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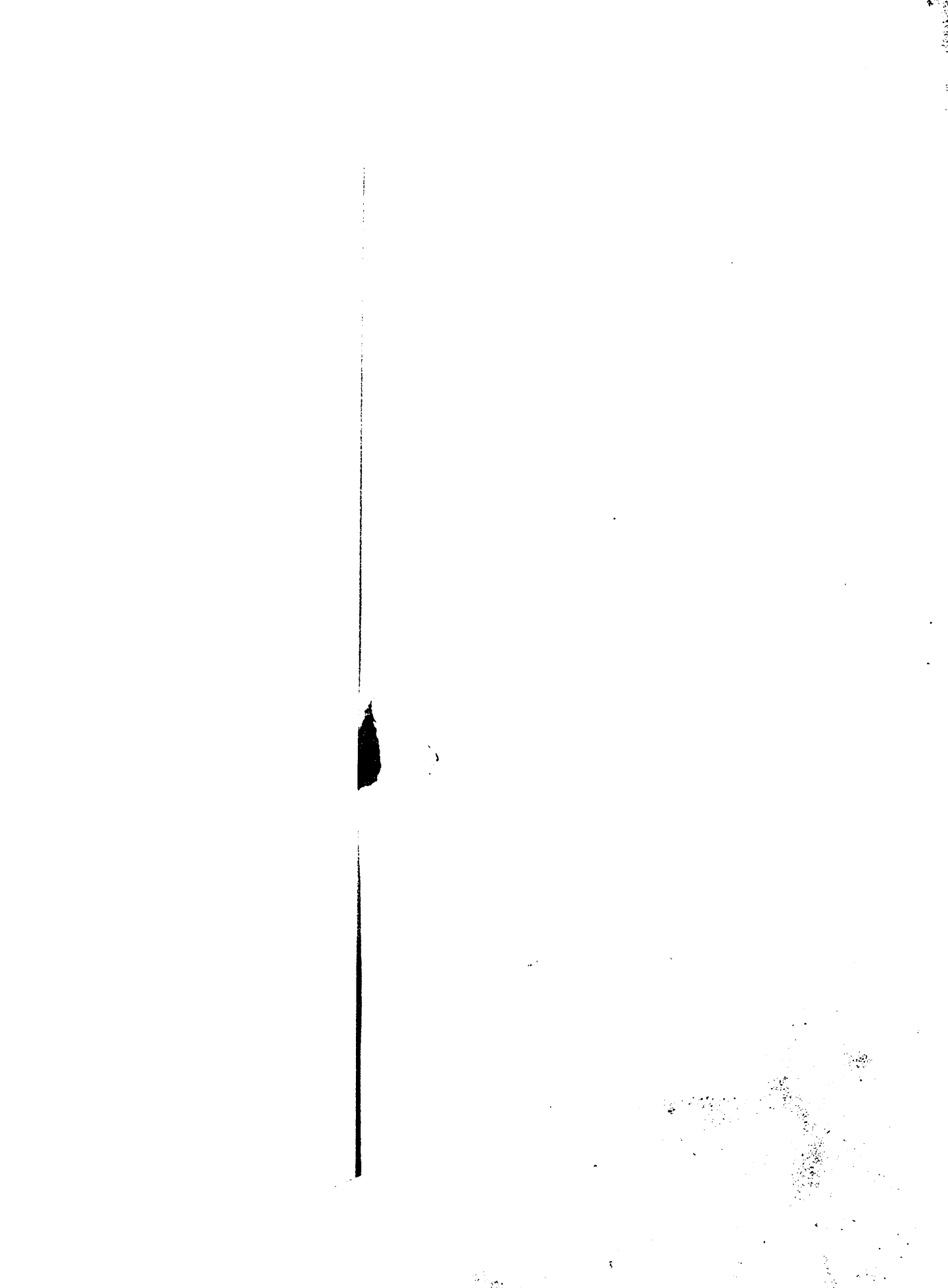
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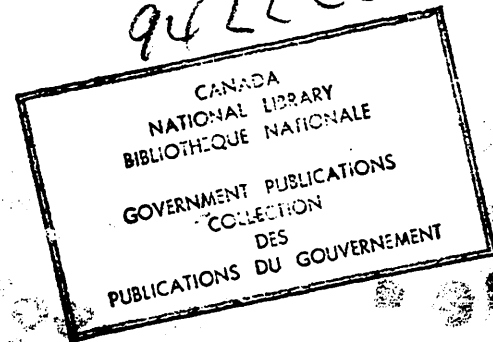
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PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Colonel

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

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

L. S.

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Saturday, the Twenty-first day of May instant :

I have thought fit further to prorogue the same until Thursday, the Twenty-first day of July next—of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax,
this 18th day of May, A. D. 1853, and in the
Sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOSEPH HOWE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.



PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Colonel

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

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

L. S.
J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Thursday, the Twenty-first instant :

I have thought fit further to prorogue the same until Thursday, the Twenty-second day of September next—of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax, this 20th day of July, A. D. 1853, and in the Seventeenth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOSEPH HOWE. ●

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.



PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Colonel

SIR JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,

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

L. S.

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Thursday, the Twenty-second instant:

I have thought fit further to prorogue the same until Thursday, the Twenty-fourth day of November next—of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax,
this 14th day of September, A. D. 1853, and
in the Seventeenth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOSEPH HOWE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.



PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Colonel

SIR JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,

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

L. S.
J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Thursday, the Twenty-fourth day of November instant :

I have thought fit further to prorogue the same until Thursday, the Twenty-ninth day of December next—of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax,
this 23d day of November, A. D. 1853, and in
the Seventeenth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOSEPH HOWE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.



PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Colonel

* **SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,**

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

L. S.

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Thursday, the Twenty-ninth day of December instant:

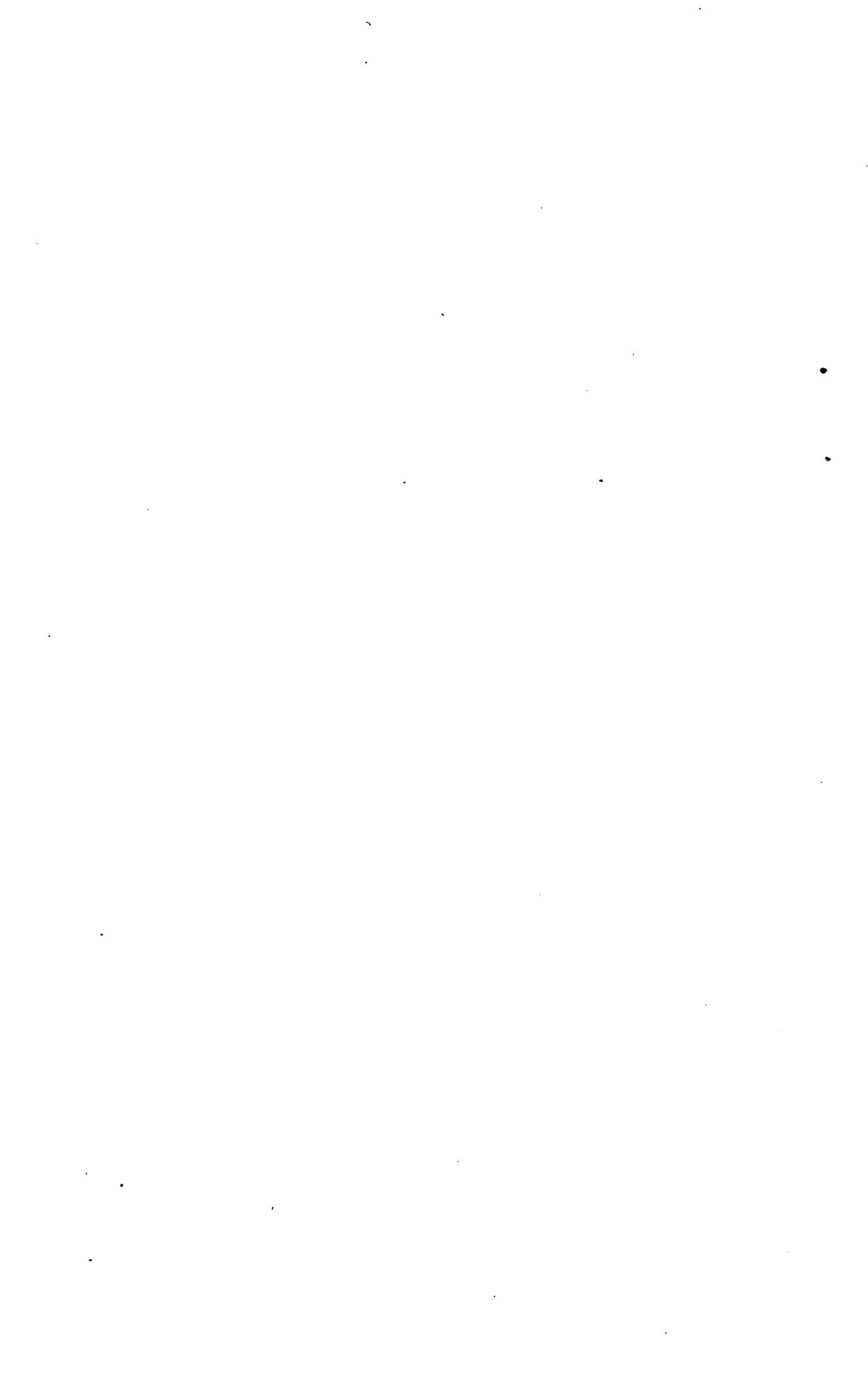
I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly until Thursday, the Twenty-sixth day of January next—*then to meet for the Despatch of Business*—of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax, this 14th day of December, A. D. 1853, and in the Seventeenth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOSEPH HOWE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.



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OF THE
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OF THE
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OF THE
PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

ANNO DECIMO SEPTIMO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

AT HALIFAX, IN THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,

Thursday, 26th January, 1854.

The General Assembly having been prorogued to this day, the Council met—

PRESENT:

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable HUGH BELL,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., His Excellency Colonel Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, Chancellor of the same, &c. &c. &c. came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's Command, to let the House of Assembly know, "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House"—who being come, with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to open the Session with a Speech to both Houses, as follows:

H. E. comes to
Council Chamber.

H. A. attend.

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

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

We are called upon to resume our Legislative labors, under circumstances which should inspire us with renewed confidence in the Giver of all Good. An industrious People have drawn from a fertile soil, and from a profitable Commerce and Fishery, His bounties in rich abundance, and in peace and health are permitted to enjoy them.

Speech.

The

The Railway Bills, passed during the last Session, have received the Queen's assent. Correspondence in reference to the general subject, shall be laid before you without delay.

The sum granted for the importation of Stock, has been carefully expended; the animals imported, sold at prices that indicate the interest which has been already awakened among the Agriculturists of the Province, for the possession of those superior breeds of cattle, so highly prized in the Mother Country. The results of this experiment having more than realized the anticipations of those most favorable to the trial, I confidently anticipate, that, by an enlarged provision, you will enable me to place improved breeds in the Central Townships of every County in the Province.

The Exhibition which took place, during the past Summer, was highly creditable to the Agricultural Classes, and shewed the excellence that might be attained in the various productions of the soil. With your co-operation and aid, I look forward with confidence, to see Nova-Scotia making rapid strides in the advancement of her Husbandry;—profiting by the experience, and emulating the examples of Great Britain and of the United States, where Agriculture is regarded as forming the basis of National wealth and prosperity.

To the VICE ADMIRAL, Commanding on this Station, our grateful acknowledgements are especially due, for his ready acceptance of the offer made to him by the Government, to take under his immediate charge the entire equipment and direction of the Provincial Vessels employed in the protection of the Shore Fisheries. The Reports, when laid before you, will shew that this duty has been performed by that distinguished Officer, with the same energy and zeal that have ever characterized his services, and which have elicited, through their Representatives, the thanks of the people of Nova-Scotia.

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

The Public Accounts, with the Estimate for the current year, shall be immediately submitted for your inspection, and you will be gratified to perceive that the Revenue, as compared with that of 1852, has steadily increased.

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

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

Serious inconvenience has resulted from defects in the Law which regulates the selection of Jurors, or from the mode in which it has been carried out. To provide for a more certain and speedy administration of Justice, should be our first care. A measure, embracing this object, will be submitted for your consideration.

The Reports of the Supervisors of the Great Roads shall be laid before you; and should you decide that the system, adopted last Session, has, so far, worked well, I will be happy to give my assent to any measure for its extension.

The protection of the Rivers I still regard as a subject of great importance, involving the very existence of the Salmon and Gaspereaux Fisheries; and I must rely upon your local experience to aid the Officers, appointed under the Act of last Session, by such improvements of the Law as may appear to be politic and necessary.

Some further provision should be made for the safe investment, under the guarantee of the Government, of the earnings of the industrious classes. Wages having been high throughout the year, larger sums have been weekly presented at the Savings' Bank than the Cashier was authorized to receive.

Great interest is taken in an Exhibition, which it is proposed to organize, of the productions of Provincial skill and industry, in the Autumn of the current year. I

am informed that very large contributions will be made for such an object, by public spirited individuals throughout the Province. The liberality of the Legislature should encourage the enterprize; and you may be assured that it shall have my countenance and aid.

A measure will be submitted for reducing the cost of Marriage Licenses, and making provision for issuing them in the several Counties, by which the inconvenience and delays that result from the present system, will be avoided.

That you will address yourselves to the consideration and despatch of the public business, with due earnestness and zeal, I am well assured; and you may rely upon my very sincere desire so to exercise the prerogatives of the Crown, as to draw from your Legislative labors the highest guarantee, that while promoting the happiness of Her subjects, I shall secure the approbation of my Sovereign.

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

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

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

Bill pro forma read.

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

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

Speech reported.

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

Address in answer moved.

To His Excellency Colonel

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

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

THE ADDRESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

May it please your Excellency:

We, Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia, thank your Excellency for the Speech which invites us to resume our legislative duties, with aspirations of thankfulness to the Giver of all Good.

Address.

We recognize in the rich abundance of the blessings with which we are favored, and the peace and health in which we are permitted to enjoy them, the superintending care and goodness from whence all are derived.

The correspondence respecting the Railway Bills passed during the last Session, to which Her Majesty has given Her assent, shall receive our most careful attention and consideration.

We highly appreciate your Excellency's zealous efforts to promote the interests of Agriculture by introducing a superior breed of Cattle, and by directing attention to, and exciting an interest in, improving the products of the soil; and we congratulate your Excellency on the results. We shall cheerfully aid your Excellency in the prosecution of these important objects.

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The kind and prompt attention which the Vice Admiral has invariably shewn to promote the interests of our Province, claims, and we are persuaded has secured for that distinguished officer, the gratitude of the people of Nova Scotia, by whom his name will long be respected.

To the several subjects referred to in your Excellency's Speech—the mode of selecting Jurors—the Reports of the Supervisors of Great Roads—the protection of the River Fisheries—a provision for the safe investment of the earnings of the industrious classes—the Exhibition which it is proposed to organize of the productions of Provincial skill and industry—the reduction of the cost of Marriage Licenses—to these, and to the consideration and despatch of public business generally, we will address ourselves with due earnestness and zeal, and your Excellency may rely on the best efforts of the Legislative Council to secure for your Excellency the approbation of your Sovereign, by promoting the happiness of Her Majesty's subjects in this loyal Province.

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

Reporting and publishing debates.

On motion of Mr. Almon, *resolved*, that John S. Thompson, Esquire, be appointed Reporter of the Debates of this House for the present Session; and that the Debates be published in the "Sun," "British Colonist," and "Acadian Recorder," on the same terms and conditions as in the last year.

Adjourn.

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

Friday, 27th January, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable HUGH BELL,
MATHER B. ALMON,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Address read 2d time,

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

And ordered to Com.

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

Committed.

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

Read 3d time,

The said Address was then read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Address shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And agreed to.

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

Ordered,

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

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

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the said Committee, reported that the Committee had waited upon His Excellency, and that His Excellency had been pleased to appoint the hour of Eleven o'clock A. M. to-morrow, to receive this House.

Report.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at a quarter before 11 o'clock.

Adjourn.

Saturday, 28th January, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable HUGH BELL,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR.

At eleven o'clock, A. M., the House proceeded to the Government House with their Address, and being returned to the Council Chamber, the President reported that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Address, and to make the following Reply thereto :

House wait on H. E.
with Address.

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

I thank you for this Address, and also for the assurance therein conveyed of your readiness to devote yourselves with due earnestness and zeal to the Despatch of the Public Business that may be brought under your consideration during the present Session.

Reply.

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

Adjourn.

Wednesday, 1st February, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable HUGH BELL,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday and Saturday were read.

Message from H. E.
with Despatches
relative to

Mr. Bell, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Despatches and Orders in Council relative to Acts passed in the last Session :

Despatch, dated October 27, 1853, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, enclosing

Railway Acts.

An Order in Council, dated 24th October, 1853, allowing two Acts relative to Railways, and an Act for a Loan for Public Works, passed in the last Session.

Also, a Despatch, dated 27th October, 1853, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, enclosing

Do. 69 Acts.

An Order in Council, dated 24th October, 1853, allowing Sixty-nine Acts, passed in the last Session.

(Appendix—Legislative Acts.)

Do. Fisheries.

Also, the following Letters relative to the Fisheries :

Letter, dated November 22, 1853, from Vice Admiral Sir G. F. Seymour to the Lieutenant-Governor, enclosing copies of the following Letters to the Vice Admiral :

Letter, dated 11th November, 1853, from Commander F. Egerton.

Letter, dated 28th October, 1853, from Commander A. F. DeHorsey.

Letter, dated November 8th, 1853, from Lieutenant J. Jenkins.

Letter, dated 23d October, 1853, from Lieutenant M. R. Pechell.

Letter, dated August 16th, 1853, from Lieutenant C. G. Lindsay.

Letter, dated October 20th, 1853, from Lieutenant W. W. Bridges.

Letter, dated November 23d, 1853, from the Lieutenant-Governor to Vice Admiral, Sir George F. Seymour.

Do. Harbors, Cape
Breton.

Letter, dated November 22d, 1853, from Vice Admiral, Sir George F. Seymour, to the Lieutenant-Governor, enclosing

A copy of a Letter, dated 16th November, 1853, from W. Jefferys, Master H. M. S. Basilisk, to the Hon. F. Egerton, Commander H. M. S. Basilisk.

Letter, dated November 23d, 1853, from the Lieutenant-Governor to Vice Admiral Sir G. F. Seymour.

(Appendix—Fisheries.)

Do. Railway Acts.

Also, to the following Despatches and Letters relative to the Railway Acts :
Despatch, dated November 3rd, 1853, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Letter

Letter, dated 11th May, 1853, from Mr. Booth to Mr. Merivale.
Despatch, dated November 3rd, 1853, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Letter, dated 22nd September, 1853, from J. L. A. Simmons, Captain Royal Engineers, to Mr. Merivale.

Minute to the Board of Trade, dated October 8th, 1853.

Two Extracts from the Appendix to Report of the Commissioners of Railways, presented to Parliament in 1848.

(Appendix—Railway Acts.)

Also, the following Despatch and Order in Council relative to King's College Act: Despatch, dated 10th December, 1853, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor. King's College Act.

Order in Council, dated 25th November, 1853, allowing the Act passed in the last Session.

(Appendix—King's College Act.)

Also, the following Despatches and Papers relative to Postal Arrangements: Despatch, dated 17th March, 1853, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, enclosing Postal Arrangem'ts.

Petitions to the House of Lords and House of Commons, from Inhabitants of Nova Scotia, for Ocean Penny Postage.

Despatch, dated 8th April, 1853, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Despatch, dated 5th April, 1853, from the same to the same.

Letter, dated September 21st, 1852, from Mr. Merivale to Lieutenant Colonel Maberly.

Letter, dated October 8th, 1852, from Mr. Tilley to Mr. Merivale.

Letter, dated April 27th, 1852, from the Earl of Hardwicke, Postmaster-General, to the Lords Commissioners of H. M. Treasury.

Letter, dated May 29th, 1852, from Mr. Hamilton to the Postmaster-General.

Letter, dated November 8th, 1852, from Mr. Merivale to Mr. Tilley.

Letter, dated 19th March, 1853, from Lieutenant Colonel Maberly to Mr. Merivale.

(Appendix—Postal Arrangements.)

Also, the following Despatch relative to the Railway Bills of the last Session: Despatch, dated 30th September, 1853, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor. Do. Railway Bills.

(Appendix—Railway Bills.)

Also, the following Letters relative to Railways:

Letter, dated 30th September, 1853, from Mr. Jackson to the Lieutenant-Governor. Railways.

Letter, dated 23rd September, 1853, from Mr. Jackson to Mr. Hincks.

(Appendix—Railways.)

Also, the Report, dated 31st August, 1853, of P. J. S. Barry, Captain Royal Engineers, relative to the St. Peter's Canal. St. Peter's Canal.

(Appendix—St. Peter's Canal.)

Also, the Report, dated October 8th, 1853, of J. R. Forman, relative to the Harbors in Cape Breton. Harbors, C. Breton.

(Appendix—Harbors, Cape Breton.)

The said Despatches and Papers, were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Com. Public Accts.
H. A.

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

Do. Council.

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

Message from H. E.
with Blue Book.

Mr. Bell, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before House the Blue Book for the year 1852.

Do. Statistical Rept.

Also, a Report, dated October 28th, 1853, by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, of the General State of the Province.

(Appendix—Statistical Report.)

The same were ordered to lie on the Table.

Real Estate by aliens
Bill read 1st time.

Mr. McCully presented a Bill to remove all disability to take and hold Real Estate by reason of Alienage—which was read a first time.

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

Adjourn.

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

Tuesday, 7th February, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable HUGH BELL,
ALEXANDER McDougall,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Wednesday were read.

E. Telegraph Accts.

Mr. Keith presented the Accounts of the Nova-Scotia Electric Telegraph Company, for the year 1853—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Real Estate by aliens
Bill read 2d time,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to remove all disability to take and hold Real Estate by reason of Alienage, was read a second time.

And ordered to Com.

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

Message from H. E.
rel. to Address, and

Mr. Bell, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Despatches relative to the Address of the Legislative Council to Her Majesty, on the subject of the Fisheries:

Treaties on subject
of Fisheries.

Despatch, dated 11th April, 1853, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatch,

Despatch, dated 3rd May, 1853, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.

(Appendix—Fisheries.)

Also, the following Extracts relative to the Fisheries, from various Treaties :

Extract from the Treaty, signed at Utrecht, in 1713.

Extract from the Treaty, signed at Paris, in 1763.

Extract from the Treaty, signed at Versailles, in September, 1783.

Extract from the British Declaration, and French Counter Declaration, dated 3rd September, 1783.

Extract from the Treaty between Great Britain and the United States, signed at London, in 1818.

(Appendix—Fisheries—Extracts from Treaties.)

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

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

Do. Extract from Treaties.

Adjourn.

Friday, 10th February, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Tuesday were read.

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

The Receiver General's Accounts for the year 1853.

A General Statement of the Amounts, certified by the Financial Secretary, for payment on account of the different public services of the Province, for the year ended 31st December, 1853.

A General Abstract of the Returns of Impost and Excise Duties collected at the different Ports of this Province during the year 1853.

An Abstract of Articles imported into this Province on which Duty was collected in the year 1853.

A Comparative Statement of Articles imported into this Province, and of the amount of Excise Duties collected therein for the years 1852 and 1853.

A Comparative Statement, exhibiting the increase and decrease of the amount of Excise Duties collected at the different Ports of this Province, for the years 1852 and 1853.

A Comparative Statement of the gross amount of Light Duties collected at the different Ports of this Province, for the years 1852 and 1853.

(Appendix—Public Accounts.)

The same were read.

Message from H. E. with Public Accounts.

Ref. to Com. of
Public Accounts.

Ordered, That the said Accounts and Statements be referred to the Committee of Public Accounts.

Do. with Report of
Board of Works.

Mr. McNab, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the Report of the Chairman of the Board of Works on the Public Establishments.

(Appendix—Board of Works—Report.)

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

Do. Mines.

Mr. Bell, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Despatch and Letters, relative to the Mines :

Despatch, dated 9th January, 1854, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Letter, dated December 8th, 1853, from Mr. Mosar to Mr. Merivale.

Letter, dated 14th November, 1853, from Mr. Cunard to the Lieutenant-Governor.

(Appendix—Mines.)

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

Accounts Wesleyan
Academy Sack-
ville.

Mr. Bell presented the Accounts of the Wesleyan Academy at Sackville, New Brunswick—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Petition of A. Doull.

Mr. Grigor presented the Petition of Alexander Doull, praying for Letters Patent for improvements in the construction of Railroads—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Do. Col. Church &
School Society.

Mr. McCully presented the Petition of the Honorable H. H. Cogswell and others, the Halifax Association in aid of the Colonial Church and School Society, praying aid for the establishment of a Training School—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Com. on Bills.

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

Report Real Estate
Alienage Bill
without amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to remove all disability to take and hold Real Estate by reason of Alienage, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

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

S. O. suspended.

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

Bill read 3d time.

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

Agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

Adjourn.

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

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 14th February, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable ROBERT M. CUTLER,
HUGH BELL,
ALEXANDER McDUGALL,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR.
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Mr. Bell presented the Petition of the Rev. Matthew Richey and others, praying aid to the Wesleyan Academy at Sackville, New Brunswick—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Petition of Mathew Richey, and al.

Mr. Almon presented the Accounts of the Commissioners of the Poores' Asylum of Halifax, for the year 1853—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Accounts of Poor Asylum, Halifax.

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

Adjourn.

Friday 17th February, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable ROBERT M. CUTLER,
HUGH BELL,
ALEXANDER McDUGALL,
EDWARD KENNY,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

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

PRAYERS.

There being no business before the House, on motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday, at 2 o'clock.

Adjourn.

Monday,

Monday, 20th February, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable ROBERT M. CUTLER,	The Honorable EDWARD KENNY,
HUGH BELL,	JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
STAYLEY BROWN,	JONATHAN McCULLY,
ALEXANDER McDougall,	WILLIAM GRIGOR,
MATHER B. ALMON,	RICHARD A. McHEFFEY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Message from H. E. with Statistical Report of sickness among Troops.

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

Statistical Reports of the sickness, mortality, and invaliding among the Troops in the United Kingdom, the Mediterranean, and British America—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Vaccination Bill read 1st time.

Mr. Grigor presented a Bill regarding Vaccination in the City of Halifax—which was read a first time.

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

Adjourn.

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

Tuesday, 21st February, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable ROBERT M. CUTLER,	The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
HUGH BELL,	JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
STAYLEY BROWN,	JAMES McNAB,
ALEXANDER McDougall,	JONATHAN McCULLY,
MATHER B. ALMON,	WILLIAM GRIGOR,
EDWARD KENNY,	RICHARD A. McHEFFEY.
ALEXANDER KEITH,	

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

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

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes.
2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Liverpool Steam Boat Company.

Chapter 78. Liverpool Steam Company.

3. A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Court House at Liverpool.
4. A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop in Arichat.
5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Baptist Meeting House at Hantsport.
6. A Bill, entitled, An Act to divide the Township of Saint Andrew's, in the County of Cape Breton.
7. A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the completion of the Road from Mahone Bay to Bridgewater.
8. A Bill, entitled, Act relating to certain Public Lands in the Town of Lunenburg.
9. A Bill, entitled, An Act to Naturalize the Reverend John Goudot, and others therein named.
- Resolved*, That a sum not to exceed One thousand pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to further the objects contemplated by the Executive Committee of the Nova-Scotia Industrial Exhibition; to be drawn and applied in the proportion of one pound for each pound subscribed in aid of such Industrial Exhibition. To which Bills and Resolution they desired the concurrence of this House.
- The same were read a first time.
- Ordered*, That the eight first Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Ordered*, That Mr. McDougall, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Brown, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Ordered*, That the ninth Bill and Resolution be read a second time at a future day.
- Mr. McCully presented a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Truro Temperance Hall Company—which was read a first time.
- Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.
- Mr. McCully presented a Bill to authorize the sale of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House at Tatamagouche—which was read a first time.
- Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Ordered*, That Mr. McCully, Mr. McHeffey, and Mr. Bell, be a Committee for that purpose.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act regarding Vaccination in the City of Halifax, was read a second time.
- Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Ordered*, That Mr. Grigor, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Almon, be a Committee for that purpose.
- By unanimous Order, the Resolution for granting £1000 for an Industrial Exhibition was read a second time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Resolution be agreed to?
- It was resolved in the affirmative.
- A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Resolution, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Resolved unanimously*, That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects a Bill, entitled, An Act to Naturalize the Reverend John Goudot, and others therein named.
- The said Bill was read a second time.
- Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

Liverpool Ct. House,
 Roman Catholic
 Bishop, Arichat,
 Baptist Meeting,
 Hantsport,
 Division of Saint
 Andrew's,
 Road, Mahone Bay
 to Bridgewater,
 Pub. Lands, Lunen-
 burg, and
 Naturalization of
 Goudot & al. Bills.
 £1000 Industrial
 Exhibition,

Read 1st time.
 8 Bills referred to
 Select Committee.
 Committee.

Truro Tem. Hall
 Bill read 1st time.

Tatamagouche
 Meeting House Bill
 read 1st time, and
 Ref. to Sel. Com.

Committee.

Vaccination Bill
 read 2nd time, and
 Ref. to Sel. Com.

Committee.

£1000 Industrial Ex-
 hibition read 2nd
 time.

Agreed to,
 And sent to H. A.

S.O.S. on Nat'on. of
 Goudot & al. Bill.

Bill read 2nd time,
 And ordered to Com.

Adjourn.

Wednesday, 22d February, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable ROBERT M. CUTLER,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
ALEXANDER McDougall,
MATHER B. ALMON,
EDWARD KENNY,

The Honorable ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Truro Temperance
Hall Bill read 2nd
time,

And ordered to Com.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Truro Temperance Hall Company, was read a second time.

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

Com. on Chap. 78,

Liverp'l Steam Boat,

Hantsport Baptist
Meeting, and

Road, Mahone Bay
Bills,

Report.

Bills read 2nd time,

And ordered to Com.

S. O. S. on Bills.

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Liverpool Steam Boat Company; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Baptist Meeting House at Hantsport; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the completion of the Road from Mahone Bay to Bridgewater,

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

The said Bills were read a second time.

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

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

Committee on Bills.

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

Report Naturalization
Goudot and al.

Chap. 78,

Liverp'l Steam Boat,

Hantsport Meeting,
and

Road, Mahone Bay,
Bills,

Without amendment

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Naturalize the Reverend John Goudot, and others therein named; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Liverpool Steam Boat Company; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Baptist Meeting House at Hantsport; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the completion of the Road from Mahone Bay to Bridgewater,

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes.
 To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.
 The said Bill was read a first time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.

Chap. 22, Bill.

Read 1st time.

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of the old Presbyterian Meeting House at Tatamagouche, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and found that the requisites of the Standing Orders of this House relative to Private and Local Bills had been complied with.

Committee on Tatamagouche Meeting Bill rep.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2nd time,

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

And ordered to Com.

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

Adjourn.

Friday, 24th February, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable ROBERT M. CUTLER,
 HUGH BELL,
 STAYLEY BROWN,
 ALEXANDER McDougall,
 MATHER B. ALMON,
 EDWARD KENNY,
 ALEXANDER KEITH,

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Wednesday were read.

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop in Arichat, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Roman Catholic Bishop, Arichat Bill rep.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2nd time,

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

And ordered to Com.

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

Committee on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of the old Presbyterian Meeting House at Tatamagouche, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Rep. Tatamagouche Meeting House Bill, without am.

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Naturalize the Reverend John Goudot, and others therein named; also,

Nat. Goudot and al.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes; also,

Chap. 78,

- Hantsport Meeting House, and** A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Baptist Meeting House at Hantsport; also,
- Mahone Bay Road Bills,** A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the completion of the Road from Mahone Bay to Bridgewater,
- Read 3rd time,** Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass?
- Agreed to,** It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A.** A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Liverpool Steam Co. Bill read 3rd time.** A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Liverpool Steam Boat Company, was read a third time.
- Amendment made,** Then the following amendment was made:
2nd Clause—5th line.—After the word "Boats," leave out the remainder of the Clause.
- Agreed to,** Then the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass?
It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A.** A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with an amendment—to which amendment their concurrence is desired.
- Temperance Pets.** Mr. McCully presented eleven Petitions, signed by males, and seven Petitions, signed by females, in favor of Temperance—which were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.
- Petition of J. Robinson and al.** Mr. Brown presented the Petition of John Robinson and others, praying aid to make a Draw Bridge over Bear River, in the County of Digby, which was ordered to lie on the Table.
- Adjourn.** On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday, at 2 o'clock.

Monday, 27th February, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

<p>The Honorable ROBERT M. CUTLER, HUGH BELL, STAYLEY BROWN, ALEXANDER McDUGALL, MATHER B. ALMON,</p>	<p>The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, ALEXANDER KEITH, HENRY G. PINEO, JONATHAN McCULLY, WILLIAM GRIGOR.</p>
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PRAVERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Tatamagouche Meeting Bill read 3rd time.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, at Tatamagouche, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Agreed to,
And sent to H. A.

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

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| 1. A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Elective Franchise. | Elective Franchise, |
| 2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the New Glasgow Steam Boat Company. | New Glasgow Steam Company, |
| 3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for building a Bridge at Barney's River, in the County of Pictou. | Bridge, Barney's River, |
| 4. A Bill, entitled, An Act in reference to Buoys and Beacons, in the County of Cumberland. | Buoys, Cumberland, |
| 5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate a Company to establish a Steam Boat Ferry across the Harbor of Pictou. | Steam Ferry, Pictou, |
| 6. A Bill, entitled, An Act to legalize certain proceedings of the Sessions of the County of Shelburne. | Sessions, Shelburne, |
| 7. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 154 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Costs and Fees." | Chap. 154, |
| 8. A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for constructing Bridges at Kennetcook and St. Croix, in the County of Hauts. | Bridges, Kennet'k and St. Croix, and |
| 9. A Bill, entitled, An Act respecting the Presbyterian Meeting House at Upper Stewiacke. | Pres. Meeting Upper Stewiacke Bills, |

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

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

Elective Franchise Bil ref.

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

Committee.

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

4 Bills ref.

Ordered, That Mr. Brown, Mr. Cutler, and Mr. McDougall, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

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

Buoys, Cumberland, Bill ref.

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

Committee.

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

Chap. 154 read 2nd time.

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

Bridges, Kennetcook and St. Croix, ref.

Ordered, That Mr. McDougall, Mr. McHeffey, and Mr. Brown, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

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

Meeting, Upper Stewiacke Bill ref.

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

Committee.

Mr. McCully presented the Petition of Francis Paul, and eight other Chiefs of the Micmac Tribe of Indians, praying provision may be made for their Tribe out of the Crown Lands—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Pet. of Indian Chiefs.

Committee on Bills.

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

Rep. Truro Temperance Hall Bill, without amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Truro Temperance Hall Company, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

Rep. Roman Cath. Bishop in Arichat Bill, without amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop in Arichat, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

Adjourn.

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

 Tuesday, 28th February, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable ROBERT M. CUTLER, HUGH BELL, STAYLEY BROWN, ALEXANDER McDUGALL, MATHER B. ALMON, EDWARD KENNY, ALEXANDER KEITH,	The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK, HENRY G. PINEO, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, JAMES McNAB, JONATHAN McCULLY, WILLIAM GRIGOR.
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Truro Temperance Hall Bill read 3rd time,

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

Agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

Roman Catholic Bishop, Arichat Bill, read 3rd time,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop in Arichat, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass?

Agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

Chap. 154 Bill read 2nd time,

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

And ordered to Com.

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

Mr.

- Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Court House at Liverpool; also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to divide the Township of Saint Andrew's, in the County of Cape Breton,
 Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recommended them to the favorable consideration of the House.
 The said Bills were read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House, at a future time.
- Com. on Liverpool Court House, and Saint Andrew's Township Bills, Report.
 Bills read 2nd time, And ordered to Com.
- Mr. Brown, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the New Glasgow Steam Boat Company; also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for building a Bridge over Barney's River, in the County of Pictou; also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate a Company to establish a Steam Boat Ferry across the Harbor of Pictou; also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to legalize certain Proceedings of the Sessions of the County of Shelburne,
 Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recommended them to the favorable consideration of the House.
 The said Bills were read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- Com. on N. Glasgow Steam Company, Barney's River Bridge, Steam Ferry, Pictou, and Sessions, Shelburne, Bills, Report.
 Bills read 2nd time, And ordered to Com.
- Mr. Fairbanks presented the Petition of the Court of General Sessions of Pictou, against the Pictou Steam Ferry Bill—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.
- Pet. Sessions Pictou
- Mr. Pineo, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act in reference to Buoys and Beacons in the County of Cumberland, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.
 The said Bill was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- Com. on Buoys, Cumberland Bill rep.
 Bill read 2nd time, And ordered to Com.
- Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for constructing Bridges at Kennetcook and St. Croix, in the County of Hants, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.
 The said Bill was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- Com. on Kennetcook and St. Croix Bill ref.
 Bill read 2nd time, And ordered to Com.
- Mr. Bell, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the Reports of the Wardens of the River Fisheries—which were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.
- Message from H. E. with Report on River Fisheries.
- (*Appendix—River Fisheries.*)
- Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act respecting the Presbyterian Meeting House at Upper Stewiacke, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.
 The said Bill was read a second time.
- Committee on Upper Stewiacke Bill rep.
- Ordered,*

- And ordered to Com.** *Ordered,* That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- Pet. on Temperance.** Mr. McCully presented a Petition from the Females of Pugwash, on the subject of Temperance—which was ordered to lie on the Table.
- S. O. S.** *Resolved unanimously,* That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the Bills before a Committee of the whole House.
- Committee on Bills.** On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills. After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Report,**
Chap. 154,
St. Andrew's Town-
ship,
Liverp'l Ct. House,
Barney's R. Bridge,
Sessions, Shelburne,
Bridges Kennetcook,
and
Upper Stewiacke
Meeting Bills,
Without amendt.
Rep. Buoy's Cum-
berland Bill, with
amendments,
Amendments read,
Agreed to.
Special Sessions
Supreme Court
Bills.
Adjourn.
- The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 154 of the Revised Statutes. "Of Costs and Fees"; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to divide the Township of Saint Andrew's, in the County of Cape Breton; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Court House at Liverpool; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for building a Bridge over Barney's River, in the County of Pictou; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to legalize certain proceedings of the Sessions of the County of Shelburne; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for constructing Bridges at Kennetcook and St. Croix, in the County of Hants; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act respecting the Presbyterian Meeting House at Upper Stewiacke.
- And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Ordered,* That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.
- The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act in reference to Buoy's and Beacons in the County of Cumberland, and had made two amendments thereto.
- The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:
2nd Clause—3rd line.—Leave out the words "out of the License fund or," and insert instead, the word "and."
10th line.—Instead of the word "penny," insert the word "half-penny."
- And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House.
- Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.
- Mr. McCully presented a Bill to authorize Special Sittings of the Supreme Court, for the trial of Criminals—which was read a first time.
- Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.
- On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Friday, at 2 o'clock.

Friday,

Friday, 3rd March, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF, HUGH BELL, STAYLEY BROWN, ALEXANDER McDougall, MATHER B. ALMON, EDWARD KENNY, ALEXANDER KEITH,	The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK, DAVID CRICHTON, HENRY G. PINEO, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, JONATHAN McCULLY, WILLIAM GRIGOR.
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Tuesday were read.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Twining,
 To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Truro Temperance Hall Company; also to
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House at Tatamagouche—without any amendment.

The Messenger also brought up the following Bills:

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, "Of County Assessments."	Chapter 46,
2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for improving the Road from Antigonishe towards Sherbrooke.	Road Antigonishe,
3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the maintenance of Bastard Children."	Chapter 91,
4. A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Marine Railway Company.	Halifax Marine Rail- way Company,
5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 147 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Petty Trespasses and Assaults."	Chapter 147,
6. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Horticultural Society.	Horticultural Soc'y,
7. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to authorize an Assessment on the Township of Sydney.	Sydney Assess'm't,
8. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Shipping and Seamen."	Chapter 76, &
9. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 140 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Forcible Entry and Detainer."	Chapter 140 Bills,

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time. Read 1st time.

Ordered, That the five first Bills be read a second time at a future day.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Black, Mr. Keith, and Mr. Kenny, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

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

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

- Chapter 76 Bill ref. Committee.** *Ordered*, that the eighth Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
Ordered, That Mr. Pineo, Mr. Crichton, and Mr. Fairbanks, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Chapter 140 Bill ref. Committee.** *Ordered*, That the ninth Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
Ordered, That Mr. McCully, Mr. Rudolf, and Mr. Pineo, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Chapter 154,** A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 154 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Costs and Fees;" also,
- St. Andrew's Township,** A Bill, entitled, An Act to divide the Township of Saint Andrew's, in the County of Cape Breton; also,
- Liverp'l Ct. House,** A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Court House at Liverpool; also,
- Barney's R. Bridge,** A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for building a Bridge over Barney's River, in the County of Pictou; also,
- Sessions Shelburne,** A Bill, entitled, An Act to legalize certain proceedings of the Sessions of the County of Shelburne; also,
- Bridges Kennetcook, and** A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for constructing Bridges at Kennetcook and St. Croix, in the County of Hants; also,
- Upper Stewiacke Meeting Bills,** A Bill, entitled, An Act respecting the Presbyterian Meeting House at Upper Stewiacke,
- Read 3d time,** Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass?
- Agreed to,** It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A.** A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Buoys, Cumberland, Bill read 3d time,** A Bill, entitled, An Act in reference to Buoys and Beacons, in the County of Cumberland, was read a third time,
- Motion to recommit, agreed to.** Whereupon Mr. Pineo moved that the said Bill be recommitted, for the purpose of amending the same, by altering the mode of raising the Assesment—which, being seconded, and the question being put, was agreed to.
- Special Sittings Sup. Court Bill read 2d** A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Special Sittings of the Supreme Court for the trial of Criminals, was read a second time.
- And ordered to Com.** *Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- Com. on Elective Franchise Bill rep.** Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Elective Franchise was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.
- Bill read 2nd time,** The said Bill was read a second time.
- And ordered to Com.** *Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- Com. on Public Lands Lunenburg Bill report.** Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to certain Public Lands in the Town of Lunenburg, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.
- Bill read 2nd time,** The said Bill was read a second time.
- And ordered to Com.** *Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day. Mr.

Mr. McDougall presented the Petition of John Cameron, and others, against altering the site of the Court House at Antigonishe—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Petition of John
Cameron and al.

Mr. Brown presented two Petitions from West Cornwallis, on the subject of Temperance—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Petitions on Temper-
ance.

Mr. Rudolf presented three Petitions from Lunenburg, on the subject of Temperance—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Do. do.

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

Adjourn.

Monday, 6th March, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM MCKEEN.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, "Of County Assessments ; also,

Chap. 46,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide improving of the Road from Antigonishe towards Sherbrooke ; also,

Road, Antigonishe,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the maintenance of Bastard Children ;" also,

Chap. 91,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Marine Railway Company ; also,

Hx. Marine Railway,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 147 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Petty Trespasses and Assaults,"

and
Chap. 147 Bills,

Were read a second time.

Read 2nd time,

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

And ordered to Com.

Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to authorize an Assessment on the Township of Sydney, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Sydney
Assessment Bill
rep.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2nd time,

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

And ordered to Com.

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 140 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Forceful Entry and Detainer,"

Com. on Chap. 140
Bill rep.

was

was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com.

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

Com. on Chap. 76
Bill rep.

Mr. Pineo, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Shipping and Seamen," was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com.

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

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

Rep. Special Sittings
Supreme Court
Bill without amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Special Sittings of the Supreme Court for the Trial of Criminals, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

Rep. Public Lands
Lunenburg Bill
without amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Public Lands in the Town of Lunenburg, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

Rep. Steam Ferry
Pictou Bill with
amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate a Company to establish a Steam Boat Ferry across the Harbor of Pictou, and had made an amendment thereto.

Amendment read,

The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows :

3d Clause.—At the end of the Clause add the following words: "subject to the regulation of the Sessions."

Agreed to.

And the said amendment being read a second time, was agreed to by the House.

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

Rep. New Glasgow
Ferry Bill with
amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the New Glasgow Steam Boat Company, and had made two amendments thereto.

Amendments read,

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows :

2nd Clause—5th line.—Instead of the word "with," insert the words "such Boats shall have."

At the end of the Clause add the following words: "subject to the regulation of the Court of Sessions."

Agreed to.

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

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

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

£40,000 Roads and
Bridges,

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty Thousand Pounds be granted for the ordinary Road and Bridge service for the present year; and the further sum of Ten Thousand Pounds for the Great Road service for the same year.

To which Resolution they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Resolution was read a first time.

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

Adjourn.

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

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 7th March, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
ALEXANDER McDUGALL,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN.
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to certain Public Lands in the Town of Lunenburg, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass? Public Lands, Lunenburg, Bill read 3rd time,

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate a Company to establish a Steam Boat Ferry across the Harbor of Pictou; also, Steam Ferry, Pictou, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the New Glasgow Steam Boat Company. Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass? N. Glasgow S. Bills, Read 3d time,

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to with amts.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired. And sent to H. A.

The Resolution for granting the sum of £40,000 for the service of Roads and Bridges, was read a second time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Resolution be agreed to? £40,000 Roads and Bridges read 2nd time,

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

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

Mr. Black, the Chairman of a Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Horticultural Society, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on Horticultural Bill rep.

The said Bill was read a second time. Bill read 2nd time,

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

Message from H. E.
with

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

Rep. on Bankruptcy.

The Report of the Commissioners appointed to prepare an Act on the subject of Bankruptcy.

Do. Central Board
Agriculture.

Also, the Report of the Central Board of Agriculture, for the year 1853.
The same were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Pet. on Temperance.

Mr. Bell presented various Petitions on the subject of Temperance—which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Adjourn.

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

Wednesday, 8th March, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN.
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Special Sittings
Supreme Court
Bill read 3rd time,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Special Sittings of the Supreme Court for the trial of Criminals, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A

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

Committee on Bills.

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

Rep. Elective Fran-
chise Bill with
amnds.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Elective Franchise, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was ready to report when this House would be pleased to receive the same.
Ordered, That the said Report be received To-morrow. (*Reported on the 10th.*)

Report to be read
to-morrow.

H. A. agree to
Amdt. to Pictou
Ferry, and

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Twining,
To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to establish a Steam Boat Ferry across the Harbor of Pictou.

Also,

Also, the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the New Glasgow Steam Boat Company.

New Glasgow Bills,

The Messenger also brought up the following Bills:

- 1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Juries."
- 2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Registry of Deeds, and Incumbrances affecting Lands."
- 3. A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to disorderly persons.

Chapter 136,

Chapter 113, and

Disorderly persons Bills,

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House. The said Bills were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

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

Chapter 136 Bill ref.

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. McCully, Mr. McDougall, and Mr. Crichton, be a Committee for that purpose.

Chapter 113 Bill ref.

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

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. McCully, Mr. McHefey, and Mr. Rudolf, be a Committee for that purpose.

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

Mr. McCully presented a Bill relating to Bankruptcy—which was read a first time. Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.

Bankruptcy Bill read 1st time.

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

Adjourn.

Thursday, 9th March, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

- The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
- HENRY G. PINEO,
- JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
- JAMES McNAB,
- JONATHAN McCULLY,
- WILLIAM GRIGOR,
- WILLIAM McKEEN,
- RICHARD A. McHEFFEY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to establish a Steam Boat Ferry across the Harbor of Pictou; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the New Glasgow Steam Boat Company.

Steam Ferry Pictou, and

N. Glasgow Steam Company Bills,

Were read, as amended, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass? It was resolved in the affirmative.

Finally agreed to,

- And sent to H. A.** A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, as amended.
- Disorderly persons, and Bankruptcy Bills, Read 2nd time, And ordered to Com.** A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to disorderly persons ; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Bankruptcy. Were read a second time. *Ordered,* That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House, at a future day.
- Committee on Bills.** On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Report Chapter 46, Road Antigonishe, Chap. 91,** The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, "Of County Assessments;" also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for improving of the Road from Antigonishe towards Sherbrooke ; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the maintenance of Bastard Children;" also,
- Hlfx. Marine R. Co. Chap. 147,** A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Marine Railway Company ; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 147 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Petty Trespasses and Assaults;" also,
- Sydney Assessm't, Chap. 76, and Hortl. Co. Bills,** A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to authorize an Assessment in the Town-ship of Sydney ; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Shipping and Seamen;" also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Horticultural Society.
- Without amdt.** And had agreed to the same, without any amendment. *Ordered,* That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.
- Rep. Chap. 140 Bill with amdt.** The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 140 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Forcible Entry and Detainer," and had made an amendment thereto.
- Amendment read,** The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows :
At the end of the Bill, add the following words : "as provided in Capter 131 of the Revised Statutes."
- Agreed to.** And the said amendment being read a second time, was agreed to by the House. *Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.
- Recommend Buoys Cumberland Bill to be deferred.** The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration, a Bill, entitled, An Act in reference to Buoys and Beacons in the County of Cumberland, and had directed him to report that it was the opinion of the Committee that the further consideration of the said Bill should be deferred to this day three months.
- Bill defer ed.** *Ordered,* That the said Report be received, and the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months.
- H. A. agree to Real Estate Alienage Bill with amdt.** A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Twining, To inform the House that the House of Assembly had agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to remove all disability to take and hold Real Estate by reason of Alienage, with an amendment—to which amendment they desired the concurrence of this House. The Messenger also brought up the following Bills and Resolution :
- Railways, Loan for Railways,** A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the construction of Railways in this Province. A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the construction of Railways within this Province.

A Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend Chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes. Chapter 38, and
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, and the Act Chap. 38 Bills.
 in amendment thereof.

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee of this House on the subject of Re- Binding Grant
 gistry, so far as the same relates to the Binding and Indexing of the Books of Registry Books,
 of Grants in the Secretary's Office, be adopted, and that His Excellency be requested
 to carry out the recommendation of the Committee, and this House, at its next Session,
 will provide for the expence necessarily incurred thereby.

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

The same were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

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

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Com. on Chap. 134,
 amend Chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Juries;" also, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Chapter 113 Bills.
 Registry of Deeds, and Incumbrances affecting Lands,"

Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recom- Report.
 mended them to the favorable consideration of the House.

The same were read a second time.

Bills read 2nd time,

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

Mr. McCully presented two Petitions from Cumberland, relative to Temperance— Pet. on Temperance.
 which were ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Friday, 10th March, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF, ROBERT M. CUTLER, HUGH BELL, STAYLEY BROWN, ALEXANDER McDUGALL, MATHER B. ALMON, EDWARD KENNY, WILLIAM A. BLACK,	The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON, HENRY G. PINEO, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, JAMES McNAB, JONATHAN McCULLY, WILLIAM GRIGOR, WILLIAM McKEEN, RICHARD A. McHEFFEY.
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, "Of County Chap. 46,
 Assessments;" also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for improving of the Road from Antigonishe Road Antigonishe,
 to Sherbrooke; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Chap. 91,
 maintenance of Bastard Children;" also,

- Hx. M. Railway Co.
Chap. 147, A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Marine Railway Company; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 147 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Petty Trespasses and Assaults;" also,
- Sydney Assessment,
Chap. 76, and A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to authorize an Assessment on the Township of Sydney; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Shipping and Seamen;" also,
- Hortl. Society Bills,
Read 3rd time, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Horticultural Society,
Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill,
Whether this Bill shall pass?
- Agreed to, It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Chap. 140 Bill read
3rd time, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 140 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Forcible Entry and Detainer," was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,
Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass?
- Agreed with amdt. It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with an amendment—to which amendment their concurrence is desired.
- Railways, A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the construction of Railways in this Province; also,
- Loan for Railways, A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the construction of Railways within this Province; also,
- Chap. 33, and A Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes; also,
- Chap. 33 amdt. Bills. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, and the Act in amendment thereof,
Were read a second time.
- Read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House, at a future day.
- Amdts. to Franchise
Bill reported. Pursuant to order, Mr. Rudolf reported the amendments made by the Committee of the whole House to a Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Elective Franchise.
The said amendments were read as follows:
3rd Clause—3rd line.—After the word "Province," insert the following words: "or aid as poor persons from any Public Grant of Government money."
4th Clause—45th line.—Instead of the word "vote," insert the word "name."
46th line.—Leave out the word "again."
7th Clause—4th line.—After the word "leaving," insert the words "or otherwise temporarily absent."
1st Oath—7th line.—After the word "of," insert the words "or District."
2nd Oath—14th line.—After the word "Election," insert the words "for this County, District, or Township, as the case may be."
3rd Oath—4th line.—After the word "Province," insert the words "or as a poor person under any Public Grant of this Province."
4th Oath—8th line.—After the word "gift," insert the words "or reward."
11th line.—After the word "Election," insert the words "for this County, District, or Township, as the case may be."
- Amdts. read,

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

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

Mr. Bell, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House printed copies of the following papers laid before the House of Commons: Message from H. E. with

A Return of the Duties payable, under Colonial Enactments, on goods imported into British Colonies. Return of Colonial Duties.

Copies or Extracts of Correspondence relative to the discovery of Gold at Queen Charlotte's Island. Gold in Queen Charlotte's Island.

Further Correspondence on the same subject. Do. Do.

Copies of the Addresses to Her Majesty of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, on the subject of the Constitution of the former House, dated respectively 2nd and 4th June, 1853. Constitution of Canada.

Copies or Extracts of any Representations to the Secretary of State, from Mr. Cheshire, or any other parties, on behalf of the Settlers on the Grand River, in Upper Canada; together with Copies or Extracts of the Replies thereto, and the Correspondence on the subject with the Governor-General of Canada. Settlers, Grand River Upper Canada.

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

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Juries," and had made several amendments thereto. Rep. Chap. 136 Bill with amdts.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:

2nd Clause—3rd, 4th, and 5th lines.—Leave out the words "or the Committee thereof appointed to revise the Jury Lists." Amdts. read,

4th Clause—1st and 2nd lines.—Leave out the words "or majority thereof."

6th Clause—1st line.—After the word "the," insert the words "Grand Jury in."

2nd line.—After the word "shall," insert the word "annually."

Instead of the word "reasonable," insert the word "a."

3rd line.—instead of the word "to," insert the words "of seven shillings and six-pence to each of."

4th line.—After the word "aforesaid," insert the words "with travelling fees at the rate of three-pence per mile, going and returning; and six-pence per folio for copies of the lists furnished by them."

At the end of the Bill add the following Clause:

"The Committee of Justices to revise the lists shall be chosen annually."

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

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Registry of Deeds, and Incumbrances affecting Lands," and had made several amendments thereto. Rep. Chap 113 Bill with amdts.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:

4th Clause—6th line.—After the word "transmitted," insert the words "with a duplicate Plan." Amdts. read,

8th line.—After the word "furnished," insert the words "and attach thereto a duplicate Plan."

5th Clause.—Leave out this Clause.

6th Clause—1st line.—Leave out the words "in the County of Halifax."

2nd line.—Insert the word "Registrars," instead of the word "Registrar."

- 6th line.—Insert the word “they,” instead of the word “he.”
 8th Clause—1st and 2nd lines.—Leave out the words “in all the Counties except Halifax.”
 2nd, 3rd, and 4th lines.—Leave out the words “together with the Wills and Decrees deposited under this Act.”
- And agreed to. And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House.
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.
- Mutual Marine Insurance Bill read 1st time. Mr. Black presented a Bill to Incorporate “The Nova-Scotia Mutual Marine Insurance Company”—which was read a first time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.
- Motion for Railway Bills order of day. Mr. McCully moved that it be the order of the day for Tuesday next, for the House to be put into a Committee of the whole House, for the consideration of the Railway Bills—which being seconded,
- Motion in amdt. negatived. Mr. Fairbanks moved that the word “Wednesday,” be substituted for the word “Tuesday”—which being seconded, and the question being put by the President, passed in the negative.
- Original motion agreed to. Then the question being put on the original motion, it was agreed to.
- Adjourn. On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday, at 2 o'clock.

Monday, 13th March, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Minutes of Friday were read.

- Elective Franchise, Chap. 136, and
 Chap. 113 Bills,
 Read 3rd time,
 Agreed to with am.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Elective Franchise ; also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, “Of Juries ;”
 also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, “Of the Registry of Deeds, and Incumbrances affecting Lands,”
 Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill,
 Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ?
 It was resolved in the affirmative.
 A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,

To

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

And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Mutual Marine Insurance Company, was read a second time.

M. M. Insurance Co. Bill read 2nd time,

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

And referred.

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

Committee.

Mr. Bell, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Message and Despatches relative to Railway Communication :

Message from H. E. with Despatches rel. to Railways.

MESSAGE.

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The Lieutenant-Governor lays before the Honorable the Legislative Council, a copy of a Despatch from His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, dated the 2nd November, 1853, on the subject of Railway Communication, and of Mr. Jackson's proposals, which, until the arrival of the last English Mail, he was not authorized to communicate.

Government House, }
March 13, 1854. }

Despatch, dated 12th October, 1853, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatch, dated November 2nd, 1853, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Despatch, dated February 23rd, 1854, from the same to the same.

(Appendix—Railway Despatches.)

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

On motion, *resolved*, That the Resolution received from the House of Assembly on the 9th instant, relative to Binding and Indexing the Grant Books in the Provincial Secretary's Office, be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

Res. Binding Grant Books ref.

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

Committee.

Mr. Grigor, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act regarding Vaccination in the City of Halifax, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Vaccination Bill report.

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

Bill ordered to Com.

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

Com on Bills.

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

Rep. disorderly persons Bill without amdt.

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

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Twining, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Special Sittings of the Supreme Court for the trial of Criminals, with an amendment—to which amendment they desired the concurrence of this House.

H. A. agree to Sittings Supreme Court Bill with amdt.

The Messenger also brought up the following Bills :

- Normal School,
Electoral Districts
Shelburne,
Chap. 62,
Chap. 89,
Evidence,
Chap. 27,
Chap. 46,
Polling Places,
Lunenburg,
Titles, Cape Breton,
Chap. 105,
Clementsport W.Co.
Pilotage,
Pilotage and Harbor
Masters,
Proceedings J. P.
Read 1st time.
N. School Bill ref.
Committee.
Chap. 62 Bill ref.
Committee.
Evidence Bill ref.
Committee.
Chap. 27 Bill ref.
Committee.
Chap. 105 and Cle-
mentsport Wharf
Bills ref.
Committee.
Pilotage Bill ref.
Committee.
1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to establish a Normal School.
 2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter certain Electoral Districts in the County of Shelburne.
 3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Laying out Roads other than certain Great Roads."
 4. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Settlement and Support of the Poor."
 5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law of Evidence.
 6. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Coal Mines."
 7. A Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, "Of County Assessments."
 8. A Bill, entitled, An Act to increase the number of Polling Places in the County of Lunenburg.
 9. A Bill, entitled, An Act for settling Titles to Land in the Island of Cape Breton.
 10. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 105 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Public Exhibitions."
 11. A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Clementsport Wharf Company.
 12. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law relating to Pilotage.
 13. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law relating to Pilotage and Harbor Masters.
 14. A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to proceedings before Justices of the Peace.
- To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.
The said Bills were read a first time.
- Ordered,* That the first Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Ordered,* That Mr. Bell, Mr. Brown, Mr. McHeffey, Mr. Almon, and Mr. Grigor, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Ordered,* That the second, fourth, seventh, eighth, and ninth Bills be read a second time at a future day.
- Ordered,* That the third Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Ordered,* That Mr. Bell, Mr. Brown, and Mr. McHeffey, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Ordered,* That the fifth Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Ordered,* That Mr. McDougall, Mr. McCully, and Mr. McHeffey, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Ordered,* That the sixth Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Ordered,* That Mr. Almon, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Mr. McCully, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Ordered,* That the tenth and eleventh Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Ordered,* That Mr. Keith, Mr. Crichton, and Mr. Black, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Ordered,* That the twelfth Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Ordered,* That Mr. Brown, Mr. McNab, and Mr. Almon, be a Committee for that purpose.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the thirteenth Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. Pilotage and Harbor Masters Bill ref.

Ordered, That Mr. Pineo, Mr. Crichton, and Mr. McNab, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

Ordered, That the fourteenth Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. Proceedings J. P. Bill ref.

Ordered, That Mr. McDougall, Mr. Brown, Mr. McHeffey, Mr. Rudolf, and Mr. Crichton, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

Mr. Black, presented a Bill to authorize the dissolution of the Nova-Scotia Marine Insurance Company—which was read a first time. Dis. Mar. Ins. Co. Bill read 1st time.

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

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

Mr. Keith presented the Petition of the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Halifax, praying the House to make provision for the issue of City Debentures, for an amount not exceeding One hundred thousand pounds, for Stock in the Railroad—which was ordered to lie on the Table. Pet. of Corporation of Halifax Stock in Railroad.

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

Tuesday, 14th March, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Honorable ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to disorderly persons, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Disorderly persons Bill read 3rd time.

Whether this Bill shall pass?

Agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Electoral Districts Shelburne,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter certain Electoral Districts in the County of Shelburne; also,
Chap. 89,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Settlement and Support of the Poor;" also,
Chap. 46,	A Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, "Of County Assessments;" also,
Polling Places Lunenburg, and	A Bill, entitled, An Act to increase the number of Polling Places in the County of Lunenburg; also,
Titles C. Breton Bills Read 2nd time, And ordered to Com.	A Bill, entitled, An Act for settling Titles to Land in the Island of Cape Breton Were read a second time. <i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
Amdt. to Sp. Sittings Supreme Court Bill considered.	The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment proposed by the House of Assembly to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Special Sittings of the Supreme Court for the trial of Criminals.
Amdt. read,	The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows: At the end of the Bill add the following Clause: "This Act shall continue in force for three years, and thence to the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly.
And agreed to.	And the said amendment being read a second and a third time, was agreed to.
Bill sent to H. A.	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To carry down the said Bill, and inform them that this House has agreed to the amendment made by them to the said Bill.
Com. on Public Ex- hibition Bill rep. Read 2nd time.	Mr. Keith reports favorably on Chapter 105 Bill. Bill read second time, and ordered to Committee.
U. M. Insurance Co.	Mr. Keith presents Bill to Incorporate the Union Mutual Marine Insurance Company.
Bill read 1st time, & referred.	Bill read first time, and referred to Mr. Brown, Mr. Black, and Mr. Kenny.
Pet. of W. Stairs and al. against Railroad.	Mr. Fairbanks presented the Petition of William Stairs and others, against taxing the City of Halifax for the Railroad—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.
Order of day— Railroad.	The Petition of the Corporation of the City of Halifax, presented yesterday, was read. The order of the day being read, for the House to be put into a Committee of the whole House for the consideration of the Railway Bills.
Com. on Railway Bills,	On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee for the further consideration of the said Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.
Report progress.	
Adjourn.	On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock.

Wednesday,

Wednesday, 15th March, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Honorable ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Twining,
To return a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Special Sittings of the Supreme Court for the Trial of Criminals, and to inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the said Bill, as amended.

H. A. finally agree to Sittings Supreme Court Bill.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly did not agree to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 140 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Forcible Entry and Detainer."

H. A. do not agree to amdt. to Chap. 140 Bill.

The Messenger also brought up the following Bills :

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Board of Works to Lease or Sell certain Public Property.

Sale of Public Property,

A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the County of Shelburne.

Shelburne County,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Surveyors of Highways, and Highway Labor except in Halifax."

Chap. 63,

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Chesley Aboiteau.

Chesley Aboiteau, &

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Fences, Fence Viewers, and Impounding of Cattle."

Chap. 49 Bills,

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, That the three first Bills be read a second time at a future day.

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

Chesley Aboiteau, & Chap. 49 Bills ref.

Ordered, That Mr. Morton, Mr. McHeffey, and Mr. McKeen, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

Mr. Brown, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, an Act to authorize the dissolution of the Nova-Scotia Marine Insurance Company, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on dissolution N. S. Marine Co. Bill rep.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2nd time, And ordered to Com.

