teaching a School in the year 1845, may be paid to him :

A Petition from Mercy M'Nichol, of the County of Charlotte, praying the usual Pension due her as the Widow of an old Soldier may be granted to her : and

A Petition from Jane Hawkins, of the same County, with a similar prayer.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Attorney General, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from Robert Watson, Deputy Treasurer at Saint Stephen, in the County of Charlotte, praying to be reimbursed certain costs and expenses incurred in the prosecution of articles illegally imported into the Province : and

A Petition from the same person, praying to be allowed certain expenses incurred in a prosecution against John Marks.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented a Petition from David Bates, a licenced Teacher, praying an allowance for teaching a School in Saint John six months in the year 1846.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 3d February, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Owen,*

*Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford, by leave, presented a Petition from Joseph Avar, Samuel F. Black, Charles Dixon, and thirty five other inhabitants of Westmorland, praying aid in the establishment of a Line of Steam Boats from Saint John to Sackville, Dorchester, and the Bend of the Petitcodiac River.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Hatch, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from Samuel Connick, Henry Agnew, John H. Mowat, and seventy other inhabitants of Charlotte County, praying a sum of money may be granted for the purpose of building a Bridge over Waweig Stream, in the place of one carried away by late freshets :

A Petition from Elizabeth George, of the Parish of Saint Stephen, in Charlotte County, praying for pecuniary relief in addition to the usual allowance made to her as the Widow of an old Soldier : and

A Petition from Samuel Frye, George F. Campbell, John Wilson, and other Members of the Charlotte County Agricultural Society, praying an Act may pass incorporating them.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

Several Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor were delivered by the Honorable Mr. Johnston, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council.

The Honorable the President read the same ; and they were again read by the Clerk, as follows :—

NEW BRUNSWICK.

*Message to the Legislative Council,
2d February, 1847.*

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE, LT. GOVERNOR.

The Lieutenant Governor has the satisfaction of communicating to the Legislative Council the copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in acknowledgment of the Joint Address of the Legislative Council and Assembly in the last Session, referring to a Resolution of the lower House to grant the sum of £10,000 to meet any emergency which might arise in the state of the Foreign relations of the Kingdom.

W. M. G. C.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

(Copy)

[No. 25.]

Downing Street, 26th May, 1846.

SIR,—I have received, and have submitted to the Queen, your confidential Despatch of the 20th of last April, in which you enclose the copy of a Joint Address presented to you by the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of New Brunswick, referring to a Resolution of the Lower House, to grant the sum of £10,000 to the Provincial Government, to meet any emergency which might arise in the present state of the Foreign relations of this Kingdom.

Her Majesty has commanded me to express to you, and through you, to the two Branches of the Legislature of New Brunswick, the gratification which she has experienced in receiving the intelligence of the liberality displayed by the Representatives of the Inhabitants of that Province. The Queen appreciates most highly this mark of approval by Her subjects in New Brunswick, of the policy pursued by Her Ministers in the relations of this Kingdom with Foreign Countries, and relies with confidence on their attachment and well known loyalty towards Her Majesty's Person and Government, on any occasion in which it may be necessary to call forth their energies in the defence of their Country.

I have to add the expression of my own satisfaction at learning that you consider the Militia Law, in its present state, adequate for the defence of the Province.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

W. E. GLADSTONE.

Lieut. Governor Sir W. Colebrooke, &c. &c. &c.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

*Message to the Legislative Council,
2d February, 1847.*

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE, LT. GOVERNOR.

The Lieutenant Governor, referring to his opening Speech, lays before the Legislative Council, copies of a Communication from Earl Cathcart, relating to the proposed construction

construction of a Line of Electro-Magnetic Telegraph through the British Provinces,
by the co-operation of the Provincial Governments. W. M. G. C.

ELECTRO-MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

(Copy)

Government House, Montreal, 20th November, 1846.

SIR,—On the recommendation of the Executive Council of this Province, I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter from the Board of Trade of Montreal, urging the co-operation of the respective Governments of the British North American Provinces, for the establishment of an Electric Telegraph from Halifax to Toronto, on which subject the projectors of the measure here, are desirous of eliciting information as to the extent of support which would be likely to be afforded by each Province, and with this view I would invite Your Excellency to communicate to me the views entertained by yourself and your Executive Council on the subject.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

CATHCART.

His Excellency Sir W. M. G. Colebrooke, K. H.

(Copy)

Office of the Board of Trade, Montreal, 4th November, 1846.

SIR,—The rapid extension on this Continent of the Electro-Magnetic Telegraph, and its general application to purposes of mercantile operations, having rendered it a matter of much importance to the British North American Provinces, that they should possess, equally with the United States, any advantages to be derived from the introduction of this invention, I am directed by the Council of the Board of Trade to pray that you will submit for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General, whether the establishment of a Line of Magnetic Telegraphs from Halifax, N. S., *via* Quebec and Montreal, to Toronto, would not be of important usefulness to the British Government, as well as conducive to the mercantile interests of the Provinces in question, and on these grounds deserving encouragement from both the Imperial and Provincial Governments.

Under the existing Post Office arrangements, the earliest European intelligence is brought to Halifax, N. S., and by the suggested line of Telegraph this advantage might be further confined to British interests, rendering the United States dependent on the said line for the intelligence, and thereby obtaining their contribution towards the expenses of the establishment: instead of which, the Telegraphic arrangements formed and forming, will have the effect of making British interests tributary to the United States, receiving the intelligence at second hand, and nearly doubled in cost by the terms exacted by the Patentee of the invention there.

The inquiries made by the Board of Trade lead them to believe that no insuperable difficulty exists to the erection of a line of Telegraph along the main Post Road through the British Provinces; but if Her Majesty's Government should decide on making either a Rail Road or a Military Road between Quebec and Halifax, the Telegraph for that portion of the distance would of course be erected along the line thereof.

The cost of a line of Telegraph in the United States is stated to be about £25 per mile for a single, and about £37 10s. for a double line of wire. It is believed that the work could be done in the British Provinces for less money, but the outlay would probably exceed that which the Provinces might be disposed to undertake on their own resources, for the attainment of an object which may be regarded as scarcely less essential to the furtherance of Metropolitan than of Colonial interests. On this ground, and that Provincial capitalists may hold themselves free to support what appears to be the best Provincial line of Telegraphic communication with the sea coast, the Board of Trade are desirous that no time should be lost in submitting the project for the consideration of both the Home and the several Provincial Governments, with the view of eliciting, previous to the ensuing Session of the Canadian Legislature, the degree of support which each may be disposed to afford to it.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

FREDERICK A. WILLSON, *Secretary.*

The Honorable D. Daly, M. P. P., Provincial Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK

NEW BRUNSWICK.

*Message to the Legislative Council,**3d February, 1847.*

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE, LT. GOVERNOR.

The Lieutenant Governor, referring to his opening Speech, lays before the Council, a Schedule of the Reports which have been made to him in pursuance of the special inquiries undertaken in connection with the Surveys in progress for establishing a Line of Railway Communication through the Province, from the Atlantic to Quebec.

The early publication of these Reports would be advisable.

W. M. G. C.

SCHEDULE ACCOMPANYING THE MESSAGE.

No. 1. Instructions from the Provincial Secretary to the Government Emigration Agent, dated 26th October, 1846 :

2. The Government Emigration Agent's Letter to the Provincial Secretary, dated 25th January, 1847 :

3. Report on the several Counties of New Brunswick, with reference to their Trade, Agriculture, Fisheries, Resources and Capabilities ; including Statistics of Prince Edward Island :

4. Tables, showing the principal articles exported from the Port of Saint John and its Out-Bays from 1819 to 1845, both years inclusive ; the estimated value in Pounds sterling of the Imports and Exports of New Brunswick from 1828 to 1845, both years inclusive ; and the numbers and tonnage of the Ships built in the Province from 1834 to 1845, both years inclusive :

5. Report and Estimate concerning an Electro-Magnetic Telegraph between Fredericton and Saint John, addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor by J. Robb, M. D., and J. B. Toldervy, M. D. :

6. Report on the Forest Trees of New Brunswick.

7. Extracts from Reports of the Honorable Captain Owen, R. N., on the Port of Whitehaven, and other Ports and Harbours on the Atlantic Coast of Nova Scotia, eastward of Halifax :

8. Reports of Mr. Wilkinson on Electro-Magnetic Telegraphs and Railways in the United States :

9. Plan of Railways proposed in and through New Brunswick, with Sketches of the Harbours of Canso and Whitehaven.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, also by direction of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, lays before the House—

An Abstract of the Revenue of the Province for the Year 1846 ; including a Comparative Statement of Revenue for 1845 and 1846.

ABSTRACT

ABSTRACT OF THE REVENUE OF NEW BRUNSWICK FOR THE YEAR 1846.

	Loan Fund.	Ordinary Revenue.	Export Duty.	Casual Revenue.	Supreme Court Fees.	Rec. from the Officers of Customs.	Auction Duties.	Pedlars' Licences.	Emigrant Duties.	Lt. House Duties.	S. & D. Seamen's Duties.	TOTALS.
Saint John,.....	6,301 13 1	36,663 10 8½	14,533 15 9	7,600 0 0	484 19 0	25,567 19 1	371 7 4	0 0 0	1,972 1 8	3,876 5 0	1,154 16 0	98,386 7 7½
Miramichi,.....	880 2 1½	5,043 16 5	3,102 2 7½	0 0 0	0 0 0	2,646 5 5	0 6 2½	6 10 0	32 10 0	289 12 2	491 8 6	12,492 13 5¼
Dalhousie,.....	206 2 0	1,683 16 5½	1,387 18 7½	0 0 0	0 0 0	620 9 7	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	94 5 10	89 0 5	3,951 12 11
Bathurst,.....	119 5 6	986 13 0	642 13 3	0 0 0	0 0 0	492 1 6	0 0 0	1 5 0	0 0 0	33 7 11	32 19 9	2,208 5 11
Richibucto,.....	165 16 0	916 14 0	1,004 2 5	0 0 0	0 0 0	445 12 3	0 0 0	10 10 0	9 10 0	96 17 10	94 13 4	2,743 15 10
Shediac,.....	29 18 1	157 7 3	218 17 1	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	24 2 9	21 16 4	452 1 6
Bay Verte,.....	1 7 4	41 9 7½	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	42 16 1¼
Dorchester,.....	8 7 10	94 1 7½	71 6 7½	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 7 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	18 16 9	2 18 3	196 18 ¼
Hopewell,.....	0 0 0	0 0 0	282 19 5¼	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	9 0 0	0 0 0	52 17 6	16 6 6	361 3 5¼
Fredericton, 1846,.....	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	17 11 7	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	17 11 7
Woodstock,.....	21 18 3	286 2 9	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	187 6 3	0 0 0	0 0 0	115 15 10	248 2 0	152 12 2	465 7 3
Saint Andrews,.....	248 10 1	1,111 1 2½	589 14 6	0 0 0	0 0 0	1,184 15 7	14 2 3	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	3,664 13 7¼
Saint Stephen,.....	160 9 5½	587 7 10½	679 9 3	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	3 18 5	13 0 0	0 0 0	189 3 6	119 19 10	1,743 16 4
Saint George,.....	63 0 0	229 6 11	331 1 6	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	88 6 9	54 8 0	770 12 7
Grand Mannan, 1845,.....	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	6 0 0	0 0 0	6 0 0
TOTALS,.....	£8,286 7 2	47,771 7 10½	22,664 1 0½	7,600 0 0	484 19 0	30,995 16 8	8407 5 9½	45 5 0	2,129 17 6	4,817 18 0	2,230 19 1	£127,403 17 ¼

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1845.	1846.	Increase.	Decrease.
Loan Fund,.....	£8,681 12 2½	£8,286 7 2	£0 0 0	£345 5 0½
Ordinary Revenue,.....	53,668 18 10½	47,771 7 10½	0 0 0	5,897 11 0½
Export Duty,.....	20,162 9 10	22,664 1 0½	2,501 11 2½	0 0 0
Casual Revenue,.....	10,750 0 0	7,600 0 0	0 0 0	3,150 0 0
Supreme Court Fees,.....	955 10 4	454 19 0	0 0 0	500 11 4
Received from the Customs,.....	25,304 14 9	30,995 16 8	5,691 1 11	0 0 0
Auction Duties,.....	386 6 1	407 5 9½	20 19 8½	0 0 0
Pedlar's Licences,.....	16 15 0	45 5 0	28 10 0	0 0 0
Emigrant Duties,.....	1,372 6 8	2,129 17 6	757 10 10	0 0 0
Light House Duties,.....	4,454 19 8	4,817 18 0	362 18 4	0 0 0
Sick and Disabled Seamen's Duties,.....	2,049 8 4½	2,230 19 1	181 10 8½	0 0 0
TOTALS,.....	£127,753 1 9½	£127,403 17 ¼	£9,544 2 8½	£9,893 7 4½

Treasury, Saint John, 1st January, 1847.

B. ROBINSON, P. T.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

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THURSDAY

THURSDAY, 4th February, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Bluck, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Owen,*

*Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin.*

PRAYERS.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Hanington, with a Bill to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled "An Act for the appointment of Firewards in the Parish of Woodstock," to the Parish of Petitcodiac, in the County of Westmorland; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Taylor, with a Bill to repeal several Acts now in force relating to laying a Tax on Dogs in certain Counties in this Province; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented the following Petitions:—

A Petition from James Kirk, President of the New Brunswick Marine Assurance Company, John Duncan, President of the Globe Marine Assurance Company, Henry P. Sturdee, Agent for Lloyd's, Noah Disbrow, Robert Rankin and Company, F. A. Wiggins, and one hundred and twelve others, Merchants, Shipowners, Port Wardens, and others of Saint John, praying a Legislative grant for the erection of a Breakwater at Dipper Harbour, in the Bay of Fundy, for the protection of Vessels navigating that Bay:

A Petition from Benjamin C. Chaloner, of the City of Saint John, praying that a remuneration may be made him for services performed as Provincial Warehouse Keeper, from October 1843, to October 1845:

A Petition from George Woods, of Saint John, praying a grant to reimburse him for Lands included in the Grant to the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Land Company: and

A Petition from James Drake, of Fredericton, praying Legislative aid to assist him in running a Steam Boat on the Upper Saint John, between the Grand Falls and the River Saint Francis.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

FRIDAY

FRIDAY, 5th February, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Owen,*

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin.*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a second time :—

A Bill to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled “ An Act for the appointment of Firewards in the Parish of Woodstock,” to the Bend of Petitcodiac, in the County of Westmorland : and

A Bill to repeal several Acts now in force relating to laying a Tax on Dogs in certain Counties in this Province.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole on Monday next, to take the said Bills severally into consideration.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Partelow, with the following Resolution of Appropriation :—

RESOLVED unanimously, That there be granted to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, the sum of One thousand five hundred Pounds Sterling, to be applied towards relieving a portion of our fellow subjects in Ireland and Scotland, suffering the horrors of Famine.

The said Resolution was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole presently, to take the said Resolution into consideration.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Resolution, and recommended that the House should concur in the same.

Whereupon the said Resolution of Appropriation was concurred in by the House.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to the said Resolution of Appropriation.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Carman, with a Bill to incorporate the Miramichi Mechanics' Institute ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

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On motion made and seconded—

ORDERED, That a Select Committee of three Members be appointed, to examine and report upon such Bills relating to Corporations as may be referred to them the present Session; and that the Honorable Messieurs Botsford, Chandler, and Hatch, do compose the Committee.

The Honorable Mr. Minchin, by leave, presented the following Petitions:—

A Petition from William M'Knight, a licenced Teacher, praying an allowance for teaching a School in the Parish of Kingsclear, York, for five months: and

A Petition from Daniel Yerxa, Thomas Allen, Peter Hains, and fifteen other inhabitants of the Parish of Douglas, in York County, praying a Bill may pass to establish a Company, to be known as the Madam Keswick Boom Company.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Shore, by leave, presented a Petition from Andrew Blair, of Fredericton, praying for relief as a Contractor for the erection of York County Gaol.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford, by leave, presented the following Petitions:—

A Petition from Thomas Fowler, praying to be remunerated for teaching a School in the Parish of Glenelg, in the County of Northumberland, for eight months in the year 1845: and

A Petition from William Carman, praying for an increased allowance for the services of Tide Surveyor at the Port of Miramichi.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until Monday next at 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, 8th February, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin.*

*Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Owen,*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to incorporate the Miramichi Mechanics' Institute, was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon Bills relating to Corporations.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled "An Act

Act for the appointment of Firewards in the Parish of Woodstock," to the Bend of the Petitcodiac, in the County of Westmorland.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, they had made an amendment thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

From A in Section II. expunge the remainder of the Section, and insert as follows :

“ Sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled ‘ An Act for the appointment of Firewards in the Parish of Woodstock ;’ and also an Act made and passed in the eighth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria to continue the said Act, and all the provisions of the said Acts be and the same are hereby extended to the Bend of Petitcodiac, in the County of Westmorland.”

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That it be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. End, with a Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County of Gloucester to make provision for the payment of the County Contingencies ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Wark, with a Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Kent to assess the inhabitants of the said County for the Contingent Expenses thereof ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor were delivered by the Honorable Mr. Johnston, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council.

The Honorable the President read the same ; and they were again read by the Clerk, as follows :—

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Message to the Legislative Council,

6th February, 1847.

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE, LT. GOVERNOR.

The Lieutenant Governor lays before the Council, copy of a Despatch addressed by him to the Secretary of State for the Colonies in 1843, and of one received by him from Earl Grey in the last year on the subject of the Imperial Copy Right Law.

W. M. G. C.

IMPERIAL

IMPERIAL COPY RIGHT LAW.

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[No. 70.]

Fredericton, 20th July, 1843.

MY LORD,—A sensation having been produced in the Province by the recent enforcement of the provisions of the Acts of Parliament, (5 & 6 Vict. cap. 45, 47, & 49,) for the protection of Copy Right on Books, I am prompted to explain to Your Lordship the situation in which these Communities are placed by the restrictions which are thus imposed on the introduction of English Books, reprinted in America, and on certain Newspapers through the medium of which they have heretofore obtained circulation, by what is called the privilege of the Deputy Post Master General, who, at his discretion, has dispensed with the Law for imposing on them full letter rates of Postage.

In the Report of the Commissioners of Post Office Inquiry in Canada, it was observed, that no printed matter coming from England, except Stamped Newspapers, could pass through the Post, unless charged by weight at the rates of Letters exceeding an ounce, which, in the case of English Reviews, Magazines, and Pamphlets, acted as a complete prohibition, and that the American reprints of Miscellanies, under the privilege referred to, had obtained an extensive circulation.

The limited means and opportunities of acquiring Books has led, in these Provinces, as well as in the United States, to the publication of a great number of cheap Newspapers, containing, with the usual matter of Advertisements, Correspondence, and extracts from English and American Journals, selections from Books and Miscellanies. These selections, which are, for the most part, taken from the lighter productions of the English and American presses, are generally unexceptionable, and tend to encourage a taste for reading amongst those who have no access to Books, and are cut off from social intercourse of an improving nature.

Some publishers in the United States, taking advantage of the increasing demand for publications of this nature, have undertaken the publication of entire works in consecutive numbers, or in extra sheets; and as examples of the works thus circulated in the Provinces, as well as in the United States, may be mentioned, Allison's History of Europe, Liebeg's Animal and Agricultural Chemistry, Arnold's Lectures on Modern History, Borrow's Bible in Spain, &c.; and it may be remarked, that the papers which are engaged in these republications, and depending on support in these Provinces, have taken no part in the acrimonious discussions which often pervade the political Journals of the United States.

The claim to protection of the English publishers being the ground on which the circulation of these papers has been suddenly arrested by the charge of Letter Postage, and by the seizure of the "Extras," the public attention has been drawn to the high price of English Books, which has operated so entirely to prevent their circulation in these Provinces.

The encouragement derived in the United Kingdom from the numerous Libraries, Clubs, and Societies, which are supplied with copies of Books as they issue from the Press, and to whom the price of a Book is less an object than the early supply of new works to their numerous subscribers and readers, renders it practicable in most cases for an English publisher to attach such a price to a book which would command any sale in the Colonies, as nearly to remunerate him from this source alone, independently of the demand from individual purchasers, according to the merit or interest of the work.

The increasing demand of a more numerous and less affluent class of readers, has led to some reduction in the price of works, by their publication in less expensive forms: but the price even of these books, enhanced by the charges attending their transmission, exclude them from circulation in the Colonies, especially during the winter months. Hence the restrictions imposed by the Copy Right Acts operate in no manner to the benefit of the English publisher, while by excluding the inhabitants of the British Provinces from the opportunity they have hitherto enjoyed of becoming familiar with the productions of the English Press through the medium of the reprints, chiefly in the Newspaper form, they are led unfavorably to contrast their situation with that of their fellow countrymen in the United States, where such a restriction cannot be enforced.

The protection of Publishers in the United Kingdom is a question altogether distinct from the extension of the Copy Right Acts, by authority of Parliament, to the Colonies, and especially to those having separate Legislatures, who, if it devolved on them to consider of the local application of those Laws, would, in affording a reasonable protection to the English publisher, be disposed to provide

provide also for the interests of the community, whom it cannot be politic to exclude from all access to English Literature, except by an evasion of the exorbitant charges to which they are subjected by Law.

I do not undertake to determine how far their interests may admit of being reconciled by the imposition of such a moderate duty on foreign reprints as would secure to the English publishers a small profit on their works when reprinted in a cheap form, or in the Literary Journals, for circulation in the Colonies; but if from the larger profits derivable from the sale of high priced books in England, the minor advantages from such cheap reprints for the Provinces should not be a consideration to English publishers, the policy would be questionable of altogether prohibiting the circulation of the Journals which are engaged in such republications, by which the public are deprived not only of the works protected by the Copy Right Acts, but of others claiming no such protection.

As the interest of English publishers cannot be injuriously affected, either by a reduction in the price of books in the Colonies, or their circulation through literary Journals amongst a class of readers to whom they would be otherwise unknown, I hope the measure may be abandoned of enforcing by Parliamentary authority a prohibition which, if not evaded through the facilities everywhere presented, would have the effect of excluding English literature from the Provinces.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

The Right Honorable Lord Stanley, &c. &c. &c.

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[No. 29.]

Downing Street, 5th November, 1846.

SIR,—Her Majesty's Government having had under their consideration the representations which have been received from the Governors of some of the British North American Provinces, complaining of the effect in those Colonies of the Imperial Copy Right Law, have decided on proposing measures to Parliament in the ensuing Session, which, if sanctioned by the Legislature, will, they hope, tend to remove the dissatisfaction which has been expressed on this subject, and place the Literature of this country within the reach of the Colonies, on easier terms than it is at present. With this view, relying upon the disposition of the Colonies to protect the authors of this country from the fraudulent appropriation of the fruits of labours upon which they are often entirely dependent, Her Majesty's Government propose to leave to the local Legislatures the duty and responsibility of passing such enactments as they may deem proper for securing both the rights of authors and the interests of the public. Her Majesty's Government will accordingly submit to Parliament a Bill authorizing the Queen in Council to confirm and finally enact any Colonial Law or Ordinance respecting Copy Right, notwithstanding any repugnancy of any such Law or Ordinance to the Copy Right Law of this country, it being provided by the proposed Act of Parliament that no such Law or Ordinance shall be of any force or effect until so confirmed and finally enacted by the Queen in Council; but that from the confirmation and final enactment thereof, the Copy Right Law of this country shall cease to be of any force or effect within the Colony in which any such Colonial Law or Ordinance has been made, in so far as it may be repugnant to or inconsistent with the operation of any such Colonial Law or Ordinance.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

GREY.

Lt. Governor Sir William Colebrooke, &c. &c. &c.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Message to the Legislative Council,

8th February, 1847.

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE, LT. GOVERNOR.

The Lieutenant Governor lays before the Council, the copy of a Despatch he has received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in which are specified the amendments

amendments required in two Acts passed in the last Session of the Legislature, to incorporate the New Brunswick Railway Company, and to facilitate the making of a Railway from Saint John to the Boundary Line of Canada. W. M. G. C.

[*See Appendix No. 1.*]

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to repeal several Acts now in force relating to laying a Tax on Dogs in certain Counties in this Province.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from John Walsh, praying a continuation of the grant to him for teaching a School in the City of Saint John : and

A Petition from Daniel Sullivan, of Saint John, Grocer, praying to be reimbursed a sum of money he has become liable to pay in consequence of resisting an illegal seizure made by Officers of Her Majesty's Customs.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Hatch, by leave, presented a Petition from John Orr, of the Parish of Saint Patrick, in the County of Charlotte, praying a return of money expended by him to support a poor and distressed Emigrant.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from John Bedell, Richard English, Charles Perley, and thirty other inhabitants of Woodstock, in the County of Carleton, praying a Law may pass authorizing the Commissioners of Highways to make improvements on the Side Walk by laying down Wood or Stone, and that authority may be given to make an assessment to defray the expense : and

A Petition from the Justices of the Peace for the County of Kent, praying an assessment may be made on the County to pay off the County Debts, by authority given from the Justices.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from Henry B. Allison, and the Reverend William Henderson, Trustees of the Grammar School at Newcastle, in Northumberland, and twenty two other inhabitants of the County, praying a continuation of the grant in support of the School :

A Petition from Michael Campbell, a Mail Carrier between Chatham, in Northumberland, and Pokemouche, in the County of Gloucester, praying that a grant may pass in aid of private subscription to enable him to continue the conveyance of the Mails between those places : and

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A Petition from John Wilson, of the Parish of Nelson, in the County of Northumberland, praying to be paid for a loss sustained in running a Team Ferry Boat across the River Miramichi; and for a further sum of money to enable him to continue the said Boat for public convenience.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 1 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 9th February, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin.*

*Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Owen,*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled "An Act for the appointment of Firewards in the Parish of Woodstock," to the Bend of Petitcodiac, in the County of Westmorland, as amended, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill, with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to repeal several Acts now in force relating to laying a Tax on Dogs in certain Counties in this Province, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a second time:—

A Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County of Gloucester to make provision for the payment of the County Contingencies: and

A Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Kent to assess the inhabitants of the said County for the Contingent Expenses thereof.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bills severally into consideration.

Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor were delivered by the Honorable Mr. Johnston, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council.

The Honorable the President read the same; and they were again read by the Clerk, as follows:—

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Message to the Legislative Council,

8th February, 1847.

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE, LT. GOVERNOR.

The Lieutenant Governor lays before the Council, the copy of a Despatch which he has received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in answer to their Address and that of the Assembly in the last Session, on the subject of the Salary of the Provincial Secretary.

W. M. G. C.

SALARY OF THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

(Copy)

[No. 23.]

Downing Street, 30th April, 1846.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 27th March, in which you enclose copies of Communications addressed to you by the Legislative Houses of New Brunswick, relative to the amount of Salary which it would be proper to assign to the Offices of Provincial Secretary and Registrar and Clerk of the Executive Council.

My predecessor has already stated in the most precise terms, that, subject to the maintenance of the faith of the Crown, Her Majesty has no motive for wishing to preserve a scale of expenditure for the Public Officers of New Brunswick exceeding that which the two Houses of the Legislature may consider sufficient for the due discharge of the public service. Fully concurring in that opinion, I have only to state that no breach of engagement would be involved in the revision of the Salaries of the present Provincial Secretary and the Clerk of the Executive Council. Your answer to the House of Assembly should consist of an expression of your readiness to defer to their judgment upon the extent of provision which they have thought fit to recommend for those Offices, and that you will immediately give effect to their wishes, subject, however, to any qualification of their views, which, at the instance of the Legislative Council, or otherwise, they may be induced to adopt.

You will at the same time state, that it should be clearly understood, that Her Majesty's Government will not concur in the alteration, in the reduction or increase of any vote or grant of the Assembly of any allowance which may be so settled, but that any subsequent alteration can be assented to by yourself only if made by an Act, the execution of which shall be suspended for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

W. E. GLADSTONE.

Lieut. Governor Sir W. Colebrooke, &c. &c. &c.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Message to the Legislative Council,

9th February, 1847.

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE, LT. GOVERNOR.

The Lieutenant Governor lays before the Council, the copy of a Despatch which he has received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, transmitting Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, for dispensing with the administration of the usual State Oaths in certain cases.

W. M. G. C.

STATE OATHS.

(Copy)

[No. 16.]

Downing Street, August, 1846.

SIR,—With reference to my predecessor's Despatch, No. 29, of the 2d June, I have the honor to transmit herewith Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, for dispensing with the

the administration of certain Oaths to Members of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of New Brunswick, and to persons holding office in that Province.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

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Lieut. Governor Sir W. M. G. Colebrooke.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Connell, with the following Bills, to which they desire the concurrence of this House :—

A Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the Maduxnikik Boom Company : and

A Bill in addition to and in amendment of an Act, intituled "An Act to provide for the repair of the Streets and Highways in part of the Parish of Woodstock."

The said Bills were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards the first mentioned Bill, and that it be read a second time.

The said Bill was read a second time.

ORDERED, That it be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon Bills relating to Corporations.

ORDERED, That the second mentioned Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Brown, with a Bill to incorporate the Charlotte County Agricultural Society ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards this Bill, and that the same be read a second time.

The said Bill was read a second time.