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

- Com. on N. S. M.
Insurance Co. Bill
rep.
- Mr. Brown, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Mutual Marine Insurance Company, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.
- Bill ordered to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- Com. on U. M. M.
Co. Bill rep.
- Mr. Brown, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Union Mutual Marine Insurance Company, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.
- Bill read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com. The said Bill was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- Com. on Pilotage Bill
rep. unfavorably.
- Mr. Brown, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law relating to Pilotage, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and did not recommend it to the favorable consideration of the House.
- Bill read 2nd time,
And deferred 3 mos. The said Bill was read a second time.
On motion, *resolved*, That the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months.
- Com. on Res. for
Binding Grant
Books rep.
- Mr. Brown, the Chairman of the Committee to whom the Resolution of the House of Assembly, relative to the Binding and Indexing the Grant Books in the Provincial Secretary's Office, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Resolution, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.
- Res. read 2nd time,
Agreed to, The said Resolution was read a second time, and the question was put by the President,
Whether this Resolution be agreed to?
It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Resolution, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Com. on Pilotage &
Harbor Masters
Bill rep. unfav'ly.
- Mr. Pineo, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law relating to Pilotage and Harbor Masters, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and did not recommend it to the favorable consideration of the House.
- Bill read 2nd time,
And deferred 3 mos. The said Bill was read a second time.
On motion, *resolved*, That the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months.
- Com. on Chap. 62
Bill rep.
- Mr. Bell, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Laying out Roads other than certain Great Roads," was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.
- Bill read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com. The said Bill was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

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

Message from H. E. with

The Reports made for the year 1852, of the past and present state of Her Majesty's Colonial Possessions.

Reports of Colonial Possessions.

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

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

Com. of Public Accounts report.

(Appendix—Public Accounts.)

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

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment proposed by the House of Assembly to a Bill, entitled, An Act to remove all disability to take and hold Real Estate by reason of Alienage.

Amdt. of H. A. to Real Estate Alienage Bill con.

The same was read by the Clerk as follows:

Amdt. read,

At the end of the second Clause add the following Clause:

“Nothing in this Act shall give Aliens any title or greater right, under titles accruing before the passing of this Act, than they are now possessed of, or can enforce.”

The said amendment being read a second time, the following amendment was made:

Amdt. amended,

After the word “shall,” in the 2nd line, leave out the remainder of the said amendment, and insert instead the following words:

“Have the effect of confirming, or rendering valid the title or claim of any Alien now invalid or incapable of being enforced on account of Alienage.”

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

To carry down the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to their amendment to the said Bill, with an amendment—to which latter amendment their concurrence is desired.

And Mes. to H. A.

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

Com. on Railway Bills,

Report progress

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

Adjourn.

Friday,

Friday, 17th March, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Minutes of Wednesday were read.

<p>Public Property, Shelburne, and Chap. 63 Bills, Read 2nd time, And ordered to Com.</p>	<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Board of Works to Lease or Sell certain Public Property; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the County of Shelburne; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Surveyors of Highways, and Highway Labor except in Halifax," Were read a second time. <i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.</p>
<p>Com. on Proceedings J. P. Bill rep.</p>	<p>Mr. McDougall, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Proceedings before Justices of the Peace, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. The said Bill was read a second time. <i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.</p>
<p>Bill read 2nd time, And ordered to Com.</p>	<p>The said Bill was read a second time. <i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.</p>
<p>Com. on Clements port Wharf Com- pany Bill rep.</p>	<p>Mr. Keith, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Clementsport Wharf Company, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. The said Bill was read a second time. <i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.</p>
<p>Bill read 2nd time, And ordered to Com.</p>	<p>The said Bill was read a second time. <i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.</p>
<p>Com. on Chapter 49 Bill rep.</p>	<p>Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Fences, Fence Viewers, and Impounding of Cattle," was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. The said Bill was read a second time. <i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.</p>
<p>Bill read 2nd time, And ordered to Com.</p>	<p>The said Bill was read a second time. <i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.</p>

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Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Chesley Aboiteau, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, that it was a Local Bill, and that the Committee had received no information that the requisites of the Standing Order, relative to Local Bills, had been complied with.

Com. on Chesley
Aboiteau Bill rep.

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

Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the dissolution of the Nova-Scotia Marine Insurance Company, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Report dissolution
N. S. Marine In-
surance Company
Bill without amdt.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Mutual Marine Insurance Company, and had made an amendment thereto,

Report N. S. Mutual
Marine Insurance
Company Bill with
amdt.

Which amendment being read twice by the Clerk, was agreed to by the House.

Amdt. agreed to.

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

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Coal Mines," was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Chap. 27
Bill rep.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com.

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

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

Message from H. E.
with Letter rel. to
Railway.

A Copy of a Letter, dated London, 3rd March, 1854, from William Jackson, Esq. to the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to the Railroad.

(Appendix—Railways.)

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

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

H. A. agree to amdt.
to amdt. to Alien-
age Real Estate
Bill.

To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to the amendment proposed by the House of Assembly to a Bill, entitled, An Act to remove all disability to take and hold Real Estate by reason of Alienage.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to the fourth and fifth Clauses of a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Registry of Deeds, and Incumbrances affecting Lands;" and did not agree to the amendments proposed to the sixth and eighth Clauses of the said Bill.

Message from H. A.
rel. to amdt to
Chap. 113 Bill.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the third, fourth, and seventh Clauses of a Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Elective Franchise; also to the amendment proposed to the first Oath, and to the first amendment to the fourth Oath annexed to the said Bill—that they did not agree to the amendment to the first Oath—and that they agreed to the amendment proposed to the second Oath, and to the second amendment to the fourth Oath, with an amendment—to which amendments they desired the concurrence of this House.

Message from H. A.
rel. to amdt. to
Elective Franchise
Bill.

The Messenger also brought up the following Bills :

Chap. 136,

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Juries."

Assessments Halifax,

2. A Bill, entitled, An Act respecting Assessments in the City of Halifax.

Chap. 103,

3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to extend the provisions of Chapter 103 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the conveying of Timber and Lumber on Rivers, and the removal of obstructions therefrom."

Chap. 73, and

4. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 73 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Commissioners of Sewers, and the regulating of Dyked and Marsh Lands."

Halifax City Prison Bills,

5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the City of Halifax to erect a City Prison. To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Ordered, That the three first Bills be read a second time at a future day.

Chapter 73 Bill ref.

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

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. McHeffey, Mr. Morton, and Mr. McKeen, be a Committee for that purpose.

Halifax City Prison Bill ref.

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

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Keith, Mr. Black, Mr. Bell, Mr. Kenny, and Mr. Almon, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee on Bills, (Railways,)

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

Message from H. E. with Despatches, protec. of French subjects.

Mr. Bell, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Despatches relative to the protection of French Subjects :
Despatch, dated 24th February, 1854, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, enclosing—

Despatch, dated February 23, 1854, from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

(Appendix—Protection of French Subjects.)

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

Adjourn.

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

Saturday,

Saturday, 18th March, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Dissolution of the Nova-Scotia Marine Insurance Company; also,</p>	<p>Dissolution N. S. Marine Insurance Company, and</p>
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<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Mutual Marine Insurance Company,</p>	<p>N. S. Mutual Insurance Co. Bills,</p>
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<p>Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill,</p>	<p>Read 3rd time,</p>
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Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

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

To carry down the said Bills, and desire their concurrence thereto.

And sent to H. A.

<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to remove all disability to take and hold Real Estate by reason of Alienage, was read as now amended, and the question was put by the President,</p>	<p>Real Estate by Aliens Bill,</p>
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Whether this Bill, as now amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Finally agreed to,

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

To carry down the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.

And sent to H. A.

<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Juries:" also,</p>	<p>Chap. 136, and</p>
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<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to extend the provisions of Chapter 103 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the conveying of Timber and Lumber in Rivers, and the removal of Obstructions therefrom,"</p>	<p>Chap. 103 Bills,</p>
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Were read a second time.

Read 2nd time,

<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.</p>	<p>And ordered to Com.</p>
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<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act respecting Assessments in the City of Halifax, was read a second time.</p>	<p>Assessment Halifax Bill read 2nd time,</p>
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<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.</p>	<p>And referred.</p>
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Ordered,

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Keith, Mr. Black, Mr. Bell, Mr. Kenny, and Mr. Almon, be a Committee for that purpose.

Pilotage and Harbor
Masters Bill read
1st time.

Mr. Pineo presented a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Law relating to Pilotage and Harbor Masters, which was read a first time.

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

Com. on Bills,
(Railways)

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

Report progress.

Message from H. E.
with Despatch, &c.
rel. to Appeals.

Mr. McDougall, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Despatch and Order in Council, relative to Appeals :
Despatch, dated July 19, 1853, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, enclosing—
An Order in Council, dated 13th June, 1853.

(*Appendix—Cases of Appeal.*)

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

Adjourn.

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

Monday, 20th March, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Saturday were read.

Com Halifax City
Prison Bill rep.

Mr. Keith, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the City of Halifax to erect a City Prison, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com.

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

Com. on Halifax
Assessment Bill
rep. unfavorably.

Mr. Keith the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act respecting Assessments in the City of Halifax, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and that the majority of the Committee recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

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The said Bill was read a second time.

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

Bill read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com.

Mr. Bell, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to establish a Normal School, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Normal
School Bill rep.

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

Bill read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment proposed by this House to the first Oath annexed to a Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Elective Franchise—which amendment has not been agreed to by the House of Assembly.

Amdt. to Franchise
Bill considered.

The same was read, and

On motion, *resolved*, that the said amendment be not adhered to.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment proposed by the House of Assembly to the amendment proposed by this House to the second Oath annexed to the said Bill.

The same was read by the Clerk as follows :

In the amendment to the second Oath strike out the word " District."

And the same being again read, was agreed to.

Then the amendment proposed by the House of Assembly to the second amendment proposed by this House to the fourth Oath annexed to the said Bill, was read by the Clerk as follows :

In the second amendment to the fourth Oath strike out the word " District."

And the said amendment being again read, was agreed to.

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

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.

Message to H. A.

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

Committee on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, " Of Juries," and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Rep. Chap. 136 Bill
without amdt.

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

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

S. O. S.

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

Bill read 3rd time,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

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

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

And sent to H. A.

Mr. McHefey, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 73 of the Revised Statutes " Of Commissioners of Sewers, and the Regulating of Dyked and Marsh Lands," was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and did not recommend it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Chap. 73
Bill rep.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2nd time,

- And deferred 3 mos. On motion, *resolved*, That the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months.
- Com. on Bills. On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Rep. U.M. Insurance Company Bill without amdt. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Union Mutual Marine Insurance Company, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Rep. Proceedings J. P. Bill with amdt. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third time at a future day. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Proceedings before Justices of the Peace, and had made an amendment thereto.
- Amtd read, The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows:
1st Clause—last line but one.—Leave out the word “final.”
- And agreed to. And the said amendment being read a second time, was agreed to by the House. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.
- Recommend Shelburne Bill to be ref. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the County of Shelburne, and recommended that the said Bill should be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Bill referred. *Ordered*, That the said Report be received and the said Bill referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. Brown, Mr. McHefsey, and Mr. Kenny, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Message from H: A. finally agreeing to Real Estate by Aliens Bill. A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Twining, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to remove all disability to take and hold Real Estate by reason of Alienage, as now amended.
- Chap. 67, The Messenger also brought up the following Bills and Resolution:
1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, “Of the Preservation of Roads.”
- Onslow Burial Ground, 2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act relating to the Onslow Burial Ground.
- Chap. 61, 3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes, “Of Laying out certain Great Roads.”
- Municipal Government Counties, £21 10s. change of appropriation Cumberland. 4. A Bill, entitled, An Act for the Municipal Government of Counties.
- Chap. 67 Bill ref. *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-one pounds and ten shillings, viz.: £5, No. 129, for 1850; £5, No. 98, for 1852; and £11 10s, No. 158, reserved fund for 1853, undrawn from the Road Monies for the County of Cumberland, be appropriated towards paying William Faulkner for Surveys in that County.
- Committee. To which Bills and Resolution they desired the concurrence of this House. *Ordered*, That the first Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Onslow Burial Ground Bill ref. *Ordered*, That Mr. Harris, Mr. McHefsey, and Mr. Morton, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Committee. *Ordered*, That the second Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Chapter 61 Bill ref. *Ordered*, That Mr. Brown, Mr. Almon, and Mr. Morton, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Ordered*, That the third Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

Ordered,

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

Ordered, That the fourth Bill and the Resolution be read a second time at a future day.

Mr. McCully presented a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence—which was read a first time. Evidence Bill read 1st time,

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

Ordered, That Mr. McCully, Mr. McDougall, and Mr. Crichton, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Law relating to Pilotage and Harbor Masters, was read a second time. Pilotage and Harbor Masters Bill read 2nd time, And ordered to Com.

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

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

Tuesday, 21st March, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Honorable ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES MCNAB,
JONATHAN MCCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM MCKEEN,
RICHARD A. MCHEFFEY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Union Mutual Marine Insurance Company, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass? Union Mutual Marine Insurance Co. Bill read 3rd time,

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed,

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Proceedings before Justices of the Peace, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass? Proceedings J. P. Bill read 3rd time,

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to with amdt.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with an amendment—to which amendment their concurrence is desired. And sent to H. A. A

- Municipal Govern-
ment Counties.
Bill read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act for the Municipal Government of Counties, was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- £21 10s. change of
appropriation Cum-
berland read 2nd
time,
Agreed to,
And sent to H. A.
- The Resolution changing the appropriation of £21 10s. in the County of Cumber-
land, was read a second time, and the question was put by the President,
Whether this Resolution be agreed to?
It was resolved in the affirmative.
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Resolution, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the
same, without any amendment.
- Amtd. to Chap. 140
Bill read,
- The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment proposed by this House
to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 140 of the Revised Statutes, "Of
Forcible Entry and Detainer," which amendment has not been agreed to by the
House of Assembly.
The same was read by the Clerk, and
On motion, *resolved*, That the said amendment be not adhered to.
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House does not adhere to its
amendment to the said Bill, but agrees to the same as originally sent up.
- Not adhered to,
And Message to H.A.
- Chesley Aboiteau
Bill read 2nd time.
- Mr. Morton moved that a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Chesley Aboiteau,
be read a second time, the Committee having been informed that the Standing Order
of this House, relative to Local Bills, had been complied with.
The said Bill was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at
a future day.
- And ordered to Com.
- Com. on Evidence
Bill rep.
- Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to
amend the Law of Evidence, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined
the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.
The said Bill was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a
future day.
- Bill read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com.
- Com. on Shelburne
Bill rep.
- Mr. Brown, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act
concerning the County of Shelburne, was referred, reported that the Committee had
examined the said Bill, and found that the Standing Order, relative to Local Bills,
had been complied with, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the
House.
Ordered, That the said Bill be again committed to a Committee of the whole House
at a future day.
- Bill ordered to Com.
- Com. on Chap. 67
Bill rep.
- Mr. Harris, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to
amend Chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Preservation of Roads," was
referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended
it to the favorable consideration of the House.
The said Bill was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at
a future day.
- Bill read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com.
- Com. on Chap. 61
Bill rep.
- Mr. McKeen, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act
to amend Chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Laying out certain Great Roads,"
was

was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

Read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com.

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

Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the construction of Railways in this Province, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Rep. Railway Bill
without amdt.

Whereupon, Mr. Pineo moved that the said Report be not received, but that the said Bill be again referred to a Committee of the whole House : which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, there appeared for the motion, ten ; against the motion, eleven :

Motion not to receive
Report,

For the motion—

Against the motion—

Mr. Cutler,	Mr. Black,	Mr. McCully,	Mr. McDougall,
“ Morton,	“ Harris,	“ McNab,	“ Bell,
“ Brown,	“ Fairbanks,	“ McKeen,	“ Campbell,
“ Pineo,	“ Keith,	“ McHeffey,	“ Kenny,
“ Almon,	“ Crichton.	“ Grigor,	“ Rudolf,
			The President.

So it passed in the negative.

Negatived.

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

Report read.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the Construction of Railways in this Province, and had made an amendment thereto.

Rep. Loan for Rail-
way Bill with amdt.

The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows :

15th Clause—13th, 14th, and 15th lines.—Leave out the words “ in the order in which the same shall be issued.”

Amdt. read,

And the said amendment being read a second time was agreed to by the House.

And agreed to.

Mr. Fairbanks then moved that the said Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the same, by leaving out the last Clause, which makes the City of Halifax take one-tenth of the Stock in the Railway, not exceeding One hundred thousand pounds :

Motion to re-committ
Bill,

Which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, there appeared for the motion, ten ; against the motion, eleven :

For the motion—

Against the motion—

Mr. Cutler,	Mr. Black,	Mr. McCully,	Mr. McDougall,
“ Morton,	“ Harris,	“ McNab,	“ Bell,
“ Brown,	“ Fairbanks,	“ McKeen,	“ Campbell,
“ Pineo,	“ Keith,	“ McHeffey,	“ Kenny,
“ Almon,	“ Crichton.	“ Grigor,	“ Rudolf.
			The President.

So it passed in the negative.

Negatived.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend Chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Rep. Chap. 38 amdt.
Bill without amdt.

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

Rep. Chap. 38 Bill,
amendment Bill
without amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, and the Act in amendment thereof, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Motion to re-commit
Bill,

Whereupon, Mr. Fairbanks moved that the said Bill be re-committed for the purpose of amending the same, by making the Provincial Treasury Notes now in circulation redeemable in gold and silver on presentment at the Treasury: which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, there appeared, for the motion, ten; against the motion, eleven:

For the motion—

Against the motion—

Mr. Cutler,	Mr. Black,	Mr. McCully,	Mr. Bell,
“ Morton,	“ Harris,	“ McNab,	“ Campbell,
“ Brown,	“ Fairbanks,	“ McKeen,	“ Kenny,
“ Pineo,	“ Keith,	“ McHefey,	“ Rudolf,
“ Almon,	“ Crichton.	“ Grigor,	The President.
		“ McDougall,	

Negatived.

So it passed in the negative.

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

Com. on Bills.

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

Rep. Pilotage and
Har. Masters, and

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Law relating to Pilotage and Harbor Masters; also,

Vaccination Bills,
Without amdt.

A Bill, entitled, An Act regarding Vaccination in the City of Halifax, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

Rep. Chap. 103.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to extend the provision of Chapter 103 of the Revised Statutes, “Of the conveying of Timber and Lumber on Rivers, and the removal of obstructions therefrom;” also,

Clementsport Wharf
Company,
Chap. 27,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Clementsport Wharf Company; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes, “Of the Coal Mines;” also,

Sale Public property,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Board of Works to Lease or Sell certain Public Property; also,

Chap. 63,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, “Of Surveyors of Highways, and Highway Labor except in Halifax; also,

Electoral Districts
Shelburne,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter certain Electoral Districts in the County of Shelburne; also,

Polling Places
Lunenburg,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to increase the number of Polling Places in the County of Lunenburg; also,

Titles C. Breton &

A Bill, entitled, An Act for settling Titles to Land in the Island of Cape Breton; also,

Halifax City Prison
Bills,
Without amdt.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the City of Halifax to erect a City Prison, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

Rep. Halifax Assess-
ment Bill without
amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act respecting Assessments in the City of Halifax, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment

Motion to re-commit
Bill,

Whereupon, Mr. Black moved that the said Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the first Clause, by leaving out the words: “The amount be increased, in any year, by the permission of the Governor

Governor in Council, to the extent of Two thousand pounds additional : provided such increase be requested by a vote, in which at least twelve Members of the City Council concur :

Which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, passed in the negative. Negatived.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, Rep. Chap. 46 Bill
with amdt.
An Act further to amend Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, "Of County Assessments," and had made an amendment thereto.

The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows : Amdt. read,

At the end of the Bill add the following words :

"And the like sum for the Petit Jurors actually attending the Supreme Court."

And the said amendment being read a second time, was agreed to by the House. And agreed to.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, Rep. Chap. 105 Bill
with amdt.
An Act to amend Chapter 105 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Public Exhibitions," and had made an amendment thereto.

The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows : Amdt. read,

At the end of the Bill add the following Clause :

"Nothing in this Act shall extend to the City of Halifax."

And the said amendment being read a second time, was agreed to by the House. Agreed to,

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Recommend Chap.
89 Bill to be ref.
Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Settlement and Support of the Poor," and recommended that the said Bill should be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

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

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Recommend Chap.
62 Bill to be def.
Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 62 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Laying out Roads other than certain Great Roads," and recommended that the further consideration of the said Bill should be deferred to this day three months.

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

Mr. McCully presented a Bill to Incorporate the Pictou Water Company—which Pictou Water Co.
Bill read 1st time
was read a first time.

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

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

Mr. McCully presented a Bill to amend the New Practice Act—which was read a New Practice amdt.
Bill read 1st time.
first time.

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

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

Wednesday,

Wednesday, 22nd March, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Honorable ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

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| Pilotage and Harbor
Masters, and | A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the Law relating to Pilotage and Harbor Masters ;
also, |
| Vaccination Bills, | A Bill, entitled, An Act regarding Vaccination in the City of Halifax,
Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill,
Whether this Bill shall pass ? |
| Read 3rd time,
Agreed to, | It was resolved in the affirmative. |
| And sent to H. A. | A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To carry down the said Bills, and desire their concurrence thereto. |
| Chap. 103, | A Bill, entitled, An Act to extend the provisions of Chapter 103 of the Revised
Statutes, "Of the conveying of Timber and Lumber on Rivers, and the removal of
obstructions therefrom ;" also, |
| Clementsport W.Co.
Chap. 27, | A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Clementsport Wharf Company ; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the
Coal Mines" ; also, |
| Sale of pub.property,
Chap. 63, | A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Board of Works to Lease or Sell certain
Public Property ; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the
Surveyors of Highways, and Highway Labor except in Halifax ;" also, |
| Electoral Districts
Shelburne, | A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter certain Electoral Districts in the County of Shel-
burne ; also, |
| Polling Places Lu-
nenburg, | A Bill, entitled, An Act to increase the number of Polling Places in the County of
Lunenburg ; also, |
| Titles Cape Breton, | A Bill, entitled, An Act for settling Titles to Land in the Island of Cape Breton ;
also, |
| Hfx. City Prison, &
Hfx. Assessment
Bills,
Read 3rd time,
Agreed to, | A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable the City of Halifax to erect a City Prison ; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act respecting Assessments in the City of Halifax,
Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill,
Whether this Bill shall pass ?
It was resolved in the affirmative. |
| And sent to H. A. | A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same,
without any amendment. |

<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, "Of County Assessments;" also,</p>	<p>Chap. 46, and</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 105 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Public Exhibitions,"</p>	<p>Chap. 105 Bills,</p>
<p>Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass?</p>	<p>Read 3rd time,</p>
<p>It was resolved in the affirmative.</p>	<p>Agreed to with amdt.</p>
<p>A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with an amendment—to which amendment their concurrence is desired.</p>	<p>And sent to H. A.</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the New Practice Act, was read a second time. Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.</p>	<p>New Practice Bill read 2nd time, And ordered to Com.</p>
<p>The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment proposed by this House to the sixth Clause of a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Registry of Deeds, and Incumbrances affecting Lands;" and also to the first amendment proposed to the eighth Clause of the said Bill,—which amendments have not been agreed to by the House of Assembly.</p>	<p>Amdt. to Chap 113 Bill considered,</p>
<p>The same were read by the Clerk, and</p>	
<p>On motion, resolved, That the said amendments be not adhered to.</p>	<p>And not adhered to.</p>
<p>Then the second amendment proposed to the eighth Clause of the said Bill was read by the Clerk, and</p>	
<p>On motion, resolved, That the said amendment be adhered to.</p>	<p>Amdt. adhered to,</p>
<p>A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.</p>	<p>And Message to H.A</p>
<p>A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Twining, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled An Act concerning the Elective Franchise, as now amended.</p>	<p>H. A. finally agree to Franchise Bill.</p>
<p>Also, to inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Proceedings before Justices of the Peace.</p>	<p>H. A. agree to amdt. Proceedings J. P. Bill.</p>
<p>The Messenger also brought up the following Bill and Resolutions :</p>	
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax.</p>	<p>City of Halifax Bill,</p>
<p>Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds, appropriated for the Road monies, in 1853, to build an Aboiteau across the Parrsboro' River, at Mills Village, be placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be applied to the Road and Bridge service of the Township of Parrsboro', for the present year.</p>	<p>£25 change of appropriation Cumberland,</p>
<p>Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen pounds, granted in the Session of 1852, to open a new Road round Crowe's Hill, at the mouth of the Road up the Shubenacadie River from Black Rock, and remaining undrawn, be expended as follows, that is to say: To repair the Road leading up Shubenacadie River from the Black Rock to the south line of Truro Township.</p>	<p>£15 do. Colchester.</p>
<p>Resolved, That the sum of Ninety-one pounds three shillings and eleven pence, granted for the service of Roads and Bridges, in the County of Pictou, in the years 1852 and 1853, and undrawn, be added to the Road Grant for the present year, and sub-divided in the Road Scale for that County.</p>	<p>£91 3s. 11d. do. Pictou,</p>
<p>Resolved, That the sum of Fifty pounds, placed at the disposal of the Governor, for the new line of Road over Cochran's Hill, on Main Post Road to Sherbrooke, and undrawn, be appropriated in the Road Scale for the County of Guysborough, for the year 1854.</p>	<p>£50 do Guysboro',</p>

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

Read 1st time.

The same were read a first time.

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

Com. on Chap. 89
Bill report.

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Settlement of the Poor," was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bill ordered to Com.

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

Com. on Pictou
Water Co. Bill rep.

Mr. Crichton the Chairman, of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Pictou Water Company, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Read 2nd time,

The said Bill was read a second time.

And ordered to Com.

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

Railway Bill read
3rd time,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the construction of Railways in this Province, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

When there appeared, for agreeing to the Bill, eleven; against agreeing to it, ten:

For the Bill—

Against the Bill—

Mr. Grigor,	Mr. Bell,	Mr. Harris,	Mr. Black,
" McCully,	" Kenny,	" Morton,	" Fairbanks,
" McNab,	" Rudolf,	" Brown,	" Cutler,
" McHefey,	" Campbell,	" Pineo,	" Keith,
" McKeen,	The President.	" Almon,	" Crichton,
" McDougall,			

Agr'd to on division.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

DISSENTIENT—

Protest.

First.—Because the Bills now passed for the construction of Railways from Halifax to the boundary of New Brunswick, with Branches to Pictou and Victoria Beach, and giving authority to borrow the necessary funds, to the extent of Two hundred thousand pounds, yearly, and in the whole, of a sum exceeding Two millions of pounds, confer on the Government powers and responsibilities unprecedented in our Legislation, and, in their present form, unsanctioned by the people.

Second.—Because these measures involve an entirely new policy, both as respects the functions of a Government and the creation of an enormous public debt, and ought not to be adopted without a direct appeal to the deliberate suffrages of the whole people.

Third.—Because it is indisputable, that few persons, if any, believe that for a long time to come the traffic on the contemplated Railways will produce an income sufficient to meet any part of the interest monies payable on the Loans, and that such must be taken, as provided in the Bills, from the general Revenues of the Province.

Fourth.—Because such appropriation, to the extent, it may be, of One hundred and twenty thousand pounds, annually; or, if the short Line to Windsor only be made, of Twenty-five thousand pounds, annually, will be partial and unjust in its operation, as it will appropriate the general Revenue, collected from the whole people, for the special benefit of a few.

Fifth.

Fifth.—Because the adoption of a policy and expenditure, probably ruinous, and certainly unjust, endorsed by a majority of one, the casting vote of the President, and including five Members receiving public emoluments in this House, irresponsible as it is to the people, may justify a future majority in the Legislature, when the general interests of the whole country will be more effectually represented, to take measures to correct the injustice inflicted by the Bills, and give to the parties claiming to be public creditors, under their authority, the Railways, and the Railways alone on which the money borrowed had been expended.

Sixth.—Because if it were expedient, under any circumstances, for the Government to undertake Railways, the present period is especially unsuitable; labor being scarce, wages, provisions, iron, and machinery unusually high, increasing the cost at least one-third above the average of ordinary seasons.

Seventh.—Because the absorption, by Government, of the further deposits made in the Savings' Bank, is an unnecessary and superfluous duty, disadvantageous to the public, as there is no established fund in which they can be profitably invested,—while the further issue of Province Notes, though properly made responsible in specie, will expose the Treasury Department to expence, inconvenience, and embarrassment, without deriving therefrom an equivalent advantage.

Eighth.—Because, in fine, we believe the construction of Railways in Nova-Scotia ought to be postponed until the circumstances of the country and people present more favorable conditions, and private capitalists alone, or capitalists, with a limited amount of public aid, become willing to undertake them.

STAYLEY BROWN,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JOHN MORTON,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
H. G. PINEO,
R. M. CUTLER,
DAVID CRICHTON,
W. A. BLACK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
March 23rd, 1854. }

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the construction of Railways, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Loan for Railways
Bill read 3rd time,
Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass?
When there appeared, for agreeing to the Bill, eleven; against agreeing to it, ten.
So it was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to with amdt.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with an amendment—to which amendment their concurrence is desired. And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend Chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Chap. 38 Bill read
3rd time,
Whether this Bill shall pass?
It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

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

Chap. 38 amdt. Bill
read 3rd time,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, and the Act in amendment thereof, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Agreed to,

Whether this Bill shall pass?
It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

Com. on Bills.

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

Rep. Chesley Aboi-
teau Bill without
amdt.

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

Rep. Normal School
Bill with amdt.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to establish a Normal School, and had made an amendment thereto.

Amdt. read,

The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows:
1st Clause—3rd and 4th lines.—Leave out the words “beyond the limits of the County of Halifax.”

And agreed to.

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

Adjourn.

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

Thursday, 23rd March, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Honorable ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Com. on Contingent
Expences.
Committee.

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

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Chesley Aboiteau, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Chesley Aboiteau
Bill read 3d time.
 Whether this Bill shall pass?
 It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,
 A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
 To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment. And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to establish a Normal School, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Normal School Bill
read 3d time,
 Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass?
 It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to with amdt.
 A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
 To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with an amendment—to which amendment their concurrence is desired. And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Proceedings before Justices of the Peace, was read, as amended, and the question was put by the President, Proceedings J. P.
Bill,
 Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?
 It was resolved in the affirmative. Finally agreed to,
 A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
 To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, as amended. And sent to H. A.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Twining,
 To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the construction of Railways within this Province. H. A. agree to amdt.
to loan for Railways
and

Also, to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 105 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Public Exhibitions." Chap. 105 Bills.

Also, to inform the House that the House of Assembly did not adhere to their Resolution not to agree to the second amendment proposed by this House to the eighth Clause of a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Registry of Deeds, and Incumbrances affecting Lands." H. A. finally agree
to Chap. 113 Bill.

Also, with the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That a sum, not to exceed Three thousand pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be expended in such manner as may be found most effective for the protection of the Fisheries. £3000 Fisheries,

Resolved, That the sum of Seven hundred and fifty pounds eighteen shillings, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be applied, together with the sum of £249 2s. remaining undrawn of former Grants, to defray the expences of the Penitentiary, for the present year. £750 18s. Peniten-
tiary,

Resolved, That the sum of Five hundred and sixty-five pounds nineteen shillings and ten pence, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to defray the amount still due for Public Printing, pursuant to the Report on that subject: £565 19s. 10d.
Public Printing,

The Queen's Printer,	£406 9 8
Richard Nugent,	95 8 8
William Annand,	30 4 3
English & Blackadar,	5 18 9
A. Grant,	7 2 6
E. M. McDonald,	4 10 0

James Barnes,	0	16	0
E. G. Fuller,	4	11	0
William Gossip,	0	14	0
Christian Messenger,	1	0	0
J. P. Ward,	4	7	6
John Boyd,	4	17	6

£565 19 10

- £13 15s. D. Scott, *Resolved*, That the sum of Thirteen pounds and fifteen shillings, be granted and paid to David Scott, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Sick Immigrants; the same not to be paid until the accounts, attested according to the Resolution of Twenty-fourth March, 1849, are produced to the Financial Secretary.
- £14 L. McDonald, *Resolved*, That the sum of Fourteen pounds, be granted and paid to Lauchlin McDonald, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Sick Immigrants; the same not to be paid until the accounts, attested according to the Resolution of Twenty-fourth March, 1849, are produced to the Financial Secretary.
- £15 Dr. Allen, *Resolved*, That the sum of Fifteen pounds, be granted and paid to Doctor James Allen, pursuant to the report of the Committee on Sick Immigrants.
- £3 15s. Executors of Dr. Sawers, *Resolved*, That the sum of Three pounds and fifteen shillings, be granted and paid to the representatives of Doctor Sawers, deceased, pursuant to the report of the Committee on Sick Immigrants.
- £17 7s. 5d. Shipwrecked Seamen, Bahamas, *Resolved*, That the sum of Seventeen pounds seven shillings and five pence, Currency of the Bahamas, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to discharge a demand against the Province, for relief extended by the Public Authorities of the Bahamas, to certain Shipwrecked Seamen of the "Fanny Heron", pursuant to the report of the Committee on Shipwrecked Seamen.
- £16 19s. 6d. Fairy Queen expenses, *Resolved*, That the sum of Sixteen pounds nineteen shillings and six pence, be granted and paid to Messrs. John and James Yorston and others, a Committee appointed by the Magistrates of Pictou, being for supplies and advances made by them in endeavoring to rescue the Passengers of the Steamer "Fairy Queen," pursuant to the report of the Committee on Shipwrecked Seamen.
- £5 9d. Shipwrecked Seamen, Canso, *Resolved*, That the sum of Six pounds and nine pence, be granted and paid for expence of conveying Shipwrecked Seamen from Canso to Buctouche, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Shipwrecked Seamen, to be applied as follows: Three pounds and nine pence, to Mr. Bigelow, and three pounds to James Publicover.
- £2,000 Comrs. Poor, Halifax, *Resolved*, That the sum of Two thousand pounds, be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Poor, in Halifax, for the support of the Transient Paupers, for the present year.
- £500 debt of Poor Asylum, Halifax, *Resolved*, That the further sum of Five hundred pounds, be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Poor Asylum, in Halifax, to defray the debt now due by them on account of the Poor Asylum, pursuant to the report of the Committee.
- £219 10s. 3d. Transient Paupers, *Resolved*, That the sum of Two hundred and nineteen pounds ten shillings and three pence, be granted and paid to defray the several amounts following, pursuant to the report of the Committee on the subject of expenses incurred for the support of Transient Paupers, viz:
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| To the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Yarmouth, | £4 5 3 | |
| " Doctor Farish, in full for his account, | 15 2 6 | |
| | £19 7 9 | |
| To the Overseers of the Poor for Clements, Annapolis, | £27 15 11 | |
| " the Overseers of Douglas, | 2 8 0 | |
| " John Johnston, Truro, | 2 5 0 | |
| | To | |

To the Overseers of the Poor, First Section, Pictou :—		
For Catharine Gunn,		£2 7 10
“ Margaret Berrigan,		2 0 0
“ Jane Gerrior,		2 18 3
“ Nancy White,		4 15 1
“ Gregor Urquhart,		2 10 0
“ Doctor Kirkwood,		3 7 6
		————— £17 18 8
To the Overseers for Township of Maxwelton, Pictou,		£1 12 6
“ “ Granville,		1 12 6
“ Doctor Forsythe,		1 6 9
		————— £2 19 3
To Overseers of Dorchester, Sydney,		£17 18 8
“ “ Township of Horton,		£5 11 7
“ Doctor Brown,		0 10 0
		————— £6 1 7
To Overseers of Township of Barrington,		£14 13 8
“ “ “ Annapolis,		£12 8 0
“ Miner Tupper,		4 19 10
		————— £17 7 10
To the Overseers of District of Liverpool :—		
“ E. Anderson, at 10s. per week,		£26 6 5
“ Thomas Clark, at 10s. per week,		13 11 3
“ Doctor Farish,		1 0 0
		————— £40 17 8
To the Overseers of River Philip,		£6 6 5
“ “ St. Andrew’s, Sydney,		28 2 6
“ Doctor Madden, in full,		10 0 0
“ the Overseers of Township of Digby,		3 14 10
		—————
		£219 10 3

Resolved, That a sum, not to exceed Nine hundred pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Central Board of Agriculture, to be applied at the rate of Fifty pounds for each County, in manner prescribed by the 4th Section of Chapter 96 of the Revised Statutes.

£900 Central Board of Agriculture,

Resolved, That the sum of Two hundred pounds, be granted and paid to the Central Board of Agriculture, to be applied, one-half, in paying their Officers and such incidental expenses as shall be absolutely necessary: and the other half, with the balance in their hands, in such way as they shall deem best for promoting Agricultural improvement—but including therein an expenditure of Fifty-four pounds for the purpose set forth in the report of the Committee on Agriculture.

£200 expenses do.

Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding Two thousand pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be expended in the importation of nine entire horses from Canada, the New England States, or the State of New York, and to defray the cost of importing Swine ordered from England; the balance, if any, to be expended in the purchase of neat cattle; such stock to be purchased, imported and disposed of as recommended in the report of the Committee on Agriculture.

£2,000 importation of Horses, &c.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Seventy-five pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be applied in paying the reasonable expenses of some person of local experience and judgment, to be selected by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, for the purpose of purchasing the Stock mentioned in the last Reso-

£75 expense of Agent to purchase Stock.

Resolved,

Agricultural Pub-
lication,

Resolved, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, as will defray the expense of printing and circulating, in the several Counties, Five thousand copies of a Work upon Agriculture, now in course of publication, pursuant to the report of the Committee on Agriculture.

£540 Oat Mills,

Resolved, That a sum, not to exceed Five hundred and forty pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in the erection of Oat Mills and Kilns in the different Counties, during the present year: provided, that no greater amount than Thirty pounds be allowed for any one County—that no person who has heretofore received aid for such purpose shall be entitled to any participation in the Grant; that no more than Fifteen pounds be applied in aid of any one Oat Mill and Kiln, and only to that amount in cases where the Kiln is at least fourteen feet in diameter; that no aid be granted where the Kiln shall not be eleven feet in diameter; and only Ten pounds where the Kiln shall be eleven feet, but not fourteen, in diameter; and that no sum shall be paid hereunder, until it shall appear, by certificate, to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council, that the Oat Mill and Kiln, for which any such aid shall be claimed, are ready to be put in operation—which certificate shall also state the diameter of the Kiln, and that the person claiming aid has never before received any Grant for the purpose.

£80 Stg. Clerk of
Crown,

Resolved, That the sum of Eighty pounds, Sterling, be granted and paid to the Clerk of the Crown in the Supreme Court, in this Province, for his services for the present year.

£50 Infant School,

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty pounds, be granted and paid to the Managers of the Infant School at Halifax, in support of that Institution during the present year.

£700 Controllers at
Outports,

Resolved, That the sum of Seven hundred pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to pay a sum, not exceeding Twenty pounds each, for their services during the present year, to the Controllers of Customs at the different Ports; and such further sum as shall be required to pay, at the same rate, such other Controllers as may be appointed during the present year.

£200 Seizing
Officers,

Resolved, That a sum, not to exceed Two hundred pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be appropriated in paying Seizing Officers in various Ports of this Province, for more effectually protecting the Revenues—provided no such Officer shall receive more than Fifteen pounds.

£50 1s. 8d. return
of Duties on Ma-
chinery,

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty pounds one shilling and eight pence, be granted and paid to the following persons, being a return of Duties paid by them on Machinery imported, pursuant to the report of the Committee on Trade; to be distributed as follows:

Watson Eaton & W. Rockwell,	£9 10 0
Theodore S. Harding,	24 18 3
John Bergman,	2 10 0
E. Albro & Co.,	13 3 5
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	£50 1 8

£4 5s. 6d. return
Light Duties.

Resolved, That the sum of Four pounds five shillings and six pence, be granted and paid to the following persons, being a return of Light House Duties paid on their vessels lost on their first voyage, pursuant to the report of the Committee on Trade; to be distributed as follows:

To William Creighton,	£1 10 6
“ Cyrus S. Card,	2 15 0
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	£4 5 6

Resolved,

- Resolved*, That the sum of Six pounds five shillings, be granted and paid to Ambrose Bent, for duties paid by him on Canada Flour imported by way of the United States, pursuant to the report of the Committee on Trade. £6 5s. A. Bent,
- Resolved*, That the sum of One pound three shillings and four pence, be granted and paid to the Compeer Division of the Sons of Temperance return of Duties, paid on Musical Instruments to form a Band, pursuant to the report of the Committee on Trade. £1 3s. 4d. return of Duties on Musical Instruments,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Forty-six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence, be granted and paid to James Wilson, Jr. being amount paid for one month's License of Distillery, for the month of April, the Distillery not having gone into operation until the First day of May, pursuant to the report of the Committee on Trade. £46 13s. 4d. James Wilson,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Thirteen pounds eight shillings and nine pence, be granted and paid to Samuel Cupples, for return of Duties on articles consumed by fire, pursuant to the report of the Committee on Trade. £13 8s. 9d. Samuel Cupples,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty pounds, be granted and paid to David McCulloch, principal Clerk in the Financial Secretary's Office, for extra services performed by him during the present year, pursuant to the report of the Committee on Trade. £50 D. McCulloch,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Three hundred pounds, be granted and paid to such person as the Governor shall appoint to discharge the duties heretofore performed by the Guager Weigher and Proof Officer, for the Port of Halifax. £300 Guager, Hlfx.
- Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be expended in affording relief to the Colored Population in the County of Halifax, by purchasing Seed or Provisions, as circumstances may require. £100 Colored Population, Halifax,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Two hundred pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to purchase Seed for distribution among the Colored Population in the Counties of Hants, Queen's, Yarmouth, Guysborough, Annapolis, Sydney, Shelburne, Digby, King's, and Cumberland, to the amount of Twenty pounds in each County. £200 Colored Population in ten Counties,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Thirteen pounds, be granted and paid to George R. Grassie, Esquire, Serjeant-at-Arms to the House of Assembly, in addition to his Salary for the present Session. £13 G. R. Grassie,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Three hundred pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to pay for Reporting and Publishing the Proceedings of the House of Assembly, during the present Session, to be applied under the direction of a Committee to be appointed for that purpose. £300 Reporting Debates of H. A.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Four hundred and sixty pounds, Sterling, be granted for the Salaries of the Clerks in the Provincial Secretary's Office, for the present year, to be appropriated and applied by the Provincial Secretary. £460 Stg. Clerks Secretary's Office,
- Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, Sterling, be granted for Stationery and other Contingencies of the Provincial Secretary's Office, for the present year, the expenditure to be accounted for at the next Session of the General Assembly. £100 Stg. Stationery Secretary's Office,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty pounds, Sterling, be granted and paid to the Master of the Rolls,—the Judge of Vice Admiralty,—and the Judge of Probate, at Halifax, for Fuel and Criers of their Courts, for the present year. £30 Fuel and Criers Courts,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Two hundred pounds, be granted and paid to Joseph Whidden, Esquire, Clerk of this House, now absent from the Province in consequence of ill health. £200 Jos. Whidden,
- Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred pounds, each, be granted and paid to the Clerk, and Clerk Assistant of the House of Assembly, for their extra services during the present Session. £100 each, Clerks H. A.

£10 each, Chairmen
of H. A.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds, each, be granted and paid to the two Chairmen of the Committees of Bills and Supply, for their services for the present Session.

£15 Speaker H. A.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen pounds, be granted and paid to the Honorable Speaker, to enable him to provide Books and Publications necessary for conducting the business of the Assembly.

£100 distress at
Main-a-Dieu,

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be expended in relieving distress at Main-a-Dieu, in the Island of Cape Breton.

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Resolutions were read a first time.

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

City of Halifax Bill
read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax, was read a second time

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

Petition of Corpora-
tion of Halifax.

Mr. Almon presented the Petition of the Mayor and Corporation of the City of Halifax, against the said Bill—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Com. on Bills.

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

Rep. Evidence,

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law of Evidence; also,

Pictou Water Co. &
New Practice Act
Bills,
Without Amdt.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Pictou Water Company; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the New Practice Act,

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

Rep. Chap. 61 Bill
without amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes, "Of laying out certain Great Roads," and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

Rep. Chap. 67 Bill
with amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the preservation of Roads," and had made two amendments thereto.

Amdts. read,

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:

1st Clause—3rd line.—After the word "follows," leave out the remainder of the Bill, and insert instead the following words: "Persons guilty of disorderly riding or driving in any of the Public Roads or Streets, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding Ten shillings.

"Nothing in this Act shall apply to the City of Halifax."

And agreed to.

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

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

Com. on Onslow
Burial Ground
Bill rep.

Mr. Brown, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Onslow Burial Ground, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bill ordered to Com.

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

On motion of Mr. Kenny, *resolved*, That Mr. Campbell have leave of absence from Saturday next, to return home on urgent private business.

Leave of absence to Mr. Campbell.

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the New Practice Act.

S. O. S. on New Practice Act.

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

Bill read 3rd time,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed,

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

And sent to H. A.

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

Adjourn.

Friday, 24th March, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFER.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

The following Resolutions for granting money, viz.:

£3000	0	0	Fisheries.
750	18	0	Penitentiary.
565	19	10	Public Printing.
13	15	0	David Scott.
14	0	0	Lauchlin McDonald.
15	0	0	Dr. Allan.
3	15	0	Executors of Dr. Sawers.
17	7	5	Shipwrecked Seamen, Bahamas.
16	19	6	Fairy Queen expenses.
6	0	9	Wrecked Seamen, Canso.
2000	0	0	Commissioners of Poor, Halifax.
500	0	0	Debt of Poor Asylum, Halifax.
219	10	3	Transient Poor.
900	0	0	Central Board of Agriculture.
200	0	0	Expenses Central Board of Agriculture.
2000	0	0	Importation of Horses.

Money Votes,

75	0	0	Expense of Agent to purchase stock. Agricultural Publications.
540	0	0	Oatmills.
80	0	0	Sterling, Clerk of the Crown.
50	0	0	Infant School.
700	0	0	Controllers at Outports.
200	0	0	Seizing Officers.
50	1	8	Return of Duties.
4	5	6	Return of Light Duties.
6	5	0	Ambrose Bent.
1	3	4	Return of Duties on Musical Instruments.
46	13	4	Return of Distillery License.
13	8	9	Return of Duty on goods consumed by fire.
50	0	0	D. McCulloch.
300	0	0	Guager, Halifax.
100	0	0	Colored Population, Halifax.
200	0	0	Colored Population, Ten Counties.
13	0	0	Serjeant-at-Arms, H. A.
300	0	0	Reporting Debates, H. A.
460	0	0	Sterling, Clerks in Secretary's Office.
100	0	0	Sterling, Stationery for Secretary's Office.
30	0	0	Sterling, Fuel and Criers of Courts.
200	0	0	Joseph Whidden.
100	0	0	each Clerks of House of Assembly.
10	0	0	each Chairmen of House of Assembly.
15	0	0	Speaker of House of Assembly for Books.
100	0	0	Distress at Main-a-Dieu.

Read 2nd time, Were read a second time, and the question was put by the President on each Resolution,

And agreed to. Whether this Resolution be agreed to?
It was resolved in the affirmative.

Evidence, and Pictou Water Co. Bills, Read 3rd time, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Law of Evidence; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Pictou Water Company, Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed, It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Chap. 61 Bill read 3rd time, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes "of laying out certain Great Roads," was read a third time, and the question was put by the President.

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Chap. 67 Bill read 3rd time, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the preservation of Roads," was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass?

Agreed to with amdt. It was resolved in the affirmative.

<p>A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired.</p>	<p>And sent to H. A.</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the Elective Franchise; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Registry of Deeds and Incumbrances affecting Lands, Were read as now amended, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill as now amended shall pass? It was resolved in the affirmative. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bills and acquaint them therewith.</p>	<p>Elec. Franchise, and Chap 113 Bills, Finally agreed to, And sent to H. A.</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the construction of Railways; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 105 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Public Exhibitions," Were read as amended, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass? It was resolved in the affirmative. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.</p>	<p>Loan for Railways, and Chap. 105 Bills, Agreed to as amnd., And sent to H. A.</p>
<p>The following Resolutions changing the appropriation of Road monies, viz. : £25 in Cumberland, 15 in Colchester, 91 3s. 11d. Pictou, 50 in Guysborough,</p>	<p>Four changes of appropriation,</p>
<p>Were read a second time, and the question was put by the President on each Resolution, Whether this Resolution be agreed to ? It was resolved in the affirmative.</p>	<p>Read 2nd time, And agreed to.</p>
<p>On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.</p>	<p>Com. on Bills.</p>
<p>The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act relating to the Onslow Burial Ground, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.</p>	<p>Rep. Onslow Burial Ground Bill with- out amdt.</p>
<p>Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.</p>	
<p>The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Fences, Fence Viewers, and Impounding of Cattle," and had made two amendments thereto.</p>	<p>Rep. Chap. 49 Bill with amds.</p>
<p>The said amendments were read by the Clerk, as follows :</p>	<p>Amdts. read,</p>
<p>First Clause—3d line.—After the word "make," insert the words "his proportion or." 4th line.—After the word "half," insert the word "part."</p>	
<p>And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House.</p>	<p>Agreed to.</p>
<p>Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.</p>	
<p>The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax, and had made two amend- ments thereto.</p>	<p>Rep. City of Hlfx. Bill with amds.</p>
<p>The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows :</p>	<p>Amdts. read,</p>
<p>After the Fourth Clause, insert the following Clauses :</p>	
<p>"An Alderman may resign his Office at the expiration of two years service, if he shall</p>	

shall have given one month's notice, in writing, to the Mayor, of his intention of so doing, previous to the month of October; and the vacancy so occasioned shall be filled up as other vacancies now are.

"Immediately after the passing of this Act the City Council shall appoint an additional Superintendent of Streets, and shall assign to him the duty of superintending the Streets of three Wards of the City; and the present Superintendent shall have charge of the Streets of the remaining three Wards—and hereafter there shall be two Superintendents of Streets."

Agreed to.

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

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

Recommend Chap.
89 Bill to be def.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Settlement of the Poor," and recommended that the further consideration of the said Bill should be deferred to this day three months.

Bill deferred.

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

Municipal Govern-
ment of Counties
Bill—order of day.

On motion, *resolved*, That it be the order of the day for Monday next for a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Municipal Government of Counties, to be considered in a Committee of the whole House.

Adjourn.

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

Monday, 27th March, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Minutes of Friday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act relating to the Onslow Burial Ground, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Onslow Burial
Ground Bill
read 3rd time,

Agreed to,

And sent to H. A.

Chap. 49, and

City of Halifax Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Fences, Fence Viewers, and Impounding of Cattle; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax,

Were

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

Read 3rd time,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to with amts.

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

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

And sent to H. A.

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

To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to establish a Normal School.

H. A. agree to amdt. to Normal School Bill.

Also, to inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the New Practice Act, with amendments—to which amendments they desired the concurrence of this House.

H. A. agree to New Practice Bill with amdt.

The Messenger also brought up the following Bills and Resolutions :

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend an Act to Incorporate a Company for erecting a Bridge across the Cornwallis River.

Cornwallis Bridge,

2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend Chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Militia."

Chap. 29,

3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to provide for the erection of a Court House in Halifax.

Court House, Hlfx.

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

Provincial Loan,

5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to provide for the erection of a Bridge over the West River of Pictou.

Bridge, West River Pictou,

6. A Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to the Settlement of Paupers.

Paupers,

7. A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, "Of County Assessments."

Chap. 46, and

8. A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to the Act relative to the Crown Land Department.

Crown land Department Bills,

Resolved, That the sum of Eighteen pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, undrawn Road monies for the County of Lunenburg, be appropriated and expended on the new Road leading from George Mackie's to the School House, near Ramey's, in the same County, viz. :—

£18 17s. 6d. change of appropriation, Lunenburg,

Number 72, 1848,	£1 17 6
“ 52, 1851,	7 0 0
“ 86, 1852,	10 0 0
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	£18 17 6

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty pounds seventeen shillings and nine pence, undrawn from the last year's division of Road money granted for the County of Cape Breton, be added to the sum granted for the service of Roads and Bridges for that County, be appropriated in the Road Scale for the present year.

£20 17s. 9d. do, Cape Breton,

Resolved, That the following sums, granted for the Roads and Bridges of the County of Halifax, be applied in altering sections of the Road through Hammond's Plains, including repairs of Kearney's Road, viz. :—

£69 14s. 9d. do, Halifax,

Number 52, 1852,	£50 0 0
“ 49, 1853,	5 0 0
“ 59, 1853,	14 14 9
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	£69 14 9

Resolved, That the sum of Eighty-one pounds one shilling and seven pence, granted for the Road and Bridge service of the County of Halifax, and remaining undrawn from

£81 1s. 7d. do, do,

from the Public Treasury, be applied in improving the Great Eastern Road between Gleeson's Brook, in Musquodoboit, and Guysborough County Line:—

Number 77, 1852,	£7 0 0
“ 86, 1852,	5 1 9
“ 87, 1852,	7 10 0
“ 88, 1852,	7 10 0
“ 90, 1852,	10 0 0
“ 93, 1852,	5 0 0
“ 126, 1852,	5 0 0
“ 140, 1852,	2 11 8
“ 77, 1853,	10 0 0
“ 115, 1853,	1 6 0
“ 128, 1853,	20 2 2

£81 1 7

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

Read 1st time.

The same were read a first time.

Cornwallis Bridge
Bill ref.

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

Committee.

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

Ordered, That the second, third, fourth, fifth, seventh, and eighth Bills, and the four Resolutions be read a second time at a future day.

S. Paupers Bill ref.

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

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. McCully, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Crichton, be a Committee for that purpose.

Bank N. S. Bill
read 1st time,

Mr. Almon presented a Bill to continue and alter the Act to Incorporate the Bank of Nova Scotia, and the Act in amendment thereof, which was read a first time.

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

Circuits Supreme
Court Bill read
1st time,

Mr. McDougall presented a Bill to regulate the Circuits of the Supreme Court— which was read a first time.

Referred.

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

Committee.

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

Order of day Muni-
cipal Government
Counties Bill read,
Bill referred to
Select Committee,

The order of the day being read for the House to be put into a Committee for the consideration of a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Municipal Government of Counties,

It was resolved, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report whether the said Bill be a Local Bill within the meaning of the Standing Orders of this House.

Committee.

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

Message to H. A.
with money votes
and change of ap-
propriation.

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

To return the Forty-three Resolutions for granting money, and the four changes of Appropriation agreed to on the 24th instant, and to inform them that this House has agreed to the same without any amendment.

Com on Bills.

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

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The Chairman also reported, that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the County of Shelburne, and had made two amendments thereto.

Rep. Shelburne Bill
with amds.

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

“At the end of the Bill add the following Clauses:

Amdts. read,

“The Justices in Session in the several Districts shall appoint a Committee to prepare and revise the Grand and Petit Jury Lists in their respective Districts; the Juries for the first Term of the Supreme Court at Barrington shall be drawn at the next Autumn Term of the Supreme Court at Shelburne; on all subsequent occasions the Juries for the Terms at Shelburne and Barrington shall be drawn at those places respectively.

“In case there shall not be a sufficient Grand Jury in attendance at the Court of Sessions at Barrington the next ensuing May Term, the Justices may appoint District and Township Officers to serve for the year then next ensuing.”

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

And agreed to.

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

On motion of Mr. McCully, ordered, that Mr. McKeen have leave of absence from Wednesday next, to return home on urgent private business.

Leave of absence to
to Mr. McKeen.

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

Adjourn.

Tuesday, 28th March, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the County of Shelburne was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Shelburne Bill read
3rd time,

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to with amts.

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

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

And sent to H. A.

- Chap. 29, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend Chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Militia"; also,
- Court House, Hlfx. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to provide for the erection of a Court House in Halifax; also,
- Provincial Loan, A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize a Provincial Loan; also,
- Bridge W.R. Pictou, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to provide for the erection of a Bridge over the West River of Pictou; also,
- Chap. 46, and A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, "Of County Assessments"; also,
- Crown Land Department Bills, A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to the Act relative to the Crown Land Department,
- Read 2nd time, Were read a second time.
- And ordered to Com. Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- Bank N. S. Bill read 2nd time, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and alter the Act to Incorporate the Bank of Nova Scotia, and the Acts in amendment thereof, was read a second time.
- And ordered to Com. Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- H. A. agree to amdt. to Chap. 49 Bill, A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Twining, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Fences, Fence Viewers, and Impounding of Cattle."
- Customs Duties, The Messenger also brought up the following Bills and Resolution :
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and further amend the Laws imposing Customs Duties.
- Light House Duties, License, Chap. 18, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Law imposing Light House Duties.
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the License Law.
A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Exportation of Goods and of Drawbacks."
- Distilleries, and Chap. 14 Bills, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for regulating Distilleries.
A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 14 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Officers of the Customs."
- Pay of Lg. Council, Resolved, That One pound per day be granted and paid to each Member of the Legislative Council, for his attendance in Parliament, with the same travelling fees as are received by Members of this House, provided that no Member be paid for more than forty days attendance in any one Session.
- Read 1st time. To which Bills and Resolution they desired the concurrence of this House.
The same were read a first time.
Ordered, That the same be read a second time at a future time.
- Normal School Bill, A Bill, entitled, An Act to establish a Normal School, was read, as amended, and the question was put by the President,
Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?
It was resolved in the affirmative.
- Finally agreed to, A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
And sent to H. A. To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.
- Four changes of appropriation, The following Resolutions for changing the appropriation of Road monies, viz :—
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| £18 | 17s. | 6d., | County of Lunenburg, |
| 20 | 17 | 9, | County of Cape Breton, |
| 69 | 14 | 9, | County of Halifax, |
| 81 | 1 | 7, | County of Halifax, |
- Were

Were read a second time, and the question was put by the President on each Resolution, Read 2nd time,
 Whether this Resolution be agreed to? Agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Brown, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate a Company for erecting a Bridge over the Cornwallis River, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and did not recommend it to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on Cornwallis Bridge Bill report unfavorably,

The said Bill was read a second time. Bill read 2nd time, And deferred 3 mos.

On motion, *resolved*, That the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months.

On motion of Mr. Almon, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to Her Majesty, expressive of our loyalty and devotion to the Throne, and our readiness to assist in the defence of the Province, by enrolling, if necessary, the Local Militia. Address to H. A. on War, &c.

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

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Municipal Government of Counties, was referred, made the following Report: Com. on Municipal Govmt. Counties Bill report. Report.

A majority of the Committee, to whom was referred the Bill for the Municipal Government of Counties, report, That the Bill is essentially a general Bill, applicable to the whole Province; but, as it has been made a question, that it is local, in its reference to the County of Annapolis, the Committee recommend that the Bill be amended, so far as to strike out that portion of the Clause which has such reference.

M. B. ALMON, *Chairman*.

Whereupon Mr. Fairbanks moved, That the said Report be received: which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, there appeared, for the motion, nine; against the motion, nine: Motion to receive Report,

For the motion—

Against the motion—

Mr. Cutler,	Mr. Almon,	Mr. Kenny,	Mr. Campbell,
" Morton,	" Fairbanks,	" McHefey,	" Bell,
" Harris,	" Keith,	" Grigor,	" McNab,
" Brown,	" Crichton.	" McCully,	The President.
" Pineo,		" McDougall,	

And the votes being equal, then, according to the ancient rule in like cases, Negativd on equal division.
" Semper præsumitur pro negante."

Ordered, That the said Bill be printed and circulated through the Country. Ord. to be printed.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Fences, Fence Viewers, and Impounding of Cattle," was read, as amended, and the question was put by the President, Chap. 49 Bill,

Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Resolved

- S. O. S. on Revenue Bills. *Resolved unanimously*, That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the six Revenue Bills received from the House of Assembly to-day.
- Bills read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com. The said Bills were read a second time.
- Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- Chap. 73 Bill read 1st time, Mr. Morton presented a Bill to alter and amend Chapter 73 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Commissioners of Sewers, and the regulating of Dyked and Marsh Lands"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time.
- S. O. S. *Resolved unanimously*, That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bill.
- Read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com. The said Bill was read a second time.
- Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
- S. O. S. on Bills. *Resolved unanimously*, That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the Bills before a Committee of the whole House.
- Com. on Bills. On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Rep. Bank N. S. and The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and alter the Act to Incorporate the Bank of Nova-Scotia, and the Acts in amendment thereof; also,
- Chap. 73 Bills, A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 73 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Commissioners of Sewers, and the regulating of Dyked and Marsh Lands,"
- Without amdt. And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Ordered, That the said Bills be engrossed, and read a third time at a future day.
- Rep. Chap. 29, The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend Chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Militia"; also,
- Court House, Hlfx. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to provide for the erection of a Court House in Halifax; also,
- Provincial Loan, A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize a Provincial Loan; also,
- Bridge W.R. Pictou, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to provide for the erection of a Bridge over the West River of Pictou; also,
- Chap. 106, A Bill, entitled, Act to alter and amend Chapter 106 of the Revised Statutes, "Of County Assessments," also,
- Customs Duties, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and further amend the Law imposing Customs Duties; also,
- Light House Duties, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Law imposing Light House Duties; also,
- License, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the License Law; also,
- Chap. 18, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the exportation of Goods, and of Drawbacks;" also,
- Distilleries, and A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for regulating Distilleries; also,
- Chap. 14 Bills. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 14 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Officers of the Customs,"
- And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Ordered, That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to the Act relative to the Crown Land Department, and had made an amendment thereto.

Rep. Crown Land
Dep. Bill with am.

The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows :

Last Clause.—Leave out this Clause.

Amdt. read,

And the said amendment being read a second time was agreed to by the House.

Agreed to.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, and had made several amendments thereto.

Rep. Chap. 22 Bill
with amts.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows :

1. 7th Clause—8th line.—Leave out the words “three months,” and insert “fifteen days.”

Amdt. read,

2. 9th line.—Leave out the words “six months,” and insert “thirty days.”

After the 9th Clause, insert the following Clauses :

3. “Upon the petition of twenty Freeholders, the Custos of any County where Tavern Licenses have not been recommended by the Grand Jury, or if recommended, have not been granted by the Sessions, shall, after public notice of ten days, posted in at least three of the most public places in the County, call a Special Sessions, and they may grant Tavern Licenses, if in a County where the Grand Jury have recommended them, to so many of such persons as have been so recommended, not less than five, nor more than ten, as such Special Sessions shall see fit; if in a County where no persons have been recommended, then, to so many, and such persons, not less than five, nor more than ten, as such Special Sessions shall see fit : which Licenses shall expire at the next Sessions at which the Grand Jury shall attend ; but in case such Sessions shall not grant at least five Licenses in the County, then Licenses may be again granted, by a Special Sessions, as hereinbefore provided.”

4. “Tavern Licenses, under the foregoing Section, shall be granted upon payment of a sum, not less than five pounds, nor more than ten pounds, per annum, and at a proportionate rate for any part of a year.”

5. “Any Father, Mother, being a Widow, Stepfather, Guardian, or Master, may give notice, in writing, to persons holding a License to sell intoxicating drink, or liquor, not to sell the same to his or her child, bound apprentice, or servant ; and any person so holding a License, and having received such notice, who shall sell any intoxicating drink or liquor to such child, bound apprentice, or servant, or shall, after receiving such notice, allow such child, bound apprentice, or servant, to drink or consume any intoxicating drink or liquor on any part of his premises shall, on complaint made to two Justices of the Peace, be by them deprived of his License, and shall be fined by such Justices in a sum or penalty not exceeding ten pounds, or less than two pounds.”

6. “All prosecutions under this Act or the Act hereby amended shall be commenced within two months after the offence.”

7. “This Act shall be in force only in those Counties in which Tavern Licenses are granted.”

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

And agreed to.

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

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act in relation to the settlement of Paupers, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and did not recommend it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Paupers
Bill report unfavorably,

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2nd time,

Wednesday, 29th March, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and alter the Act to incorporate the Bank of Nova Scotia, and the Acts in amendment thereof, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Bank N. S. Bill read 3rd time,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

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

And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 73 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Commissioners of Sewers, and the regulating of Dyked and Marsh Lands," was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Chap. 73 Bill read 3rd time,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And agreed to.

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

And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to the Act relative to the Crown Land Department, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Crown Land Dep. Bill read 3rd time,

Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to with amd.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
 To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with an amendment—to which amendment their concurrence is desired. And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, was read a third time. Chap. 29 Bill read 3rd time,

Whereupon, Mr. Fairbanks moved that the said Bill be again committed to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of re-considering the amendments proposed by this House to the said Bill: which being seconded, and the question being put by the President, was agreed to. Motion to re-commit Bill.