ORDERED, That it be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon Bills relating to Corporations.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from Henry T. Partelow, of the County of Sunbury, praying compensation for the surrender of two hundred acres of Land granted to him in 1828 in the Parish of Lancaster, County of Saint John, in consequence of the said Land having been previously granted : and

A Petition from the same person, praying that an instalment of £22 8 5 paid by him on the purchase of a lot of Land about ten years since, together with interest thereon, may be repaid him, and also that his Bond to the Crown for the three remaining instalments may be cancelled, in consequence of a part of the said lot having been previously granted.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY, 10th February, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin.*

*Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Owen,*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill in addition to and in amendment of an Act, intituled "An Act to provide for the repair of the Streets and Highways in part of the Parish of Woodstock," was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bill into consideration.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County of Gloucester to make provision for the payment of the County Contingencies.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Kent to assess the inhabitants of the said County for the Contingent Expenses thereof.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Connell, with a Bill to incorporate the Woodstock Steam Boat Company; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards this Bill, and that the same be read a second time.

The said Bill was read a second time.

ORDERED, That it be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon Bills relating to Corporations.

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The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from George W. Cleary, George Connell, and William Connell, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Woodstock Steam Boat Company : and

A Petition from James Taylor, William E. Perley, George Hamm, and seventy three other inhabitants of York, Sunbury, Queen's, King's, and Saint John Counties, praying that the Road leading from the Nerepis Road, through the Douglas Valley, Back Creek, and the Rushagonis, to Fredericton, may be established as one of the Great Roads of the Province.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from John Howe, of Maugerville, in the County of Sunbury, Son of Mary Howe, the Widow of an old Soldier, praying the Pension due to the said Mary Howe may be paid him :

A Petition from the Firewards of Fredericton, praying a return of Duties paid on Leather Hose imported for the use of a Fire Engine : and

A Petition from the President and Directors of the Saint Andrews and Quebec Rail Road Company, praying for aid and encouragement for the reasons set forth in the Petition.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Wyer, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from John Wilson, Harris Hatch, Charles R. Hatheway, and sixty three other persons, inhabitants of the Town of Saint Andrews, praying that an assessment may by Law be authorized to enable them to purchase a Fire Engine :

A Petition from James Paterson, Usher of the Grammar School in Charlotte County, praying an allowance for services performed : and

A Petition from the President and Directors of the same Grammar School, praying aid to enable them to pay a second Teacher in the School.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from Edward V. Tait, a licenced Schoolmaster, praying compensation for teaching a School in the Parish of Sackville : and

A Petition from Thomas Drinan, of Northumberland, praying remuneration for conveying Her Majesty's Mails and their Carriers across the Miramichi River.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Hatch, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from Cochran Craig, Sub-Collector and Deputy Treasurer at Grand Manan, praying an increased allowance for his services :

A Petition from Sarah Califf, of Saint Andrews, in the County of Charlotte, praying her case may be taken into consideration, and such relief afforded as the Legislature may consider right : and

A Petition from Thomas Jones, Thomas Turner, Peter Smith, and one hundred and twenty other inhabitants of Saint Andrews, in Charlotte County, praying the Duty of two shillings and six pence for every barrel of Flour now imported, may not in future be authorized to be taken.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

THURSDAY, 11th February, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Owen,*

*Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin.*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a third time and passed :—

A Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County of Gloucester to make provision for the payment of the County Contingencies : and

A Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Kent to assess the inhabitants of the said County for the Contingent Expenses thereof.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to these Bills without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill in addition to and in amendment of an Act, intituled "An Act to provide for the repair of the Streets and Highways in part of the Parish of Woodstock."

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, they had made certain amendments thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

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

At A in the Preamble, expunge the words "said Act," and insert the words "Act made and passed in the ninth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled 'An Act to provide for the repair of the Streets and Highways in part of the Parish of Woodstock.'"

At B expunge the fifth Section, and alter the numbers of the remaining Sections.

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The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That they be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Taylor, with the following Bills :

A Bill to provide for the expenses of the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly, when attending the General Assembly :

A Bill to incorporate the Madam Keswick Boom Company : and with

Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the ninth day of February instant ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolutions were read a first time.

ORDERED, That they be referred to the Committee of the whole House upon Resolutions of Appropriation.

The said Bills were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the Bill to provide for the expenses of the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly, when attending the General Assembly, be read a second time to-morrow : and

That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards the Bill to incorporate the Madam Keswick Boom Company, and that the said Bill be read a second time.

The said Bill was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon Bills relating to Corporations.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Fisher, with a Bill to incorporate the Fredericton Hotel Company ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards this Bill, and that the same be read a second time.

The said Bill was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon Bills relating to Corporations.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Carman, with a Bill to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled " An Act to repeal the Laws now in force for appointing Firewards and the better extinguishing of Fires, so far as the same relate to the Towns of Newcastle and Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, and to make regulations more suitable for the said Towns, and for other purposes therein mentioned," to the Town of Douglastown, in the said County ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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The Honorable Mr. Wyer, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from John Wilson, Peter Smith, Thomas Sime, and one hundred and thirty other inhabitants of Charlotte County, praying an alteration may be made in the Great Road from Fredericton to Saint Andrews, according to a Line run by Mr. Allan, a Surveyor of Land, and that money may be granted to effect the alteration :

A Petition from Josephus Moore, of Charlotte County, praying for relief from the effect of a purchase made by him of Crown Lands : and

A Petition from Monroe Hill, of Charlotte County, a licenced Schoolmaster, praying an allowance for teaching a School in Saint Stephen six months ending April last.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Shore, by leave, presented a Petition from William M'Intosh, of York County, a Schoolmaster, praying the additional allowance heretofore granted him may be continued.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Owen, by leave, presented a Petition from John Wilson, of Charlotte County, praying a grant of £250 to complete a Breakwater for Dark Harbour, Grand Manan.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from Donald M'Kay, Peter Hyland, William Johnston, and sixteen other persons, of Northumberland, praying that efficient measures may be adopted, without delay, to carry into effect the Law relating to the management of the Lands reserved by the Government for Indians :

A Petition from Daniel Keith, Caleb M'Cully, Pierce Butler, and other Firemen, in Chatham, Northumberland, praying the privileges of being exempted from serving in the Militia, and upon Juries at the Courts of Nisi Prius, and for the further consideration of the Legislature for past services : and

A Petition from Elizabeth Spratt, praying compensation for teaching a School in the Parish of Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, for the period of four years.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 12th February, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Owen,*

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Minchin.*

PRAYERS

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill in addition to and in amendment of an Act, intituled "An Act to provide for the repair of the Streets and Highways in part of the Parish of Woodstock," as amended, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill, with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a second time :—

A Bill to provide for the expenses of the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly, when attending the General Assembly : and

A Bill to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force for appointing Firewards and the better extinguishing of Fires, so far as the same relate to the Towns of Newcastle and Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, and to make regulations more suitable for the said Towns, and for other purposes therein mentioned," to the Town of Douglastown, in the said County.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole on Monday next, to take the said Bills severally into consideration.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Fisher, with a Bill to provide for a Town Clock in Fredericton ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Hanington, that the Assembly had agreed to the amendments made by this House to the Bill to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled "An Act for the appointment of Firewards in the Parish of Woodstock," to the Bend of Petitcodiac, in the County of Westmorland.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford, from the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon Bills relating to Corporations, presented a Report.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

The Committee to whom were referred all Bills relating to Corporations, beg leave to report, that they have had under consideration "A Bill to incorporate the Miramichi Mechanics' Institute ;" also "A Bill to incorporate the Fredericton Hotel Company ;" and recommend the same without amendment to the favourable consideration of the House.

They have also examined the following Bills :—"A Bill to incorporate the Madam Keswick Boom Company," "A Bill to incorporate the Charlotte County Agricultural Society," "A Bill to incorporate the Woodstock Steam Boat Company," "A Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the Maduxnikik Boom Company ;" and have prepared certain amendments to the same, which they recommend to the adoption of the House.

Respectfully submitted.

Committee Room, 12th February, 1847.

A. E. BOTSFORD, *Chairman.*

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ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole on Monday next, to take the said Bills, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon, severally into consideration.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented a Petition from Margaret Manson, a licenced Teacher, praying compensation for teaching a School in the City of Saint John, from February 1845, to March 1846.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Hatch, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from James Chaffey, Franklin Gould, Robert Moses, and two hundred and forty other persons, of the County of Charlotte, praying for the renewal of the Act granting a Bounty on Fish :

A Petition from Thomas Turner, Peter Smith, Thomas Berry, James W. Chandler, late Overseers of Poor for the Parish of Saint Andrews, in Charlotte County, praying an Act may pass to authorize the General Sessions to make an assessment for the sum of two hundred and thirty seven pounds, to repay Mr. Turner monies expended by him : and

A Petition from Schuyler P. Frink, of Saint Stephen, in Charlotte County, praying remuneration in Money or Lands, for having surrendered to the Government a tract of Land on which he had paid two instalments.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until Monday next at 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, 15th February, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin.*

*Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinneear,
Mr. Owen,*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to provide for a Town Clock in Fredericton, was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bill into consideration.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force for appointing Firewards and the better extinguishing of Fires, so far as the same relate to the Towns of Newcastle and Chatham, in

in the County of Northumberland, and to make regulations more suitable for the said Towns, and for other purposes therein mentioned," to the Town of Douglastown, in the said County.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to provide for the expenses of the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly, when attending the General Assembly.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was delivered by the Honorable Mr. Johnston, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council.

The Honorable the President read the same; and it was again read by the Clerk, as follows:—

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Message to the Legislative Council,

13th February, 1847.

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE, LT. GOVERNOR.

The Lieutenant Governor, referring to his Message of the second instant, communicates to the Council, copies of a Correspondence which he has held with the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, on the subject of the proposed construction of an Electro-Magnetic Telegraph from Halifax to Toronto.

W. M. G. C.

ELECTRO-MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

(Copy)

Government House, Montreal, 2d February, 1847.

SIR,—Referring to my predecessor's Despatch of the 20th November last, I have the honor to transmit herewith, for Your Excellency's information, a copy of a Despatch which I have received from the Secretary of State, on the proposition to construct an Electric Telegraph through the British North American Provinces, from Halifax to Toronto.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

ELGIN & KINCARDINE.

His Excellency Sir W. Colebrooke, K. H.

(Copy)

[No. 6.]

Downing Street, 22d December, 1846.

MY LORD,—I have received Lord Cathcart's Despatch, No. 149, of the 20th November, enclosing the copy of a Letter from the Board of Trade of Montreal, on the subject of the importance to Imperial and Provincial interests, of establishing an Electric Telegraph through the British Provinces, from Halifax to Toronto, and suggesting the co-operation of the Imperial Government in the execution of the work.

Her

Her Majesty's Government are not insensible to the advantage of establishing the Telegraphic Communication proposed by the Montreal Board of Trade, but before it can be determined that any proposal for making a Grant, in aid of the expense, should be submitted to Parliament, it is necessary that I should be furnished with a full report, both upon the estimated cost of establishing the Telegraph, and also, as to the proportion of that cost which the several Provincial Legislatures would be prepared to contribute, and as to the difficulties which may be anticipated in the execution of the plan, and the probability of effectually surmounting them.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

GREY.

The Right Honorable the Earl of Elgin, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy)

Fredericton, N. B., February 12, 1847.

MY LORD,—I have had the honor to receive Your Lordship's Letter of the 2d instant, enclosing to me the copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State, on the proposition to construct an Electric Telegraph through the British North American Provinces, from Halifax to Toronto.

A copy of Earl Cathcart's Communication, of the 20th November last, on this subject, to which Your Lordship has referred, having been laid by me before the Legislative Council and Assembly at the opening of the Session, with a Report on the project by two scientific Gentlemen,—these, and some other Reports on the projected Railway Communications, have been ordered to be printed, and when I am enabled to transmit them to Your Lordship, I will be prepared to inform you of the prospect of co-operation in the undertaking by the Provincial Legislature.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

His Excellency the Right Honorable the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, &c. &c. &c.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Connell, with a Bill to impose a Tax upon Wild Lands in the County of Carleton; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Hayward, with a Bill to establish the Road leading from Douglas River to Fredericton, as one of the Great Roads; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Jordan, with the following Bills, to which they desire the concurrence of this House:

A Bill to improve and preserve the Navigation of Black River and its Tributaries, in the City and County of Saint John: and

A Bill to continue an Act to amend the Act to regulate Sales by Public Auction.

The said Bills were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bills be severally read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to incorporate the Miramichi Mechanics' Institute, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to incorporate the Fredericton Hotel Company, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, they had made certain amendments thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

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

At A in Section VI. expunge the word “ten,” and insert the word “thirty.”

At B expunge the word “fifteen,” and insert the word “thirty.”

At C insert the words “at Public Auction.”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That they be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to incorporate the Charlotte County Agricultural Society, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented a Petition from John Harris, praying Legislative aid in perfecting an extensive Horticultural Establishment in the Province.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Wyer, by leave, presented a Petition from J. and G. M. Porter, of Charlotte County, praying compensation for heavy losses sustained by them in the erection of Dams, Sluices, &c. for the purpose of conveying Logs and other Lumber from the vicinity of Palfrey Brook, on the Waters of the Saint Croix, to Chiputnecticook Lake, under circumstances detailed in Petitions presented to the Legislature in the years 1845 and 1846.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler, by leave, presented the following Petitions:—

A Petition from James Long, William Y. Theal, John Cunningham, and ten other inhabitants of the County of Kent, praying aid for an Academy at Cocagne:

A Petition from the Justices of the Peace of the County of Northumberland, praying the sum of £54 17 9 may be granted to them, expenses incurred in relieving Passengers infected with Small Pox, on board the Indian Queen, from Quebec, in August last : and

A Petition from J. N. Murphy, M. D., of Sackville, in Westmorland, praying compensation for Medical aid afforded several Indians in the County of Westmorland, during the prevailing epidemic.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Kinnear, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from Magdalen Schureman, the Widow of an old Officer of Her Majesty's Naval Yard at New York, in the year 1783, praying a small grant of money : and

A Petition from John Dibblee, Charles Perley, James Ketchum, and thirty other inhabitants of the County of Carleton, praying a Bill may pass to Tax Wild Lands in that County.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from the Chamber of Commerce in Saint John, praying the removal of the existing Light Duties on Shipping, and that the Light House Service may be supported from the general Revenue of the Province : and

A Petition from Agnes Jane Waters, a licenced Teacher, praying compensation for teaching a School in the City of Saint John, from the first July 1846, to the first of January 1847.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 16th February, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

Mr. Shore,

Mr. Botsford,

Mr. Attorney General,

Mr. Chandler,

Mr. Robertson,

Mr. Wyer,

Mr. Hatch,

Mr. Johnston,

Mr. Minchin.

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to incorporate the Fredericton Hotel Company, as amended, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill, with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Pursuant

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a third time and passed :—

A Bill to provide for the expenses of the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly, when attending the General Assembly : and

A Bill to incorporate the Miramichi Mechanics' Institute.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to these Bills without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a second time :—

A Bill to impose a Tax upon Wild Lands in the County of Carleton :

A Bill to establish the Road leading from Douglas River to Fredericton, as one of the Great Roads :

A Bill to improve and preserve the Navigation of Black River and its Tributaries, in the City and County of Saint John : and

A Bill to continue an Act to amend the Act to regulate Sales by Public Auction.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bills severally into consideration.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the Maduxnikik Boom Company, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to incorporate the Woodstock Steam Boat Company, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, they had made an amendment thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

At A in Section I. insert the words “for the purpose of plying Steam Boats.”

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That it be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to provide for a Town Clock in Fredericton.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into further consideration the Bill to incorporate the Charlotte County Agricultural Society, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, they had made certain amendments thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

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

At A in Section I. expunge the words “agreeably to the Rules and Bye Laws of the same.”

At B insert the words “sixth year of the.”

At C add two new Sections, as follows:—

“II. And be it further enacted, That there shall be a General Meeting of the Members of the said Corporation to be annually holden on the second Tuesday in January in each and every year, at Saint Andrews, in the said County; at which annual Meeting, there shall be chosen by a majority thereof, one President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, Secretary, and nine Committee men, who shall continue in office for one year, or until others are chosen in their room, in the choice of which each Member of the said Corporation shall have one vote for each of the aforesaid Officers, and that every Member may vote by proxy, provided such proxy be a Member, and previously to voting produce a sufficient authority in writing from his constituent or constituents.

“III. ‘And whereas at a General Meeting of the Members of the Society hereby incorporated, held at Saint Andrews, in the County of Charlotte aforesaid, one President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, Secretary, and nine Committee men, were elected by the votes of the said Members for the current year;’ Be it enacted, That the said Officers so elected as aforesaid, are hereby declared to be the Officers of the said Corporation until the second Tuesday in January next, or until others be chosen in their stead.”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That they be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Taylor, with a Bill to continue an Act, intituled “An Act to repeal an Act, intituled ‘An Act relating to the Market in

in Fredericton,' and to make other provisions relating thereto ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. R. D. Wilmot, with a Bill to continue the several Acts to provide for the greater safety of Passengers on board Steam Boats ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. Robertson, by leave, presented a Petition from the Reverend Alexander M'Leod Stavely, and James R. Lawson, Members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, praying that an Act may pass to authorize them to solemnize Marriage and perform the other duties of their calling without being required to take any oaths, for the reasons set forth in the said Petition.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented a Petition from Ruth Baird, Widow of an old Soldier, praying the amount of her Pension between June 1843, and January 1844, an error having occurred in the Certificate of the Justice of the Peace.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from Andrew M'Gowan, praying remuneration for a Bridge erected by him, by order of the Supervisor, on the Road leading from Fredericton to Woodstock, in the year 1841 :

A Petition from Sophia M. Chapman, praying an allowance for teaching a School in the County of Westmorland : and

A Petition from Rufus Cole, George Lawrence, Stephen Barnes, and thirty two others, inhabitants of Sackville, praying aid to establish a Post Communication between the Post Office in Sackville and the North Joggins.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 1 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 17th February, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Owen,*

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin.*

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PRAYERS

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Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills, as amended, were severally read a third time and passed :—

A Bill to incorporate the Charlotte County Agricultural Society : and

A Bill to incorporate the Woodstock Steam Boat Company.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to these Bills, with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a second time :—

A Bill to continue an Act, intituled “ An Act to repeal an Act, intituled ‘ An Act relating to the Market in Fredericton,’ and to make other provisions relating thereto :” and

A Bill to continue the several Acts to provide for the greater safety of Passengers on board Steam Boats.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bills severally into consideration.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to continue an Act to amend the Act to regulate Sales by Public Auction.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Fisher, with a Bill relating to certain Public Lands in Fredericton ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Tibbits, with a Bill to establish the line of Road leading from Pickard’s Store, in the Parish of Andover, in the County of Carleton, to the American Boundary, one of the Great Roads of Communication in this Province ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. End, with a Bill to re-establish the Easter Term of Her Majesty’s Supreme Court of Judicature in this Province ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to impose a Tax upon Wild Lands in the County of Carleton.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

The Honorable Mr. Wyer, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from Hannah C. M'Allister, of Saint David Parish, in Charlotte County, praying an allowance for teaching a School : and

A Petition from Margaret Grant, of the same place, with a similar prayer.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Minchin, by leave, presented a Petition from the Right Reverend William Dollard, D. D., Roman Catholic Bishop in this Province, praying a return of the sum of £19 3 6, Duties paid on articles imported for poor destitute Churches.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford, by leave, presented a Petition from Rebecca Margison, of Westmorland, praying an allowance for teaching a School in the year 1846.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler, by leave, presented a Petition from George Estey, George Lawrence, Thomas Russell, and eighty other inhabitants of York County, praying no Law may be allowed to pass, incorporating a Boom Company at the Mouth of the Keswick Creek.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Shore, by leave, presented a Petition from William Edgar, of York County, Mill Wright, praying the consideration of the Legislature for having erected various Mills for grinding Oats.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

THURSDAY, 18th February, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin.*

*Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Owen,*

PRAYERS

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a second time :—

A Bill relating to certain Public Lands in Fredericton :

A Bill to establish the line of Road leading from Pickard's Store, in the Parish of Andover, in the County of Carleton, to the American Boundary, one of the Great Roads of Communication in the Province : and

A Bill to re-establish the Easter Term of Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature in this Province.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bills severally into consideration.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to continue an Act, intituled "An Act to repeal an Act, intituled 'An Act relating to the Market in Fredericton,' and to make other provisions relating thereto."

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received; and the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to continue the several Acts to provide for the greater safety of Passengers on board Steam Boats.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force for appointing Firewards and the better extinguishing of Fires, so far as the same relate to the Towns of Newcastle and Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, and to make regulations more suitable for the said Towns, and for other purposes therein mentioned," to the Town of Douglastown, in the said County.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Connell, that the Assembly had agreed to the amendment made by this House to the Bill in addition to and in amendment

amendment of an Act, intituled "An Act to provide for the repair of the Streets and Highways in part of the Parish of Woodstock."

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to incorporate the Madam Keswick Boom Company, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, they had made an amendment thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

At A insert a new Section, as follows :—

"VI. And be it enacted, That the Members and Stockholders of the said Corporation, each and every of them, shall be chargeable, in their private and individual capacity, and shall be holden for the payment of all debts at any time due from the said Corporation, or damages sustained by the default or neglect of the said Corporation, or their Agents or Servants, in proportion to the Stock they respectively hold; provided however, that in no case shall any Stockholder be liable to pay a sum exceeding the amount of Stock actually then held by such Member or Stockholder, in addition to the Stock then held by such Stockholder; provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to exempt the Joint Stock of the said Corporation from being also liable for and chargeable with the debts and engagements of the same."

Alter the numbers of the succeeding Sections.

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That it be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time tomorrow.

The Honorable Mr. Owen, by leave, presented a Petition from Eliphaz Codington, of Charlotte County, praying relief from the Legislature in consequence of a loss he has sustained in entering into a Contract with the Government in the year 1813 for building Gun Boats.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from Alexander Anderson, Tide Waiter of the Port of Bathurst, in the County of Gloucester, praying for an increase of Salary commensurate with his increased duties : and

A Petition from Patrick Campbell, Allan M'Lean, George L. Hatheway, and one hundred and seventy nine others, inhabitants and others residing on and connected with the Nashwaak River and its Tributaries, praying an Act may pass to suspend the operation

operation of the sixth and seventh Section of an Act for the further regulation of Fisheries, and preventing their decay in certain cases.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler, by leave, presented a Petition from Benjamin Beveridge, Daniel Hopkins, Thomas Hetherington, and forty other persons of the Parish of Andover, in the County of Carleton, praying that an Act may pass to establish the Road leading from Pickard's Store, near the Great Road, to the American Line, a distance of five miles, as one of the Great Roads.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 19th February, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Owen,*

*Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin.*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to incorporate the Madam Keswick Boom Company, as amended, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill, with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a third time and passed:—

A Bill to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force for appointing Firewards and the better extinguishing of Fires, so far as the same relate to the Towns of Newcastle and Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, and to make regulations more suitable for the said Towns, and for other purposes therein mentioned," to the Town of Douglastown, in the said County: and

A Bill to continue an Act, intituled "An Act to repeal an Act, intituled 'An Act relating to the Market in Fredericton,' and to make other provisions relating thereto."

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to these Bills without any amendment.

Pursuant

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill relating to certain Public Lands in Fredericton.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, they had made certain amendments thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

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

At A in Section I. expunge the words “ or any Special Sessions for that purpose holden.”

At B expunge the words “ or Special Sessions.”

At C Section II. expunge the Section, and alter the numbers of the remaining Sections.

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That they be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. Minchin, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from Thomas Quinlan, a licenced Schoolmaster, praying an allowance for teaching a School in the City of Saint John : and

A Petition from Thomas E. Carter, a licenced Schoolmaster, also praying an allowance for teaching a School in the same City.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Owen, by leave, presented a Petition from the Trustees of Schools on the Island of Grand Manan, praying an allowance for a superior School at that place.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Robertson, by leave, presented a Petition from Isaac Woodward, of the City of Saint John, praying compensation for services performed by him for the Light House service of the Province.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Wyer, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from Mary Whelply, the Widow of an old Soldier, praying the usual Pension :

A Petition from Sabra Lyon, with a similar prayer :

A Petition from Amy Campbell, of Saint Andrews, praying the allowance for teaching a School :

A Petition from Magnus Green, of Grand Manan, with a like prayer :

A Petition from James Chaffey, of Indian Island, in Charlotte County, praying return of certain Export Duties paid by him on Cargoes shipped to the West Indies ; also, Light and Beacon dues :

A Petition from Samuel Frye, of the County of Charlotte, praying remuneration for professional services and expenses in attending Emigrants infected with Small Pox : and

A Petition from Francis Hibbard, praying for certain privileges to enable him to clear out the River Popologan, for driving Logs for Saw Mills.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented a Petition from Dennis Murphy, a licenced Schoolmaster, praying an allowance for teaching a School in the year 1843.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until Monday next at 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, 22d February, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

Mr. Shore,

Mr. Attorney General,

Mr. Robertson,

Mr. Hatch,

Mr. Johnston,

Mr. Minchin.

Mr. Botsford,

Mr. Chandler,

Mr. Wyer,

Mr. Kinnear,

Mr. Owen,

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill relating to certain Public Lands in Fredericton, as amended, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill, with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Hanington, with a Bill to establish the Road leading from Shediac to the Nova Scotia Line, via Shemogue, Bay de Verte, and Jolicure, as one of the Great Roads of the Province ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Gilbert, with Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the twentieth day of February ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolutions were read a first time.

ORDERED, That they be referred to the Committee of the whole House upon Resolutions of Appropriation.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Smith, with the following Bills, to which they desire the concurrence of this House :—

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A Bill to provide for the establishment of a Grammar School in the County of Albert : and

A Bill to establish the Road from Isaac Derry's, in the County of Albert, by the present Road through New Horton and Cape Enrage, to Upper Salmon River, as one of the Great Roads of Communication.

The said Bills were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bills be severally read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Taylor, with a Bill to suspend the operation of the sixth and seventh Sections of an Act for the further regulation of Fisheries, and for preventing their decay, in certain cases ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration Resolutions of Appropriation sent up from the Assembly.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the ninth day of February, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Wark, with a Bill to establish the Road from the Head of Richibucto River to the Bend of Petitcodiac, one of the Great Roads of Communication ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Vail, with a Bill to establish the Road leading from Loch Lomond, on the Great Road from the City of Saint John to Quaco, to Sussex Vale, as one of the Great Roads of Communication ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Connell, that the Assembly had agreed to the amendments made by this House to the Bill to incorporate the Woodstock Steam Boat Company.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Fisher, that the Assembly had agreed to the amendments made by this House to the Bill to incorporate the Fredericton Hotel Company.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration the Bill to impose a Tax upon Wild Lands in the County of Carleton.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

ORDERED, That the Report be received ; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration the Bill to provide for a Town Clock in Fredericton.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

ORDERED, That the Report be received ; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to re-establish the Easter Term of Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature in this Province.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Brown, that the Assembly had agreed to the amendments made by this House to the Bill to incorporate the Charlotte County Agricultural Society : and with

A Bill to establish the Road leading from Brockway's to Saint Stephen, in the County of Charlotte, as one of the Great Roads of this Province ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House by direction of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the following Documents :—

Report and Accounts of	Provincial Penitentiary :
“	“ Marine Assurance Company :
“	“ Globe Assurance Company :
“	“ Bank of Saint Stephen :
“	“ Commercial :

Report

Report and Accounts of Bank of New Brunswick :
 “ “ “ Central :
 “ “ “ Charlotte County :
 “ “ “ Whale Fishing Company.

ORDERED, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Owen, by leave, presented a Petition from W. D. Hartt, Asa Coy, William J. Bedell, and one hundred and twenty other inhabitants of York, praying that the Treasurer of the Province may have a sum placed at his disposal to enable him to aid Seizing Officer B. Wheeler, to discharge his duties more efficiently.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from Elizabeth Palmer, Widow of Thomas Palmer, an old Soldier, praying aid : and

A Petition from George Bond, Samuel Strange, and others, praying a grant of money for improving the Road leading through Douglas Valley.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler, by leave, presented a Petition from the Trustees of the Wesleyan Academy, Sackville, praying the continuance of their usual grant.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Hatch, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from Sarah Berry, Widow of an old Soldier, praying the usual Pension : and

A Petition from Peter Smith, Thomas Berry, M. S. Hannah, and forty other persons, Members of a Benefit Society formed in Saint Andrews, in Charlotte County, praying aid.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Owen, by leave, presented a Petition from Wellington Cameron, Richard M. Andrews, M. S. Hannah, and others, praying no Law may be allowed to pass, authorizing an annual assessment to be made, upon the certificate of the Firewards.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Shore, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from Thomas Thornton, of York County, an old Soldier, praying the usual Pension may be allowed him : and

A Petition from John Driscoll, of Fredericton, praying a return of Duty paid on Cattle imported to supply Her Majesty's Troops.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from John Rennie, of the Parish of Newcastle, in Northumberland, praying compensation for conveying Her Majesty's Mail across the River Miramichi for the last sixteen years :

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A Petition from Messieurs Crane and Allison, of Westmorland, praying the return of Money paid for sick and destitute Indians : and

A Petition from R. D. Carter, M. D., of Dalhousie, praying remuneration for services performed in vaccinating in different Settlements, and the Indian population, by order of the General Sessions of the Peace.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Wyer, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from the Reverend William M'Donald, Dennis Bradley, and Charles Bradley, Managing Committee of a Roman Catholic School in Charlotte County, praying the usual grant of money may be continued to them :

A Petition from Benjamin Millikin, praying the balance due him for repairs on Digdeguash Bridge may be paid :

A Petition from William Mahood, a Deputy Surveyor of Land, praying a sum due for running the Boundary Lines of Charlotte County may be allowed him : and

A Petition from Randolph De Wolfe, of Charlotte County, praying an allowance for teaching a School for six months.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 1 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 23d February, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Owen,*

*Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin.*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to re-establish the Easter Term of Her Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature in this Province, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a second time :—

A Bill to establish the Road leading from Shediac to the Nova Scotia Line, via Shemogue, Bay de Verte, and Jolicure, as one of the Great Roads of the Province :

A Bill to provide for the establishment of a Grammar School in the County of Albert :

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A Bill to establish the Road from Isaac Derry's, in the County of Albert, by the present Road through New Horton and Cape Enrage, to Upper Salmon River, as one of the Great Roads of Communication :

A Bill to suspend the operation of the sixth and seventh Sections of an Act for the further regulation of Fisheries, and for preventing their decay, in certain cases :

A Bill to establish the Road from the Head of Richibucto River to the Bend of Petitcodiac, one of the Great Roads of Communication :

A Bill to establish the Road leading from Loch Lomond (on the Great Road from the City of Saint John to Quaco) to Sussex Vale, as one of the Great Roads of Communication : and

A Bill to establish the Road leading from Brockway's to Saint Stephen, in the County of Charlotte, as one of the Great Roads of this Province.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bills severally into consideration.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration Resolutions of Appropriation sent up from the Assembly.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the ninth and twentieth days of February instant, and recommended that the House should concur in the same, and asked leave to sit again.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

Whereupon the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the ninth and twentieth days of February instant, were concurred in by the House.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to the said Resolutions.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Hanington, with a Bill to prevent the free Navigation of the Internal Waters of the Province being impeded by any Railway Works ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to improve and preserve the Navigation of Black River and its Tributaries, in the City and County of Saint John.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

ORDERED, That the Report be received ; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

The Honorable Mr. Owen, by leave, presented a Petition from John Conley, Keeper of two Light Houses on Machias Seal Island, praying for an additional allowance and establishment for the public service at that Station.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from Robert Strong Bennison, Teacher of the African School at Saint John, praying an allowance for teaching the said School for the past year :

A Petition from Messieurs Otty and Crookshank, George Thorn, and forty seven others, inhabitants of Queen's County, praying an appropriation of money for the employment of the Dredging Machine to remove a Mud Bar in the Washademoak River :

A Petition from Winckworth Snow, a licenced Teacher, praying an allowance for teaching a School in the Parish of Johnston, Queen's County, for six months ending second April, 1846 :

A Petition from William Colwell, of Queen's County, praying compensation for damage sustained by him in consequence of the new Road leading from Fredericton to the Finger Board being laid out through his Farm : and

A Petition from the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Chatham, praying to be reimbursed money expended by them in aid of poor Emigrants during the past year.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Hatch, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from John Mock, Master of the Ship "Pons Ælii," of Cork, praying a return of money expended by him in support of Passengers brought in the said Vessel and landed on Partridge Island : and

A Petition from John Marks, of Saint Stephen, in the County of Charlotte, praying for the return of certain Export Duties on Cargoes shipped to the West Indies, also of certain Light and Beacon dues.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Kinnear, by leave, presented a Petition from John Kinnear, of Saint John, Merchant, praying a return of Duties on Oil overcharged at the Treasury.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from Francis Elliot, of Miramichi, the Contractor for building the Bathurst Bridge, praying for payment of the balance due on his Contract : and

A Petition from John Dixon, of the Parish of Newcastle, in the County of Northumberland, praying compensation for ferrying Her Majesty's Mails over the River Miramichi for a period of ten years.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY, 24th February, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Minchin.*

*Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Owen.*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to prevent the free Navigation of the Internal Waters of the Province from being impeded by any Railway Works, was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bill into consideration.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Taylor, that the Assembly had agreed to the amendments made by this House to the Bill to incorporate the Madam Keswick Boom Company.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Vail, with a Bill to amend and extend the provisions of an Act, intituled "An Act to incorporate the New Brunswick Railway Company;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. Hatch presented to the House a Bill, intituled "An Act to authorize the Trustees of Saint Stephen's Church, in the City of Saint John, to sell and dispose of certain Lands in the said City.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to provide for the establishment of a Grammar School in the County of Albert.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, they had made an amendment thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

At A in the Preamble, insert the words "at Fredericton."

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That it be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to suspend the operation of the sixth and seventh Sections of an Act for the further regulation of Fisheries, and for preventing their decay, in certain cases.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

The Honorable Mr. Kinnear, by leave, presented a Petition from the Justices of the Peace in and for the City and County of Saint John, praying that an Act may pass to authorize an annual assessment on the City and County of Saint John for the payment of Contingencies.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Minchin, by leave, presented a Petition from Adam Crane, of York County, praying a Pension due to Ruth Todd, the Widow of an old Soldier, may be paid to him.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Hatch, by leave, presented a Petition from the Trustees and Pewholders of Saint Stephen's Church, in the City of Saint John, praying that an Act may pass, authorizing the sale of certain Lands in the said City.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Wyer, by leave, presented a Petition from R. R. Ketchum, C. A. Hammond, Michael Curran, and one hundred and seven other inhabitants of Carleton, praying aid to James Drake, to enable him to maintain a Steam communication on the Upper Saint John.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

THURSDAY, 25th February, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Minchin.*

*Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Owen,*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to provide for the establishment of a Grammar School in the County of Albert, as amended, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill, with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to amend and extend the provisions of an Act, intituled "An Act to incorporate the New Brunswick Railway Company," was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon Bills relating to Corporations.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to authorize the Trustees of Saint Stephen's Church, in the City of Saint John, to sell and dispose of certain Lands in the said City," was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bill into consideration.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to prevent the free Navigation of the Internal Waters of the Province from being impeded by any Railway Works.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Ritchie, with a Bill to explain an Act to permit the establishment of a Fish Market in one of the Public Slips in the City of Saint John; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford, by leave, presented the following Petitions:—

A Petition from Joseph Gaynor, Asa Coy, Thomas Pickard, and ninety two other inhabitants of Fredericton, praying aid to enable them to pay off a debt incurred in building the Temperance Hall, and for further improving the same:

A Petition from the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Fredericton, praying an Act may be allowed to pass, incorporating a Society under the name of "The Diocesan Church Society of New Brunswick," with the ordinary powers and privileges made incident to a Corporation: and

A Petition from James Ketchum and Alexander Goodfellow, Commissioners for building a Bridge across the Arestook River, praying a balance due them may be authorized to be paid.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Hatch, by leave, presented the following Petitions:—

A Petition from James Law, A. M., Moderator, Robert Irvine, Minister, William Parks and others, Elders, and others, Members of the First Presbyterian Church of the

the City of Saint John, praying an Act of incorporation to manage the temporal affairs of the Church :

A Petition from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, adhering to the Westminster Standard, praying an Act may pass, removing the restrictions imposed upon them by the Marriage Law of the Province : and

A Petition from John Wilson, Charles R. Hatheway, John Aymar, and thirty other inhabitants of the Town of Saint Andrews, praying an Act to pass to organize Boards of Health, or make some regulations to afford immediate and efficient relief in case of any unexpected disease becoming prevalent in the County.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Shore, by leave, presented a Petition from John Perkins, of Fredericton, formerly a Soldier of the Seventy fourth Regiment, praying a sum of money to enable him to purchase a lot of Land.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler, by leave, presented a Petition from the Justices of the Peace of Gloucester, praying a grant to indemnify the County for expenses incurred in transporting two criminals from that County to the Provincial Penitentiary.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 26th February, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Minchin.*

*Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Owen,*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to prevent the free Navigation of the Internal Waters of the Province from being impeded by any Railway Works, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to explain an Act to permit the establishment of a Fish Market in one of the Public Slips in the City of Saint John, was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole on Monday next, to take the said Bill into consideration.

Pursuant

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration a Bill, intituled "An Act to authorize the Trustees of Saint Stephen's Church, in the City of Saint John, to sell and dispose of certain Lands in the said City.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. R. D. Wilmot, with a Bill further to continue an Act, intituled "An Act to provide for the support of a Nightly Watch in, and for lighting the City of Saint John, and for other purposes: and with Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the twenty fifth day of February instant; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The said Resolutions of Appropriation were read a first time.

ORDERED, That they be referred to the Committee of the whole House upon Resolutions of Appropriation.

The Honorable Mr. Minchin, by leave, presented a Petition from Benjamin Wolhaupter, J. Simpson, Moses Pickard, and Thomas Gill, Commissioners of the York County Alms House, praying the sum of thirty five pounds ten shillings and six pence may be allowed them from the Emigrant Fund.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Wyer, by leave, presented the following Petitions:—

A Petition from Mary Ann Hitchings, of York County, praying an allowance for teaching a School in the said County for six months:

A Petition from R. S. M'Donald, of York County, praying an allowance for teaching a School in Charlotte County six months ending March last: and

A Petition from John Wilson, William Ker, Thomas Turner, and ninety six other inhabitants of Saint Andrews, praying an allowance for a second Teacher in the Grammar School of Charlotte County.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Shore, by leave, presented a Petition from Patrick M. Dannehy, praying an allowance for teaching a School in the Parish of Portland.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until Monday next at 12 o'clock.

MONDAY

MONDAY, 1st March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Minchin.*

*Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Owen,*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill further to continue an Act, intituled "An Act to provide for the support of a Nightly Watch-in, and for lighting the City of Saint John, and for other purposes," was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bill into consideration.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Taylor, with the following Bills, to which they desire the concurrence of this House:—

A Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of York to levy an assessment to pay off the County Debt:

A Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of York to levy an assessment to pay off the Debt due on the new Gaol recently erected in the said County: and

A Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of York to levy an assessment for the payment of the Officers of the said County.

The said Bills were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bills be severally read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Smith, that the Assembly had agreed to the amendment made by this House to the Bill to provide for the establishment of a Grammar School in the County of Albert: and with

A Bill for erecting the Parish of Harvey, in the County of Albert, into three separate Parishes; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was delivered by the Honorable Mr. Chandler, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council.

The Honorable the President read the same; and it was again read by the Clerk, as follows:—

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Message to the Legislative Council,

23d February, 1847.

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE, LT. GOVERNOR.

The Lieutenant Governor lays before the Council, copies of a Correspondence he has held with the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of Emigration and the settlement of the Provincial Lands.

W. M. G. C.

Schedule

Schedule of Papers accompanying the Lieutenant Governor's Message on the subject of Emigration, &c.

1. Emigrant Agent's Letter, transmitting his Annual Report and Returns :
2. Annual Report :
3. Abstract Quarterly Return :
4. Abstract Return of Immigration to New Brunswick during the year 1846 :
5. Return shewing the price of Agricultural Produce, &c.
6. Extract of a Despatch from Sir William Colebrooke to Mr. Gladstone, dated 2d July, 1846 :
7. Extract of a Despatch from Earl Grey to Sir William Colebrooke, dated 12th November, 1846 :
8. Despatch from Sir William Colebrooke to Earl Grey, dated 29th December, 1846 :
9. Despatch from Earl Grey to Sir William Colebrooke, dated 29th January, 1847.

[*See Appendix No. 2.*]

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Fisher, that the Assembly concur in the amendments made by this House to the Bill relating to certain Public Lands in Fredericton : and with

A Bill relating to the Flats below Fredericton ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler presented to the House a Bill, intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Registry of Deeds and other Instruments."

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be printed.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration Resolutions of Appropriation sent up from the Assembly.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the twenty fifth day of February last, and recommended that the House should concur in the same, and asked leave to sit again.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

Whereupon the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the twenty fifth day of February, were concurred in by the House.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to the said Resolutions.

The Honorable Mr. Shore, by leave, presented a Petition from F. W. Hatheway, Charles Macpherson, and Spafford Barker, of Fredericton, praying further aid for the Wharf at the termination of Regent Street, usually called the Steam Boat Wharf.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Owen, by leave, presented a Petition from John Farmer, of Charlotte County, praying the sum of eight pounds fifteen shillings may be allowed him for Surveying and making Plans of Roads in Campo Bello, by order of the Government, in 1845 and 1846.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Minchin, by leave, presented a Petition from Moses Pickard, Isaac Kilburn, and Jacob M'Kean, praying aid to erect a Bridge over the Madam Keswick Stream.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Kinnear, by leave, presented the following Petitions:—

A Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Saint John, praying a return of £15 19 5, Duties paid on Fire Hose imported from the United States:

A Petition from the same Corporation, praying aid towards the erection of additional Buoys, and the enlargement of the Sand Point Breakwater, in the Harbour of Saint John:

A Petition from the same Corporation, praying aid to erect approaches to the Breakwater in the City:

A Petition from the same Corporation, praying the repeal of an Act laying a Tax on the inhabitants for the benefit of the Water Company:

A Petition from the Reverend John Gibson M'Grigor, praying a grant of money for teaching the higher Branches of learning in the City of Saint John:

A Petition from Ann M'Mahon, the Widow of an old Soldier, praying the usual allowance from the Government:

A Petition from Peter M'Kenna, a commuted Pensioner from the Ninth Regiment of Dragoons, praying to be compensated for losses sustained on Lands granted to him:

A Petition from the Justices of the Peace of the City and County of Saint John, praying that provision may be made for paying off the balance due by the County on the Provincial Penitentiary:

A Petition from Ann Peskett, Widow of a Sergeant in the British Army, praying an allowance on account of the same: and

A Petition from Alfred Smithers, John Duncan, and others, President and Committee, praying a grant of money for the British School in Saint John.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Saunders, by leave, presented a Petition from William Greaves, of York County, praying aid to enable him to erect a Wharf for the use of the Public opposite Fredericton.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Hatch, by leave, presented the following Petitions:—

A Petition from S. H. Whitlock, John Ross, Charles R. Hatheway, and forty others, inhabitants of Saint Andrews, praying aid to provide a Public Parish School:

A Petition from Thomas Sime, Junior, of Saint Andrews, praying a return of £4 7 2, Duty paid on Corn Broom Straw imported by him:

A Petition from Thomas Hardy, Mail Carrier between Saint Andrews and Saint Stephen, praying remuneration for extra services :

A Petition from Eliza Hanford, of the City of Saint John, Guardian of her Son, Thomas T. Hanford, praying an Act may pass to explain an Act to permit the establishment of a Fish Market in one of the Public Slips in the said City :

A Petition from Isaac Budd, of Saint Andrews, praying that the Pension due his late Mother, Elizabeth Budd, may be paid him : and

A Petition from Samuel Abbott, Nehemiah Marks, James Albee, Magistrates of the County of Charlotte, and sundry other persons of the same County, praying the Imperial Duty upon Wheat Flour may be taken off.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from the Reverend Andrew Barron, Roman Catholic Missionary, in the Parish of Bathurst, in the County of Gloucester, praying pecuniary compensation for spiritual instruction and care of the Indian population in that place and its vicinity : and

A Petition from Richard Carman, Receiver of Crown Debts in the County of Gloucester, praying compensation for his services.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from William Hay, of Sunbury, praying an allowance for teaching a School from October 1846, to the present time :

A Petition from Gilmour, Rankin and Company, of Northumberland, praying a return of Duty paid on a Fire Engine imported from Great Britain :

A Petition from Thomas Baldwin, of Saint John, praying remuneration for damages sustained by him on account of certain Lands granted to him :

A Petition from Roderick M'Leod, of Tabusintac, in Northumberland, praying an Act may be allowed to pass, securing to him the Mill Reserves granted to him prior to the passing of the Civil List Act, upon such terms as the Legislature may deem just and equitable : and

A Petition from Nathaniel D. Vail, of Queen's County, praying aid to enable him to keep up a regular conveyance for the accommodation of the Public between Saint John and Fredericton, via Gagetown and Kingston.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Hatch, by leave, presented a Petition from Charles R. Hatheway, William Ker, John Aymar, and others, of Saint Andrews, praying the restoration of the Board of Health, or that other provision may be made for Emigrants.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Kinnear, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from the Chamber of Commerce in Saint John, praying an equalization of Duties on Imports :

A Petition from Sarah Ann Dysart, praying encouragement for teaching an Infant School in Saint John :

A Petition from the Saint John Omnibus and Transit Company, for an Act of Incorporation: and

A Petition from Messieurs Flewelling and Reeding, of the City of Saint John, praying for a return of Duty on one barrel of Rum destroyed by accident in the Bonded Warehouse.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 2d March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin.*

*Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Owen,*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a second time:—

A Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of York to levy an assessment to pay off the County Debt:

A Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of York to levy an assessment to pay off the Debt due on the new Gaol recently erected in the said County:

A Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of York to levy an assessment for the payment of the Officers of the said County: and

A Bill for erecting the Parish of Harvey, in the County of Albert, into three separate Parishes.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bills severally into consideration.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Ritchie, with a Bill to authorize a Special Term of the Court of Governor and Council for the determination of all suits and controversies touching and concerning Marriage and Divorce; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Tibbets, with a Bill to establish the Road leading from the lower Landing at the Grand Falls, (known as the new Portage Road) in the County of Carleton, to the American Boundary, to include the
Ferry

Ferry Landing, as one of the Great Roads of Communication in this Province; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion made and seconded—

RESOLVED, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency will please to cause to be laid before this House, an account of all the Harbour Dues levied on and received from Merchant Vessels in the Port of Saint John, between the first day of January 1845, and the thirty first December 1846; to state the specific purpose for which the said Dues were levied; and also, a particular account of the disbursement of the same.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messieurs Owen and Minchin be a Committee to present the same.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was delivered by the Honorable Mr. Johnston, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council.

The Honorable the President read the same; and it was again read by the Clerk, as follows:—

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Message to the Legislative Council,

1st March, 1847.

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE, LT. GOVERNOR.

The Lieutenant Governor lays before the Council, the copy of a Report which has been made to him by the Honorable Captain Owen, R. N., in which he has stated his opinion of the measures required to be adopted for the safety of Vessels entering the Harbour of Saint John.

W. M. G. C.

H. M. S. Columbia, Campo Bello, 27th January, 1847.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of both the letters and their enclosures from the Honorable Secretary, relative to the Port of Saint John, and the melancholy loss of the ship England, and the improvement of Saint John Harbour.

I have always been in habits of free communication with the Corporation, through the person of the Mayor of Saint John, and but recently tendered to him our original Survey of the Port and environs, on a scale of five hundred feet to one inch, for transcription, for the use of his Office or that of the Commissioners of Light Houses, and of which Your Excellency is in possession of one copy on half that scale; on which last named scale (viz. 1000 feet to one inch) the Admiralty have published a Plan, available by any body; and moreover I have always proffered the fullest information we possessed, but of which not one syllable has ever been required by the Mayor, Corporation, or any other.

The navigation of the entrance of the Port of Saint John might easily be rendered reasonably safe and commodious, even for strangers, at all times, by properly marking distinctly and conspicuously the points of danger, of which I do not know of more than three requiring it at this time, viz. 1st. the southern extreme of the foul ground, which I think ought to be marked by a Beacon; 2d. the north-eastern extremity of the ledge extending north eastward of Partridge Island; and 3d. the America Rock;—the two latter requiring only a conspicuous Buoy on each. But the Corporation of the City of Saint John, being by Charter the conservators of the Port, all others are interdicted from interference with those duties. Nevertheless the interests of the Province do seem to me to demand, not only for the Port of Saint John, but also for all the navigable Waters of New Brunswick, that a system of supervision

supervision and scientific information should be established, so as to enable the Government to recommend, and the Legislature to adopt such information and measures for their improvement, as the interests of the whole Province, or of specific localities, may require.

And for this purpose I do most respectfully but earnestly recommend to Your Excellency the establishment, by Legislative enactment, of a Nautical Commission for all the Coasts and navigable Waters of New Brunswick, for improving Navigation, and preservation of public privileges, the Fisheries and commercial facilities, and for the improvement (by supervision) of the condition, education, protection and rational encouragement of all classes of sea-faring persons of this Province.

Presuming such a Nautical Commission established, the Government and Legislature need no longer be ignorant of any of the localities or circumstances which affect commercial interests.

Such a Nautical Commission being entirely subject to Government, and under its direction and control, should, I conceive, in the very first instance, be charged with a full, critical and scientific examination of, and to report fully as may be required, or periodically, to the Governor, on the present state, condition, &c. &c., with a complete description of the present and prospective limits of the Port and City of Saint John, with such suggestions for improving them, as to them may seem proper; and to report specifically on the deterioration and changes which the Harbour may now be subject, and to propose plans and methods for its conservation and improvement; to report by what species of tenure, and by whom, the property adjoining the shores are now held; what persons are now specifically charged with the conservation of the Port, and responsible for it, and what funds are now or may be made available for that purpose, &c. &c.

This Commission to be a permanent or standing Commission, in continuous operation, under the immediate direction of the Governor in Council, and to embrace all the purposes of that similar Commission in England lately emanating from that on the Tidal Harbours, to acquire a complete and critical knowledge of the Rivers, Ports, Harbours, &c. on the whole coast, &c. &c.

The Commissioners should be paid regular salaries, as their labours will be unremitting and important.

Its duties should embrace all those now required from the Commissioners of Light Houses, and of Buoys and Beacons, and may be provided for from the Funds now appropriated for those purposes, and may be established and authorized by amending the Acts by which those Commissioners are now constituted.

The Commissioners of Light Houses, and those of Buoys and Beacons, would thus be liberated by Legislative enactment from all further charge or responsibility, by "The Nautical Commission," which (I think) should consist of a President and three others, being all nautical men, of experience and science, and also one Secretary.

If Your Excellency should require from me any further information or suggestion on these very important subjects, I shall be proud to receive your commands, and

I have the honor to remain

Your Excellency's most humble and obedient servant,

(Signed)

W. F. W. OWEN, *Captain, R. N.*

To His Excellency the Lieut. Governor of New Brunswick.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented the following Petitions:—

A Petition from Isaac Woodward, President of the Mechanics' Institute in Saint John, praying a grant of money in aid of the Funds of that Institution:

A Petition from George Bond, William Olive, Samuel Strange, and one hundred and seventy five others, inhabitants of the City of Saint John, praying a renewal of the Act passed in 1844 to encourage the Fisheries of this Province:

A Petition from the Chamber of Commerce in the City of Saint John, praying the favourable consideration of the Legislature to the project for establishing a Telegraphic communication between Halifax and Toronto:

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A Petition from the same, praying that arrangements may be made with the Post Office Department, either by a grant of money or otherwise, for the speedy transmission of the Mails between Halifax and Saint John :

A Petition from James Whitney, of the City of Saint John, praying a return of Duties paid by him on Steam Boat Machinery imported from the United States in the year 1836 :

A Petition from the same person, praying that an annual allowance, equal in amount to that paid by the Province of Nova Scotia, may be made him for carrying the Mails between Saint John and Nova Scotia, and compensation for the like service for past years : and

A Petition from James White, James Travis, Robert Payne, James Peters, and others, praying that a certain Street, called Sheriff Street, in the Parish of Portland, in the County of Saint John, may be legalized by an Act of the Legislature.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from the Grand Jury of Northumberland, assembled in January Sessions of the Peace, praying a grant may pass to pay the expense of exploring a line of Road between Dixon's Ferry and Curry's, at Bartibogue :

A Petition from Peter M'Sweeney, Bliss Botsford, J. Robertson, and six other inhabitants of the Bend of Petitcodiac, praying aid, in addition to individual subscription, to purchase a Fire Engine :

A Petition from the President and other Officers of the Miramichi Mechanics' Institute, praying that a grant may pass to enable them to furnish the necessary apparatus and to increase the Library, so as to make the same more generally useful to the community : and

A Petition from John Bell, Charles S. Theal, Henry Livingstone, and thirty other inhabitants of Shediac, praying a sum of money to pay James Walsh for running a Packet from that place to Prince Edward Island.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Owen, by leave, presented a Petition from himself, Commander of Her Majesty's Ship Columbia, and Naval Surveyor, praying Duties paid by him on Wines may be returned.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Wyer, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from John Wilson and Simeon Howe, of Charlotte County, praying an Act of Incorporation to enable them to clear out the Winder Stream, a Branch of the River Magaguadavic :

A Petition from Thomas Davis, of Charlotte County, praying to be reimbursed money expended in re-building the Bridge over the upper Falls of the River Magaguadavic, carried away the last Spring :

A Petition from Thomas Crowley, of Charlotte County, praying an allowance for teaching a School six months in Saint Andrews, ending in May last : and

A Petition from Solomon Vail, of York County, praying a return of expenses incurred by him in keeping up a communication between Saint Andrews and Frederickton in the years 1841 and 1842.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from the Commissioners of the Alms House and Work House in Saint John, praying a return of expenditure to aid Black Refugees the last year to purchase Seed Potatoes :

A Petition from Barzillai Ansley of Saint John, praying a return of Duty paid on Wheat at Saint John in March last :

A Petition from Joseph F. Estabrooks, by his Attorney, W. W. Estabrooks, praying reimbursement for losses incurred in a Contract made for Beef with Her Majesty's Government in this Province, by reason of a Provincial Duty being imposed on Cattle from Nova Scotia subsequently to his having taken the Contract :

A Petition from L. Donaldson, Moses Vernon, William Wright, and others, inhabitants of Saint John and various parts of the Province, praying Legislative aid towards a Survey and Plans for commencing to carry into effect the Act incorporating the New Brunswick Railway Company :

A Petition from Stephen Wiggins and Son, Robert Rankin and Company, James Kirk, and others, of Saint John, praying that an Act may pass for the incorporation of the South Bay Boom Company :

A Petition from Charles C. Stewart, of Saint John, Merchant, praying reimbursement for Duties paid on British Sheathing Copper imported from the United States for Vessels employed in the prosecution of the Whale Fishery :

A Petition from James Brown, of the Parish of Hampton, King's County, praying to be reimbursed Duties on an Iron House imported from Liverpool, which was destroyed by fire previously to its being put together :

A Petition from John Magee, of Portland, Saint John, praying an allowance for teaching a School : and

A Petition from the President and Directors of the Saint John Water Company, praying to be relieved from their Bond to the Crown, or for such other Legislative action as may be considered right and proper.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 3d March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Shore,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,

Mr. Black, President.

Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Robertson,

Mr.

Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Crane,

Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Minchin.

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a second time :—

A Bill relating to the Flats below Fredericton :

A Bill to authorize a Special Term of the Court of Governor and Council for the determination of all suits and controversies touching and concerning Marriage and Divorce : and

A Bill to establish the Road leading from the lower Landing at the Grand Falls, (known as the new Portage Road) in the County of Carleton, to the American Boundary, to include the Ferry Landing, as one of the Great Roads of Communication in this Province.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bills severally into consideration.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of York to levy an assessment to pay off the County Debt.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. Owen, from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Address of this House, praying His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before this House an account of all the Harbour Dues levied on and received from Merchant Vessels in the Port of Saint John, between the first day of January 1845, and the thirty first day of December 1846 ; to state the specific purpose for which the said Dues were levied ; and also, a particular account of the disbursement of the same ; reported they had attended to that duty, and His Excellency was pleased to say that the information required shall be obtained and laid before this House.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of York to levy an assessment to pay off the Debt due on the new Gaol recently erected in the said County.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of York to levy an assessment for the payment of the Officers of the said County.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to establish the Road leading from Shediac to the Nova Scotia Line, via Shemogue, Bay de Verte, and Jolicure, as one of the Great Roads of the Province.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council, by direction of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, lays before the House the following Documents :—

(Copy)

GOVERNMENT EMIGRATION OFFICE,

Saint John, 23d February, 1847.

SIR,—I had the honor of addressing you on the 12th instant, relative to the Buildings for the accommodation of Emigrants on Partridge Island, to which I have not been favored with a reply.

I have now the honor to state, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that Letters have been received at this Office from some of the Emigration Agents in Ireland, stating that a very large Emigration to America will take place from that Kingdom the coming season. The Agent at Cork states that the Emigrants will consist principally of small Farmers, and their families, as the mere laborer will not be able to raise the requisite funds, unless the Poor Law Guardians or the Government render assistance.

I have also received Letters from persons intending to emigrate to New Brunswick, which state that an unusually large number of Emigrants may be expected at this Port, and that they will sail from Ireland at a much earlier period this Spring than usual.

There can be very little doubt that many thousands will land upon our shores within the next four months, a large proportion of whom will be in a very destitute condition, and suffering from the usual fever in such cases.

I have therefore most earnestly to press upon the Executive the necessity of taking immediate steps for putting the buildings at Partridge Island in repair, and for erecting such other buildings as will be absolutely required. At the same time I would most respectfully request that such alterations may be made by law in the disposal of the Emigrant Fund as will secure its application to the relief of the sick, the aged, and the destitute, for whose benefit it was originally created.

I have the honor, &c.

(Signed)

M. H. PERLEY, *G. E. A.*

The Hon. John S. Saunders, &c. &c. &c.

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Saint John, 24th February, 1847.