- Chap. 29, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend Chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Militia"; also,
- Court House, Hlfx. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to provide for the erection of a Court House in Halifax; also,
- Provincial Loan, A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize a Provincial Loan; also,
- Bridge W.R. Pictou, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to provide for the erection of a Bridge over the West River of Pictou; also,
- Chap. 46, A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, "Of County Assessments"; also,
- Customs Duties, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and further amend the Law imposing Customs Duties; also,
- Light House Duties, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Law imposing Light House Duties; also,
- License, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the License Law; also,
- Chap. 18, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the exportation of Goods, and of Drawbacks;" also,
- Distilleries, and Chap. 14 Bills. A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act for regulating Distilleries; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 14 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Officers of the Customs,"
- Read 3rd time, Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass?
- Agreed to, It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A. A message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Pay of Leg. Council read 2nd time, The Resolution relative to the pay of the Members of the Legislative Council was read a second time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Resolution be agreed to?
- Agreed to, It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Resolution, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- H. A. Agree to Pictou Water Co. Bill. A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Twining, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Pictou Water Company.
- H. A. agree to amdt. to Shelburne Bill. Also, to inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House, to a Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the County of Shelburne.
- Chap. 78, The Messenger also brought up the following Bills and Resolutions :
1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Pilotage, Harbors, and Harbor Masters.
 2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the granting of Letters Patent to Edwin Pettit, for the manufacture of Guano.
 3. A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the River Fisheries.
 4. A Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Three thousand pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be applied in accordance with the Report of the Committee upon Special Grants to Roads and Bridges, viz. :
- For opening a new line of Road from Ponhook Lake to Mills Village, to be drawn when it shall be shown to the Financial Secretary that £400 have been raised by subscription, and that sum together with £100 from the County Road Grant expended on the Road,
- £400 0 0
To

To be expended on the Road from Phillip's Harbor to Fox Island, in the County of Guysborough,	£200	0	0
To be expended on the Road from St. Ann's to Bay St. Lawrence, in the County of Victoria,	300	0	0
To assist in building a Bridge over Kennetcook River, County of Hants,	300	0	0
To erect a Bridge over Sydney River, in the County of Cape Breton,	150	0	0
To erect a Bridge at French River, in the County of Colchester,	200	0	0
For two Bridges over the North-east Branch of Margaree River, in the County of Inverness, £100 each,	200	0	0
To be expended on the Road from Kentville through Sherbrooke to Lunenburg,	50	0	0
To assist in draining a Lake in order to make a Road at Barrington, in addition to £50 to be appropriated out of the County Road Grant,	50	0	0
To be expended on the Road from Annapolis, by Maitland, to Queen's County line,	100	0	0
To be expended on the Road from Albany to the Queen's County line,	50	0	0
To be expended on the Road from Liverpool Cross to King's County line,	50	0	0
To be expended on the Road from Musquodoboit to Sheet Harbor,	200	0	0
To be laid out towards paying the balance due on Bridge at River Philip, in the County of Cumberland,	200	0	0
To be expended on the Road from New Glasgow to Antigonishe, by Marshy Hope,	450	0	0
For the alterations and improvements on the Black Rock Mountains, on the Great Post Road to Canada Creek Harbor, Bay Shore,	50	0	0
Towards building a Bridge over Gilbert's Creek, in the County of Digby,	50	0	0
	£3000	0	0

- Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty Pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in building a Public Wharf and Landing at Tuell's Island, in the County of Colchester, upon the usual terms. £50 Breakwater, Tuell's Island,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in building a Public Wharf and Landing at Tatamagouche, in the County of Colchester, at the site reserved for that purpose, upon the usual terms. £20 do, Tatamagouche,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in building a Breakwater at Short Beach, in the County of Yarmouth, on the usual terms. £50 do, Yarmouth,
- Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in building a Breakwater at Pomket Island, County of Sydney, on the usual terms. £100 do, Pomket Is.
- Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, for the further improvement of Tracadie Harbor, in the County of Sydney, when it shall appear to the Governor in Council that £200 have been raised and expended in the work, so that the whole expenditure shall amount to £300. £100 do, Tracadie Harbor,
- Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in building a Breakwater at the Island of Tancook, County of Lunenburg, to be drawn and applied when it shall appear to the Governor in Council that £200 have been raised and expended in the work, so that the whole expenditure shall amount to £300, and that the site has been conveyed to the use of the public. £100 do, Tancook Island,

- £35 Landing, Digby** *Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty-five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to further extend and improve the Public Slip or Landing at Digby.
- £200 Arisaig Pier,** *Resolved*, That the sum of Two hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in the erection of an additional block and extension of Arisaig Pier, in the County of Sydney, when it shall appear to the Governor in Council that the sum of £200 has been raised and expended on the work, so that the whole expenditure shall amount to £400.
- £25 Clyde River,** *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in clearing out obstructions and improving Clyde River, in the County of Shelburne, when it shall appear to the Governor in Council that the sum of £50 has been raised and expended on the work, so that the whole expenditure shall amount to £75.
- £20 Breakwater, Cumberland,** *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be expended in building a Breakwater at Freeman's Landing, in the County of Cumberland, on the usual terms.
- £30 Jordan River,** *Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be applied towards clearing out obstructions and improving Jordan River, in the County of Shelburne, when it shall appear to the Governor in Council that the sum of Sixty pounds has been raised and expended in the work, so that the whole expenditure shall amount to £90.
- £5 J. Young, Ferry,** *Resolved*, That the sum of Five pounds be granted and paid to John Young, of Langan, in the County of Cape Breton, to enable him to keep a ferry across the strait or passage between Langan and Bridgeport.
- £5 Ferry, St. Ann's,** *Resolved*, That the sum of Five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be applied to keeping up a ferry across the entrance of St. Ann's Harbor, in the County of Victoria.
- £7 10s do, Margaree,** *Resolved*, That the sum of Seven pounds and ten shillings be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, £5 to be expended for a ferry across the mouth of Margaree River, in the County of Inverness, and £2 10s. to aid in procuring a boat for that purpose.
- £5 do, Grand Narrows, C. B.** *Resolved*, That the sum of Five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be applied in maintaining a ferry at the Grand Narrows, in the County of Cape Breton.
- £10 do, North Bar, C. B.** *Resolved*, That the sum of Ten pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, for a ferry between North Bar and the Town of Sydney, in the County of Cape Breton—£5 of such sum to be applied in the purchase of a more efficient boat, and the remaining sum of £5 for keeping the ferry.
- £7 10s. do, Great Bras d'Or,** *Resolved*, That the sum of Seven pounds and ten shillings be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to establish a ferry across the entrance of the Great Bras d'Or, in the County of Victoria.
- £5 Ferry Boat, C. B.** *Resolved*, That the sum of Five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, in addition to the sum of £20 granted last year, to be expended in procuring a more efficient and comfortable boat to run as a packet or ferry boat twice a week between Baddeck, in the County of Victoria, and Messrs. Gammel's, in the County of Cape Breton.
- £5,000 St. Peter's Canal,** *Resolved*, That the sum of Five thousand pounds, in addition to the sum of £12,000 already appropriated, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be expended in constructing the St. Peter's Canal on the terms prescribed in the Act 16 Victoria, Chapter 35.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred pounds, granted to the Managers of the Infant School, Halifax, for the support of that Institution for the years 1852 and 1853, and remaining undrawn from the Treasury, shall be applied to the support of Schools in the City of Halifax, to be drawn by the School Commissioners, and appropriated by them for that purpose.

£100 change of appropriation Infant School,

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

The same were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

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

Chap. 38, & Pettit's Patent Bills ref.

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

Committee.

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

Fisheries & Harbor Bills ref.

Ordered, That Mr. Campbell, Mr. Black, and Mr. Bell, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

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

Mr. McCully presented a Bill to regulate the Sale of Fresh Fish—which was read a first time.

Fresh Fish Bill read 1st time,

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

Referred.

Ordered, That Mr. Campbell, Mr. Black, and Mr. Bell, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

Mr. Grigor presented the Memorial of the Members of the Medical Profession in Halifax, relative to the charges of themselves and their fellow Practitioners for attendance on Poor Patients by order of the Authorities—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Memorial of Medical Practitioners.

On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments proposed by the House of Assembly to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the New Practice Act.

Amdt. to New Practice Act amdt.

The same were read by the Clerk as follows:

1st Clause—3rd line.—Leave out the words "mesne process," and substitute the word "summons."

Amdts. read,

2nd Clause—2nd line.—Leave out the words "mesne process," and substitute the word "summons."

5th Clause—2nd and 3rd lines.—Leave out the words "mesne process," and substitute the word "summons."

8th Clause.—At the beginning of the Clause, before the word "trinity," insert the words "the sittings after;" and in the 2nd line leave out the words "and the sittings thereafter."

Then the amendments to the 1st, 2nd, and 5th Clauses, were read a second time, and agreed to.

Some agreed to.

The amendments to the 8th Clause, being read a second time, on motion, *resolved*, that the same be not agreed to.

Some not agreed to.

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

To carry down the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House agrees to the amendments proposed by them to 1st, 2nd, and 5th Clauses of the said Bill; and does not agree to the amendments proposed to the 8th Clause of the said Bill.

Message to H. A.

Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to Her Majesty, expressive of our loyalty and devotion to the Throne, and our readiness

Com. rep. Address to H. M.

to

to assist in the defence of the Province, by enrolling, if necessary, the Local Militia, reported the draft of an Address, which he read in his place, and after delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same.

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

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

Conference asked
on General State
Province.—(Con-
tingencies),

To inform the House that the Legislative Council desires a Conference with that House, by Committee, on the General State of the Province.

Agreed to,

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

Committee.

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

Report.

Ordered, That Mr. Almon, Mr. Crichton, and Mr. Keith, be a Committee of this House to manage the said Conference.

And the Managers went to the Conference: and, being returned, Mr. Almon reported that the Committee had held the said Conference, and that he had communicated his instructions to the Committee of the House of Assembly.

Com. of Bills.

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

Rep. Chap. 22 Bill
with amdt. report-
ed on 28th

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, and had agreed to the same, with the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, and 7th amendments reported on the 28th instant; and also to all of the 5th amendment, except the words "and shall be fined by such Justices in a sum or penalty not exceeding Ten pounds, or less than Two pounds," at the end thereof, and had not agreed to the 4th amendment on that day reported.

Amdt. agreed to.

And the said amendments, as amended, being read twice by the Clerk, were agreed to by the House.

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

Adjourn.

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

Thursday, 30th March, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

The Address to Her Majesty, reported yesterday, was read a second time, as follow :
To

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY:

Address.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

We, the Legislative Council of Nova-Scotia, beg leave to approach Your Majesty with sentiments of loyalty and devotion to Your Majesty's Person and Government. We deeply regret that the peace, which has so long prevailed in Europe, is likely to be disturbed by the unwarrantable aggression of the Emperor of Russia, rendering it indispensable on the part of Your Majesty, to take measures to restrain effectually his hostile intentions.

In the unanimous expression of ready adherence and support which has been enthusiastically afforded to Your Majesty by our fellow Subjects in Great Britain, we cordially unite; and we beg to assure Your Majesty that if, in the disposition of your Army, you should deem it necessary to withdraw that portion which has been quartered in this part of your Empire, Your Majesty may confidently trust that the utmost exertions of the Militia of this Province will be made for its defence.

Believing, as we do, that the cause in which Your Majesty is engaged, is just and equitable, we rely on the gracious favor of Him who is the only Giver of all victory, that the blessings of peace may not be long denied to our common country.

Ordered, That the said Address be adopted.

Adopted.

Mr. Almon, from the Committee, reported the draft of an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same as follows:

Address to H. E. reported.

**To His Excellency Colonel
SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,**

Address.

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

THE ADDRESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The Legislative Council have unanimously passed an Address to Her Majesty, expressive of their deep interest in the present aspect of affairs in Europe, and their readiness to concur in such measures as may be rendered necessary for the defence of the Province, which they respectfully pray may be transmitted by your Excellency, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Ordered, That the said Address be received and adopted.

Adopted.

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the said Address be a Committee to present the same to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Committee to present to H. E.

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

To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the dissolution of the Nova Scotia Marine Insurance Company without any amendment.

H. A. agree to dissolution N. S. Mar. Ins. Company Bill without amdt.

H. A. agree to N. S. Mutual Ins. Co. &

Union Mutual Ins. Co. Bills,

With amdts.

H. A. agree to 1st amdt. to City of Halifax Bill, and not to 2d amdt.

H. A. agree to amdt. to Crown Land Department Bill.

H. A. do not adhere to amdt. to the 8th Clause New Practice Act.

Atlantic Ins. Co., &

Barney's River Bridge Bills,

Read 1st time.

Com. on R. Fisheries Bill rep.

Bill read 2nd time,

And ordered to Com.

S. O. S.

Com. on City of Halifax, and

Sale of Fresh Fish Bills,

Rep. unfavorably.

Also, to inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Nova Scotia Mutual Marine Insurance Company, and To a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Union Mutual Marine Insurance Company,

With amendments, to which amendments they desired the concurrence of this House.

Also, to inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the first amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax, and did not agree to the second amendment to the said Bill.

Also, to inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to the Act relative to the Crown Land Department.

Also, to inform the House that the House of Assembly did not adhere to the amendments proposed by them to the eighth clause of a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the New Practice Act.

The Messenger also brought up the following Bills :

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Atlantic Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the erection of a Bridge at Barney's River.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

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

Mr. Bell, in the absence of the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the River Fisheries was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Bell, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Sale of Fresh Fish,

Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and did not recommend them to the favorable consideration of the House.

The following Resolutions for granting Money, viz :—

Money votes,

£3000	0	0	Special Grant, Roads and Bridges,
50	0	0	Breakwater, Tuell's Island,
20	0	0	Do, Tatamagouche,
50	0	0	Do, Yarmouth,
100	0	0	Do, Pomket Island,
100	0	0	Tracadie Harbor,
100	0	0	Breakwater, Tancook Island,
35	0	0	Landing, Digby,
200	0	0	Arisaig Pier,
25	0	0	Clyde River,
20	0	0	Breakwater, Cumberland,
30	0	0	Jordan River,
5	0	0	J. Young, Ferry,

£5	0	0	Ferry, Saint Ann's,
7	10	0	Do, Margaree,
5	0	0	Do, Grand Narrows, C. B.,
10	0	0	Do, North Bar, C. B.,
7	10	0	Do, Great Bras d'Or,
5	0	0	Ferry-Boat, C. B.,
5000	0	0	St. Peter's Canal,
100	0	0	Infant School,

Were read a second time, and the question was put by the President on each Resolution, Read 2nd time,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

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

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

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Chap. 22 Bill read 3rd time,

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass?

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

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

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

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment proposed by the House of Assembly to a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Mutual Marine Insurance Company. Amdt. to N. S. Mutual Ins. Co. Bill considered.

The same was read by the Clerk as follows:—

Instead of the ——— Clause, insert the following Clause:—

“ In case of any loss or deficiency which may hereafter occur, in the Capital or Joint Stock of the Corporation, whether arising from the official mismanagement of the Directors, or from any other cause, the Shareholders, at the time of such loss or deficiency occurring, shall, in their private individual capabilities, be respectively liable to make good any such loss or deficiency, so far as may be necessary to discharge any claims or demands against the Corporation then existing; but in no case shall any Shareholder be liable to pay a sum exceeding the amount of the Stock held by him in addition to the amount of such Stock: nothing herein contained shall limit or apply to the liability of the President, Directors, or other Officers of the Company, for official misconduct or mismanagement, or to render any Policy-holder or party insured, liable for the debts of the Company in respect of his participation in the profits of the Company. Amdt. read,

And the said amendment being read a second and third time, was agreed to by the House. Agreed to,

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

To carry down the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to their amendment to the said Bill. And sent to H. A.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment proposed by the House of Assembly to a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Union Mutual Marine Insurance Company. Amdt. to Union Mutual Insurance Co. Bill consi'd.

And the said amendment being read three times by the Clerk, was agreed to by the House. Amdt. agreed to.

(It was similar to the preceding.)

- Message to H. A.** A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To carry down the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to their amendment to the said Bill.
- Shelburne, and Crown Land Dep. Bills,** A Bill, entitled, An Act concerning the County of Shelburne; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act in addition to the Act relative to the Crown Land Department, Were read, as amended, and the question was put by the President on each Bill, Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass? Finally agreed to, It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A.** A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them therewith.
- New Practice Act,** A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the New Practice Act, was read, as now amended, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, as now amended, shall pass? Finally agreed to, It was resolved in the affirmative.
- Second amdt. to City of Halifax Bill,** The House proceeded to the consideration of the second amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax, which amendment has not been agreed to by the House of Assembly. The same were read by the Clerk, and On motion, *resolved*, That the said amendment be not adhered to.
- Not adhered to.** A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House does not adhere to their second amendment to the said Bill.
- And Message to H. A.**
- City of Halifax (Fish) Bill read 2d time, And deferred 3 mos.** A Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax, was read a second time. On motion, *resolved*, That the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months.
- Fresh Fish Bill read 2nd time. Motion to def. negatived.** A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the sale of Fresh Fish, was read a second time Whereupon, it was moved that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months: which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, there appeared for the motion, nine; against the motion, eleven; so it passed in the negative.
- Bill ordered to Com.** *Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- Com. on Chap. 78, and** Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes "Of Pilotage, Harbors and Harbor Masters"; also,
- Pettit's Patent Bills report unfavorably.** A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the granting of Letters Patent to Edwin Pettit, for the manufacture of Guano, Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and did not recommend them to the favorable consideration of the House.
- Bills read 2nd time, And deferred 3 mos,** The said Bills were read a second time. On motion, *resolved*, that the further consideration of the said Bills be deferred to this day three months.
- Com. to present Address report.** Mr. Almon, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to carry the Addresses of this House, to Her Majesty and the Lieutenant Governor, to the Lieutenant Governor, reported that the Committee had performed that duty and were informed that the Address to Her Majesty would be forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Resolved

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House No. 72 relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Atlantic Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

The said Bill was read a second time.

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

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Atlantic Mutual Marine Insurance Company; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the River Fisheries,

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

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

To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 73 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Commissioners of Sewers and the regulating of Dyked and Marsh Lands," without any amendment.

The Messenger also brought up the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty thousand pounds, granted for the ordinary Road and Bridge Service for the present year, be applied as follows:

S. O. S. on Atlantic Ins. Co. Bill,

Bill read 2nd time,

And ordered to Com.

Com. on Bills.

Rep. Atlantic Ins. Co., and

River Fisheries Bills

Without amdt.

H. A. agree to Chap. 73 Bill, without amdt.

Division of £30,000 Road Vote.

For the County of Halifax,	£2,208	0	0
“ “ Pictou,	2,160	0	0
“ “ Inverness,	1,980	0	0
“ “ Hants,	1,800	0	0
“ “ Lunenburg,	1,800	0	0
“ “ Colchester,	1,752	0	0
“ “ Cumberland,	1,752	0	0
“ “ Cape Breton,	1,704	0	0
“ “ Kings,	1,620	0	0
“ “ Annapolis,	1,560	0	0
“ “ Yarmouth,	1,464	0	0
“ “ Shelburne,	1,464	0	0
“ “ Digby,	1,464	0	0
“ “ Sydney,	1,464	0	0
“ “ Richmond,	1,464	0	0
“ “ Victoria,	1,464	0	0
“ “ Guysborough,	1,464	0	0
“ “ Queens,	1,416	0	0
	<u>£30,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Resolved, That the sum of Ten thousand pounds, granted for the Great Road Service for the present year, be applied on the Great Roads mentioned in Chapter sixty-one of the Revised Statutes, as follows:

Division of £10,000 Great Road Vote.

For the County of Halifax,	£1,213	0	0	
“ “ Hants,	933	0	0	
“ “ Colchester,	733	0	0	
“ “ Pictou,	640	0	0	
“ “ Cumberland,	640	0	0	
“ “ Cape Breton,	626	0	0	
“ “ Inverness,	560	0	0	
“ “ Digby,	476	0	0	
“ “ Kings,	476	0	0	
“ “ Annapolis,	476	0	0	For

For the County of Lunenburg,	£530	0	0
“ “ Yarmouth,	400	0	0
“ “ Shelburne,	400	0	0
“ “ Sydney,	400	0	0
“ “ Guysborough,	400	0	0
“ “ Victoria,	380	0	0
“ “ Richmond,	360	0	0
“ “ Queens,	317	0	0

£10,000 0 0

Sub-division: Halifax,	Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Halifax.
Pictou,	Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Pictou.
Inverness,	Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Inverness.
Hants,	Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Hants.
Lunenburg,	Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Lunenburg.
Colchester,	Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Colchester.
Cumberland,	Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Cumberland.
Cape Breton,	Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Cape Breton.
King's County,	Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of King's County.
Annapolis,	Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Annapolis.
Yarmouth,	Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Yarmouth.
Shelburne,	Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Shelburne.
Digby,	Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Digby.
Sydney,	Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Sydney.
Richmond,	Also, the Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Richmond.
Victoria,	Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Victoria.
Guysborough,	Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Guysborough.
Queen's County,	Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Queen's County.
Read 1st time.	To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House. The said Resolutions were read a first time. <i>Ordered,</i> That the said Resolutions be read a second time at a future day.
Adjourn.	On motion made and seconded the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 12 o'clock.

Friday, 31st March, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

The twenty Resolutions received from the House of Assembly, yesterday, dividing and sub-dividing the sums granted for the Service of the Roads and Bridges for the present year, were read a second time, and the question was put by the President on each Resolution.

Division and sub-division of Road Money read 2nd time,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to?
It was resolved in the affirmative.

And agreed to.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To carry down a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the New Practice Act, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, as now amended.

Message to H. A. finally agreeing to New Practice Act.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Twining,
To return the said Bill, and inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the said Bill, as now amended.

H.A. finally agree to New Practice Act.

The Messenger also brought up the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That, out of the Grammar School Monies belonging to the County of Annapolis, there be paid, on the first day of May next, to William Shipley, Twenty-five pounds; William Calnek, Twenty-five pounds; Thomas Hardy, Twelve pounds ten shillings; George Murray, Twelve pounds ten shillings.

£75 change of appropriation School Monies Annapolis,

Resolved, That the sum of Seven pounds and ten shillings, granted in the Session of 1852, to repair the Road from Marsden Curry's, on the new Road to Randall Spring, be appropriated and expended on the Road from Marsden Curry's to the old Post Road.

£7 10s. do Road Money King's Co.

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolutions were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

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

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

Resolved, That the allowance now made to Collegiate and Academical Institutions, including King's College, Windsor, shall be continued under the existing regulations for one year only; the Grant to Pictou Academy to be on condition that no sale or mortgage of the lands or property vested in the Trustees thereof, shall be made after the passing of this Act.

Allowance to Colleges & Academies,

Resolved.

- £250 Free Church Academy, *Resolved*, That the sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds, be granted and paid by quarterly payments to the Managers of the Free Church Academy at Halifax, for the present year, upon the same terms as those imposed upon grants to similar Institutions in the year 1845.
- £100 reports Sup. Court, *Resolved*, That a sum, not to exceed One hundred pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be expended in providing for the Reporting and Publication of the Decisions of the Supreme Court.
- £30 Adjutant,—£20 Q.M.G. of Militia, *Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty pounds be, granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to enable him to pay the Adjutant General of Militia Thirty pounds; and to the Quarter Master General Twenty pounds, for their services for the past year.
- £15 R. Langly, *Resolved*, That the sum of Fifteen pounds, be granted and paid to Rebecca Langley, to assist her in keeping a House of Entertainment for Travellers on the Road between Musquodoboit and St. Mary's.
- £16 R.A. Kaulback, *Resolved*, That the sum of Sixteen pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be paid to Robert A. Kaulback, in full for his claim for damages done by opening a Road through his land, pursuant to the report of the Committee on that subject.
- £25 deaf and dumb child, *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be applied towards defraying the expence of educating a deaf and dumb girl, the daughter of Mercy Goreham, of Ragged Islands, in an Asylum in the United States, pursuant to the report of the Committee.
- £75 surveying Road Shelburne to Annapolis, *Resolved*, That a sum, not to exceed Seventy-five pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be expended in Surveying a new line of Road from Shelburne to Annapolis County.
- £2000 Light Houses. *Resolved*, That a sum, not to exceed Two thousand pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, for the purpose of having erected, during the present year, or so soon as the necessary arrangements can be made for so doing, Light Houses at the following places :
- A Light House at Margaree Island, on the North Coast of the Island of Cape Breton.
- A Light House on Iron-Bound Island, mouth of LaHave River, County of Lunenburg.
- A Light House on Boar's Head, at the north-east extremity of Long Island, in the County of Digby.
- A Light House on Isle Haut, in the Bay of Fundy.
- A Light House on the western end of Scatarie Island.
- £100 Breakwater, Clementsport, *Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in opening up the Harbor and erecting a Breakwater at Clementsport, in the County of Annapolis, upon the usual terms of grants to Breakwaters.
- £50 Breakwater, Digby Neck, *Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in erecting a Breakwater at the Sea Wall, Digby Neck, upon the usual terms.
- £20 Wharf, Cornwallis, *Resolved*, That a sum, not to exceed Twenty pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in extending a Public Wharf and Landing at Porter's Point, Cornwallis, when it shall appear to the Governor in Council that the sum of Sixty pounds has been raised and expended on the work, or in that relative proportion.
- £50 Breakwater, Groscoque, *Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be applied in extending the Breakwater at Groscoque, in the County of Digby, on the usual terms.
- £50 Cape Cove, *Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be applied in aid of the extension of the Breakwater at Cape Cove, in the Township of Clare, upon the usual terms.

Resolved,

<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of One hundred pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be applied towards extending the Breakwater at Bellevous Cove, in the Township of Clare, upon the usual terms.	£100 Bellevous Cove,
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of Three hundred pounds, be granted and paid for the improvement of Mabou Harbor, to be drawn when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council that the sum of £900 has been expended thereon.	£300 Mabou Har.
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of Twenty-five pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be applied in clearing out and opening the Navigation in Bear River, County of Digby, when it shall appear to the Governor in Council that the sum of £50 has been raised and expended in the work, so that the whole expenditure shall amount to £75.	£25 clearing out Bear River,
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of Fifty pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be applied in removing obstructions in the St. Mary's River, when it shall appear to the Governor in Council that the sum of £75 has been raised and expended for that purpose, so that the whole expenditure shall amount to £125.	£50 St. Mary's River,
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of Three hundred pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in opening the Channel and deepening the Harbor of Antigonishe, in the County of Sydney, when it shall appear to the Governor in Council that the sum of £600 has been subscribed and expended on the work, so that the whole expenditure shall amount to £900.	£300 Antigonishe Harbor,
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of seven pounds and ten shillings, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to pay Andrew Malone, for furnishing of Boats and keeping a Ferry across Sydney River, in the County of Cape Breton, on the Post Road from Halifax, in consequence of the Bridge being carried away by a freshet.	£7 10s. A. Malone, Ferry,
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of Five pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be applied towards maintaining a Ferry across the St. Mary's River, near Jacob Knouff's.	£5 Ferry St. Mary's,
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of Fifteen pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to enable Isaiah Smith to provide or build a sufficient Ferry Boat to run across the mouth of the Shubenacadie River, between Douglas and Truro, and Douglas and Londonderry.	£15 Ferry Boats, Shubenacadie,
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of One pound per day, be granted and paid to every Member of the House of Assembly, for his attendance in General Assembly for the present Session, to be paid on the certificate of the Speaker; also, the travelling charges as heretofore: but no Member shall receive pay for more than forty days attendance.	Pay of Members of House Assembly,
<i>Resolved</i> , That the sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds, Sterling, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, for a Private Secretary for the present year.	£250 stg. Governor's Private Secretary,
To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.	
The said Resolutions were read a first time.	Read 1st time.
<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Resolutions be read a second time at a future day.	
Mr. McCully presented a Bill to facilitate proceedings under the New Practice Act—which was read a first time.	Proceedings under New Practice Act Bill read 1st time.
<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time.	
<i>Resolved unanimously</i> , That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bill.	S. O. S.
The said Bill was read a second time.	Bill read 2nd time,
<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House presently.	And ordered to Com.

- Committed. On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Read 3rd time, *Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third time presently.
The said Bill was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass?
- And passed. It was resolved in the affirmative.
- H. E. comes to Council Chamber, At Two o'clock, P. M., His Excellency Colonel Sir J. Gaspard LeMarchant, Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia and its Dependencies, Chancellor of the same, &c. &c. &c., came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual; and, being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's command to let the House of Assembly know "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House"—who, being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to Seventy-one Bills, entitled as follows:—
- H. A. attend,
H. E. assents to 71 Bills, viz:
- Militia, An Act to continue and amend Chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Militia."
Dyked and Marsh Lands, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 73 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Commissioners of Sewers, and the regulation of Dyked and Marsh Lands."
Meeting House Tatamagouche, An Act to authorize the Sale of the old Presbyterian Meeting House at Tatamagouche.
Truro Tem. Hall Co. An Act to Incorporate the Truro Temperance Hall Company.
Crown Land Dep. An Act in addition to the Act relative to the Crown Land Department.
County Shelburne, An Act concerning the County of Shelburne.
Officers of Customs, An Act to amend Chapter 14 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Officers of the Customs."
Bridge, Pictou, An Act to amend the Act to provide for the erection of a Bridge over the West River of Pictou.
Supreme Court, An Act to authorize Special Sittings of the Supreme Court for the Trial of Criminals.
Practice Act, An Act to amend the New Practice Act.
Pictou Water Co. An Act to Incorporate the Pictou Water Company.
N. S. Mar. Ins. Co. An Act to authorize the Dissolution of the Nova-Scotia Marine Insurance Company.
- Light House Duties, An Act to continue the Law imposing Light House Duties.
Distilleries, An Act to continue the Act for regulating Distilleries.
Onslow B. Ground, An Act to amend the Act relating to the Onslow Burial Ground.
Drawbacks, An Act to amend Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Exportation of Goods and of Drawbacks."
License Law, An Act to continue the License Law.
Court House, Hlfx. An Act to amend the Act to provide for the erection of a Court House in Halifax.
Provincial Loan. An Act to authorize a Provincial Loan.
County Assessments, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, "Of County Assessments."
- Customs Duties, An Act to continue and further amend the Laws imposing Customs Duties.
Fence Viewers, An Act to amend Chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Fences, Fence Viewers, and Impounding of Cattle."
Normal School, An Act to establish a Normal School.
N. S. Hort. Society, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Horticultural Society.
County Assessments, An Act to amend Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, "Of County Assessments."
Court House, Liver'l, An Act relating to the Court House at Liverpool.
P. Lands, Lunenburg, An Act relating to certain Public Lands in the Town of Lunenburg.

An Act to amend Chapter 76 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Shipping and Seamen."	Shipping & Seamen,
An Act to authorize the Board of Works to Lease or Sell certain Public Property.	Public Property,
An Act to divide the Township of St. Andrew's, in the County of Cape Breton.	Div. St. Andrew's,
An Act to amend Chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Surveyors of Highways and Highway Labor, except in Halifax."	Highway Labor,
An Act to Incorporate the Liverpool Steam Boat Company.	Liv. Steam Boat Co.
An Act to Incorporate the Clementsport Wharf Company.	Clementspot W. Co.
An Act to enable the City of Halifax to erect a City Prison.	City Prison,
An Act to increase the number of Polling Places in the County of Lunenburg.	Polling Places, Lunenburg,
An Act concerning the Elective Franchise.	Elective Franchise,
An Act relating to Proceedings before Justices of the Peace.	Proceedings J. P.
An Act to provide for constructing Bridges at Kennetcook and Saint Croix, in the County of Hants.	Bridges, Kennetcook and St. Croix,
An Act to Incorporate the New Glasgow Steam Boat Company.	N. Glasgow S.B. Co.
An Act to Incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop in Arichat.	R. C. Bishop, Arichat,
An Act to alter certain Electoral Districts in the County of Shelburne.	Elec. Dis. Shelburne,
An Act relating to the Chesley Aboiteau.	Chesley Aboiteau,
An Act respecting Assessments in the City of Halifax.	Assessments, Hlfx.
An Act to amend Chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes "Of the maintenance of Bastard Children."	Bastard Children,
An Act respecting the Presbyterian Meeting House at Upper Stewiacke.	Meeting House, Upper Stewiacke,
An Act for Settling Titles to Land in the Island of Cape Breton.	Titles, Cape Breton,
An Act to provide for improving the Road from Antigonishe towards Sherbrooke.	Road, Antigonishe,
An Act to amend Chap. 140 of the Revised Statutes, "Of forcible Entry and Detainer."	Entry and Detainer,
An Act to legalize certain proceedings of the Sessions of the County of Shelburne.	Sessions, Shelburne,
An Act to amend Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Coal Mines."	Coal Mines,
An Act to amend Chapter 154 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Costs and Fees."	Costs and Fees,
An Act to authorize the construction of Railways in this Province.	Railways,
An Act to authorize a Loan for the construction of Railways within this Province.	Loan,
An Act further to amend Chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes.	Revised Stat. am.
An Act to amend Chapter 38 of the Revised Statutes, and the Act in amendment thereof.	Do.
An Act to alter and amend Chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Juries."	Juries,
An Act to amend Chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Registry of Deeds, and incumbrances affecting Lands."	Registry of Deeds,
An Act to extend the provisions of Chapter 103 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the conveying of Timber and Lumber on Rivers, and the removal of obstructions."	Lumber on Rivers,
An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Marine Railway Company.	Hx. M. Railway Co.
An Act to Incorporate a Company to establish a Steam Boat Ferry across the Harbor of Pictou.	Ferry Pictou,
An Act to amend the Act to authorize an Assessment on the Township of Sydney.	Sydney Assessment,
An Act to amend Chapter 147 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Petty Trespasses and Assaults."	Petty Trespasses,
An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Baptist Meeting House at Hantsport.	Meeting House, Hantsport,
An Act to provide for building a Bridge at Barney's River, in the County of Pictou.	Bridge, Pictou,
An Act relating to disorderly persons.	Disorderly persons
An Act to Naturalize the Reverend John Goudot, and others therein named.	Nat. J. Goudot & a
An Act to amend Chapter 105 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Public Exhibitions."	Public Exhibitions,
An Act to amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes.	Revised Stat. am.
An Act to amend Chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Laying out certain Great Roads."	Great Roads,
An Act to provide for the completion of the Road from Mahone Bay to Bridgewater.	Bridge, Mahone Bay,
An Act to remove all disability to take and hold Real Estate by reason of Alienage.	Alienage,

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

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

H. E. returns to
Council Chamber,

H. A. attend.

At Four o'clock, P. M., His Excellency returned to the Council Chamber, attended as usual; and, being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's command to let the House of Assembly know "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House"—who, being come, the President of this House said—

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

Directed to chose
Speaker.

H. A. withdraw.

The House of Assembly having communicated to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that the Honorable William Young has resigned the Office of Speaker; and that his resignation has been accepted by the House, and that the House is without a Speaker, it is His Excellency's will and pleasure that the Gentlemen of the House of Assembly do repair to the place in which they usually sit, and there elect a Speaker, and present him here for His Excellency's approbation.

The House of Assembly then withdrew; and, after some time, having returned, the Honorable James B. Uniacke, Member for the County of Richmond, addressed His Excellency, as follows:—

May it please Your Excellency:

And Mr. Uniacke
presents Speaker.

H. E. approves of
Speaker.

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

After which His Excellency was pleased to say "I approve of the Speaker whom the House of Assembly have chosen."

Then the Speaker of the Assembly said—

May it please Your Excellency:

Speaker asks access
to H. E. and favorable
construction
of acts.

H. E. grants Speak-
er's request.

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

Her Majesty's faithful subjects, the Commons of Nova-Scotia, having been pleased to make choice of me as their Speaker, I have to thank Your Excellency for your approbation of that choice; and Your Excellency having, at the opening of the present House, granted to the House all its usual rights and privileges then demanded, in the accustomed manner, it only remains for me to request from Your Excellency the most favourable construction of my acts: and that I, as the Speaker, may have access to Your Excellency at all times when Her Majesty's Service, and the interests of the Province, require it.

To which His Excellency replied, "All that the Speaker has asked, I cheerfully grant."

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

Atlantic M. M. Ins.
Company, and
River Fisheries Bills
Read 3rd time,
And agreed to.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Atlantic Mutual Marine Insurance Company; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the River Fisheries,
Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President on each Bill,
Whether this Bill shall pass?
It was resolved in the affirmative.

Barney's River
Bridge Bill read
2nd time,
And ordered to Com.

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the erection of a Bridge at Barney's River, was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *resolved*, That a Conference be desired with the House of Assembly, by Committee, on the General State of the Province, and that the Committee of this House be instructed to state to the Committee of the House of Assembly, that, in the opinion of this House, it would be consistent with the dictates of a wise policy, and largely conducive to the general interests, if a Commission should be issued by the Government of this Province, under which one or more competent persons should be appointed to examine and report on all matters connected with the Deep Sea and Coast Fisheries, from the Frontier of New Brunswick, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, around our entire Sea Coasts, to the head of the Bay of Fundy, including also, those of the Island of Cape Breton; and, in order to obtain the same, this House is prepared to concur with the House of Assembly in such measures as they may deem most advisable to adopt in reference thereto.

Conference on general state Province relative to Fisheries.

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the erection of a Bridge at Barney's River.

S.O.S. on Barney's River Bridge Bill.

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

Com on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the erection of a Bridge at Barney's River, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Rep. Barney's River Bridge Bill, without amdt.

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

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

Bill read 3rd time,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And agreed to.
Rep. Sale of Fish Bill, without amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Sale of Fresh Fish, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

Motion not to receive Report.

And the votes being equal, then, according to the ancient rule in like cases,

"Semper præsuntur pro negante."

Negated on equal division.

Mr. McCully moved that the said Report be received: which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, there appeared, for the motion, nine; against the motion, seven:

Motion to receive report.

For the motion—

Against the motion—

Mr. McCully, Mr. Harris,
" McNab, " Morton,
" McKeen, " Cutler,
" Grigor, " Pineo,
" McHeffey,

Mr. Kenny, Mr. Keith,
" Bell, " Crichton,
" M'Dougall, The President.
" Fairbanks,

So it passed in the affirmative.

Carried.

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

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

Adjourn.

Saturday, 1st April, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

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

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

The following Resolutions for granting money, viz.:

£75 change of appropriation of School Monies, Annapolis,		
7 10s. do	do	King's County,

Money Votes,

Allowances to Colleges and Academies,
£250 Free Church Academy,
100 Reporter of Supreme Court,
30 Adjutant General Militia,
20 Quarter Master do,
25 R. Langley,
16 R. A. Kaulback,
25 deaf and dumb child,
75 Survey of Road, Shelburne to Annapolis,
2000 Light Houses,
100 Breakwater, Clements Port,
50 do, Digby Neck,
20 Wharf, Cornwallis,
50 Breakwater, Groscoque,
50 do, Cape Cove,
100 do, Bellevous Cove,
300 Mabou Harbor,
15 clearing out Bear River,
50 do St. Mary's River,
300 Antigonishe Harbor,
7 10s. A. Malone, Ferry,
5 Ferry, St. Mary's,
15 Ferry Boat, Shubenacadie,

Pay of Members of House of Assembly,
£250 Sterling, Governor's Private Secretary,

Were read a second time, and the question was put by the President on each

Read 2nd time,

Resolution,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

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

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Twining,
To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Mutual Marine Insurance Company; and
A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Union Mutual Marine Insurance Company, as amended. H.A. agree to
N.S. Mar. Insurance
Company, and
U. Mar. Insurance
Company Bills,
As amended,
H. A. finally agree
to City of Hx. Bill.

Also, to inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax, as now amended.

Also, to inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the first, second, and fifth amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes; and did not agree to the third and seventh amendments to the said Bill; and that they agreed to the sixth amendment, with an amendment—to which amendment they desired the concurrence of this House. Mes. rel. to amdt. to
Chap. 22 Bill.

The Messenger also brought up the following Bills and Resolutions:

A Bill, entitled, An Act to further amend the Jury Law.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to revive and continue the Act to Incorporate the Avon Marine Insurance Company. Jury Law,
Avon Insurance Co.
and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws relating to Education.

Resolved, That the sum of Twelve pounds and Ten shillings of the Grammar School money of the County of Halifax, remaining undrawn, be granted and paid to Alexander Russell, a Licensed Teacher, pursuant to the report of the Committee on Education. Education Bills,
£12 10s. change of
appropriation of
School Money,

Resolved, That the sum of Fifty pounds, be granted and paid to David McCulloch, Clerk in the Financial Secretary's Office, in addition to his Salary, for the present year. £50 D. McCulloch,

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds each, be granted and paid to the two Chairmen of Committees of Bills and Supply of the House of Assembly, in addition to the sum ordinarily voted for that service. £10 each, extra
Chairmen of H.A.

Resolved, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, as will be sufficient to defray the expenses of the Post Office Department for the present year, pursuant to the report of the Post Office Committee. Post Office,

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-four pounds, be granted and paid to the Courier between Canso and Guysborough for extra trips last year, pursuant to the report of the Post Office Committee. £24 extra Courier,
Canso,

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to pay C. A. Martin, Post Master at Sydney, Cape Breton, a sum abstracted from a money letter in his Office, to be paid upon the certificate of the Post Master General that the loss did not result from negligence or improper conduct. £10 Postmaster,
Sydney, C.B.

Resolved, That the sum of Two hundred and sixty-two pounds eight shillings and eleven pence, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the expense of extra Messengers and other services, and to pay for fuel and other articles for the House during the present session, pursuant to the report of the Committee on Contingencies. £262 8s. 11d. Con-
tingencies H.A.

Resolved, That the sum of Two hundred and thirty-one pounds seventeen shillings and eleven pence, be granted and paid to A. & W. MacKinlay, in full of their account for Stationery and binding for the House of Assembly during the last year. £231 17s. 11d. A. &
W. MacKinlay,

Resolved, That the sum of Eight hundred and eighty-four pounds thirteen shillings and eight pence, be granted to defray the expenses of the Legislative Council for the present year. £884 13s. 8d. Con-
tingencies L.C.

Resolved,

£3489 7s. 4d. Gov-
ernment advances,

Resolved, That the sum of Three thousand four hundred and eighty-nine pounds seven shillings and four pence, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to repay the following advances made from the Provincial Treasury :

Sykes & Co., for Survey of Railway Line from Windsor to Victoria Beach,	£500 0 0
Board of Health, Pictou, on account of expenses incurred in cases of Small Pox,	66 17 2
The Attorney General, amount required to perfect the Title to Shubenacadie Canal Property,	212 15 0
Nathan Perchel, expense of bringing horse "Norfolk" from Antigonishe to Halifax,	8 10 0
This sum placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in importing improved Stock,	100 0 0
The Attorney General, amount required to perfect the Title to the Site of the New Court House, Halifax,	149 6 10
M. H. Perley, for Five hundred copies of Report on the Fisheries of New Brunswick,	26 12 11
J. B. McDonald, to re-pay Charitable Irish Society expenses of Passengers in American Ship "Winchester,"	17 8 3
Board of Works, for purchase of Site for Lunatic Asylum,	1750 0 0
Wallace & Allan, Arbitrators fees and expenses in the matter of H. A. Gladwin,	9 2 1
American Consul, for services of American Ship "Wave" for conveying the Crew of British Ship "Friendship," foundered at sea, from Cape Sable Bank to Halifax,	50 0 0
William Anderson, for Survey, Plan, and Report on Road through Stephen's and Gladwin's Property, Musquedoboit,	4 0 0
J. R. Forman, on account of Salary as Government consulting Engineer,	362 2 7
E. Rushworth, Salary as Private Secretary to the Governor. from 5th August to 30th September,	47 10 0
J. B. McDonald, for relief of Indians at Tatamagouche,	4 10 0
Provincial Secretary, to re-pay amount advanced to relieve two Nova-Scotians picked up at sea,	30 12 6
B. Wier & Co., for the supplies furnished to Inhabitants of Ingonish, Victoria County,	100 0 0
	£3489 7 4

£15,000 Lunatic
Asylum.

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen thousand pounds, appropriated to the erection of a Lunatic Asylum by the Act passed in the Fifteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for founding a Lunatic Asylum, instead of being borrowed by the Commissioners in manner prescribed by the 5th and 6th Sections of such Act, may be paid to the Commissioners, from time to time, by warrants on the Treasury, in such amounts as the Governor in Council may direct.

£833 1s. 1d. Board
of Works,

Resolved, That the sum of Three thousand eight hundred and thirty three pounds one shilling and one penny, be granted and paid to the Board of Works, to defray the balance of expenditure incurred by them during the last year.

£10 Health Officers,
Pictou,

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds, be granted and paid to Doctors Anderson and Johnston, Health Officers of the Port of Pictou, pursuant to the report of the Special Committee on that subject, for services rendered to sick Immigrants.

Resolved,

<p><i>Resolved</i>, That a sum, not to exceed One hundred pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be expended in procuring a Report upon the condition and requirements of the Fisheries in all the principal Rivers of this Province, to be laid before the House of Assembly at its next Session, pursuant to the report of the Committee on the subject of the River Fisheries.</p>	<p>£100 Report on River Fisheries,</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as will be sufficient to re-pay the amount advanced from the Treasury to defray the expense of Postage of the Public Departments during the past year.</p>	<p>Postage Pub. Dep.</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That the sum of Forty pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to enable him to continue a suitable Revenue Boat at Cape Breton.</p>	<p>£40 Revenue Boat, Cape Breton,</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That a sum, not to exceed Two hundred pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in running a Steam Boat between Pictou and Prince Edward's Island, and to carry the Mails, to be drawn and applied when it shall appear to the Governor in Council that an equal sum, for the same purpose, has been granted by the Legislature of Prince Edward's Island.</p>	<p>£200 Steam Boat, Pictou & P.E. Isld.</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That a sum of Five pounds, be granted in aid of a Ferry across Pugwash Harbor.</p>	<p>£5 Ferry, Pugwash,</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That the sum of Two hundred pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in erecting a Bridge over Tusket River, in the County of Yarmouth, on the Post Road.</p>	<p>£200 Bridge, Tusket,</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That the sum Twenty-five pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in maintaining a Packet or Ferry Boat between Westport and Montegan, in the County of Digby.</p>	<p>£25 Ferry, Montegan</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That the sum of One pound and four shillings, be granted and paid to George Gerroir, to reimburse him for money paid as Light Duties last Spring, he having lost his Vessel on her first voyage.</p>	<p>£1 4s. G. Gerroir,</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That the sum of Five pounds, be granted and paid to Richard Meagher, for a Chair furnished by him to the House of Assembly.</p>	<p>£5 R. Meagher,</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That the sum of Thirty pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be applied in circulating among the Commissioners of Schools a Work published by Mr. Wm. Cunnabell, called the "Youths' Preceptor," pursuant to the report of the Committee on Education.</p>	<p>£30 W. Cunnabell,</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That the sum of Eighty-nine pounds and four pence, be granted and paid to John H. Crosskill, as a final settlement of his claim for Public Printing, pursuant to the report of the Committee upon that subject.</p>	<p>£89 0s. 4d. John H. Crosskill,</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That, if any of the Bridges on the Main Post Roads of this Province, shall be unexpectedly carried away or obstructed by any unforeseen accident or obstacle, the Governor may order a Commissioner to rebuild or repair such Bridge, or to remove such obstructions; and the Governor may draw Warrants on account, and in favor of, such Commissioners: provided the sums so to be drawn shall not exceed, for the year, the sum of One thousand pounds; and the respective sums so drawn shall be charged at the next Session of the Assembly, as against the several Counties in which the same shall be respectively expended.</p>	<p>£1000 casualty Vote.</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to defray the expenses of the Commissioners appointed to prepare a Bankruptcy Act, and to remunerate the Commissioners.</p>	<p>£25 Bankrupt Commission,</p>
<p><i>Resolved</i>, That the sum of Five pounds, be granted and paid to Paul Crowell, being the amount of a fine imposed on him for an alleged breach of the Revenue Laws.</p>	<p>£5 P. Crowell,</p>
<p>To which Bills and Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House: The same were read a first time.</p>	<p>Read 1st time.</p>
<p>Ordered, That the said Bills and Resolutions be read a second time at a future time.</p>	<p>Mr.</p>

Message from H. E.
with Trade Returns.

Mr. Bell, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Returns relative to the Trade of this Province :

General Statement of Imports, shewing the value of Merchandize entered at each Port in Nova-Scotia, during the year 1853, and indicating from what Country imported.

General Statement of Exports, shewing the value of Merchandize exported from each Port in Nova-Scotia, during the year 1853, and indicating to what Country exported.

Comparative Statement of the value of Merchandize imported at the different Ports of Nova-Scotia, during the years 1852—'53.

Comparative Statement of the value of Merchandize exported from the different Ports of Nova-Scotia, during the years 1852—'53.

Statement of Exports from the Port of Halifax, during the year ended thirty-first December, 1853, shewing the quantity and value of each article, and indicating to what Country exported.

Statement of Imports into the Port of Halifax, during the year ended thirty-first December, 1853, shewing the quantity and value of each article imported, and indicating from what Country imported.

Abstract of the principal Articles shipped from the Province of Nova-Scotia, during the year ended thirty-first December, 1853, shewing the value of each article, and to what Countries exported.

Abstract of the principal Articles of British and Foreign Merchandize imported into the Province of Nova-Scotia, during the year ended thirty-first December, 1853, shewing the value of each article, and from what Country imported.

The same were ordered to lie on the Table.

City of Halifax Bill,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax, was read, as now amended, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill, as now amended, shall pass?

Finally agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

3rd & 7th amds. to
Chap. 22 Bill,

The House proceeded to the consideration of the 3rd and 7th amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, which amendments have not been agreed to by the House of Assembly.

The same were read by the Clerk, and

On motion. *resolved*, That the said amendments be adhered to.

Adhered to.

Amdt. of H.A. to 6th
amdt.

Then the amendment proposed by the House of Assembly to the 6th amendment proposed by this House to the said Bill, was read by the Clerk, as follows :

6th amendment—3rd line.—Strike out the word "two," and substitute therefor the word "three."

Agreed to,

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

And Mes. to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House adheres to the 3rd and 7th amendments proposed to the said Bill ; and agrees to the amendment of the House of Assembly to the 6th amendment thereto.

Money Votes,

The following Resolutions for granting money, namely,
£13 10s. 0d. change of appropriation School money, Halifax,
50 0 0 D. McCulloch,
10 0 0 each, extra, Chairmen of House of Assembly,
Post Office expences,

£24	0s. 0d.	extra Courier, Canso,	Money Votes,
10	0 0	Postmaster, Sydney, Cape Breton,	
216	8 11	Contingencies of House of Assembly,	
231	7 11	A. & W. McKinlay,	
884	13 8	Contingencies of Legislative Council,	
3489	7 4	Government advances,	
15000	0 0	Lunatic Asylum,	
3833	1 1	Board of Works,	
10	0 0	Health Officer, Pictou,	
100	0 0	Report on River Fisheries,	
Postage of Public Departments,			
£40	0s. 0d.	Revenue Boat, Cape Breton,	
200	0 0	Steam Boat, Pictou and Prince Edward's Island,	
5	0 0	Ferry, Pugwash,	
200	0 0	Bridge, Tusket,	
25	0 0	Ferry, Montegan,	
1	4 0	G. Gerroir,	
5	0 0	R. Meagher,	
30	0 0	W. Cunnabell,	
89	0 4	John H. Crosskill,	
1000	0 0	Casualty Vote,	
Were, by order, read a second time, and the question was put by the President on each Resolution,			Read 2nd time,
Whether this Resolution be agreed to?			
It was resolved in the affirmative.			Agreed to,
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,			
To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.			And sent to H. A.
The following Resolutions for granting money, namely,			Money Votes,
£25	0s. 0d.	Bankrupt Commission,	
5	0 0	Paul Crowell,	
Were, by order, read a second time, and the question was put by the President on each Resolution,			Read 2nd time,
Whether this Resolution be agreed to?			
It was resolved in the negative.			Disagreed to,
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,			
To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House has not agreed to the same.			And sent to H. A.
<i>Resolved unanimously,</i> That the Standing Order of this House, No. 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects a Bill, entitled, An Act to further amend the Jury Law.			S.O.S. on
A Bill, entitled, An Act to revive and continue the Act to Incorporate the Avon Marine Insurance Company; also			Jury,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws relating to Education.			Avon Mar. Ins. Co., and
The said Bills were read a second time.			Education Bills,
<i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House presently.			Read 2nd time, And ordered to Com.
A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Sale of Fresh Fish, was read a third time.			Fresh Fish Bill read 3rd time,
Whereupon			

Motion to defer 3 months,

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

For the motion—

Mr. McDougall, Mr. Fairbanks,
 “ Kenny, “ Black,
 “ Bell, “ Keith,
 “ Pineo, “ Morton,
 “ Almon, “ Crichton,

Against the motion—

Mr. McNab, Mr. Harris,
 “ McHefley, “ Brown,
 “ McCully, “ Cutler,
 “ Grigor, The President.

Carried.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Bill deferred.

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

New Practice Act
 Bill sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
 To carry down a Bill, entitled, An Act to facilitate Proceedings under the New Practice Act, and to desire their concurrence thereto.

Atlantic M. Ins. Co.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
 To return a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company; also,

River Fisheries, and
 Barney's R. Bridge
 Bills, sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the River Fisheries; also,
 A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the erection of a Bridge at Barney's River.
 And to acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Com. on Bills.

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

Rep. Jury, and

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to further amend the Jury Law; also,

Avon Mar. Ins. Co.
 Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to revive and continue the Act to Incorporate the Avon Marine Insurance Company,

Without amdt.

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

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

Bills read 3rd time,

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

Whether this Bill shall pass?

Agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

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

Rep. Education Bill
 with amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws relating to Education, and had made an amendment thereto.

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

Amdt. read,

3rd Clause.—Leave out this Clause.

And agreed to,

And the said amendment being read a second time was agreed to by the House.

Bill read 3rd time,

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

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

Agreed to,

Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
 To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with an amendment—to which amendment their concurrence is desired, A

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Twining,
To return a Bill, entitled, An Act to facilitate Proceedings under the New Practice Act, and to acquaint the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the same without any amendment.

H. A. agree to Pro.
New Practice Bill.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the Twenty Resolutions dividing and sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges for the present year, and to acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Division and subdi-
vision Road money
sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To inform the House that this House desired a Conference with that House, by Committee, on the General State of the Province.

Conference on Gen.
State Province.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Twining,
To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws relating to Education.

H. A. agree to amdt.
to Education Bill.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the Conference desired by this House.

H. A. agree to Con.

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Pineo, be a Committee to manage the said Conference.

Committee.

And the Managers went to the Conference; and, being returned, the Chairman reported that the Committee had held the said Conference, and that he had communicated his instructions to the Committee of the House of Assembly.

Report.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws relating to Education, was read, as amended, and the question was put by the President,
Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

Education Bill,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Finally agreed to,

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

And sent to H. A.

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

Adjourn.

Monday,

Monday, 3rd April, 1854.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable MICHAEL TOBIN, President.

<p>The Honorable ROBERT M. CUTLER, ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, JOHN MORTON, HUGH BELL, ALEXANDER McDUGALL, MATHER B. ALMON, EDWARD KENNY, JAMES D. HARRIS, ALEXANDER KEITH,</p>	<p>The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK, DAVID CRICHTON, HENRY G. PINEO, JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, JAMES McNAB, JONATHAN McCULLY, WILLIAM GRIGOR, RICHARD A. McHEFFY.</p>
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PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Saturday were read.

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

Appropriation Bill,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and for other purposes, To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time,

The said Bill was read a first time.

And referred,

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

Committee.

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

Res. rel. to Mines.

On motion, *resolved,* That the Governor in Council, during the recess, be authorized to confer with the British Government, and with the General Mining Association, relating to the claims of such Association to the Mines and Minerals of this Province, with a view to an adjustment thereof: subject, always, to the approbation of both Branches of the Legislature at the next Session of the General Assembly.

Conference on Gen.
State Pro. moved.

Resolved, That a Conference be desired with the House of Assembly, by Committee, on the General State of the Province, and that the Committee of this House do communicate to the Committee of House of Assembly the foregoing Resolution.

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

Vote of Credit —
(Printing,)

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be authorized and respectfully requested to direct advances from the Treasury of such sums as may be required towards defraying the expenses of Public Printing: provided that no greater sum be advanced, in the whole, than Six hundred pounds, and this House will provide for the same at the next Session.

Do. Inspectors of
Schools,

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to carry out the recommendation of the Committee on Education, as respects the inspection of Schools, and that this House will, at its next Session, make provision for any expense which it may be necessary to incur.

Read 1st & 2d time,

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.
The said Resolutions were read a first time; and, by order, the same were read a second time, and the question was put by the President on each Resolution,
Whether this Resolution be agreed to?

Agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To inform the House that this House desired a Conference with them, by Committee, on the General State of the Province. Conference asked,

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Twining,
To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the Conference desired by this House. Agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. McCully, Mr. Almon, and Mr. Crichton, be a Committee of this House to manage the said Conference. Committee.

And the Managers went to the Conference; and, being returned, the Chairman reported that the Committee had held the said Conference, and that he had communicated his instructions to the Committee of the House of Assembly. Report.

Resolved, That Mr. Grigor, Mr. McCully, Mr. Bell, Mr. Almon, and Mr. Keith, be a Committee to take charge of the Library of this House and of the Council Chamber, and its Furniture, during the recess. Library and Room Committee.

Mr. Keith, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and for other purposes, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill and found it correct, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House. Com. on appropriation Bill rep.

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

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

The said Bill was read a second time. Bill read 2nd time,

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

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

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

The said Bill was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass? Read 3rd time,

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

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

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

At Three o'clock, P.M., His Excellency Colonel Sir J. Gaspard LeMarchant, Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia and its Dependencies, Chancellor of the same, &c. &c. &c. came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual; and, being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's command to let the House of Assembly know, "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House"—who, being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to Eleven Bills, entitled as follows:— H. E. comes to Council.

H. A. attend,
H. E. assents to 11
Bills, viz.:

An

P. New Practice Act,
Barney's R. Bridge,
River Fisheries,
City of Halifax,
Jury Law,
N.S. Mutual Ins. Co.
Atlantic M. Ins. Co.
Avon Ins. Co.

Education,
Union M. Ins. Co. &
Appropriation.

Speech.

An Act to facilitate Proceedings under the New Practice Act.
An Act relating to the erection of a Bridge at Barney's River.
An Act relating to the River Fisheries.
An Act to amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax.
An Act to further amend the Jury Law.
An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Mutual Marine Insurance Company.
An Act to Incorporate the Atlantic Mutual Marine Insurance Company.
An Act to revive and continue the Act to Incorporate the Avon Marine Insurance Company.
An Act to continue and amend the Laws relating to Education.
An Act to Incorporate the Union Mutual Marine Insurance Company.
An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the year One Thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and for other purposes.
After which His Excellency was pleased to close the Session with the following Speech:—

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

The great number of valuable Laws, matured by your joint labors, and to which I have given the Queen's assent, honorably distinguish the Session that it is my duty now to close.

For the unexampled liberality with which you have provided for every branch of the Public Service, I thank you in Her Majesty's name.

The great Public Works which you have authorized the Government to construct, shall be commenced without delay, and carried forward in a spirit that I trust will enable us all to forget, in view of their vast utility, conflicts of opinion, which, in a free country, always precede sound and beneficial Legislation.

The elevated views of National obligation,—the just appreciation of the nature of the struggle in which the Mother Country is engaged,—the devoted loyalty to our Sovereign,—and the chivalrous disregard of consequences in the performance of duty, evinced by the Addresses which you have desired me to convey to the foot of the Throne, will challenge the admiration and respect of your fellow Subjects in every part of the Empire.

Though I trust in God that this Continent may be preserved from the scourge of War, yet it behoves us to be prepared for any emergencies; and of this you may be assured, that while it is my determination so to organize the Militia of this Province as to make defence easy, I shall not hesitate, if occasion should arise, to place myself at their head, with the same entire reliance upon their gallantry and self-devotion that I have upon your wisdom, liberality, and public spirit.

Prorogation.

Then the President of the Council, by His Excellency's command, said—
Gentlemen—

It is the pleasure of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that this General Assembly be prorogued to Thursday the Eleventh day of May next: and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the Eleventh day of May next, to be then here held.

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

JOHN C. HALLIBURTON,

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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APPENDICES
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LEGISLATIVE ACTS.

No. 35.

Downing Street, October 27, 1853.

SIR—

I have received and had under consideration three Acts passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia in the month of March last, and transmitted to me in your Despatch No. 36, of 25th April, 1853.

These Acts having been referred by the Queen in Council to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations, that Committee have reported to Her Majesty in Council their opinion, that the said Acts should be specially confirmed; and I have the honor to transmit to you herewith an order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 24th instant, approving that Report.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

NEWCASTLE.

Lieutenant-Governor, Sir J. G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c. Nova-Scotia.

At the Court at Windsor, the 24th day of October, 1853.

PRESENT:

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,
&c. &c. &c.

Whereas the Lieutenant-Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the month of March last, pass three Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 3126. An Act to incorporate the Nova-Scotia Railway Company.

No. 3127. An Act to authorize the construction of certain Railways in this Province.

No. 3128. An Act to authorize a Loan for the construction of certain Public Works within this Province.

And whereas the said Acts have been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters

matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported as their opinion to Her Majesty, that the said Acts should receive Her Majesty's special confirmation: Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to declare Her special confirmation of the said Acts, and the same are hereby specially confirmed, ratified, and finally enacted accordingly—whereof the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

W. M. L. BATHURST.

No. 36.

Downing Street, 27th October, 1853.

SIR—

I have received and had under my consideration sixty-nine Acts, passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia in the months of March and April last, and transmitted to me in your Despatch noted in the margin.

These Acts having been referred by the Queen in Council to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations, that Committee have reported to Her Majesty in Council their opinion that the said Acts should be left to their operation; and I have the honor to transmit to you herewith an order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 24th instant, approving that Report.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

NEWCASTLE.

Lieutenant-Governor Sir J. G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c. Nova-Scotia.

At the Court at Windsor, the 24th day of October, 1853.

P R E S E N T :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,
&c. &c. &c.

Whereas the Lieutenant-Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the months of March and April last, pass sixty-nine Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 3129. An Act to regulate the Practice and Proceedings in the Supreme Court.

No. 3130. An Act to facilitate Legal Proceedings against Companies doing business by Agents in this Province.

No. 3131. An Act to amend Chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes "Of the descent of Real and Personal Estate."

No. 3132. An Act to authorize Equitable Defences to Actions of Ejectment.

No. 3133. An Act to extend the operation of the Law relating to Petty Trespasses and Assaults.

No. 3134. An Act relative to the appointment of Constables to attend the Supreme Court and Sessions in Halifax.

No. 3135. An Act respecting Special Constables.

No.

No. 3136. An Act to amend Chapter 64 of the Revised Statutes, entitled, "Of Commissioners of Streets."

No. 3137. An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes "Of the Probate Court.

No. 3138. An Act concerning Prothonotaries and Clerks of the Crown.

No. 3139. An Act relating to the Deep Sea Fishery.

No. 3140. An Act to regulate the Mines of this Province.

No. 3141. An Act to authorize Clerks of the Peace to appoint Deputies.

No. 3142. An Act to amend Chapter Ninety-five of the Revised Statutes, "Of River Fisheries."

No. 3143. An Act to authorize a Provincial Loan.

No. 3144. An Act for enforcing performance of Engagements in aid of Public Undertakings.

No. 3145. An Act to amend the Act to provide for the erection of a Court House in Halifax.

No. 3146. An Act to extend the provisions of the Patent Laws.

No. 3147. An Act relative to certain Payments made from the Provincial Treasury.

No. 3148. An Act to revive and continue the Act for regulating Distilleries.

No. 3149. An Act to amend an Act for founding a Lunatic Asylum.

No. 3150. An Act to revive and continue the License Law.

No. 3151. An Act to amend the Law for the prevention of Smuggling.

No. 3152. An Act to continue the Laws relating to Education.