SIR,—At a Special Sessions of the Peace held yesterday, I was requested by the Magistrates to inform you, that they feel a good deal of anxiety upon the subject of the large body of Emigrants which may reasonably be expected to arrive at this Port in a few months, while at same time they decline to make any demonstration on the subject through the Legislature, fearing that a special grant for the aid of those unfortunate persons would be looked to, and relied upon beyond reason, and this increases the evil.

Aware that it is a subject towards which His Excellency has devoted much thought, the Magistrates decline to urge any public measure, satisfied that His Excellency and Council will guard against difficulties, (if any shall unfortunately arise during the year) provided the Emigrant Fund is not so tied up as to make it difficult to make any appropriation from it save through the Legislature; while at same time Magistrates cannot allow the destitute to suffer, and County funds to any material extent could not be applied towards their relief. Will you be pleased to lay this before His Excellency, and believe me, &c.

(Signed)

L. DONALDSON, *Mayor, &c.*Hon. J. S. Saunders, *Prov. Sec.*

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from Henry P. Sancton, of Saint John, praying a return of Duties paid on Printing Prèsses imported to replace those destroyed by fire in 1845 :

A Petition from the Honorable Charles Simonds, Robert F. Hazen, Edward Allison, and others, of Saint John, praying Legislative aid towards erecting Steam Ferry Landings, in the event of the Bill now before the Assembly, for incorporating the Portland and Lancaster Steam Ferry Company, becoming a Law :

A Petition from Edward Allison, and others, of Portland and Saint John, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate them under the name and style of the Portland and Lancaster Steam Ferry Company :

A Petition from Nathan S. Demill, President of the Saint John Total Abstinence Society, together with the Vice-President and other Members, praying aid towards carrying into effect the objects of that Association :

A Petition from Thomas Lamb, Keeper of the Light House on Thrum Cap, Quaco, praying an additional allowance, to enable him to employ an Assistant :

A Petition from William H. Williams, of Saint John, praying Legislative aid to enable him to keep up a daily communication between that place and Saint Andrews :

A Petition from George Anderson, John Gillies, A. Menzies, and others, of Saint John, praying that an Act may pass to regulate Mill Dams on the various Streams in this Province :

A Petition from James Newcomb, of Saint Martins, a Teacher of a School, praying additional aid for his services : and

A Petition from Jane Danforth, of Carleton, praying compensation for teaching a School for one year in that place.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Wyer, by leave, presented a Petition from Alice Thomson, of Saint David Parish, praying aid for teaching a School in Saint Andrews.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

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The Honorable Mr. Crane, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from James Chappell, of Bay Verte, praying aid to run a Packet to Prince Edward Island : and

A Petition from George Oulton and others, of Westmorland, praying aid to repair a Wharf at Sackville.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from the Chatham Steam Ferry Company, praying a grant towards approaches to the Steam Ferry Landing, and to connect the Great Road leading from Nova Scotia to Bathurst :

A Petition from the Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland, praying the Bill extending the provisions of the Acts for the Inspection of Flour and Meal to the County of Northumberland, may pass : and

A Petition from the General Sessions of the Peace of Northumberland, praying a grant to build landings or approaches to the Steam Ferry Landing to connect the Great Road leading from Nova Scotia to Bathurst.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

THURSDAY, 4th March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

Mr. Shore,

Mr. Saunders,

Mr. Attorney General,

Mr. Robertson,

Mr. Hatch,

Mr. Johnston,

Mr. Crane,

Mr. Robinson,

Mr. Botsford,

Mr. Chandler,

Mr. Wyer,

Mr. Kinnear,

Mr. Owen,

Mr. Minchin.

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a third time and passed :—

A Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of York to levy an assessment to pay off the County Debt :

A Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of York to levy an assessment to pay off the Debt due on the new Gaol recently erected in the said County : and

A Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of York to levy an assessment for the payment of the Officers of the said County.

ORDERED

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to these Bills without any amendment.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was delivered by the Honorable Mr. Johnston, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council.

The Honorable the President read the same; and it was again read by the Clerk, as follows:—

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Message to the Legislative Council,

3d March, 1847.

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE, LT. GOVERNOR.

The Lieutenant Governor, referring to his Message of the third of February, lays before the Council, copies of recent Communications which he has addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject of the Survey undertaken by Her Majesty's Government, and the project for connecting the Provinces by constructing a Railway from the Atlantic to Quebec.

W. M. G. C.

[No. 100.]

EXTRACT OF A DESPATCH FROM SIR W. M. G. COLEBROOKE TO THE RIGHT HON. EARL GREY, DATED FREDERICTON, N. B., NOVEMBER 10TH, 1846.

MY LORD,—It is with sincere regret that it devolves on me to report to Your Lordship the melancholy death of Captain Pipon, of the Royal Engineers; who, in descending the Restigouche River in a canoe, was, on the 28th ultimo, overset in the Rapids, and although he swam in safety to the shore, he subsequently lost his life in an effort to save that of one of the persons who accompanied him.

Lieutenant Henderson, of the Royal Engineers, who repaired to the spot, brought the remains of his brother Officer to Fredericton for interment, and he is about to proceed to the Great Falls to conclude the operations for the season in which they had been jointly engaged.

Through this melancholy accident the important service entrusted to Captain Pipon, will, I apprehend, be delayed, a circumstance greatly to be regretted.

[No. 106.]

EXTRACT OF A DESPATCH FROM SIR WILLIAM M. G. COLEBROOKE TO THE RIGHT HON. EARL GREY, DATED FREDERICTON, N. B., NOVEMBER 27TH, 1846.

MY LORD,—Referring to my Despatches, No. 100 and No. 102, of the 10th and 13th instant, I have the honor to report to Your Lordship, that Lieutenant Henderson, of the Royal Engineers, returned to Fredericton with Mr. Grant, of the Surveyor General's Department, on the 25th instant, from the Upper Saint John.

I understand that the exploration of the Line for a Trunk Railway has still to be completed to the Saint Lawrence, but Lieutenant Henderson will be guided by his instructions whether to prosecute it during the winter.

I have received from Messieurs Bourdillon and Sons, Solicitors for a proposed Halifax and Quebec Land Railway and Colonization Society which appears to be forming in London, a Prospectus of their plan for raising a fund through the subscriptions of the working classes.

The subject will require much and serious consideration, and I will take an early opportunity of communicating to Your Lordship my opinion on this project.

(Signed)

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

(Copy)

[No. 112.]

Fredericton, N. B., December 11th, 1846.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to transmit the copy of a Letter which I have received from Earl Cathcart, with a Report from the Board of Trade at Montreal, recommending the establishment of an Electric Telegraph from Halifax to Toronto, and having brought the subject under the consideration of the Executive Council, they have advised that the proposal should be recommended to the support of the Provincial Legislature, which will be appointed to meet for the dispatch of business on the 29th January next.

In connexion with this subject, and with reference to the project in contemplation for establishing a line of Railway through the British Provinces, I also enclose a copy of some observations which have been addressed to me by Mr. Wilkinson of the Surveyor General's Department, whose intelligent papers on the subject of Railways on this Continent were forwarded to Mr. Gladstone.

When the Surveyors, now engaged in exploring the country, may have decided upon the most eligible direction for the Railway from the Atlantic to Quebec, it may be found practicable, by openings through the forests, to establish an Electric Telegraph along the whole line, to connect it with one from Montreal to Toronto.

In connexion with this subject, and in reference to the Prospectus which was transmitted to me by Messieurs Bourdillon and Sons, of London, and enclosed with my Despatch, No. 106, dated the 27th November last, in which it is proposed to invite subscriptions from the working classes with a view to raise a capital for the construction of the Railway, and the formation of Settlements on the contiguous lands, I am led to observe, that such a proposal is deserving of attention, and is generally regarded favorably in this Province; but if the plan should be carried out, it will be desirable to guard the working classes against forming expectations of being able to realize a profit from investment of capital in the settlement of Wilderness Lands; neither do I conceive that it would be prudent to encourage them to invest their savings in a line of Railway through these Provinces without a public guarantee of a minimum rate of profit (say three per cent. per annum) on the capital so invested, in consideration of the general advantages to be derived from such a work.

With this guarantee, which would probably be merely nominal, and with the prospect of employment for skilled and unskilled laborers, added to the possession of land adjacent to the Railway Stations, the settlement of the country may be simultaneously promoted.

It would be premature to enter further into the consideration of this subject at the present time, or till the Officers who are engaged in exploring the country have made their reports; and I have been prompted only to make these observations to Your Lordship on the prospectus in question in order to guard against any misconception of the principles on which the working classes might be safely invited to co-operate in so vast an undertaking; and as I am disposed to concur with Mr. Wilkinson, that when the line has been traced out, the advantage attending a progressive execution of the work might lead to an early commencement of it by means of a capital thus raised.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

The Right Hon. Earl Grey.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Brown, with a Bill further to amend and extend the provisions of an Act, intituled "An Act to incorporate the Saint Andrews and Quebec Rail Road Company;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards this Bill, and that the same be read a second time.

The said Bill was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon Bills relating to Corporations.

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On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to explain an Act to permit the establishment of a Fish Market in one of the Public Slips in the City of Saint John.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

ORDERED, That the Report be received ; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Fisher, with a Bill to establish the Road leading from Nixon's Ferry to Stanley, as one of the Great Roads of Communication in the Province ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into further consideration the Bill to establish the Road leading from Shediac to the Nova Scotia Line, via Shemogue, Bay de Verte, and Jolicure, as one of the Great Roads of the Province.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, they had made an amendment thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

At A expunge the words " Steam Mill Corner, at Shediac, through Shemogue, to the Emigrant Road, thence through Bay de Verte and Jolicure to the Post Road near Fort Cumberland, leading to the Province of Nova Scotia ;" and insert the words " from the Great Post Road at Cole's Island, thence passing through Cole's Island, along the Great Road to the old Post Road, thence along the same to Hewson's, thence through Jolicure to Bay de Verte, and thence by the Road through the Emigrant Settlement to Cape Tormentine."

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That it be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Thomson, with a Bill to establish the Road leading from Lower Trout Brook Bridge, on the Great Road between Fredericton and Saint Andrews, to the Town of Saint George, as one of the Great Roads of Communication ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented the following Petitions:—

A Petition from George J. Harding, M. D., Health Officer at Partridge Island, Saint John, praying a Legislative grant for his services :

A Petition from G. Whannell, Lieutenant Colonel commanding Her Majesty's Thirty third Regiment, praying the Duties paid on Wines used at the Mess the past year may be returned to them :

A Petition from Alfred Kortwright, of Her Majesty's Navy, attached to the Survey now in progress of the Bay of Fundy and places contiguous, praying a return of Duties paid on Wines used by him :

A Petition from the Commissioners of the Alms House and Work House and Infirmary of the City of Saint John, praying an amount of £460 17 10 due them may be allowed them by Legislative provision :

A Petition from the Trustees of the Saint John Savings' Bank, praying that the Treasurer of the Province may be authorized to receive from the said Bank a further sum of twenty thousand pounds, on interest, in addition to the amount now allowed by Law :

A Petition from George W. Hobin, James Dingey, Jarvis Estabrooks, and others, of Queen's County, praying aid to establish a Public Landing Place for Steamers at John Currie's, in the Parish of Canning :

A Petition from William M'Donagh, owner of the Brigantine "Danube," praying return of expenses incurred in support of sick Emigrants landed from this vessel at Partridge Island the last year :

A Petition from Thomas Chase, of Madawaska, praying an allowance for teaching a School from June 1846, to January 1847 : and

A Petition from Francis Leveque, of the same place, praying remuneration for teaching a School from March 1846, to January 1847.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Shore, by leave, presented a Petition from Kendall and Nash, William Grosvener, James Drake, J. H. Reid, William H. Robinson and Company, Merchants in Fredericton, praying the Duty on Rum, the produce of British Plantations, may be reduced.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Robertson, by leave, presented the following Petitions:—

A Petition from George W. Cleary, William Connell, D. M. Coffin, and G. W. Connell, praying aid to enable them to commence a line of Steam Boats from Fredericton to the Grand Falls :

A Petition from P. C. Amiraux, praying the usual allowance for apprehending two Deserters from the Queen's Fifty sixth Regiment of Foot, in the year 1841 : and

A Petition from John Bedell, J. F. W. Winslow, and James Tupper, praying aid to build a Wharf at the Creek Village, in the Parish of Woodstock.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

FRIDAY

FRIDAY, 5th March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Minchin.*

*Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Crane,*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to establish the Road leading from Shediac to the Nova Scotia Line, via Shemogue, Bay de Verte, and Jolicure, as one of the Great Roads of the Province, as amended, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill, with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a second time :—

A Bill to establish the Road leading from Nixon's Ferry to Stanley, as one of the Great Roads of Communication in the Province : and

A Bill to establish the Road leading from Lower Trout Brook Bridge, on the Great Road between Fredericton and Saint Andrews, to the Town of Saint George, as one of the Great Roads of Communication.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bills severally into consideration.

On motion—

The Bill, intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Registry of Deeds and other Instruments," was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bill into consideration.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Brown, with the following Bills, to which they desire the concurrence of this House :—

A Bill to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue for the payment of the Ordinary Services of the Province :

A Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte to levy an assessment to pay off the County Debt : and

A Bill to incorporate the Saint Andrews Benefit Society.

The said Bills were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bills be severally read a second time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. Kinnear presented to the House the following Bills:—

A Bill, intituled "An Act further to amend the Laws regulating proceedings before Justices of the Peace in Civil Suits:"

A Bill, intituled "An Act for the safe custody of Insane persons charged with offences, and for the confinement of Insane Prisoners:" and

A Bill, intituled "An Act in addition to and in amendment of an Act relating to Circuit Courts in this Province, and to provide for the travelling expenses of the Judges holding such Circuits."

The said Bills were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bills be severally read a second time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to authorize a Special Term of the Court of Governor and Council for the determination of all suits and controversies touching and concerning Marriage and Divorce.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration the Bill to suspend the operation of the sixth and seventh Sections of an Act for the further regulation of Fisheries, and for preventing their decay in certain cases.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to establish the Road leading from Douglas River to Fredericton, as one of the Great Roads.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Connell, with Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the fourth day of March; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolutions were read a first time.

ORDERED, That they be referred to the Committee of the whole House upon Resolutions of Appropriation.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Miles, with a Bill in addition to and in amendment of an Act, intituled "An Act relating to the Great Roads of Communication through this Province;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Jordan, with the following Bills, to which they desire the concurrence of this House :—

A Bill to incorporate the Saint John Omnibus and Transit Company :

A Bill to authorize an annual assessment on the City and County of Saint John for the payment of the County Contingencies : and

A Bill to authorize the Trustees of Saint Stephen's Church, in the City of Saint John, to sell and dispose of certain Lands in the said City.

The said Bills were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bills be severally read a second time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. Robertson, by leave, presented a Petition from James Dyer, of the County of Carleton, praying a Pension due the late James Dyer, an old Soldier, may be paid the Petitioner.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Kinnear, by leave, presented a Petition from Felicity Phillips, Elizabeth Dunham, Sarah Blakslee, and one hundred and eighty other Ladies of the Total Abstinence Society in Saint John, praying such Acts may be passed as will lessen the sale and use of Ardent Spirits.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from Justus Wetmore, John Barberie, and one hundred and twelve others, inhabitants of King's County, praying an alteration in the Law regulating the admeasurement of Cord Wood in the City of Saint John :

A Petition from Samuel Fairweather, John Barberie, Alleyn C. Evanson, and one hundred and fifty others, inhabitants of King's County, praying an alteration in the Great Road leading from Bellisle to Saint John : and

A Petition from James Peters, Warren Erb, Cornelius Nice, and nine other inhabitants of King's County, praying that an alteration may be made in the Great Road leading from Springfield to Kingston.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Hatch, by leave, presented a Petition from Charles R. Hatheway, Nehemiah Marks, Thomas Jones, John Cockburn, and one hundred and twenty others, inhabitants of Charlotte and York Counties, praying aid to continue the communication between Saint Andrews and Fredericton, via Hanwell.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

SATURDAY

SATURDAY, 6th March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Crane,*

*Mr. Saunders,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Minchin.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford, from the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon all Bills relating to Corporations, presented a further Report.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

The Committee to whom were referred all Bills relating to Corporations, beg leave to report, that they have had under consideration “ A Bill further to amend and extend the provisions of an Act, intituled ‘ An Act to incorporate the Saint Andrews and Quebec Rail Road Company,’ ” and recommend the same to the adoption of the House without amendment.

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. BOTSFORD, *Chairman.*

Committee Room, 5th March, 1847.

ORDERED, That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards this Bill, and that the House be put into a Committee of the whole presently to take the said Bill, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon, into consideration.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again on Monday next.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a third time and passed:—

A Bill to suspend the operation of the sixth and seventh Sections of an Act for the further regulation of Fisheries, and for preventing their decay in certain cases: and

A Bill to authorize a Special Term of the Court of Governor and Council for the determination of all suits and controversies touching and concerning Marriage and Divorce.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to these Bills without any amendment.

Pursuant

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a second time :—

A Bill to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue for the payment of the Ordinary Services of the Province :

A Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte to levy an assessment to pay off the County Debt :

A Bill, intituled " An Act further to amend the Laws regulating proceedings before Justices of the Peace in Civil Suits :"

A Bill, intituled " An Act for the safe custody of Insane persons charged with offences, and for the confinement of Insane Prisoners :"

A Bill, intituled " An Act in addition to and in amendment of an Act relating to Circuit Courts in this Province, and to provide for the travelling expenses of the Judges holding such Courts :"

A Bill in addition to and in amendment of an Act, intituled " An Act relating to the Great Roads of Communication through this Province :"

A Bill to authorize an annual assessment on the City and County of Saint John for the payment of County Contingencies : and

A Bill to authorize the Trustees of Saint Stephen's Church, in the City of Saint John, to sell and dispose of certain Lands in the said City.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole on Monday next, to take the said Bills severally into consideration.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a second time :—

A Bill to incorporate the Saint John Omnibus and Transit Company : and

A Bill to incorporate the Saint Andrews Benefit Society.

ORDERED, That the said Bills be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon all Bills relating to Corporations.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill for erecting the Parish of Harvey, in the County of Albert, into three separate Parishes.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, they had made certain amendments thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

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

At A in Section I. expunge the words " and also all that other part of the said Parish of Harvey which lies to the west of the line running from the Bay Shore, and commencing at the south west angle of the lot number eleven, granted to one Thomas Kinne, north by the magnet until it strikes the line above described as the southern boundary

boundary of the said Parish of Elgin, be and the same is hereby erected and constituted a separate Parish, to be called the Parish of Kincardine."

At B in Section II. expunge the word "Kincardine."

At C in the Preamble, expunge the word "three," and insert the word "two."

At D in the Title, expunge the word "three," and insert the word "two."

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That they be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time on Monday next.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to establish the Road leading from the lower Landing at the Grand Falls (known as the new Portage Road) in the County of Carleton, to the American Boundary, to include the Ferry Landing, as one of the Great Roads of Communication in this Province.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Brown, with the following Bills, to which they desire the concurrence of this House :—

A Bill to facilitate the making of a Rail Road from Saint Andrews, in the County of Charlotte, to Woodstock, in the County of Carleton, and Branches thereof : and

A Bill to incorporate the Saint John Phoenix Fire Insurance Company.

The said Bills were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards the first mentioned Bill, and that the same be read a second time.

The said Bill was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole on Monday next, to take the said Bill into consideration.

ORDERED, That the second mentioned Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Thomson, with a Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte to make further provision for the payment of the High Sheriff of that County; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Steves, with the following Bills, to which they desire the concurrence of this House :—

A Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County of Albert to make provision for the payment of the County Contingencies : and

A Bill to establish the Road, known as the front Road, leading from M'Clutcheys Creek, in the Rarish of Hillsborough, in the County of Albert, to Coverdale River, as one of the Great Roads of Communication.

The said Bills were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bills be severally read a second time on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from Darby Gillan, praying to be paid for services in removing wind-falls from the Nerepis Road :

A Petition from James Brewster and other inhabitants of the Parish of Harvey, in the County of Albert, praying an Act may pass to divide the Parish :

A Petition from Timothy Kehoe, praying compensation for attending the Draw Bridge at the Oromocto River :

A Petition from Simon W. Cock, James Long, and others, praying an Act may pass to erect a Boom on Cocagne River :

A Petition from Joseph Gaynor, Robert Chestnut, Thomas Pickard, Trustees of the Wesleyan Chapel, praying that the Duties paid on a Bell and Organ for the Chapel may be refunded :

A Petition from Simon W. Cock and others, inhabitants of Cocagne, praying an Act may pass to repeal an Act relating to the granting of Mill Reserves :

A Petition from Calvin L. Hatheway and twenty four other persons, praying an alteration may be made in the Road leading through Maugerville and Sheffield, in the County of Sunbury :

A Petition from the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry, and others, inhabitants of the Parish of Norton, praying an Act may pass, relieving them from their present disability in voting or holding offices relating to the said Church : and

A Petition from Angus M'Phee, a licenced Schoolmaster, praying an allowance for teaching a School in Queen's County.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Wyer, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of Saint George, Charlotte County, praying to be reimbursed the amount of Duty paid by them on a Bell imported from Boston for the use of the Church :

A Petition from Edward Seely, of Charlotte County, praying aid to enable him to pay demands against him for building an Oat Mill : and

A Petition from George Gunnison and Joseph Pratt, of Charlotte County, praying a balance due for building a Bridge over Young's Creek.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until Monday next at 12 o'clock.

MONDAY

MONDAY, 8th March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Shore,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Crane,

Mr. Black, President.

Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Minchin.

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill for erecting the Parish of Harvey, in the County of Albert, into three separate Parishes, as amended, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill, with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to establish the Road leading from the lower Landing at the Grand Falls, (known as the new Portage Road) in the County of Carleton, to the American Boundary, to include the Ferry Landing, as one of the Great Roads of Communication in this Province, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to incorporate the Saint John Phoenix Fire Insurance Company, was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon all Bills relating to Corporations.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a second time :—

A Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte to make further provision for the payment of the High Sheriff of that County :

A Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County of Albert to make provision for the payment of the County Contingencies : and

A Bill to establish the Road, known as the front Road, leading from M'Clutchey's Creek, in the Parish of Hillsborough, in the County of Albert, to Coverdale River, as one of the Great Roads of Communication.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bills severally into consideration.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Tibbets, with the following Bills, to which they desire the concurrence of this House :—

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A Bill to erect the Parish of Madawaska, in the County of Carleton, into two separate and distinct Towns or Parishes, and to enlarge the bounds of the Parish of Andover, in the said County: and

A Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Carleton to assess the said County for the erection of a Lock-up House at the Grand Falls, in the said County.

The said Bills were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bills be severally read a second time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. Crane presented to the House a Bill, intituled "An Act relating to Lands reserved for Schools or Educational purposes."

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Hanington, with the following Bills, to which they desire the concurrence of this House:—

A Bill to amend the Law relating to the appointment of the Master of the Rolls: and

A Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County of Westmorland to make payment of the County Contingencies.

The said Bills were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bills be severally read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into further consideration the Bill further to amend and extend the provisions of an Act, intituled "An Act to incorporate the Saint Andrews and Quebec Rail Road Company."

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, they had made certain amendments thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

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

At A in Section IX. insert the words "or extensions."

At B in Section XV. insert the words "or extensions."

At C in Section XVII. insert the words "or extension."

At D in Section XIX. expunge the remainder of the Section.

At E in Section XX. insert the words "or extensions."

At F insert a new Section, as follows:—

"XXI. And be it enacted, That no Bye Laws, Orders, Rules and Regulations made under and by virtue of the power and authority of the hereinbefore recited Act shall be of any force or effect until one calendar month after a true copy of such Bye Laws, Orders, Rules or Regulations, certified under the hand of the President of the said Company, shall have been laid before the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government in this Province for the time being, for his approval or disapproval, unless

the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government shall before such period signify his approbation of the same."

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That they be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Earle, with the following Bills, to which they desire the concurrence of this House :—

A Bill relating to the Chapel of Ease, in connexion with the Church of England, in the Parish of Norton, in King's County : and

A Bill to incorporate the King's County Mutual Insurance Company.

The said Bills were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the Bill first mentioned be read a second time to-morrow ; and

That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards the Bill to incorporate the King's County Mutual Insurance Company, and that it be read a second time.

The said Bill was read a second time.

ORDERED, That it be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon all Bills relating to Corporations.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to continue the several Acts to provide for the greater safety of Passengers on board Steam Boats.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, they had made certain amendments thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

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

At A add the following Sections :—

"II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the first day of May next ensuing, every Steam Boat or Vessel propelled by Steam, carrying Passengers to or from any Port or place within this Province, shall be provided with a good, safe and convenient gangway to the wharf at which she may be lying, such gangway to be not less than two feet wide, with a good hand-rail, or ridge-rope, on one side thereof, suitable for the landing and embarking of Passengers to and from such Steam Boat or Vessel as aforesaid, at all times of the Tide ; such Landing or Gangway to be separate and distinct from that used for landing or loading Coals or Cargo ; and for the greater security of Passengers it shall be incumbent upon the Master and Owner of such Vessel or Boat to have a good light placed at each end of such gangway for one hour at least, before leaving the wharf, and continued until her departure ; and one hour after

after arrival at the wharf or place of landing and embarking Passengers after dark, that is from sunset to sunrise.

“ III. Be it further enacted, That from and after the first day of May next ensuing the passing of this Act, it shall be the duty of the Master and Owner, or person in charge of any such Steam Boat or Vessel plying in the Waters of New Brunswick and in the Bay of Fundy, in addition to any lights which may be required under and by virtue of the eighth section of the first hereinbefore recited Act, to carry at the mast head of such Steam Boat or Vessel, at night, during the time she is under way, and not lower than the top of the funnel, a good, clear and distinct Signal Light, and when within four miles of her port of destination, to place or cause to be placed under the end of the bowsprit of such Vessel, a good, clear and distinct light, which light shall be so kept until alongside of the wharf.

“ IV. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice of Her Majesty’s Executive Council, to appoint three Commissioners, resident within the County of Charlotte, for the Harbours and Inland Waters of the said County, in lieu of the three Commissioners mentioned in the said first recited Act, so far as the said Commissioners’ powers are thereby extended to the Harbours and Inland Waters of the said County of Charlotte, with the like powers and authorities to the said Commissioners so to be appointed, as are given to other Commissioners mentioned in the seventh section of the said first recited Act.

“ V. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Commissioners duly appointed, as provided in and by the first recited Act, hereby renewed and continued, and also by this Act, to examine from time to time the several and respective Steam Boats and Vessels plying to or from the respective places for which such Commissioners are appointed, to see that the several provisions of this Act, and the Acts hereby renewed and continued, are complied with, and to make Reports from time to time to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, as to the efficiency of such Steam Boats or Vessels, and their equipment or otherwise, as the case may be.”

At B in the Title, insert the words “and amend.”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That they be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to facilitate the making of a Rail Road from Saint Andrews, in the County of Charlotte, to Woodstock, in the County of Carleton, and Branches thereof.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Carman, with a Bill to establish the Road leading from the Post Office in Chatham, through part of the Parish of Nelson, opposite to Beaubair's Point, a part of one of the Great Roads of this Province; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford, from the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon all Bills relating to Corporations, presented a further Report.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

The Committee to whom were referred all Bills relating to Corporations, beg leave to report, that they have had under their consideration "A Bill to amend and extend the provisions of an Act, intituled 'An Act to incorporate the New Brunswick Railway Company,'" and recommend the same to the adoption of the House without amendment.

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. BOTSFORD, *Chairman.*

Committee Room, 8th March, 1847.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bill, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon, into consideration.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to establish the line of Road leading from Pickard's Store, in the Parish of Andover, in the County of Carleton, to the American Boundary, one of the Great Roads of Communication.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue for the payment of the Ordinary Services of the Province.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

TUESDAY

TUESDAY, 9th March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Saunders,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Crane,*

*Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Minchin.*

PRAYERS:

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills, as amended, were severally read a third time and passed:—

A Bill to continue the several Acts to provide for the greater safety of Passengers on board Steam Boats: and

A Bill further to amend and extend the provisions of an Act, intituled “An Act to incorporate the Saint Andrews and Quebec Rail Road Company.”