No. 3153. An Act to continue the Laws imposing Customs Duties.

No. 3154. An Act relating to the placing of Draws in Bridges.

No. 3155. An Act to continue the Militia Law.

No. 3156. An Act to continue the Law imposing Light House Duties.

No. 3157. An Act for the management of certain Great Roads in this Province.

No. 3158. An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and for other purposes.

No. 3159. An Act to enable the City of Halifax to borrow Funds for building a Market House.

No. 3160. An Act to provide for the construction of the Saint Peter's Canal.

No. 3161. An Act respecting Streets and Highways in the City of Halifax.

No. 3162. An Act to enable the City of Halifax to borrow Two thousand pounds.

No. 3163. An Act to establish a Steam Ferry across the Gut of Canso.

No. 3164. An Act to amend the Acts for the government of Acadia College.

No. 3165. An Act to extend the Jurisdiction of the Commissioners of Streets for Truro.

No. 3166. An Act to Incorporate a Company to construct a Branch Railway to Whitehaven.

No. 3167. An Act to authorize the erection of a Bridge over Milford Haven River, and to provide for the same.

No. 3168. An Act for establishing a Public Market Place in Digby.

No. 3169. An Act to extend the provisions of an Act to provide for the removal of Obstructions from the Liverpool River.

No. 3170. An Act to define the limits of the Town of Baddeck.

No. 3171. An Act relating to the Onslow Burial Ground.

No. 3172. An Act to authorize the appointment of Trustees for the Public Burial Ground at Tusket.

No. 3173. An Act relative to the Representation of the Township of Sydney.

No. 3174. An Act to provide for the erection of a Bridge over the West River of Pictou.

No. 3175. An Act relating to the Parish of Saint George's, in the Township of Halifax.

- No. 3176. An Act relating to the holding of the Sessions for the County of Victoria.
- No. 3177. An Act to revive and continue an Act relative to certain Streets in the Town of Guysborough.
- No. 3178. An Act to authorize a Loan for the erection of a new Jail in the County of Richmond.
- No. 3179. An Act relating to certain Bridges in the County of Cape Breton.
- No. 3180. An Act to Incorporate the Inland Navigation Company.
- No. 3181. An Act to Incorporate the Acadia Free-stone Quarrying and Manufacturing Company.
- No. 3182. An Act to Incorporate the Shareholders of the Town Hall, Guysborough.
- No. 3183. An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of St. Andrew's Church, in Halifax.
- No. 3184. An Act to Incorporate the Canning Public Hall Company.
- No. 3185. An Act to Incorporate the Cornwallis Union Hall Company.
- No. 3186. An Act to Incorporate the Lakeville Temperance Hall Company.
- No. 3187. An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Baptist Church at Westport.
- No. 3188. An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the North Sydney Free Church, in the County of Cape Breton.
- No. 3189. An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Free Church Congregation, at Sydney.
- No. 3190. An Act to Incorporate the Grandique Team Boat Company.
- No. 3192. An Act to Incorporate the Antigonishe Steam Boat Company.
- No. 3193. An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Fishing Company.
- No. 3194. An Act to Incorporate the Ogilvie Brook Pier Company of Cornwallis.
- No. 3195. An Act to amend the Acts for Incorporating the Trustees of the Free Church Congregations of Sydney, Catalogne, Miré, Cow Bay, and Forks, in the County of Cape Breton.
- No. 3196. An Act to Incorporate the Northumberland Straits Fishing Company.
- No. 3197. An Act for further increasing the Capital Stock of the Halifax Water Company.
- No. 3198. An Act to enable Asa Willard to obtain Letters Patent for the invention of a Butter Machine.

And, whereas the said Acts have been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported as their opinion to Her Majesty, that the said Acts should be left to their operation: Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve the said Report—whereof the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

WM. L. BATHURST.

FISHERIES.

(Copy.)

*Cumberland, at Halifax,
November 22nd, 1853.*

SIR—

At the conclusion of the Fishing Season, I beg to transmit herewith copies of Reports from Commanders Egerton and DeHorsey, of the Basilisk and Devastation; and from Lieutenant Jenkins, commanding the Dart, Tender, who have been employed this Summer in the protection of the Fisheries of Nova-Scotia; and also of other Reports from Lieutenants Pechell, Lindsay, and Bridges, who have commanded the Colonial Tenders, which have been manned from the Cumberland, by request of Your Excellency and Council, on the circumstances which have occurred within their observation.

I feel much satisfaction that this Service has been performed in the spirit enjoined by my instructions from Her Majesty's Government, and I trust in a manner which will conduce to the further improvement and prosperity of the Colonial Interests connected with the valuable Fisheries which surround this Province.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's most od't Servant,

G. F. SEYMOUR, *Vice Admiral
and Commander in Chief.*

His Excellency Sir J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Lieut. Governor, &c. &c.

(Copy.)

*H. M. S. Basilisk,
Halifax, 11th November, 1853.*

SIR—

I have the honor to acquaint you with the result of my proceedings while employed in the protection of the Fisheries in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, since the 1st June, 1853, on which day I left Halifax, arriving in the Gulf on the 2nd.

From that date to the beginning of September, I was principally employed on the New Brunswick and Gaspé shores, with the exception of a short cruize along the Labrador Coast (from the River St. John to Natasliquan Point), to the Magdalen Islands, and an occasional visit to Pictou for fuel. I took the opportunity of the latter visits, on each occasion, going and returning, of examining the Prince Edward Island shore.

The American Fishermen, some of whom I found at the Magdalen Islands, first made their appearance on the Prince Edward Island shore, about the 23d June, and off the mouth of Chaleur Bay about the 30th, Mackerel being also seen there for the first time this season, on that day.

The Gaspé shore and the Coast about the entrance of Chaleur Bay, were at this time studded with Boats, Cod Fishing. There were also a number of Boats similarly employed off the Coast of Prince Edward Island.

In the early part of the season I visited Shippegan Harbour, to ascertain the expediency of leaving a Boat there, but neither that place nor Miscou were considered

considered to be suitable for that purpose. The latter Harbour is much frequented by the Americans, the former hardly ever visited by them. During the months of July, August, and part of September, the New Brunswick and Gaspé shores were never entirely clear of American Fishermen, eighty or ninety sail of them being frequently seen together. They were also in the habit of congregating about the north point of Prince Edward Island. I have reason to believe that no case of encroachment by them took place in Chaleur Bay.

I am not at all inclined to believe that the American Fishermen are in any way scrupulous as to the proper limits of their Fishing operations out of sight of British Cruizers, but the only positive case of encroachment that came to my knowledge, was that of four Schooners which I detained on the 17th August, off Miscou, having found them Fishing within three miles of that shore. They were, however, released after about an hour's detention, as there was reason to believe that the encroachment was caused by inadvertency. The fact of their having been found encroaching was noted on the papers of the Schooners, the names of which were the "Forest Queen," of Gloucester, "Mary S. Wonson," of Boothbay, "Effort," of Newburyport, and "Prince Lee Boo," of Provincetown.

On two other occasions of American Schooners boarded within the three miles line, there was not sufficient proof of encroachment to warrant detention.

Comparatively few English Fishing Vessels were seen during this part of my cruise, some of them, however, superior to the average of those seen last year.

In the middle of September I again visited the Magdalen Islands. The weather during the greater part of this month was so stormy, that but little Fishing was carried on, either there or on the other Fishing Grounds, and few Vessels only hung about the Islands.

By the 24th September, I found that the American Fishermen had all left the New Brunswick and Gaspé shores, and withdrawn to those of Prince Edward and Cape Breton.

About the first week in October they quitted the Prince Edward Island shore, and the Fishing for the remainder of the season was almost entirely concentrated, on that of Cape Breton Island and the space between it and the east point of Prince Edward Island, about which a few Vessels were occasionally to be found. From the 12th October, when I arrived at Port Hood, to the 6th of November, my cruising ground was confined to the shore just mentioned. I found in Port Hood the largest fleet of Fishing Vessels I had ever seen together, numbering not less than two hundred and forty sail; many of these were, however, only waiting for a fair wind to take their departure for their respective homes.

During the remainder of the season the Fishing was, except on one or two days, unusually unproductive. Almost each day witnessed the departure of a number of Vessels, both English and American, until on the 6th of November, when I left for the Gut of Canso, there were but thirty-eight Schooners remaining (of which about fifteen were Americans) in and about Port Hood, and of these, many passed through the Gut on their way home on the 7th.

The season may be considered to have finally terminated by the 8th of November, on which day I left for Halifax.

Before concluding this Report, I venture to add a few remarks relative to the present condition of the Fisheries in those parts of the Gulf that I have visited.

With regard to the Magdalen Islands, the state of affairs does not appear to have improved since last year. The Magistrates complained much of want of power to enforce their authority, and of the utter indifference shewn by both Natives and Foreigners as to the future prospects of the Fisheries.

For the sake of taking a quantity of Fish in inferior condition for their own present benefit

benefit, the prospect of a permanent Fishery of a superior article is disregarded. The eventual result will probably be equally injurious to the Native and to the Foreign Fishermen, namely, the destruction of the Fishery itself.

To alter this state of things, it seems to be necessary that some regular system of preserving should be established. The placing of Nets at improper times of year, the cleaning of Fish in the Bay and neighbourhood of the spawning grounds, and the keeping Nets down on Sundays, should be prohibited. The authority of the Magistrates should be properly supported on shore, and an armed Colonial Cruizer or two, should be stationed on the Coast to keep order and enforce obedience to the laws, due regard being paid to the rights appertaining by Treaty to the Foreign Fishermen, which should be defined. It would be of great advantage to the Islands were the communication with the seat of Government more frequent and more regular. At the time of my visit to them, there was no regular post, and I was informed of an instance of a letter being eight months on its way from Quebec to the principal town of Amherst.

The American Fishermen were reported to have been most successful this season in the neighbourhood of the Magdalen River, on the Gaspé shore. It is a Coast which, in my opinion, particularly requires the protection of a Steamer, from the beginning of July to the middle of September.

After their departure from the New Brunswick and Gaspé shores, the Americans had, as I have been informed, but little success. This was owing to the stormy nature of the weather during the fall, and to the Cruizers having a so much smaller extent of Coast to watch.

I have heard the number of American Schooners employed in these Fisheries variously stated; some accounts placing it as high as two thousand, others reducing it to six hundred. The former number is, I imagine, an approximation to the number of voyages made each season, and as each Vessel usually makes two trips, some three, the latter number is perhaps nearly correct. I was informed, shortly before leaving the Gulf, that partly on account of the weather, partly of the protection, no American Fishing Vessel had made a third voyage this year.

The American Fishermen deserve great credit for the manner in which their Vessels are built and equipped; and the conduct of their Crews on shore, was generally well spoken of in those places where I had opportunities of enquiring. Their popularity with the country people may perhaps in part arise from the introduction by them of contraband goods, or more legitimately of hard cash, of which there is a great scarcity on these shores. The Masters and Crews were usually civil and respectful, and I heard of but one case in which there was any appearance of armament, that of the Garland of Newburyport.

It was at Port Hood that I first saw any number of English Fishing Vessels. Though as a rule their Vessels were not nearly so well equipped, or so fine craft, as those of the Americans, there were among them some very creditable exceptions, particularly among the Vessels sailing from Lunenburg. I was glad to find that the English Fishermen had this year been tolerably successful, that is, as much so as a not over favorable season would entitle one to expect. I do not imagine that the general results as to the quantity taken by the English Fishermen are very favorable, but I believe that they might have been much less so, had it not been for the protection afforded them. The great disadvantages under which they labour in competition with American capital, American Bounties, and energy stimulated by those Bounties, should be taken into consideration. The aggregate catch of the Fishermen of both Nations will, I believe, fall short of the average, on account of the stormy nature of the weather during the fall, usually the best part of the season, but I have reason to hope that the proportion, as compared with former seasons, will be in favour of the English.

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With regard to the protection of the Fisheries, it appears to me to be merely a question of policy, and of expense. Of the possibility of preventing encroachments I have no doubt, but not without incurring considerable expense.

Small Steamers adapted to the shallow Harbors of Prince Edward Island, and the Miscou shore, would probably be found to be the most useful class of Vessels for this service. The Schooner Tenders were also useful in accompanying the Fishing Fleets to sea, and in looking after them in the Harbours, in some of which, it appears to me that Boats might be advantageously stationed to enforce obedience to the Custom House and Port Regulations, as well as to the stipulations of the Treaty. I am not inclined to advocate the stationing of open Boats at more exposed parts of the Coast, except perhaps in the summer season, at Point Peter. Nothing prevents the Foreigner from encroaching, so much as the fear of the appearance of a Steamer. The expense of keeping a Vessel of the class of this Sloop cruising, may be inferred from the fact that the quantity of coal consumed on board of her this season, amounted to upwards of 1,300 tons.

It would be of great advantage to both Fishermen and Cruizers, if the Harbours on the Prince Edward and Cape Breton Island shores were better Buoyed. I beg to enclose two Letters I have received from the Master of this Sloop, on that subject.

The Harbours on the Gaspé shore that are accessible to Vessels of this Sloop's draught, are easy of access, and the directions plain. The best watering places are at Gaspé, close to Sandy Beach Point, and in Mall Bay; the latter only available in moderate weather, or with the wind off shore. The Mackerel Fishery being the great cause of encroachment by the Americans, my attention has been almost exclusively directed to it, but it is impossible to be for any length of time in the Gulf of St. Lawrence without noticing how many other sources of wealth, as regards Fisheries, it possesses. Among others I may mention that for some days, while cruising on the Gaspé shore, this Sloop was almost constantly surrounded by Whales, many of them of large size. Two or three small Schooners are employed in the pursuit of these fish, and have, I believe, made a good return to their owners.

In conclusion, I venture to hope that my proceedings this year may meet with your approval.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) F. EGERTON, *Commander.*

Vice Admiral, Sir G. F. SEYMOUR, K. C. B., G. C. H., Commander in Chief.

(Copy.)

*H. M. Steam Sloop Devastation,
Halifax, 28th October, 1853.*

SIR—

In compliance with your instructions, I have the honor herewith to forward such observations on the subject of the Fisheries in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, as my limited experience while in command of this Sloop, and of the "Rose," Tender, will admit of.

I was stationed on the North Coast of Prince Edward Island during the months of July and August, but the Fishing Vessels did not appear in any number till the end of

of July, and then only occasionally, stopping perhaps a day off North Point and Cape Kildare, and then running over to Escuminac Point, on the Bay of Chaleur, where the Mackerel appeared to be more plentiful.

The main part of the fleet of American Fishermen remained about Miscou and Bonaventure Island until the middle of September, when they nearly all left that Coast for the neighbourhood of East Point, Prince Edward Island, and Port Hood.

After the end of September the fishing appeared to be concentrated between Port Hood and Sea Wolf Island, on the Cape Breton shore, averaging, during the month of October, about 180 Vessels, half English and half American.

At that time a great number American Vessels had left the station, probably in consequence of the badness of the season, and the unwelcome presence of so many English Cruizers.

The increased proportion of English to American Vessels at the end of the season, is also, probably, in consequence of the contraction of the best Fishing Grounds, rendering it a matter of greater difficulty for the Americans to continue their encroachments within the limits.

I should think the maximum number of Vessels employed Fishing, during the past season, at any one time, on these Coasts, did not exceed 150 Americans, and 100 English; this, however, can be merely a rough estimate.

Every Vessel I have met, however, has spoken of the season as having been the worst for Mackerel in their recollection, except latterly, on the Cape Breton shore, where they appear to have caught No. 1 Mackerel in considerable quantities. It was then (as I had the honor to report to you at the time) most satisfactory, to see about 80 or 90 English Vessels enjoying their lawful right of fishing in-shore, with success, and free from molestation, while the Americans were forced to remain without the limits.

The protection of the Fisheries, during the past season, 1853, must have entailed a considerable expence to Government, from the number and size of Vessels employed; but that they have been generally successful in guarding our Coasts, I think no one will deny.

What encroachment did take place appears to have been principally on the Canadian Coasts, between Cape Gaspé and Magdalen River, for a few days, in the early part of the season; but when I passed up there, and across to the Bay of Seven Islands, in the end of August, every Vessel had gone southward, and, I am told, did not return.

With regard to the American Vessels congregating in our Harbours, for shelter or other purpose, it does not appear to me that it is a privilege they are likely to abuse, in respect to remaining longer than is necessary, it being naturally their interest to proceed to sea as soon as the weather or their supplies of wood and water will admit.

As they number, however, occasionally, as high as 100 Vessels, averaging 12 men each, it can hardly be expected that 1200 men thus suddenly thrown together, will be orderly, particularly where there is little or no civil power to keep them in check. As long, therefore, as they continue in such numbers, it would be advisable that assistance to the civil power be at hand; for which purpose an armed Tender appears sufficient.

The American Fishermen complain (and there does seem some reason in it) that they are forced to pay Harbour Dues on entering the Ports on the north side of Prince Edward Island, notwithstanding that they are insufficiently buoyed and lighted. In a few instances, in consequence of applications made to me by the Authorities, whose business it is to collect the dues, I was forced to detain them until they had complied with the Colonial Law on that subject.

It is true, and at Cascumpeque particularly, that sufficient attention is not paid to the Buoys and Beacons, which require occasionally to have their position changed in consequence of the bar shifting; but if the American Vessels are allowed the privilege

of entering those Harbours, they should be the last to demur at the established expenses of maintaining them.

I have heard of the American Vessels taking Mackerel inside the Harbours on the North Coast of Prince Edward Island, particularly in Richmond Bay, but an instance never came to my knowledge. The Mackerel certainly do enter the Harbours occasionally, but I should think the Harbour Masters, or other Authorities, might prevent such a practice if it took place.

Of the Harbours on the North Coast of Prince Edward Island, the only one fit for a Vessel of any size is Malpeque, which Harbour I have twice entered without obtaining less than seventeen feet water on the bar. There is a Light to steer in by at night, but I should not recommend any Vessel to trust to it, as a slight error in their compass, or want of exactness in taking the bearing of the Light would lead into danger.

At Cascumpeque there are two Beacons, and a Light in course of erection, but the same remark applies to the latter as to the one at Malpeque. I would suggest that it would be but little additional expence, and make the entrance safe by night as well as by day, to have a Light on each Beacon at different heights. There is such a turn in the Channel that no two Beacons will lead right into the Harbour, but if they were placed so as to conduct a Vessel safely over both bars, the Channel beyond is of comparatively slight importance.

The entrance to Tracadie is narrow, with only seven or eight feet at low water over a shifting bar. If a small Steamer should be employed on this Coast, in future, I think it would be better for her to take all her coal from Cascumpeque, than to risk entering this Harbour in bad weather.

The other Harbours on this Coast are not worth mentioning, being only fit for very small Vessels.

Towards the fall of the year, too much precaution cannot be taken to avoid being caught on the North Coast of Prince Edward Island in one of the N. E. gales, which set into the Bay, formed by North and East Point, with a severity that no sailing Vessel or small Steamer can make head against.

My experience only extends to one of these gales, which occurred on September 29th, 1853, when, had I been in a Vessel small enough to attempt to cross the bar of any of the Harbours, the weather, unlike an ordinary N. E. wind, was so thick as to render it improbable that a sufficiently good land-fall would have been made.

It should also be remembered, that a barometer gives very little warning on a North-east Coast, because it will stand comparatively high with the wind in that quarter.

The feeling against encroachment on the part of the American Vessels, is not so strong as it should be, particularly amongst the Prince Edward Islanders; indeed they hail their presence on that Coast as a means of profit. This is an evil that will probably remedy itself, for as the American Vessels quit the Coast in consequence of being unable to take a sufficient quantity of fish to repay them, their places will be supplied by our own Vessels, manned, in all probability, by many of those who now form the crews of Vessels under American Colors. For it must be remembered, that three-fourths, or at least one-half of the crews of the Vessels under American Colors are our own Countrymen. Their inducement to embark in American Vessels will diminish, as the latter find they compete unsuccessfully with those of the British Provinces which can approach the shores, and it is desirable it should be so, for, as Captain Campbell points out in his Report of last year, "that Englishmen employed in American Vessels where Republicanism is constantly applauded, can hardly be expected to preserve their loyalty untainted."

There is no doubt, that since the decisive measures of the last two years have been adopted, the number of English Vessels employed in the Mackerel Fishing has increased, and

and that they are generally of a better description. Some of the Vessels lately built, and particularly those belonging to Lunenburg, Nova-Scotia, are as fine, if not finer, than any of the United States' Vessels.

I would further beg to suggest, that the Custom-House Authorities should be required to act up to the letter of the Law in all that relates to the registering of English Vessels, for although the various provisions of the Act, such as "the tonnage being cut on the main beam," "name painted legibly on the stern," etc., etc., appear trifling in themselves, when it is considered that they put difficulties in the way of fraud, they assume a much greater importance, and I have no doubt that if these small matters were strictly attended to, it would deter those who are sufficiently unprincipled, from attempting, to sail under duplicate Colors.

I must say, that I did not come across any Vessel, to my knowledge, under false Colors, which I think probably owing to Captain Campbell's prompt seizure of the "Speed" having frightened those so inclined, into honesty.

While on the subject of English Fishing Vessels, it may be well to remark, that it would simplify the duty of protecting the Fisheries, and greatly assist the Officers so engaged, if they would show their Colors more readily. One would suppose their own interests would lead them not to give trouble, in that respect, to the Men-of-War employed especially for their benefit; but I think the other Officers engaged in the protection of the Fisheries will bear me out in saying, that half the distance travelled over has been after English Vessels who will not adopt that simple mode of shewing their right to the Fishing Ground.

It has been said that scarcity of Mackerel this past season has been partly owing to the presence of Steamers. Whether they may be the cause of driving the fish off the Coast, I cannot say, but should think not, from the fact of having had occasion, frequently, both in the *Devastation* and *Rose*, to lay close alongside, and to steam round Vessels, while they were taking fish as plentifully as before our approach.

With regard to the American Vessels being armed, I can only say, I have never come across one, (except the "*Garland*," of Newburyport, on board which Vessel was a Swivel, carrying about an 8 oz. ball,) or heard of any resistance being offered to the Tenders or Boats, in the execution of their duty.

From what knowledge I have been able to obtain, of the weather and Harbours on the North Coast of Prince Edward Island, I would respectfully recommend that the Vessel employed there should be a small but powerful Screw Steamer, with serviceable fore and aft sails, and not drawing above seven feet water.

In the Bay of Chaleur, a Schooner seems to answer the purpose, but she should be large, and fast sailing. A Boat stationed at Miscou, during the whole time of the Fishing on that Coast, would be of great use.

The Boat at Point Peter, however, appears to have been perfectly successful in preventing any encroachment in Gaspé and Mal Bays; and I beg to take this opportunity of saying, that the Officer lately in charge of her, Mr. W. H. H. Grubbe, Midshipman of this Sloop, was most zealous in the performance of that duty.

In conclusion, I would say, that I firmly believe, that if the present measures of protection are persevered in for a year or two longer, the Fisheries, left in the possession of their rightful owners, will no longer require the large force that has necessarily been lately engaged in their protection.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obed't humble Servant,

(Signed)

A. F. DEHORSEY, *Commander*.

Vice Admiral Sir G. F. SEYMOUR, K. C. B., G. C. H., and Commander in Chief.

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*Her Majesty's Ship "Cumberland,"
Halifax, November 8th, 1853.*

SIR—

I have the honor to Report, for your information, that having arrived in pursuance of your orders, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, in H.M. hired Tender "Dart," for the protection of the Fisheries—on the 20th day of June I cruized in the Bays of Chaleur and Gaspé,—and in the vicinity of Fox River, from the 21th, until the 6th of August, and beg to forward a Report of my observations while on that service.

The American Fishermen made their appearance in the Bays of Chaleur and Gaspé, about the beginning of July; and finding a Cruizer in each of those Bays there was no encroachment there, during that period.

Having received information from the Jersey Merchants, at Point Peter and Gaspé, about the latter end of July, that the American Vessels were encroaching in large numbers off Fox River and the adjoining Coast, only standing off the land on the approach of a Cruizer, returning again immediately she was out of sight, I cruized in that neighbourhood until the 6th of August, and found, in consequence of Gaspé and Chaleur Bays being so well protected, that this was the only resort of the American Fishermen on the north side of Cape Gaspé; while on the other hand, I have been given to understand, there were several American Vessels fishing off Pokemouche Gulley and Miramichie Bay, where they also encroached when opportunities offered.

The American Vessels off Fox River endeavoured, by every possible manner, to elude the vigilance of the British Cruizers, by dividing themselves all along the Canadian Coast, from Fox River to Seven Island's Bay, as well as at the entrance of the River St. Lawrence, into a series of squadrons; and when the "Dart" made her appearance round Cape Gaspé, the Vessels nearest would stand off, which appeared to me to be a general signal for all the others to follow their example, which they invariably did; but by being constantly under weigh, I succeeded, in a great measure, in keeping the coast clear up to the time I was relieved by Captain C. Y. Campbell, in the "Devastation."

The Mackerel here, in July and beginning of August, were not so plentiful as might have been anticipated, and were only to be procured in any quantity close in shore, where they were schuling, but not in such large numbers as they have in former years, and unless the wind was off the land, the Schooners could not approach sufficiently near to obtain them, except with their boats, which the Americans, I am told, made every attempt to do, but am glad to say, without success.

I only saw 6 or 8 English Vessels here the whole time I was off the place, and they appeared to be doing very well.

I was relieved on this station on the 6th August, by the "Devastation," and returned, by Captain Campbell's direction, to Port Daniel, where I left the "Dart" on the 10th, and proceeded to Prince Edward's Island to take command of the "Rose," Steam Tender, in pursuance of your orders, and which Vessel I joined on the 12th of August, 1853.

From that date to the 28th of September, I cruized between Minemegash Reef, and Tracadie, on the north side of Prince Edward's Island, where there was not a single case of encroachment, which I attribute only to the continual presence of a Cruizer on that spot.

The American Vessels did not arrive in such large numbers this season on the north Coast of Prince Edward's Island, as they have done in former years.

The protection afforded to the Fisheries last year, has evidently encouraged the
British

British Fishermen to build and fit out much finer Vessels, a great number of which equal the American Vessels in every respect.

Having been employed last year on the same service, in the Boats of H. M. Steam Sloop "Devastation, and a short time in command of the hired Tender, "Arrow," I have had the opportunity of remarking that the number of American Fishing Vessels was very much reduced this year.

It has been stated that the paddles of Steam Vessels in the Gulf have driven off the fish, but from having steamed through schules of Mackerel, without apparently frightening them, I am inclined to think the report is erroneous.

Up to the end of September there was nothing but "Tinker Mackerel" on the Coast of Prince Edward's Island, the larger fish apparently having remained in deep water, which I am of opinion is in consequence of the quantity of bait a large fleet of American Fishermen scattered without the limits, and kept the fish from their usual haunts near the shores.

I was given to understand, by many of the American Fishermen, that the greatest catches of Mackerel had been made off the Magdalen Islands, but I expect most of them were taken by Nets.

I cannot close this Report without mentioning the very great inconvenience caused to the Cruizers by the English Fishing Vessels constantly neglecting to display their National Ensign.

A protecting force having been stationed for their especial benefit, one would naturally suppose they would afford every assistance in their power toward the intended object, but which is not the case, and unless they can be approached near enough to be hailed, they will not hoist their Colors.

The want of an established regulation on this subject, greatly increases the difficulties of this very delicate service, and takes Her Majesty's Ships from their Cruizing Ground, in pursuit of suspicious Vessels within the limits, which frequently prove to be those of our own Country.

The papers of the English Vessels are much more according to Law this year than last, which I attribute to the detention of the Vessels at Port Hood, last fall, by Capt. C. Y. Campbell, of H. M. Steam Sloop, "Devastation."

Hoping that my having lost my Remark Books in the wreck of the "Rose," will be a sufficient excuse for the shortness of this Report, which I have been obliged to make principally from memory,

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most ob't humble Servant,

J. JENKINS, *Lieut., late Commanding
the hired Steam Tender "Rose."*

Vice Admiral, Sir G. F. SEYMOUR, K. C. B., G. C. H., Commander in Chief.

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*H. M. Armed Tender Alice Rogers,
Halifax, 23d October, 1853.*

SIR—

I have the honor to submit for your information, the following remarks on the Fisheries of the Coast of Nova-Scotia, Gut of Canso, and round the Island of Cape Breton, made during the time I have commanded the Tender "Alice Rogers," since the 27th June last, when the Vessel was hired for the service of the Colonial Government.

I sailed from Halifax on the 28th June, and arrived in the Gut of Canso on the 1st July. During the months of July, August, and September, my cruising grounds were principally confined to Chedabucto Bay, Gut of Canso, St. George's Bay, and round the Island of Cape Breton, looking into all the Bays and Harbours along the Coast.

In the above months I neither heard of nor saw any cases of encroachment on the part of Foreign Vessels, though numbers of American Vessels were constantly arriving to carry on the Fishery off the other Coasts of the British Provinces.

From the middle of July to the end of September, there was an immense quantity of the small or Tinker Mackerel on the Coast of Cape Breton, in Chedabucto Bay, and all along the Shores of the Gut, but they are of little or no value, and do not appear to be sought after except by the Inhabitants, for present use. They have been very much more numerous this season than usual, which I am informed is in consequence of there not having been so much seining in the Bays, which destroys the spawn and small fish. About the end of September the larger fish struck in about Mabou, Margaree Island, and as far north as Cheticamp, and both English and American Fishermen came over from Prince Edward Island in great numbers. The weather at that time was very much against Fishing, but nevertheless some few Vessels, principally Americans, succeeded in catching a small quantity.

This year, unlike the previous ones, the shoals of Mackerel have not confined themselves entirely to the Bays and Harbours, but have been caught in deep water as far as nine miles from the shore. The Captain of the "Rose," of Lunenburg, informed me that on one occasion he stood out in company with five Americans, and half way between Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island they caught from fifty to sixty barrels of Mackerel each, in the course of the afternoon, while the Vessels in shore caught nothing. This peculiarity none of the Fishermen can account for.

From the 10th of October the Mackerel have been and are now tolerably plentiful from Port Hood to Cheticamp, and the English Vessels appear to be doing well. The American Fishermen have also made good catches on the whole, although some of them had caught none at all, and others only a few barrels.

The Mackerel are from all accounts much later on the Coast of Cape Breton Island than usual, but all the Fish they have been catching lately are number ones, and notwithstanding several of the American Fishermen avowed their intention of going home, as the Cruizers prevented their having any chance, still the superiority of the Fish is so great a temptation, that great numbers hover about and take every opportunity to poach, when they can do so with impunity.

Several of the American Fishermen anchor at night under the lee of Margaree Island, (although it is not a safe anchorage) in order to commence their Fishing early in the morning, and by putting their heads off shore when they see a Cruizer coming from Port Hood, they are well out of the limits by the time she comes up with them, and immediately on her leaving stand in shore again.

Port Hood being the only safe anchorage along the west Coast of Cape Breton Island, I would respectfully suggest that one or two serviceable Whale Boats should be left at Margaree Island, to prevent the Americans encroaching on this, the most valuable part of the Fishing Ground.

The whole of the American Fishing Vessels are very well found, and sail well; their Crews are large, and part of them are natives of the Provinces, who are generally discharged before the Vessels return to the United States. The Americans prefer these men from their knowledge of the Coast, and being better Fishermen.

The protection afforded last year to the British Fishermen, has evidently encouraged them to build and fit out much finer Vessels than heretofore, several of them now being equal in all respects to the Americans, more particularly those from the Port of Lunenburg.

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The English and American Fishermen appear to be on very good terms, and no disagreements of any kind came to my knowledge.

Until the middle of September, the English Fishing Vessels appear to have been employed on the Coast of Prince Edward Island and to the northward, as I saw but few before that time.

After leaving the Gut of Canso I stood into Chedabucto Bay, and found that the Mackerel were more plentiful and finer than usual; the Fishing here is carried on almost entirely in open Boats, with Nets, and on my passage through on the 21st instant, there was only one small English Schooner Fishing in the Bay.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obed't Servant,

M. R. PECHELL,

Lieutenant Commanding.

Vice Admiral, Sir G. F. SEYMOUR, K. C. B., G. C. H., Commander in Chief.

(Copy.)

*Armed Tender Bonito, at Halifax,
August 16th, 1853.*

SIR—

I have the honor to submit, for your information, a few observations made while in command of the Armed Tender "Bonito," employed for the protection of the Fisheries on the S. W. Coast of Nova-Scotia.

The amount of information gained during six weeks experience on the Fishing Grounds must necessarily be very limited. I shall therefore confine my remarks more especially to the Fisheries of St. Mary's Bay, and along the coast between Annapolis Basin and Brier Island.

The Mackerel Fishery opens towards the end of June or beginning of July, continuing until late in October; the small, or "Tinker Mackerel," so called by the Fishermen, at the commencement of the season, striking into the Bays, Harbours, and towards the shores, in countless numbers. So plentiful are they, indeed, that along the beach they are taken most successfully by the common landing Net. The Weirs at the head of Saint Mary's Bay, and Seines along the shore, are, however, the chief means employed for taking Mackerel; as many as a hundred barrels have been taken at one haul; and instances have been known, where, from the myriads taken, the larger and finer fish have been removed by the Fishermen, leaving the smaller ones in Weirs and on the beach, to decompose, or be carted off as manure to the nearest farm.

This system is much to be deplored, and cannot be too soon discouraged, as if carried on to a great extent, it must, in the course of time, tend greatly towards ruining the Fishery.

From the people along the shores of St. Mary's Bay not giving their whole attention to the Fishery, but dividing it between that and Farming, neglecting the one occupation for the other, a considerable drawback is caused to the prosperity of the Fisheries, which, together with the system of neglect in not clearing out their Weirs, must shortly lead to most injurious consequences.

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Most of the Fishing Craft employed in taking Mackerel in St. Mary's Bay are badly equipped, and very short handed, in consequence of which, and their inexperience in the use of the Gig-line, their catch is inconsiderable. Having previously discharged their Deep Sea Cargo, they crowd into the Bay from all quarters, to the number of one hundred sail.

The Fishery on the ledges between Annapolis Basin and Brier Island, had, I have been given to understand, been very successful, Cod, Pollock, Haddock, etc., having been taken in great quantities at the commencement of the season. Most of these Fishing Vessels known had made full cargoes, and were employed in the Mackerel Fishery in St. Mary's Bay, where I fell in with most of them, and from enquiries, learnt that they had been most fortunate.

The beautiful Basin of Annapolis is not wanting in its supply of fish of all kinds: Mackerel is taken almost at the very doors, Herring, however, is the chief commodity taken in the Weirs, of which there are some fifty round the Basin. The Herring Fishery is also carried on by small Boats. The season commences in April.

During my cruize I fell in with but two American Fishing Vessels, and at no time, or upon any occasion, had I reason to believe that encroachments of any kind had taken place on the part of Foreign Vessels, and in answer to all my enquiries on the subject, the general opinion seemed to be, that the protection given to the Fisheries during the last, and present season, had been the means of freeing our Coast, Bays, and Harbours, from the Poachers of former years.

Trusting that the limited period of my cruize will be a sufficient reason for not entering more fully into a subject of such importance as the Fisheries,

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

C. G. LINDSAY,

Lieutenant, Commanding.

Vice Admiral, Sir G. F. SEYMOUR, K. C. B., G. C. H., Commander in Chief.

*H. M. Armed Tender Bonito, at Halifax,
October 20th, 1853.*

SIR—

I have the honor to offer the following observations on the British Fisheries on the Coast of Nova-Scotia, during the period I commanded the Colonial hired Armed Tender, "Bonito," in pursuance of your orders.

From the 21st of August, on which day I arrived within the boundaries of my station, to the date hereof, there was no encroachment by the Americans on British Fishing Grounds, as the steps taken by Her Majesty's Government, for the protection of the Fishery reserved for the special enjoyment of the Colonists, appear to have had the desired effect of keeping them from prosecuting their unlawful pursuits, since I was unable to detect, or receive any information of encroachments of any nature; and it has been the means of securing a better market for their Fish than of late years. No complaints whatever, on the part of British Fishermen, or of the Americans, have reached my knowledge.

The Fishing in Annapolis Basin, which consists chiefly of Herring, has almost entirely failed this season, and I am not aware that it can be attributed to any other cause

cause than that the fish have taken a different course, perhaps owing to the spawning ground at the Grand Manan being protected from netting, and their remaining there on their entrance into the Bay.

From the statements of many of the Inhabitants, (around Annapolis Basin, particularly,) the general neglect of the Wear owners and managers, in not keeping them cleaned out and in good order, combined with the frail manner in which they are constructed, is, in a great degree, the cause of the small quantity of fish taken from them at present. By some, the above statement is contradicted; but in the yearly decrease of fish caught in them, it appears a very fit subject for further enquiry.

The care taken in curing the Herring round Annapolis Basin, reflects great credit on the Fishermen, as the cleaning and smoking, from being more carefully attended to than by Fishermen of other parts, enables them to realize a much higher price.

The population of Brier Island consists chiefly of Fishermen, who appear to carry on their Trade with more zeal than is usually shown. The Fishing District consists of Brier Island, Long Island, and part of the adjacent Coast; there are about 60 small Vessels, and above a hundred boats, belonging to the District. The Fishing consists chiefly of Cod and Pollock: these, caught in deep water off Brier Island, are considered the finest fish in the Bay of Fundy, and obtain a high price in the American Market; Brier Island was a place greatly resorted to by the Americans formerly, who committed all sorts of infringements, upon mere superiority of numbers.

During the short period I was employed on the Fisheries in the Bay of Fundy, the Mackerel Fishing in St. Mary's Bay was very unsuccessful, owing to the lateness of the season, combined with the unfavourable state of the weather. Only a few small Vessels remained after the middle of August. During the earlier part of the season, I understand, the Fishing was very favourable, which circumstance, I conclude, has been already reported.

The banks around the Seal Islands are favourite resorts for Cod, and, during the present season, an abundant supply have been taken.

In the Harbour of Pubnico, and on the adjoining Coast, the Cod and Haddock were very plentiful during the Summer months, and an abundant catch was obtained.

The Inhabitants of Pubnico chiefly consist of Fishermen, many of whom embark in American Fishing Vessels, and, no doubt, act as Pilots, in many instances, for the Fishing Grounds around their neighbouring Coasts; and were it not for their better acquaintance with the pilotage, the Americans would be unable, effectually, to carry on their employment, being a very intricate Coast for navigation. The advantages offered the Nova-Scotians to embark in American Vessels, in the way of bounty, and of getting their shares of the fish into the American Market, clear of the heavy duty, are very great; and numbers are constantly mixed up with their interests, and receive their principal support from them.

At Barrington, a large number of American Vessels call on their way round to the eastward for the greater part of their Crews. The Pollock and Mackerel are very plentiful about the Harbour, and the Fishing is chiefly carried on in small open Boats.

From Barrington along the Coast to Halifax, the Fishing consists chiefly of Cod, Pollock, and Haddock, and not of such great importance as at the places on which I have ventured to make the few remarks that the short period of my service brought before my notice.

The Fishing Grounds at and around the Grand Manan Island, I deem it unnecessary to make any comment upon, since Lieutenant Newport, from his experience in that quarter, can offer a much more efficient report than myself.

Trusting the cruising of the "Bonito," while under my command, may meet your approbation,

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most humble obd't Servant,

W. W. BRIDGES,

Lieutenant Commanding.

Vice Admiral, Sir G. F. SEYMOUR, K. C. B., G. C. H., Commander in Chief.

Government House, Halifax,

November 23rd, 1853.

SIR—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Letter of the 22nd instant, enclosing copies of Reports from Commander Egerton and other Officers under your command, employed in the protection of the Fisheries; and I beg to express the great satisfaction with which those documents have been perused by me, and by the members of the Colonial Government.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

His Excellency, Vice Admiral Sir GEORGE F. SEYMOUR, &c. &c. &c.

Cumberland, at Halifax,

November 22nd, 1853.

SIR—

I beg to enclose the copy of a Letter which has been addressed to Commander the Hon. Francis Egerton, by Mr. Jeffreys, Master of Her Majesty's Steam Sloop Basilisk, on the advantage which would be derived from Buoys being placed in the positions he describes at the entrance of Port Hood, in Cape Breton.

As that place has become one of great resort in the Autumn months, and as Mr. Jeffreys is reported to me to be an Officer of skill and experience, I beg to recommend his suggestions to Your Excellency's consideration, and to request that you will further their adoption, by such means as you may think fit.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

G. F. SEYMOUR, *Vice Admiral,*

and Commander in Chief.

His Excellency, Sir J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova-Scotia.

H. M. Steam Vessel "Basilisk,"

Halifax, N. S., 16th Nov., 1853.

SIR—

In the event of any of Her Majesty's Ships being again employed protecting the Fisheries on the West Coast of Cape Breton, I beg to submit the following suggestions with reference to their safety during the tempestuous weather which often occurs during the Autumn—that being the season when that part of the Coast requires protecting.

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Port Hood being the only Harbour for Ships of any draught, it would tend much to the safety of any Vessel if Buoys of a large size were placed in the following positions :

On the Spithead, in 5 fathoms—one Black.

On the edge of the Dean Shoals, in $4\frac{1}{2}$ or 5 fathoms—one Red.

On the end of the Shoal, off Smith's Point, in 3 fathoms—one Chequered.

As it may often be of consequence that a Vessel should be placed in safety when the weather is so thick as to prevent the leading marks being seen, these Buoys, in addition to the new Light House now building, would enable any one, by common attention, to take this Harbour with perfect safety.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. JEFFERYS,

Master H. M. S. Basilisk.

The Hon. F. EGERTON, Commander H. M. S. S. Basilisk.

*Government House, Halifax,
November 23, 1853.*

SIR—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 22nd instant, enclosing copy of a Communication from Mr. Jeffreys, Master of H. M. Steam Sloop "Basilisk," to Commander the Honorable Francis Egerton, on the advantage which would be derived from Buoys being placed in certain positions at the entrance of Port Hood, in Cape Breton Island,—and I assure Your Excellency that the suggestions which have received your recommendation, will obtain from me, and from the members of the Colonial Government, the most favorable consideration.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

His Excellency, Vice Admiral Sir GEORGE F. SEYMOUR, &c. &c. &c.

RAILWAY ACTS.

No. 38.

Downing Street, Nov. 3d, 1853.

SIR—

With reference to the Railway Acts, numbered 3126, 3127, and 3128, passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia, in their last Session, and which the Queen was pleased to confirm, by Her Royal Order in Council, of the 24th ultimo, (forwarded to you in my Despatch, No. 35, of the 27th ultimo) I transmit to you herewith, copy of a report made to this Department, by direction of the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade.

I have to instruct you to lay this Report before the Provincial Legislature, with a view to their considering whether further Legislation may not be necessary or advisable in respect to these Acts.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most ob't. humble Servant,

NEWCASTLE.

Lieut. Governor Sir J. G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

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Office of Committee of Privy Council for Trade,
Whitehall, 11th May, 1853.

SIR—

I am directed by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 4th instant, in which you transmitted copies of three Acts, passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia, entitled respectively :

No. 3126. An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Railway Company.

No. 3127. An Act to authorize the construction of certain Railways in this Province, and

No. 3128. An Act to authorize a Loan for the construction of certain Public Works within this Province.

And I am to inform you, that agreeably to the request of the Duke of Newcastle, conveyed in your Letter, their Lordships have proceeded to consider these Acts, and have made the following observations with reference to them :

By the Act, No. 3126, a Company is Incorporated for making a Railway from the Harbour of Halifax to the Frontier of New Brunswick, with Branches eastward to Pictou Harbour, and westward to Windsor, and thence to Victoria Beach, or some other place in the County of Annapolis having navigable communication with the Bay of Fundy.

By Section 77, it is proposed to afford the Company the aid of the public credit of the Colony in raising part of the money required for making the Railway, by providing that, if the Company desire it, the guarantee of the Province may be given to them to the extent of £20,000, when a sum of £40,000 shall have been expended by the Company upon the construction of the Railway, and so on, *toies quoties*, in respect of each further sum of £40,000 expended by the Company ; the whole amount of the guarantee being limited not to exceed £3,000 per mile, with regard to the Main Line, and £2,000 per mile in the case of the Branch Lines. As a condition of the guarantee, it is required that the selection of the route and the mode of construction of the Railway shall be subject to the approval of an Engineer appointed by the Provincial Government. The Company may, however, by the vote of a general meeting of the Shareholders, renounce the benefit of the guarantee, and thus withdraw themselves from the conditions attached to it. And it appears to my Lords to be deserving of remark, that if this course should be adopted by the Company, no control with regard to the direction of the Line, or the manner of constructing the works, would in that case be reserved to the Government, but the determination of these matters (subject to the provisions of the Act,) would rest entirely in the discretion of the Company.

With respect to the provisions contained in the 20th Section of this Act, for enabling the Provincial Government to purchase the Railway, their Lordships have to observe that the exercise of the power of purchase being made dependent upon the event of the Company's profits exceeding a certain rate per cent. on their capital, these provisions appear to be liable to the same objections, that in previous communications from the Railway Commissioners to the Colonial Office have been stated, with reference to similar provisions in other Colonial Railway Acts.

The 64th Section adopts the provisions of the 13th Section of the Imperial Act, 7th and 8th Victoria, Cap. 85, in reserving to the Government the power of authorizing the establishment of a Line of Electrical Telegraph on the Railway, but does not contain any Clause similar to the 14th Section of that Act, for providing that the Telegraph when laid down by private parties, shall, subject to the prior right of use by the

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Government, and for the purposes of the Railway Company, be open to all persons without favour or preference, and at equal charges.

The other provisions of this Act do not appear to call for any observation, further than to remark that it may be questionable whether the power of voting *by proxy*, given to the Directors by Section 15, or the power of delegating the exercise of their powers to *Agents*, provided by Section 17, is altogether compatible with the proper performance of the duties entrusted to the Directors.

With a view to the necessity that may hereafter arise for further Legislation on the subject of Railways in this Colony, their Lordships think it material to observe on the absence of the Clause recommended in Mr. Secretary Gladstone's Circular Despatch of the 15th January, 1846, for providing that the Act shall not be deemed or construed to exempt the Railway from the operation of any future general Act relating to Railways.

The Act, No. 3127, provides for the construction, by parties contracting immediately with the Provincial Government, of a Line of Railway between the same termini as those described in the Act for the Incorporation of the Nova-Scotia Railway Company. But the Act, No. 3127, is to come into actual operation only in the event of the Nova-Scotia Railway Act failing to take effect. And it is provided by the last mentioned Act, that that Act shall cease and determine on the Proclamation of the Governor in Council, if, at the expiration of six months from the commencement of the Act, six thousand shares shall not have been subscribed, and a deposit of one pound per share paid thereon.

Two-thirds of the capital required for the construction of the Railway, are to be provided out of the Colonial Revenue, and the other third is to be advanced by the contractors, who are to have an interest in the Railway to the extent of their advance, and to nominate three out of the eight Commissioners, who are to superintend the making of the Railway. Provision is made for the protection of the public interests, by requiring that the course of the Line shall be determined upon by the Executive Government of the Colony, and the works executed to the satisfaction of an Engineer appointed by the Government. Their Lordships would, however, observe that it may be a subject for consideration, whether the admission of private interests into the undertaking, to the extent proposed, may not hereafter lead to inconvenience, and whether it might not be expedient that power should be reserved to the Government to buy up these interests at any future time, if circumstances should render it advisable.

The object of the remaining Act, No. 3128, is to provide for raising on the public credit of the Province, the funds required for the construction of the Railway on the plan proposed in Act, No. 3127. The provisions of this Act do not appear to call for any remark.

I am, &c.,

(Signed)

JAMES BOOTH.

H. MERIVALE, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

No. 39.

Downing Street, November 3rd, 1853.

SIR—

With reference to the Railway Act, No. 3166, passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia, in their last Session, and which the Queen was pleased to confirm by Her Royal Order in Council of the 24th ultimo, (forwarded to you in my Despatch, No. 36, of the 27th instant,) I transmit to you herewith, copy of a Report made to this Department by direction of the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade.

I have to instruct you to lay this Report before the Provincial Legislature, with a view to their considering whether further Legislation may not be necessary or advisable, in respect to this Act.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble Servant,

NEWCASTLE.

Lieut. Governor Sir G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c., Nova-Scotia.

(Copy.)

*Office of Committee of Privy Council for Trade,
Whitehall, 22d September, 1853.*

SIR—

I am directed by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter, of the 20th ultimo, enclosing a copy of an Act of the Legislature of Nova-Scotia, No. 3166, entitled, "An Act to Incorporate a Company to construct a Branch Railway to Whitehaven," and in reply, I am to inform you that agreeably to the request of the Duke of Newcastle, conveyed in your Letter, their Lordships have proceeded to consider this Act, and have made the following observations on its provisions :

The object of the Act is the establishment of a Company for the construction of a Branch Railway to the Port of Whitehaven, from any Trunk Line that may be constructed through the Province, from Halifax to the boundary of New Brunswick. By Section 4, it is provided that a plan, shewing the course of the Line, shall be prepared by the Company, and deposited at the Offices mentioned in the Act. But no power is given, either to the Government, or to the owners of property adjoining the Line, of objecting to the plan proposed by the Company. It may deserve consideration whether some control should not be reserved to the Provincial Government, with respect to the determination of the course of the Railway, which may be a matter of public concern, not only in as far as the interests of the District to be traversed by this Branch Line may be affected by the direction it shall take, but also as some of the advantages to be derived from the construction of the Trunk Line itself may be dependent upon the position of the point where the Branch Line shall enter it, which, by the present Act, is left to be determined entirely at the discretion of the Company.

It appears to be the intention of the Act, that this Branch shall not be made until the Trunk Line shall have been constructed, or at least commenced. But no period is specified within which the Company are to proceed with the construction of the Branch, or shall be bound to complete it. It may be questioned whether it is advisable that the Company, who, under this Act shall be authorized to construct this Railway should be allowed to occupy the ground, to the exclusion of other parties, for an indefinite period ; and if it should be found necessary to pass an Act for the amendment of the present Act, it may become a matter for consideration, whether it would not be proper to introduce some provision, limiting the exercise of the Company's powers to a certain time after the Act comes into operation.

The Act does not contain any provisions with respect to the construction of Bridges, and other works for carrying the Railway over and under roads that may be crossed by the Line, or the alteration of the roads for that purpose.

In this Country these matters are regulated by general enactment, but the 70th Chapter of the Revised Statutes, of Nova-Scotia, which is incorporated with this Act, relates only to the crossing of roads *on the level*, and to the punishment of the offences of obstructing and trespassing upon Railways.

The Act appears also to be defective, in not defining the *guage* of the Railway.

Their Lordships have also to observe, that this Act does not contain any provisions, such as have usually been adopted in Colonial Railway Acts, making it obligatory on the Company to provide for the conveyance, on stated conditions, of the public mails, and the military and police forces.

And with a view to the necessity that may hereafter arise for further Legislation, on the subject of Railways in this Colony, their Lordships think it material to remark on the omission in this Act of the Clause suggested by Mr. Secretary Gladstone, in his Circular Despatch, of the 15th January, 1846, providing that nothing in this Act shall be deemed to exempt the Railway from any future general Act relating to Railways.

I am, &c.,

(Signed)

J. L. A. SIMMONS,

Captain Royal Engineers.

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

Minute to the Board of Trade—Nova-Scotia Act, No. 3166.

I am of opinion that the above Act, "To Incorporate a Company to construct a Branch Railway to Whitehaven" ought to be sanctioned.

(Signed)

NEWCASTLE.

Downing Street, October 8th, 1853.

(From page 204, of Appendix to Report of Commissioners of Railways, presented to Parliament, in 1848.)

A.

Extract of a Report from the Commissioners of Railways, to B. Hawes, Esquire, dated January 23rd, 1847.

"Sections 394, 395, 396, 397, and 398, embody the provisions for the revision of tolls and fares, and for the purchase of the Railway, contained in the Act of 7 and 8 Victoria, Cap. 85."

"These are inserted according to the instructions contained in Mr. Secretary Gladstone's Circular, and with the alterations therein suggested. The Commissioners presume that it has been thought desirable to introduce these Clauses for the purpose of thus intimating the possibility of future revision or purchases, although, in their opinion it may be questionable, whether they can have any other practical effect."

(From page 213, of Appendix to Report of Commissioners of Railways, presented to Parliament, in 1848.)

B.

Extract of a Report from the Commissioners of Railways, to B. Hawes, Esquire, dated November 6th, 1847.

"The provisions of these Acts that appear to be most worthy of observation, on account both of their novelty and importance, are those by which a right is reserved
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to the Government of purchasing the Railway at a future time. In some other Colonial Railway Acts, which have engaged the attention of the Commissioners, the option of purchase by the Government is given only upon the event of the Company's profits exceeding a certain specified rate per cent. on the amount of their capital, and is thus made dependent upon a condition, which, from its liability to be evaded by the financial operations of the Company, may prevent, or indefinitely defer any practical assertion of the right. But in the greater number of the present Acts (Nos. 442, 443, 444, 445, and 447,) the Government is enabled to purchase the Railway at any time, either before or after its completion, on giving three months' notice of their intention to do so, and repaying to the Company the amount of their expenditure, with interest up to the time of opening the Railway. As one of the principal advantages to be derived from these provisions, appears to consist in the power they confer upon the Government of acquiring, upon an emergency, the exclusive possession of the means of communication; it is important, for the attainment of this object, that the exercise of the right of purchase, should not be clogged with conditions of doubtful effect, or such as may occasion difficulty in the adjustment of the terms."

KING'S COLLEGE ACT.

No. 45.

Downing-Street, 10th December, 1853.

SIR—

I have had under my consideration the Act passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia, No. 3191, "To Incorporate the Governors of King's College, and to repeal the Act for founding, establishing, and maintaining a College in that Province."

I have also received your Despatch, No. 66, of 27th of October last, reporting upon the representations of the Rev. Dr. McCawley, the President of the College.

I have advised Her Majesty to confirm this Act, and I now transmit the usual Order in Council, giving effect to it.

But in communicating to you this decision, I feel it due to Dr. McCawley to express my sense of the strong claims which he possesses on the Provincial Government.

I cannot but concur with my predecessors in regarding the course adopted by the Legislature as an interference with vested rights. I had understood that this objection had been waived, by the parties affected by the Enactment having consented to its provisions, but it appears that Dr. McCawley, the principal officer of the Institution, and the one most seriously affected by any change in its constitution, had never given that assent, and I therefore trust that they will not hesitate to make due provision for a gentleman of acknowledged merit and integrity, who is subjected to severe loss by the abolition of an endowment which, as the security for the payment of his salary, he had every right to regard as permanent.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

NEWCASTLE.

Governor Sir G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c. Nova-Scotia.

At

At the Court at Windsor, the 25th day of November, 1853.

P R E S E N T :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,
&c. &c. &c.

Whereas the Lieutenant-Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the month of April, 1853, pass an Act, which has been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 3191. An Act to Incorporate the Governors of King's College, Windsor, and to repeal the Act for founding, establishing, and maintaining a College in this Province.

And whereas the said Act has been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported as their opinion to Her Majesty, that the said Act should receive Her Majesty's special confirmation, Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to declare her special confirmation of the said Act, and the same is hereby specially confirmed, ratified, and finally enacted accordingly—whereof the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

WM. L. BATHURST.

POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

No. 22.

(Copy.)

*Government House, Halifax, Nova-Scotia,
17th March, 1853.*

MY LORD DUKE,—

Having had placed in my hands the accompanying Petitions, addressed to both Houses of the Imperial Parliament, and signed by a very numerous and the most influential body of the inhabitants of Nova-Scotia, among whom may be found the names of the chief Officers of the Courts of Judicature, of the Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, as also those of the Members of the House of Assembly, together with a long list of persons belonging to the Mercantile and other classes of the Province, relative to the reduction of Colonial postage, I beg leave to transmit the same to your Grace for the purpose of presentation to both Houses.

And I trust that your Grace will be pleased to induce Her Majesty's Government to lend their powerful aid in the support of the prayer of the Petitioners, and recommend the same to the favourable notice and consideration of the Imperial Parliament.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. GASPARD LE MARCHANT.

His Grace the DUKE OF NEWCASTLE, &c., &c., &c.,

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE LORDS SPIRITUAL AND TEMPORAL IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

The Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of the Province of Nova-Scotia.

HUMBLY SHEWETH :

That your Petitioners earnestly desire the fostering in every way of the ties between Great Britain and her Colonies.

That the Post Office presents a powerful auxiliary for this purpose, and should, as a means of intercourse, be made available to every Colonist.

That hitherto the postal arrangements have not kept pace with the wants of the age.

That cheap communication of the Colonies with the Mother Country, would greatly tend to bind together her Colonial Empire.

That the extension of Commerce, the rapid increase in the amount of travelling, the removal of population from one part of the British dominions to another, and the large and continual immigration to the various Colonies, render this time peculiarly appropriate for considering the subject.

Your Petitioners, therefore, pray your Right Honorable House to provide the means of improving the postal arrangements between Great Britain and her Colonies, and especially to consider whether it would not be advantageous in a national point of view, at once to extend the system of uniform pre-paid penny postage to the whole of the Colonies and other Dependencies of Great Britain.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

[A similar Petition to the Honorable the Commons in Parliament assembled.]

No. 16.

Downing Street, 8th April, 1853.

SIR—

I have received your Despatch, No. 22, of the 17th March, forwarding Petitions to both Houses of the Imperial Parliament from a large and influential body of the inhabitants of Nova-Scotia, praying that provision may be made for improving the postal arrangements between Great Britain and her Colonies, and suggesting the extension of the system of pre-paid penny postage to the whole of the Colonial Dependencies of the Crown.

You will acquaint the Memorialists that their Petitions will be duly presented to both Houses of Parliament. Meanwhile the accompanying Circular Despatch, which I have addressed to the Governors of the several British Colonies, will place you in possession of the views of Her Majesty's Government on this subject.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,
NEWCASTLE.

Lieut. Governor Sir G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c. Nova-Scotia.

(Circular)

Downing Street, 5th April, 1853.

SIR—

With reference to Earl Grey's Circular Despatch of the 27th December, 1850, recommending the establishment of a Book Postal Communication between this country and the British Colonies, I have to acquaint you, that it is the desire of Her Majesty's Government to carry out a suggestion made by my predecessor Sir J. Pakington, for extending the benefit of a cheap and uniform postage to Colonial correspondence.

Her Majesty's Government will be prepared to adopt an uniform sixpenny rate for all Colonial letters within a specified weight, so soon as the circumstances which the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury may think it their duty to take into consideration will permit, upon its being ascertained that those Colonies whose postal arrangements are independent of this country, are willing to acquiesce in the proposed arrangement.

I transmit, for your information and guidance, a copy of the correspondence which has passed on this subject, between this Office and the General Post Office; and I shall be happy to receive your Report in favor of including the Colony under your Government in the proposed scheme. But you must bear in mind, that it is essential to the effectual working of the scheme that it be adopted in its integrity by the Colonies.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obdt. humble Servant,
NEWCASTLE.

Lieut. Governor Sir J. G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

No. 1.

Copy of a Letter from H. Merivale, Esquire, to Lieutenant Colonel Maberly.

Downing Street, September 21st, 1852.

SIR—

I am directed by Secretary Sir John Pakington, to acquaint you, for the information of the Postmaster-General, that he has received numerous applications, both from the Colonies and from this country, praying that the benefits of a cheap and uniform postage may be extended to Colonial Communication.

I am desired to inform you, that Sir John Pakington concurs with the petitioners as to the advantages which would result from the concession, and that he is favourably disposed to it, if the arrangement can be effected without serious difficulty; and I am to request that you will move the Earl of Hardwicke to favour Sir John Pakington with his opinion on the subject.

I am also directed to acquaint you, that owing to the large and increasing amount of emigration to the British Colonies, and to the desire of persons who prosper there to send home money in order to assist their relations to follow them from this country, the want has grown up of an opportunity for numerous small remittances from the Colonies. From North America they are made to a very large amount indeed, which was estimated at more than £1,000,000 Sterling, in the past year, through the intervention of private firms; but those firms complain much of the trouble and responsibility which they involve, and in some cases where houses of inferior respectability may be employed, the poor are liable to be defrauded of the benefit intended for them. There can be no doubt that the practice on the part of persons who have improved their condition by emigration, of sending home money to enable their friends to follow them, is highly laudable, and that it is deserving of encouragement, both in a moral and social point of view. In Australia, however, the habit has not yet become nearly so general as in North America, and it is not improbable that, to some considerable extent, it is checked by the want of convenient and readily intelligible means of sending home the requisite funds.

Under these circumstances, the question has been proposed, whether it might not be possible to extend to Colonial Correspondence, the system of making payments by Post Office Orders, which has been so successful in this country; and I am to request that you will bring the subject, with the foregoing statement, under the notice of the Earl of Hardwicke, and will inform me whether the suggestion appears to His Lordship, one which could be entertained, and rendered fit for practical adoption. If this result could be secured, Sir John Pakington believes it would be a great boon to the Colonies, and to the humbler classes in this country,

I have, &c.

(Signed)

H. MERIVALE.

No.

No. 2.

*Copy of a Letter from J. Tilley, Esquire, to H. Merivale, Esquire.
General Post Office, October 8, 1852.*

SIR—

The Postmaster-General has had under consideration your Letter of the 21st ultimo, and with reference to that portion of it which relates to the proposed extension of a cheap and uniform postage to letters transmitted between the United Kingdom and the several British Colonies, I am directed by His Lordship to transmit to you, for the information of Sir John Pakington, the enclosed copy of a Letter which he addressed to the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury on this subject, in April last, with a copy of the reply of their Lordships; and I have to state, that the Postmaster General will be glad to know whether the measure proposed in this Correspondence is such as Sir John Pakington has in view. If so, the Postmaster General will be prepared to renew his application to the Treasury on this subject.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. TILLEY, Asst. Secretary.

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

ENCLOSURE IN No. 2.

To the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

MY LORDS—

My predecessor, in a Letter, dated the 9th September, 1850, brought under the consideration of Your Lordship's Board, the importance of establishing uniform rates of postage upon Letters, Newspapers, Books, and Parliamentary Proceedings, transmitted either by packet or private ship, between the United Kingdom and all British Colonies, and of combining in such uniform rates the total charge, Imperial and Colonial, to destination, by which means it was proposed to afford to the public, the option of paying the whole of the postage (as regards letters), in advance, either in this country or in the Colony, or of forwarding the letters unpaid.

As a preliminary measure, letters were addressed by the Treasury to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and to the Secretary of the India Board, acquainting them with the proposition which had been made by the Postmaster General, and requesting that the necessary information, relative to the rates charged in the several Colonies, and in the East Indies, on letters, &c., might be furnished.

The required information has, up to the present time, been received from Heligoland, the Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon, Labuan, South Australia, Van Diemen's Land, New South Wales, St. Helena, and Sierra Leone, and although there remain several Colonies from which no reports have yet been received, there nevertheless appears sufficient information to serve as the basis of a general measure for the Crown Colonies, leaving the East Indies to be dealt with when the requisite particulars are supplied.

The information gathered from the reports made by the several Colonies, confirms the impression of my predecessor, that, in no other instance than that of Heligoland (which was proposed to be exempted from the arrangement, in respect to the amount of its rate), the establishment of a shilling rate, would raise the present total charge, while there are comparatively but few cases in which such arrangement would materially lower the charge.

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The most striking of these cases, is that of Ceylon, where it appears that, even upon the letters conveyed direct from this country, by British contract packets, and consequently without any expense to the Colonial Government, a sea rate of 1s. is nevertheless added at the Colonial Post Office, which just doubles the cost to the public, thus raising a great obstacle to Correspondence, and injuring the home Revenue. A state of things showing the necessity for some such arrangement as that proposed by my predecessor.

There appears every reason, therefore, for carrying out the measure recommended by the Marquess of Clanricarde's Letter of the 9th September, 1850, at least so far as relates to the Crown Colonies—immediate effect being given to the measure in all Colonies whose postal arrangements are under my control, and negotiations being forthwith commenced as regards the others.