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to these Bills, with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a third time and passed:—

A Bill to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue for the payment of the Ordinary Services of the Province: and

A Bill to establish the line of Road leading from Pickard’s Store, in the Parish of Andover, in the County of Carleton, to the American Boundary, one of the Great Roads of Communication in the Province.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to these Bills without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a second time:—

A Bill to erect the Parish of Madawaska, in the County of Carleton, into two separate and distinct Towns or Parishes, and to enlarge the bounds of the Parish of Andover, in the said County:

A Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Carleton to assess the said County for the erection of a Lock-up House at the Grand Falls, in the said County:

A Bill, intituled “An Act relating to Lands reserved for Schools or Educational purposes:

A Bill to amend the Law relating to the appointment of the Master of the Rolls:

A Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County of Westmorland to make provision for the payment of the County Contingencies:

A Bill relating to the Chapel of Ease, in connexion with the Church of England, in the Parish of Norton, in King's County: and

A Bill to establish the Road leading from the Post Office in Chatham, through part of the Parish of Nelson, opposite to Beaubair's Point, a part of one of the Great Roads of the Province.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bills severally into consideration.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into further consideration the Bill to facilitate the making of a Rail Road from Saint Andrews, in the County of Charlotte, to Woodstock, in the County of Carleton, and Branches thereof.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Hanington, that the Assembly had agreed to the amendment made by this House to the Bill to establish the Road leading from Shediac to the Nova Scotia Line, via Shemogue, Bay de Verte, and Jolicure, as one of the Great Roads of the Province.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Registry of Deeds and other Instruments.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to amend and extend the provisions of an Act, intituled "An Act to incorporate the New Brunswick Railway Company," and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

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The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from Isaac Havigland and John Wightman, Justices of the Peace, and four hundred and forty six others, inhabitants of King's and Queen's Counties, and of the City and County of Saint John, praying for a grant of money, in aid of individual subscription, for the purpose of building a Bridge across the Nerepis Stream at or near its mouth : and

A Petition from William Lowry, praying for remuneration for the loss of his buildings and clearings, by his lines being improperly run.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 10th March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Minchin.*

*Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Crane,*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a third time and passed :—

A Bill to amend and extend the provisions of an Act, intituled " An Act to incorporate the New Brunswick Railway Company : " and

A Bill to facilitate the making of a Rail Road from Saint Andrews, in the County of Charlotte, to Woodstock, in the County of Carleton, and Branches thereof.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to these Bills without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. End, with a Bill to encourage the raising and dressing of Hemp : and with

Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the eighth day of March ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The same were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow ; and

That the said Resolutions of Appropriation be referred to the Committee of the whole House upon Resolutions of Appropriation.

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On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte to make further provision for the payment of the High Sheriff of that County.

The Honorable Mr. Wyer took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

ORDERED, That the Report be received ; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration the Bill to establish the Road leading from Douglas River to Fredericton, as one of the Great Roads.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed until the next Session of the Legislature.

ORDERED, That the Report be received ; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed until the next Session of the Legislature.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to establish the Road leading from Isaac Derry's, in the County of Albert, by the present Road, through New Horton and Cape Enrage, to Upper Salmon River, as one of the Great Roads of Communication.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

ORDERED, That the Report be received ; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to establish the Road from the Head of Richibucto River to the Bend of Petitcodiac, one of the Great Roads of Communication.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

ORDERED, That the Report be received ; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Earle, with a Bill to establish the Road leading from Loch Lomond to the County of Albert, as one of the Great Roads ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to establish the Road leading from Brockway's to Saint Stephen, in the County of Charlotte, as one of the Great Roads of this Province.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

ORDERED, That the Report be received ; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into further consideration the Bill, intituled " An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Registry of Deeds and other Instruments."

The Honorable Mr. Chandler took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, they had made certain amendments thereto, and recommended the said Bill, as amended, to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to establish the Road leading from Nixon's Ferry to Stanley, as one of the Great Roads of Communication in the Province.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to establish the Road leading from Loch Lomond (on the Great Road from the City of Saint John to Quaco) to Sussex Vale, as one of the Great Roads of Communication.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed until the next Session of the Legislature.

ORDERED, That the Report be received ; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed until the next Session of the Legislature.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to establish the Road leading from Lower Trout Brook Bridge, on the Great Road between Fredericton and Saint Andrews, to the Town of Saint George, as one of the Great Roads of Communication.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

ORDERED, That the Report be received ; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to establish the Road, known as the front Road, leading from M'Clutchey's Creek, in the Parish of Hillsborough, in the County of Albert, to Coverdale River, as one of the Great Roads of Communication.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

ORDERED, That the Report be received ; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Carleton to assess the said County for the erection of a Lock-up House at the Grand Falls, in the said County.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to establish the Road leading from the Post Office in Chatham, through part of the Parish of Nelson, opposite to Beaubair's Point, a part of one of the Great Roads of the Province.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

ORDERED, That the Report be received; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill relating to the Chapel of Ease, in connexion with the Church of England, in the Parish of Norton, in King's County.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County of Westmorland to make provision for the payment of the County Contingencies.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill, intituled "An Act for the safe custody of Insane persons charged with offences, and for the confinement of Insane Prisoners."

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

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The Honorable Mr. Robertson presented to the House a Bill, intituled "An Act relating to Bills of Exchange."

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill, intituled "An Act in addition to and in amendment of an Act relating to Circuit Courts, and to provide for the travelling expenses of the Judges holding such Courts."

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill, intituled "An Act further to amend the Laws regulating proceedings before Justices of the Peace in Civil Suits."

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable the President lays before the House—

A Return of the State of the Central Bank of New Brunswick on the first day of March, 1847.

ORDERED, That the same do lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 11 o'clock.

THURSDAY, 11th March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Crane,*

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Saunders,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Minchin.*

PRAYERS

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act further to amend the Laws regulating proceedings before Justices of the Peace in Civil Suits," was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Title be—

An Act further to amend the Laws regulating proceedings before Justices of the Peace in Civil Suits.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do carry the said Bill down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, and desire the concurrence of the Assembly thereto.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act for the safe custody of Insane persons charged with offences, and for the confinement of Insane Prisoners," was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Title be—

An Act for the safe custody of Insane persons charged with offences, and for the confinement of Insane Prisoners.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do carry the said Bill down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, and desire the concurrence of the Assembly thereto.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act in addition to and in amendment of an Act relating to Circuit Courts in this Province, and to provide for the travelling expenses of the Judges holding such Courts," was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Title be—

An Act in addition to and in amendment of an Act relating to Circuit Courts in this Province, and to provide for the travelling expenses of the Judges holding such Courts.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do carry the said Bill down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, and desire the concurrence of the Assembly thereto.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a third time and passed :—

A Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Carleton to assess the said County for the erection of a Lock-up House at the Grand Falls, in the said County : and

A Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Westmorland to make provision for the payment of the County Contingencies.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to these Bills without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a second time :—

A Bill to encourage the raising and dressing of Hemp :

A Bill to establish the Road leading from Loch Lomond to the County of Albert, as one of the Great Roads : and

A Bill, intituled "An Act relating to Bills of Exchange."

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bills severally into consideration.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County of Albert to make provision for the payment of the County Contingencies.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte to levy an assessment to pay off the County Debt.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to authorize an annual assessment on the City and County of Saint John for the payment of the County Contingencies.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to amend the Law relating to the appointment of the Master of the Rolls.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

ORDERED, That the Report be received ; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into further consideration the Bill to establish the Road leading from Nixon's Ferry to Stanley, as one of the Great Roads of Communication in the Province.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

ORDERED, That the Report be received ; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill, intituled "An Act relating to Lands reserved for Schools or Educational purposes."

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill further to continue an Act, intituled "An Act to provide for the support of a Nightly Watch in, and for lighting the City of Saint John, and for other purposes."

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration the Bill relating to the Chapel of Ease, in connexion with the Church of England, in the Parish of Norton, in King's County.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed until the next Session of the Legislature.

ORDERED, That the Report be received ; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed until the next Session of the Legislature.

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On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill relating to the Flats below Fredericton.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Ritchie, with a Bill in addition to and further to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled "An Act to encourage the establishment of Banks for Savings in the Province;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Carman, with Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the tenth day of March; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolutions were read a first time.

ORDERED, That they be referred to the Committee of the whole House upon Resolutions of Appropriation.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented a Petition from James Green and John Winters, of the City of Saint John, praying a grant of money to remunerate them for running a line of Stages between Saint John and Fredericton three times a week.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 12th March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Crane,*

*Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin.*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act relating to Lands reserved for Schools or Educational purposes," was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Title be—

An Act relating to Lands reserved for Schools or Educational purposes.

ORDERED

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery, do carry the said Bill down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, and desire the concurrence of the Assembly thereto.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a third time and passed :—

A Bill further to continue an Act, intituled “ An Act to provide for the support of a Nightly Watch in, and for lighting the City of Saint John, and for other purposes :”

A Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte to levy an assessment to pay off the County Debt :

A Bill to authorize an annual assessment on the City and County of Saint John for the payment of County Contingencies : and

A Bill to authorize Her Majesty’s Justices of the Peace of the County of Albert to make provision for the payment of the County Contingencies.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to these Bills without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill in addition to, and further to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled “ An Act to encourage the establishment of Banks for Savings in the Province,” was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bill into consideration.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill, intituled “ An Act relating to Bills of Exchange.”

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into further consideration the Bill relating to the Flats below Fredericton.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, they had made certain amendments thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

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

At A in the Preamble, expunge the words “ commonly called the Flats, lying on the margin of the River Saint John,” and insert the word “ situate.”

At B expunge the words “ which lies to the south of the eastwardly prolongation of the line between the lots six and seven, in the grant to Jacob Ellegood.”

At C in Section I. expunge the words "all that part of the flat or intervale on the margin of the River Saint John," and insert the words "the said piece and parcel of land."

At D expunge the words "which lies to the southward of the eastwardly prolongation of the line between lots six and seven, in the grant to Jacob Ellegood."

At E in the Title, expunge the words "the Flats below," and insert the words "a tract of land situate below the Town Plat of."

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That they be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to encourage the raising and dressing of Hemp.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to establish the Road leading from Loch Lomond to the County of Albert, as one of the Great Roads.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

ORDERED, That the Report be received; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to erect the Parish of Madawaska, in the County of Carleton, into two separate and distinct Towns or Parishes, and to enlarge the bounds of the Parish of Andover, in the said County.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

ORDERED, That the Report be received; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Brown, that the Assembly had agreed to the amendments made by this House to the Bill further to amend and extend

extend the provisions of an Act, intituled "An Act to incorporate the Saint Andrews and Quebec Rail Road Company."

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill in addition to and in amendment of an Act, intituled "An Act relating to the Great Roads of Communication through this Province."

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

ORDERED, That the Report be received; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration Resolutions of Appropriation sent up from the Assembly.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the eighth day of March, and recommended that the House should concur in the same, and asked leave to sit again.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

Whereupon the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the eighth day of March, were concurred in by the House.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the eighth day of March.

The Honorable Mr. Shore, by leave, presented a Petition from Charles Rainsford, praying for a sum of money to enable him to purchase a lot of Land, in consideration of services performed.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Vail, with Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the eleventh day of March, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolutions were read a first time.

ORDERED, That they be referred to the Committee of the whole House upon Resolutions of Appropriation.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Woodward, with a Bill for the regulation of Benefit Building Societies; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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The Honorable Mr. Botsford, from the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon all Bills relating to Corporations, presented a further Report.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

The Committee to whom were referred all Bills relating to Corporations, beg leave to report, that they had under their consideration “A Bill to incorporate the King’s County Mutual Insurance Company;” also, “A Bill to incorporate the Saint Andrews Benefit Society;” which they recommend to the adoption of the House without amendment. They have examined “A Bill to incorporate the Saint John Omnibus and Transit Company;” also, “A Bill to incorporate the Saint John Phoenix Fire Insurance Company;” and have prepared certain amendments to the said Bills, which they recommend to the favourable consideration of the House.

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. BOTSFORD, *Chairman.*

Committee Room, 11th March, 1847.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bills, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon, into consideration.

The House adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House resumed.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor came to the Council Chamber, and being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Honorable the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know—“It is His Excellency’s pleasure they attend him immediately in this House.”

The House attended accordingly.

His Excellency then gave his assent to the following Bills, intituled—

An Act to re-establish the Easter Term of Her Majesty’s Supreme Court of Judicature in this Province:

An Act to authorize a Special Term of the Court of Governor and Council for the determination of all suits and controversies touching and concerning Marriage and Divorce:

An Act to prevent the free Navigation of the Internal Waters of the Province from being impeded by any Railway Works:

An Act to suspend the operation of the sixth and seventh Sections of “An Act for the further regulation of Fisheries, and for preventing their decay,” in certain cases:

An Act to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled “An Act for the appointment of Firewards in the Parish of Woodstock,” to the Bend of Petitcodiac, in the County of Westmorland:

An Act to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled “An Act to repeal the Laws now in force for appointing Firewards and the better extinguishing of Fires, so far as the same relate to the Towns of Newcastle and Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, and to make regulations more suitable for the said Towns, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” to the Town of Douglstown, in the said County:

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An Act relating to certain Public Lands in Fredericton :

An Act to provide for the establishment of a Grammar School in the County of Albert :

An Act to continue an Act, intituled " An Act to repeal an Act, intituled ' An Act relating to the Market in Fredericton, ' and to make other provisions relating thereto :"

An Act to repeal several Acts now in force relating to laying a Tax on Dogs in certain Counties in this Province :

An Act to provide for the expenses of the Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly, when attending the General Assembly :

An Act to establish the Road leading from the lower Landing at the Grand Falls, known as the new Portage Road, in the County of Carleton, to the American Boundary, (to include the Ferry Landing,) as one of the Great Roads of Communication in this Province :

An Act to establish the Road leading from [Shediac to the Nova Scotia Line, via Shemogue, Bay de Verte, and Jolicure,] as one of the Great Roads of the Province :

An Act to establish the Line of Road leading from Pickard's Store, in the Parish of Andover, in the County of Carleton, to the American Boundary, one of the Great Roads of Communication in the Province :

An Act in addition to and in amendment of an Act, intituled " An Act to provide for the repair of the Streets and Highways in part of the Parish of Woodstock :"

An Act to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County of York to levy an assessment to pay off the County Debt :

An Act to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of York to levy an assessment to pay off the Debt due on the new Gaol recently erected in the said County :

An Act to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of York to levy an assessment for the payment of the Officers of the said County :

An Act to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County of Gloucester to make provision for the payment of the County Contingencies :

An Act to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Kent to assess the inhabitants of the said County for the Contingent Expenses thereof :

An Act to amend and extend the provisions of an Act, intituled " An Act to incorporate the New Brunswick Railway Company :"

An Act to incorporate the Miramichi Mechanics' Institute :

An Act to incorporate the Charlotte County Agricultural Society :

An Act to incorporate the Woodstock Steam Boat Company : and

An Act to incorporate the Fredericton Hotel Company.

The House of Assembly thereupon withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 11 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 13th March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin.*

*Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Crane,*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act relating to Bills of Exchange," was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Title be—

An Act relating to Bills of Exchange.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do carry the said Bill down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, and desire the concurrence of the Assembly thereto.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill relating to the Flats below Fredericton, as amended, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill, with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill for the regulation of Benefit Building Societies, was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon all Bills relating to Corporations.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into further consideration the Bill to encourage the raising and dressing of Hemp.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill in addition to and further to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled "An Act to encourage the establishment of Banks for Savings in the Province."

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to incorporate the Saint John Phoenix Fire Insurance Company, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, they had made an amendment thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

From A in Section I. expunge the remainder of the Section, and insert the words “have all the general powers and privileges made incident to a Corporation by Act of Assembly in this Province, for the purpose of insuring against loss or damage by fire.”

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That it be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to incorporate the Saint John Omnibus and Transit Company, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, they had made an amendment thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

From A in Section I. expunge the remainder of the Section, and insert the words “all the general powers and privileges made incident to a Corporation by Act of Assembly in this Province, for the purpose of establishing lines of Omnibuses and other conveyances in and about the City of Saint John and its vicinity, and keeping up and managing the same.”

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That it be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to incorporate the King's County Mutual Insurance Company, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to incorporate the Saint Andrews Benefit Society, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

Adjourned until Monday next at 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, 15th March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Saunders,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Minchin.*

*Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Crane,*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills, as amended, were severally read a third time and passed:—

A Bill to incorporate the Saint John Omnibus and Transit Company: and
A Bill to incorporate the Saint John Phoenix Fire Insurance Company.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to these Bills, with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a third time and passed:—

A Bill to incorporate the Saint Andrews Benefit Society:
A Bill to encourage the raising and dressing of Hemp:
A Bill in addition to and further to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled "An Act to encourage the establishment of Banks for Savings in the Province:" and
A Bill to incorporate the King's County Mutual Insurance Company.

ORDERED

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to these Bills without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Taylor, with Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the thirteenth day of March; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolutions were read a first time.

ORDERED, That they be referred to the Committee of the whole House upon Resolutions of Appropriation.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. R. D. Wilmot, that the Assembly had agreed to the amendments made by this House to the Bill to continue the several Acts to provide for the greater safety of Passengers on board Steam Boats.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Fisher, with the following Bills, to which they desire the concurrence of this House :—

A Bill to incorporate the York and Carleton Mining Company : and

A Bill to simplify the proceedings in the Court of Chancery in certain cases.

The said Bills were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bills be severally read a second time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration Resolutions of Appropriation sent up from the Assembly.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the fourth and eleventh days of March, and recommended that the House should concur in the same, with certain exceptions, which the Committee recommend should not be concurred in, and asked leave to sit again.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

Whereupon the said Resolutions of Appropriation were concurred in by the House, with the exception of the following Grants :—

To Reuben Lyon, one of the old American Loyalists, the sum of ten pounds to assist him in his present destitute circumstances :

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, the sum of twenty five pounds towards remunerating the Reverend Joseph M. Paquett, Roman Catholic Missionary, of Richibucto, for spiritual instruction afforded to the Indians in the County of Kent :

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, the sum of twenty five pounds to remunerate the Reverend John Sweeny, Roman Catholic Missionary, of Chatham, Miramichi, for spiritual aid and assistance rendered to that portion of the Micmac Indians residing at Burnt Church and Tabusintac, in the County of Northumberland, for the year 1846 :

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, the sum of twenty five pounds to remunerate the Reverend Michael

Egan, Roman Catholic Missionary, of Nelson, Miramichi, for spiritual aid and assistance rendered to that portion of the Micmac Indians residing on the South West and North West Branches of the River Miramichi, for the year 1846 :

To William E. Perley, of Blissville, in the County of Sunbury, the sum of eight pounds to reimburse him for expenses incurred in the survey of two Lots of Land, under the order of the Surveyor General, the sale of such Land being stayed by order of the Government :

To James Ketchum and Alexander Goodfellow, Esquires, Commissioners for building a Bridge over the River Arestook, the sum of one hundred and seventy pounds five shillings and six pence to reimburse a balance due on their expenditure :

To James Vernon, of Saint John, the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds eight shillings and eight pence to compensate him for certain damages by him sustained on account of the title of the Crown to sustain Lands granted to him having proved defective ; agreeably to the Report of the Select Committee :

To Neil Henderson, of Shediac, the sum of two pounds to reimburse him for Duties paid on a Horse brought with him from Prince Edward Island :

To the Reverend Donald M'Phail, of Buctouche, in the County of Kent, the sum of two pounds to reimburse him for Duties on a Horse brought from Prince Edward Island :

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, the sum of five hundred pounds to be applied towards the erection of a Breakwater at Dipper Harbour, in the Bay of Fundy ; the same to be applied and expended, if, after a proper survey, it be certified to His Excellency that such erection will be attended with beneficial results to the Trade ; the same to be taken from the Light House Fund :

To the Right Reverend William Dollard, Roman Catholic Bishop in New Brunswick, the sum of nineteen pounds three shillings and six pence to refund Duties paid on articles imported for the use of poor and destitute Churches in this Province :

To the Reverend Matthew Smith the sum of two pounds to reimburse him for Duties paid on a Horse imported from Prince Edward Island.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to the said Resolutions of Appropriation, with the exceptions before recited.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented a Petition from the Commissioners of the Alms House, Work House and Infirmary of the City and County of Saint John, praying a grant of money for the purpose of erecting an Emigrant Hospital in the vicinity of Saint John.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford, by leave, presented a Petition from Elizabeth Willis, of Chatham, praying an allowance for teaching a School eight months.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

TUESDAY

TUESDAY, 16th March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Saunders,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Minchin.*

*Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Crane,*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a second time:—

A Bill to incorporate the York and Carleton Mining Company: and
A Bill to simplify the proceedings in the Court of Chancery in certain cases.

ORDERED, That the Bill to incorporate the York and Carleton Mining Company be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon all Bills relating to Corporations; and

That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take into consideration the Bill to simplify the proceedings in the Court of Chancery in certain cases.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council, by direction of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, lays before the House the following Document, furnished in pursuance of the Address of this House of the second day of March instant:—

(Copy)

Saint John, 8th March, 1847.

SIR,—In reply to your Letter of the third instant, I beg leave to state that

1. *Light House,*
2. *Marine Hospital,* Dues, are imposed by Acts of the Province, are levied, and collected at the Treasury from Vessels on their arrival in Port, and the proceeds disbursed by the Legislature.
3. *Pilotage*—Is regulated by Corporation Act or Ordinance, (as per copy of the City Laws herewith, page 23,) and the Fees, being for the work performed by the parties, are by them kept.
4. *Harbour Master's Fees*—Regulated by a City Ordinance, (herewith, page 70,) and the Fees, like Pilotage, are retained as compensation for the work.
The Fees of this Office have for some time been under consideration by the Common Council, and will probably be reduced at and after 21st proximo.
5. *Port Wardens' Fees*—Regulated by a City Ordinance, (herewith, page 29,) and are, like the Pilot and Harbour Master's Fees, retained by the parties as compensation for their labor.
6. *Health Officers' Fees*—Regulated by an Act of the Province, and like Pilotage, Harbour Master's, and Port Wardens' Fees, are retained by the Medical men doing the duties.
7. *Wharfage Fees*—Regulated by an Act of the Province, and with Dockage, provided for by an Ordinance of the City, (herewith, page 9,) making the rates collected alike, and to be the same at the public as at the private Wharves. With the amount of Wharfage collected at private Wharves, the City cannot in any way interfere: authority to collect Wharfage and Dockage from Craft at the public

public Piers, &c. for the years from 1st April 1845, to 1st April 1847, were by the City sold to a Collector, at Public Auction, for the following sums, viz:—

	To 1846.	To 1847.
Market Wharf,	£432 0 0	£525 0 0
Main Street,	13 0 0	13 10 0
Union Street,	10 10 0	18 0 0
Breakwater,	247 0 0	250 0 0
Rodney Wharf,	240 0 0	105 0 0
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	£942 10 0	£911 10 0
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The amounts are paid to the Chamberlain in quarterly sums by the purchasers, and by him credited to the City. It may be proper to remark that Wharfage cannot strictly be called a Harbour due, no Vessel being called upon for any such charge, unless her master or owner may consider it for his advantage to resort to, and use the facilities afforded by unloading at a Wharf.

8. *Anchorage Fees*—Collected under an Ordinance of the City, (as per copy herewith, page 38). Authority to collect the Anchorage in this City Harbour was sold at auction for the years 1st April 1845, to 1st April 1847, for the following sums, viz:—to 1st April 1846, £388: to first April 1847, £480;—and like the proceeds of Wharfage, were paid to the City Chamberlain, and by him passed to the credit of the Corporation.

It thus appears that Nos. 1 and 2 are collected under a Province Law, and are disbursed by the Legislature: that Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 are yielded to the Officers performing the duties attached to the situations, and in no instance to the City: that Nos. 7 and 8 are collected by parties purchasing the liberty to collect the regulated Fees; and the proceeds, as established by auction sale, paid to the City for the general good. The very long period which has expired since many of the Wharves and Piers were erected, and the loss of many of the public documents by fire, must forever preclude any one from stating their cost, and the vast sums laid out during so many years upon them; and consequently the interest paid every half year upon the Bonds given for the funds employed in building such fabrics, cannot be exactly known. Wharf property has not, for many years, as is well known to this public, paid anything like a fair remuneration for the costs; and public Wharves form no exception to this fact: so that it is little probable that the interest for the funds borrowed to erect them, and their yearly repairs, do not fully equal the sums received from the Wharfage and Anchorage funds.

To you, Sir, it must be well known, that the Charter of the City not only constitutes the Common Council the conservators of the Harbour, but authorizes them "*To have, receive and take reasonable Anchorage, Wharfage and Dockage for the same, without any account thereof to be rendered to us, our heirs or successors;*" although, could the account be rendered, I am certain the Common Council would have pleasure in doing so.

To that Body, at its first meeting, your communications, and copy of this letter, will be presented, as I suppose you would wish this done, though I am not directed so to do.

A ship owned here, (the Avon) of 1013 tons, paid on last voyage at Liverpool, £157 13 3 Currency of Harbour Dues; while here her bill was—

Light and Hospital Dues,	...	...	...	...	£16 17 8
Anchorage,	...	...	...	...	1 8 9
Harbour Master,	...	...	...	...	0 15 0
Pilotage in and out,	...	...	...	...	11 11 3

£30 12 8 Currency,

with also £31 7 6 for Wharfage, she having resorted to a Wharf (private) to unload and load.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

L. DONALDSON.

Hon. J. S. Saunders, Provincial Secretary.

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The Honorable Mr. Johnston, also by direction of His Excellency, lays before the House—

A Return of the state of the Central Fire Insurance Company on the second day of March, 1847.

ORDERED, That it lie on the Table.

On motion—

The Bill, intituled “An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Registry of Deeds and other Instruments,” was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Title be—

An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Registry of Deeds and other Instruments.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do carry the said Bill down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, and desire the concurrence of the Assembly thereto.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration Resolutions of Appropriation sent up from the Assembly.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the tenth and thirteenth days of March, and recommended that the House should concur in the same, with certain exceptions, which the Committee recommend should not be concurred in, and asked leave to sit again.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

Whereupon the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the tenth and thirteenth days of March, were concurred in, with the exception of the Grants—

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, the sum of twenty five pounds towards remunerating a Missionary stationed at Woodstock to give spiritual aid and attendance to the Tobique and other Indians in that neighbourhood:

To Joseph Gaynor, Robert Chestnut, and Thomas Pickard, Trustees of the Wesleyan Chapel in Fredericton, the sum of twelve pounds seventeen shillings and seven pence, being Return Duties paid on an Organ and Bell imported for the use of the said Chapel:

To the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of Saint George, the sum of five pounds to reimburse them the amount of Duty paid on a Bell imported from Boston in 1841 for the use of the Parish Church.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have concurred in the said Resolutions of Appropriation, with the exceptions before entered.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 17th March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin.*

*Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Crane,*

PRAYERS.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Ritchie, with the following Bills, to which they desire the concurrence of this House:—

A Bill to provide for the incorporation of certain Presbyterian Churches in this Province: and

A Bill to incorporate the Fredericton Gas Light Company.

The said Bills were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards these Bills, and that they be severally read a second time.

The said Bills were severally read a second time.

ORDERED, That they be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon all Bills relating to Corporations.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Woodward, with a Bill to incorporate the Portland and Lancaster Steam Ferry Company; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards this Bill, and that the same be read a second time.

The said Bill was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon all Bills relating to Corporations.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Carman, with a Bill to extend the provisions of the Acts to provide for the more efficient Inspection of Flour and Meal to the County of Northumberland; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to simplify the proceedings in the Court of Chancery in certain cases.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, they had made certain amendments thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

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

At A in Section I. expunge the word "several."

At B expunge the word "Acts," and insert the word "Act."

At C expunge the word "require," and insert the word "requires."

At D expunge the words "for three months."

At E expunge the remainder of the Section.

At F in the Preamble, expunge the words "forty eighth year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled 'An Act for making process in Courts of Equity effectual against persons who reside out of this Province and cannot be served therewith,' and also by the first section of an Act made and passed in the."

At G expunge the word "George," and insert the word "William."

At H expunge the word "that," and insert the word "the."

At I expunge the word "person," and insert the word "persons."

At K insert the words "not less than."

At L expunge the words "for the space of three months."

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That they be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration the Bill to continue an Act to amend the Act to regulate Sales by Public Auction.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

ORDERED, That the Report be received; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 1 o'clock.

THURSDAY, 18th March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Chandler,*

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Robertson,*

Mr.

Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Crane,

Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Minchin.

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to simplify the proceedings in the Court of Chancery in certain cases, as amended, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill, with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to extend the provisions of the Acts to provide for the more efficient Inspection of Flour and Meal to the County of Northumberland, was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bill into consideration.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Taylor, that the Assembly had agreed to the amendment made by this House to the Bill to incorporate the Saint John Omnibus and Transit Company; and with

A Bill to continue an Act, intituled "An Act to continue and amend the Act, intituled 'An Act imposing Duties for raising a Revenue;'" and with

Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the seventeenth day of March; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill and Resolutions were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards the said Bill, and that the same be read a second time.

The said Bill was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow to take the said Bill into consideration; and

That the said Resolutions of Appropriation be referred to the Committee of the whole House upon Resolutions of Appropriation.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Connell, with a Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace in their respective Counties, upon the presentment of the Grand Juries, to run out the Parish Lines, and provide for the expense thereof; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Brown, that the Assembly had concurred in the amendment made by this House to the Bill to incorporate the Saint John Phoenix Fire Insurance Company; and with the following Bills, to which they desire the concurrence of this House:—

A Bill to remunerate certain persons for sums of money forfeited in the purchase of Crown Lands: and

A Bill to amend an Act, intituled "An Act to repeal all the Laws now in force for appointing

appointing Firewards and for the better extinguishing of Fires in the Town of Saint Andrews, and to make regulations more suitable to the said Town, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

The said Bills were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bills be severally read a second time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler, from the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon all Bills relating to Corporations, presented a further Report.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

The Committee to whom were referred all Bills relating to Corporations, beg leave to report, that they have had under consideration "A Bill to incorporate the York and Carleton Mining Company;" also, "A Bill for the regulation of Benefit Building Societies;" which they recommend to the adoption of the House.