The original proposition consisted in fixing the uniform rate of postage at the amount already charged in most cases, viz. : 1s. the half-ounce, with the present scale of advance, the same to free the letter to its place of destination, and to be pre-paid or not, at the option of the sender. Of this shilling it was proposed, that, as in case of Canada, 2d. should be assigned to the Colonial Post Office as its inland rate, the remaining 10d. being assigned to the British Office as its inland rate and sea postage combined.

Of course to this uniform rate, addition would have to be made, as at present, when the letter should be subjected to a foreign transit postage, as in the case of letters to the East Indies viâ Marseilles, and to Canada viâ the United States.

It would remain to deal with the division of the rate on letters conveyed by ship, as also with Newspapers and Parliamentary Proceedings.

Where letters are conveyed by ship, the Colony is of course entitled to a larger share of the postage, and I should recommend that the 1s. rate be equally divided between the Home Government and the Colony, an arrangement somewhat more favourable to the Colonies than that which now exists.

Newspapers are conveyed at rates which vary considerably. In many cases they pass entirely free of charge; in others, a charge (generally of 1d. each) is made either in this Country or in the Colony; but I am not aware of any case in which a newspaper is charged in both. In this Country the rule is to charge nothing if the newspaper be carried by packet, and 1d. if by private ship. In the Colonies the practice is exceedingly variable.

The adoption of a uniform rule, therefore, implies either the imposing of a rate in those cases where newspapers go free, or the extension of free conveyance to those newspapers which are now charged, an alternative which would not only cause some loss to the revenue, but would augment an inconvenience already seriously felt by this department.

Parliamentary proceedings it is very desirable, for the sake of simplicity, to place on the same footing as other books; as, however, this would, in many cases, involve an increase in the present rates (generally from 1d., though in a few cases from 2d. per quarter pound, to 6d. per half pound), this change, as well as the establishment of a rate on all newspapers, would tend to produce dissatisfaction, which I fear would scarcely be allayed by the very moderate and exceptional reduction implied in the establishment of a uniform letter rate of 1s.

If, however, the interests of the Revenue should be found to admit of a decided reduction in the general rate, all minor dissatisfaction would probably disappear amidst the gratification arising from so popular a measure.

Considering the vast importance of strengthening the ties between the Colonies and the Mother Country, I am of opinion that some Revenue may wisely be sacrificed, or at least risked, for the purpose of multiplying correspondence and giving to the Colonies a valuable and acceptable privilege.

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Impressed with the importance of these views, I submit, for the consideration of your Lordships, without at present suggesting any change in the inter-colonial postage, the propriety of lowering the present postal charges between the Mother Country and the Crown Colonies to a uniform rate of 6d., to be divided, as regards Colonies, the ports of which are not under my control, in the same proportions as originally proposed in regard to the 1s. rate; thus giving 5d. or 3d. to the Mother Country and 1d. or 3d. to the Colony, according as the letter is conveyed by packet or private ship, and the course of proceeding being in all other respects the same as recommended above.

With so large a reduction on letters, I should have no hesitation in recommending that Parliamentary Proceedings should be placed on the same footing as other books, and that a uniform rate of 1d. (also to be paid in advance) should be established on Newspapers, the same freeing them to their destination either way, and the postage being retained by whichever party collects it.

Under this combined arrangement, Heligoland would of course be no longer (as formerly proposed) an exception to the general rule; and, what is more important, the scale for letters would be the same (substituting ounces for pounds) as that recently adopted for books.

Supposing the rates to be thus reduced, I think a corresponding reduction should take place in the gratuities payable to the masters of private ships; and I propose that the present payment of 2d. per letter and 1d. per Newspaper be reduced by one-half. I would suggest also a proportionate reduction in the allowance to the Custom House Officers for letters landed at Gravesend, viz: from 1½d. to ¾d. per letter, as also in the allowance to boatmen for bringing ship letters ashore in the channel, and in any other allowances now made in respect of ship letters.

There are no exact data for ascertaining the amount of Revenue which would be risked by either of the uniform rates proposed, but so far as can be judged from a rough estimate founded on the state of things in 1848, it would be about £10,000 per annum in case of the 1s. rate being fixed, and about £50,000 per annum in the case of the 6d. rate being determined on, omitting the Government postage in both cases. Judging, however, by past experience, there can be little doubt that the greater part of any deficit that might arise, would, in a few years, be made up by increase in the number of letters. Considering this; and bearing in mind that the obligation to consult certain of the Colonial Legislatures, necessitates a gradual introduction of the measure, I think it probable that the loss of Revenue, in any one year, will not exceed £20,000.

Having thus fully stated to Your Lordships my views on this subject, I beg to leave it to your favourable consideration.

I have, &c.
(Signed) HARDWICKE.

General Post Office, April 27, 1852.

Treasury Chambers, May 29, 1852.

MY LORD—

I have laid before the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, your Lordship's Letter of the 27th ultimo, recommending a reduced uniform rate of postage to the British Colonies, and am directed by their Lordships to acquaint you, that my Lords do not feel warranted, at present, in sanctioning an arrangement for a uniform reduced rate of postage to the British Colonies, which, however desirable, would involve a considerable loss of Revenue.

I have, &c.
(Signed) G. A. HAMILTON.

The POSTMASTER GENERAL, &c. &c. &c.

No. 3.

*Copy of a Letter from H. Merivale, Esquire, to J. Tilley, Esquire.
Downing Street, November 8, 1852.*

SIR—

I am directed by Secretary Sir John Pakington, to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter, of the 8th ultimo, in which, with reference to Mr Merivale's Letter, of the 21st of September, you transmit the copies of a Correspondence which had already passed with the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, on the subject to which the Postmaster General's attention has since been drawn by Sir John Pakington, of a cheap and uniform postage to the Colonies.

I am desired to acquaint you, for the information of the Postmaster General, that Sir John Pakington is satisfied that the scheme proposed in the Earl of Hardwicke's Letter to the Treasury, dated the 27th of April last, by which a general sixpenny rate would be established for all letters under half an ounce, sent to the British Colonies, with the requisite dependent arrangements as to the transmission of Parliamentary Proceedings and Newspapers, would be a most valuable boon to Her Majesty's Colonial Subjects, and to all in this country, who have private or commercial relations with the Colonies, and that Sir John Pakington would be very glad if the Postmaster General should be able again to bring the proposal before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, in such a manuer as may lead to its favourable re-consideration.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

H. MERIVALE.

General Post Office, 19th March, 1853.

SIR—

On the 21st September last, you informed the Postmaster-General that Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, had received numerous applications both from the Colonies and from this country, praying that the benefit of a cheap and uniform postage might be extended to Colonial Correspondence, and you stated that Sir J. Pakington, concurring with the Petitioners as to the advantages which would result from the concession, was favorably disposed to it, provided the arrangement could be effected without serious difficulty. You accordingly requested to be favoured with the opinion of the Postmaster-General on this subject.

In reply I forwarded to you on the 8th October, the copy of a Letter which the Earl of Hardwicke had addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, on the 27th April previous, advocating the substitution of a combined uniform charge of sixpence the single letter, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, in place of the present varying rates on Colonial Correspondence, together with certain changes in the arrangements for the transmission of Parliamentary Proceedings and Newspapers between the United Kingdom and the Colonies; and the Postmaster-General had the satisfaction of learning, by your Letter of the 8th November that, in the opinion of Sir John Pakington, the establishment of a uniform sixpenny rate for all Colonial letters, within the weight specified, although accompanied by an increase of the rate at present levied on the transmission of Parliamentary Proceedings and Newspapers (as had been suggested in Lord Hardwicke's Letter) would be a most valuable boon to Her Majesty's Colonial subjects, as well as to all those persons in this country having private or commercial relations with the Colonies.

No further steps were at that time taken for again bringing the question under the consideration of the Treasury. But Lord Canning, on accession to office, took an early opportunity of addressing the Treasury on the subject, expressing not only his

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own concurrence in the proposal of his Predecessor, subject to some slight modification, but also the view entertained of it by Sir John Pakington, and requesting therefore for the measure the favourable consideration of Her Majesty's Government.

The details of the arrangement are, that the present postal charges on letters between the United Kingdom and all the British Colonial Possessions, shall be reduced to an uniform rate of *sixpence* the half ounce, according to the following scale, which is that in operation in the United Kingdom, viz. :—

Not exceeding half an ounce—one rate.

Exceeding half an ounce and not exceeding one ounce—two rates.

Exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces—four rates.

And so on, increasing two rates for each ounce, or fraction of an ounce.

This postage to free the letter to its place of destination, and to be pre-paid or not, at the option of the sender. That this postage shall be divided, as regards those Colonies, the posts of which are not under the control of Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, in the following proportions, viz. :—

When the letter is conveyed by packet, 5d. to the Mother Country (viz. : 1d. for Inland rate, and 4d. for Sea rate) and 1d. to the Colony.

When conveyed by private ship, the postage to be equally divided, 3d. being the share of the Mother Country, and 3d. the share of the Colony.

Of course to this uniform rate of sixpence, addition must be made, as at present, when the letter is subjected to a Foreign transit postage, as in the case of letters to Canada, viâ the United States.

That Parliamentary proceedings shall be placed on the same footing as other books; and that an uniform rate of one penny (to be paid in advance) shall be established on Newspapers, the same freeing them to their destination either way, and the postage to be retained whichever party collects it.

The rates of postage and the regulations for the transmission of books it is unnecessary to recapitulate here, as they are fully detailed in my Letter to you of the 14th December, 1850; but I may observe that, under the combined arrangement proposed, the scale for letters will be the same (substituting ounces for pounds) as that adopted for books.

Lord Canning is glad to announce to the Duke of Newcastle that the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury have informed him, that they are deeply impressed with, and entirely concur in, the reasons given by his Lordship and his Predecessor for the proposed change, and that they will be prepared to adopt it so soon as the circumstances which they may think it their duty to take into consideration will permit, if, upon communication with the different Colonies, whose postal arrangements are independent of this country, it shall be found that they are willing to acquiesce in the arrangement proposed.

But as it is obviously necessary that the concurrence of such Colonies shall be first ascertained, the Postmaster-General, under the directions of the Treasury, has to request that the Duke of Newcastle will be good enough to communicate with those Colonies, the posts of which are independent of the control of this Department, and to ascertain whether, in the event of Her Majesty's Government adopting the general system recommended, they will concur therein, so far as the proposition affects their postal charges and arrangements; at the same time adding, that Her Majesty Government will be prepared to reverse the proportion of the charges in all cases where the packet service shall be furnished by the Colonies.

It is desirable that it should be explained to the Colonial Government, that the measure must either be accepted in its integrity, or declined, as one of the principal objects of Her Majesty's Government is to establish an uniform measure; and this it would be impossible to accomplish if the various Colonies were to suggest modifications suited

sued perhaps to their own peculiar state or requirements, but inconsistent with a general arrangement such as that proposed.

The following is a list of the Colonies in which the Posts are under the control of Her Majesty's Postmaster General, viz :

British West Indies, (with the exception of Barbadoes and Trinidad).

British Guiana.

Honduras.

Malta.

Gibraltar.

Hong Kong.

Heligoland.

In all other British Colonies and Possessions, the Posts are under Local management.

In order to avoid any misconception, I beg to repeat that the object of the Postmaster-General, in the first instance, is to enquire whether the Government of the several Colonies will consent to the measure contemplated. Should their consent be obtained, it will then remain to fix a period for bringing the arrangements into effect, simultaneously in the United Kingdom and in the Colonies.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

W. L. MABERLY.

HERMAN MERIVALE, Esq., &c., &c., &c., Colonial Office.

RAILWAY BILLS.

(Copy.)

No. 33.

Downing Street, 30th September, 1853.

SIR—

I have to acknowledge your Despatch, No. 58, of the 27th ultimo, drawing my attention to the Bills for the construction of Railways in Nova-Scotia, now under the consideration of Her Majesty's Government.

2. The delay which has taken place, as to the confirmation of these Acts, has not been occasioned by any hesitation on the part of Her Majesty's Government, as to the propriety of advising Her Majesty to confirm them, but has arisen from the communications which have passed during the last Spring and Summer, between this Department and various Gentlemen engaged, or otherwise concerned, in the scheme of Railways to connect the North American Possessions of the Crown, of which the Nova-Scotia lines form a part.

3. But it appears to me, on full consideration of the present state of the question, and of your present Despatch, that no sufficient cause exists for prolonging that delay. The Acts will, consequently, be submitted to Her Majesty for the assent required to bring them into operation.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

NEWCASTLE.

Lieut. Governor Sir J. G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

RAILWAYS.

Montreal, 30th September, 1853.

TO SIR GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova-Scotia.

Your Excellency—

It was my intention to have paid my respects to your Excellency in person, on my way to Europe, but the position of matters there (politically) compel me to return per next Steamer, to look after the interests we have embarked in on various parts of the Continent.

The non-arrival of Her Majesty's consent to the Bills passed last Session, as well as the unfinished state of the Surveys, would have precluded us from entering closely into any arrangement for the Nova-Scotia Railway; for, until we can go closely into details, as regards cost, as prudent men we should not enter into positive engagements.

We are sorry to hear from Mr. Beatty that the works will be heavy and expensive; sufficiently so to deter any Company, or body of men from undertaking the works; for, unconnected with a through route, there is not traffic to support even a very cheap line: and neither we, nor the Government of Nova-Scotia, would venture to expend a large sum, unless we and they saw an equivalent return for the outlay. I am afraid the cost will deter both us and your Government from undertaking them; but this we cannot decide on until the Surveys are complete.

While in New Brunswick, I had a confidential communication with Sir Edmund Head, and conveyed to him the result of several communications I had had with the Ministers of Canada.

Since my return I have addressed a Letter to the Honorable Francis Hinks; a copy of which I beg to enclose for Your Excellency's consideration.

A Despatch enclosing my Letter has gone to Lord Elgin; and I am sure His Excellency will at once join in the matter; and I trust when I reach London, to arrange for a direct application to be made to the Governments of Nova-Scotia and New Brunswick from the Colonial Office, to ascertain their sentiments.

I have taken this course advisedly; and hope to work out a great result; unless the Grand Trunk of Canada take up the whole system, Nova-Scotia will for years be debarred from making Halifax the great mart of the East: for Maine is unable to make her lines; she can give no State aid, and her Cities and Citizens are too poor; and British Capital cannot be got to aid her.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obdt. Servant,

W. JACKSON.

Quebec, 23rd September, 1853.

TO THE HONORABLE FRANCIS HINCKS.

MY DEAR SIR—

The success which has thus far attended our united efforts in promoting the construction of a great line of Railway from Lake Huron to the Gulf of the Saint Lawrence, induces me not to abandon the hope that we may yet succeed in uniting the Lower Provinces with Canada, by a continuation of the Main Trunk Road from Riviere du Loup, through New Brunswick and Nova-Scotia, to the Atlantic.

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Our acquaintance, as you know, began with the Quebec and Halifax project, and my partners feel with me a degree of national pride in endeavoring to carry out that important work, so as to give to Canada and the other Colonies an Atlantic Port of their own. I feel assured, that with your able assistance, it may yet be accomplished.

Largely as we are interested in Canadian Railways, you know that, for any mere purpose of our own, Portland has a splendid seaport, open at all seasons; but we have a strong desire to see the North American Colonies connected together by a Railway through their own territories, terminating at Halifax.

Having just returned from New Brunswick, where I had an opportunity of ascertaining the feeling in that Province, and having there met several of the leading men from Nova-Scotia, I have now to suggest a course by which I hope to see the proposed Railway constructed.

Nova-Scotia and New Brunswick may, I think, be looked to for a subsidy of £20,000 Sterling, per annum, say £40,000 from both together, for as long a period as would purchase $3\frac{1}{4}$ terminable annuities.

If Canada will vote £30,000 Sterling, per annum, the Imperial Government would, I have no doubt, contribute a like amount annually, and at the same time guarantee the annuities to be created on the strength of the annual amounts so voted.

The Grand Trunk ought to assume whatever surplus might be required to complete the line; if necessary, make any such surplus a preference stock.

In the event of my suggestions meeting the approval of yourself and colleagues, immediate steps should be taken to communicate with His Excellency the Governor-General, and enlist his Lordships co-operation, which I am sure he will gladly afford, in bringing the matter again under the consideration of the Imperial authorities.

Believe me, my dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) WILLIAM JACKSON.

FISHERIES.

(Copy.)

No. 31.

*Government House, Halifax, Nova-Scotia,
11th April, 1853.*

MY LORD DUKE,—

I have the honor to transmit to your Grace the accompanying Address from the Legislative Council of Nova-Scotia, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

I may observe that the Address is one of similar purport to that forwarded by the last Mail in my Despatch, No. 27, of the 31st ult., from the other branch of the Legislature, thanking Her Majesty for the protection afforded to the Fisheries of British North America during the last year, and praying for the further employment of such a force as may prevent any encroachment on their Fishing Grounds, and secure to them the enjoyment of rights to which they are exclusively entitled.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

His Grace the DUKE OF NEWCASTLE, &c. &c. &c.

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No. 22.

Downing-Street, 3d May, 1853.

SIR—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 31, of the 11th of April, transmitting an Address to the Queen from the Legislative Council of Nova-Scotia, praying that the measures adopted by Her Majesty's Government for the protection of the Fisheries on the Coasts of British North America may be continued.

I have to instruct you to acquaint the Council that I have laid this Address before the Queen, and that Her Majesty was pleased to receive it very graciously.

I have, &c.

(Signed) NEWCASTLE.

SIR J. G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c. Nova-Scotia.

CASES OF APPEAL.

Downing Street, July 19, 1853.

SIR—

I transmit to you, herewith, an Order made by Her Majesty in Council on the 13th ultimo, establishing certain Rules and Regulations in Appeals to the Queen in Council from the Colonies, and from the Territories of the East India Company, with a view to greater economy, despatch, and efficiency in the Appellate Jurisdiction of Her Majesty.

You will take the necessary steps for giving the most extensive publicity to these Rules and Regulations, which have been recommended by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, for the purpose of effecting a material improvement in the administration of Justice, and a considerable reduction in the cost of prosecuting Appeals to the highest Tribunal in the Country.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obdt. humble Servant,

NEWCASTLE.

Lieutenant-Governor, Sir G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c. Nova-Scotia.

At the Court of Buckingham Palace, the 13th day of June, 1853.

PRESENT:

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

&c. &c. &c.

Whereas there was this day read at the Board, a report from the Right Honorable the Lords of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, dated the 30th May last past, humbly setting forth that the Lords of the Judicial Committee have taken into

into consideration the practice of the Committee with a view to greater economy, despatch, and efficiency in the appellate jurisdiction of Her Majesty in Council, and that their Lordships have agreed humbly to report to Her Majesty that it is expedient that certain changes should be made in the existing practice in Appeals, and recommending that certain Rules and Regulations therein set forth should henceforth be observed, obeyed, and carried into execution, provided Her Majesty is pleased to approve the same :

Her Majesty, having taken the said Report into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve thereof, and of the Rules and Regulations set forth therein, in the words following, viz :—

I. That, any former usage or practice of Her Majesty's Privy Council notwithstanding, an Appellant who shall succeed in obtaining a reversal or material alteration of any judgment, decree, or order appealed from, shall be entitled to recover the costs of the Appeal from the Respondent, except in cases in which the Lords of the Judicial Committee may think fit otherwise to direct.

II. That the Registrar or other proper officer having the custody of Records in any Court of special jurisdiction from which an Appeal is brought to Her Majesty in Council be directed to send by post, with all possible despatch, one certified copy of the transcript record in each cause to the Registrar of Her Majesty's Privy Council, Whitehall ; and that all such transcripts be registered in the Privy Council Office, with the date of their arrival, the names of the parties, and the date of the sentence appealed from ; and that such transcript be accompanied by a correct and complete index of all the papers, documents, and exhibits in the cause ; and that the Registrar of the Court appealed from, or other proper Officer of such Court, be directed to omit from such transcript all merely formal documents, provided such omission be stated and certified in the said index of papers ; and that especial care be taken not to allow any document to be set forth more than once in such transcript ; and that no other certified copies of the record be transmitted to agents in England by or on behalf of the parties in the suit ; and that the fees and expenses incurred and paid for the preparation of such transcript be stated and certified upon it by the Registrar or other Officer preparing the same.

III. That when the record of proceedings or evidence in the cause appealed has been printed or partly printed abroad, the Registrar or other proper Officer of the Court from which the Appeal is brought shall be bound to send home the same in a printed form, either wholly or so far as the same may have been printed, and that he do certify the same to be correct, on two copies, by signing his name on every printed sheet, and by affixing the seal, if any, of the Court appealed from to these copies, with the sanction of the Court.

And that in all cases in which the parties in Appeals shall think fit to have the proceedings printed abroad, they shall be at liberty to do so, provided they cause fifty copies of the same to be printed in folio, and transmitted, at their expence, to the Registrar of the Privy Council, two of which printed copies shall be certified as above by the Officers of the Court appealed from ; and in this case no further expence for copying or printing the record will be incurred or allowed in England.

IV. That on the arrival of a written transcript of Appeal at the Privy Council Office, Whitehall, the Appellant, or the agent of the Appellant prosecuting the same, shall be at liberty to call on the Registrar of the Privy Council to cause it, or such part thereof as may be necessary for the hearing of the case, and likewise all such parts thereof as the Respondent or his agent may require, to be printed by Her Majesty's Printer, or by any other printer on the same terms, the Appellant or his agent engaging to pay the cost of preparing a copy for the printer at a rate not exceeding one shilling per brief sheet, and likewise the cost of printing such record or appendix, and

and that one hundred copies of the same be struck off, whereof thirty copies are to be delivered to the agents on each side, and forty kept for the use of the Judicial Committee; and that no other fees for Solicitors' copies of the transcript, or for drawing the joint appendix, be henceforth allowed, the Solicitors on both sides being allowed to have access to the original papers at the Council office, and to extract or cause to be extracted and copied such parts thereof as are necessary for the preparation of the petition of appeal, at the stationer's charge, not exceeding one shilling per brief sheet.

V. That a certain time be fixed within which it shall be the duty of the Appellant or his agent to make such application for the printing of the transcript, and that such time be within the space of six calendar months from the arrival of the transcript and the registration thereof, in all matters brought by appeal from Her Majesty's Colonies and Plantations east of the Cape of Good Hope, or from the Territories of the East India Company, and within the space of three months, in all matters brought by appeal from any other part of Her Majesty's dominions abroad; and that in default of the Appellant or his agent taking effectual steps for the prosecution of the appeal within such time or times respectively, the appeal shall stand dismissed without further order, and that a report of the same be made to the Judicial Committee by the Registrar of the Privy Council at their Lordships next sitting.

VI. That whenever it shall be found that the decision of a matter on appeal is likely to turn exclusively on a question of law, the agent of the parties, with the sanction of the Registrar of the Privy Council, may submit such question of law to the Lords of the Judicial Committee in the form of a special case, and print such parts only of the transcript as may be necessary for the discussion of the same: provided that nothing herein contained shall in any way bar or prevent the Lords of the Judicial Committee from ordering the full discussion of the whole case, if they shall so think fit; and that in order to promote such arrangements and simplification of the matter in dispute, the Registrar of the Privy Council may call the agents of the parties before him, and having heard them, and examined the transcript, may report to the Committee as to the nature of the proceedings.

And Her Majesty is further pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the foregoing Rules and Regulations be punctually observed, obeyed, and carried into execution in all appeals or petitions and complaints in the nature of appeals brought to Her Majesty, or to Her Heirs and Successors, in Council, from Her Majesty's Colonies and Plantations abroad, and from the Channel Islands, or the Isle of Man, and from the Territories of the East India Company, whether the same be from Courts of Justice or from special jurisdictions, other than appeals from Her Majesty's Courts of Vice Admiralty, to which the said Rules are not to be applied.

Whereof the Judges and Officers of Her Majesty's Courts of Justice abroad, and the Judges and Officers of the Superior Courts of the East India Company, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

WM. L. BATHURST.

FISHERIES.

Extracts of Treaties relating to the Fisheries.

FRANCE.

TREATY OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

Signed at Utrecht, the 31st March, and 11th April, 1713.

EXTRACT. (TRANSLATION.)

XIII.* The Island called Newfoundland, with the adjacent Islands, shall, from this time forward, belong of right wholly to Great Britain; and to that end the Town and Fortress of Placentia, and whatever other places in the said Island are in the possession of the French, shall be yielded and given up, within seven months from the exchange of the ratifications of this Treaty, or sooner, if possible, by the Most Christian King, to those who have a commission from the Queen of Great Britain for that purpose. Nor shall the Most Christian King, His Heirs and Successors, or any of their subjects, at any time hereafter lay claim to any right to the said Island and Islands, or to any part of it or them. Moreover it shall not be lawful for the subjects of France, to fortify any place in the said Island of Newfoundland, or to erect any buildings there, besides stages made of boards, and huts necessary and usual for drying of fish; or to resort to the said Island, beyond the time necessary for fishing and drying of fish. But it shall be allowed to the subjects of France, to catch fish, and to dry them on land, in that part only, and in no other besides that, of the said Island of Newfoundland, which stretches from the Cape Bonavista to the northern point of the said Island, and from thence running down by the western side, reaches as far as the place called Point Riche. But the Island called Cape Breton, as also all others, both in the mouth of the River St. Lawrence, and in the Gulf of the same name, shall hereafter belong of right to the French; and the Most Christian King shall have all manner of liberty to fortify any place or places there.

Done at Utrecht, the 31st March, and 11th April, 1713.

(Signed)

JOHN BRISTOL, C.P.S. (L.S.)
STRAFFORD, (L.S.)
HUXELLES, (L.S.)
MESNAGER, (L.S.)

* Renewed by Article V. of the Treaty of Paris, 1763.

DEFINITIVE TREATY BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE (AND SPAIN.)

Signed in Paris, the 10th February, 1763.

EXTRACT. (TRANSLATION.)

V.* The subjects of France shall have the liberty of fishing and drying on a part of the Coasts of the Island of Newfoundland, such as is specified in Article XIII. of the Treaty of Utrecht; which Article is renewed and confirmed by the present Treaty (except what relates to the Island of Cape Breton, as well as to the other Islands and Coasts in the mouth and in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.) And His Britannic Majesty

* Renewed by Article XIII. of the Definitive Treaty of Peace, 1814.

consents

consents to leave to the subjects of the Most Christian King, the liberty of fishing in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, on condition that the subjects of France do not exercise the said Fishery, but at the distance of three leagues from all the Coasts belonging to Great Britain, as well those of the Continent, as those of the Islands situated in the said Gulf of St. Lawrence. And as to what relates to the Fishery on the Coasts of the Island of Cape Breton out of the said Gulf, the subjects of the Most Christian King shall not be permitted to exercise the said Fishery, but at the distance of fifteen leagues from the Coasts of the Island of Cape Breton; and the Fishery on the Coasts of Nova-Scotia or Acadia, and every where else out of the said Gulf, shall remain on the footing of former Treaties.

VI. The King of Great Britain cedes the Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, in full right, to His Most Christian Majesty, to serve as a shelter to the French Fishermen; and His said Most Christian Majesty engages not to fortify the said Islands; to erect no buildings upon them, but merely for the convenience of the Fishery; and to keep upon them a guard of fifty men only, for the police.

Done at Paris, the 10th of February, 1763.

(Signed)

BEDFORD, C.P.S. (L.S.)

CHOISEUL, DUC DE PRASLIN, (L.S.)

EL MARQ. DE GRIMALDI, (L.S.)

DEFINITIVE TREATY BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

*Signed at Versailles, 3rd of September, 1783.**

EXTRACT.

(TRANSLATION AS LAID BEFORE PARLIAMENT.)

IV. His Majesty the King of Great Britain is maintained in His right to the Island of Newfoundland, and to the adjacent Islands, as the whole were assured to him by the Thirteenth Article of the Treaty of Utrecht; excepting the Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, which are ceded in full right by the present Treaty to His Most Christian Majesty.

V. His Majesty the Most Christian King, in order to prevent the quarrels which have hitherto arisen between the two Nations of England and France, consents to renounce the right of fishing which belongs to him in virtue of the aforesaid Article of the Treaty of Utrecht, from Cape Bonavista to Cape St. John, situated on the eastern coast of Newfoundland, in fifty degrees north latitude; and His Majesty the King of Great Britain consents, on his part, that the Fishery assigned to the subjects of His Most Christian Majesty, beginning at the said Cape St. John, passing to the north, and descending by the western coast of the Island of Newfoundland, shall extend to the place called Cape Raye, situated in forty-seven degrees fifty minutes latitude.—The French Fishermen shall enjoy the Fishery which is assigned to them by the present Article, as they had the right to enjoy that which was assigned to them by the Treaty of Utrecht.

VI. With regard to the Fishery in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the French shall continue to exercise it conformably to the Fifth Article of the Treaty of Paris.

Done at Versailles, the 3rd of Sept., 1783.

Signed

MANCHESTER, (L. S.)

GRAVIER DE VERGÈNNES, (L. S.)

* Renewed by Article XIII. of the Definitive Treaty of Peace, 1814.

British Declaration, signed at Versailles, 3rd of September, 1783.

EXTRACT.

The King having entirely agreed with His Most Christian Majesty upon the Articles of the Definitive Treaty, will seek every means which shall not only ensure the execution thereof, with his accustomed good faith and punctuality, but will besides give, on his part, all possible efficacy to the principles which shall prevent even the least foundation of dispute for the future.

To this end, and in order that the Fishermen of the two nations may not give cause for daily quarrels, His Britannic Majesty will take the most positive measures for preventing his subjects from interrupting, in any manner, by their competition, the Fishery of the French, during the temporary exercise of it which is granted to them upon the coasts of the Island of Newfoundland; and he will, for this purpose, cause the fixed settlements which shall be formed there to be removed. His Britannic Majesty will give orders that the French Fishermen be not incommoded in cutting the wood necessary for the repair of their scaffolds, huts, and Fishing Vessels.

The Thirteenth Article of the Treaty of Utrecht, and the method of carrying on the Fishery which has at all times been acknowledged, shall be the plan upon which the Fishery shall be carried on there; it shall not be deviated from by either party; the French Fishermen building only their scaffolds, confining themselves to the repair of their Fishing Vessels, and not wintering there; the subjects of His Britannic Majesty, on their part, not molesting in any manner the French Fishermen during their fishing, nor injuring their scaffolds during their absence.

The King of Great Britain, in ceding the Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon to France, regards them as ceded for the purpose of serving as a real shelter to the French Fishermen, and in full confidence that these possessions will not become an object of jealousy between the two nations; and that the Fishery between the said Islands and that of Newfoundland, shall be limited to the middle of the channel.

Given at Versailles, the 3rd of Sept., 1783.

Signed MANCHESTER, (L. S.)

French Counter-Declaration, signed at Versailles, the 3d of September, 1783. ♦

EXTRACT.

The principles which have guided the King in the whole course of the negotiations which preceded the re-establishment of peace, must have convinced the King of Great Britain, that His Majesty has had no other design than to render it solid and lasting, by preventing, as much as possible, in the four quarters of the world, every subject of discussion and quarrel. The King of Great Britain undoubtedly places too much confidence in the uprightness of His Majesty's intentions, not to rely upon His constant attention to prevent the Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon from becoming an object of jealousy between the two nations.

As to the fishery on the coasts of Newfoundland, which has been the object of the new arrangements settled by the two Sovereigns upon this matter, it is sufficiently ascertained by the fifth Article of the Treaty of Peace signed this day, and by the Declaration likewise delivered to day, by His Britannic Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary; and His Majesty declares that he is fully satisfied on this head.

In regard to the Fishery between the Island of Newfoundland, and those of St. Pierre and Miquelon, it is not to be carried on, by either party, but to the middle of the channel ; and His Majesty will give the most positive orders, that the French Fishermen shall not go beyond this line. His Majesty is firmly persuaded that the King of Great Britain will give like orders to the English Fishermen.

Given at Versailles, the 3d of September, 1783.

Signed

GRAVIER DE VERGENNES.

UNITED STATES.

EXTRACT FROM CONVENTION BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

Signed at London, October 20, 1818.

His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the United States of America, desirous to cement the good understanding which happily subsists between them, have, for that purpose, named their respective Plenipotentiaries, that is to say : His Majesty, on his part, has appointed the Right Honorable Frederick John Robinson, Treasurer of His Majesty's Navy, and President of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations ; and Henry Goulburn, Esquire, one of His Majesty's Under Secretaries of State ;—and the President of the United States has appointed Albert Gallatin, their Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of France ; and Richard Rush, their Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court of His Britannic Majesty—who, after having exchanged their respective full powers, found to be in due and proper form, have agreed to and concluded the following Articles :

1. Whereas differences have arisen respecting the liberty claimed by the United States, for the inhabitants thereof, to take, dry, and cure fish, on certain coasts, bays, harbors, and creeks, of His Britannic Majesty's Dominions in America, it is agreed between the High Contracting Parties, that the inhabitants of the said United States shall have, forever, in common with the subjects of His Britannic Majesty, the liberty to take fish of every kind, on that part of the southern coast of Newfoundland which extends from Cape Ray to the Rameau Islands, on the western and northern coast of Newfoundland, from the said Cape Ray to the Quirpon Islands, on the shores of the Magdalen Islands, and also on the coasts, bays, harbors, and creeks, from Mount Joly, on the southern coast of Labrador, to and through the streights of Belleisle, and thence northwardly indefinitely along the coast, without prejudice, however, to any of the exclusive rights of the Hudson Bay Company ; and that the American fishermen shall also have liberty, for ever, to dry and cure fish in any of the unsettled bays, harbors, and creeks of the southern part of the coast of Newfoundland, here above described, and of the coast of Labrador ; but so soon as the same, or any portion thereof, shall be settled, it shall not be lawful for the said Fishermen to dry or cure fish at such portion so settled, without previous agreement for such purpose, with the inhabitants, proprietors, or possessors of the ground. And the United States hereby renounce for ever, any liberty heretofore enjoyed or claimed by the inhabitants thereof, to take, dry, or cure fish, on or within three marine miles of any of the coasts, bays, creeks, or harbors of His Britannic Majesty's Dominions in America, not included within the above mentioned limits : provided, however, that the American Fishermen shall be admitted to enter such bays or harbors for the purpose of shelter and of repairing damages therein, of purchasing wood, and of obtaining water, and for no other purpose whatever. But they shall be under such restrictions as may be necessary to prevent their taking, drying, or curing fish therein, or in any other manner whatever abusing the privileges hereby reserved to them.

 MINES.

No. 49.

Downing Street, 9th January, 1854.

SIR—

I have received from the General Mining Association, a Letter dated 8th December, (of which I enclose a copy) representing that the Act passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia in its last Session, for regulating the Mines of the Province, and lately sanctioned by the Queen in Council, will have a very serious and prejudicial effect on the interests of the Company, unless they in some measure receive relief from the Government. They have therefore submitted the following proposal to me, which, considering the large amount of Capital the Company has invested in the Province, I regard as very proper and reasonable. It is, that on any application being preferred to you for permission to open and work Mines in Nova-Scotia or Cape Breton, in addition to the stipulated notice, the person or persons making such application shall be called upon to give good and sufficient security that operations will be commenced and effectually carried out within a specified time from the date of such permission being conceded. If there is no provision in the Act which militates against the exercise of such authority on your part, I am of opinion that you may fairly impose the above condition as a test of the bonâ fide intention of parties to work the Mines for the lease of which they are applicants.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

NEWCASTLE.

Lieut. Governor Sir G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

 (Copy.)
*General Mining Association,**52, Old Broad Street, December 8, 1853.*

SIR—

I have received and laid before the Board of Directors your Letter of the 9th ultimo, informing me that the representation of the General Mining Association contained in their Memorial to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle, dated 17th May last, against the Act passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia in its last Session, for regulating the Mines of the Province, had been taken into consideration, but that there have not appeared to his Grace to be any sufficient grounds for advising Her Majesty to disallow an Act which there is reason to believe will promote the public interests of the Province; and that the Order of the Queen in Council, for the confirmation of the Act, was transmitted to the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova-Scotia, by the mail of the 28th of October last.

The Directors very much regret to find that no intimation is given in your Letter of any special or qualifying instructions having been transmitted to the Lieutenant-Governor, with the sanction to an Act so seriously invading the privileges of the original grant made by the Crown, on the faith of which an enormous capital has been expended by this Association in developing the mineral resources of the Province, of a nature calculated to relieve the Association from the harassing and ruinous competition of those who, under the authority of the said Act, may obtain permission to open Mines in any part of the Province, without giving any security as to their means and ability

ability to carry out their speculative projects, which may be commenced on the very threshold of the Mines belonging to the Association, and now in course of working.

Throughout the several clauses of the Act in question, security for the due performance of those Mining operations, for which Licences may be granted within a given period, is neither directly nor indirectly alluded to.

I am now therefore respectfully to express the earnest hope of the Directors, that on a further consideration of the subject, and the great interest which the Association has at stake, his Grace will not consider that fair and equitable protection to a Company, which has conferred such solid and lasting benefits on the Colony of Nova-Scotia; as in any degree incompatible with his desire to promote the public interests of the Colony; and with that view, that his Grace will be pleased to cause instructions to be forwarded to the Lieutenant-Governor, to the effect, that on any application being made to open and work Mines in Nova-Scotia or Cape-Breton, in addition to the stipulated notice, such person or persons shall be called upon to give good and sufficient security that operations will be commenced, and effectually carried out, within twelve months from the date of such permission being conceded.

Without this reasonable security, the further operations of this Company will be completely paralyzed, since it would be utterly impossible for them to compete with parties who, in addition to their freedom from any payment of Royalty to the Duke of York's Representatives, may at any time be exempted by the Local Government from the whole or a portion of the Royalty which the General Mining Association now pays the Crown.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

ROBERT MOSAR, Chairman.

HERMAN MERRIVALE, Esquire, &c. &c. &c.

Since the foregoing was written Mr. Cunard has arrived in England, and I beg to forward, for the perusal of His Grace, the copy of a Letter addressed by him to His Excellency Sir Gaspard LeMarchant, dated 14th November, on the business to which this communication refers.

(Copy.)

Halifax, 14th November, 1853.

SIR—

I have been very anxious to obtain a description of Coal suited for Gas, and have for some time past had persons employed in exploring the Coal seam in different parts of the Province. I think we have found a vein at Bridgeport which is likely to answer. I have sent a small cargo to New York for trial, but have not yet ascertained its qualities. In the mean time, I am making out an estimate of the probable expense of the undertaking, to lay before the Board of Directors in London.

Before incurring any additional expense, I am desirous of bringing under the notice of your Excellency, the position in which the General Mining Association may be placed, if the present system of giving notice is continued.

After we have expended large sums of money in exploring the country, and in opening a Mine at Bridgeport, we may be served with notice that some Adventurer proposes to open a Mine in the same District; for instance, we have had scientific persons employed for several years in exploring the Coal District in Cumberland, and have opened works there, at a cost of £14,000, yet we have been served with notice that Doctor Gesner and others, proposes to open a Mine in the same District, taking advantage

advantage of the information obtained by our explorations. This never could have been the intention of Her Majesty's Government when the Notice Clause was inserted in the Lease.

Adventurers of this kind should not be placed in a more favorable position than the Association, who were called upon by Her Majesty's Government to pay £3000, Stg. per annum, for a term of sixty years, and to give ample security for the payment thereof, before they were allowed to commence operations; and if their Mining speculation had been a total failure, the Association were bound, and are still bound, to pay the rent of £3000 a year, to the end of the term. The Association paid this rent before they commenced any operations, and have continued to pay it for twenty-seven years; the most ample security was taken for the payment of this rent, which is distinct from the royalty.

Under the present system, we are called upon to open new Mines, (or allow Doctor Gesner to do so,) although we cannot dispose of one-half the quantity of Coal that we can furnish from the Mines already opened in that District.

I understand that Doctor Gesner said he could deposit in the Treasury a large sum of money, which should be forfeited if he did not work the Mines. I think this deposit should have been made before the Mining Association were served with notice, and I now respectfully request that the deposit may be made, to test the sincerity and ability of Doctor Gesner, before the Mining Association are put to any additional expense.

Two of the Gentlemen, whose names were appended to Doctor Gesner's Petition, have written to Your Excellency, requesting their names may be withdrawn. It is well known that Doctor Gesner is a person of no means. Several years ago Doctor Gesner applied to open the same Mines, he was then informed that he must give security, which he failed to do.

I have also to beg that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct that all persons applying for permission to work Mines, may be called on to deposit in the Treasury a reasonable sum, as a guarantee for their ability to carry out the operations they propose; this course is based upon principles of justice, and would place the applicants upon something like the footing of the General Mining Association, who were called upon to give security for the payment of £3000 Sterling a year for sixty years, and who have carried out *all* their engagements in good faith. They imported into the Country the first Machinery,—constructed the first Railroads,—and have disbursed in the Province upwards of a million and a half of money. I have further to beg that Your Excellency will not entertain any application to open Mines in the same District in which the Association have works in operation. I feel confident that your Excellency and Her Majesty's Council will not sanction any measures calculated to injure and annoy the Association, without advantage to the Province.

I am very desirous that a Minute of Council should be passed, laying down some regulations respecting applications, and that no application should be entertained to open a mine in the district where the Association have works in operation, and also that persons applying should be called upon to shew that they have the means of carrying out the measures they propose.

Under the present system we are completely in the power of any adventurer who may attempt to extort money from us, under the threat of putting us to expense, by applying to open a mine alongside of us.

As I am going to England to consult with the Directors on the Mining affairs in the Province, I shall feel much obliged by your Excellency granting me an opportunity of waiting on you and Her Majesty's Council, to make any personal explanations that may be required.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

S. CUNARD.

To His Excellency Sir GASPARD LE MARCHANT.

BOARD OF WORKS—REPORT.

To His Excellency SIR J. GASPARD LE MARCHANT, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

I beg leave to present to Your Excellency, a Report in reference to the several Departments in charge, and under the supervision, of the Board of Works during the past year, arranging each, for greater perspicuity, under the name by which it is designated.

THE PENITENTIARY.

This Institution has continued nearly the same as when last reported. Indeed very little change can take place, either in its expences or in its earnings, until the Prison is finished, which will require a considerable time yet to accomplish, unless a large appropriation is made for that purpose, or a much greater number of criminals are sent there. The latter is certainly not desirable, and the former not necessary, inasmuch as sufficient is finished for those that are there, and their labour may be as usefully employed in that work as any other. The expences are perhaps as little as can reasonably be expected. The number of Keepers and their Salaries are as small as can with safety or propriety be assigned to such an Establishment. These must be sustained whether the prisoners be many or few;—if there were many, and the Building and suitable Workshops were finished, their labour would of course produce more, but where there are only from twenty to twenty-five prisoners, as has been the case for most of the time, and not more than one half of these able to work, that there should be the same results from their labour, as where there are several hundred, cannot be reasonably expected; and if the legal expences of prosecuting several hundred criminals be considered, the exemption from such charge is a satisfactory offset to the earnings of criminal labour. By the Return, however, which the Superintendant has made, and which is submitted to the Legislature, it will be seen that the labour of the criminals, estimated at a very low rate of wages, amounts to a considerable sum, sufficient at least to shew that they have not been sustained in idleness. A part of their labour does not produce an immediate return, but beside the building of the wall, some portion of the land is being yearly cleared, by which cultivation may be extended, and thereby contribute to the support of the prisoners.

Another important part and object of the establishment is also in useful operation. Several of the prisoners are acquiring mechanical skill, whereby to support themselves hereafter. Three men who were discharged during the last year there learned the art of stone cutting, and are now earning good wages and conducting themselves creditably. A young boy who is still in the prison, has acquired, in the Blacksmith's Shop, and exhibited in several articles manufactured by him, considerable skill in making tools, and is now learning to cut stone, and, at the expiration of his imprisonment, will probably commence the world with a knowledge of two trades.

With a view to economy in regard to fuel, which is a costly item in the annual expenditure, a hot air apparatus, on a small scale, has been introduced into one part of the building, by which several rooms are warmed. If it be found on sufficient trial to answer the purpose intended, the principle may be extended to other parts of the establishment.

The expences of the past year have been £1080 11s. 3d., which includes the building of a barn and piggery, and a balance due the previous year for granite (£100). There will be required for the current year £950.

The causes above stated have increased the outlay in the year past, but £950 will probably suffice for this year, which is inclusive of £249 2s. undrawn from former grants.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The extensive repairs for the preservation of the Public Buildings rendered necessary a large expenditure. All the floors of the Public Offices were sinking, in consequence of the decay of the joists underneath. It was thought that the floors would have to be raised, which would not only have caused a heavy expense, but would, in the mean time, have greatly interrupted business. The necessary repairs have however been made, by supporting the basement story with granite pillars;—much expense and inconvenience have thus been avoided, and the floors it is believed sufficiently secured. New iron pillars have been erected in place of the wooden ones, decayed;—the exterior of the Building has also been examined and repaired, by re-pointing joints and replacing stones that were decayed; a granite wall has also been built under the railings, the whole extent of the front of the Provincial Building. A considerable outlay was also deemed necessary, in cleaning and painting, and in alterations and arrangements consequent on, and connected with, the Agricultural Exhibition. Those in the Council Chamber were done under the direction of the Committee of the Legislative Council, who have it annually in charge. The cleaning, repairing, furnishing, and fitting up Government House as required, caused outlay to a large extent, and there are several things that yet demand attention, particularly the roof, both of Government House and of the Province Building, parts of which are shingled, and thus insecure in case of fire. Slates of a suitable quality, which cannot be obtained here, will be ordered from England for the doing of this work in the ensuing season;—when this is completed, it is probable that much less expence will be required for some time to come. A statement of the amount expended out of the special grant will be submitted with the public accounts.

LIGHT HOUSES.

All the Light Houses have been kept in operation as heretofore, and five more, as directed by the Legislature, have been built; one of which (Pubnico) is lighted, but the other four were not completed in time to receive the necessary supplies, and White Head Light required a revolving apparatus, which is being prepared. Respecting two of these it is not of much consequence, as the Harbours near them are frozen up in winter. The design of making the trial of lighting with gas, although the Buildings were erected with that view, and prepared for it, and an increased expence thereby incurred, has been frustrated, because the material for making gas as intended, could not be obtained. Doctor Gesner failed to supply it, and the application to the parties in possession of the Mines in New Brunswick, from which the suitable material could be furnished, also failed. It therefore became unavoidably necessary to use oil, which probably will have to be continued, as the supply of the other material is altogether uncertain.

It has been suggested that there should be a Light House on Egg Island, near Jedore, the place recommended by Captain Shortland. Several wrecks have occurred in its vicinity, which would seem to shew the necessity of having a Light there, and perhaps on some other parts of the Eastern Shore, there being but one Light, (Beaver Island) between Halifax Harbour and White Head. It is also said by some, that there should be at least one Light House, if not two, on Sable Island, viz: one at the east and another at the west end of the Island. This would not only imply the *building*, but the *maintaining* of them: it is submitted for the Honorable House of Assembly to decide as it may deem proper.

A dwelling house for the Keeper of the Light House at Mauger's Beach, as directed by a Committee of the House of Assembly last Session, has been erected. In consequence of violent storms last autumn, much damage was done to the beach, which caused considerable expence to prevent the further inroads of the sea. The Tower also was much injured, by which further expenditure was necessary, the conditions on which the Tower is held, being, that the Province should keep the part connected with the Light House in repair.

At Pictou Light House, the beach having been washed away by the sea, considerable work to prevent further damage was necessary, which work has been done during the past season.

SABLE ISLAND.

The establishment on Sable Island is conducted satisfactorily under its present Superintendent, and is usefully answering the humane purpose for which it was founded. There have been three wrecks in the course of the past year, the crews of which were all saved. The vessels were lost,—a portion of the materials of one, and nearly the whole of the materials and cargo of another, laden with provisions, from New York, were saved, and brought to Halifax by the Provincial Schooner Daring, by the freight of which, and the salvage allowed, a considerable sum in aid of the funds for the support of the establishment was earned, while the claimants of the property, to whom the nett proceeds were paid, were also satisfied.

The dwelling house in which the people at the principal station lived, having been destroyed by fire, a new building had to be erected, which has been done, and which has, of course, caused additional expenditure. A house has also been built on the south side of the Island, where vessels have been sometimes wrecked. Persons are placed in charge of it as a station. The house that was burnt was worth very little—that now built is much larger, and much better suited for the purposes required.

Two cargoes of horses have been shipped from the Island during the last season, one of them to the United States, consisting of 52 horses, purchased by persons from there, and paid for on the Island at the average price at which they have usually sold—the risk and freight was thereby saved, and the amount doubled. The sum realised by this shipment was £113—that of the other £60, making together the sum of £173. It is hoped that a more improved breed of horses will soon be produced, which will command a better price; with this view, a young Stallion, a superior and well formed animal, was sent to the Island last spring. A trial is also now being made to rear neat stock, by allowing them to run at large, unhoused through the winter. For this purpose a few yearlings have been sent, and the number will be increased if the trial prove successful. The returns from the Island may thus be largely increased, there being abundance of fodder for a large stock. The Cranberries received from there this last autumn produced, over charges of sale, £107.

The expenditure of the appropriation of £100 for the purchase of Life Boats for Sable Island has been rendered unnecessary by the generosity of a philanthropic Lady, (Miss Dix) who visited the Island last summer, in consideration of its being a humane establishment. With the aid of her friends, four Life Boats, with every necessary appendage for the preservation of life, were provided and shipped—one from Boston, the other three from New York. Unfortunately, only the first arrived here. The vessel on board which the others were shipped was wrecked on our coast,—one Boat has been saved, and a part of the apparatus—the rest were lost, or greatly damaged. A Library of several hundred Volumes, for the use of the establishment, and of sailors and others who may be cast on the Island, has also been furnished by the same benevolent Lady.

In addition to the buildings hereinbefore mentioned, a House of Refuge has been erected at the east end of the Island. A large store has also been built for the reception of wrecked goods, which will also serve as a place of refuge, if required. All the

the shingles were made, and the frame, and a large proportion of the work done by the people of the Island; thereby increasing the efficiency of the establishment, without much increasing the expense of its support.

The schooner *Daring*, the service of which is for the most part connected with Sable Island, now requires extensive repairs. As she is an old vessel, and is not in all respects the most suitable for the service, the better way, it is believed, would be to sell her, and purchase, or have built, another which may be deemed eligible:—this proposition, as the *Daring* has but small capacity for freight, and often has to make two trips with wrecked goods, when one might suffice, and she being also inferior in sailing qualities, is respectfully submitted.

Should Light Houses be erected on the Island, not only the cost of building, but also of supporting, would, of course, be considered, and also whether the expense should be borne by this Province alone, or whether others equally benefitted should not also contribute.

HOSPITAL OR ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE.

To select the most eligible place for an Institution for the protection and cure of the Insane, advertisements were issued, and much care and pains taken in viewing different places that were offered, before coming to a final decision. The site chosen was, as compared to others that were offered, deemed much the most suitable, and therefore to obtain it a higher price was submitted to than would, in estimating the mere value of the land, have been given. The price, £1750, has been advanced out of the Provincial Treasury, until the Honorable House of Assembly shall make such arrangements respecting funds for the construction of the Building as it may deem proper. The quantity of ground is eighty-seven acres.

The plan of the Building, which was designed to come as nearly as possible within our means, was made by the Architect who projected the elevation of a similar Institution now in the course of erection at Washington;—the interior or ground plan is by the Physician who is to have charge of that establishment, and who superintends that part of the work from the beginning. The whole has been under the direction of Miss Dix, who has done much, and devoted much time and attention, towards the providing such an institution, and who has generously added this gift to several others for which the Province is to her indebted.

Advertisements would have been issued for taking contracts for the Building, only that until certain preliminaries were fully understood, it could not safely be done. Some delay was caused in waiting for the plans. After these were received, they had to be copied on suitable cloth, for the use of the contractors and workmen. Working plans had also to be made for guidance in the undertaking, and the ground surveyed and divided into sections, to be shewn on such plans, for that purpose. A Draughtsman has been employed, and is still occupied in that work. When it is completed, advertisements will appear. The preparatory work has been progressing without any unnecessary delay, and the building work will commence as soon as practicable. Nothing has been neglected that could, with propriety, have been done since the appropriation was made.

FISHERY PROTECTION.

In this department two vessels were chartered by the Province, (under the direction of, and in addition to the force employed by, the Vice Admiral), for the whole of the fishing season; and the schooner *Daring*, under the command of Captain Daly, for the latter and most busy part of it. Her services at this time, and after the other vessels were withdrawn, were exceedingly useful, and contributed much to the success with which our Fishermen, for a short time, were favoured.

The Board of Works deem it a duty to express thankful acknowledgments for the facility at all times given, for free communication and consultation, by our worthy Admiral, Sir George F. Seymour, and the promptitude and zeal with which he was at all times disposed to promote any measure that might be deemed useful.

The whole of the grant for this service has not been expended, in consequence of the Vice Admiral having furnished so many Vessels, and manned and victualled the two chartered by the Province.

I deem it a duty to acknowledge and to state to your Excellency, and to the Legislature, the gratuitous aid given by my colleagues in the Board of Works. The Hon. S. Cunard is absent a great part of the year, but when present, always promptly and cheerfully gives his attention and advice as business may require,—and to William Murdoch, Esquire, I am especially indebted for a constant zealous and hearty co-operation in everything connected with the supervision and the duties of the Board with which he is associated, and to which he has rendered much effective aid.

Respectfully submitted,

H. BELL,

Chairman of Board of Works.

Halifax, February 4, 1854.

RIVER FISHERIES.

(Circular.)

Provincial Secretary's Office, Halifax, July 16, 1853.

SIR—

The Lieutenant-Governor being desirous of ascertaining, as far as possible, the practical working of the Act passed during the last Session of the Assembly, in reference to the River Fisheries, I have it in command from His Excellency to request that you will, as early as possible, furnish a Report of your proceedings up to the 30th ult., as Warden for the County of—

I am, &c.

JOSEPH HOWE.

—————Esq. Warden of River Fisheries }
County of————— }

Halifax, July 23rd, 1853.

SIR—

In compliance with your Circular of the 16th July, 1853, I beg leave to state, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that I have visited all the Streams and Rivers in my District—excepting two or three to the eastward, namely, Lock Harbor, Ecum Secum and Salmon River, (B. Harbor). Enclosed is a list of these Rivers that I have personally inspected. It will be seen, that with the exception of five out of the twenty-seven enumerated, all the rest have been totally obstructed, and in such a manner that unless in case of high water, fish, even of the smallest size, could not pass and repass.

It appearing to me that it is not His Excellency's wish that the Wardens should, at this season, make a full report of proceedings, I shall only add that, as far as I can observe,

observe, the people in my District receive the present law as a great boon—are excessively thankful—and express a most decided opinion, that if the Rivers and Streams are opened so as to have a free and unmistakable passage for fish, the prosperity of the Fisheries will be greatly promoted, as the bait (Gaspereaux) will increase, and consequently the shores of this Province will, ere long, again abound with fish.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

WM. CHEARNLEY, Warden,

Halifax County.

HON. JOSEPH HOWE, Provincial Secretary.

The Rivers contained in the following List can be traced on the Maps, commencing to the westward of Halifax County.

Ingraham's River, Margaret's Bay.—Totally obstructed by three Dams, occupied by Mr. T. Webber—partially opened.—One Dam, 7 miles from the mouth, occupied by Mr. Davidson—total obstruction.

Indian River, Margaret's Bay.—Totally obstructed by Mr. Melven's Dam—partially opened.

N. East River, Margaret's Bay.—Totally obstructed by Mr. Bryan's Dam—satisfactorily arranged.

East River, Margaret's Bay.—Totally obstructed by Mr. Ashman's Dam—ordered to be opened.

Hostier River, Margaret's Bay.—Totally obstructed by Mr. Croucher's Dam, and Mr. Wooden's Dam—satisfactorily arranged.

Prospect River.—No obstruction.

Nine Mile River.—Totally obstructed by Mr. Boutilier's Dam—satisfactorily arranged.

Pennent River.—No obstruction.

Nine Mile Stream, Bedford Basin.—Five obstructions existed—satisfactorily arranged.

Terrence Bay.—No obstruction.

Sackville River, Bedford Basin.—Two obstructions—one occupied by Messrs. Tolson & Eastwood, in the course of being opened—2nd in occupation of Mr. Hefler—not opened—a total obstruction.

1st Preston River.—Ready's Dam—abandoned. This Dam has been completely levelled.

2d Preston River.—Three Dams have been opened in this River.

Three Fathom Harbor Stream.—Totally obstructed by James Innes, who refused to comply with the Law—proceedings taken against him.

Porter's Lake River.—Total obstruction by Mr. Anderson's Dams—satisfactorily arranged.

Chezetcook River.—Waterman's Dam—abandoned. This Dam has been completely levelled.

Port Peswick River.—Three Dams—satisfactorily arranged.

Musquodoboit River.—One Dam—totally obstructed, removed.

Smith's Stream.—One Dam—totally obstructed, partially opened.

Mitchell's Stream.—One Dam—partially opened.

Ship Harbor River.—One Dam—occupied by Mr. D. Weeks, opened.

Sheet Harbor River.—Totally obstructed—three Dams existed—two of which have been removed, but one in the occupation of Mr. Wright still exists—proceedings to be taken immediately.

Salmon River,
Beaver Harbor, } Reported by Deputies as being unobstructed.
Ecum Secum.

Gay's River.—Totally obstructed by Mr. Annand's Dam.

Shubenacadie River.—Two abandoned Dams reported cleared.

Many other small streams have been visited, and obstructions, such as Eel Wiers, have been removed.

WILLIAM CHEARNLEY,

Warden River Fisheries,

Halifax County.

Extract of a Letter dated Liverpool, July 12th, 1853, from P. Gough, Esq.

“On my first visit to Portmedway and Mill Village, I found two Salmon Nets made fast at the sluice way in Tumbling Dam, I ordered them to be taken up immediately, and also the small canal at the end of the dam to be cleared away, which was accordingly done, and in twenty-five minutes after clearing the canal 43 Salmon passed through the canal. Having appointed two Wardens in Portmedway, and four at Mill Village, I got every obstruction about the dams removed, by which means the Fish had a clear passage to their spawning places. Mr. Edward Davison informed me on last Saturday, that he had been up the Lakes with some Indians in a Canoe, and that the quantity of Alewives and Salmon that visited these Lakes much surprised him; his object in going up these Lakes was to explore the Country with regard to the intended canal, and he gives a very flattering description of the internal resources of the places explored by him.

As far as regards Liverpool River, its Fishery is nearly destroyed. Hitherto the Overseers of the River Fishery had been chiefly chosen from the Mill owners, whose interest it was to keep the sluices in the dams closed up, in order to have the more water for sawing. There are three dams across the River at Milton, in each of which is a sluice-way cut, but all have been choked up, so much so that I doubt much if any fish got up this year. About a fortnight ago the water fell sufficient to clear away these sluices, they are now clear, and I believe that lately some Salmon have gone up, but the Alewife Fishery was over before the obstructions were cleared away.—The River this Spring having been very high, at the end of May there was between two and three feet of water on the top of the main dam. Some persons feel sanguine hopes that the fish in this River can be restored by carefully nursing it, I hope it may be the case; I shall, while the water is low, turn my attention to make some improvements in the passages through the dams, and also endeavour to facilitate the regress of the young fish to the sea.”

Tatamagouche, July 22nd, 1853.

SIR—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 16th instant, requesting a report of my proceedings up to the 30th ultimo, as Warden of the River Fisheries for the County of Colchester. I have to report, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that early in May I visited the several Streams

to which fish were wont to resort in this County, that flow into the Gulf of St. Lawrence, for the purpose of spawning, and found on them several Mill Dams, that for many years have obstructed the passage of the fish upward; the proprietors of which, viewed with much jealousy, the late Act of the Legislature for the protection of the River Fisheries. As they were persons of considerable influence in the County, I had strong doubts whether a Special Session could be convened that would have convicted them; but by a good deal of remonstrance, I prevailed on them all to set about constructing suitable fish-ways; some of them are now at work, and I think by the end of this month they will all have complied. I was induced to give them until that time, as no fish is ever taken in any of these Streams, or indeed in the Tatamagouche Bay, into which they flow, until the end of August. I may add, I have found it impossible to get suitable persons to act as Wardens under me, so unfavourably is the Act viewed by the people generally. I was not able to visit the Rivers and Streams that flow into the Basin of Mines, in this County, until the last week of June, at that time I saw all the Mill Dams or obstructions in Stream Rivers, and found that but a small quantity of Salmon or other River fish had ever been taken in them; that the quantity had not much, if any thing, diminished of later years, and that the proprietors of the property were quite willing to construct suitable fish-ways in their dams; some of them are hard at work, and I have no doubt but all will comply with Law by the end of this month, at which time I will again visit all the Streams in the County, and see that the Law is strictly complied with.

Claiming your indulgence for the imperfections of this Report,

I have the honor to be,

Your obdt. humble Servant.

SAMUEL CAMPBELL,

Warden, River Fisheries.

HON. JOSEPH HOWE, Provincial Secretary.

Arichat, July 23, 1853.

SIR—

In compliance with your request, I hasten to lay before His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, a report of my proceedings as Warden for the protection of the River Fisheries for the County of Richmond, since the receipt of my commission, to the 30th ultimo.

Immediately on receipt of my commission I proceeded to the appointment of Deputies for the different Rivers and vicinities in the County, namely:

*Grand River and vicinity,
River Triall,
Rocky Bay,
Grand Ruisseau,
River Inhabitants and Little River,
Black River,*

Alexander Murchison, Esq.
John Brown McNeil.
Simon Briand.
Jeffery Boudrot.
Joseph McCarthy.
Duncan McRea.

I visited some of the Rivers myself, and caused all the rest to be visited by my deputies, and no complaints of any obstructions have been made up to the above date. But a complaint has lately been made to me by one of my deputies, of which I shall make mention in my next report, and the proceedings thereon. I have given all my

deputies copies of the Act, and charged them with strict orders to give me all information relating to any breach of the law that may take place in the different vicinities for which they are appointed.

Your most obedient
Humble servant,

HENRY MARTELL,
*Warden R. Fisheries,
County Richmond.*

HON. JOSEPH HOWE, Provincial Secretary, &c.
Halifax.

Guysborough, 25th July, 1853.

SIR—

In compliance with your Circular of the 16th instant, I have the honor to report for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that on the receipt of the Commission appointing me Warden of the River Fisheries for the County of Guysborough, I examined all the Rivers in the Districts of Guysborough and St. Mary's, and appointed Deputies in the following places, viz. : one in New Harbour, two in Country Harbour, and two in the District of St. Mary's, amongst whom I allowed the sum of twelve pounds, as a remuneration for their services. During my inspection I found three Mill-dams and five wears, obstructing the free passage of fish, and caused the former to be opened, and the latter to be removed. Two persons were prosecuted for taking Gaspereaux in the Salmon River (contrary to the regulations made by the Sessions) before Justices Hart and Scott, who were defended by Mr. Campbell, when I became non-suit, and paid twenty-two shillings and six pence costs, besides my own expences and loss of time in travelling, although the fact was clearly proved. I am well aware that parties are extensively engaged (or have been) in spearing Salmon in the St. Mary's River, and feel unwilling to prosecute, without instructions, as the Act seems vague and uncertain, as fish are allowed to be taken at certain times, and below the rise and fall of the tide. The tide flows up the St. Mary's River to Sherbrooke, a distance of ten miles from the mouth, (where there is the best fishing) persons living above the Village claim the same privilege, and persist in claiming the same. It is rather difficult to detect the actual persons who are in the habit of violating the law by spearing, as they disguise themselves, and have individuals on the look out, who give notice should the Warden be in the neighbourhood. I would beg respectfully to suggest, that effectually to carry out the law, it would be advisable to appoint a Warden for the District of St. Mary's, as well as the District of Guysborough. The different branches of the St. Mary's River alone, require the constant vigilance of an active Officer, and the River Fisheries of the District of Guysborough are, probably, of greater value than those of any other County in the Province.

I have the honor to remain, Sir,

Your obdt. humble Servant,

M. McLEAN.

The Honorable the PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

*Bridgetown, County of Annapolis,
July 27, 1853.*

SIR—

In terms of the Circular of the 16th July instant, addressed to me from your office of Provincial Secretary, and received by me on the 21st instant, requiring me

me to furnish a report of my proceedings as Warden of the River Fisheries for this County, up to the 30th ultimo, I beg respectfully to report as follows, viz :

I had the honor to receive my commission on the 3d of May, and during that month I made a tour of the whole County, and inspected the several streams which are known to be frequented by Salmon.