Respectfully submitted.

E. B. CHANDLER.

Committee Room, 18th March, 1847.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow to take into consideration the Bill to incorporate the York and Carleton Mining Company, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon; and

That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, and that the House be put into a Committee of the whole presently, to take into consideration the Bill for the regulation of Benefit Building Societies.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Steves, that the Assembly had agreed to the amendments made by this House to the Bill for erecting the Parish of Harvey, in the County of Albert, into three separate Parishes.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 19th March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Saunders,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Crane,*

*Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Minchin.*

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PRAYERS

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Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a second time :—

A Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace in their respective Counties, upon the presentment of the Grand Juries, to run out the Parish Lines, and provide for the expense thereof :

A Bill to remunerate certain persons for sums of money forfeited in the purchase of Crown Lands : and

A Bill to amend an Act, intituled “ An Act to repeal all the Laws now in force for appointing Firewards and for the better extinguishing of Fires in the Town of Saint Andrews, and to make regulations more suitable to the said Town, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bills severally into consideration.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to continue an Act, intituled “ An Act to continue and amend the Act, intituled ‘ An Act imposing Duties for raising a Revenue.’ ”

The Honorable Mr. Saunders took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler, from the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon all Bills relating to Corporations, presented a further Report.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

The Committee to whom were referred all Bills relating to Corporations, beg leave to report, that they have had under consideration “ A Bill to incorporate the Fredericton Gas Light Company ;” also, “ A Bill to incorporate the Portland and Lancaster Steam Ferry Company ;” and, “ A Bill to provide for the incorporation of certain Presbyterian Churches in this Province ;” which they recommend to the adoption of the House.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. B. CHANDLER.

Committee Room, 19th March, 1847.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bills, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon, severally into consideration.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to incorporate the York and Carleton Mining Company, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, they had made certain amendments thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

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

At A in Section IV. expunge the remainder of the Section, and insert the following :—“in the first instance be responsible for the debts and engagements of the said Company; and that no creditors, or person or persons having any demand against the said Company, for or on account of any dealings with the said Company, shall have recourse against the separate property of any shareholder on account thereof, except in case of deficiency or where the Joint Stock of the said Company shall fall short of or not be equal to the payment of any debt, due or demand against the same; that then and in such case the goods and chattels, lands and tenements, of each shareholder shall and may be levied upon and seized respectively to satisfy such debt or demand, to the extent of double the amount of the share or shares, or interest of such shareholder in the Joint Stock of the said Company, but no more; and that such double amount, or so much as may be necessary to satisfy such debt, due or demand, shall and may be levied and seized by process of execution, in the same suit in which such debt, due or demand may be recovered against the said Company.”

At B in Section VII. insert the words “and also in the Royal Gazette.”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That they be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. R. D. Wilmot, that the Assembly had agreed to the Bill sent down by this House, intituled “An Act in addition to and in amendment of an Act relating to Circuit Courts in this Province, and to provide for the travelling expenses of the Judges holding such Courts,” with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendment sent up from the Assembly.

The same was then read as follows :—

At A in the Title, dele the remainder thereof, and insert “relating to Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery in this Province.”

The same being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House thereof.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration Resolutions of Appropriation sent up from the Assembly.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the seventeenth day of March, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 20th March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Minchin.*

*Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Crane,*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to incorporate the York and Carleton Mining Company, as amended, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill, with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

The Honorable Mr. Shore, by leave, presented a Petition from Eloise Akerley, a licenced Teacher in the Parish of Fredericton, for remuneration for past services in that capacity.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until Monday next at 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, 22d March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Saunders,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Minchin,*

*Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Peters.*

PRAYERS

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler presented to the House a Bill, intituled "An Act for the further amendment of the Law, and better advancement of Justice."

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration Resolutions of Appropriation sent up from the Assembly.

The Honorable Mr. Saunders took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the seventeenth day of March, and recommended that the House should concur in the same, with certain exceptions, which the Committee recommend should not be concurred in, and asked leave to sit again.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

Whereupon the said Resolutions of Appropriation were concurred in by the House, with the exception of the following Grants:—

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, the sum of two hundred pounds to be applied in placing Buoys on the Reefs at the entrance of the Harbour of Saint John; the same to be taken from the Light House Fund:

To the Honorable Charles Simonds the sum of one hundred pounds for the benefit of the contemplated Portland and Lancaster Steam Ferry Company, to be applied towards erecting Ferry Landings for public accommodation at Indian Town, in Portland, and on the opposite side, in the Parish of Lancaster:

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, the sum of one thousand pounds, in aid of individual subscription, towards establishing a Sailors' Home in the City of Saint John; the same to be taken from the Marine Hospital Fund; it appearing that upwards of two thousand pounds have already been subscribed at Saint John towards this humane and benevolent object.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to the said Resolutions of Appropriation, with the exceptions before recited.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Vail, that the Assembly had agreed to the Bill, intituled "An Act relating to Lands reserved for Schools or Educational purposes," with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said amendments being read a first and second times,

ORDERED, That the said amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to continue an Act, intituled "An Act to continue and amend the Act, intituled 'An Act imposing Duties for raising a Revenue.'"

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

ORDERED, That the Report be received ; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. End, that the Assembly had agreed to the Bill, intituled " An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Registry of Deeds and other Instruments," with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said amendments being read a first and second times,

ORDERED, That the said amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was delivered by the Honorable Mr. Johnston, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council.

The Honorable the President read the same ; and it was again read by the Clerk, as follows :—

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Message to the Legislative Council,

20th March, 1847.

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE, LT. GOVERNOR.

The Lieutenant Governor communicates to the Council, the copy of a Letter which he has this day received from the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, with an Act which has been passed by the Legislature of that Province, in relation to the Trade between the British North American Possessions ; and he earnestly recommends to the House, that the utmost facilities should be given to the Inter-Colonial Trade, by the removal of existing restrictions.

The Lieutenant Governor also encloses a copy of the Resolutions of the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia of the twelfth instant, alluded to in this Communication.

W. M. G. C.

(Copy)

Government House, Halifax, 17th March, 1847.

SIR,—I hasten to transmit to Your Excellency a copy of an Act to which I have this day given my assent, relating to the Trade between the British North American Possessions, and to express my hope that the Legislature of New Brunswick will concur with us in the opinion, that the freest Commercial intercourse between the several Colonies would be attended with common benefit, and will consequently lose no time in providing by law for the removal of all restrictions on Inter-Colonial Trade in this part of Her Majesty's Dominions.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. HARVEY.

P. S.—In connection with the subject of this Despatch, I have also the honor to enclose three printed copies of some Resolutions of the House of Asserably passed on the 12th instant.

His Excellency Sir Wm. M. G. Colebrooke, Lieut. Governor.

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On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to provide for the incorporation of certain Presbyterian Churches in this Province, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Fisher, that the Assembly had agreed to the amendments made by this House to the Bill to simplify the proceedings in the Court of Chancery in certain cases.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Rankin, with a Bill relating to Banks for Savings; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration the Bill for the regulation of Benefit Building Societies, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. R. D. Wilmot, with a Bill further to continue and amend an Act, intituled "An Act imposing Duties for raising a Revenue;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards this Bill, and that the same be read a second time.

The said Bill was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bill into consideration.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 11 o'clock.

TUESDAY

TUESDAY, 23d March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Peters.*

*Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Minchin,*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill for the regulation of Benefit Building Societies, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a second time:—

A Bill, intituled “An Act for the further amendment of the Law, and better advancement of Justice:” and

A Bill relating to Banks for Savings.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bills severally into consideration.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill further to continue and amend an Act, intituled “An Act imposing Duties for raising a Revenue.”

The Honorable Mr. Robertson took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill without any amendment.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to amend an Act, intituled “An Act to repeal all the Laws now in force for appointing Firewards and for the better extinguishing of Fires in the Town of Saint Andrews, and to make regulations more suitable to the said Town, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

The Honorable Mr. Robertson took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to incorporate the Portland and Lancaster Steam Ferry Company, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Robertson took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Woodward, with the following Bills, to which they desire the concurrence of this House :—

A Bill relating to Inter-Colonial Trade : and

A Bill to alter and amend the Act to regulate Sales by Public Auction.

The said Bills were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards these Bills, and that the said Bills be severally read a second time.

The said Bills were severally read a second time.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take into consideration the Bill relating to Inter-Colonial Trade.

ORDERED, That the twenty third Rule of this House be again dispensed with, as regards the Bill to alter and amend the Act to regulate Sales by Public Auction, and that the House be put into a Committee of the whole presently, to take the same into consideration.

The Honorable Mr. Robertson took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time.

The said Bill was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill without any amendment.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace in their respective Counties, upon the presentment of the Grand Juries, to run out the Parish Lines, and provide for the expense thereof.

The Honorable Mr. Robertson took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, they had made certain amendments thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

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

At A in Section I. expunge the words “upon the presentment of the respective Grand Juries.”

At B expunge the Section.

At C in the Title, expunge the words “upon the presentment of the Grand Juries.”

At D expunge the word “the.”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That they be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to extend the provisions of the Acts to provide for the more efficient Inspection of Flour and Meal to the County of Northumberland.

The Honorable Mr. Robertson took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

ORDERED, That the Report be received; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Miles, with Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the twenty second day of March; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolutions were read a first time.

ORDERED, That they be referred to the Committee of the whole House upon Resolutions of Appropriation.

The House adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House resumed.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor came to the Council Chamber, and being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Honorable the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know—“It is His Excellency’s pleasure they attend him immediately in this House.”

The House attended accordingly.

His Excellency then gave his assent to the following Bills, intituled—

An Act further to continue and amend an Act, intituled “An Act imposing Duties for raising a Revenue:”

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An Act to facilitate the making of a Rail Road from Saint Andrews, in the County of Charlotte, to Woodstock, in the County of Carleton, and Branches thereof, (*with a suspending clause*) :

An Act further to amend and extend the provisions of an Act, intituled "An Act to incorporate the Saint Andrews and Quebec Rail Road Company :"

An Act to incorporate the Saint Andrews Benefit Society:

An Act in addition to and further to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled "An Act to encourage the establishment of Banks for Savings in the Province :"

An Act further to continue an Act, intituled "An Act to provide for the support of a Nightly Watch in, and for lighting the City of Saint John, and for other purposes :"

An Act to continue and amend the several Acts to provide for the greater safety of Passengers on board Steam Boats :

An Act to encourage the raising and dressing of Hemp :

An Act to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Carleton to assess the said County for the erection of a Lock-up House at the Grand Falls, in the said County :

An Act to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County of Westmorland to make provision for the payment of the County Contingencies :

An Act to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte to levy an assessment to pay off the County Debt :

An Act to authorize an annual assessment on the City and County of Saint John for the payment of County Contingencies : and

An Act to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the County of Albert to make provision for the payment of the County Contingencies.

The House of Assembly thereupon withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 24th March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinneer,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Peters.*

*Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Minchin,*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace in their respective Counties, upon the presentment of the Grand Juries, to run out the Parish Lines, and provide for the expense thereof, as amended, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill, with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to amend an Act, intituled "An Act to repeal all the Laws now in force for appointing Firewards and for the better extinguishing of Fires in the Town of Saint Andrews, and to make regulations more suitable to the said Town, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill relating to Inter-Colonial Trade.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

ORDERED, That the Report be received; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Fisher, that the Assembly had agreed to the Bill sent down from this House, intituled "An Act for the safe custody of Insane persons charged with offences, and for the confinement of Insane Prisoners:"

And that the Assembly had agreed to the amendments made by this House to the Bill relating to the Flats below Fredericton.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to incorporate the Fredericton Gas Light Company, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. John Earle, with Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the twenty third day of March; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolutions were read a first time.

ORDERED, That they be referred to the Committee of the whole House upon Resolutions of Appropriation.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole
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to take into further consideration the Bill to incorporate the Portland and Lancaster Steam Ferry Company, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into further consideration of the said Bill, they had made further progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration Resolutions of Appropriation sent up from the Assembly.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the twenty second and twenty third days of March, and recommended that the House should concur in the same, and asked leave to sit again.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

Whereupon the said Resolutions of Appropriation were concurred in by the House.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to the said Resolutions.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

THURSDAY, 25th March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

Mr. Shore,

Mr. Attorney General,

Mr. Robertson,

Mr. Hatch,

Mr. Owen,

Mr. Minchin,

Mr. Robinson,

Mr. Chandler,

Mr. Wyer,

Mr. Kinnear,

Mr. Crane,

Mr. Peters.

PRAYERS.

On motion—

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Assembly to the Bill, intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Registry of Deeds and other Instruments."

The same were read a third time by the Clerk, as follows:—

At A in the third Section, add the words "and a copy of such Recognizance, certified by such Justice shall also be filed with the Clerk of the Peace for the County where such Register of Deeds resides, to remain with the Records of the Session for the said County."

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At B in the fourth Section, insert the words "and Indices."

At C in the same Section, insert the words "and such Indices to contain the names of the Grantees, the names of the Grantors and Grantees arranged in alphabetical order."

At D in the same Section, insert the words "or in case of the necessary absence or illness of the said Register, a sworn Deputy, to be approved of by the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being."

At E in Section nine, insert the words "being of the full age of twenty one years."

At F in the tenth Section, insert the words "and hour."

At G in Section twenty eight, add the following:—"Provided always, that no Register shall be obliged to receive any conveyance or instrument for the purpose of being registered by him, unless the fees, if demanded, for registering the same, be first paid."

At H at the close of the Bill, add the following:—

SCHEDULE.

TABLE OF FEES.

Register of Deeds.

Every Search, Certificate, Registry of Memorial of Judgment, or entry of satisfaction of Judgment, each	£0	1	0
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And no further sum to be charged for searches made the same day relating to one Title than five shillings, and the party searching shall only pay for looking at Deeds or Instruments relating to the Title in question.

Taking acknowledgment, (or proof, as the case may be,) and Certificate thereof endorsed,	6	3	0
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And when a Feme Covert acknowledges at the same time with her husband, or several persons acknowledge or prove at the same time, and are included in the same Certificate, then a further sum of 1s. for each person.

Preparing discharge of Mortgage on the margin of the Registry, and attesting the signature of Mortgagee, &c. thereto,	0	3	0
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Registry of every Conveyance or Instrument, and Certificate of acknowledgment, or proof thereof, and all copies from the Records, for every 100 words,	0	1	0
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Justice of the Peace or other authority.

Taking acknowledgment or proof, and Certificate thereof.—The same as provided for the Register.

Witness.

Attending any Court under Subpœna.—The same as allowed between party and party in such Court.

And the question of concurrence being put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House thereof. On

On motion—

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendment made by the Assembly to the Bill, intituled “An Act relating to Lands reserved for Schools or Educational purposes.”

The same was read a third time by the Clerk, as follows:—

At A in the first Section, add the words “Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall legalize or make good any Grant or Grants of Land situate in any County in this Province, which had been formerly reserved for the use of Schools, but have since been granted by private sale to or for the use of any Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of any Church erected or to be erected in the Province:”

And the question of concurrence being put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House thereof.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 26th March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Minchin,*

*Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Peters.*

PRAYERS.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. S. Earle, with a Bill for the regulation of the Navigation of small Rivers and Streams, and the building of Dams across the same, in this Province; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill, intituled “An Act for the further amendment of the Law, and better advancement of Justice.”

The Honorable Mr. Chandler took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

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A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was delivered by the Honorable the Attorney General, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council.

The Honorable the President read the same; and it was again read by the Clerk, as follows:—

NEW BRUNSWICK.

*Message to the Legislative Council,
26th March, 1847.*

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE, LT. GOVERNOR.

The Lieutenant Governor communicates to the Council the copy of a Circular Despatch which he has received from Earl Grey, on the subject of the establishment of Industrial Day and Normal Schools in the Colonies.

W. M. G. C.

[CIRCULAR.]

(Copy)

Downing Street, 8th February, 1847.

SIR,—I have lately had occasion to address a Despatch to the Governors and Lieutenant Governors of the West Indian Colonies on the subject of the establishment of Industrial Day and Normal Schools. This communication originated in the desire which I felt to promote, to the utmost of my means, the extension of Education among the Colored Races, being well convinced, that by such means, the welfare of the Labouring Population, and indeed of the whole community, would be largely increased. For this purpose I addressed a letter to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council on Education in November last, stating my views upon the subject, and their Lordships in consequence caused a statement to be prepared for my information, explaining the points which it was material to keep in view in establishing Industrial and other Schools. On perusing that statement, it has appeared to me that so many of the suggestions therein made are applicable to, and might be beneficial to all the communities in the British Colonies, that I have determined not to restrict the information thus submitted to me to those Colonies only where Slavery existed, but to communicate it to the whole of the British Colonies. In the hope then that the suggestions offered on this subject by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council on Education may be found susceptible of adoption, and prove of service in the Colony under your Government, I transmit to you several copies of their Paper, and beg that you will circulate them among the Members of the Legislature, the Bishop of the Diocese, and Ministers of the Gospel, and other influential persons to whom you may think it desirable to send them.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

GREY.

Lieutenant Governor Sir W. Colebrooke, &c. &c. &c.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Connell, with a Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Carleton to levy an assessment for the erection of a new Gaol and other County Buildings in the said County, and to pay off the County Debt and the contingent and other expenses of the said County; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. Kinnear, by leave, presented a Petition from the Justices of the Peace of the County of Carleton, praying a Bill to assess the County of Carleton, may be allowed to pass into a Law.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler, by leave, presented the following Petitions:—

A Petition from James B. Lyon, William Brundage, Elias S. Flaglor, and eighty other

other inhabitants of King's County, praying a Law may be allowed to pass, requiring all Mill Dams, erections on and across Streams and Rivers in the Province, to have a good and sufficient Log Sluice or Way therein for the passage of Logs, Lumber and Timber : and

A Petition from Thomas Morris, a licenced Schoolmaster, praying an allowance for teaching a School in the County of Carleton in the year 1842.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to incorporate the Fredericton Gas Light Company, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, they had made an amendment thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

At A at the end of the Bill, add a new Section, as follows :—

“XIX. And be it enacted, That the said Company do and shall in every Street or Road through which the said Pipes shall be laid, make and provide proper leaders and apparatus for supplying with Gas any public Lamps which may hereafter be set up in the several Streets; and shall provide such apparatus, and at such distances from each other, as the said Justices, in General Sessions, shall from time to time direct; provided that such Justices shall pay any additional expense that may be incurred by the said Company by the making of such leaders and apparatus for supplying Gas.”

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That it be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Partelow, with a Bill to alter and amend an Act, intituled “An Act to provide for the erection of an Alms House and Work House, and to establish a Public Infirmary in and for the City and County of Saint John;” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill relating to Banks for Savings.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Fisher, that the Assembly had agreed to the amendments made by this House to the Bill to incorporate the York and Carleton Mining Company.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration the Bill to incorporate the Portland and Lancaster Steam Ferry Company, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, they had made certain amendments thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

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

At A expunge Sections VI. and VII. and alter the numbers of the remaining Sections.

At B at the end of the Bill, add—“ but the said Ferry shall be subject to all the provisions of an Act made and passed in the second year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled ‘ An Act to establish and regulate a Ferry and Public Landing at Indian Town, in the County of Saint John,’ in the same manner and to the like extent as if the said Ferry had been established by the Justices of the Peace in the said recited Act mentioned.”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That they be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time to-morrow.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 27th March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Minchin,*

*Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Peters.*

PRAYERS

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act for the further amendment of the Law, and the better advancement of Justice," was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Title be—

An Act for the further amendment of the Law, and the better advancement of Justice.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do carry the said Bill down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, and desire the concurrence of the Assembly thereto.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills, as amended, were severally read a third time and passed :—

A Bill to incorporate the Fredericton Gas Light Company : and

A Bill to incorporate the Portland and Lancaster Steam Ferry Company.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to these Bills, with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill relating to Banks for Savings, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. Kinnear presented to the House the following Bills :—

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act repealing the Acts affording relief to persons unfortunate in business : " and

A Bill, intituled "An Act for the further regulation of the Court of Governor and Council in causes of Marriage and Divorce."

The said Bills were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bills be severally read a second time on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a second time :—

A Bill for the regulation of the Navigation of small Rivers and Streams, and the building of Dams across the same, in this Province : and

A Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Carleton to levy an assessment for the erection of a new Gaol and other County Buildings in the said County, and to pay off the County Debt and the contingent and other expenses of the said County.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole on Monday next, to take the said Bills severally into consideration.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to alter and amend an Act, intituled
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“An Act to provide for the erection of an Alms House and Work House, and to establish a Public Infirmary in and for the City and County of Saint John,” was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards this Bill, and that the House be put into a Committee of the whole presently, to take the said Bill into consideration.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Partelow, with the following Bills, to which they desire the concurrence of this House :—

A Bill to repeal the Duties imposed upon articles imported into this Province under the Act of the Imperial Parliament, intituled “An Act to regulate the Trade of the British Possessions abroad :”

A Bill to repeal the fifth Section of an Act, intituled “An Act to provide for sick and disabled Seamen, not being Paupers, belonging to the Province,” and to appropriate for a particular service a part of the surplus fund collected under that and other Acts : and

A Bill to appropriate a part of the Light House Fund for a particular service.

The said Bills were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards the first mentioned Bill, and that the said Bill be read a second time.

The said Bill was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole on Monday next, to take the said Bill into consideration.

ORDERED, That the last mentioned Bills be read a second time on Monday next.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to remunerate certain persons for sums of money forfeited in the purchase of Crown Lands.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again on Monday next.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Steves, with Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the twenty sixth day of March ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolutions were read a first time.

ORDERED; That they be referred to the Committee of the whole House upon Resolutions of Appropriation. On

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration Resolutions of Appropriation.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the twenty sixth day of March, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Saint John, praying the repeal of the second Section of an Act passed in the first year of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria's Reign, to establish a Public Infirmary in and for the City and County of Saint John : and

A Petition from Hannah Parrett, a licenced Teacher, praying the Provincial allowance for teaching a School in the Parish of Kingston, in King's County, for three months ending third June 1846.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until Monday next at 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, 29th March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Minchin,*

*Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Peters.*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to alter and amend an Act, intituled "An Act to provide for the erection of an Alms House and Work House, and to establish a Public Infirmary in and for the City and County of Saint John, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a second time :—

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act repealing the Acts affording relief to persons unfortunate in business :"

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A Bill, intituled "An Act for the further regulation of the Court of Governor and Council in causes of Marriage and Divorce :"

A Bill to repeal the fifth Section of an Act, intituled "An Act to provide for sick and disabled Seamen, not being Paupers, belonging to the Province," and to appropriate for a particular service a part of the surplus fund collected under that and other Acts : and

A Bill to appropriate a part of the Light House Fund for a particular service.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bills severally into consideration.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by the Honorable Mr. M'Leod, with a Bill to regulate the measurement of Firewood and Bark ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Woodward, with a Bill in relation to the Trade between the British North American Possessions ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards this Bill, and that the same be read a second time.

The said Bill was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bill into consideration.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to repeal the Duties imposed upon articles imported into this Province under the Act of the Imperial Parliament, intituled "An Act to regulate the Trade of the British Possessions abroad."

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill for the regulation of the Navigation of small Rivers and Streams, and the building of Dams across the same, in this Province.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration Resolutions of Appropriation sent up from the Assembly. The

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into further consideration of the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the twenty sixth day of March, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

The Honorable Mr. Kinnear, by leave, presented the following Petitions :—

A Petition from Donald M'Intosh, of Wakefield, in the County of Carleton, praying an allowance for teaching a School three months, ending first February, 1846: and

A Petition from Joseph Rideout and Samuel Hayden, Trustees of Schools in Parish of Brighton, County of Carleton, praying an allowance to John Palmer for teaching a School in 1842 and 1843.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 11 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 30th March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Peters.*

*Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Minchin,*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to repeal the Duties imposed upon articles imported into this Province under the Act of the Imperial Parliament, intituled "An Act to regulate the Trade of the British Possessions abroad," was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to regulate the measurement of Firewood and Bark, was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bill into consideration.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill, intituled "An Act for the further regulation of the Court of Governor and Council in causes of Marriage and Divorce."

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The Honorable Mr. Chandler took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act repealing the Acts affording relief to persons unfortunate in business."

The Honorable Mr. Chandler took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the Bill be engrossed and read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Barberie, with a Bill to amend an Act, intituled "An Act for the appointment of Town and Parish Officers in the several Counties in this Province;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to repeal the fifth Section of an Act, intituled "An Act to provide for sick and disabled Seamen, not being Paupers, belonging to the Province," and to appropriate for a particular service a part of the surplus fund collected under that and other Acts.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration the Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the Maduxnikik Boom Company, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, they had made an amendment thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

At A in Section VII. expunge the remainder of the Section.

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The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That it be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to appropriate a part of the Light House Fund for a particular service.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill in relation to the Trade between the British North American Possessions.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration Resolutions of Appropriation.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the twenty sixth day of March, and recommended that the House should concur in the same, with an exception, which the Committee recommended should not be concurred in, and asked leave to sit again.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

Whereupon the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the twenty sixth day of March, were concurred in, with the following exception:—

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, one hundred and fifty four pounds fifteen shillings and eleven pence to enable His Excellency to reimburse the Commissioners appointed for building the Bridge over the River Arestook, the balance over-expended by them;

Which was not concurred in.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the twenty sixth day of March, with the exception before recited.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Ritchie, with a Bill to incorporate the South Bay Boom Company; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards this Bill, and that the said Bill be read a second time.

The said Bill was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon all Bills relating to Corporations.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into further consideration the Bill for the regulation of the Navigation of small Rivers and Streams, and the building of Dams across the same, in this Province.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into further consideration of the said Bill, they had made further progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 31st March, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

Mr. Shore,

Mr. Attorney General,

Mr. Hatch,

Mr. Johnston,

Mr. Crane,

Mr. Peters.

Mr. Botsford,

Mr. Chandler,

Mr. Kinnear,

Mr. Owen,

Mr. Minchin,

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the Maduxnakik Boom Company, as amended, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill, with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act repealing the Acts affording relief to persons unfortunate in business," was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Title be—

An Act to amend the Act repealing the Acts affording relief to persons unfortunate in business.

ORDERED

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do carry the said Bill down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, and desire the concurrence of the Assembly thereto.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act for the further regulation of the Court of Governor and Council in causes of Marriage and Divorce," was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Title be—

An Act for the further regulation of the Court of Governor and Council in causes of Marriage and Divorce.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do carry the said Bill down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, and desire the concurrence of the Assembly thereto.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a third time and passed:—

A Bill to repeal the fifth Section of an Act, intituled "An Act to provide for sick and disabled Seamen, not being Paupers, belonging to the Province," and to appropriate for a particular service a part of the surplus fund collected under that and other Acts:

A Bill to appropriate a part of the Light House Fund for a particular service: and
A Bill in relation to the Trade between the British North American Possessions.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to these Bills without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to amend an Act, intituled "An Act for the appointment of Town or Parish Officers in the several Counties in this Province," was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bill into consideration.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Miles, with a Bill in amendment of an Act, intituled "An Act to extend the privilege of solemnizing Marriage to all Ministers or Teachers of the several Religious Congregations in this Province;"

And with Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the thirtieth day of March; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Bill and Resolutions of Appropriation were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow; and

That the Resolutions of Appropriation be referred to the Committee of the whole House upon Resolutions of Appropriation.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Partelow, that the Assembly had agreed to the amendments made by this House to the Bill to incorporate the Portland and Lancaster Steam Ferry Company; and with

A Bill to amend the Act to provide for the safe keeping of County Records; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Taylor, that the Assembly had concurred in the amendments made by this House to the Bill to incorporate the Frederickton Gas Light Company.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to regulate the measurement of Firewood and Bark. The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

ORDERED, That the Report be received; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Boyd, with the following Bills, to which they desire the concurrence of this House:—

A Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte to assess the inhabitants of Saint Andrews to pay expenses incurred in the support of Emigrant Poor in said Parish: and

A Bill to incorporate the Chignecto Railway Company.

The said Bills were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said first entered Bill be read a second time to-morrow; and

That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards the said second entered Bill, and that the same be read a second time.

The said Bill was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon all Bills relating to Corporations.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into further consideration the Bill for the regulation of the Navigation of small Rivers and Streams, and the building of Dams across the same, in this Province.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

ORDERED, That the Report be received; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration the Bill to remunerate certain persons for sums of money forfeited in the purchase of Crown Lands.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

Upon the question, that the Report be received, the House divided—

CONTENT.

Mr. Shore,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Minchin,
Mr. Peters.

NON-CONTENT.

Mr. Black,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Owen.

And so it passed in the affirmative ; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

THURSDAY, 1st April, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Peters.*

*Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Minchin.*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a second time :—

A Bill in amendment of an Act, intituled "An Act to extend the privilege of solemnizing Marriage to all Ministers or Teachers of the several Religious Congregations in this Province:"

A Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte to assess the inhabitants of Saint Andrews to pay expenses incurred in the support of Emigrant Poor in said Parish : and

A Bill to amend the Act to provide for the safe keeping of County Records.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole on Saturday next to take into consideration the two first mentioned Bills ; and

That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards the Bill to amend

amend the Act to provide for the safe keeping of County Records, and that the House be put into a Committee of the whole presently, to take the said Bill into consideration.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed until the next Session of the Legislature.