Those streams are four in number, beside the Annapolis River, into which they discharge their waters, and are generally known by these names, beginning at the western extreme of the County, viz. :—the Eastern Branch of the Bear River—the Allen River, which discharges its waters into the Annapolis River, near the Town of Annapolis—the Lovett Brook, seven miles east of the Town of Annapolis, and the Nictaux Stream, near the eastern extreme of the County. All those streams are frequented by Salmon in considerable quantity.

Previous to making the tour of inspection referred to, I caused a notice to be posted up—in that part of the County, where I had reason to fear the most serious obstructions to the passage of the Fish existed—which embodied the chief provisions of the New River Fishery Act, beside calling the owners of Mill Dam erections to open passages for Fish within fourteen days from the date. Upon making the tour aforesaid, I was gratified to find that there existed but one serious obstruction, and that was upon the Bear River Stream. I immediately gave the owners of the Mill Dam notice to open a passage way for the Fish, which my deputy, Captain John Barr, subsequent^y informed me they complied with. During my tour of the County, I selected and appointed six Gentlemen to serve as my Deputies, viz : at Bear River, Captain John Barr ;—at Allen's River, Mr. John Lockwood ;—at Round Hill, Mr. David Fitz Randolph ;—at Lawrencetown, on the Annapolis River, Mr. John James ;—at Upper Wilmot, on the Annapolis River, Mr. William A. Foulter ;—at Nictaux River, Mr. Edward Lowden. In the vicinity of this place I discharge the duty myself.

From communications which I received from my Deputies, as well as from my own observation during a subsequent tour of the eastern part of the County, I have reason to believe that the provisions of the Law are generally respected, and I entertain a sanguine hope, that with the aid of some requisite regulations, which I trust may be adopted at the next sittings of the Court of Sessions, together with some alterations and addition to the Legislative Enactment which I shall be happy to suggest, if required to do so, I shall be enabled to effect a very considerable improvement in the valuable Salmon Fishery in this County.

Up to the period to which this Report is required to extend, I have only felt it my duty to adopt proceedings against two parties, for fishing contrary to the provisions of the Law ; neither of which I succeeding in convicting.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

His Excellency's most ob'dt. Servant,

THOS. W. CHESLEY.

To Hon. JOSEPH HOWE, Provincial Secretary.

Pictou, July 28th, 1853.

SIR—

Your Circular of the 16th instant, requiring information as to the practical working of the Act, passed during the last Session of the Assembly, in reference to the River Fisheries, as also a report of my proceedings up to the 30th ultimo, as Warden for this County, has been duly received.

With reference to the practical working of the Act, so far as relates to the catching of fish, nothing can yet be said, as the time has not arrived when Salmon enter any of

of the Rivers or Streams of this County; the earliest time at which they are known to enter them is during the early part of the month of October, at which time large numbers were annually destroyed; and as many were also caught about the mouths of the Rivers, and before they entered the fresh water, I brought the subject to the notice of the General Session, but lately convened in this place,—and they, to meet the views of the Assembly, and give effect to the Act, have passed an order, establishing the mouths or entrance of each of the Harbors of this County as the bounds, when such Rivers as flow into said Harbors shall be considered to extend towards the sea.

Shortly after the receipt of my Commission, I commenced by visiting every Mill or Dam in the County, built on any of the principal Rivers or Streams. I visited, in all, twenty-one Mills or Dams, so built, varying in distance from twelve to thirty miles from Town; in every instance I found the Dams built completely across the Stream, and varying in height from five to thirteen feet, and so as effectually to preclude the possibility of fish of any kind ascending beyond the first Dam. At all the places I have visited I have appointed Deputies, who, I have no doubt, will endeavor to give effect to the Act by every means in their power. I also gave orders to each of the occupants of the Mills to construct a fish-way, of such a construction as I believe would effectually enable fish to ascend over any Dam I visited; in almost every instance, however, I found a desire to evade the expence, as well as an unwillingness to comprehend my plan; to avoid, however, any difficulty on that score, I have just completed a model, with which I intend, in a few days, again to commence and visit every Mill formerly visited, with the view that they cannot hereafter plead ignorance of my plan.

There however appears to me some difficulties to the effectual carrying out of the Act. On some of the Rivers near the source, I found Saw Mills erected, the refuse lumber and slabs from which, (the accumulation of years) has completely blocked up the bed of the River, to the height, in some instances, of over twenty feet; and I doubt whether a Special Session such as required by the Act, would order the removal thereof, as the labor of so doing would incur a very great expence; indeed almost the only way in which I think it could be removed, would be by setting fire to it during the dry season of the year, which would, I fear, at the same time destroy the Mill also, and might otherwise cause much damage, and without such removal, any thing done at the Mills below, would not have the desired effect, as the places usually resorted to for spawning are above the Mills first mentioned.

There is also one Clause which I would respectfully suggest might be beneficially added to the Act at the next Session of the Assembly, which should compel all proprietors of Saw Mills to prevent the saw-dust from falling into the Stream, as it is during the time that Mills are in active operation the Salmon usually ascend the Rivers, and the saw-dust from several Mills falling into the Stream is of itself sufficient to drive them from such Streams, as it is well known that Salmon spawn only in clear water.

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,

JAMES MURDOCH.

Hon. JOSEPH HOWE, Provincial Secretary.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over the Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

As Warden for the River Fisheries in the County of Lunenburg, I would beg to lay before Your Excellency a summary of my proceedings up to the 4th of August.

My attention was at first directed to the Middle River, at one time famous for Salmon and Gaspereaux, but now nearly deserted (except by the Gaspereaux.) I found two Dams on this River, which were partial obstructions, and one a total obstruction; after notice given to the owners, they willingly complied with the Law.

East River, being a River of importance, was the next. The excessive netting on this River, has nearly destroyed the run of the fish; there are no Dams across. Of late years the General Sessions for the County have passed restrictions, but the difficulty of carrying out these regulations has rendered them nearly useless. I appointed Deputies to enforce the Laws and the Regulations of the Sessions; there were a few examples made, which has had the desired effect.

On Gold River and its Branches I found but one Dam, that was a total obstruction; but it was immediately removed on notice being given; the remainder of the Dams allow sufficient fish-ways. There is an obstruction near the head of the River, composed of drift trees and other rubbish, forming a complete barrier; and one of the Western Branches, I found completely blocked up by falling trees, so that the run of the Salmon is greatly injured.

On the LaHave River, I found a number of obstructions. This River is upwards of thirty miles from the mouth to the Lake from which it derives its waters, and has been famous for Shad, Gaspereaux, and Salmon; but the General Sessions for the County has not paid the same attention to it, as to the before mentioned Rivers. There are a great number of Dams across. I found four total obstructions; all the rest but partial. The owners of Dams were willing to make any and every alteration necessary, and they hailed the new Act for the protection of the Inland Fisheries with pleasure; they being heretofore annoyed as often as a new Overseer was appointed by the Sessions, to make alterations in their fish-ways. At my first visit to this River, I found a serious obstruction on the East Branch; it had been accumulating some ten years, occasioned by slabs thrown from the Mills above. I requested their removal, though the Inhabitants were not legally bound to do so; and I found on my last visit they had entirely removed them. The same obstruction will not again occur, for I have notified all Mill owners against throwing any rubbish in the Rivers.

Another serious obstruction exists to which I would beg to call Your Excellency's particular attention. It is a perpendicular rock, about fifteen feet, and at the only place Salmon could possibly ascend, a Mill is placed. The Mill is of great benefit to the Settlement of New Germany, always having a supply of water. I have examined these falls, and find that by expending a small sum, a sufficient passage for the fish can be made by blasting the rock.

And if it would please Your Excellency to recommend to the next General Assembly, to pass an Act to enable the Sessions to devote some part of the County Funds for such purposes, this obstruction, with the one mentioned in Gold River, would soon be removed. The inhabitants are willing to subscribe one half the cost.

The next River was Keddy's, a small but excellent River for Gaspereaux. A great number of dams were across, but with good passages for fish, with but one exception; and upon notice being given a good fish passage was provided for that.

Martin's River was obstructed by all the dams, but owing to notice given by Capt. Chearnly (before the Warden was appointed for the County) on my first visit I found all the dams according to Law. I would here acknowledge the benefit of that Gentleman's visit to Martin's, Keddy's, Middle, and East Rivers; and especially Gold River, where a new dam was in course of construction.

I have visited a number of other small Rivers, where fish formerly resorted, but have of late years forsaken; in every such River I find the passage has been blocked up by falling of trees and throwing of slabs in, to the detriment of the Inland Fisheries. I have devoted all my time to the larger Rivers mentioned, and appointed Deputies to act under me. I have found every where a willingness to comply with the Law.

As respects the close season, it suits our County admirably; in my last visit to Laha and Gold River, since it commenced, I saw a great number of Salmon going up, and I do not think there will be one violation of the Act during the whole of the season, if I may be allowed to judge from the respect the people have generally for the Law.

I would likewise add I have not been under the necessity of making any formal complaint except for the violation of the regulation made by the Session,—and only three complaints of this kind have been made by the Deputies.

I am, Sir,

Your most ob'dt. humble Servt.,

DANIEL DIMOCK.

HON. JOSEPH HOWE, Provincial Secretary.

*St. Ann's, County of Victoria,
June 30, 1853.*

SIR—

There are nine Rivers in the County of Victoria in which fish spawn.

1st. Middle River, where I have appointed Messrs. David McRae and Roderick Beaton, my Deputies; the latter at the mouth of the River. This is a large River, the largest in the County, and vast numbers of Salmon frequent it. At the upper part of the River I could not obtain a Deputy by any means, and my only alternative is to attend in person, during the fishing season, which is late in the year, or a great many fish must otherwise be destroyed.

2nd. Baddeck River is next in size to Middle River. Mr. James Harris is my Deputy there. It flows into the same Bay with Middle River, and the Sessions have appointed the bounds of both.

3rd. South Gut Brook, St. Ann's, is a small Stream in which Salmon spawn. Mr. Angus McLeod is my Deputy. There is a low Dam on this Stream, but the fish can freely pass over it.

4th. Petre Pierre River, St. Ann's, for which Mr Murdoch McLeod is appointed my Deputy. This River is not so large as any of the former, but much Salmon used to be destroyed there in the time of spawning, so that very few now frequent it at all.

5th and 6th. Barasiva and Indian Brooks, are within two miles of each other. A few Salmon spawn on those Rivers, but I am not aware of an instance of Salmon being caught. Being within six miles of my own place, I could very soon know if such were the case. I could obtain no Deputies there; however, it is of no importance, as there are no fish destroyed.

7th. North River, Cape North, is a fine large River, and a great deal of Salmon spawn therein. My Deputies there are Messrs. Alexander Kerr, and Alexander McPherson.

8th. Middle River, Cape North, is of no great importance; Mr. Malcom McIntosh is my Deputy.

9th. Black Brook flows through wilderness land, no person being within eight miles of it. A few Salmon spawn in this River.

I had no difficulty in obtaining my Deputies at Cape North, and St Ann's, as the people at those places are aware of the damage done the fish by destroying it at the time of spawning, and they are also aware that it is the cause of the fish getting scarcer. Every year, as soon as the fish were up the River it would be destroyed.

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The Act is taken in its proper view by those interested in the Salmon Fishery in salt water; and those Rivers at Cape North and St. Ann's, settled around by Fishermen, can be protected with ease. Other Rivers that are not so settled around, such as Middle River, and Baddeck River, are not easily protected; the peoples' object is to destroy the fish for their own use. They are ignorant of the damage caused by the destruction of it, at the time of spawning.

If the Deputies were upon oath for the faithful performance of their duties, they would attend to them with more strictness, and it would prevent themselves from destroying the fish, if such were their inclination. I am not aware of any other alteration necessary in the Act, as it is well considered and judiciously arranged.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN MUNRO, JUNR., *Warden.*

HON. JOSEPH HOWE, Provincial Secretary.

Digby, August 2d, 1853.

SIR—

In reply to your Circular of the 16th July, conveying a request of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that I would furnish a report of my proceedings, as Warden, up to the 30th ultimo, I beg leave to submit the following for His Excellency's consideration :

There are three Rivers in this County to which Salmon have been in the habit of resorting for spawning, viz : Salmon River, situated within three miles of the County of Yarmouth ;—the Sissiboo at Weymouth ;—and the Imbert or Bear River, dividing the Counties of Annapolis and Digby. Each of these Rivers once abounded in valuable fish—all of them in Salmon,—and the first in Shad and Gaspereaux in addition.—By the erection of dams, without fish gates and weirs across the Salmon River, the fishing has been partially destroyed ;—and by mill-dams alone, those of the Sissiboo and Bear River have been rendered altogether valueless.

The principal place for netting Salmon on the Salmon River, is at the Bridge, on the Main Post Road, near Terrence Shehan's,—about two miles from the mouth of the River. At this place, on the sixth of June, I found five nets so disposed that it was almost impossible for any fish to escape them and ascend the River. Instead of one-third, some were more than two-thirds, and one entirely across the Stream. After having them removed, I appointed Zachariah White as a Deputy Warden, residing at the locality, to prevent encroachment within a jurisdiction extending six miles towards the source of the River. From this person, and others, I was informed, that within his District there were a number of weirs, which had been for many years entirely across the Stream, projecting from the banks of the River at an angle with the centre projecting down the Stream ; large Eel traps had been placed at the junction of the angles, which not only prevent the free passage of the fish upwards, but in the latter part of the season destroy hogsheads of Salmon-fry, of but a few inches in length, and young Shad and other fish on their passage to the Sea. Indeed those numerous weirs and traps must destroy nearly all the young fish. Neither Chapter 95 of the Revised Statutes, nor the " Act to amend," passed in the present year, appears to provide a remedy for the weir obstructions,—as it is so many years since they were erected, it is impossible to ascertain by whom ; consequently, there is no person by whose means their removal can be enforced. The Deputy Warden at Shehan's, found four persons fishing at one of the weirs, and complained to a Magistrate ; but as they appeared to be taking only Gaspereaux, and had no implements for taking Salmon, and

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moreover did not erect the obstruction,—the complaint was dismissed. From the boundary of White's District, I appointed Philip Malkahy, as Deputy to Montegau, the next four miles; and Cyriac Comeau, for the remaining portion of the River to its source.

At Weymouth, Salmon were once taken in abundance. I was informed that twenty-six had been taken from one net in one morning, and not unfrequently from nine to a dozen at one time, from the weirs on the banks of the River. Four miles from the mouth of the River there is a fall of about twenty feet, and five miles higher another of sixty feet. About twenty-five years since an extensive Mill Establishment was formed and a Dam built at the lower falls; as the height of the Dam added about fifteen feet to the fall, making altogether thirty-five feet, an obstacle was thereby presented which has prevented Salmon from ascending ever since. This brings me to a difficulty in carrying out the Law, which I have specially to submit for His Excellency's consideration: within a twelvemonth past Messrs. Mayo & Co., gentlemen from the United States, have bought out the old proprietors, and expended in the erection of a very extensive new Mill and Dam, upwards of three thousand pounds, and as much more capital in employment of men in various ways. To force them to construct a fish gate, would, in the opinion of those with whom I have consulted, be destructive of the Mill privilege, peculiarly situated as it is at the falls, and as it was impossible to do any thing until the dry season, when the River would be low, I consented to allow things to remain as they are until August, intimating to them that if they had not by that time made some progress towards the formation of the fish gate, I should have to take the course the Law provides. In a letter received from Messrs. Mayo, under date of July 26th, they inform me that they are making arrangements for building a large sluice-way over the top of the Dam, and they add that they hope it will answer the purpose the Law contemplates. I need not inform you that the fish gate should be at the bottom of the Dam, but am at a loss whether to enforce its being built in the proper place, if thereby the Mill privilege would be destroyed, and capital expended lost in consequence. On this point I should much desire to receive particular instructions.

It is scarcely necessary to say much respecting Bear River, although the Fishery is here also destroyed by a Mill erected five or six years since, with a fish gate placed one side of, or out of the course of the Channel; but as it is a few hundred feet beyond the boundaries of this County it is beyond my control. I may add however, that up to the time of the erection of the Dam, the fishing privileges on this River must have been valuable, as one person residing there informed me that he had, in one year, disposed of Salmon at two shillings and six pence, and three shillings each, amounting to upwards of eleven pounds.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient humble Servant,

JAMES H. F. RANDOLPH.

Hon. JOSEPH HOWE, Provincial Secretary.

Wallace, September 1, 1853.

SIR—

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter, touching the River Fisheries in this County, and in reply beg leave to state, that I have visited all the Rivers in the County; and, in consequence of much opposition, made a report to Joshua Heustis, Esq., about two months ago, requesting him to call a Special Session. This matter has been rather delayed, on account of somewhat about the Law: so I understand;

understand ; but the whole matter is now in train for further action. A Special Session is to be called forthwith. The result of this I will communicate to the Government.

Some parties owning Mills and Dams, have complied with the Law ; others in part, and some refused to do what the Law requires. This explanation, as well as being absent on this business, furnishes a reason for my not reporting, or answering your Letter at the time of receiving it.

In the mean time I beg leave to remain

Your obedient Servant,

SAMUEL BETTY,

Warden River Fisheries.

HON. JOSEPH HOWE, Provincial Secretary, Halifax.

Cornwallis, September 1st, 1853.

SIR—

In answer to your Letter of date the 16th July last, communicating his Excellency's desire to ascertain as far as possible the practical working of the Act passed during the last Session of the Assembly, in reference to the River Fisheries, I have to state as follows :

There are only two Rivers to which Salmon resort and are taken, in the County of Kings : one called the Gaspereaux, running through the Township of Horton, a distance of from fifteen to twenty miles ; the other called the Cornwallis River, passing between Horton and Cornwallis, and the western part of the latter Township,—a distance of twenty miles. In the first named River, the Salmon make their appearance during the latter part of April and May ; in the Cornwallis, the latter part of June, July, and into August. Above the flow of tides in both of those Rivers, the water is in most places shallow and the River narrow, affording an easy opportunity for the taking of Salmon.

Shortly after I obtained His Excellency's Commission, I visited the Gaspereaux at the Great Lake, known by the name of the Gaspereaux ; from thence I proceeded, touching along the River in various places, where I was led to believe obstructions might be placed, and where mill dams were erected across the River ; I was gratified to find but two obstructions of mill dams, and the owners being informed of the necessary requirements under the Law, they did not hesitate in saying that they would, before the next season, have proper fish races made in their dams, that the Salmon might freely pass. I appointed two Deputies, resident along the River, with instructions to endeavour to have the Law fully carried out, of which I gave a copy. I also visited in the Salmon season, the Cornwallis River, a competent person being with me we travelled along the banks, and were unable to detect any obstructions in the River, on which there are no mill dams erected, nor will the meadow lands admit of such without injury to the owners. As informed, as well as from my own knowledge, there have been but a few Salmon taken this season by the resident inhabitants.

The Indians, a few in number, resort to the River, and remain there during the short season of taking Salmon, and follow out their system of taking Salmon by torch-light and spear, considering themselves a privileged people, having a right to obtain a living freely, either by fishing or fowling. There is no doubt in such small shallow Rivers, that their practice is injurious to the increase of the Salmon.

On the 1st of August, I caused several written Notices to be made, and put up along the River in the most public places, copying the first clause of the Act at length.

I purpose the present month to visit the Gaspereaux, preparatory for the ensuing season of taking fish, that all may be fully apprized of the provisions of the Act, and of the requirements, &c.

I have no doubt of the beneficial results which will arise out of the fulfillment of the Law to the people in general, and in due time. It takes time to carry out such laws of restraint to the people, who have so long enjoyed the freedom of their own will in fishing and fowling in the Province.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most ob'dt. humble Servant,

SAMUEL CHIPMAN.

To the Hon. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

Arichat, 5th October, 1853.

SIR—

I beg leave to lay before His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, a Report of my proceedings as Warden for the protection of the River Fisheries for the County of Richmond, from the 30th June to 30th September last. In July, having caused all the Rivers in the County to be examined, my Deputies found all unobstructed, with one exception, namely, Little River, in the vicinity of River Inhabitants, which was obstructed by one William Cruickshanks, with brush, stones, and nets, for the purpose of catching Gaspereaux going up the River to spawn. My Deputy for that locality, Joseph McCarthy, immediately conveyed the information to me on oath. I then caused a Special Session to meet, who ordered Cruickshanks to remove the obstruction; the notice was served on him, and I was subsequently informed that the obstruction had been removed.

I have since visited, and caused to be visited, the principal Rivers of the County, but no obstructions at present exist. The distributing of copies of the law in the different parts of the County where persons used to act with impunity, has greatly tended to prevent such pursuits; they see the heavy fines they are thereby likely to subject themselves.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient, humble Servant,

HENRY MARTELL,

Warden R. Fisheries,

County of Richmond.

Hon. JOSEPH HOWE, Provincial Secretary.

Halifax, N. S., January 12th, 1854.

SIR—

In making my Report I may commence by stating, that I found on my journey through the County of Halifax, as indeed throughout all parts of the Province I have travelled over this year, that the late Act for the better regulating the River Fisheries is looked upon as a great boon, and people trust that the Legislature in their wisdom will perfect the Law this Session. A few interested individuals (Millers) are averse to it, but I maintain that the general voice of the people in the Province is in favor of the Law, and indeed, they seem fully determined not to allow any longer their rights to be trampled upon, by the Rivers being obstructed by Dams, impeding the navigation of Rivers, and destroying altogether the Fisheries, formerly of such importance and value.

A cheerful obedience to the Laws regulating the setting of nets, was at once given. I think that the bounds of our Rivers will, next season, be all properly defined; that is, making the River's mouth somewhere distant from where they empty themselves into salt water. For it is obvious that, no matter how carefully preserved fish may be, when in the fresh waters, yet if individuals living about the mouths of the Rivers are allowed to keep nets down, of all sized meshes and at all times, all efforts to preserve the Rivers would be attended with a poor result. Our Rivers for the most part, empty into the sea by small outlets, easily netted across; and our Channels through the Harbours are narrow. The people have, in many cases that have come to my knowledge, wisely determined to make the head lands of the Harbours' mouths, the bounds of their Rivers. This I know to be the case in the Old Country, and I have counselled them to follow that experience.

Nothing can exceed the injurious effect upon the Fisheries, of the present Mill Dam system. I know Rivers that formerly abounded with fish of the finest sort, in which not a solitary one is now to be found. Several Rivers this last season, in this County, have been cleared, by all obstructions being removed, and fish have been taken in them where for the last half century they had not been found. I will instance Preston River; but I must remark that the obstructions chiefly removed have been abandoned Mill Dams; the Miller having completed his work of destruction among the forests. The opening of our Rivers allow Gaspereaux to attain their former spawning grounds. They seek to deposit their ova at the heads of Streams, and not in Lakes, as many people suppose. Gaspereaux are of very great value; our Fishermen without bait cannot prosecute the Deep Sea Fishery; Gaspereaux is the Fisherman's bait in the spring of the year. The Gaspereaux seek our shores for the purpose of breeding in the Rivers. In the fall of the year during the moons of September and October, the young Gaspereaux will find their way to the salt water, and be food for Cod and other fish, that will again, as they formerly did, abound at that season in our Bays and Harbours.

Mr. Perley, of New Brunswick, in his Report, makes the following remark:—

“When fish cannot attain their proper spawning grounds, they drop their spawn anywhere on the Rivers, without the usual preparation. Such is the case in all our Rivers obstructed; it is not then at all surprising, that fish, particularly Salmon, have nearly disappeared from our Rivers.”

In many instances of the Mill Dam, the Mill is only in operation for a few months, perhaps weeks, in the year, and that in winter time. The Dam stops the fish from running in the spring. This is an extreme hardship, many poor people (residents), who, before the erection of the Dam, lived in comparative comfort, by getting their share of fish that frequented the Stream.

A great deal of good has been done during the past season. I have endeavored to explain the wishes of the Government, and I must remark, that with about two exceptions, I have been met by the Miller with the greatest politeness. With a more perfect Law much can be done in the season to come. It could not be expected that a system that had been at work for a century, could be successfully operated upon at once. I feel a confidence that the wisdom of the Legislature and the determination of the people, will no longer allow their Rivers to be obstructed, and the navigation of the Rivers stopped. Open Rivers, having a free passage for fish, going up and returning,—a restricted time for taking fish in Rivers,—spearing altogether done away with,—and a properly defined mouth to each River, would soon restore our Rivers to something like their former greatness, and thereby materially add to the benefit of the community at large.

In a former report, I mentioned the different Rivers I had visited on my tour of inspection through the County of Halifax.

RIVER FISHERIES.

I feel proud of the honor conferred on me by His Excellency Sir G. LeMarchant, and the gentlemen composing the Government, in appointing me Supervisor for Halifax County. Being fond of a roving life, and the sports of the field having great attractions for me, I frequently am absent from the Province for a lengthened period, and I may not therefore be able to pay that constant attention to the duties of Supervisor that is necessary. I shall cheerfully hand over my charge at any time the Government may deem fit to name my successor, promising, whoever he may be, my humble assistance in carrying out the objects aimed at in the River Fishery Laws.

Some alterations, deemed absolutely necessary for perfecting the Law, will be forwarded to Government by the Society for the preservation of the Inland Fisheries. I feel confident, from the character of those gentlemen I have the honor of being associated with in that Society, that their suggestions will be wisely planned, and that they will receive the attention of the Government.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM CHEARNLEY,

Warden of River Fisheries,
Halifax County.

The Hon. JOSEPH HOWE, &c. &c. &c.

To His Excellency SIR JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Nova-Scotia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

By virtue of the authority vested in me by a Commission, bearing date April 26th, 1853, appointing me Warden of the River Fisheries in the County of Hants, I have the honor to report,—that I have made a careful and accurate examination of the different Rivers in the County, and where I have found obstructions have caused them to be removed.

The fish caught in these Rivers are as follows: in the Shubenacadie,—Salmon, Shad, Bass, and Gaspereaux. In the Nine Mile River,—Salmon and Trout. Petite Kennetcook, and Cockmagun Rivers,—Salmon, Shad, Bass, Codfish, Flatfish, Frostfish, and Smelts. River St. Croix,—Salmon, Trout, and Gaspereaux. The Avon,—Salmon, Shad, Codfish, Flatfish, Frostfish, Gaspereaux, and Smelts; last Autumn small Mackarel appeared in this River for the first time, and were caught in great abundance.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

JAMES SANGSTER,

Warden, River Fisheries,
County of Hants.

December 29th, 1853.

Sydney, Cape Breton, January 2d, 1854.

SIR—

I have the honor to report, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that on receiving the Commission as Warden of River Fisheries of

of this County, I visited and examined the several Rivers, Brooks and Streams, resorted to by fish from the sea for the purpose of spawning,—and appointed Deputies to watch over and protect the Salmon Fisheries in those Rivers, &c., and to enforce all the provisions of the Law relating thereto, explaining the same to them, and leaving written instructions for their guidance.

In such examination I found but two obstructions, viz: a Mill Dam on Black Brook, Cow Bay, and a Mill Dam on George's River. These obstructions were removed immediately, by the parties opening up a sufficient and suitable fish-way.

The County Sessions hold two sittings in each year, viz: in March and July; the March Sessions had made no regulations with reference to River Fisheries, in consequence of which oversight no River bounds or other Session regulations were made or placed in my hands until July. Previous to that time I visited and examined all the Brooks in the County resorted to by any description of fish from the sea, marked out where the limits for taking should be fixed, and reported the same to the Sessions. Little could be done this year for the protection of the Gaspereaux, Shad, and other early fish coming from the sea to spawn.

The Regulations however, as soon as received, were transmitted to the various Deputies already appointed. I have, since my appointment, visited frequently the two principal Streams, Salmon River at Mirâ, and the Forks,—where hitherto the Salmon were taken abundantly in nets and with spears, when waiting for freshets to raise the water in those Brooks, which is generally low when they first ascend, and where they may be seen for some weeks waiting to get up the Brook to the Lakes. The Inhabitants and Indians before the enforcing of the regulations under this Act, followed and killed them in great numbers, and in consequence of their being obstructed in this way, those two Brooks, as well as others in this County, have in comparison with former years, been almost deserted by the Salmon. Their return may be expected, now that they can pass up without interruption.

I have every reason to be satisfied that the Deputies have been vigilant, and have succeeded in preventing the destruction of the fish since their appointment.

I have also for the more effectually guarding against any infringement of the Act, posted up notices, signifying the penalties of the Law, and offered portions of the penalties to persons giving information of any such infringement. The Brooks resorted to by the Salmon have been occasionally visited by me and also examined, and reports received from the Deputies who are living as near the various Streams as persons of intelligence and integrity could be had for the appointments.

There are eleven Brooks in this County frequented by Salmon, over which Deputies have been appointed, namely:

Forks Brook,
Mira River, above the Narrows,
Salmon River,
Cow Bay, Black Brook,
Ball's Creek and Leitch's Creek,
George's River,
Mill Brook, N. side E. Bay,
Escason Brook, N. side E. Bay,
Boyle's Brook, S. side E. Bay,
Bena Kady Pond,

Angus Curry.
Charles Hill.
Donald McDonald.
Benowy Shephard.
Archibald McDonald.
Kenneth McKay.
Joseph McIntosh.
Ronald McDonald.
Angus McNeil.
John McNeil.

There are lesser Brooks frequented by Alewives, Trout, and other early fish from the sea,—over which as yet I have not appointed Deputies, in consequence of not having Session regulations that could be enforced with reference to them in time to be

be available ; due care, however, shall be taken to place persons to watch over them, in time to carry out those regulations.

I trust that by this Law, enforced with vigilance, the Salmon Fishery particularly, will in a few years become a profitable branch of industry, and a general benefit to the Province as a valuable export.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obdt. humble Servant,

RICHARD GIBBONS, JNR.,

Warden, River Fisheries.

To Hon. JOSEPH HOWE, Provincial Secretary.

To His Excellency SIR J. G. LEMARCHANT, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

In my last report up to the 30th of July, I brought to your Excellency's notice a well known fact, that is, the total failure of the fish in some of the Rivers in the County of Lunenburg, and the great decline in others ;—which will be unnecessary for me to repeat. The causes of this diminution I likewise brought to your Excellency's notice, as far as I could then ascertain.

I also laid before your Excellency certain serious obstructions, which existed in the LaHave and Gold Rivers, to which I craved your Excellency's particular attention, as it required some pecuniary aid to remove them. I would again suggest, provided it meets with your Excellency's approbation, to recommend some enactment by the Legislature, to enable the General Sessions of the County to apportion certain sums, if they should deem it necessary, with the subscription of the inhabitants, to remove the barriers, before alluded to ; or a small sum from the Province funds, with certain restrictions.

I have, by careful observation, come to the conclusion, that the great failure of the Shad and Gaspereaux, in the LaHave River in particular, is caused by the destruction of the young fish in making their way to the sea. On account of the peculiar construction of most of the Dams, it becomes necessary to have two fish passes, one for them to ascend, another for the young fish to descend the River. Through the neglect of the Mill owners, (and I fear wilful on the part of some), the young fish are in great numbers destroyed in dry seasons ; to remedy this evil I gave due notice to the Mill owners to have their fish gates open in good time. I considered it a duty I had to perform to see that this was carried out, for which purpose I visited the different Dams as the fish were going down, and with but one solitary exception, I found there was a free passage for the fish, and I had the pleasure of seeing large quantities of young fish on their passage down the River.

Owing to the excessive netting in the LaHave River and its branches, the Salmon Fishery is sadly reduced. The regulations of the General Sessions not being so restrictive as for the other Rivers in the County, and even those regulations not so strictly enforced, so that in a dry season it is a rare chance for one Salmon to escape.

Another most important injury to our Salmon Fishery, is the use of the small mesh net, by some of the Fishermen in some of the fresh waters. This proves destructive to the run of Salmon the ensuing season, by taking the grilse or young Salmon, which have not attained to more than one quarter of their growth or size. Such wanton destruction I believe can only be remedied by an Act of the Legislature, and

if they would confine our Fishermen to certain sized meshed nets, with other restrictions already enacted, we may yet expect our River Fisheries to arrive at what a bountiful Providence designed them to be, and a fruitful source of business in a commercial point of view.

I remain,

Your most obdt. humble Servant,

DANIEL DIMOCK, Warden.

Arichat, January 5th, 1854.

SIR—

In compliance with your request, I beg leave to lay before His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor a report of my proceedings as Warden for the protection of the River Fisheries for the County of Richmond, from the fifth of October to the present date. I have caused my Deputies to use all the diligence in their power to detect any infringement of the Law, passed last Session, respecting the River Fishery, in order to bring the depredator or depredators to justice; but I am informed by them, that no obstructions in any of the vicinities to which they are appointed at present exists; nor have any persons been detected in spearing Salmon, either by torch lights, as formerly used to be the case; nor has it been known to have been practiced in day time. The Indians who were formerly more in the habit of spearing Salmon by torch light, have, since this law came into operation, desisted, fearing, they say, their canoes might be taken from them for the fines.

The months of May and June is the time, in Richmond County, that Gaspereaux ascends the Rivers and Brooks to spawn, at which time great vigilance must be used in stopping Weirs from being erected on such Rivers and Brooks, as the erection of the same must prove greatly injurious to the multiplicity of these species of fish.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obdt. humble Servant,

HENRY MARTELL,

Warden, River Fisheries,

County of Richmond.

Honorable JOSEPH HOWE, Provincial Secretary, Halifax.

Guysborough, January 21st, 1854.

SIR—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular of the 13th instant, and in compliance therewith beg to offer the following remarks on the River Fisheries of this County.

Soon after my appointment of Warden, I visited the Rivers and examined them, over a great extent of Country. Finding it would be impossible effectually to perform so onerous a duty throughout the whole season, I appointed two Deputies for the District of St. Mary's, where it is notorious that Salmon, in the different Branches of the River, are constantly taken with spears and nets, and that it would be difficult to prevent such destructive practices without constant and vigilant duty on the part of Wardens residing in the neighbourhood. I also appointed two Deputies at Country Harbor,

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in the District of Guysborough; Salmon frequent this River in great numbers, but the greatest number is after the month of July. I caused one Mill Dam to be removed on this River, in order to allow the fish to pass up to the Lakes for the purpose of spawning. In the Report I had the honor to transmit on the 25th July, I stated my unwillingness to prosecute parties without instructions, as the Act seems vague and uncertain, and having failed in a prosecution against parties in this neighbourhood before two Magistrates. In this prosecution I paid costs to the amount of twenty-two shillings and six pence, besides travelling expences, &c.

The Members for this County are aware of the inefficiency of the present Law, and also well acquainted with the value and extent of the River Fisheries of the County, and to them I would beg to refer for information on this very important subject. My attention was particularly directed during the past season, to the Salmon Fishery, in the Salmon River in this neighbourhood, where the inhabitants resorted to a novel method of evading the Law, by seining the fish immediately outside the River at low water, when on their way up; the River being narrow at the mouth.

Great quantities, I am aware, were taken in this manner, and the parties persisted in the legality of such conduct, under the first Section of the Act passed the fourth day of April, 1853. They also continued taking Salmon after the 30th July, the time limited by the Act.

Large quantities of Gaspereaux are also taken in the different Rivers, which the inhabitants claim as an established privilege, and which, as already stated, I have failed to prevent. Perhaps it may be considered advisable to allow this privilege on stated nights, and in the intervals, the course of the River to be free for the run of fish towards the Lakes.

I have the honor to remain, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

M. McLEAN, Warden.

The Hon. the PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, &c. &c., Halifax.

To His Excellency SIR JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Lieutenant-Governor in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, &c. &c. &c.

I reply to a Circular of the 18th instant, requiring my Annual Report for the past year on the River Fisheries, I beg to state, that immediately on my being appointed to the office of Warden of the River Fisheries for the County of Shelburne, I visited the several Mill Dams within the limits of my District. I found some of them requiring alterations so as to admit fish to pass, and suggested such alterations as I deemed necessary, and I have the satisfaction to state, that in no one instance where such alterations were suggested, did I find Mill owners averse to meet my demands; but on the contrary, I found them ever willing to make a competent way for the passage of fish, and they seemed quite interested in allowing them an opportunity to get up to their habitual place of spawning.

I may further add, that if the Law now in operation, were carried out to the letter by Wardens, much more milling property would be destroyed in this County, than the fish passing up such Rivers would compensate for; but the undersigned has, in every case in which he was called upon to exercise his authority, endeavoured to secure the passage of fish with as little injury to persons owning property as was practicable; all of which the undersigned most humbly submits.

CHARLES STALKER, Warden.

Shelburne, N. S., January 23d, 1854.

Liverpool

Liverpool, January 23rd, 1854.

SIR—

In conformity with your Circular of the 13th instant, I hasten to submit the following Report:

On Saturday the 7th of May last, being the day after receiving my Commission, I proceeded to Mill Village. At Tumbling Dam, I found every thing in utter confusion, no regard paid to either Law or the Sessions Regulations respecting the River Fishery; no Overseers of the River Fishery sworn into office, and although for several years previous, no fishing was allowed on Saturday, I nevertheless found two Salmon nets made fast to the Dam, and two boats near these nets with chain painters, and locked with padlocks. Having remonstrated with the men in the Mills, respecting this breach of the Law and River Fishery regulations, I told them that a repetition of the offence, would incur a prosecution.

The same day I appointed three Deputy Wardens for Mill Village, ordered the canals near the end of the Dams to be cleared away, by removing a number of slabs that had been apparently put there to prevent the fish getting up; and when a free passage was effected, in the short space of twenty-five minutes, forty-three Salmon had passed through the canal. I visited two Saw Mills erected at Salter's falls; the Dams not going more than one-third of the way across, proved to be no impediment to the fish going up the River.

On the 12th day of May, a Special Sessions was held in the Court House at Liverpool, for the purpose of making regulations to co-operate with the provisions of the Act passed by the Legislature last Session. Fifty copies of this Sessions Regulations were ordered to be printed, and three weeks elapsed before these printed Regulations arrived from Halifax; during which period numerous breaches of these Regulations had been committed. Not deeming it fair to prosecute such breaches, previous to the publication of the Sessions Regulations, I contented myself with pointing out to these persons the folly of opposing the Law.

On receipt of the printed Regulations, I lost no time in circulating them, and in posting them up. The people of Mill Village discontinued dipping near the Dams; but I soon discovered a nefarious practice of setting eel-pots at the tail of the Mill flooms, in which I have been informed that bushels of young Salmon had been destroyed and given to the pigs. The owners of these pots pleaded that there was no Law against setting them. I told these persons that the words "other contrivances for catching Salmon" were inserted in last Winter's Act, and that I would try its efficacy,—and ordered the immediate taking up of these eel-pots, which was accordingly done. On the Port Medway River are seven different Dams, four at and near Mill Village, one at Bear falls, one at Bang's falls, and one at Greenfield (or Ponhook.) The three last mentioned Mills are not more than two miles apart, and about ten or twelve miles above Mill Village. After the publication of the Sessions Regulations, I went to visit the Dams at and near Ponhook, and found that these regulations were disregarded, and my Deputies' remonstrances unheeded. Having instituted a prosecution against two of the ringleaders, I found that a complete conspiracy had been set on foot, for the purpose of defeating the Law, and so completely was this system organized, that the Constable to whom the summons had been given gave it to another, who gave it to a third, so that the service was not effected; the Constable to whom the summons had been first given, having been fined for disobedience in doing his duty. A Constable belonging to this Town having served the summonses, the parties were fined by two Magistrates, in the sum of five pounds each; from this judgment the parties appealed to the Court of General Session, and thus the conspiracy was defeated and broken up.

Previous to the promulgation of the River Fishery regulations, many persons went to

Bear falls for the purpose of dipping Alewives, and caught large quantities of this fish close near the Dam; one individual caught forty barrels. Opposite the Mill Dam is a large rock running out to within two fathoms of the Dam, and on the side of this rock he has erected a square box made of boards and slabs which he pretends to hold by possession; from this position he can, with a long handled dip-net, reach nearly across to the Dam. Notwithstanding all that had been caught at this place, large quantities of both Alewives and Salmon have gone up to the Lakes.

Port Medway River is at present clear of obstructions, with one exception, and that is at Bang's falls; the Saw Mill at this place is owned by Mr. Sylvanus Morton, of Milton. The Mill is a single one, and the Dam runs all the way across the River, till it meets a large rock on the eastern side of the same, which rock makes a natural dam. When the water is high, Salmon can go over this rock, and inside is a good passage for Alewives between the rock and the shore; but when the water falls, the rock and the passage inside it are dry, consequently no fish can then go either up or down the River. About the first of September last, I directed one of my Deputies to cut a square hole in the bottom of the Dam for the purpose of letting down the young fish, which was accordingly done. But I have been informed that this got soon choked up with drift stuff coming down the River. A few days ago I laid the matter before the Court of General Sessions, who appointed a Committee to examine the premises and report the state thereof. During the last four or five years the Court of General Sessions have made several attempts to remedy the evil tendency of this Dam; but the owner, by soft words and fair promises has hitherto evaded every attempt at remedying the evil complained of; and so it stands a complete obstruction to fish, timber, logs, boats, &c.

I now come to Liverpool River. In the Summer of 1852, the Court of General Sessions appointed a Committee to examine the Dams in this River, and see that proper sluices were cut in them. This duty the Committee have performed, but whether these sluices were cut in the proper places is somewhat doubtful. When I became Warden, I found all these sluices filled up, and the water so high as to render any attempt at clearing them unavailable. Early in the Summer, I called a meeting of the Mill owners at Milton, for the purpose of devising some plan of a free passage for the fish through the Dams. At this meeting every Mill owner had a project of his own, and disapproved of that of his neighbour, so the meeting terminated without any tangible benefit. Seeing no inclination on the part of the Mill owners to comply, I made a formal complaint, in writing, to a Magistrate; and a Special Sessions, for the purpose of investigating my complaint, met at the Court House in Liverpool. At this Sessions it was ordered that a slope be cut in the main or first Dam, twenty-five feet on the top of the Dam, eighteen inches deep, fifty feet long, and thirty feet wide at the bottom,—to be well secured and balasted, and that a sufficient sluice-way be made to enable the young Alewives to go to sea. This slope has been accordingly made, and sluices also made in the other Dams close to the gravel, and piers sunk about ten feet above the Dams, opposite the sluice-way, with strainers from each side of the pier to the Dam, to prevent any drift stuff getting into the sluice-ways; and the Dams over the sluice-holes have been raised above high water mark, to prevent the water from running over the sluice. All these improvements have been accomplished during last summer, and the Mill owners say that they are ready to make any further alterations that may be deemed necessary at any future period.

I have had a communication with two respectable and venerable old gentlemen, residing near this Town. One of them, Mr. James McLeod of Brooklyn, eighty-one years of age, informs me, that sixty years ago he was in the habit of attending Salmon nets in this River, and that his then daily average catch was from sixty to eighty Salmon; and that the annual catch of Salmon in this River was over five hundred barrels.

barrels. The other gentleman, Mr. John Kempton of Milton, eighty years of age, has stated to me, that within his recollection, at three different periods, the River Fishery had been nearly destroyed. Whenever, said he, a new tight Dam had been erected, the fish rapidly decreased; but when proper sluices with gates were made, and the Dam got old and leaky, the fish always increased.

At one time he caught but half a barrel of Alewives during the summer, and six years after he (being Inspector of Pickled Fish for the District of Milton) inspected three thousand barrels of Alewives at Milton, which he states to have been the annual average catch at that place, when proper attention had been paid to the Dams.— Both these gentlemen are strong in their opinion that the River fish can again be restored, provided that a free passage be permitted them to go to their spawning places.

The only remaining place in this County where River fish resort to, is Port Jolly. At an outlet from Mr. Robertson's Lake is a Dam and Saw Mill. About ten years ago Mr. Robertson, with a dip-net, dipped up some Alewives and put them over the Dam into the Lake, and every year since the fish is increasing in the Brook leading from the Lake, so much so, that more smoked Alewives from this place have been sold at Liverpool last summer, than from Milton and all Portmedway put together. The Harbor of Port Jolly is all flats near the head, except a narrow Channel, in some places not more than ten fathoms wide. Across this Channel, some of the inhabitants were in the habit of setting their herring-nets—and at low water, (the flats being dry) the fish collected into this narrow Channel, and to escape these nets was almost impossible. Upon these facts coming to my knowledge, I appointed Mr. Robertson a Deputy Warden, gave him the River Fishery Regulations, and laid the matter before the Grand Jury, who, in their presentments, recommended that no herring-nets be set across the Channel in Port Jolly, but parallel to the course of the Channel; also, that nets be fifty feet apart.

At Brooklyn, the recent gales carried away both Mill and Dam. I am informed that in former years Alewives were abundant in this Brook, and that by proper attention, the fish may again be restored. I accordingly notified the proprietors of the Dam, that whenever they erected a new one, care must be taken to put in sufficient sluice-ways, to afford a free passage for the fish.

On the 10th instant, the Court of General Sessions met at the Court House at Liverpool, and being before the Grand Jury, I submitted to them whether it would not be desirable to refrain from catching any River fish during the present year, except for bait; but the liking for Salmon prevailed, and so they refused to sanction my request. However, I entertain strong hopes to see this noble River once more teeming with fish as heretofore. Of the restoration of the Port Medway River I have no doubt. On the first day of the Sessions, the two men who appealed from the judgment of two Magistrates, came forward to sustain their appeal, attended by an Attorney. I prosecuted one of these men on Chapter ninety-five of the Revised Statutes, and the other for a breach of the Sessions Regulations of the Fishery. The Attorney pleaded, that in order to sustain the action against his clients, both Mill and Dam must run all the way across the River, and as the Mill at Bear Falls was parallel to the River, and the Dam not going more than one-third of the way across, that the action could not be maintained, and, consequently, the defendants must go free.

The Magistrates disregarded this quibble, but taking into consideration that the Law had been made recently, and being the first offence, the Court reduced the fine to forty shillings with costs, and with an admonition to beware of future transgressions.

I have to return my sincere thanks to the Magistrates, for the prompt and efficient support afforded me by them upon every occasion that I deemed it necessary to call upon them; all of which is humbly submitted by your obedient Servant,

P. GOUGH, Warden, Queen's County.

Hon. JOSEPH HOWE, Provincial Secretary, Halifax.

*Warden's Office, Yarmouth,
January 24th, 1854.*

SIR—

In compliance with the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, I herewith make a report of my doings as Warden of the River Fisheries for the County of Yarmouth. As soon as my appointment was gazetted, I visited the Rivers, knowing that incumbrances were in them that impeded the passage of the fish up and down said Rivers, and told the Fishermen if they were found fishing before the Rivers were opened the width allowed by the Sessions, that I would enter a complaint against them as soon as I received my Commission. Salmon River I found contracted with stone walls to less than half of its proper width, and no fishing stand had five feet at the bottom when they should have had ten. The upper part of said River sloped with Mill Dams and brush, so that fish could not pass. The Fishermen went immediately to work and opened the River its width, and the Mill owners made a free passage through their Dams; which has much increased the run of fish. The west branch of Tusket River had three Mill Dams across it, and no gate or fish-way through them. These were likewise opened, and it is said that more young fish came down last autumn, than has for seven years previous. The eastern branch of said River was incumbered with stone walls and Mill Dams, which were cleared. Eel Brook and Argyle Rivers were opened. Jegogin River had been dammed across for some years, without a fish-way, which nearly broke up the haunt of fish. That too was opened. Beaver River is blocked up by a sea wall that has destroyed that fishery. At the outlet from Darling's Lake, through Short Beach, the fish are increasing yearly. The fish have abandoned Yarmouth River for many years. I have visited Ghebogue River several times since my appointment, and am convinced that fish do not resort there. Jegogin and Salmon Rivers I have looked after myself, and have appointed two Deputy Wardens for the other Rivers in Yarmouth, and four for the Rivers in Argyle.

There have been five prosecutions for breach of fishery regulations; judgment was given against two, the other three were acquitted.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JOSEPH SHAW.

HON. JOSEPH HOWE.

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To His Excellency SIR J. G. LEMARCHANT, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Nova-Scotia, Knight, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

SIR—

In obedience to your commands communicated to me by Circular from the Honorable Provincial Secretary, of the 13th instant, I proceed to furnish my annual Report, as Warden of the River Fisheries for this County.

In my report of my proceedings up to the 30th of June last, and transmitted by your Excellency's command, the substance of some portions of this Report will be found embodied.

There are in this County, besides the Main Annapolis River, four considerable Streams which are frequented by Salmon for the purpose of depositing their spawn. Those Streams are known as the Nictaux River, the Lovett Brook, near Round Hill, the Easson Brook, or Allen River, near Annapolis Royal, and the Eastern Branch of the Bear River. Those Streams were all frequented in past years by the Salmon fish in very considerable abundance; but it is an undeniable fact that this valuable Fishery

in all those Streams, as well as in the main River, have been damaged to an almost ruinous extent, by the lawless and cruel manner in which the fish have been destroyed; as also by being obstructed in their passage up some of those Streams, by Mill Dam erections. Two of those Streams, namely, the Nictaux River, and the Bear River, East Branch, have been thus obstructed for a considerable number of years past, particularly the former.

To remedy those evils, the previous regulations by the appointment by the Court of Sessions of Overseers of Fisheries, have proved altogether inadequate. Beside being obstructed in their passage by Mill Dam erections, the fish have been killed or taken on all days of the week, the Sabbath included, by spearing and sweeping on the small Streams, and by extending set nets from shore to shore of the Main River. The destruction of the fish at the two Mill Dam erections, namely, on the Nictaux River and Bear River Stream, has been of a wholesale description; this destruction has been effected by scooping out the fish with small nets, and also by spearing them as they were obstructed and bewildered in their progress by meeting with those obstructions. Those facts I have learned from reliable sources.

With the aid of my Deputies, five in number, I have succeeded in lessening those evils, beyond what I at the first anticipated, when I commenced the discharge of my duties; and I derive this conviction in part from information I have received, that more Salmon were observed in the upper waters of the Annapolis River, during the past season, than had been observed for a number of years past.

In my first tour of inspection, I was pleased to find the obstruction on the Nictaux River opened; but on a subsequent tour I found it again closed up, which occasioned me to fear some difficulty with the owner, Mr. Samuel McKeown, who has been an old offender. On my remonstrance, however, he pledged himself to cause the Dam to be again opened, which he did to a partial extent.

On the Bear River Stream, the owners of the Dam complied with my order to open a sluice-way.

To effect a complete remedy of the evils which have accrued to the Salmon Fishery of this County, by the obstructions referred to, and the lawless and wholesale destruction of those fish, by means of scooping, spearing, and extending set nets from shore to shore of the Streams, and to entice the fish to return to those Streams they formerly frequented in great numbers, the efforts of the Warden must extend over a series of years. By this means, and the steady enforcement of the provisions of the Laws at present in force, together with some additional provisions which I purpose to take the liberty of recommending to the notice of your Excellency and the Legislature, I feel persuaded that a very considerable improvement will be effected in the Salmon Fishery of this County.

All which is respectfully submitted,

By your Excellency's

Most obdt. and humble Servant,

THOMAS W. CHESLEY, Warden.

Bridgetown, January 31st, 1854.

To the Honorable JOSEPH HOWE, *Provincial Secretary, and Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council.*

SIR—

In my Annual Report to His Excellency on the subject of the River Fisheries of this County, I intimated my purpose of bringing to the notice of His
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Excellency and his Council, certain provisions, which, in my humble opinion, are calculated to improve, if enacted into Law, the present Laws for the protection of the River Fisheries of this Province.

I take the liberty to enclose them herewith, having, at the same time, noted (in the Explanations) some of the reasons which, to my mind, render them necessary.

If His Excellency and his Council should think them worthy of consideration and approval, and of being recommended to the Legislature for enactment into Law, I feel persuaded that, as far as this County is concerned, at least, they will be found valuable additional provisions to the present Law for the protection of the Salmon Fishery.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

THOMAS W. CHESLEY.

Bridgetown, Feby. 5, 1854.

1st. Any person who shall fish in any River, Stream, Lake, or Water Course, within this Province, and shall take by such means any young Salmon or Salmon-fry, shall immediately liberate them from the hook, and throw them at large into the Stream from whence they were taken; and any person who shall violate the provisions of this Section, or who shall be seen with any dead fish of the above description in their possession, shall forfeit and pay, for each offence, a sum not to exceed twenty shillings.

EXPLANATION.—In many places Salmon-fry have been taken in considerable numbers, which obviously injures the Salmon Fishery by lessening the quantity, and produces no corresponding equivalent to those who take them.

2nd. No person shall set or extend any set net (or such net as shall not be constantly attended by persons, who shall hold in their hands what are termed spring poles) for taking Salmon in any of the Rivers or Streams of this Province below where the tide usually rises and falls, more than one-third the distance from one shore toward the other of such Rivers or Streams, under a penalty not to exceed ten pounds.

EXPLANATION.—By the present Law, persons may set nets of this description near the head of the tide, and may stretch them any distance. The "set nets," so called, are stretched and left unattended for any length of time when the tide ebbs and flows but little, viz.: near the head of the tide.

3rd. No person shall sweep with a net for taking Salmon, in any of the Rivers, Streams, or Water Courses of this Province, under a penalty not to exceed forty shillings.

4th. The Wardens of the River Fisheries in any of the Counties of this Province, or any of their Deputies, are hereby authorized to seize and take possession of any net, boat, or other contrivance for taking Salmon, which may be so employed contrary to Law, and shall forthwith report such seizure to a Justice of the Peace, who shall summon the owner to shew cause why the same should not be forfeited and sold; and upon due proof that such net, boat, or other contrivance for taking Salmon, was unlawfully employed for such purpose, the same shall be forfeited and sold, and the owner thereof shall forfeit and pay a sum not to exceed forty shillings.

EXPLANATION.—Under the present provisions of the Law, the owners of boats, nets, &c., may and have secreted the same before regular process could be obtained, and a constable procured to effect a seizure. And if not actually secreted, it is next to impossible for the Warden to identify them.

5th. Any person who shall be convicted for a violation of the laws for the protection of the River Fisheries of this Province, and shall be a minor, or shall be unable to pay any

any fine or penalty which may follow such conviction, shall be committed to the common Jail of the County where such conviction shall be had, for a term not to exceed one month.

EXPLANATION.—Sometimes it will happen that minors are detected, or poor persons unable to pay a fine, and I know of no summary and effectual punishment for such provision as this Section contains.

6th. The fines or penalties and proceeds of seizures for violation of this Act, shall be collected and appropriated in the same manner as is enacted by the fourth Section of the Act, entitled, "An Act to amend Chapter 95 of the Revised Statutes."

7th. No person shall set or extend any net or other contrivance, whereby any Salmon may be taken, in any of the Lakes, Rivers, Streams, or Water Courses in this Province, from Friday night at sunset, to Monday morning at sunrise, under a penalty of _____.

EXPLANATION.—This amendment of Section _____ of the present Law is important, as by the said Section, in order to convict, we must prove the actual taking, which is in most cases impossible.

St. Ann's, February 7th, 1854.

SIR—

Great quantities of Salmon used to be destroyed in the Rivers of the County of Victoria, as there never was any opposition against taking them, and every person acted as he liked, and destroyed the fish as soon as they were up the River.—But since the late Act has come in force, such unlawful proceedings are annihilated as far as in my power.

Not one instance of a trespass has come before me from any of my Deputies stationed at the different Rivers of the County.

I attended at the upper part of Middle River myself, when I could obtain no Deputy during the fishing season in the month of September, when a great quantity of Salmon spawn. My attendance suppressed the fishing to a great degree, almost totally, although I am led to believe some have been caught, but it was impossible for me to trace out the perpetrators, which is difficult, as the people of that Settlement combine together, and their main object is to destroy the fish if they can, as they do not view the Act in its proper light. I have strong suspicion against some parties, and I hope to have a chance of taking them.

All the other Rivers are well protected, and not a single Salmon has been taken in them.

If that valuable fish receives its liberty, and the Rivers well protected, or the Act left in force (as it should be), the Salmon will be allowed to generate, and will, in a short time, be as abundant as ever, and the Fishermen who toil after them will be amply rewarded for their labor.

As I made a report on the 30th June, I have thought it unnecessary to go into a lengthy detail to mention the Rivers, &c., spoken of in that report

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN MUNRO, Jr.

Warden, River Fisheries.

Honorable JOSEPH HOWE, Provincial Secretary.

To

To His Excellency SIR GASPARD LE MARCHANT, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Nova-Scotia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

In obedience to a Circular from the Provincial Secretary, directed to me as Warden of the River Fisheries for the County of Pictou, I have the honor to submit my Annual Report, as follows :

On reference to my Report, dated 28th July last, concerning the River Fisheries of the County of Pictou, made up to the 30th June preceding, and forwarded to the Provincial Secretary's Office, it will appear that I had visited all the principal Rivers and Streams under my jurisdiction, and inspected twenty-one Mill Dams, and also that I gave the several Mill proprietors instructions as to the requirements of the Law, and appointed Deputies.

In the month of August I made the same tour of inspection, and found the Mill Dams in the same state of obstruction to fish as they were in June, I again gave directions as to the construction of suitable fish-gates according to a model which I exhibited, except in two or three instances, when the model was accidentally left behind, but in those cases the directions I gave were so explicit as not to be misunderstood ; I also then notified the parties that I would re-visit the same localities during the first week in October, that being the usual time at which Salmon begin to ascend our Rivers here, and that all who should not have by that time complied with the Law under my directions, would be prosecuted. About the first week in October, on calling at the several Mill Dams, I found that none of them had been altered according to my orders, except two in the Township of Maxwellton, which were provided with fish-ways to my satisfaction.

Finding an almost universal reluctance to observe the Law, particularly as regards Mill obstructions, I some time ago selected two cases as a commencement of legal proceedings, and having submitted the proper informations, a Special Sessions fined both parties in the costs, and passed an order for removal of the obstructions by a specified time. I have also successfully prosecuted for two offences of spearing at Salmon, being the only cases in which I had sufficient evidence to warrant legal proceedings.

As to the operation of the Law, I may state, that it has already effected much good, especially by preventing the taking of fish in the Rivers at improper times, and in consequence of the wise regulations of our Session in extending River boundaries into the Harbours, more fish have entered the Rivers than formerly, as they have not been caught with nets at the head of the tide as in previous years. But the chief difficulty will be in dealing with Mills, the owners of which generally shew a disposition to disregard the Law. Mill proprietors appear to think they have a prescriptive right to obstruct the whole River, and one great reason no doubt is that they have been so long allowed to do so with impunity. As far as I can learn, there has been but one Mill Dam prostrated by legal process in this County for many years.

The present Law no doubt can effect much, but in order to render the protection of the River Fisheries more efficient, I beg to submit that the Act might be amended as to the following particulars :

The 2nd Section renders it incumbent on the prosecutor of the seller or buyer of Salmon, to prove, as part of his case for penalties, the taking of the fish in Rivers, which it would be wholly impossible to do in almost every case, and my attention was directed to this point from the circumstance that, during last season, a person in my presence exposed for sale Salmon which I had no doubt were taken from some River in the County within the prohibited time, and though his object was evidently to provoke prosecution, I felt myself powerless.

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Another amendment refers to the case of such as in default of payment submit to imprisonment under the 11th Section. Many who infringe the Law by taking fish are paupers, and even proprietors of Mills are frequently mere nominal owners of over mortgaged property, and the prosecutor of both classes being attended with expense, some provision should be made to indemnify the prosecutor for his outlay in punishing them by imprisonment, as the costs cannot be realized from such offenders; and when the prosecutor fails to convict, he should be reimbursed, if the Court which tries the matter will certify that he had justifiable grounds to prosecute, and attended to it diligently.

There is also another subject referred to in my former Report, and to which I beg to revert. Saw-dust, I am satisfied, does vast injury to fish streams, and Saw Mills should be provided with floors, vats, or other receptacles, to receive the saw-dust, from which it could be conveyed away, and not allowed to fall into the water.

In conclusion, I may observe, that as Salmon do not enter our Rivers till after July, and as they are protected at the estuaries by the regulation of the Sessions referred to, the taking of such fish at any season of the year in our Rivers is, in effect, wholly prohibited. Of this I approve, for the effect will be not only to foster and revive the Fisheries in the course of a few years, but this protection in the meantime induces the fish to frequent the Sea Coasts at the outlets of their native streams, when those that are there taken are always in good condition.

I have the honor to be

Your obedient Servant,

JAMES MURDOCH.

Pictou, 9th February, 1854.

Mabou, February 13, 1854.

SIR—

In conformity with His Excellency's Commission to me directed, and in obedience to the Law relating to River Fisheries, I immediately, on receiving my appointment, visited all the Rivers and Streams in the County of Inverness, in which Salmon are in the habit of frequenting, and appointed trustworthy persons as Deputy Wardens on all the Rivers and Streams, whom, I have reason to believe, have been very diligent in protecting the Salmon frequenting said Rivers from being destroyed; and although I have visited all the said Rivers and Streams frequently during the season, I am happy to say that in no instance have I been able to hear of a single Salmon being killed within the time limited by Law. In several instances the owners of Mills on Streams where Salmon are in the habit of frequenting, have neglected to open a way for fish to pass,—of which neglect I have reported by affidavit before a Justice, as by Law required, which affidavit was laid before the General Sessions on the first Tuesday of October by the Justice before whom it was made, but the General Sessions refused to take any action in the matter, alleging as a reason that the Law required such matters to be first brought before a Special Sessions, and no such Special Sessions has ever been called for that purpose. I may add, that the Dams above alluded to are all on very small Streams, and where it is only at rare times that any Salmon go up farther than where the Dam is built.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

most respectfully,

Your very obedient Servant,

WILLIAM McDONELL,

Warden, River Fisheries,

County of Inverness.

The Hon. JOSEPH HOWE.

Antigonish, February 16, 1854.

SIR,—

In compliance with the request contained in yours of the 13th of January, requesting me to forward a report as Warden of the River Fisheries, I beg now to report as follows :

At the date of receiving my Commission as Warden of the River Fisheries in this County, which was the 17th of May, 1853, no regulations whatever appeared to have been enforced for the protection of fish. There were six Dams on the West River.

In July I examined that River up to the Gaspereaux Lake, and made a fish-way in each of the Dams. In August I examined them again twice, and found them as I first left them, in a legal condition.

About the same time that I first examined the West River, I also went up the South River, on which I found three Dams, and in which I made fish-ways as in those on the West River. I examined these twice in August, and found them in the condition in which I left them.

The Pomquet River, Little River, and Tracadie River, I examined in July. There are no Dams on either of these where Salmon frequent, except one on the Pomquet River. In this I also made a fish-way, which I again examined, as I did the others.

There are some other Dams on Brooks and Rivers to which no Salmon ever resorts, but in these I did not consider it necessary to make any alteration.

In October I instituted two suits for breach of the Act, one against Hugh Fraser, and the other against John McGilvray, and recovered judgment for a penalty of Ten pounds against Fraser, who is insolvent; but in the other, was non-suited, the Defendant having brought witnesses who testified, that when the offence was committed, he was in another part of the Settlement. These suits I instituted upon a personal view of the offences committed, having all that night watched the River.

I found it necessary thus to watch all night during the month of October, as otherwise breaches would have been made at the time at which no persons could see, and accordingly was out about twelve nights during that month.

The Main Rivers in this County are now in a condition to admit of the passage of fish without any interruption, and from what I can judge, a greater quantity of fish of every kind passed to the Lakes during the last season than was known for many years. No other breaches of the Law of which I could procure evidence, was committed, nor do I think that many were in fact committed within the County, although it was impossible to prevent occasional misconduct.

In conclusion, I am of opinion, that the precaution already taken for the protection of the Fisheries, will not fail to have the intended effect, and that, if the Law is rigidly enforced for a succession of years, the result will be highly beneficial, not only to the Local Fishermen, but to those who embark to the largest extent in that enterprize.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,

Warden of River Fisheries

for the County of Sydney.

To the Hon. the PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, Halifax.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

(Copy.)

Government-House, Halifax,

October 28, 1853.

• MY LORD DUKE—

During the year and a half that I have administered the Government of this Province, I have endeavored to make myself acquainted with its industrial resources, and maritime and agricultural capabilities.