ORDERED, That the Report be received ; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed until the next Session of the Legislature.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration Resolutions of Appropriation sent up from the Assembly.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the thirtieth day of March, and recommended that the House should concur in the same, with certain exceptions, which the Committee recommended should not be concurred in, and asked leave to sit again.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

Whereupon the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the thirtieth day of March, were concurred in, with the following exceptions :—

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, the sum of one hundred pounds towards erecting Ferry Landings for the Public accommodation, at Indian Town, in Portland, and on the opposite side, in the Parish of Lancaster, in the County of Saint John ; the same not to be paid until the Act establishing the Portland and Lancaster Steam Ferry Company goes into operation, the Stock for the same subscribed, the Steamer contracted for, and in a good state of forwardness :

To the Reverend Andrew Barron, and the Managing Committee of the Roman Catholic School in Bathurst, the sum of thirty pounds to enable them to continue the efficiency of that School :

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, the sum of twenty five pounds, in aid of individual subscription, towards building a Public Wharf at Hampton Ferry ; the same not to be drawn from the Treasury until it shall be satisfactorily certified to His Excellency in Council, that a similar amount has been raised by subscription, and *bona fide* paid towards this object, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Navigation :

To William Grieves, Junior, of the Parish of Saint Mary, in the County of York, the sum of twenty pounds to enable him to complete a Public Wharf at the Ferry Landing, opposite Fredericton, on the Great Road to Miramichi :

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds, in aid of individual subscription, towards building a Breakwater at Bay de Verte, in the County of Westmorland ; the same not to be drawn from the Treasury until it shall be satisfactorily certified

certified to His Excellency in Council, that a similar amount has been raised by subscription, and *bona fide* paid towards this object, agreeably to the Report of the Navigation Committee :

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, the sum of five hundred pounds towards improving the Navigation of the River Saint John, above the Grand Falls :

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, the sum of fifty pounds, in aid of individual subscription, towards the erection of a Public Wharf at Currie's Landing, in the Parish of Canning, in Queens' County ; the same not to be drawn from the Treasury until it shall be satisfactorily certified to His Excellency in Council, that a similar amount has been subscribed, and *bona fide* paid towards this object, agreeably to the Report of the Navigation Committee :

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, the sum of two hundred pounds, in aid of individual subscription, towards building a Public Slip or Landing at Dalhousie, in the County of Restigouche ; the same not to be drawn from the Treasury until it shall be satisfactorily certified to His Excellency in Council, that a similar amount has been raised by subscription, and *bona fide* paid towards this object, agreeably to the Report of the Navigation Committee :

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, the sum of fifty pounds, in aid of individual subscription, towards enlarging the Public Wharf at Dixon's Landing, in the Parish of Sackville, in the County of Westmorland ; the same not to be drawn from the Treasury until it shall be satisfactorily certified to His Excellency in Council, that a similar sum has been raised by subscription, and *bona fide* paid towards this object, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Navigation :

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, the sum of one hundred pounds, in aid of individual subscription, towards erecting a Public Wharf at the Public Landing at the Creek Village (so called) within the Parish of Woodstock, in the County of Carleton ; the same not to be drawn from the Treasury until it shall be satisfactorily certified to His Excellency in Council, that a similar amount has been raised by subscription, and *bona fide* paid towards this object, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Navigation :

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, the sum of one thousand five hundred pounds towards improving the Navigation of the River Saint John, between Fredericton and the Grand Falls :

Which were not concurred in.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the thirtieth day of March, with the exceptions before recited.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. End, with a Bill to incorporate the British North American Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Association ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED

ORDERED, That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards this Bill, and that the said Bill be read a second time.

The said Bill was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon all Bills relating to Corporations.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Carleton to levy an assessment for the erection of a new Gaol and other County Buildings in the said County, and to pay off the County Debt and the contingent and other expenses of the said County.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time on Saturday next.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to amend an Act, intituled "An Act for the appointment of Town and Parish Officers in the several Counties in this Province."

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time on Saturday next.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford, from the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon all Bills relating to Corporations, presented a further Report.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

The Select Committee to whom were referred all Bills relating to Corporations, beg leave to report, that they have had under consideration "A Bill to incorporate the Chignecto Railway Company;" also, "A Bill to incorporate the South Bay Boom Company;" which they recommend to the adoption of the House without amendment.

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. BOTSFORD, *Chairman.*

Committee Room, 1st April, 1847.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole on Saturday next, to take the said Bills, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon, severally into consideration.

The Honorable Mr. Kinnear, by leave, presented a Petition from the Justices of the Peace for the City and County of Saint John, praying that consideration may be given

given to the facts stated therein, and the accompanying paper, respecting an application of Mr. George Matthew.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until Saturday next at 11 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 3d April, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Crane,*

*Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Owen,
Mr. Minchin.*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a third time and passed:—

A Bill to amend an Act, intituled “An Act for the appointment of Town and Parish Officers in the several Counties in this Province:” and

A Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Carleton to levy an assessment for the erection of a new Gaol and other County Buildings in the said County, and to pay off the County Debt and the contingent and other expenses of the said County.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to these Bills without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to incorporate the Chignecto Railway Company, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, they had made an amendment thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

At A in Section XXIX. expunge the word “twenty,” and insert the word “ten.”

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

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ORDERED

ORDERED, That it be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to incorporate the South Bay Boom Company, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte to assess the inhabitants of Saint Andrews to pay expenses incurred in the support of Emigrant Poor in said Parish.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration the Bill to provide for the incorporation of certain Presbyterian Churches in this Province, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into further consideration of the said Bill, they had made further progress therein, and asked leave to sit again on Monday next.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Read, with a Bill relating to the granting of Mill Reserves ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford, from the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon all Bills relating to Corporations, presented a further Report.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

The Committee to whom were referred all Bills relating to Corporations, beg leave to report, that they have had under their consideration "A Bill to incorporate the
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British North American Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Association," and recommend the same to the adoption of the House.

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. BOTSFORD, *Chairman.*

Committee Room, 3d April, 1847.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole on Monday next to take the said Bill, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon, into consideration.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to authorize the Trustees of Saint Stephen's Church, in the City of Saint John, to sell and dispose of certain Lands in the said City.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again on Monday next.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill in amendment of an Act, intituled "An Act to extend the privilege of solemnizing Marriage to all Ministers or Teachers of the several Religious Congregations in this Province."

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again on Monday next.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

The Honorable Mr. Hatch, by leave, presented a Petition from Philip Furlong, Henry Anthony, Senior, and fifty five others, Farmers of the Counties of Saint John and King's County, praying that a Law may pass to regulate and restrain the power exercised by the Corporation of the City of Saint John in making Bye Laws or Ordinances respecting the City Markets.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until Monday next at 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, 5th April, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

*Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Wyer,*

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hatch,*

Mr.

*Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Peters.*

*Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin,*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to incorporate the Chignecto Railway Company, as amended, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill, with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a third time and passed:—

A Bill to incorporate the South Bay Boom Company: and

A Bill to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte to assess the inhabitants of Saint Andrews to pay expenses incurred in the support of Emigrant Poor in said Parish.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to these Bills without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill relating to the granting of Mill Reserves, was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bill into consideration.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into further consideration the Bill to provide for the incorporation of certain Presbyterian Churches in this Province, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, they had made certain amendments thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

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

At A in Section I. expunge the words "first Presbyterian Church of the City of Saint John, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick," and insert the words "Saint John Presbyterian Church in the City of Saint John, in connection with the Presbyterian Church in New Brunswick, and not in connection with the Established Church of Scotland."

At B insert the words "provided always, that the amount of annual rents, profits and receipts of such lands, tenements, goods, chattels, and hereditaments, shall not exceed the sum of five hundred pounds."

At C in Section II. expunge the word "first," and insert the words "Saint John."

At

At D expunge the remainder of the Section.

At E in Section III. expunge the word "and," and insert the words "or male."

At F expunge the word "and," and insert the words "or male."

At G insert the words "nor less than five, being proprietors of Pews."

At H insert the word "male."

At I in Section IV. expunge the word "then."

At J insert the words "in person, or by their agent or proxy for that purpose appointed in writing."

At K expunge the words "and Code of Discipline as at present recognized and adopted by the Presbyterian Church in Scotland and Ireland," and insert the words "and second Book of Discipline as at present recognized and adopted by the Established Church of Scotland, or the Code of Discipline as at present used by the Presbyterian Church in Ireland."

At L in Section VI. expunge the word "first," and insert the words "Saint John."

At M in Section VII. expunge the words "or Committees of Management."

At N insert the words "Saint John."

At O expunge the word "of," and insert the word "in."

At P expunge the word "first," and insert the words "Saint John."

At Q expunge the word "of," and insert the word "in."

At R add the words "not in connection with the Established Church of Scotland : Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend to or affect, or be construed to extend to or affect any Church, lands or tenements already vested in or belonging to any Corporation in connection with the Established Church of Scotland."

At S in the Preamble, expunge the words "first free."

At T in the Title, add the words "not in connection with the Established Church of Scotland."

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That they be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into further consideration the Bill to authorize the Trustees of Saint Stephen's Church, in the City of Saint John, to sell and dispose of certain Lands in the said City.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, they had made certain amendments thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

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

At A in Section I. expunge the words "or any part or parts thereof," and insert the words "in such lots as the said Trustees may determine, at public auction, giving one calendar month's notice in two or more Newspapers published in the City of Saint John, of the day, hour and place of such sale."

At B insert the words "by and under their Corporate Seal."

At G in Section II. expunge the remainder of the Section, and insert as follows:—
"Shall be deposited by the said Trustees in some one of the Banks in the City of Saint John, on interest, to be applied in manner hereinafter mentioned."

At D. expunge the Section, and add as follows:—

"III. And be it enacted, That so soon as the said lots of land, with the Church and other buildings thereon situate, are disposed of, it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, on the application of the said Trustees, to appoint five Commissioners from among the proprietors of pews in the said Church at the time of such sale, and from time to time in case of death, removal from the City of Saint John, or refusal to act, to appoint another or others in the room and place of the Commissioner or Commissioners so dying, removing, or refusing to act, for the purpose of selecting and purchasing a site for a new Church, to be built by them from the surplus funds arising from the sale of the said lots of land and buildings hereinbefore described, and which funds shall be deposited in a Bank as aforesaid, and be drawn by them as required for the purpose; and the said Church, when completed, shall be in connection with the Church of Scotland as by Law established; and the said Commissioners shall be and are hereby authorized to set apart pews in the said Church to the several persons who shall be proprietors of pews in the said Saint Stephen's Church at the time of its sale, and who shall have paid up all arrears of rent and purchase money of said pews before the time of sale, to correspond as near as may be with the position and extent of such pews respectively, as in the judgment of the said Commissioners may be just and equitable; such pews to be held on the same terms and conditions as the pews formerly held by them respectively in the said Saint Stephen's Church; and it shall be the duty of the said Commissioners, or the major part of them, and they are hereby required to proceed with all reasonable diligence in the execution of the duties devolved upon them by their appointment under this Act.

"IV. And be it enacted, That in case any pewholder or pewholders in the said Saint Stephen's Church shall object to the sale of the said lots of land and buildings, such objection being made in writing at the time of sale, it shall and may be lawful for the Trustees for the time being to pay to such pewholder or pewholders such sum of money as he or they shall make it satisfactorily appear that he or they paid for the pew or pews of which he or they may be the proprietors, after deducting any arrears of rent or purchase money due on such pew or pews, to the said Trustees; and upon such payment, the said pewholder or pewholders so objecting as aforesaid, shall cease to have any interest therein.

"V. And be it further enacted, That so soon as the said building is erected and completed, and the pews set apart in manner aforesaid, the said Church shall be and is hereby construed to be a Church erected in connection with the Established Church of Scotland, with all the powers, rights, and privileges, and subject to all the provisions of the ninth section of an Act made and passed in the second year of the reign of His Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled 'An Act to repeal all the Laws now in force relating to Saint Andrew's Church in the City of Saint John, and for incorporating certain persons, pewholders of the said Church, and of the several Churches erected or to be erected in this Province, in connection with the Church of Scotland,' and all the other provisions of the said Act.

"VI.

“ VI. And be it further enacted, That the said Trustees of Saint Stephen’s Church, in the City of Saint John, shall be at liberty, in making sale of the said Church and lots of land, to reserve so much of the interior fittings of the said Church as they may deem serviceable for the purpose of finishing the said Church so to be erected, and the said interior fittings, so reserved, shall be applied for such purpose or sold at the discretion of the said Commissioners.”

At E in the Preamble, insert the words “ together with a Church and other buildings erected thereon.”

At F in the Title, add the words “ and to reinvest the proceeds thereof.”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That they be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Connell, that the Assembly had agreed to the amendments made by this House to the Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the Maduxnikik Boom Company : and with

Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the third day of April instant, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolutions of Appropriation were read a first time.

ORDERED, That they be referred to the Committee of the whole House upon Resolutions of Appropriation.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into further consideration the Bill in amendment of an Act, intituled “ An Act to extend the privilege of solemnizing Marriage to all Ministers or Teachers of the several Religious Congregations in this Province.”

The Honorable Mr. Chandler took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed until the next Session of the Legislature.

ORDERED, That the Report be received ; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed until the next Session of the Legislature.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration Resolutions of Appropriation.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the third day of April, and recommended that the House should concur in the same, with the exception of the following Grants :—

To Donald M’Intosh the sum of five pounds for teaching a School three months in the Parish of Wakefield, County of Carleton, ending the first day of February, 1846 :

To

To William Mackintosh, a licenced Teacher, the sum of twenty pounds as additional remuneration in consideration of the superior character of the School taught by him in Dumfries, in the County of York :

To James Wheten, a licenced Teacher, the sum of twenty pounds in addition to the Provincial allowance, in consideration of his giving instruction in the higher branches of Education in the year 1846 :

To Elizabeth Spratt the sum of forty pounds to remunerate her for having taught a School in the Parish of Chatham for four years :

To John Magee, a licenced Teacher, the sum of twenty pounds to compensate him for teaching a School in the Parish of Portland, County of Saint John, for the period of twelve months, ending July the fifth, 1845 :

To the President and Directors of the Charlotte County Grammar School the sum of twenty pounds towards the payment of the Salary of an Usher or second Teacher in that Institution :

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, the sum of two hundred pounds for the purpose of building approaches on both sides of the River Miramichi, at and opposite the Town of Chatham, for the convenience of a Ferry Landing to connect the Great Road of communication from Richibucto to Bathurst; the same not to be drawn until it be made satisfactorily to appear to His Excellency in Council, that a good and efficient Boat has been contracted for, the Company formed, and that the said Boat is in a state of forwardness, and that she will be employed on the said River between the said Landings :

To Commissioners to be appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, the sum of twenty five pounds, in aid of individual subscription, to assist them in building a Public Wharf or Landing at the head of Tide Water, in the Town of Magaguadavic :

Which the Committee recommended should not be concurred in.

The Chairman further reported, that in the Committee, on the question, whether the Resolution granting—

To the President and Directors of the Charlotte County Grammar School the sum of twenty pounds towards the payment of the Salary of an Usher or second Teacher in that Institution,

should be concurred in, the Committee divided—

CONTENT.

Mr. Black,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Kinnear.

NON-CONTENT.

Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Minchin,
Mr. Peters.

And so it passed in the negative.

The Chairman further reported, that he was directed by the Committee to ask leave to sit again.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

Whereupon

Whereupon the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the third day of April, were concurred in, with the exceptions before entered.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have concurred in the said Resolutions, with the exceptions before entered.

RESOLVED, That a Select Committee of three Members be appointed to investigate the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session.

ORDERED, That Messieurs Botsford, Hatch, and Johnston, do compose the Committee.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 6th April, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin,*

*Mr. Saunders,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Peters.*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills, as amended, were severally read a third time and passed:—

A Bill to authorize the Trustees of Saint Stephen's Church, in the City of Saint John, to sell and dispose of certain Lands in the said City: and

A Bill to provide for the incorporation of certain Presbyterian Churches in this Province.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to these Bills, with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. S. Earle, that the Assembly had agreed to the Bill sent down from this House, intituled "An Act to amend the Act repealing the Acts affording relief to persons unfortunate in business."

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Woodward, with the following Bills, to which they desire the concurrence of this House:—

A Bill to facilitate the making of a Railway across the Isthmus which connects the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, to open the communication between the Waters of the Gulph of Saint Lawrence and the Bay of Fundy: and

A Bill to regulate the importation of Books, and to protect the British Author.

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And

And that the Assembly had agreed to the Bill sent down from this House, intituled "An Act for the further amendment of the Law, and the better advancement of Justice," with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The two first mentioned Bills were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bills be severally read a second time to-morrow.

The amendment to the last mentioned Bill being read a first and second times,

ORDERED, That the said amendment be taken into consideration to-morrow.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to incorporate the British North American Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Association, and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, they had made certain amendments thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

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

At A in Section III. insert the words "Saint Andrews and."

At B in Section V. expunge the word "the," and insert the word "any."

At C at the end of the Bill, add a new Section, as follows:—

"XIX. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation, to be entitled to the privileges, benefits and advantages granted by this Act, is required to make and complete such Line of Telegraphic Communication within eight years from the passing of this Act; and if not so completed and in operation within such period, then this Act shall be null and void."

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That they be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Vail, that the Assembly had agreed to the Bill sent down from this House, intituled "An Act for the further regulation of the Court of Governor and Council in causes of Marriage and Divorce;"

And that the Assembly had passed a Bill to amend an Act, intituled "An Act for improving the administration of Justice in Criminal cases;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY, 7th April, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin,*

*Mr. Saunders,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Peters.*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to incorporate the British North American Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Association, as amended, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill, with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a second time :—

A Bill to facilitate the making of a Railway across the Isthmus which connects the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, to open the communication between the Waters of the Gulph of Saint Lawrence and the Bay of Fundy :

A Bill to regulate the importation of Books, and to protect the British Author : and

A Bill to amend an Act, intituled "An Act for improving the administration of Justice in Criminal cases."

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bills severally into consideration.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Vail, with Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the sixth day of April; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolutions were read a first time.

ORDERED, That they be referred to the Committee of the whole House upon Resolutions of Appropriation sent up from the Assembly.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration Resolutions of Appropriation.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the sixth day of April, and recommended that the House should concur in the same.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

Whereupon

Whereupon the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the sixth day of April, were concurred in by the House.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House thereof.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill relating to the granting of Mill Reserves.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

ORDERED, That the Report be received; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House proceeded to take into consideration the amendment made by the Assembly to the Bill, intituled “An Act for the further amendment of the Law, and the better advancement of Justice.”

The same was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

At A at the end of the Bill, add a new Section, as follows:—

“III. And be it enacted, That the provisions of the fifth Section of an Act made and passed in the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled ‘An Act to establish and regulate a Summary Practice in the Supreme Court,’ authorizing a Judge of the Supreme Court to allow a Counsel Fee of not more than two guineas on every cause entered for trial, and for every argument before the Court, shall extend to Defendants as well as Plaintiffs.”

And the question of concurrence being put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House thereof.

The House adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House resumed.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor came to the Council Chamber, and being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Honorable the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know—“It is His Excellency’s pleasure they attend him immediately in this House.”

The House attended accordingly.

His Excellency then gave his assent to the following Bills, intituled—

An Act for the further regulation of the Court of Governor and Council in causes of Marriage and Divorce:

An Act to simplify the proceedings in the Court of Chancery in certain cases:

An Act relating to Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery in this Province: An

An Act for the safe custody of Insane persons charged with offences, and for the confinement of Insane Prisoners :

An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Registry of Deeds and other Instruments :

An Act relating to Banks for Savings :

An Act relating to Lands reserved for Schools or Educational purposes :

An Act to amend an Act, intituled " An Act to repeal all the Laws now in force for appointing Firewards, and for the better extinguishing of Fires in the Town of Saint Andrews, and to make regulations more suitable to the said Town, and for other purposes therein mentioned :"

An Act for erecting the Parish of Harvey, in the County of Albert, into two separate Parishes : and

An Act relating to a Tract of Land situate below the Town Plat of Fredericton.

The House of Assembly thereupon withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 1 o'clock.

THURSDAY, 8th April, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Peters.*

*Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin,*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to regulate the importation of Books, and to protect the British Author.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to amend an Act for improving the administration of Justice in Criminal cases.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

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The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, they had made certain amendments thereto, and recommended the Bill as amended to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received.

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

At A insert “ writing or.”

At B insert “ writing or.”

At C insert “ with intent to defraud any person whomsoever.”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That they be engrossed, and the Bill as amended be read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Woodward, that the Assembly had concurred in the amendments made by this House to the following Bills:—

A Bill to authorize the Trustees of Saint Stephen’s Church, in the City of Saint John, to sell and dispose of certain Lands in the said City: and

A Bill to incorporate the Chignecto Railway Company: and with

A Bill to continue an Act to regulate the Survey and Exportation of Lumber.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Carman, with a Bill to alter part of the Great Road of Communication leading from Newcastle to Bathurst; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to facilitate the making of a Railway across the Isthmus which connects the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, to open the communication between the Waters of the Gulph of Saint Lawrence and the Bay of Fundy.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

The Honorable Mr. Johnston, by leave, presented a Petition from Andrew W. Rainsford, late Captain in the 104th Regiment, praying a return of Duties on Horses brought by him from Canada, as part of his Farming Stock, on his removal to this Province.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Brown, with a Bill to provide for the support and improvement of the Parish Schools; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 9th April, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin,*

*Mr. Saunders,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Peters.*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to amend an Act, intituled "An Act for improving the administration of Justice in Criminal cases," as amended, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill, with amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to regulate the importation of Books, and to protect the British Author, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Bills were severally read a second time:—

A Bill to continue an Act to regulate the Survey and Exportation of Lumber: and
A Bill to alter part of the Great Road of Communication leading from Newcastle to Bathurst.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bills severally into consideration.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to provide for the support and improvement of the Parish Schools, was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards this Bill, and that the House be put into a Committee of the whole presently, to take the said Bill into consideration.

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The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, they had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into further consideration the Bill to facilitate the making of a Railway across the Isthmus which connects the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, to open the communication between the Waters of the Gulph of Saint Lawrence and the Bay of Fundy.

The Honorable Mr. Robertson took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Gilbert, with a Bill to prevent injuries on Lands in the vicinity of the River Saint John, by persons conveying Timber, Logs or Lumber down the same; and with

Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the eighth day of April; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill and Resolutions of Appropriation were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow; and

That the said Resolutions of Appropriation be referred to the Committee of the whole House upon Resolutions of Appropriation.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. End, that the Assembly had agreed to the amendments made by this House to the following Bills:—

A Bill to provide for the incorporation of certain Presbyterian Churches in this Province: and

A Bill to incorporate the British North American Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Association.

And that the Assembly had concurred in the Bill sent down from this House, intituled "An Act further to amend the Laws regulating proceedings before Justices of the Peace in Civil Suits," with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments sent up from the Assembly.

The same was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

At A add a new Section, as follows:—

" II. And be it enacted, That this Act shall not come into operation or be in force until the first day of June next."

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The same being read a second and third times, and the question of concurrence put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House thereof.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration Resolutions of Appropriation.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the eighth day of April, and recommended that the House should concur in the same, and asked leave to sit again.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

Whereupon the said Resolutions of Appropriation were concurred in by the House.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to the said Resolutions.

The Honorable Mr. Robertson, by leave, presented a Petition from William J. Bedell and T. R. Robertson, Justices of the Peace, and nineteen others, praying that no Act may pass to render owners of Timber or Lumber liable for damages done to low Lands thereby, unless in possession of the parties.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 11 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 10th April, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Peters.*

*Mr. Saunders,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Hatch,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin,*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Kinnear, by leave, presented a Petition from John Brittain, Zebulon Jones, and others, praying that an Act may pass to protect Intervale Lands, and Banks of the River Saint John.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill to facilitate the making of a Railway across the Isthmus which connects the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia,

to open the communication between the Waters of the Gulph of Saint Lawrence and the Bay of Fundy, was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to alter part of the Great Road of Communication leading from Newcastle to Bathurst.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Woodward, with the following Bills, to which they desire the concurrence of this House:—

A Bill further to continue an Act relating to the Herring Fisheries in the County of Charlotte: and

A Bill to revive an Act relating to the Inspection of Fish for Home consumption and exportation.

The said Bills were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards these Bills, and that the same be read a second time.

The said Bills were severally read a second time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to prevent injuries on Lands in the vicinity of the River Saint John, by persons conveying Timber, Logs or Lumber down the same.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into further consideration the Bill to provide for the support and improvement of the Parish Schools.

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The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to continue an Act to regulate the Survey and Exportation of Lumber.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill without any amendment.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill further to continue an Act relating to the Herring Fisheries in the County of Charlotte.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill without any amendment.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Bill to revive an Act relating to the Inspection of Fish for Home consumption.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. End, with a Bill to authorize the granting of a tract of Land, as a Mill Reserve, to the Honorable John Robertson ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards this Bill, and that the same be read a second time.

The said Bill was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole on Monday next, to take the said Bill into consideration.

Adjourned until Monday next at 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, 12th April, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Crane,
Mr. Peters.*

*Mr. Saunders,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin,*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill to authorize the granting of a tract of Land, as a Mill Reserve, to the Honorable John Robertson.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Jordan, with the following Bills, to which they desire the concurrence of this House :—

A Bill to provide for the erection of a Building for a Provincial Lunatic Asylum : and
A Bill for giving greater facility in the abatement of Nuisances arising from Furnaces used, and in the working of Steam Engines : and with

Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the tenth day of April ; to which they also desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills and Resolutions of Appropriation were severally read a first time.

ORDERED, That the said Resolutions of Appropriation be referred to the Committee of the whole House upon Resolutions of Appropriation ; and

That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards the said Bills, and that they be read a second time.

The said Bills were severally read a second time.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole presently, to take into consideration the Bill to provide for the erection of a Building for a Provincial Lunatic Asylum.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Vail, that the Assembly had agreed to the amendments made by this House to the Bill to amend an Act, intituled "An Act for improving the administration of Justice in Criminal cases."

On motion made and seconded—

ORDERED, That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards the Bill for giving greater facility in the abatement of Nuisances arising from Furnaces used, and in the working of Steam Engines, and that the House be put into a Committee of the whole presently, to take the same into consideration.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone into consideration of the said Bill, and recommended that the further consideration thereof be postponed for three months.

ORDERED, That the Report be received ; and it was thereupon

RESOLVED, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed for three months.

On motion—

The House was put into a Committee of the whole, to take into further consideration Resolutions of Appropriation sent up from the Assembly.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the tenth day of April, and recommended that the House should concur in the same, and asked leave to sit again.

ORDERED, That the Report be received and leave granted.

Whereupon the Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the tenth day of April, were concurred in by the House.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to the said Resolutions of Appropriation.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Botsford, with a Bill relating to the Provincial Revenue; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards this Bill, and that the same be read a second time.

The said Bill was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole to-morrow, to take the said Bill into consideration.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 11 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 13th April, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

Mr. Shore,

Mr. Saunders,

Mr. Attorney General,

Mr. Wyer,

Mr. Johnston,

Mr. Peters.

Mr. Robinson,

Mr. Botsford,

Mr. Robertson,

Mr. Kinnear,

Mr. Minchin,

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Bill relating to the Provincial Revenue.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

Upon

Upon the question, that the Report be received, the House divided—

CONTENT.

Mr. Black,
Mr. Shore,
Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Minchin,
Mr. Peters.

NON-CONTENT.

Mr. Robertson.

And so it passed in the affirmative.

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

The said Bill was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill without any amendment.

On motion made and seconded—

RESOLVED, That the Honorable Mr. Saunders be appointed a Member of the Joint Committee of this House and the Assembly, to have the management of the Legislative Library, in the place of the Honorable Mr. Shore, resigned.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and communicate the Resolution.

The Select Committee to whom were referred the Contingent Accounts of the present Session, beg leave to report, that they have examined the same, and find that the said Accounts amount to the sum of five hundred and ninety six pounds four shillings and eight pence. The several Accounts forming this aggregate are satisfactory, and the Committee recommend the same to be allowed.

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. BOTSFORD, *Chairman.*

Committee Room, 13th April, 1847.

RESOLVED, That the Contingent Expenses of this House for the present Session amount to the sum of five hundred and ninety six pounds four shillings and eight pence.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Ritchie, with the following Resolutions of Appropriation, dated the tenth day of April, to which they desire the concurrence of this House :—

“ Resolved, That there be granted

“ To the Postmaster at Fredericton, the sum of five hundred and two pounds eleven shillings and three pence, being the amount of Postages of the Legislature during the present Session :

“ To

“ To the Clerk of the House of Assembly the sum of three hundred and sixteen pounds ten shillings, being expenses of fitting up Committee Rooms :

“ To the Clerk of the House of Assembly the sum of one thousand eight hundred and seventy four pounds sixteen shillings and nine pence, being the Contingencies of the present Session.”

The said Resolutions being read, were concurred in by the House.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House thereof.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Brown, with a Bill to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue for the services therein mentioned ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, as regards this Bill, and that the said Bill be read a second time.