With the Blue Book sent home in 1852, I transmitted the Statistical Returns for 1851, collected under an Act of the Legislature. Without recapitulating what these include, I shall do myself the honor to call Your Lordship's attention to a few interesting facts, and comparative statements, which will serve to illustrate the actual condition of this Colony.

I am happy to be enabled to report that it has entirely recovered from the depression occasioned by the Potatoe Rot, and by the derangements which recent changes in the commercial system of the Empire, at first occasioned. All the great interests of the Province exhibit revived activity, Its Staples,—Agricultural Produce, Fish, Coal, Gypsum, Cordwood, Lumber, and new Vessels—command high prices. The population are fully employed—and the Revenue, collected under a Tariff, the lowest on this Continent, steadily increases—yielding, not only all that is required to defray the expenses of the Government, but a large surplus, for the protection of the Fisheries, the encouragement of Agriculture, the maintenance of Schools, and for internal improvements of various kinds.

In Canada the advalorem duty on imports is $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. ; in New Brunswick it ranges from $7\frac{1}{2}$ to 30 per cent. ; but in Nova-Scotia it is only $6\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. on the same description of articles.

In 1849 the Revenue was £54,179 11 4, Sterling. In 1852, in Sterling, £93,039 7 2.* And the three Quarters of 1853, the accounts for which have been closed, shew that this increase will be maintained.

There are 43 Free Ports in Nova-Scotia, at which officers are appointed, and which enjoy equal privileges for conducting domestic and foreign commerce. By reference to the following Tables, your Grace will perceive the extent and value of the Trade of each with Great Britain, the British Colonies, the United States, and other countries :

* Public Debt of Nova-Scotia, 31st December, 1852, (on interest at 4 per cent.) Sterling,	£39,200 0 0
Province Paper afloat, not paying interest,	47,889 10 0
	£87,089 10 0

A General Statement of Imports at the different Ports in Nova-Scotia, in the year 1852—shewing the value of Merchandize entered at each Port, and indicating from what Country Imported.

Ports.	Total Value.	IMPORTED FROM				
		Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	O'r Countries
			West indies.	N. America.		
Amherst,	£12475 16 0			£6609 12 0	£5866 4 0	
Annapolis,	14488 13 0		£58 15 0	8816 4 0	5391 2 0	£22 12 0
Antigonishe,	435 0 0			359 0 0	76 0 0	
Arichat,	12767 11 0	£1466 4 0		4656 0 0	2882 14 0	3762 13 0
Barrington,	3696 19 0			979 9 0	2485 5 0	232 5 0
Beaver River,	1219 0 0				1219 0 0	
Canada Creek,	2909 10 0			1139 0 0	1770 10 0	
Canso, (Cape)	7350 0 0	350 0 0		6082 0 0	918 0 0	
Church Point,	2876 12 0		30 0 0	735 0 0	2111 12 0	
Clements Port,	1633 5 0			336 5 0	1297 0 0	
Cornwallis,	7664 15 0			5277 10 0	2387 5 0	
Digby,	14955 16 0		143 16 0	8322 15 0	6424 17 0	64 8 0
Guysborough,	1196 5 0			898 10 0	297 15 0	
Halifax,	939864 3 0	399277 2 0	11496 2 0	162954 9 0	218817 5 0	147319 5 0
Hants Port,	823 16 0				823 16 0	
Horton,	3992 15 0			74 0 0	3918 15 0	
Joggins,	1725 15 0			504 15 0	1221 0 0	
Le Have,	865 0 0				806 0 0	59 0 0
Liverpool,	13132 18 0		3076 7 0	3299 11 0	6515 0 0	442 0 0
Londonderry,	4241 15 0	22 10 0		363 0 0	3856 15 0	
Lunenburg,	1265 1 0		121 5 0	138 1 0	962 15 0	43 0 0
Maitland,	2478 10 0			438 15 0	2039 15 0	
Parrsborough,	3301 15 0	100 0 0	328 10 0	1905 15 0	967 10 0	
Pictou,	43597 17 0	176110 5 0		6359 10 0	19602 2 0	25 0 0
Port Hood,	849 0 0			847 0 0	2 0 0	
Port Medway,	257 10 0				247 0 0	10 10 0
Pubnico,	1357 0 0			30 0 0	1327 0 0	
Pugwash,	1111 0 0	1111 0 0				
Ragged Islands,	3872 7 0		1280 17 0		2530 0 0	61 10 0
Shelburne,	747 0 0		403 10 0	73 10 0	270 0 0	
Sherbrooke,	210 10 0	210 10 0				
Sheet Harbor,	118 10 0				118 10 0	
Ship Harbor,	5852 10 0			992 5 0	486 50 0	
Sydney, C. B.,	7043 16 0	2124 19 0		1939 0 0	2367 5 0	612 12 0
Tatamagouche,	1648 10 0	1071 0 0		301 0 0	276 10 0	
Tusket,	2761 10 0		823 15 0		1877 15 0	60 0 0
Wallace,	2956 15 0	2467 10 0		152 5 0	337 0 0	
Walton,	1680 15 0			45 0 0	1635 15 0	
Westport.	6114 10 0		567 10 0	2649 0 0	2268 0 0	630 0 0
Weymouth,	8664 10 0		846 10 0	2499 0 0	5319 0 0	
Wilmot,	6617 11 0			3594 10 0	3023 0 0	
Windsor,	9706 6 0	1200 11 0		2830 9 0	5675 6 0	
Yarmouth,	33647 13 0	519 17 0	2761 11 0	6839 0 0	23052 6 0	474 19 0
TOTAL—	£1,194,175 10 0	427,532 8 0	21,938 8 0	243,041 1 0	347,843 19 0	153,819 14 0

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A General Statement of Exports from the different Ports in Nova-Scotia, in the year 1852, shewing the value of Merchandize Exported from each, and indicating to what Country Exported.

Ports.	Total value.	EXPORTED TO				
		Great Britain.	British Colonies.		U. States.	O'r Countries
			West Indies.	N. America.		
Amherst,	£4372 2 0	£1894 0 0		£1497 4 0	£980 18 0	
Annapolis,	20366 9 4		£263 17 0	15341 14 0	4761 0 0	
Antigonishe,	7520 17 0			7520 17 0		
Arichat,	19911 13 0	713 0 0		4170 12 0	3758 3 0	£11269 18 0
Barrington,	9977 16 0		413 10 0	3472 4 0	6092 2 0	
Beaver River,	1673 8 0		182 8 0	22 10 0	1468 10 0	
Canada Creek,	3977 13 0			1659 13 0	2318 0 0	
Canso (Cape)	7046 8 0		75 0 0	5880 6 0	1091 2 0	
Church Point,	2444 12 0		293 18 0	29 4 0	2121 10 0	
Clements Port,	1875 1 0			503 19 0	1371 2 0	
Cornwallis,	15057 5 0			3078 5 0	11979 0 0	
Digby,	13438 0 0	300 4 0	418 17 0	6944 15 0	5774 4 0	
Guysborough,	2174 7 0			2034 7 0		140 0 0
Halifax,	588206 10 0	20167 0 0	144480 0 0	234842 0 0	119385 0 0	69332 10 0
Hants Port,	2924 8 0	874 18 0			2049 10 0	
Horton,	4030 0 0		396 15 0	66 5 0	3567 0 0	
Joggins,	3317 11 0			1639 7 0	1678 4 0	
LaHave,	3370 6 0	495 6 0	588 9 0	282 10 0	2004 1 0	
Liverpool,	36061 4 0		30505 9 0	1258 17 0	3352 8 0	944 10 0
Londonderry,	2739 16 0	517 6 0		1712 10 0	510 0 0	
Lunenburg,	742 15 0			92 12 0	650 3 0	
Maitland,	3815 17 0	197 4 0		596 13 0	3022 0 0	
Parrsborough,	8000 4 0	2987 6 0	2 0 0	3459 13 0	1551 2 0	
Pictou,	57618 16 0	13056 15 0	112 0 0	10199 18 0	33761 3 0	489 0 0
Port Hood,	5967 15 0			5934 10 0	33 5 0	
Port Medway,	3356 11 0		1096 19 0		2259 12 0	
Pubnico,	1879 16 0				1879 16 0	
Pugwash,	10582 16 0	9828 13 0		754 3 0		
Ragged Islands,	8104 17 0		7519 8 0	455 9 0	55 0 0	75 0 0
Shelburne,	2332 6 0	13 10 0	1379 10 0	567 16 0		371 10 0
Sherbrooke,	1972 0 0	1936 0 0		36 0 0		
Sheet Harbor,	76 0 0		66 0 0		10 0 0	
Ship Harbor,	5605 1 0			2593 1 0	3012 0 0	
Sydney, C. B.	31997 8 0	581 10 0	310 0 0	21893 13 0	7363 15 0	1848 10 0
Tatamagouche,	3843 13 0	3224 15 0		618 18 0		
Tusket,	3737 16 0		2471 11 0	607 5 0	659 0 0	
Wallace,	4174 14 0	3441 14 0	100 0 0	633 0 0		
Walton,	2625 5 0			198 5 0	2427 0 0	
Westport,	7215 17 0		1306 1 0	2274 16 0	3635 0 0	
Weymouth,	20850 1 0	1292 0 0	11191 1 0	2347 10 0	6019 10 0	
Wilmot,	5477 14 0			2892 9 0	2585 5 0	
Windsor,	9542 13 0	1062 12 0	335 10 0	450 0 0	7694 11 0	
Yarmouth,	20775 13 0	92 6 0	9526 3 0	3622 16 0	6969 18 0	564 10 0
TOTAL—	£970,780 14 4	62,675 19 0	213,034 6 0	352,185 4 0	257,849 17 0	85,035 8 0

By a comparison of the totals it would appear that there is a balance of £223,394 15 8 against the Province: but when it is considered that the Exports are estimated at the comparatively low prices which they bring here, it would be apparent that if the higher prices which they command abroad, including the freights outward in our own vessels, were given, they would prove that Nova-Scotia is fulfilling all the conditions of a healthy and profitable exchange.

The value of new vessels, built for sale and exportation, ought also to be added to the Exports. I regret that it is not in my power to furnish an accurate Return of these. The Financial Secretary has been instructed to prepare one for the current year.

By reference to the following Returns, the character of the Imports and Exports to and from all Countries, will be understood:

Abstract of the principal articles of British and Foreign Merchandize imported into the Province of Nova-Scotia, during the year ended 31st December, 1852—shewing the value of each article, and from what Country imported.

ARTICLES	Total of Imports.		From what Country Imported.				
	Quantity	Value.	Great Britain	British Colonies.		U. States.	O'r Countries
				W. Indies.	N. America.		
Apples,		£542 7 2			£269 6 0	£273 1 2	
Ammunition,		2622 18 5	£2632 10 0		43 4 11		£7 3 6
Ale,		1047 15 0	1044 4 0		0 14 0	2 17 0	
Beef, Cwt.	2098 1 20	1526 10 0			165 10 0	1399 0 0	
Brandy,		9831 1 0	4111 10 0		423 11 0	60 0 0	5220 0 0
Bread,		5295 19 7	2 3 0		465 10 3	4645 17 10	181 8 6
Burning Fluid,		1471 14 9				1471 14 9	
Bricks,	437100	517 18 0	27 15 0		194 2 6	239 0 6	57 0 0
Butter,		1307 3 0			1246 11 0	69 12 0	
Candles,		1637 4 3	301 0 0	£12 0 0	114 12 5	646 11 10	3 0 0
Cabinet ware,		2259 12 7	59 3 0		31 14 6	2158 15 1	
Coffee,		5503 18 4	2 14 2	755 17 0	13 16 2	2750 3 0	1981 8 0
Cordage,		20866 3 7	14292 2 9		468 5 9	4969 13 9	1136 1 4
Cheese,		454 10 7	36 0 0		8 2 0	410 8 7	
Clocks,		403 13 0			52 16 0	350 17 0	
Corn and wheat,	bush 91512	13348 14 9	27 13 0		1615 7 0	11705 14 9	
Cornmeal & Oatmeal,	bbles. 25061	18927 14 8			1812 12 0	17115 2 8	
Cotton manufactures,		207935 9 5	173156 5 6		9922 2 6	24608 11 5	248 10 0
China & earthenware,		8086 7 8	5634 6 2		1870 12 1	568 2 3	13 7 2
Codfish,		45400 13 0			45399 4 0	1 9 0	
Drugs & apothecaries' wares,		6108 13 0	2645 15 0		184 17 7	3278 0 5	
Fishing tackle,		20826 5 3	17466 18 0		2326 16 6	502 1 3	470 9 6
Fruit,		5860 8 5	210 7 0	3 0 0	109 15 8	769 0 9	4768 5 0
Flour, (rye),	bbles. 8757	6840 13 6			164 15 0	6675 18 6	
Do. (wheat),	211167	204951 10 1			70633 13 4	134275 16 9	42 0 0
Glassware,		3724 9 0	2119 4 0	80 0 0	275 2 6	1247 2 6	3 0 0
Geneva and whiskey,		2215 19 0	1817 15 0		334 14 0	53 10 9	10 0 0
Hardware,		29356 18 6	21100 15 0		1792 0 11	6255 17 7	208 5 0
Haberdashery,		6696 9 0	4156 0 0		1221 5 0	1319 4 0	
Herrings,		19655 18 0	1 15 0		19349 3 0	280 0 0	25 0 0
Hides and skins,		4002 7 0	13 11 0	107 5 0	621 17 0	1862 14 0	1397 0 0
Iron & ironmongery,		25414 13 7	15959 1 0		4101 15 9	5283 12 10	70 4 0
Linen & woollen manufactures,		9329 5 0	3755 13 0		2672 11 0	1490 1 0	411 0 0
Leather & leather do.,		19607 4 0	12402 14 0		172 1 0	6636 14 0	395 15 0
Leather,		4332 0 0	268 0 0		72 11 0	3991 9 0	
Lime,		467 14 0			366 5 0	91 9 0	10 0 0
Lumber,		5577 2 0			5426 18 0	150 4 0	
Lard,		1054 9 0			423 0 0	631 9 0	
Molasses,		58397 15 0	244 0 0	8102 11 0	3467 13 0	1416 15 0	45166 16 0
Mackerel,	bbles. 3102	3930 10 0			3930 10 0		
Oakum,		1426 3 0	561 5 0		314 3 0	550 15 0	
Oils,		11441 9 3	3972 1 0		6662 2 9	766 3 6	41 2 0
Oats and barley,	bus. 129493	6824 11 6			6824 11 6		
Paper manufactures,							
books & stationery,		12282 11 0	6573 12 0		31 4 0	5677 1 6	0 13 6
Paint,		4714 0 0	4176 7 0		361 5 0	176 8 0	
Pork and hams,		9193 0 0	5 13 0		5529 4 0	3658 3 0	
Potatoes,	73989	5349 9 0		0 16 0	5291 16 0	56 17 0	
Rice,	cwt. 2445 3	2488 10 0	259 9 0		16 13 0	2212 8 0	
Rum,		8425 13 0	21 5 0	5551 6 0	147 11 0	1755 10 0	950 1 0
Salt,	tons 17327	14455 13 0	3335 1 0	3879 4 0	3199 10 0	471 11 0	3570 7 0
Scale and other fish,		10406 4 0			10327 6 0	76 18 0	2 0 0
Soap,		1920 16 0	1470 6 0		133 14 0	306 4 0	10 12 0
Sugar,		60688 5 0	1543 1 0	1366 3 0	408 6 0	2509 6 0	53861 9 0
Tea,	lbs 1857987	68144 9 0	14645 1 0	17 5 0	1949 11 0	26466 14 0	26065 18 0
Tobacco,		13847 12 0		3 0 0	350 15 0	13493 17 0	
Wine,	gals. 40656	7123 10 0	1085 10 0	20 0 0	920 8 0	279 18 0	4817 14 0
Wood wares and agricultural implements,		4138 17 0	77 12 0		65 5 0	3996 0 0	
Miscellaneous,		164507 8 0	106317 12 0	2040 1 0	17664 17 0	35810 13 0	2674 5 0
TOTAL—		1194175 12 10	427532 9 7	21938 8 0	243041 1 7	347843 19 2	153819 14 6

Abstract of the principal articles exported from the Province of Nova-Scotia, during the year ended 31st December, 1852—shewing the value of each article, and to what Country exported.

ARTICLES.	Total of Exports.		EXPORTED TO				
	Quantity.	Value.	Great Britain	British Colonies.		U. States.	O'r Countries
				W. Indies.	N. America.		
Apples and Plumbs,	Bbils. 13327	£4020 12 0	£78 0 0	£234 14 0	£3695 18 0	£2 0 0	£10 0 0
Ale, porter, & cider,		3180 11 0		1303 0 0	1827 3 0	6 8 0	44 0 0
Alewives,		2996 7 0		1051 12 0		1554 15 0	390 0 0
Beef,	1569½	2398 6 0	91 16 0	222 2 0	1633 12 0	85 16 0	365 0 0
Bread,		1991 0 0		16 0 0	1891 0 0		84 0 0
Butter,		30062 1 4	145 0 0	7927 0 0	17235 19 4	3899 2 0	855 0 0
Cheese,		997 17 0		143 9 0	715 8 0	10 0 0	129 0 0
Coals,	tons 112559	56907 2 0		431 10 0	16925 10 0	33731 7 0	768 15 0
Codfish,	qtls. 316705	163008 6 0	2 0 0	34718 15 0	10178 4 0	17313 8 0	50795 19 0
Cotton & w'len m'tures,		31645 10 0		235 0 0	31292 10 0	118 0 0	
Eggs,	doz. 20917	597 3 0			470 16 0	126 7 0	
Flour,	bbils. 15763	14362 0 0		390 0 0	13218 0 0		754 0 0
Fruit, (foreign),		2830 0 0	3 0 0	231 0 0	2551 0 0		45 0 0
Furs,		12232 0 0	11824 0 0		8 0 0	400 0 0	
Gypsum,	tons 91801	11391 13 0			301 2 0	11090 11 0	
Hardware,		16195 18 0		440 8 0	14543 10 0	1170 0 0	42 0 0
Herrings,	bbils. 89119	59430 6 0		16586 12 0	13909 11 0	25188 13 0	3764 0 0
Do. smoked,		6078 16 0	179 15 0	4325 10 0	1438 15 0	28 16 0	166 0 0
Horned cattle,	No. 4247	26915 0 0		3882 0 0	22096 0 0	55 0 0	882 0 0
Horses,	442	3659 0 0			3561 0 0	98 0 0	
Leather & l'ther m'tures		3348 10 0		38 10 0	3297 0 0	13 0 0	
Lumber,		96871 1 0	30512 16 0	44080 10 0	8074 16 0	6781 12 0	7421 7 0
Mackerel,	bbils 97163½	101883 2 0	59 0 0	24738 5 0	2620 5 0	65459 2 0	9006 10 0
Molasses,		27213 10 0	3078 0 0		24135 10 0		
Oats & Barley,	bus. 66358	4523 0 0		351 19 0	2437 3 0	1603 18 0	130 0 0
Oils,		31230 11 0	54 0 0	7935 3 0	8422 4 0	11798 12 0	3020 12 0
Pork & bacon,		5817 19 0	12 0 0	208 6 0	5243 3 0	7 10 0	347 0 0
Potatoes & turnips,	404866	28181 4 0		1720 19 0	5081 14 0	21254 1 0	124 10 0
Rum,		5044 0 0			5044 0 0		
Scale fish,		9322 1 0		1260 1 0	1541 16 0	4281 14 0	2238 10 0
Shad & salmon,		10722 17 0	1 0 0	2829 3 0	206 9 0	7512 10 0	173 15 0
Sheep,	No. 11332	5214 0 0		492 15 0	4610 5 0		111 0 0
Soap,		1635 0 0		237 0 0	1088 0 0		310 0 0
Sugar,		55161 0 0		46 0 0	55113 0 0		2 0 0
Staves, spars & timber,		15869 1 0	10941 2 0	1306 7 0	1005 10 0	2334 2 0	273 0 0
Swlne,	52	57 10 0			57 10 0		
Tea,		16887 0 0		841 0 0	16042 0 0		4 0 0
Tobacco,		6011 14 0		147 0 0	5576 14 0	285 0 0	3 0 0
Wine,		5418 0 0	281 0 0	2582 0 0	2320 0 0	150 0 0	85 0 0
Wood,	cords 49687	24465 0 0			606 10 0	23807 10 0	51 0 0
Miscellaneous,		65014 6 0	5413 10 0	2098 16 0	42168 17 0	12633 13 0	2699 10 0
TOTAL—		970780 14 0	62675 19 0	213034 6 0	352185 4 4	257849 17 0	85035 8 0

Before passing over the Commercial aspects of Nova-Scotia, your Lordship will perhaps pardon me for calling your attention to the very extraordinary growth of her Mercantile Marine. This Province, being nearly surrounded by the sea, with the Bay of Fundy and Basin of Mines extending into the very midst of her western and mid-land, and the Bras d'Or Lake into the bosom of her Eastern Counties, presents to the ocean, in proportion to territory, a greater extent of sea coast than any country with which I am familiar. While the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and the Northern Ports of New Brunswick, are frozen up during four or five months of winter, the whole frontage of Nova-Scotia upon the Atlantic, indented by the finest Harbours in the world, is open to a profitable Commerce throughout the year.

Availing themselves of these obvious advantages, the people of this Province not only conduct a profitable Fishery, and an active Coasting and Foreign Trade, but enter largely into the Carrying Trade of other Countries, competing successfully, on this extended field of rivalry, not only with the British Ship-owners, but with the Mercantile Marine of the neighbouring Republic.

In 1846, Nova-Scotia owned 2583 vessels; Canada but 604; New Brunswick but 730; Newfoundland but 937; Prince Edward's Island 265. The tonnage of all those Colonies, collectively, was, in that year, 252,832 tons, while that of Nova-Scotia alone reached as high 141,093 tons.

During the six years which have elapsed since 1846, the growth of this branch of industry has been most gratifying. At the close of the last year, 1852, the number of vessels registered in this Province, and actually employed in conducting its Fishery, Commerce and Carrying Trade, had increased to 2943, with a tonnage of 189,083, showing an increase in six years of 360 vessels, and 47,990 tons.

That Nova-Scotia is destined, at no distant day, to be one of the largest ship owning countries in the world, is apparent from the status already achieved. She owns now nearly one third as much tonnage as France. She beats the Austrian Empire by 2,400 vessels, and by 69,000 tons; and owns 116,000 tons of shipping more than Belgium. She beats the Two Sicilies by 38,449 tons; Prussia by 90,783. Holland, which once contested the supremacy of the seas with England, now owns but 72,640 tons of shipping more than this, one of her smallest Colonies; and Sweden, with a population of three millions, only beats Nova-Scotia in shipping by 36,927 tons.

But the comparison which Nova-Scotia bears to the United States, taken separately or collectively, is quite as striking. By reference to the following table, it will appear, that of all the Republican States and Territories, included in the Confederation, the Tonnage of but six exceeds that of Nova-Scotia.

Maine,	- - - -	592,806	Tons.
Massachusetts,	- - - -	767,766	"
New York,	- - - -	1,134,831	"
Pennsylvania,	- - - -	301,723	"
Maryland,	- - - -	206,247	"
Louisiana,	- - - -	261,171	"

Upon the three last, judging by the activity displayed in our Shipyards, we shall press closely by the end of 1853, while nothing is more certain than that we shall outstrip them in a few years. Maine and Massachusetts, the great centres of New England Commerce, and of the Fishery, still are far in advance of Nova-Scotia, and with the Empire State of New York, of course she pretends to no comparison; but it should be borne in mind that the Loyalists who retired to this Province at the Revolution, left all their property behind them; and that Maine, Massachusetts, and New York, had a flourishing Commerce, and owned a large amount of tonnage, before the British founders of this Colony had a single sail upon the ocean.

The following Table will show to your Lordship how largely each of the other States and Territories are beaten by Nova-Scotia. It is true that some of them are Inland Countries, but as most of those lie along the shores of the Great Lakes or of navigable Rivers, perhaps the comparison which I am bound to institute may abate a little of the arrogance with which the citizens of the Republic are apt to challenge rivalry with all the world.

Nova-Scotia,		189,083 Tons.	
New Hampshire,	24,806 Tons.	Alabama,	28,533 Tons.
Vermont,	5,657 "	Mississippi,	1,452 "
Rhode Island,	41,049 "	Texas,	7,120 "
Connecticut,	125,088 "	Tennessee,	4,634 "
New Jersey,	96,134 "	Kentucky,	11,819 "
Delaware,	9,598 "	Missouri,	37,862 "
District of Columbia,	26,197 "	Illinois,	25,209 "
Virginia,	72,538 "	Ohio,	60,338 "
North Carolina,	50,621 "	Michigan,	46,318 "
South Carolina,	46,735 "	Wisconsin,	6,931 "
Georgia,	25,785 "	Oregon,	1,063 "
Florida,	9,669 "	California,	101,627 "

If we take the United States collectively the comparison is still more curious. Assuming, from their latest Statistical Returns, that their population is 25,000,000, and their tonnage 4,138,439, this would give something over one ton of shipping to every 6 of the population. Now, taking the population of Nova-Scotia at 300,000, and its tonnage at 189,083, this gives but a trifle less than two tons of shipping for every three of the population.

Who can set bounds to the maritime expansion of a people who have done all this in a hundred years?

The Agricultural capabilities of this Province are also very great, and I have endeavored to turn attention to them by taking a personal interest in the pursuits of Husbandry—by encouraging Cattle Shows, and by the importation of the best breeds from England.

It is not necessary for me to dwell upon the nature of the soils, or the aspects of the scenery of this Province. These will be found described with sufficient accuracy in Sir John Harvey's Report for 1849. But, as it has become so much the custom, on both sides of the Atlantic, to wonder at the extraordinary capabilities and advancement of the United States, and to institute comparisons with them unfavorable to the British North American Provinces, I may be pardoned for calling your Lordship's attention to a few facts, which prove that while the Nova-Scotians, taken man for man, are outstripping their Republican neighbours on the ocean, their country is far in advance of many of the States, in the production of the necessaries of life by the successful cultivation of the soil.

With the wheat growing countries which surround the Great Lakes, whether on the British or the American side of the line, Nova-Scotia is not to be compared. She does not raise her own bread, but, while one barrel of her Mackarel will purchase two barrels of Flour, she can always afford to buy what she requires. It is curious, however, to discover, that, even as a wheat growing country, she beats five of the New England States, and twelve of the more recently settled States and Territories.

WHEAT CROP.

Wheat raised in Nova-Scotia in 1851,—297,157 Bushels.

State of Maine,	296,259	Louisiana,	417
New Hampshire,	185,658	Texas,	41,198
Massachusetts,	31,211	Arkansas,	199,639
Rhode Island,	49	California,	17,328
Connecticut,	41,726	Minnesota Territory,	1,401
District of Columbia,	17,370	Oregon,	211,943
Florida,	1,027	Utah,	107,702
Alabama,	294,040	New Mexico,	196,517
Mississippi,	137,990		

By reference to the following Return, it will be seen that in the growth of Rye Nova-Scotia goes far ahead of 16 of the neighbouring States and Territories. In the production of Indian corn, (though the quality raised in this Province is excellent) most of the United States surpass Nova-Scotia; but yet, in the growth of oats she beats 13, in buckwheat 23, and in barley every State and Territory in the Union except Ohio and New York.

RYE CROP.

Rye raised in Nova-Scotia, in 1851,—67,438 Bushels.

Rhode Island,	26,409	Bushels.	Louisiana,	475	Bushels.
Delaware,	8,066	"	Texas,	3,108	"
District of Columbia,	5,509	"	Arkansas,	8,047	"
South Carolina,	43,790	"	Missouri,	44,268	"
Georgia,	53,750	"	Iowa,	19,916	"
Florida,	1,152	"	Minnesota,	125	"
Alabama,	17,261	"	Oregon,	106	"
Mississippi,	9,606	"	Utah,	210	"

OATS.

Oats raised in Nova-Scotia, in 1851,—1,384,437 Bushels.

New Hampshire,	973,381	Bushels.	Texas,	178,883	Bushels.
Rhode Island,	215,232	"	Arkansas,	656,183	"
Connecticut,	1,258,738	"	Minnesota Territory,	30,582	"
Delaware,	60,451	"	Oregon	65,146	"
Columbia District,	8,134	"	Utah	10,900	"
Florida,	66,586	"	New Mexico	5	"
Louisiana,	26,878	"	California		"

BUCKWHEAT.

Buckwheat raised in Nova-Scotia, in 1851,—170,301 Bushels.

Maine,	104,523	Bushels.	Louisiana,	3	Bushels.
New Hampshire,	65,265	"	Texas,	59	"
Massachusetts,	105,895	"	Arkansas,	175	"
Rhode Island,	1,245	"	Tennessee,	19,427	"
Delaware,	8,615	"	Kentucky,	16,097	"
Maryland,	103,671	"	Missouri,	23,641	"
District of Columbia,	378	"	Iowa,	52,516	"
North Carolina,	16,704	"	Wisconsin,	79,878	"
South Carolina,	283	"	Minnesota Territory,	515	"
Florida,	55	"	Utah	332	"
Alabama,	348	"	New Mexico,	100	"
Mississippi,	1,121	"			

BARLEY.

Barley raised in Nova-Scotia, in 1851,—196,097 Bushels.

Maine,	151,731	Bushels.	Louisiana,		
New Hampshire,	70,256	"	Texas,	4,776	Bushels.
Vermont,	42,150	"	Arkansas,	177	"
Massachusetts,	112,385	"	Tennessee,	2,737	"
Rhode Island,	18,875	"	Kentucky,	95,343	"
Connecticut,	19,099	"	Michigan,	75,249	"
New Jersey,	6,492	"	Indiana,	45,483	"
Pennsylvania,	165,584	"	Illinois,	110,795	"
Delaware,	56	"	Florida,		
Maryland,	745	"	Missouri,	9,631	"
District of Columbia,	75	"	Iowa,	25,093	"
Virginia,	25,437	"	California,	9,712	"
North Carolina,	2,735	"	Minnesota Territory,	1,216	"
South Carolina,	4,583	"	Oregon		
Georgia,	11,501	"	Utah	1,799	"
Alabama,	3,958	"	New Mexico	5	"
Mississippi,	229	"			

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In the growth of hay, and in the produce of the dairy, your Grace will be pleased to observe, from the following Returns, that only the older, larger, and more populous of the United States, are in advance of this Province; while in the yield of potatoes, of which there is a large quantity exported from Nova-Scotia to the Republic, she leaves 23 of the States far behind her.

HAY CROP.

Hay raised in Nova-Scotia, in 1851,—287,837 Tons.

Rhode Island,	73,353	Tons.	Texas,	8,397	Tons.
Delaware,	30,159	"	Arkansas,	3,924	"
Maryland,	145,070	"	Tennessee,	72,942	"
District of Columbia,	1,974	"	Kentucky,	115,296	"
North Carolina,	145,180	"	Missouri,	116,284	"
South Carolina,	25,427	"	Iowa,	84,598	"
Georgia,	23,497	"	California,	2,638	"
Florida,	2,690	"	Minesota,	2,069	"
Alabama,	31,801	"	Oregon,	373	"
Mississippi,	12,517	"	Utah,	4,288	"
Louisiana,	20,672	"			

BUTTER.

Butter made in Nova-Scotia, in 1851,—3,613,890 Lbs.

Rhode Island,	1,066,625	Lbs.	Iowa,	1,933,128	Lbs.
Delaware,	1,634,867	"	Wisconsin,	888,816	"
District of Columbia,	14,869	"	California,	705	"
South Carolina,	2,979,975	"	Minesota,	1,100	"
Florida,	375,853	"	Oregon,	211,734	"
Louisiana,	658,136	"	Utah,	74,064	"
Texas,	2,319,574	"	New Mexico,	101	"
Arkansas,	1,854,104	"			

CHEESE.

Cheese made in Nova-Scotia, in 1851,—642,069 Lbs.

Rhode Island,	296,748	Lbs.	Georgia,	46,391	Lbs.
New Jersey,	500,819	"	Florida,	18,324	"
Delaware,	3,187	"	Alabama,	30,423	"
Maryland,	3,925	"	Mississippi,	20,314	"
Virginia,	434,850	"	Louisiana,	1,148	"
North Carolina,	95,043	"	Texas,	92,018	"
South Carolina,	4,810	"			

POTATOES.

Potatoes raised in Nova-Scotia, in 1851,—1,986,789 Bushels.

Rhode Island,	651,029	Bushels.	Arkansas,	193,832	Bushels.
Delaware,	240,542	"	Tennessee,	1,067,844	"
Maryland,	764,939	"	Kentucky,	1,492,487	"
Columbia District,	28,292	"	Missouri,	939,006	"
North Carolina,	620,318	"	Iowa,	276,120	"
South Carolina,	136,494	"	Wisconsin,	1,402,077	"
Georgia,	227,379	"	California,	9,292	"
Florida,	7,828	"	Minesota Territory,	21,145	"
Alabama,	246,001	"	Oregon,	91,326	"
Mississippi,	261,482	"	Utah,	43,968	"
Louisiana,	95,632	"	New Mexico,	3	"
Texas,	93,548	"			

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From what has been stated, in a previous part of this Report, your Grace will readily comprehend the peculiar importance which the people of Nova-Scotia attach to the protection of the rights of Fishery, secured to British subjects by the Convention of 1818. They know that a successful Fishery has ever formed a secure basis for maritime superiority. They know that France could not man her Navy now, but for the nursery for seamen which she maintains, by bounties, on the Banks and Coasts of Newfoundland. They know also that in the only two of the New England States which exceed them in tonnage, the Fishery, (directly fostered by bounties, paid out of the general Treasury of the Union,) has been the nursing mother of the Mercantile Marine.

The Fishermen of Nova-Scotia ask no bounties from the Imperial Legislature. They have ceased to ask them even from their own. But what they do require, is protection from both in the enjoyment of those rights, secured to them by Treaties, and out of the lawful exercise of which they see slowly evolving maritime capabilities and resources which no wise government, in their opinion, should disregard.

To enable your Grace to see the magnitude of this question from the Colonial point of view, I may be pardoned for dwelling upon it for a few moments.

From the mouth of the River St. Croix, which is the boundary between the United States and the British Provinces, to Cape Sable, on the opposite shore of Nova-Scotia, following the coast line of the Bay of Fundy and Basin of Mines, there are 400 miles of sea coast. Tracing the coast lines of Nova-Scotia and Cape Breton, there are 800 miles more. The Northern Shores of New Brunswick and those of Prince Edward Island, may be estimated at 500. The coasts of Canada, from below where the St. Lawrence is six miles wide, to the New Brunswick boundary, stretch over 800 miles. Following the North Shore of the St. Lawrence to the mouth of Hudson's Bay, including the coast of Labrador, there are, perhaps, 1,500 miles more. A Crow, flying round the Island of Newfoundland, must travel 1000 miles. British North America has thus (including that portion between Cape St. John and Cape Ray, on which the French have secured the right to fish,) 5000 miles of sea coast, The whole Atlantic shore of the United States includes but 1,800. The shore line of the Gulf of Mexico gives them but 1,100 more, or 2,900 in all: of which by far the largest proportion bounds the Slave States, whose labouring population cannot be trusted by their Masters on the Sea. If to those 5000 miles of Sea Coast we add the indentations of Bays and Harbours, and all North America abounds with them, we shall have at least 5000 additional miles. Along this whole line of Coast, and in these numerous Bays and Harbours, to say nothing of the Great Banks of Newfoundland, there is the finest Fishery in the World. Cod, Haddock, Halibut, Mackerel, Herring, Alewives, and Salmon, abound, with numerous other Fish which have yet no marketable value.

These Fisheries naturally (to say nothing of Treaties) belong to Her Majesty's subjects in North America, who own the adjacent Coasts and Islands, which flank, enlap, and encompass them on every side. They have the same rights over these exhaustless treasures which the Citizens of the United States have long exercised over the comparatively valueless Fishery along the Southern Seaboard, on which the men of the North (even if the doctrines laid down by American publicists were less explicit) would not find it profitable to encroach.

Your Grace is aware that Nova-Scotia, so far back as 1819, perceived the importance of maintaining these rights of Fishery. In almost every year since that period a small force has been fitted out, and the obvious stipulations of the Convention of 1818 have been asserted by the Cruizers of this Province, even when they could not be very efficiently enforced. In 1851 efforts were made to interest the other Provinces in this service, and since that year Her Majesty's Government has bestowed upon it a degree of solicitude commensurate with its vast importance.

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With a view to combine the Provincial and Imperial operations as much as possible, I placed the Vessels fitted out by this Government in 1852, under instructions approved by Vice Admiral Sir GEORGE F. SEYMOUR, and throughout the season they acted as auxiliaries to Her Majesty's Ships employed in the same service. During the past Summer the Vessels hired by the Provincial Government have been placed at the Vice Admiral's entire disposal, and have been manned by drafts from the Flag Ship, and commanded by Naval Officers.

The zeal, energy, and discretion, evinced by His Excellency Sir GEORGE F. SEYMOUR, in the protection of this great Fishery, while they have commanded the entire confidence of the Provincial Government, and drawn forth unanimous expressions of approbation and respect from each Branch of the Legislature, have left the Commanders of United States Men-of-War, who have in both seasons been sent into the Northern waters, nothing of which they could, with any shadow of justice, complain. The effects of increased vigilance are clearly discernable in the reduced catch of our neighbors, and in the enhanced value of our own. For all kinds of Fish there is a brisk demand, and Mackerel have sold on our wharves, during this Summer, as high as \$13 per barrel.

The political condition of Nova-Scotia, as your Lordship is well aware, is quite as much advanced as its industrial. The Province enjoys, in common with Canada and New Brunswick, the full development of Representative Institutions. Each Branch of the Legislature is guided by British precedents. In the Courts, the law and practice of England universally prevail. The Press is free, and even its licentiousness is unrestrained by any check unfamiliar to the inhabitants of the Mother Country. The public servants hold their offices by tenures sanctioned by Imperial practice, and the modes of administration, while they secure to the Queen's Representative the aid of a Parliamentary majority, and of able men to preside over the public Departments, leave him free to discharge the duties which he owes to Her Majesty, by the constitutional exercise and preservation of all the prerogatives of the Crown.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's

Most obd't. humble Servant,

(Signed)

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The Right Honorable

His Grace, the DUKE OF NEWCASTLE,

&c. &c. &c.

ST. PETER'S CANAL.

Halifax, N. S., 31st August, 1853.

SIR—

Agreeably to instructions received, I proceeded to St. Peter's, C. B., to examine the ground in the neighbourhood, for the purpose of forming a Canal, and have the honor to report, that one may be made on either side of the hill on which the haul-over road is situated,—that to the westward, however, has the following disadvantage, viz: being exposed to the heavy sea setting into the Bay of St. Peter's with a south or south-west wind, and would require a Breakwater to protect its entrance. The water being very deep, this would be attended with much extra expense;—in

addition to which, the route being covered with trees, the time and labor employed in cutting and grubbing the roots would add considerably to the amount of estimate.

That to the eastward, opposite Mr. Handley's, is well protected from all winds by Jerome Point—it is a clay bottom on the Bay side, and, as far as I have been able to ascertain, the subsoil is of the same material, mixed with stones.

I bored in several places, as shewn in section, but was unable to go as deep as I wished; the tools not being sufficiently strong for the work, were constantly breaking, and were repaired with difficulty. Should there be any stone in the bottom of the cutting it will not increase the expense, as the slopes would be altered to meet the contingency. Vide sketch.

The level of the water in the Bras d'Or may be assumed at a constant height; it, however, is influenced by the wind, and fluctuates irregularly. During my stay there six inches was the greatest rise and fall, but it sometimes rises about two feet.

At St. Peter's Bay the H. W. spring tide is two feet higher than the mean level of the Lake, and L. W. springs four feet lower. The ordinary springs rising six feet and neaps four feet, therefore the waters in the Bay alternate from two feet to three feet above or below those in the Lake. The difference of level may be as much as six feet, and therefore, in the short distance of the length of the Canal, viz: two thousand three hundred feet, the current would acquire such velocity as to carry away the slopes and fill up the channels in the Bay, or form a bar at the entrance.—It will therefore be necessary to have a lock at St. Peter's, and guard-gate at Bras d'Or end. The greatest depth of cutting to bottom of Canal is fifty-seven feet and will generally have thirteen feet water in it, and be navigable (except at extraordinary H. W. springs, when the St. Peter's guard-gate is closed) for the passage of vessels drawing from nine feet to eleven feet six inches water.

As I am informed that the worms in the Lake are very destructive to timber, I propose building the locks, &c. of brickwork, with stone quoins; this can be done at a nominal price, as the clay on the spot is of such good quality that bricks can be made at about one-third of the usual selling prices; and when wheeling to spoil, the best clay may be reserved for making future bricks, draining tiles, chimney pots, &c., by the sale of which, part of the expenses of the Canal may be covered.

A small steam engine will be required for pumping, &c. in the lower part of the work, which can be made available for working the crushing and pug mills.

With a view to economy I make the lock level, allowing nine feet of water over the mitre sill at L. W. springs, and any vessel of greater draught could wait an hour or two for the tides' rising.

The dimensions proposed are as follow:

Width of Canal at 10 feet deep—20 feet.

Slopes about $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 1—depth of water, 13 feet.

Width of Canal at water line, 50 feet.

Lock length, 120 feet.

“ opening of gate, 22 feet.

These dimensions I consider ample for the accommodation of any vessels employed in the Fisheries and Coasting Trade of the Province.

The Welland Canal, through which a large proportion of the produce of North America (west of Niagara) finds its way to the sea, is capable of the transportment of vessels of large tonnage but light draught. Its original dimensions were, width of bottom, 26 feet; slopes, 2 to 1; depth of water, 8 feet; width of water line, 58 feet; locks, length, 110 feet; width 22 feet, but some do not exceed 20 feet 6 inches. The proposed dimensions for St. Peter's Canal should therefore be sufficient.

A bridge four feet wide will be required at St. Peter's end for the convenience of foot passengers, and will be on the lock gates. Also a swing bridge ten feet wide at the Lake end when the main road crosses the Canal.

In order to save time and expense in opening lock gates for the passage of fishing boats, small slips will be required on which to haul boats out of the Canal and transport them overland to the sea, a distance of about two hundred feet with five feet rise. Provision is made for repairing the gates of lock, &c.

Estimate of probable expence :

305,000 cubic yards excavation, at 9d.,	£11,437	10	0
Swing bridge, brick piers,	500	0	0
Lock in brickwork,	2,500	0	0
Guard Gates,	500	0	0
Piling for Coffer-dams, &c.	1,200	0	0
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	£16,137	10	0
Contingencies, 1-10,		1,613	14 0
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I forward some samples of the clay.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

P. J. S. BARRY, Capt. R. E.

Honorable JOSEPH HOWE, Provincial Secretary, &c. &c.

HARBORS—CAPE BRETON.

Halifax, October 21st, 1853.

MY DEAR SIR—

I beg to enclose Report on the Cape Breton Harbors, with relative Sections, &c., as instructed in your Letter of the 28th July last.

I am, my dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

J. R. FORMAN.

Honble. JOSEPH HOWE, Provincial Secretary, &c. &c.

Halifax, October 8th, 1853.

SIR—

Having visited the several Harbors referred to in your Letter of the 28th July, I have now the honor to report that, so far as I can judge, none of them are impairing, except Port Hood, and therefore the assertion that they will ultimately afford less shelter than hitherto to shipping does not appear to be in accordance with facts.

The Harbors visited were:—1. Ingonish; 2. Asny Bay; 3. Cheticamp; 4. Mabou; 5. Port Hood.

Ingonish Harbor lies between Smoky Head and Dundas Island, and comprises two Bays, known as the North and South Bays. The fishing stations are situated on the former,

former, but as no proper Harbor exists there, and as my instructions have reference to rendering existing ones available, and as the place does not warrant any large outlay in the construction of new works, it would be out of place here to submit any plan for its improvement.

There is connected with the South Bay a Lake of considerable extent, with a depth of water exceeding in many places seventy feet, and generally bold. It has communication with the sea by means of a small cut near its northern boundry, but from its exposed position this inlet is nearly closed up, and would not allow the passage of an ordinary sized row-boat. On exploring the Bay I found at its southernmost point bolder water than at any other place, and a more sheltered coast caused by the protection afforded by the highlands terminating in Smoky Head.

For these reasons, I am of opinion that the communication has not been made at the right place. If the present inlet were closed and a new channel cut close to the high ground and properly protected outside, this Lake might be made available.

In this belief, I have prepared Sections for a new entrance, of sufficient size to admit vessels drawing ten or twelve feet at low water, as shewn on sheet No. 1 of annexed drawings. The cost of building, &c., I estimate at Six thousand nine hundred and forty-three pounds Sterling.

To make it available for vessels drawing more than twelve feet of water would add considerably to the cost; and if, for no other reason, its proximity to St. Ann's might render a larger outlay unadvisable.

I have been informed that the total neglect of the Seal Fishing is to be attributed to the absence of proper Harbor accommodation on the north of the Island. This want would be, to a considerable extent, removed, if the works now proposed were constructed, but how far the Seal Fishing is dependant upon new Harbors I am not prepared to say from my own observation.

The coast between St. Ann's and Ingonish, and between Ingonish and Aspy Bay, is precipitous, and exposed to the full force of the sea, which in heavy weather runs high, and breaks with fearful force on the shore. The same remark is applicable to the portion extending from Aspy Bay to Cheticamp, and on to Margaree.

There is a strong current running up both sides of the Island from Bay St. Lawrence, owing to the great flow of water from the Gulf, which, when the winds are adverse, renders the doubling of Cape North extremely difficult, if not impossible; and dangerous, from the ruggedness of the coast when the wind blows strongly on shore. It would be difficult to imagine a more exposed situation for a vessel to be in under disadvantageous circumstances.

Aspy Bay extends from White Point to Cape North. The coast is exposed to the gales which occasionally blow from S. E. E. and N. E. A vessel may, on one or other side of the Bay, as the wind blows, in most instances, find shelter here, but it is precarious, as the veering of the wind may render her position unsafe, and preclude the possibility of her making what then would be the place of safety.

The Coast from White Point to near South Harbor, and from Cape North to within a mile or two of North Harbor, is mostly iron-bound.

Between North Harbor and Mid Harbor, and extending beyond them on either side, the beach is low, and composed of sand. The water at this part of the Bay is shallow, and opposite the Harbors it breaks solid for a long distance out, in very heavy gales.

There are three Bar Harbors,—known as the North, Middle and South Harbors, they are situated on the West Coast. Except in particular seasons, they are only available for small fishing craft. The depth of water in Middle, and South Harbors did not exceed, at time of inspection, eight feet, in many places, for the whole breadth, and they abound in numerous and extensive sand-flats. The water in North Harbor is bolder, exceeding, in some places, forty feet; on the Bar, however, I found only three feet.

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The sea washing the sand into the Channels, is the cause of the bad condition of these Harbors, and it is owing to the scouring effect of the floods that they are not permanently closed up; and in proportion to the violence of the gales, so are the Channels in a better or worse condition for the season; consequently, between the floods and the action of the sea, the sand is kept in continual motion.

It is evident that the proper method of improving such Harbors is to protect the entrance from the violence of the sea on the one hand, and, on the other, increase the scouring effect of the floods, without augmenting the sand and other materials brought down by them from the interior.

In the present instance there are serious obstacles in the way of accomplishing either of these objects. The shifting state of the bottom, and its exposure to the whole violence of the Atlantic, renders it difficult to erect any structure to protect the openings; and the Channel of the North Harbor, the only one possessing passable accommodation, is already so narrow that very little increase in the scouring effects of its floods can be obtained, and there is little aid to be got from their tidal waters, the difference between high and low water not exceeding five feet at any time. For these reasons I do not think it prudent to recommend that anything further be done than closing up the present inlet to North Harbor, and opening another at some distance to the north thereof—by which means the large sand-flat will be avoided that lies inside of the present inlet. I am not, however, sanguine that any very great benefit will be derived from this operation.

The cost of making these alterations, with the protection I propose giving to the inlet, I estimate at One thousand pounds Sterling.

The force of the current in North Harbor might be increased, by closing up the entrance to Mid Harbor, and making a communication between these Harbors—thus bringing to bear upon the Channel of North Harbor the floods of both. The expense of performing this work would be great, and it is doubtful if the new body of water would not deposit as much silt as it carried away.

The Fishing Stations are at White Point. At this place a Breakwater could be erected more cheaply than at any other, from the abundance of stone in the neighborhood, and the partial protection of the coast.

To make a Harbor here, however, would require a large outlay, the amount depending upon the extent of the works required.

Cheticamp Harbor is about two miles in length, and one half mile in breadth. It is situated on the north-west of the Island, and opens to the north. Its southernmost point is separated from the sea by a narrow isthmus, connecting the main land with the Peninsula, which forms the western boundary.

The beach of this isthmus on the sea side is composed of sand which extends a long distance from the shore, and is exposed to the whole force of the south-west winds. The depth of water in the Bay for some distance out is inconsiderable. For these reasons it will be difficult to make a Channel in this direction, with any prospect of its remaining open. The obstruction to the present outlet is a large sand-flat near its mouth, extending from shore to shore, and about half a mile in breadth. Any improvements would therefore of necessity be on a large scale and most expensive, and involve a considerable annual outlay for upholding.

The effect of the floods for scouring, owing to the great area of the Harbor as compared with the extent of surface drained, is almost imperceptible, and there is a great want of natural facilities available for its improvement.

This being the case, and as it is not impairing, so far as I could ascertain from enquiry and inspection, it does not appear necessary, or within the scope of my instructions, to submit any plan of alterations for this Harbor.

Mabou Harbor.—The drawings delineated on Sheet No. 2, explain its position and the works proposed. Across the present entrance there is a Bar with only four feet of water at low tide. The interior is spacious and could easily, in the Channel for some distance up, be made to command at all times a depth of ten feet. Its central position gives it the command of the Fishing Grounds from the Gut of Canso on the south to Margaree on the north, and the fine soil on the coast indicates eligible sites for settlements, and a good position for general commercial purposes. There are two ways in which it could be improved, either by collecting the sand in the offing near the present inlet in such a way as to continue the Channel further out to sea, or by closing the present inlet and opening a new one further to the north. The latter plan is the one I approve of, and prepared the plans for as the best. It will be observed that the proposed Channel is partially protected by the shore, the water is also bolder in the Bay—sufficient reasons for giving it the preference. The cost of cutting the Channel, building the Dam, forming the Embankments, and executing the other works according to the drawings now submitted, I estimate at Seven thousand two hundred and twenty five pounds sterling. I expect these improvements will ensure a depth of ten feet in the Channel, thereby making the Harbor available to its full extent.

Port Hood Harbor, through want of ordinary precautions, has become so impaired as to be unfit, except to a limited extent, for vessels of large size. I have been informed that at a recent period it provided accommodation for almost any number or description of vessels. Its impairment has been caused by the destruction of a large embankment connecting the main land with Smith's Island. It is much to be regretted that measures were not taken to secure this embankment when the first indications of decay appeared. Had this been done, the Harbor might have been to this day in a good state of preservation, and could have been kept so at a trifling cost.

The destruction of this natural embankment has been so complete, that hardly a vestige of it is now to be found. It prevented the sludging of the Harbor—afforded shelter to the shipping, and its removal has been followed by the formation of large sand-flats, greatly limiting the accommodation, besides rendering other parts of this Harbor unsafe.

The proper plan for restoration, is to erect a Breakwater on or near the site of the original embankment. The south winds, then not counteracted by those from the north, would likely assist in clearing out the sand, and thereby restoring the Harbor,

The necessary works would extend over twelve hundred and eighty-three yards, or thereabouts, in length, and from their exposed position would require to be well secured.

Drawings, sheet No. 3, show the works proposed, the cost of which it is difficult to state, as so much depends upon the quality of the available material on the spot, which, from the absence of any large works in the neighbourhood, has not been sufficiently tested to warrant a very confident opinion. I am inclined, however, from the information at hand, to estimate them at Forty-five thousand pounds, sterling.

Whether it is expedient at present, to incur so large an outlay, I am not prepared to say. This Harbor is, however, well situated as the nearest Port to Pictou, and, from its position, in reference to the Bras d'Or Lake, might, after the Railway is made, become the way for communicating with Sydney and other parts of the Island.

The completion of a limited extent of the Breakwater, would improve the accommodation and safety of the Harbor, in proportion to the extent erected. Perhaps this would be the best course to adopt at present, leaving to a future period, when the necessities of the community might require it, the completion of the whole.

Moreover, I am informed, that the Fishing Grounds outside of Smith's Island are not surpassed, if equalled, by any on the Coast, and that they are, through the impaired state of the Harbor, to some extent unavailable.

The sea has washed away a considerable portion of Smith's Island, especially on its northern shore, and I would recommend that an examination of this Coast be made at some future time, in case of damage arising therefrom, but at present I do not apprehend any danger from that quarter.

The want of good Harbors along the north of the Island is severely felt, and it is a subject worthy of serious consideration, whether it should not be met by the erection of a Breakwater on some eligible site, to answer as a Harbor of refuge. I am satisfied this matter deserves the attention of the Legislature, involving, as it does, the safety of the many brave and hardy men employed in the Fisheries, and the security of a considerable amount of property engaged in the Gulf Trade.

Any person of observation visiting the Island of Cape Breton; cannot but be struck with surprise at the vast natural resources everywhere exhibited. The mineral deposits seem to be without limit. The inland navigation, with reference to the extent of Country, without parallel. The soil is in many places of the most fertile description; and its Fisheries are unsurpassed by any in the world.

Unfortunately, however, capital and skill, the great desiderata necessary to bring into full operation these bountiful gifts of nature, are not there; the day must however, come, when this Island will hold a position of no secondary importance; and become capable, not only of supporting a much larger than the present population, but also, by its exports, of supplying the wants, and conducing to the comforts of the Inhabitants of other Countries, and the improvement of its Harbors will be no unimportant step to bring about this result.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. R. FORMAN.

Hon. JOSEPH HOWE, Provincial Secretary. &c. &c.

RAILWAY DESPATCHES.

(Copy.)

No. 61.—(Executive.)

*Government House, Halifax, Nova-Scotia,
12th October, 1853.*

MY LORD DUKE—

I have the honor to forward herewith to your Grace, a copy of a Letter addressed to me by Mr. Jackson, enclosing also one addressed by that gentleman to Mr. Hincks, on the subject of the proposed line of Railway from Halifax to Quebec—and I shall feel obliged if your Grace would inform me whether Mr. Jackson has any grounds for his assertion, that he has no doubt that the Imperial Government will be found willing to contribute their assistance to any measure for connecting by Railway communication the Provinces of Nova-Scotia, New Brunswick, and Canada.

The Legislature of this Province will again assemble in the early part of the ensuing year, and as the decision of the Imperial Government, on this most important point, must necessarily influence and direct all their deliberations on the line of policy to be adopted in the construction of our Railways, I earnestly request that your Grace will be pleased to communicate to me, as early as possible, the views entertained thereon by the Home Government.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

His Grace the DUKE OF NEWCASTLE, &c. &c. &c.

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(Copy.)

No. 37.

Downing Street, November 2, 1853.

SIR—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 61, of the 12th ultimo, transmitting copy of a Letter addressed to you by Mr. William Jackson, M. P., with copy of a Letter from that gentleman to Mr. Hincks, the Inspector General of Canada, on the subject of the proposed Railway from Halifax to Quebec.

In answer to your enquiry, whether Mr. Jackson had any grounds for the assertion contained in his Letter to Mr. Hincks respecting the assistance which might be expected from the funds of this country towards enabling the Provinces to construct the Railway, I have to inform you that Mr. Jackson was not authorized to represent that the Imperial Government would contribute an annual grant of money for this purpose, but adverting to the engagement made by Earl Grey in March, 1852, namely, that Her Majesty's Government would recommend to Parliament the employment of the credit of this country, in order to enable the Provinces through which the proposed Trunk Line of Railway was to pass, to raise the necessary funds for its construction, I have to observe that if any similar assistance were now demanded by the Provinces, Her Majesty's present Government would be prepared to take the application under their consideration.

I have, &c.

(Signed) NEWCASTLE.

Lieut. Governor Sir G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c. Nova-Scotia.

(Copy.)

Downing Street, February 23, 1854.

SIR—

In answer to your confidential Despatch of the 2d of this month, I give you full authority to lay my Despatch of the 2nd November last, on the subject of Railway Communication, before the Assembly of Nova Scotia, as containing the declaration of the present views of Her Majesty's Government on that question.

2. I wish you to take the occasion of this Communication to the Assembly, for exonerating Mr. Jackson from the charge of having unduly represented himself as authorized to make any proposal from Her Majesty's Government, which the language of my Despatch might appear to convey. I have no doubt that the expressions in his Letter to Mr. Hincks were meant to do no more than convey his own belief as to the probable course which Her Majesty's Government would take.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) NEWCASTLE.

Lieut. Governor Sir G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c. Nova-Scotia.

RAILWAYS.

London, 3d March, 1854.

YOUR EXCELLENCY—

The time has arrived when it is due from my partners and myself to state definitely to Your Excellency, and the Province of Nova-Scotia, our views and determination with reference to the construction of the Railway through Nova Scotia.

When, in September, 1852, I stated our willingness to make, at our cost, the requisite Surveys, I stated also, that when made, we would be prepared to name the terms upon which we would construct the Road. My proposition was not accepted by the Government, but as soon as the Parliament had passed a Bill to organize a Company, and the season would permit, we sent out a competent Engineer, (who had a season's experience in the British North American Provinces,) with a competent Staff (to make a full investigation of the Country,) and we are now in possession of his Plans and Estimates. Your Excellency is, no doubt, aware that when the Parliament of Nova-Scotia passed the Bill to form the Company, we did not hesitate a moment, but sent to the Honorable Mr. Johnston full powers to subscribe for the necessary amount of Stock, and credits on London for the amount required by the Act to form the Company; and I have no hesitation in saying, that had we been able, at that time, to place the Scheme before the British Public, we should have got the whole subscribed for,—this we could not do until Her Majesty's consent was obtained to the Bill; and the suspending Clause was a further impediment to our proceeding.

Since then, the prospect of an European War has completely altered the aspect of affairs, and it is at this time impossible to obtain for any new enterprize the support of British Capital.

Your Excellency will, we feel persuaded, exonerate us from any blame; the delay did not originate with us; we have at a very large outlay made a most complete and accurate Survey, and ascertained in one season, by a careful examination of the whole district, the best and cheapest route, and thus no time has been lost to the Province, for without such Surveys and information no one would be injudicious enough to commence the Works.

It is evident to us that the cost of the Works will far exceed what the Government and Province expect, and it is still more apparent, that the traffic will not, *per se*, yield a return sufficient to induce us, or any Company, to embark capital in it. Forming part of a long line, but having an approach to and a terminus on the sea coast, it could be made so useful to a long line as not to make the cost so much an object.

We see no chance of getting the Grand Trunk Company to extend Eastward until their present Works are considerably advanced, nor is there any probability of the British Parliament giving any aid with the expense of a war in prospect.

We therefore feel it due to the Province of Nova-Scotia to say, we do not see our way to prosecute the Works for some time to come, and also that we have no right to keep up any expectation in the Province of our doing so immediately, but rather to help to the best of our power any party who may feel inclined to enter at once upon the enterprize; and to accomplish this we are willing to place at their disposal our Plans and Estimates, on being reimbursed simply the money out of pocket; and we have also authority to state that Mr. Beatty would be willing to render his aid if he could be of service.

Without such Plans and Estimates another year must pass away ere operations could commence. The cost of the Road will be considerably reduced by the accuracy of the plans, and we have endeavoured to expend as small an amount as we could. They have not cost more than we have paid for similar work in the other parts of the British North American Provinces.

We have been careful, in all our proceedings, to avoid mixing ourselves with any political party in the Province; and if no other good arises from our advent to Nova-Scotia, we trust our expenditure, as far as it has gone, will eventually prove a benefit to it.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's ob^dt. Servant,

(Signed)

WM. JACKSON.

To His Excellency Sir GASPARD LEMARCHANT,
Lieut. Governor, Nova-Scotia.

PROTECTION OF FRENCH SUBJECTS.

(Circular.)

Downing Street, 24th February, 1854.

SIR—

I transmit herewith for your information, copy of a Circular Instruction, which has been addressed to Her Majesty's Diplomatic and Consular Agents abroad, directing them, in conformity with an agreement made by Her Majesty's Government with that of France, to afford protection to French Subjects and Commerce.

Instructions to the same effect will be forthwith issued to Naval Officers in all parts of the world.

I have to direct you to conduct yourself in the exercise of your powers as Governor of Nova-Scotia in accordance with these instructions, so far as they are applicable to your office: to impress on all the local Authorities under your superintendance, the duty of affording similar protection to French Subjects and Commerce, and of co-operating for that purpose with Her Majesty's Naval Authorities; and to report to me, without delay, any measures which you may have deemed it expedient to take in reference to these instructions.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

NEWCASTLE.

Lieut. Governor, Sir J. G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c. Nova-Scotia.

(Circular.)

Foreign Office, February 23, 1854.

The communication which has recently been made to you of the Correspondence on Eastern Affairs which has been laid before both Houses of Parliament, will have shown you that there is every probability of an early commencement of hostilities between Great Britain and France on one side, and Russia on the other. The Correspondence will also have shown you that the British and French Governments, throughout the difficult and complicated Negotiations which have preceded the existing state of affairs, have earnestly and cordially acted together, with a view to avert the calamity of war, and that they are equally prepared to act with the same earnestness and cordiality for the preservation of the Ottoman Empire, if the Emperor of Russia should still be unwilling to negotiate for peace on fair and reasonable terms.

The time has now arrived when it is incumbent on the two Governments to prepare for all the contingencies of war; and among those contingencies, it has been impossible for them to overlook the danger to which their Subjects and their Commerce on the High Seas may be exposed by the machinations of their enemy, who, though unable from his own resources materially to injure either, may seek to devise means of offence from countries whose Governments take no part in the contest which he has provoked.

But it is a necessary consequence of the strict union and alliance which exists between Great Britain and France, that, in the event of war, their conjoint action should be felt by Russia in all parts of the world; that not only in the Baltic, and in the waters and Territory of Turkey, their Counsels, their Armies, and their Fleets, should be united either for offensive or defensive purposes against Russia, but that the same spirit of union should prevail in all quarters of the world, and that whether for offence or defence the civil and military and naval resources of the British and French

Empires

Empires should be directed to the common objects of protecting the Subjects and Commerce of England and France from Russian aggression, and of depriving the Russian Government of the means of inflicting injury on either.

For these reasons Her Majesty's Government have agreed with that of His Majesty the Emperor of the French, to instruct their Civil and Naval Authorities in Foreign parts to consider their respective subjects as having an equal claim to protection against Russian hostility; and for this purpose, either singly, or in conjunction with each other, to act indifferently for the support and defence of British and French interests. It may be that, in a given locality, one only of the Powers is represented by a Civil Functionary, or by a Naval Force; but, in such a case, the influence and the power of that one must be exerted as zealously and efficiently for the protection of the subjects and interests of the other, as if those subjects and interests were its own.

I have accordingly to instruct you, Sir, to act in conformity with this principle. You will consider it your duty to protect, as far as possible, against the consequence of the hostilities in which England and France may shortly be engaged with Russia, the subjects and interests of France equally with those of England; and you will make known, without reserve, to the French Civil and Naval Authorities with whom you may have the means of communication, any dangers to which the interests of either Country may be exposed, or any opportunities with which you may become acquainted of inflicting injury on the common enemy.

Instructions to the same effect will be sent by the Government of France to its Civil and Naval Authorities in Foreign parts, and Her Majesty's Government concur with that of France, in anticipating the most favourable results from this decided manifestation of the intimate union which prevails between them, and which it is their earnest desire should influence their Agents in all parts of the world at a moment when they are about to engage in a contest with the Empire of Russia for an object of such paramount interest to Europe as the maintenance of the Turkish Empire.

I am, your most obedient,

Humble Servant,
(Signed) CLARENDON.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

DR. *The Province of Nova-Scotia in Account Current with the Receiver General,
between 1st January and 31st December, 1853.*

1853.