The said Bill was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole presently, to take the said Bill into consideration.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford gave notice, that at the next Session of the Legislature he would bring under the consideration of the House, the subject of the re-establishment of the Seat of Government at the City of Saint John.

A Message was brought from the Assembly by Mr. Botsford, with a Bill to provide for opening and repairing Roads and erecting Bridges throughout the Province ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

ORDERED, That the twenty third Rule of this House be dispensed with, and that the said Bill be read a second time.

The said Bill was read a second time.

ORDERED, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole presently, to take the said Bill into consideration.

The Honorable Mr. Botsford took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and recommended the same to the adoption of the House.

ORDERED

ORDERED, That the Report be received, and that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED, That the Master in Chancery do go down to the Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to this Bill.

Adjourned until To-morrow at 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 14th April, 1847.

PRESENT:

THE HON.

Mr. Black, President.

*Mr. Shore,
Mr. Saunders,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Wyer,
Mr. Minchin,*

*Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Botsford,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Peters.*

PRAYERS.

The House adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House resumed.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor came to the Council Chamber, and being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Honorable the President commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know—"It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

The House attended accordingly.

His Excellency then gave his assent to the following Bills, intituled—

An Act to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue for the payment of the Ordinary Services of the Province :

An Act to appropriate a part of the Public Revenue for the services therein mentioned :

An Act to provide for opening and repairing Roads and erecting Bridges throughout the Province :

An Act to provide for the erection of a Building for a Provincial Lunatic Asylum :

An Act relating to the Provincial Revenue :

An Act to repeal the fifth Section of an Act, intituled "An Act to provide for sick and disabled Seamen, not being Paupers, belonging to the Province," and to appropriate for a particular service a part of the surplus fund collected under that and other Acts :

An Act to appropriate a part of the Light House Fund for a particular service :

An Act to alter and amend the Act to regulate Sales by Public Auction :

An Act to provide for the support and improvement of the Parish Schools :

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An Act to alter and amend an Act, intituled "An Act to provide for the erection of an Alms House and Work House, and to establish a Public Infirmary in and for the City and County of Saint John :"

An Act to amend an Act, intituled "An Act for the appointment of Town and Parish Officers in the several Counties in this Province :"

An Act to amend the Act repealing the Acts affording relief to persons unfortunate in business :

An Act for the further amendment of the Law, and the better advancement of Justice :

An Act to amend an Act, intituled "An Act for improving the administration of Justice in Criminal cases :"

An Act further to amend the Laws regulating proceedings before Justices of the Peace in Civil Suits :"

An Act further to continue an Act relating to the Herring Fisheries in the County of Charlotte :

An Act to revive an Act relating to the Inspection of Fish for Home consumption and exportation :

An Act to continue an Act to regulate the Survey and Exportation of Lumber :

An Act to prevent injuries on Lands in the vicinity of the River Saint John, by persons conveying Timber, Logs or Lumber down the same :

An Act to alter part of the Great Road of Communication leading from Newcastle to Bathurst :

An Act to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Carleton to levy an assessment for the erection of a new Gaol and other County Buildings in the said County, and to pay off the County Debt and the contingent and other expenses of the said County :

An Act to authorize the Justices of the Peace for the County of Charlotte to assess the inhabitants of Saint Andrews to pay expenses incurred in the support of Emigrant Poor in said Parish :

An Act to authorize the Trustees of Saint Stephen's Church, in the City of Saint John, to sell and dispose of certain Lands in the said City, and to re-invest the proceeds thereof :

An Act to provide for the incorporation of certain Presbyterian Churches in this Province, not in connexion with the Established Church of Scotland :

An Act to incorporate the South Bay Boom Company :

An Act to incorporate the British North American Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Association :

An Act to incorporate the Chignecto Railway Company :

An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Maduxnikik Boom Company :

An Act to incorporate the Madam Keswick Boom Company :

An Act to incorporate the Kings' County Mutual Insurance Company :

An Act to incorporate the Saint John Omnibus and Transit Company :

An Act to incorporate the Saint John Phoenix Fire Insurance Company :

An Act to incorporate the York and Carleton Mining Company :

An Act to incorporate the Portland and Lancaster Steam Ferry Company :

An Act to incorporate the Fredericton Gas Light Company :

An Act for the regulation of Benefit Building Societies :

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An Act in relation to the Trade between the British North American Possessions, (*with a suspending clause*):

An Act to repeal the Duties imposed upon articles imported into this Province under the Act of the Imperial Parliament, intituled "An Act to regulate the Trade of British Possessions abroad," (*with a suspending clause*):

An Act to regulate the importation of Books, and to protect the British Author, (*with a suspending clause*):

An Act to facilitate the making of a Railway across the Isthmus which connects the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, to open the communication between the Waters of the Gulph of Saint Lawrence and the Bay of Fundy, (*with a suspending clause*): and

An Act to authorize the granting of a tract of Land, as a Mill Reserve, to the Honorable John Robertson, (*with a suspending clause.*)

His Excellency was then pleased to deliver the following Speech :—

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

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

" In bringing the Session to a close, I avail myself with much satisfaction of the occasion, to congratulate you on the spirit with which you have applied yourselves to the Public business, and the measures which you have thus been enabled to accomplish.

" It is especially gratifying to me that you have concurred in the importance which I have attached to the introduction of an improved system in the management of the Parish Schools; and I hope that you will have reason to find that the powers which you have intrusted to the Executive Government, as a Board of Education, have been exercised in such a manner as effectually to realize the objects for which you have so liberally provided.

" The Acts you have passed for the removal of all Fiscal restrictions on Trade between these Colonies, and for the protection of English Copyright in Books, will, I doubt not, be productive of all the benefit to be expected from measures which evince your liberality and sense of justice.

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

" I thank you for the Supplies which you have granted for the Public Service. The promptitude with which you came forward at the opening of the Session for the relief of our suffering fellow subjects in the United Kingdom, claims from me, in the name of Her Majesty, the warmest acknowledgments.

" The liberal encouragement you have given for the opening of Rail Roads, while it will facilitate the settlement of the Province, will secure to it a participation in the advantages which have elsewhere attended the introduction of these useful works.

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

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

" The measures to which I have alluded, and the general course of your proceedings throughout the Session, have manifested your desire to strengthen the bonds which unite you to the destinies of that great Country with which it has been your pride to

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be connected by such memorable associations ; and I feel the utmost confidence, that in returning to your homes, you will continue to cultivate in the minds of Her Majesty's Loyal Subjects, a sense of the many blessings which that connection is calculated to secure to them."

After which, the President of the Council, the Honorable Mr. Black, by His Excellency's command, declared the General Assembly to be prorogued until the last Tuesday in June next.

WILL. TYNG PETERS, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

No. 1.

[See Journal 8th February, 1847.]

(Copy)—No. 34.

Downing Street, 2d December, 1846.

SIR,—Her Majesty's Government have had under their consideration two Acts passed by the Legislature of New Brunswick, and intituled respectively "An Act to incorporate the New Brunswick Railway Company," and "An Act to facilitate the making of a Railway from the City of Saint John, through Fredericton and Woodstock, to the Grand Falls of the River Saint John, and from thence to the Boundary Line of the Province of Canada, by the New Brunswick Company."

I transmit for your information copies of a correspondence with the Agents of the Company in this country, which will put you in possession of the views of Her Majesty's Government with respect to these Acts; and as I consider the assurance given by the Agents that the Directors will apply in the next Session of the Provincial Legislature for an Act embracing the several amendments specified in the letter from this Office of the 26th ultimo, to be perfectly satisfactory, it is my intention to advise Her Majesty to confirm the Acts in question.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

GREY.

Lieut. Governor Sir Wm. Colebrooke, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy)

Downing Street, 26th November, 1846.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed by Earl Grey to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, in which you request to be informed whether the two Acts passed by the Legislature of New Brunswick, and entitled respectively "An Act to incorporate the New Brunswick Railway Company," and "An Act to facilitate the making of a Railway from the City of Saint John, through Fredericton and Woodstock, to the Grand Falls of the River Saint John, and from thence to the Boundary Line of the Province of Canada, by the New Brunswick Railway Company," have been confirmed by Her Majesty in Council.

Upon this subject I am directed to make you the following observations:—

1st. With respect to the provisions of the Act for incorporating the New Brunswick Company, relative to the conveyance of Troops, Her Majesty's Government are of opinion that the proviso that the Company shall not be bound to start trains at other than the ordinary hours, will be found inconvenient, and that arrangement should be made for securing the conveyance of the Troops *at all times*, and with the whole resources of the Company, if necessary; as in Military operations, time must often be a matter of great importance.

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2nd. With respect to the power given to the Directors of making bye laws, without any provision being made, as is the case in this country, for their being subject to revision by any higher authority—Her Majesty's Government propose to require the Directors of Provincial Railways to submit their bye laws for the approval of the Governor of the Province.

3rd. In the absence of any provision in the Act with respect to the navigation of Rivers and Canals, Lord Grey proposes to instruct the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick to submit to the Legislature a separate enactment, for the purpose of giving the Executive Government a general control over all works undertaken by Railway Companies which might have a tendency to impede the free navigation of the internal waters of the Province.

4th. I am to direct your attention to the absence in the Act not only of a maximum table of charges, but of any provision for securing that the charges made should apply equally to all persons. This omission appears to Lord Grey the more objectionable in the present case, because the Company is authorized to run Steam Boats in connexion with the line; and His Lordship considers it extremely necessary that some provision should be introduced into the Act for preventing the Railway Company from forcing the public to use their Steam Boats in preference to other modes of conveyance to or from the Railway, by a system of differential charges in favor of passengers by them.

I am further directed to add, that upon receiving from you an assurance that the Company will join in recommending to the Provincial Legislature the amendments to which I have adverted, Lord Grey will be prepared to advise Her Majesty to confirm the Acts in question.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

B. HAWES.

Messrs. Gilbert, Hocke & Co.

Philpot Lane, 27th November, 1846.

MY LORD,—We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter of yesterday's date from Mr. Under-Secretary Hawes, in answer to our letter of the 12th instant, to Your Lordship, on the subject of the New Brunswick Railway Acts.

The Directors of the Company are most desirous that the provisions of their Act of Incorporation should be in every respect in conformity with the rules and regulations laid down by Her Majesty's Government, and we have no hesitation in giving Your Lordship the assurance and undertaking which you require, that the Directors of the Company will apply in the next Session of the Legislature of New Brunswick for an Act embracing the several amendments pointed out by Your Lordship, and that they will use their best efforts to ensure that such Act shall pass into Law. We trust that this assurance will be satisfactory, and that Your Lordship will enable us to communicate to our clients by the next Halifax Mail, the official announcement that Her Majesty has been pleased to confirm the Acts in question.

We have, &c.

(Signed)

GILBERT, BROKE, STREET & GUTTERS.

No. 3.

[See Journal 1st February, 1847.]

*Government Emigration Office,**Saint John, 23d December, 1846.*

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose the Annual Returns from this Office in duplicate, for the year 1846, bearing date the 31st instant, agreeably to the standing directions, in order that one set may be transmitted to England by the January Mail.

I also enclose the Annual Report from this Office to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

You will please favor me with an acknowledgment of these papers, that the official correspondence for the year may be closed. Another set of the Returns will be forwarded from here by Mail on Wednesday to the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners, in obedience to their instructions.

I have the honor to be your very obedient servant,

M. H. PERLEY, *G. E. A.*

Hon. J. S. Saunders, Prov. Sec.

To His Excellency Sir William M. G. Colebrooke, K. H., Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

With the annual returns from this Office for the year 1846, I beg most respectfully to submit the following Report:—

The whole number of Immigrants to New Brunswick during the year 1846, is nine thousand seven hundred and sixty five; of these, nine thousand landed at the Port of Saint John, and the remainder at Saint Andrews, Richibucto, and Miramichi. Of the whole number, about four thousand five hundred re-emigrated to the United States very soon after their arrival.

Although it was necessary to land all the Passengers from several Vessels, in consequence of Fever prevailing on board, yet I have great satisfaction in stating that the number of deaths is unusually small, only thirty four having occurred during the voyages and in quarantine; of these, the greater number occurred on the voyage, and I feel that it would be injustice to Dr. Harding, the visiting Physician at Partridge Island, if I omitted to notice the very great care bestowed by him upon sick Emigrants, and the unwearied pains and attention he has bestowed on all who have fallen under his charge.

During the past season, no less than thirteen prosecutions were instituted against Masters of Passenger Ships for violations of the Passengers' Act, and convictions were obtained in every instance. As each case has already been fully reported, it is only necessary to notice them at present, with the hope that these prosecutions may have the beneficial effect of preventing violations of the law hereafter, and tend to secure better treatment for Passengers during the voyage.

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The Emigrants who remained in Saint John have had employment during the whole season at very fair wages. In consequence, but few proceeded to the rural districts, where laborers have been much wanted. As the farmers cannot afford to pay the higher rates which may be obtained in the City, they have in many instances been obliged to limit their farming operations from the high price of labour.

There is every reason to believe that there will be employment for a very considerable number of farm laborers in this Province during the coming season, and also for female domestic servants, at moderate wages; say from ten pounds to fifteen pounds sterling per annum for the laborers, and from five pounds to seven pounds ten shillings sterling per annum for the females, with board and lodging in each case.

The settlement of this Province is advancing very slowly; and until a system of internal improvement on a large scale is adopted and carried out, it must continue to languish. The want of Roads and Bridges is the great drawback to settlement, and settlers have hardships and privations enough to encounter, without being subjected to the want of the means of communication.

It is greatly to be regretted that the system of selling land on credit, the amount payable in road work, has not been adopted in this Province. In the present position of New Brunswick, this is the only mode by which its settlement will make any considerable advance. The opposition to this system must arise from the want of information as to the true state of the country; and if the opponents of the measure would visit and examine the interior of the Province, and the back-woods settlements, the error of their views would be so apparent, that no further argument on the subject would be necessary.

The system of selling land at present in operation in New Brunswick, and the application of the proceeds of the sales, are such as to retard settlement very greatly, and to repel from our shores annually thousands of British subjects, who would willingly cast their lot among us, and retain their allegiance to their sovereign. As it is, these people are driven away—settlement scarcely advances—and the enormous quantity of inaccessible wilderness land, as compared with the amount under cultivation, bears heavily upon the Province, chills the energy of its inhabitants, and prevents them from reaping the full fruits of their industry.

I have already had the honour of stating to Your Excellency, that a very large number of Emigrants may be expected to arrive in this Province next season. It would be desirable to retain a portion of these in the colony, for the benefit of the agricultural interests. The most effectual means of doing so, would be to offer such facilities, for their eventually becoming settlers, as would induce them to remain in the Province. If some measure of this kind is not adopted, the better class of Emigrants, as heretofore, will merely pass through New Brunswick to a foreign land, and the poorest and most destitute will remain to burthen the country.

As connected with this part of the subject, I beg once more to draw your Excellency's attention to the disposal of the tax levied on Emigrants, and the absolute necessity of causing this fund to be disbursed for the purposes contemplated by the Act which imposes the tax.

It only remains for me to mention, that although upwards of two thousand pounds has been collected from Emigrants the past year, no funds have been placed at my disposal;

disposal; and the necessary outlay and expenses of this office have as usual, been defrayed by myself.

All which is respectfully submitted by

Your Excellency's very obedient servant,

(Signed)

M. H. PERLEY,

Government Emigration Agent.

Government Emigration Office, Saint John, 31st December, 1846.

Government Emigration Office, Saint John, N. B.

1st January, 1847.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose a duplicate copy of the Report to His Excellency, dated 31st December, 1846, as requested by your letter of 29th December.

A triplicate set of the Returns from this office was forwarded to the Emigration Commissioners by the Mail which left here on Wednesday last.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

M. H. PERLEY, G. E. A.

The Honorable J. S. Saunders, &c. &c. &c.

QUARTERLY RETURN.

No. 1.

IMMIGRANTS.

Months composing the Quarter.	Number of Vessels arrived.	Number of Deaths on Board or in Quarantine.	Number of Births on Board or in Quarantine.	Gross number of Emigrants arrived.	Number of Adults.		Number of Agricultural Labourers.	Number of Domestic Servants.		Number of Mechanics and Tradespeople.	Numbers for whom cost of passage defrayed by		Number employed on Government Works.	Number assisted out of Public Funds.	Total amount paid.					
					Male.	Female.		Male.	Female.		Parochial Funds.	Private Funds.			£	s.	d.			
October	3	nil.	nil.	69	18	26	7	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
{ Saint John,.....																				
{ Miramichi,	2	..	..	30	20	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
{ Richibucto,.....	2	..	..	38	20	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
November,	1	3	..	79	23	28	15	..	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
December,	nil.																			
Totals,	8	3	..	216	81	82	22	..	9	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Government Emigration Office, Saint John, N. B., 31st day of December, 1846.

M. H. PERLEY, Immigration Agent

for New Brunswick.

No. 2.

QUARTERLY RETURN.

PRICES.

Return showing the Average Retail Price of Provisions and Clothing in the Colony of New Brunswick, in the Quarter ending 31st December, 1846.

ARTICLES.	Quantity.	Average Prices (in Sterling.)		
		£	s.	d.
Salt Beef,	per lb.	0	0	3½
Fresh do.	do	0	0	3
Mutton,	do	0	0	3
Lamb,	do	0	0	3
Veal,	do	0	0	3½
Fresh Pork,	do	0	0	3½
Salt do.	do	0	0	4
Fowls,	per pair,	0	1	8
Bacon,	per lb.	0	0	5
Salt Butter,	do	0	0	9
Fresh do.	do	0	0	10
Fresh Milk,	per quart,	0	0	3
Cheese,	per lb.	0	0	6
Eggs,	per dozen,	0	0	10
Potatoes,	per bushel,	0	2	6
Bread, best Wheaten,	4 lb. loaf,	0	0	7
do. Seconds,	6 lb. loaf,	0	0	9
Best Wheat Flour,	barrel 196lbs.	1	7	0
Second quality do.	do	1	2	0
Oatmeal,	per cwt.	0	10	0
Coals,	per chaldron,	1	0	0
Candles,	per lb.	0	0	8
Fire Wood, cord of 128 cubic feet, ... ..	... ..	0	18	0
Common Soap,	per lb.	0	0	4
Tea,	do	0	2	0
Coffee, green,	do	0	0	10
Rice,	do	0	0	2½
Sugar, brown,	do	0	0	4
do. Loaf,	do	0	0	6
Salt,	per bushel,	0	1	3
Pepper,	per lb.	0	0	10
Salt Fish, cheapest quality,	per quintal,	0	10	0
do. green,	per barrel,	0	15	0
Beer,	per gallon,	0	1	3
Porter, London,	per bottle,	0	0	10
Mens' strong Shoes,	per pair,	0	6	0
Womens' do.	do	0	4	6
Mens' Shirts, (cotton,)	each,	0	3	4

N. B.—Name the ordinary Articles of Consumption and of Clothing in use by Labourers in the Colony.

M. H. PERLEY, G. E. A.

No. 3.

QUARTERLY RETURN.

WAGES.

Return showing the Average Wages of Mechanics and others, in the Colony of New Brunswick, for the Three Months, ended 31st December, 1846.

TRADE OR CALLING.	Average Wages per Diem without Board and Lodging, (in Sterling.)	Average Wages per Diem with Board and Lodging, (in Sterling.)	Average Wages per Annum with Board and Lodging, (in Sterling.)
Bread and Biscuit Bakers. ... ..	...	...	£24 0 0
Butchers.	4s. 6d.	2s. 6d.	30 0 0
Brickmakers.	3s. 6d. to 5s. 6d.	2s. 6d. & 3s. 6d.	...
Bricklayers.	5s. to 7s.	3s. 3d. to 5s.	...
Blacksmiths.	5s.	3s.	30 0 0
Curriers.	5s. 6d.	3s. 6d.	34 0 0
Carpenters and Joiners.	5s. 6d.	3s. 6d.	35 0 0
Cabinetmakers.	5s. 6d.	3s. 9d.	35 0 0
Coopers.	5s.	3s. 3d.	32 0 0
Carters.	4s.	2s. 6d.	25 0 0
Cooks (women). ... ..	...	...	9 10 0
Combmakers.	No employment.	...	...
Dairywomen. ... ..	...	...	7 10 0
Dressmakers and Milliners.	2s. 3d.	1s. 3d.	10 0 0
Farm Labourers.	3s.	1s. 6d.	17 0 0
Gardeners.	4s. 6d.	3s.	22 10 0
Grooms. ... ..	...	...	18 0 0
Millwrights.	6s. 3d.	4s. 6d.	40 0 0
Millers.	5s. 6d.	4s.	32 0 0
Painters.	5s.	3s. 6d.	...
Plasterers.	5s. 6d.	4s.	...
Plumbers and Glaziers.	Very little employment.	...	...
Quarry-men.	3s.	1s. 3d.	20 0 0
Ropemakers. ... ..	...	...	35 0 0
Sailmakers. ... ..	...	5s.	37 10 0
Sawyers.	4s. to 6s.	2s. 6d. to 4s. 6d.	32 10 0
Shepherds.	No employment.	...	...
Shipwrights and Boatbuilders.	5s.	3s. 9d.	32 10 0
Shoemakers.	3s. 6d.	2s.	24 0 0
Slaters and Shinglers.	5s.	3s. 6d.	...
Stonemasons.	5s.	3s. 6d.	33 0 0
Tailors. ... ..	...	...	30 0 0
Tanners. ... ..	...	...	35 0 0
Wheelwrights. ... ..	...	...	36 0 0
Whitesmiths.	4s. 6d.	3s.	28 0 0

M. H. PERLEY, *Gov. Emigrant Agent.*

No. 4.

- 1.—What Funds have been placed at your disposal during the past Quarter for the relief of Immigrants?
- 2.—State the description of Labour which is in request in the Colony?
- 3.—Would the rate of Immigration of the last Quarter satisfy the existing demand for labour?
- 4.—State any particulars relative to Immigration, the demand for Labour and the means of remunerating it, which you think may be useful.

See Annual Report.

M. H. PERLEY, G. E. A.

No. 5.

RETURN

Showing the Prices of Agricultural Produce, Farming Stock, and Implements of Husbandry, in the Colony of New Brunswick, 31st December, 1846.

Articles.	Quantity.	Sterling. Dollars @ 4s. 2d.	Remarks.
Wheat.	per bushel,	0 4 0	
Barley.	do	0 2 6	
Rye....	do	0 2 6	
Oats.	do	0 1 6	
Maize.	do	0 3 3	
Peas.	do	0 4 6	
Beans.	do	0 0 0	not cultivated for sale.
Buckwheat.	do	0 2 3	
Hay....	per ton,	2 10 0	
Good Cart Horse.	about	12 10 0	
Serviceable Riding Horse.	do	20 0 0	
Yoke of Oxen....	do	18 0 0	
Sheep.	per score,	9 0 0	
Good Milch Cow.	each	5 0 0	
Breeding Sow....	do	1 15 0	
Pigs....	do	0 4 6	
A Cart of the description used by Farmers.	about	7 10 0	
A Waggon. do.	do	10 0 0	
A Plough.	do	2 10 0	
Harrow.	do	1 10 0	
Country Plough.	do	2 0 0	
Sled for Winter.	do	3 10 0	

Government Emigration Office, Saint John, N. B., 31st December, 1846.

(Signed)

M. H. PERLEY, Government Emigrant Agent.

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No. 6.

ABSTRACT RETURN OF IMMIGRATION TO NEW BRUNSWICK DURING THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1846.

QUARTERS.	No. of Vessels arrived.		No. of deaths in Quarantine.		No. of deaths on board or in Quarantine.		No. of births in Quarantine.		Adults.		Children between 14 years and 1 year.		Children under 1 year.		TOTALS.		Number of Souls.		RECAPITULATION.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Quarter ending 31st March,	nil.																			
Quarter ending 30th June,	72		30		15		3,473	3,331	675	704	184	145	4,332	4,180	8,512				M. 3,912	F. 3,831
Quarter ending 30th September,	19		1		..		338	418	107	113	20	21	485	552	1,037				..	..
Quarter ending 31st December,	8		3		..		81	82	21	22	5	5	107	109	216				..	..
TOTALS,	99		34		15		3,912	3,831	803	839	209	171	4,924	4,841	9,765				4,924	4,841
Number of Vessels with Passengers from Ireland, do. from England, Average length of Passage from Ireland, (days), Number of Passengers from Ireland, do. from England, Do. of Cabin Passengers, Do. of Agricultural Laborers, Do. of Domestic Servants— Male, Female,																				
.. .. . 92 7 42 9703 62 160 2548 24 369																				
.. .. . Number of Mechanics engaged in erecting Buildings or preparing building materials, Number of Tradesmen preparing or selling articles of food, Number of Tradespeople engaged in making articles of Clothing— Male, Female, Number of Mechanics not included in foregoing,																				
.. .. . 60 22 117 19 76																				

Government Emigration Office, Saint John, N. B., 31st December, 1846.

M. H. PERLEY, Government Emigration Agent.

Extract of Despatch No. 65, of July 2d, 1846, from Sir William Colebrooke to Mr. Gladstone.

The Loans authorized to be made to poor settlers through the Justices of the Peace in Counties, to be returned in labor upon the roads, have in some Counties been taken up, the principle is not inapplicable to the condition of the people in the remote settlements, where the greatest distress has prevailed, and where, having no access to markets, could not look forward to being able to repay such advances in money.

(Signed)

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

Extract of Despatch No. 31, of November 12, 1846, from Earl Grey to Sir William Colebrooke.

I have advised Her Majesty to leave to its operation the Act No. 1699, which provides for making Loans to poor settlers for the purchase of Potato Seed. But I must remark that the proposed mode of obtaining the repayment of these Loans by labor on the roads is a bad one. All experience shews that labor in payment of a debt is always inefficient. The settlers should repay by instalments in money. If it be necessary to enable them to do so, they might be given employment on the roads at fair wages, which, if possible, should be paid by the piece.

(Signed)

GREY.

(Copy)—No. 120.

Fredericton, N. B., 29th December, 1846.

MY LORD,—I do myself the honor to enclose copy of a letter from the Emigrant Agent at Saint John, with his Annual Report and Quarterly and Annual Returns made up by anticipation to the 31st instant, in order to admit of their transmission by the present mail.

In reference to Mr. Perley's observations upon the advantage of settling lands on credit, to be repaid in work on roads, by which the wilderness would be opened, and the settlement of the country accelerated; it may be proper to remark that the adoption of such a plan for opening the wilderness has not been contemplated beyond the privilege proposed to be accorded to the settlers of liquidating the sums due for land purchased by them at the public sales, by means of certificates from the Commissioners and Supervisors of Roads, of the sums due to them for work actually and effectually performed, either for wages or on contract by the piece. Such contracts are often taken for the purpose of earning the means of paying for land, and the appropriations for the whole Province are necessarily limited to such sums as can be so applied from the Commercial Revenue, and have no reference to the amount required to meet the growing demand for settlement lands, especially in seasons when Emigrants arrive in great numbers, who would be willing to settle them on such conditions.

The Forests of New Brunswick being more dense than those of Upper Canada, the settlements for many years were limited for the most part to the margins of the numerous Rivers and Streams which intersect the Province, and the cultivation of the rich alluvial bottoms left dry after the spring floods or freshets. Where Roads have

have been made through the forests, settlements have been formed along them ; and in cases where settlers have entered the wilderness before communications had thus been opened, they have been exposed to great hardships and privations, tending sometimes to the abandonment of their locations. The attempt of capitalists to effect such settlements by means of hired labor, have not been heretofore successful, although contracts to work by the piece are taken on reasonable terms : the lands so reclaimed affording for a long time only a subsistence to actual settlers, and making no return upon the capital so expended, from the difficulty in finding a market for produce. Such markets, in the interior of the country, and remote from the Rivers and Sea Ports, must for some time depend on the demands of the lumberers, of whom large parties are annually employed in the forests, in cutting timber for ship-building and for exportation, and who require the produce of the neighbouring farms for their horses and cattle.

The advance of funds for the construction of Roads and Bridges, on security of the lands traversed by them, will not obtain till permanent markets may be established, which would enable settlers to depend on realizing the means of defraying the incidental charges which such advance would occasion ; and the readier and more simple method of opening Roads and settling the forest lands, as practised in the United States, will for some time be alone available.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

The Right Hon. Earl Grey.

(Copy)—No. 50.

Downing Street, 29th January, 1847.

SIR,—I have had the honor of receiving your Despatch of the 29th December, No. 120, enclosing the letter and Annual Report of the Agent for Emigration. The information thus afforded to me is satisfactory, so far as regards the effectual enforcement of the Passengers' Act, and the absence of abuse, or of any difficulty in providing for the Emigrants who have remained in the Province. I regret, however, to observe that the settlement of the fine Province of New Brunswick is proceeding so slowly ; and I am of opinion that the attention of the Legislature might, with great advantage, be directed to a consideration of the means which it may be in their power to adopt, with a view of promoting the more rapid advance of the Colony in population and wealth, and the developement of its great natural resources. Her Majesty's Government will be most anxious to co-operate, so far as they have the power to do so, in any well-devised measures which may be suggested for this purpose. I concur with you, however, in considering that it would not be expedient to allow land to be sold to settlers upon credit, to be repaid in work on roads.

You will express to Mr. Perley my approbation of the zeal and ability which he has displayed in the execution of his important office.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

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