January 1 to Dec. 31.	To Cash paid for sundry advances,	£3534	15	0
	“ Chairman of Board of Works,	12507	16	10
	“ Commissioners Poor, Halifax,	2025	0	0
	“ Criminal Prosecutions,	272	7	3
	“ Coroners' Inquests,	270	0	0
	“ Drawbacks of Duties,	2923	7	4
	“ General Education,	16088	11	2
	“ Indian Grant,	268	8	9
	“ Miscellaneous expences,	2085	17	5
	“ Militia expences,	191	2	3
	“ Oat Mills,	170	0	0
	“ Packets and Ferries,	932	10	0
	“ Post Communication,	3414	4	1
				January

January 1 to Dec. 31.	To cash paid Agriculture,	£1015	0	0
"	Salaries of Officers,	14562	10	0
"	Revenue Expences,	6851	11	3
"	Troops on Route,	140	18	6
"	Public Printing,	1125	18	3
"	Piers and Breakwaters,	1168	5	7
"	Judiciary,	320	10	0
"	Transient Poor,	196	5	5
"	Interest,	2686	1	5
"	Legislative Expences,	5560	3	4
"	Protection of Fisheries,	1500	0	0
		£79,811	3	10

ROAD SERVICE.

"	Road Advances,	£1325	17	10
"	Old Roads,	1286	19	2
"	Road Compensation,	809	7	8
"	Annapolis,	1715	18	0
"	Cumberland,	1751	3	7
"	Colchester,	2052	8	10
"	Digby,	1623	5	0
"	Cape Breton,	1710	13	0
"	Guysborough,	1404	3	1
"	Halifax,	2794	17	7
"	Hants,	2028	15	10
"	Inverness,	1936	10	6
"	Kings,	1659	11	8
"	Lunenburg,	1962	0	0
"	Pictou,	2164	2	4
"	Queens,	1451	12	3
"	Richmond,	1492	3	6
"	Shelburne,	1582	7	8
"	Sydney,	1376	7	8
"	Victoria,	1288	0	0
"	Yarmouth,	1450	12	7
		£114,678	1	7
	Balance,	17,266	2	7
		£131,944	4	2

Financial Secretary's Office, Feby. 1854—Examined and found correct.
SAMUEL CREELMAN, Fin. Sec.

1852.

December 31. By balance at this date,	CR.
1853.	£4,396 2 7

January 1 to Dec. 31. Cash received for

COLONIAL DUTIES, viz :

From Annapolis,	£1054	19	1
Amherst,	1632	12	8
			January

January 1 to December 31.	Arichat,	£1037	19	3
	Antigonish,	20	0	0
	Cornwallis,	316	7	7
	Digby,	1289	7	3
	Horton,	323	17	9
	Lunenburg,	100	7	5
	Liverpool,	1286	12	2
	Londonderry,	628	6	10
	Pictou,	3270	18	1
	Pugwash,	136	3	3
	Port Hood,	23	4	5
	Parrsborough,	156	14	4
	Sydney, C. B.	164	15	4
	Truro,	265	19	11
	Windsor,	1138	8	9
	Westport,	211	0	0
	Weymouth,	183	8	5
	Wilmot,	701	2	7
	Yarmouth,	4260	5	1
	Tusket, (Argyle)	156	5	0
	Ragged Islands,	378	2	7
	Cape Canso	46	17	1
	Pubnico,	115	7	5
	Ship Harbor,	204	2	6
	Wallace,	127	17	8
	North Sydney,	975	5	3
	Beaver River,	35	18	4
	Maitland,	428	19	2
	Joggins,	98	16	11
	Walton,	154	15	0
	Port Medway,	55	3	1
	La Have,	188	2	3
	Canada Creek,	332	1	0
	Clements Port,	165	7	2
	Hants Port,	157	0	3
	Sandy Cove,	43	8	0
	Church Point, Clare,	334	15	5
	Guysborough,	17	6	4
	St. Mary's River,	54	1	7
	Sheet Harbour,	12	2	0
	Barrington,	254	11	9
	Shelburne,	122	4	8
	Advocate Harbour,	12	10	0
	St. Ann's,	6	17	11
	Bridgetown,	75	8	0
	Thorne's Cove,	14	0	0
	Harbour Bouche,	2	0	0
	Tatamagouche,	56	0	0
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		£22,827	16	6
Halifax,		81,800	0	0
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		£104,627	16	6
			January	

January 1 to Dec. 31. Cash received for

LIGHT DUTY, viz.:

From Strait Canso, J. G. McKeen,	£736	17	7
Cape Canso, W. Bigelow,	246	18	5
Halifax,	1446	14	8
J. Miller,	1	4	0
Canada, for their proportion of expence of St. Paul's and Scattarie Light Houses for 1852,	716	10	6
New Brunswick, for their contribution for support of ditto, 1851 and 1852,	500	0	0
New Brunswick, for their contribution to Seal Island and Briar Island Lights, for 1852,	255	18	4
P. E. Island, for contribution to St. Paul's and Scattarie Lights, for 1852,	37	10	0
From Distilleries, for License granted,	3426	5	0
Casual Revenue, viz :—			
For Rent of Coal Mines, £3000, Sterling,	3750	0	0
Annual Rent, under Lease from the late Duke of York, 20s. Sterling,	1	5	0
Royalty on 30,409 chaldrons Coals raised and sold to 31st Dec. 1852 over the quantity paid for under Lease, at 2s. per chaldron,	3040	18	0
Crown Land Department, for Land sold,	5954	11	1
For fees from Secretary's Office,	598	12	3
Savings' Bank,	1000	0	0
For Fines and Forfeitures, viz :—			
From Sheriff of Lunenburg, for fines imposed by Supreme Court,	99	5	0
Board of Revenue,	250	0	0
For Copyright,	22	3	4
From the Lords of the Treasury, towards sup- port of Sable Island, £400, Sterling,	500	0	0
For Passenger head money,	39	8	6
Returned out of Marching money unexpended,	11	17	0
Received from the Lords of the Treasury, for sum advan- ced in sending the Passengers, per Ship Euphemia, to Boston,	159	10	9
Charman & Co., for drawback over-paid in 1849,	15	12	6
R. Nugent, for sales of Revised Statutes,	109	3	2
	£131,944	4	2
Balance brought down,	17,266	2	7

Receiver General's Office,
Halifax, 31st Dec. 1853. }

JAMES McNAB, Receiver General.
General

General Statement of the Amounts certified by the Financial Secretary, for payment on account of the different Public Services of the Province, for the year ended 31st December, 1853.

CIVIL LIST—Act 12 Vic. Cap. 1.

TO WHOM PAID.	SERVICE.	AMOUNT.
His Excellency Sir J. G. LeMarchant, twelve months Salary at Lieut. Governor, to 30th September, 1853,		£3750 0 0
B. Haliburton, twelve months Salary as Chief Justice, to 30th Sep. 1853,		1250 0 0
W. B. Bliss, do Assistant Judge, do		812 10 0
E. M. Dodd, do do do		700 0 0
T. C. Haliburton, do do do		700 0 0
W. F. DesBarres, do do do		700 0 0
Alex. Stewart, do Master of the Rolls, do		700 0 0
Joseph Howe, do Provincial Secretary, do		700 0 0
J. B. Uniacke, do Attorney General, do		500 0 0
A. McDougall, do Solicitor General, do		125 0 0
Sir R. D. George, do Pension as late Pro. Secretary, do		500 0 0
Miss Cox, do to 30th Sep. 1853, do		125 0 0
		£10,562 10 0

CIVIL LIST—Act 11 Vic. Cap. 22.

J. McNab, twelve months Salary as Receiver General, to 30th Sep. 1853,		600 0 0
S. Creelman, do Financial Secretary, do		600 0 0
E. Duckett, do Clerk to Rec. General, do		250 0 0
D. McCulloch, do Clerk to Fin. Secretary, do		200 0 0
		£1,650 0 0

CIVIL LIST—Act 4 Vic. Cap. 3.

W. Q. Sawers, twelve months Pension as late Judge of Court of Common Pleas, to 30th September, 1853,		300 0 0
J. G. Marshall, twelve months Pension as late Judge of Court of Common Pleas, to 30th September, 1853,		300 0 0
Executors of T. Ritchie, six weeks Pension due him as late Judge of Court of Common Pleas, to 15th November, 1853,		37 10 0
		£637 10 0

CIVIL LIST—Acts 11 Vic. Cap. 23, & 13 Vic. Cap. 18.

H. W. Crawley, twelve months Pension as late Commissioner of Crown Lands, Cape Breton, to 30th September, 1853,		300 0 0
Sir R. D. George, twelve months Pension as late Registrar of Deeds, to 30th September, 1853,		200 0 0
		£500 0 0

CIVIL LIST—Acts 15 Vic. Cap. 15, & 16 Vic. Cap. 33.

Joseph Howe, twelve months Salary of Clerks to Provincial Secretary to 30th September, 1853,		575 0 0
		Joseph

Joseph Howe, twelve months Grant for Contingencies of Provincial Secretary to 30th September, 1853,	125	0	0
J. W. Nutting, twelve months Salary as Clerk of the Crown to 30th September, 1853,	100	0	0
E. Rushworth, Grant for Salary as Private Secretary to Lieut. Governor,	312	10	0
James Venables, twelve months Salary as Keeper of the Province Building to 30th September, 1853,	60	0	0
Joseph Skallish, twelve months Salary as Messenger of Governor and Council to 30th September, 1853,	40	0	0
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	£1,212	10	0

LEGISLATIVE EXPENCES.

J. Halliburton, Grant for Contingencies of Legislative Council, Session '53	881	0	3
Postmr. General, Postage of Members of Legislative Council, do	117	17	9
William Young, Salary as Speaker of Assembly, do	200	0	0
The Speaker et. als., allowance for attendance and Travelling Expences, do	2861	0	0
Joseph Whidden, Salary and extra Grant as Clerk of Assembly, do	300	0	0
Do Grant for Contingencies of House of Assembly, do	205	9	6
Henry Twining, Salary and extra Grant as Asst. Clerk of Assembly, do	200	0	0
Postmr. General, Postage of Members of Assembly, do	173	19	1
J. T. Twining, Grant for Services as Chaplain of Assembly, do	25	0	0
George Grassie, do Serjeant at Arms, do	63	0	0
Philip Brown do Assistant Serjeant at Arms, do	30	0	0
J. Fitzgerald, do Messenger to Assembly, do	30	0	0
A. & W. McKinlay, Grant for amount due for Stationery, &c. do	192	16	9
J. H. Crosskill, from Grant for Reporting and Publishing Debates of Assembly, do	140	0	0
Otto Weeks, do do do	100	0	0
William Annand, do do do	20	0	0
Richard Nugent, do do do	20	0	0
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	£5560	3	4

REVENUE EXPENCES.

Wm. G Fife, twelve months Salary as acting Collector of Excise, Halifax, to 30th Setember, 1853,	250	0	0
Joseph Austen, do as Warehouse Keeper, do	150	0	0
H. B. Paulin, do Landing Waiter, do	200	0	0
John U. Ross, do do do	200	0	0
Edward Binney, do 1st Clerk, Excise Office do	125	0	0
J. S. Richardson, do 2nd do do	100	0	0
Do do allowance for extra Services, do	40	0	0
Peter Donaldson, do Salary as Clerk to Warehouse Keeper, do	125	0	0
A Richardson, do Guager and Weigher, do	300	0	0
B. B. Oxley, do Clerk to the Board of Revenue, do	80	0	0
Wm. G. Fife, pay of Shipping Officers for the year ended 30th Sep. 1853	410	12	6
Do Ware House Lockers do	912	10	0
Do Tide Surveyor, Boatmen, and Waiters, do	1328	12	6
Do Messenger and Truckmen, do	32	7	0
Do Incidental Expences of Excise Department, Halifax, for 1852,	82	7	10

James B. Davison, Collector, Wallace,	Commissions on Colonial Duties	£11	7	6
to 30th September, 1853.				
Do do	Salary as Controller of Customs			
for 1852,		20	0	0
Robert Stone, Collector, Wilmot,	do	20	0	0
Do do	Commissions on Colonial Duties			
to 31st December, 1852,		65	5	4
A. D. Morrison, Collector, Londonderry,	do	37	4	7
Do do	allowance for Consuls Certifi-			
cates collected in 1852,		1	11	6
Do do	Salary as Controller of Customs			
for 1852,		20	0	0
Benjamin Ruggles, Collector, Westport,	do	20	0	0
Thomas Dickson, Collector, Pictou,	Salary for the year ended 30th			
September, 1853,		200	0	0
Do do	Wages of two Boatmen, do	100	0	0
Do do	for repairs of Revenue Boat, from			
Grant of 1852,		0	16	2
J. H. Freeman, Collector, Liverpool,	Commissions on Excise Duties to			
30th September, 1853,		113	13	3
Robert McCully, Collector, Amherst,	do on Colonial Duties, do	143	19	2
Do do	Salary as Controller of Customs for '52,	20	0	0
Chas. R. Allison, Collector, Hants Port,	Salary as Controller of Cus-			
toms for 1852,		20	0	0
Do do	allowance for Consuls Certifi-			
cates collected in 1851 and 1852,		4	7	6
T. E. Moberly, Collector, Yarmouth,	Salaries of Officers of Depart-			
ment, for the year ended 30th September, 1853,		225	0	0
Do do	Commission on Light Duty, do	8	15	0
Do do	allowance for Consuls Certificates			
collected in 1852,		2	3	0
G. F. Ditmars, Collector, Clements Port,	do	0	18	0
Do do	Commissions on Colonial Duties to			
30th September, 1853,		14	9	2
Do do	Salary as Controller of Customs			
for 1852,		20	0	0
George Norris, do Cape Canso	do	20	0	0
H. W. Moyle, do Lunenburg,	Commission on Excise Duties, to			
30th September, 1853,		6	2	6
Do do do	allowance for Consuls Certificates			
collected in 1852,		0	4	6
Wm. Bryden, Salary as Surveyor and Searcher, Liverpool, for the year				
ended 30th September, 1853,		75	0	0
N. Corning, Jnr., Collector, Beaver River, Commissions on Colonial				
Duties, to 31st Dec. '52,		8	2	4
Do do	Salary as Controller of Customs, for 1852,	20	0	0
Do do	Grant of 1853, for services during the past year,	8	0	0
H. Blanchard, do Port Hood, Salary as Controller of Customs, for 1852,		20	0	0
T. S. Bowen, do North Sydney, Salary for the year ended 30th Sep. 1853,		50	0	0
Do do	Wages of two Boatmen, for the year ended 30th Sepr., 1853,	80	0	0
Do do	repairs of Revenue Boat,	1	14	5
Do do	Allowance for Consuls Certificates, collected in 1852,	0	13	0

R. B. Porter, do Windsor, Commissions on Col. Duties, to 30th Sep. 1853,	£100	7	0
Do do Allowance for Consuls Certificates, collected in 1852,	3	2	0
R. Robertson, do Barrington, Allowance for Consuls Certificates, collected in 1852,	1	11	0
Do do Commissions on Col. Duties, to 3rd May, 1853,	9	14	10
Do do Salary as Controller of Customs, for 1852, and to 3rd May, 1853,	26	13	4
J. W. Homes, do do Commission on Excise Duties, from 3rd May to 30th September, 1853,	11	10	11
T. C. Forbes, do Annapolis, Commission on Col. Duties, to 30th September, 1853,	102	1	1
Do do Allowance for Consuls Certificates, collected in '52,	2	14	6
Do do Salary as Controller of Customs, for 1852,	20	0	0
William Stalker, do Ragged Islands, Salary as Controller of Customs, for 1852,	20	0	0
Do do Commissions on Colonial Duties, to 30th Sep. 1853,	32	17	4
W. H. Rogers, do Pugwash, Salary as Controller of Customs, for 1852, and Commissions for September quarter, 1853,	29	10	9
Thomas Willett, Collector, Pubnico, do do	20	0	0
Do do Allowance for Consuls Certificates, collected in 1852,	1	6	6
Do do Commissions on Colonial Duties, to 31st December, 1852,	8	11	10
James Whidden, Collector, LaHave, do do	10	10	4
Do do Allowance for Consuls Certificates, collected in 1852,	0	19	0
Do do Salary as Controller of Customs, from 1st October, 1851, to 31st December, 1852,	25	0	0
Joseph Crane, Collector, Horton, Salary as Controller of Customs, for 1852,	20	0	0
Do do Allowance for Consuls Certificates, collected in 1852,	0	13	0
William Hill, Halifax, Allowance for Consuls Certificates, coll'ted in '52,	3	3	6
Adam Roy, Collector, Maitland, Salary as Controller of Customs, for 1851 and 1852,	40	0	0
Allan McDonell, Collector, Antigonish, do 1852,	20	0	0
C. V. Rawding, Collector, Canada Creek, do	20	0	0
Do do allowance for Consuls Certificates, collected in 1852,	1	1	6
Do do Commissions on Colonial Duties, to 30th Sept., 1853,	32	1	4
A. Bourneuf, Collector, Church Point, do to 31st Sept., 1852,	13	1	6
Do do Salary as Controller of Customs for 1852,	20	0	0
Do do allowance for Consuls Certificates, collected in 1852,	1	17	0
James Annand, Collector, Digby, do	5	9	6
Do do Commissions on Colonial Duties to 30th Sept., 1853,	125	5	6
Edward Lockwood, Collector, Cornwallis, Salary as Controller of Customs for 1852,	20	0	0
R. B. Boggs, Collector, Joggins Mines, do	20	0	0
Abram Lent, Collector, Tusket, do	14	8	10
Do do Commissions on Colonial Duties for 1852,	29	6	6
Do do Allowance for Consuls Certificates, collected in 1852,	0	14	6
H. D. Ruggles, Collector, Weymouth, do	3	0	0
Do do Commissions on Colonial Duties for 1852,	26	1	10
Do do Salary as Controller of Customs for 1852,	20	0	0
A. N. McDonald, St. Mary's, do	20	0	0
John McDonald, Collector, St. Mary's, Commissions on Colonial Duties to 30th September, 1853,	2	12	11
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William Campbell, Collector, Tatamagouche, Salary as Controller of Customs for 1852,	£20	0	0
A. V. Forbes, Arichat, Allowance for Consuls Certificates, collected in '52,	2	0	0
R. S. Eakins, Argyle, Grant for services as Controller of Customs, in '52,	3	14	3
D. VanNorden, do do	3	15	0
N. T. Harris, Collector, Hants Port, Salary do	20	0	0
W. Robertson, Pictou, Allowance for Consuls Certificates, collected in '52,	5	10	0
Thos. M'Coll, Collector, Guysboro', Grant for Services in 1852,	12	10	0
T. D. Dickson, Collector, Parrsboro', Allowance for Consuls Certificates, collected in 1852,	2	16	6
Calvin Gidney, Collector, Sandy Cove, Commissions on Colonial Duties, to 31st December, 1852,	4	6	4
P. J. Brouard, Collector, Ship Harbor, do to 30th September, 1853,	18	15	3
Do do Salary as Controller of Customs for 1852,	20	0	0
Joseph Browner, Collector, Sheet Harbor, do	20	0	0
A. & W. McKinlay, from Grant of 1853 for purchase of Account Books for Collectors of Excise Duties,	90	15	0
Andrew Barclay, Collector, Shelburne, Commissions on Colonial Duties to 30th June, 1853,	10	11	10
Do do Salary as Controller of Customs for 1852,	20	0	0
John Hearn, Salary as Seizing Officer at Arichat and D'Escouse, for five months to 31st December, 1853,	5	4	2
William Quinn, do at Little Arichat, do	10	8	4
	£6,851	11	3

EDUCATION.

The Governors, Grant to King's College, for twelve months, ended 30th September, 1853,	£444	8	8
The Trustees, Grant to Acadia, do	250	0	0
Do do St. Mary's, do	250	0	0
Do do Free Church Academy, do	250	0	0
Do do Halifax Grammar School, do	150	0	0
Do do Sackville Academy, do 30th June, '53,	150	0	0
Do do Pictou Academy, do 30th Sep. '53,	250	0	0
Superintendent of Schools, from Grant of 1852 for purchase of Books, Maps, &c.,	65	0	0
J. W. Dawson, from Salary of Superintendent of Schools undrawn, in 1852, agreeably to Report of Com. on Education,	100	0	0
Provincial Secretary, Grant for 1853 for purchase of School Libraries,	500	0	0
Superintendents of Schools, on account of Grant of 1853 for purchase of Books, Maps, &c.,	543	10	0
C. D. Randall, Salary as Superintendent of Schools, Western District, for half year, ended 31st October, 1853,	125	0	0
H. Munro, on account of Salary as Supt. of Schools, Eastern District, do	100	0	0
Comms. of Schools, for City Schools, Halifax, for the year ended do	700	0	0
Do Halifax Co. West Division, for Common Schls. do	389	0	0
Do do East Division, for Grammar and Common Schools, do	439	0	0
Superintendent of Schools, from undrawn Grammar School money of Guysboro' Co., pursuant to Resolution of Assembly,	39	2	9
	Commrs.		

Commrs. of Schools, Guysboro' Co., Guysboro' District, for Gram. and Com. Schools, for the year ended 31st Oct. 1853,	£368	13	4
Do do St. Mary's District, do	153	6	8
Do Queen's County, do	490	0	0
Do King's County, do	700	0	0
Do Sydney County, do	686	0	0
Do Yarmouth County, Argyle District, for Common Schools for the year ended 1st May, 1853,	215	0	0
Do do Yarmouth District, for Grammar and Common Schools, do 31st Oct., 1853,	340	3	1
The Trustees, for Bridgetown and Annapolis Grammar Schools, pursuant to Resolution of Assembly, .	87	10	0
Commrs. of Schools, Annapolis County, for Grammar and Common Schools, for the year ended 31st Oct., 1853,	686	10	0
Do Colchester Co. South District, for Common Schools, do	479	0	0
Do do Sterling District, do	142	0	0
The Trustees, do Grant to Truro Academy, do	100	0	0
Commrs. of Schools, Cumberland County, East District, for Grammar and Common Schools, do	507	0	0
Do do West District, for Common Schools, do	108	0	0
Do Digby County, Clare District, do do	171	0	0
Do do Digby District, for Grammar and Common Schools, do	408	13	4
Do Pictou County, South District, do do	627	13	4
Do do North District, do do	594	6	8
Do Shelburne County, Shelburne District, do do	245	0	0
Do do Barrington District, do do	220	0	0
Do Cape Breton County, do do	730	0	0
Do Hants County, East District, do do	265	6	8
Do do West District, do do	453	13	4
Do Lunenburg County, do do	752	0	0
Do Victoria County, do do	500	0	0
Do Richmond County, for Common Schools, do	433	0	0
Do Inverness Co., South District, for Gram. and Com. Schls. do	554	0	0
Do do North District, do do	292	6	8
Do do do from Gram. School money undrawn, 31st Dec. 1852,	33	6	8
	£16,088	11	2

AGRICULTURE.

President & Secretary, Grant of 1853, to Central Board of Agriculture,	£200	0	0
Do Merrigomish Society, Pictou County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1852,	15	0	0
Do Springville Society, Pictou County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	10	0	0
Do Pictou Society, Pictou County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	15	0	0
Do Hopewell Society, Pictou County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	12	10	0
Do Stewiacke Society, Colchester County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1852,	16	13	4
Do Truro Society, Colchester County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	12	10	0
President			

President & Secretary, Lower Stewiacke Society, Colchester County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	£12 10 0
Do Londonderry Society, Colchester County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	12 10 0
Do Central Society, Sydney County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	50 0 0
Do Digby Society, Digby County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	25 0 0
Do Clare Society, Digby County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	25 0 0
Do Mahone Bay Society, Lunenburg County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	16 13 4
Do Chester Society, Lunenburg County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	16 13 4
Do Lunenburg Society, Lunenburg County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	16 13 4
Do Barrington Society, Shelburne County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	25 0 0
Do Sable River Society, Shelburne County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	25 0 0
Do Manchester Society, Guysborough County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	25 0 0
Do St. Mary's Society, Guysborough County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	25 0 0
Do Argyle Society, Yarmouth County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	50 0 0
Do Lower Musquodoboit Society, Halifax County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	10 0 0
Do Musquodoboit Society, Halifax County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	13 6 8
Do Dartmouth Society, Halifax County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	13 6 8
Do Halifax Society, Halifax County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1858,	13 6 8
Do Sydney Society, Cape Breton County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	50 0 0
Do Parrsborough Society, Cumberland County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	12 10 0
Do Amherst Society, Cumberland County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	12 10 0
Do Wallace Society, Cumberland County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	12 10 0
Do River Philip Society, Cumberland County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	12 10 0
Do Caledonia and Kempt Society, Queen's County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	50 0 0
Do Middle River Society, Victoria County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	25 0 0
Do Baddeck Society, Victoria County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	25 0 0
Do Aylesford Society, King's County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	12 10 0
	President

President & Secretary, West Cornwallis Society, King's County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	£10	0	0
Do Cornwallis Society, King's County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	12	10	0
Do Horton Society, King's County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	15	0	0
Do Margaree Society, Inverness County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	25	0	0
Do Bridgetown Society, Annapolis County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	16	13	4
Do Annapolis Society, Annapolis County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	16	13	4
Do Windsor Society, Hant's County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	25	0	0
Do Newport Society, Hant's County, sum assigned them from Grant for 1853,	25	0	0
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	£1015	0	0

OAT MILLS.

Nicholas Balfour, for an Oatmill and Kiln at Middle River, Pictou County, from Grant of 1852,	£10	0	0
James Crowe, do at Onslow, Colchester County, Grant of 1853,	10	0	0
John Ross, do at Brookfield, Colchester County, Grant of 1853,	10	0	0
Farquhar Charleson, do at St. Ann's Glen, Victoria County, Grant of '53,	10	0	0
Angus McLeod, do at St. Ann's Arm, Victoria County, Grant of 1853,	15	0	0
Farquhar McCrae, do at Baddeck River, Victoria County, balance of Grants of 1852 and 1853,	10	0	0
Aimable Coté, do at Tracadie, Sydney County, Grant of 1853,	15	0	0
Alexr. Hurlburt, do at Lochabar Lake, Sydney County, Grant of 1853,	10	0	0
Hugh McLeod, do at Brookfield, Miré, Cape Breton County, Grant of '53,	15	0	0
Daniel McNaughton, do at North Sydney, Cape Breton County, Grant of 1853,	15	0	0
John Densmore, do at Noel, Hant's County, Grant of 1853,	15	0	0
John Smith, do at St. George's Channel, Richmond County, Grant of '53,	15	0	0
John G. McKeen, do at Mabou, Inverness County,	10	0	0
Kenneth Chisholm, do at River Inhabitants, Inverness County,	10	0	0
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	£170	0	0

MISCELLANEOUS.

Master of the Rolls, for Fuel and Contingencies of Chancery and Vice Admiralty Courts, for the year ended 30th June, 1853,	£25	0	0
Joseph Skallish, for attendance on Offices of Receiver General and Financial Secretary, for the year ended 30th September, '53,	10	0	0
Joseph Skallish, Fuel of do do	6	14	3
Judge of Probate, for Fuel and Contingencies of Probate Court for 1853,	12	10	0
Chas. E. Leonard, Grant for Returns of Paupers in Cape Breton County, in 1851,	1	3	4
Henry Stewart, do do in Digby County, in 1851,	1	10	0
Andrew Barclay, do do in Shelburne County, in 1851,	2	10	0
	Charles		

Charles B. Owen, do do in Lunenburg County, in 1851,	£1	15	0
A. & W. McKinlay, for Stationery of Receiver General's and Financial Secretary's Offices, for 1852,	15	11	6
James Venables, expense of preparing Account Books for transmission to Outport Collectors,	1	5	0
R. B. Porter, Allowance for Consul's Certificates collected at Windsor in 1851,	2	0	0
J. C. Tobias, do do at Annapolis in 1851,	2	0	0
Adam Roy, do do at Maitland in 1851,	3	0	0
Edward Lockwood, do do at Cornwallis in 1851,	2	0	0
H. D. Ruggles, do do at Weymouth in 1851,	1	0	0
Receiver General, to pay Advertising Notices to Holders of Provincial Stock Certificates,	2	7	0
Henry Oldright, Grant for Services as Interpreter on trial of Gabriel Moriano,	6	0	0
J. Shaw, Sheriff, Yarmouth County, Return of Fees paid on Commission,	2	6	8
J. K. Viets, Sheriff, Digby County, do do,	2	6	8
W. C. Campbell, King's County, do do,	2	6	8
A. Whitman, Grants of 1852 and 1853, for relief of Colored population, Annapolis County,	20	0	0
Thomas Killam, do do, do do, Yarmouth County,	20	0	0
John Campbell, Grant of 1853, do do, Queen's County,	10	0	0
L. M. Wilkins, do do, do do, Hants County,	10	0	0
John Esson, do do, do do, Halifax County,	50	0	0
S. Campbell, do do, do do, Guysborough County,	10	0	0
Thomas Coffin, do do, do do, Shelburne County,	10	0	0
W. A. Henry, do do, do do, Sydney County,	10	0	0
E. L. Brown, do do, do do, King's County,	10	0	0
J. C. Wade, do do, do do, Digby County, (one half,)	5	0	0
Joseph Howe, do do, do do, Cumberland County,	10	0	0
Clerk of Assembly, do do, for expenses of publication of the Revised Statutes,	41	16	10
J. Ritchie and J. Whidden, do do, for expenses of Law Commission,	204	13	2
James Thompson, do do, for publication of Reports of Decisions in the Supreme Court,	50	0	0
Alexander James, on account of salary for reporting and publishing Decisions in the Supreme Court,	50	0	0
Scott Tremain, Grant of 1853, in full of his claim for preparing Returns required by Government,	15	0	0
J. W. Nutting, do do, do do,	4	0	0
N. W. White, do do, do do,	4	0	0
J. S. Richardson, do do, for preparing Trade Returns for Committee of Assembly on Protection,	10	0	0
Provincial Secretary, for procuring information in England on the subject of the Railroad, for use of Government,	250	0	0
The Commissioners, Balance due Provincial Agent at Industrial Exhibition in London, 1851,	105	9	4
Andrew Downs, Grant to aid in improving the breed of Poultry in the Province,	100	0	0
James Thompson, Grant in aid of a Fair or Cattle Show at Halifax,	100	0	0
Grant placed at the disposal of His Excellency for the importation of Stock and Sheep,	400	0	0
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M. Beausejour, return of Light Duty paid on a vessel lost on her first voyage,	£1 14 6
Benjamin Nason, do do,	2 13 6
James Skinner, for preparing Abstracts of Census of County of Pictou in 1851,	7 10 0
James Skinner, for furnishing Copies of Assessment Lists of County of Pictou previous to General Election,	7 10 0
Dr. Johnson, Grant for expenses incurred on lawsuit with Thomas Mudie, Pictou,	27 14 9
Thomas Mudie, Grant pursuant to report of Committee of Assembly,	10 0 0
A. N. Whitman, Grant of 1853, for supplies furnished to destitute seamen,	3 2 10
Christian Stone, do do, for supplies furnished to seamen shipwrecked on P. E. Island,	1 5 0
Catharine McPherson, do do, for supplies furnished to shipwrecked seamen,	2 7 6
Edmund Crowell, do do, in aid of establishment at Seal Island for relief of shipwrecked persons,	20 0 0
J. W. Johnston, for expense of publishing report of Committee of Assembly on Temperance,	28 0 0
Samuel Breck, Philadelphia, principal and interest on Provincial Certificate held by him,	12 6 5
Dr. Grigor, Grant of 1853, in aid of Halifax Dispensary,	50 0 0
L. M. Wilkins, for Investigating a case of Incendiarism at Bridgetown,	15 0 0
W. A. Henry, for Investigating a charge against a Magistrate in the County of Guysborough,	15 0 0
John Esson, Grant for relief of Fishermen in Counties of Halifax and Lunenburg,	100 0 0
Francis Duport, Grant to aid him in purchasing a pair of Legs,	10 0 0
Richard Meagher, Grant to aid him in prosecuting his trade,	10 0 0
Rebecca Langley, Grant to aid her in keeping a House of Entertainment between Musquodoboit and St. Mary's,	15 0 0
Lequille Mills Company, Grant to aid them in their enterprise,	150 0 0
J. H. Crosskill, Grant for this sum twice charged him when Queen's Printer,	18 7 6
S. B. Fitzrandolph, salary due late J. H. Randolph as Warden of River Fisheries, County of Digby,	25 0 0
	£2135 17 5

JUDICIARY EXPENSES.

R. Gibbons, expense of conveyance of Judge on Cape Breton Circuit in 1852,	£16 0 0
Judge Dodd, Travelling Fees on Western Shore Circuit, Spring, 1853,	42 0 0
Do do do Eastern Circuit, do	33 16 8
Do do do Cape Breton Circuit, Autumn, 1853,	47 16 8
Judge Bliss, do do Western Circuit, Spring, 1853,	25 13 4
Do do do Eastern Circuit, Autumn, 1853,	26 16 8
Judge Des Barres, do do Cape Breton Circuit, Spring, 1853,	58 6 8
Do do do Western Circuit, Autumn, 1853,	33 16 8
Judge T. Haliburton, do do Western Shore Circuit, Autumn, 1853,	36 3 4
	£320 10 0
	Criminal

CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS.

W. A. Henry, costs of conducting Criminal Prosecutions in Supreme Court, Richmond County, October term, 1852,					£14	12	6
Do	do	do	do	Richmond, June, 1853,	29	10	0
Do	do	do	do	Richmond, October, do	21	12	0
Do	do	do	do	Guysborough, July, do	21	7	10
Do	do	do	do	Guysborough, November, do	7	10	0
Do	do	do	do	Cape Breton, June, do	12	8	0
Do	do	do	do	Inverness, October, do	14	6	6
John Creighton,	do	do	do	Lunenburg, April, do	7	10	0
Do	do	do	do	Queen's, April, do	7	8	6
Do	do	do	do	Shelburne, May, do	7	9	2
Do	do	do	do	Yarmouth, May, do	21	19	6
William Young,	do	do	do	Colchester, June, do	28	4	2
Do	do	do	do	Pictou, June, do	14	5	0
J. W. Johnston,	do	do	do	Cumberland, June, do	14	12	6
L. M. Wilkins,	do	do	do	Hants, July, do	21	15	0
Do	do	do	do	King's, June, do	6	8	6
Do	do	do	do	Annapolis, June, do	11	5	10
W. C. Campbell, Sheriff King's County, expense of conveying a prisoner from St. John, N. B., to Kentville,					10	2	3
					£272	7	3

CORONER'S INQUESTS.

Dr. Grigor, Coroner,	Halifax County,	fees on Inquisitions held in 1853,	£105	0	0
George Bingay, do,	Yarmouth County,	do,	15	0	0
Matthew Jeffery, do,	do,	do,	7	10	0
D. Matheson, do,	Pictou County,	do,	2	10	0
J. Anderson, do,	do,	do,	7	10	0
Edward Roach, do,	do,	do,	5	0	0
John M'Kay, do,	do,	do,	2	10	0
J. Mitchell, do,	do,	do,	2	10	0
W. W. Bent, do,	Cumberland County,	do,	5	0	0
Thomas Page,	do,	do,	7	10	0
J. S. Thomson, do,	Lunenburg County,	do,	5	0	0
H. S. Jost, do,	do,	do,	2	10	0
Aaron Morse, do,	do,	do,	2	10	0
John Creighton, do,	do,	do,	2	10	0
G. F. Ditmars, do,	Annapolis County,	do,	2	10	0
Isaac Bonnette, do,	do,	do,	2	10	0
Asa Foster, do,	do,	do,	5	0	0
P. Bonnette, do,	do,	do,	5	0	0
R. Stephen, do,	Digby County,	do,	10	0	0
W. J. Bell, do,	Shelburne County,	do,	2	10	0
A. V. Buskirk, do,	King's County,	do,	2	10	0
H. McDowall, do,	Hants County,	do,	7	10	0
W. Dennison, do,	do,	do,	5	0	0
J. A. Jenkins, do,	do,	do,	7	10	0
John Munro, do,	Inverness County,	do,	5	0	0
J. G. M'Keen, do,	do,	do,	2	10	0

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J. W. M'Keen, Coroner, Inverness County, fees on Inquisitions held in 1853,	£2	10	0
W. Jones, do, Victoria County, do,	2	10	0
C. J. Campbell, do, do, do,	2	10	0
Geo. Brennan, do, Sydney County, do,	2	10	0
Jos. Symonds, do, do, do,	5	0	0
William Currie, do, do, do,	2	10	0
F. R. Parker, do, Colchester County, do,	2	10	0
James Moore, do, do, do,	2	10	0
Dr. Muir, do, do, do,	2	10	0
Freeman Tupper, do, Queen's County, do,	2	10	0
Geo. E. Jean, do, Richmond County, do,	7	10	0
D. N. McQueen, do, Cape Breton County, do,	5	0	0
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	£270	0	0

POOR ASYLUM.

The Commissioners, balance of Grant of 1852, including School Grant,	£400	0	0
Do, from Grant of 1853 in aid of the establishment,	1625	0	0
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	£2025	0	0

TRANSIENT POOR.

E. L. Brown et al., Grant for expenses of Transient Paupers in township of Horton, 1852,	£18	10	8
Overseers of Poor, do do 1st section Pictou township, 1852,	35	0	0
Eliza Walker, Grant for expenses of Sophia Pizarro, Arichat,	6	5	0
Dr. Madden, Grant for attendance on do, do,	8	0	0
Overseers of Poor, Grant for expenses of Transient Paupers, township of Guysborough, 1852,	9	10	6
Chas. Weeks et al., do do, township of Amherst, 1852,	26	2	6
Overseers of Poor, do do, township of Dorchester, 1852,	15	7	3
Do do do do, township of Cornwallis, 1852,	5	18	3
Do do do do, township of Liverpool, 1852,	9	15	0
Do do do do, township of Falmouth, 1852,	6	1	3
Do do do do, township of Clements, 1852,	39	0	0
Do do do do, township of Chester, 1852,	7	12	6
Do do do do, township of Yarmouth, 1852,	9	2	6
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	£196	5	5

POST COMMUNICATION.

Post Master General, for Postage of Public Departments for the year ended 30th September, 1853, viz.:			
His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor,	£53	0	5
Provincial Secretary,	164	19	2
Receiver General,	33	18	5
Financial Secretary,	43	8	5
Board of Revenue,	5	18	9
Post Master General, for payment of Mail Contractors, &c., for quarter ended 5th January, 1853,	500	0	0
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Post Master General, for payment of Mail Contractors, &c., for quarter ended 5th April, 1853,	£500	0	0
Do do, do do 5th October, 1853,	500	0	0
Do do, to pay Postage due the United Kingdom to 5th July, 1852,	854	3	11
Do do, do do 5th January, 1853,	758	15	0
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	£3414	4	1

BOARD OF WORKS.

Chairman of Board, Grant for Balances due on account of different services for 1852,	£2706	19	6
Chairman of Board, Grant for Balances due late Commissioners of Sable Island,	56	13	7
Chairman of Board, Grant for Balances due late Commissioners of Public Buildings,	394	3	9
Chairman of Board, for service of Light Houses for current year, and for erection of new Light Houses,	6650	0	0
Chairman of Board, for service of Provincial Penitentiary for current y'r,	950	0	0
Do for service of Public Buildings for current year,	1000	0	0
Do for service of Sable Island Establishment do,	750	0	0
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	£12,507	16	10

FISHERIES.

Board of Works, from Grant of 1853, for Protection of the Fisheries,	£1500	0	0
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NAVIGATION SECURITIES.

J. Farnsworth et al., balance of Grant of 1852, for Breakwater at French Cross, King's County,	£21	17	6
Samuel Buchan, from Grant of 1852, for do at Hall's Harbor, do,	16	15	0
C. Eaton and J. Nesbitt, do, for do at Canada Creek, do,	21	4	8
Samuel Beckwith, Grants of 1851 and 1852, for do at do, do,	35	8	5
James Corbet, Grant of 1853, for over-expenditure on Breakwater at Freeman's Creek, Cumberland County,	33	0	0
Maximin Thereau, Grant of 1853, for Breakwater at Billevous Cove, Clare, Digby County,	75	0	0
Luc Deveau, do do, do do at Cape Cove, Digby County,	40	0	0
Benj. Raymond, do 1851, do do at Pleasant Cove, Digby County,	100	0	0
Augustin Melanson, do 1853, do at Gros Coque, do,	50	0	0
James Warrington, do 1853, for erection of a Public Slip at Digby,	25	0	0
Francis Bowie, do 1852, to aid in improving the harbor of Tracadie, Sydney County,	100	0	0
A. Smith et al., do 1853, to aid in extending Arisaig Pier, Sydney Co.,	200	0	0
John Grimes, from Grants of 1852 and 1853, for Gates' Breakwater, Wilmot, Annapolis County,	125	0	0
Felix McNeil, Grant of 1853, to aid in extending Margaretville Pier, do,	200	0	0
W. Freeman et al., Grant of 1853, to aid in improving Liverpool River, Queen's County,	100	0	0
Howes Smith, Grant of 1852, for Canal between Port LaTour and Cape Negro Harbor, Shelburne County,	25	0	0
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	£1,168	5	7

 STEAMBOATS, PACKETS, AND FERRIES.

S. Cunard, Grant of 1852, for Steamer between Halifax and St. John's Newfoundland,	£375	0	0
James Peake, Grant of 1852, for Steamer between Pictou and Charlotte- town, P. E. Island,	200	0	0
Michael Reddy, Grant of 1852, for Packet between Guysborough and Arichat,	50	0	0
William Stewart, Grant of 1852, for Packet between Horton and Parrsborough,	25	0	0
E. Forrestall, Grant of 1850, for Ferry between McMillan's Point and Auld's Cove, Canso,	15	0	0
John McDonald, Grant of 1851, for Ferry on west side of Port L'Herbert Harbor,	10	0	0
John Richardson, Grant of 1852, for Ferry on east side of do,	10	0	0
Cunningham & Knowles, do between Cape Sable Island and the Main,	15	0	0
D. McPhee, do from Low Point to Sydney Mines,	10	0	0
Isaiah Smith, do between Shubenacadie and Londonderry,	20	0	0
Do, do over Shubenacadie River, Hants County side,	10	0	0
J. Copeland, do do, Colchester County side,	10	0	0
Thomas Low, do from Amherst to Minudie,	15	0	0
Charles Winchester, do over Bear River, Digby County,	2	10	0
Luke Thereau, do on east side of Petite Passage, do,	2	10	0
Samuel Outhouse, do on west side do do,	2	10	0
Thomas Morrell, do over Grand Passage, do,	5	0	0
Joseph Pernette, do on western side of LaHave River,	10	0	0
John Carter, do do Strait of Canso,	10	0	0
Cornelius Craig, do at entrance of Sable River, Shelburne,	10	0	0
John Ross, do from Big Bras d'Or to Big Harbor, Victoria County,	10	0	0
Peter Fraser, do on north side of Grandique River, Richmond County,	10	0	0
M. A. Wood, do on south side do do	10	0	0
John Leary, do at Basin Gut, Sambro,	5	0	0
McMillan and Forrestall, do between McMillan's Point and Auld's Cove, Canso,	30	0	0
John McPherson, do from McPherson's landing to John Carter's, Canso,	10	0	0
David Low, do over Sheet Harbor,	10	0	0
John Purcell, do over North West Arm, Halifax,	10	0	0
W. Lang and L. Pye, do on each side of Liscomb Harbor,	10	0	0
Ken. Matheson, Grant of 1853, do on north side of Big Bras d'Or, Vic- toria County,	10	0	0
Charles Pernette, do on east side of LaHave River,	10	0	0
			£932 10 0

INDIAN GRANT.

J. B. McDonald, from Grant of 1853, for relief of Indians in Lunenburg County,	£6	7	8
Bishop McKinnon, do do, do in Sydney County,	30	0	0
John Campbell, do do, do in Queen's County,	20	0	0
J. B. McDonald, do do, do in Hants County,	9	18	9
Do, do do, for relief of Newell Jedore, a crippled Indian,	2	0	0
Alex. Campbell, do do, for relief of Indians at Tatmagouche,	15	0	0
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Dr. Hamilton, from Grant of 1852, pursuant to Report of Committee of Assembly,	£4	4	9
Neil Smith, do do, do do do,	1	10	0
A. Whitman, do 1853, for relief of Indians in Annapolis County,	20	0	0
James McLeod, do do do Cape Breton County,	30	0	0
John Ryder, do do do at Argyle,	4	0	0
Dr. Farish, do do, for medical services to Indians in Queen's County,	3	0	0
Dr. Forbes, do do, do do,	6	0	0
Rev. J. Corteau, do do, for relief of Indians in Richmond County,	25	0	0
Dr. Tupper, do do, for medical assistance to Indians at Amherst, in 1851—52,	6	10	0
Dr. Elmsley, do do, do do Baddeck, Victoria Co.	1	8	9
John Creighton, do do, for relief of Indians in Lunenburg County,	10	0	0
Dr. Croker, do do, medical aid to Indians at Liverpool,	3	5	0
J. B. McDonald, do do, relief of Indians in Digby County,	8	5	0
Dr. Johnston, do do, medical aid to Indians, Cape Breton County,	3	0	0
Dr. Jennings do do, do do Halifax County,	4	5	0
J. B. McDonald, do do, aid to Sally Dennis, Indian, Canso,	3	0	0
Capt. Chearnley, do do, relief of Indians in Western Counties,	29	12	4
Overseers of Poor, do do, a sick Indian, in No. 4 District, Digby County	4	0	0
A. F. Comeau, do do, sick Indians at Clare,	15	0	0
Nathan Tupper, do do, expenditure for relief of Indians at Digby, in 1852,	3	1	6
	£268	8	9

MILITIA.

Edw. Wallace, Grant for Services as Adjutant General of Militia for '52,	£30	0	0
Geo. N. Russell, do as Qr. Master General do do,	20	0	0
Geo. N. Russell, for storing and cleaning arms of Halifax Regiments of Militia,	29	8	6
R. Stoddart, do do of 2d Battalion East Annapolis do, for 1852—53,	15	4	0
Chas. Randall, do do of 2nd Battalion King's County Militia,	3	5	0
H. G. Emslow, do do of 1st Battalion Shelburne Co. Militia, 1852—53,	6	16	0
Edw. O'Brien, do do of 1st Regiment Hants County Militia,	9	19	6
J. R. Dewolf, do do of Queen's County Militia,	7	7	0
A. Lantz, do do of 2nd Battalion Lunenburg Militia,	0	18	0
S. O. Doane, do do of 4th Batalion Shelburne County Militia,	4	11	0
R. M'G. Dickey, do do of 1st Battalion Cumberland County Militia,	6	0	6
James Norman, do do do East Annapolis Militia,	6	1	0
Quarter Master General, expence of removing and arranging Militia Arms, at Halifax,	9	0	6
J. Marshal, for storing and cleaning Arms of 2nd Battalion Pictou Militia,	8	6	6
Jonathan Hall, do do of 1st Regiment Cape Breton Militia,	15	11	9
Richard Smith, do do of 2nd Battalion Hants County Militia,	4	5	6
John Burke, do do of 2nd Battalion Lunenburg Militia,	1	16	6
Timothy Barnabe, do do of 1st Battalion King's County Militia,	7	13	0
W. Rudolf, do do do Lunenburg Militia,	4	18	0
	£191	2	3

RATIONS TO TROOPS.

Deputy Qr. Master General, for marching and lodging Troops en route			
	from Annapolis to Halifax,	£21	15 0
Do,	from Windsor to Halifax,	4	17 6
Do,	from Halifax to Windsor,	9	4 6
Do,	from Halifax to Annapolis,	18	4 6
Do,	from Halifax to Windsor and back to Halifax,	86	17 0
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		£140	18 6

INTEREST.

Bank of Nova-Scotia, Interest due to 31st January, 1853,				£154	15	5
Cashier of Savings' Bank, do	Depositors, to	31st Decr.,	1853,	932	10	0
Do, do	do	do	30th June, do,	998	16	0
Do, do	do	do	31st Decr. do,	600	0	0
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				£2,686	1	5

DRAWBACKS.

Edward Jost, Legislative Grant, Return of Duties paid on Flour,				£16	15	0
Alex. Keith, do, do	do	do	Whiskey,	46	16	3
A. Stewart, do, do	do	do	Machinery,	3	3	2
A. C. Condon, do, do	do	do	Flour,	16	16	0
J. Archibald, do, do	do	do	Machinery,	1	11	0
T. Barnabe, do, do	do	do	Machinery,	15	12	6
A. Moffat, do, do	do	do	Molasses,	1	16	5
Allowed by Board of Revenue, Return of Duties paid at Halifax,				2787	0	11
Do do, do	do	do	Pictou,	8	8	3
Do do, do	do	do	Shelburne,	25	7	10
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				£2,923	7	4

PUBLIC PRINTING.

Queen's Printer, from Vote of Credit for this Service for 1853,				£350	0	0
Richard Nugent, do do do	do	do	do	250	0	0
W. Cunnabell, Grant of 1852, for amount due for this Service in 1851,				0	7	0
Queen's Printer, Grant of 1853, do do	do	do	1852,	372	5	1
William Annand, do do	do	do	1852,	25	16	0
John Ferguson, do do	do	do	1852,	1	0	0
English & Blackadar, do do	do	do	1852,	2	10	0
Richard Nugent, do do	do	do	1852,	117	9	8
James Barnes, do do	do	do	1852,	0	18	0
E. McDonald, do do	do	do	1852,	4	17	6
J. H. Crosskill, do do	do	do	1852,	0	15	0
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				£1125	18	3

Advances.

J. L. Sweet, overexpenditure on Road from Halifax to Hants County Line, Halifax County,	£16	11	7
John Parker, expenditure on Wallace Bridge, do,	175	0	0
Wm. Faulkner, overexpenditure on Salmon River Bridge, Colchester Co.,	47	9	8
D. A. Campbell, do on Road from Mine Hole, do,	3	5	1
James Hamilton, do on Stewiacke Bridge, do,	18	5	0
David Archibald, for rebuilding Bridge on road from Sherbrooke to Antigonish, Guysborough County,	4	8	6
Jesse Fullerton, for repairs of Road from Fullerton's Bridge to Township line, Cumberland County,	10	0	0
Wm. Fulkner, overexpenditure on River Philip Bridge, do,	123	15	6
John Clawsy, for repairs of Road from Bentley's to Vickery's, do,	7	10	0
Henry Purdy, for repairs of Missiquash Bridge on Boundary line, do,	105	0	0
M. J. Kavanagh, overexpenditure on Road from St. Peters to Black Rock, Richmond County,	10	0	0
Jas. McKenzie, for repairs of Bridges destroyed by freshet, do,	16	15	6
Henry Aulderson, overexpenditure from Sherbrooke to King's County line, Lunenburg County,	30	0	0
James McKenzie, for repairs of Bridges destroyed by freshet, Cape Breton County,	92	5	8
J. D. Archibald, for repairs of Bridge at Barrington's Cove, do,	9	4	2
George Devous, overexpenditure on Salmon River Bridge, Digby Co.,	10	16	10
	£1325	17	10

ROAD COMPENSATION.

James Fraser, damages awarded him per Wm. Faulkner's report on alteration of Road at Boulardrie,	£3	10	0
John McDonald, do do do,	20	0	0
M. McDonald, do do do,	7	0	0
Alex. Matheson, do do do,	2	0	0
David Corbett, do do do,	8	0	0
M. McKenzie, Grant in full of claims of R. Fraser and M. McKenzie, senr., do do,	20	0	0
James Crowe et al., for Land on new road from Mass Town to Folly, Colchester County,	5	5	0
John McElhenny, do do do,	0	4	0
J. Cummings, Appraiser's fees on do do do,	0	15	0
William Miller, for land do do do,	2	5	0
A. & H. Morrison, for land on alteration of Road near R. Corbet's, do,	6	6	0
Silas Corbet, do do do,	10	10	0
V. R. Faulkner et al., Appraiser's fees on do do do,	2	16	3
A. V. Buskirk, for fences or alteration of Road at Aylesford, King's Co.	8	0	0
John Strachan, do on new Road from Harbor Bouche to Canso, Sydney County,	1	15	0
David Power, Appraiser's fees on do do do,	0	15	0
A. & J. McIntosh, for land on alteration of road from Antigonish to Canso, Sydney County,	9	15	0
A. Chisholm, for land and fences on do do do,	13	10	0
Colin Chisholm, for land on do do do,	1	0	0
A. Kennedy et al., for land at the new Bridge, South River, Antigonish, Sydney County,	2	14	0

W. Trask et al., for land on alteration of Road at Darling's Lake, Yarmouth County,	£18	12	6
J. Churchill et al., do, on alteration of Road at Chegogin River, Yarmouth County,	11	7	6
G. VanNorden et al., for land and fences on alteration of Road at Chebogue River, Yarmouth County,	50	17	6
P. Power et al., damages on alteration of Road from River Tear to County line, Richmond County,	5	0	0
W. Sharp et al., for land on alteration of Road at Sharp's Hill, Hants County,	34	18	10
Trecothic Estate, for fences on do, do,	23	8	8
Lucy Wilson, for land and fences on do, do,	4	3	7
J. M. Chamberlain, damages on alteration of Eastern Shore Road, Halifax County,	15	0	0
D. Mitchell, do, on Harvey Road, Halifax County,	3	10	0
Henry Henritzky et al., for land on do, do,	40	1	2
Paschal Bond, for fences on do, do,	2	0	0
W. J. Lydiard, Appraisers' Fees, do, do,	1	10	0
Thomas Stevens et al., for land on do, do,	5	12	6
Wm. Day et al., for fences on do, do,	12	19	0
E. F. Stoddart, for land on do, do,	1	0	0
H. A. Gladwin, awarded by Arbitrators, pursuant to Resolution of Assembly, do,	72	10	0
C. F. Harrington, for land and fences on alteration of Road from Canso to St. Peter's, Inverness County,	15	0	0
A. & D. Chisholm, for land on alteration of Road at Huggin's Gut, Pictou County,	9	0	0
Archibald Stewart, do do, do,	1	0	0
James Huggan, do do, do,	1	10	0
David Smith et al., do do, do,	5	5	0
A. Chisholm, for fences on do, do,	13	19	0
Elizabeth Huggan, for land and fences, do, do,	9	2	0
A. & R. Huggan, do do, do,	10	15	0
Jane Huggan, for fences on do, do,	3	0	0
Donald Chisholm, do do, do,	13	19	0
George Smith, do do, do,	6	15	0
H:R. McKenzie, for land on alteration of Road at Thomson's Gut, do,	3	0	0
Alex. McDonald et al., for land and fences, do, do,	15	16	0
George Hattie, for Survey and Plan of do, do,	2	13	0
Lowden and Ross, Appraisers' Fees on do, do,	1	10	0
William Smith, for fences on do, do,	3	0	0
Saml. Embree et al., for land on alteration of Road at Calvin Bent's Hill, Cumberland County,	38	0	0
John Stewart, for land and fences on alteration of Road from Fisher's to County line, Guysboro' County,	5	0	0
Ephraim Taylor, for Plan &c. of do, do,	1	10	0
Lothrop Myers, for land and fences on alteration of Road from Broad Cove to Clam Harbor River, do,	17	2	0
J. F. Taylor et al., Appraisers' Fees on alteration of Road from Broad Cove to Clam harbor River, Guysboro' County,	5	7	6
Ira Whitman, for land on do, do,	10	5	1
Edward Whitman, do do, do,	5	2	6
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Ephraim Taylor, for Plan &c. of do, do,	£2	5	0
J. C. Whitman, for land on do, do,	1	13	9
Wm. Simpson, do do, do,	17	9	6
Wm. Pyle, damages on alteration of Road from Guysboro' to Gut of Canso, do,	10	0	0
Edward Dakin et al., for land and fences on new Road from Bacon's to the Abbot Road, Digby County,	16	4	0
Thomas Hannon, do do, do,	4	14	6
Israel Francis, do do, do,	7	4	6
S. & R. Marshall, do do, do,	21	18	0
J. O. Vail, et al., do do, do,	21	1	6
Nathan Tupper et al., Appraisers' fees, do, do,	2	0	0
George Harris, for land and fences on new Road from Purdy's to Bear River Bridge, do,	9	16	0
H. Blakeslee, for land on do, do,	7	0	0
J. Roop et al., do at the New Bridge over the Grand Joggin, do,	9	5	0
Nathan Tupper et al., Appraisers' fees on do; do,	3	0	0
W. P. Crowell, for land on alteration of Road round Crowell's Hill, Shelburne County,	13	0	0
M. Whelan, damages on alteration of Road at North Sydney, Cape Breton County,	6	6	8
R. Hamilton, do do, do,	6	6	8
P. Howley et al., do on alteration of Road from Howley's Ferry to little Bras d'Or do,	24	0	0
	£809	7	8

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Halifax County, Paid on account of this service from Grants of 1853,	£2794	17	7
Do do, do Old Road Votes undrawn 31st December, 1852,	£50	0	0
Cumberland do, do this service from Grants of 1853,	1751	3	7
Do do, do Old Road Votes undrawn 31st December, 1852,	349	0	0
Colchester do, do this service from Grants of 1853,	2052	8	10
Do do, do Old Road Votes undrawn 31st December, 1852,	82	14	2
Sydney, do, do this service from Grants of 1853,	1376	7	8
Do do, do Old Road Votes undrawn 31st December, 1852,	46	18	0
Pictou do, do this service from Grants of 1853,	2164	2	4
Do do, do Old Road Votes undrawn 31st December, 1852,	96	13	4
Guysboro' do, do this service from Grants of 1853,	1404	3	1
Do do, do Old Road Votes undrawn 31st December, 1852,	12	10	0
Inverness do, do this service from Grants of 1853,	1936	10	6
Do do, do Old Road Votes undrawn 31st December, 1852,	259	10	0
Richmond do, do this service from Grants of 1853,	1492	3	6
Do do, do Old Road Votes undrawn 31st December, 1852,	11	4	9
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Hants County, Paid on account of this service from					
		Grants of 1853,		£2023	15 10
Do	do,	do	Old Road Votes undrawn		
			31st December, 1852,	£152	16 11
Kings	do,	do	this service from Grants of 1853,		1659 11 8
Do	do,	do	Old Road Votes undrawn		
			31st December, 1852,	48	0 0
Annapolis	do,	do	this Service from Grants of 1853,		1715 18 0
Do	do,	do	Old Road Votes undrawn		
			31st December, 1852,	85	0 0
Digby	do,	do	this service from Grants of 1853,		1623 5 0
Do	do,	do	Old Road Votes undrawn		
			31st December, 1852,	54	0 0
Yarmouth	do,	do	this service from Grants of 1853,		1450 12 7
Do	do,	do	Old Road Votes undrawn		
			31st December, 1853,	10	0 0
Queen's	do,	do	this service from Grants of 1853,		1451 12 3
Do	do,	do	Old Road Votes undrawn		
			31st December, 1853,	13	0 0
Victoria	do,	do	this service from Grants of 1853,		1288 0 0
Do	do,	do	Old Road Votes undrawn		
			31st December, 1852,	15	12 0
Shelburne	do,	do	this service from Grants of 1853,		1582 7 8
Lunenb'rg	do,	do	do		1962 0 0
C. Breton	do,	do	do		1710 13 0
					<u>1286 19 2</u>

£114,728 1 7

Less the amount of certificate for £50 included in Miscellaneous Services, and not presented to the Receiver General for payment until after the 31st December.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, }
February, 1854. }

SAMUEL CREELMAN,
Financial Secretary.

The Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, appointed to examine the Public Accounts, beg leave to report as follows, viz.:

RECEIVER GENERAL.

Balance in hands of the Receiver General 31st December, 1853, £17266 2 7

LIGHT, IMPOST, AND EXCISE.

The accounts connected with these Departments, are as follows, as per Statement furnished by the Financial Secretary :

HALIFAX.

SINCE PAID.

		Due on old Bonds 31st December, 1853,	£1336	12	6
£188	17	7	Due by Collector of Excise do,	188	17 7
					<u>£1525 10 1</u>
283	18	6	Due by Collector of Light Duties do,		283 18 6
					Annapolis.

			ANNAPOLIS.			
£407	10	0	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	£407	13	4
			ARICHAT.			
			Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	61	9	8
			ADVOCATE HARBOR.			
20	2	3	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	23	17	7
			ANTIGONISHE.			
22	0	0	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	27	5	5
			AMHERST.			
366	8	4	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	367	15	10
			BARRINGTON.			
74	0	0	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853, Due by J. Crews, late Collector,	76	10	5
			BEAVER RIVER, (CORNING.)	£24	16	10
2	17	11	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	2	17	11
			BEAVER RIVER, (RAYMOND.)			
10	6	6	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	10	6	6
			BRIDGETOWN.			
92	6	6	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	92	6	6
			CANADA CREEK.			
94	4	3	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	94	4	3
			CANSO, (HADLEY.)			
			Balance due, as formerly reported,	46	1	5
			CANSO, (McKEEN.)			
200	0	0	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	1122	6	7
			CAPE CANSO, (BIGELOW.)			
			Over-paid by Collector on Light Duty for 1853,	9	1	3
			CAPE CANSO, (NORRIS.)			
5	9	0	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	5	9	0
			CHURCH POINT.			
123	10	11	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	160	11	3
			CLEMENTSPORT.			
69	15	7	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	69	15	7
			Cornwallis.			

CORNWALLIS.

£62 16 3 Due by Collector 31st December, 1853, £62 14 4

DIGBY.

609 13 9 Due by Collector 31st December, 1853. 609 13 10

GUYSBORO'.

Due by late Collector as formerly reported, £5 7 2

GREAT BRAS D'OR.

6 17 2 Due by Collector 31st December, 1853, 6 17 2

HANTSPORT.

53 1 10 Due by Collector 31st December, 1853, 53 4 0

HARBOR AU BOUCHE.

Due by Collector 31st December, 1853, 8 6 8

HORTON.

67 15 3 Due by Collector 31st December, 1853, 67 15 3

JOGGINS MINES.

43 18 5 Due by Collector 31st December, 1853, 43 18 5

LA HAVE.

40 0 0 Due by Collector 31st December, 1853, 78 13 6

LIVERPOOL.

321 1 10 Due by Collector 31st December, 1853, 321 1 0
Due by late Collector, Joshua Newton, 40 1 9

LONDONDERRY.

95 7 7 Due by Collector 31st December, 1853, 95 7 5

LUNENBURG.

3 3 4 Due by C. B. Owen, late Collector, 1853, 3 3 4

MAITLAND.

157 0 0 Due by Collector, 31st December, 1853, 235 12 11

PARRSBORO'.

Due by Collector 31st December, 1853, 177 1 11

PICTOU.

173 1 3 Due by Collector 31st December, 1853, 173 1 3

PORT HOOD.

5 10 2 Due by Collector 31st December, 1853, 5 10 7

PORT MEDWAY.									
£16	0	0	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853, Due by late Collector, J. G. Reynolds,	£2	16	7	£65	15	10
PUBNICO,									
31	8	3	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	31	8	3			
PUGWASH.									
62	0	0	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	62	8	9			
RAGGED ISLANDS.									
27	2	11	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	29	7	9			
SANDY COVE.									
25	7	0	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	26	0	11			
SHEET HARBOR.									
			Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	10	0	9			
SHELBURNE.									
20	0	0	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	24	17	2			
SHIP HARBOR.									
			Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	20	18	8			
ST. ANN'S.									
6	10	0	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	6	9	0			
ST. MARY'S.									
			Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	14	0	4			
SYDNEY, C. B.									
95	14	1	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	96	16	7			
SYDNEY, (NORTH.)									
207	13	4	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	222	17	3			
TATAMAGOUCHE.									
39	6	6	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	59	17	0			
THORNE'S COVE.									
30	6	3	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	30	5	5			
TRURO.									
67	19	2	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853, Due by S. J. Blair, former Collector,	6	3	8	70	2	0
TUSKET.									
93	0	0	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,	93	3	7			
				Wallace,					

WALLACE.		
£50	19 3	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,
		£50 19 3
WALTON.		
20	0 0	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853
		20 12 5
WESTPORT.		
97	0 0	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,
		98 4 7
WEYMOUTH.		
79	1 0	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,
		79 1 0
WILMOT.		
454	7 3	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,
		454 7 3
WINDSOR.		
		Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,
		1 14 4
YARMOUTH.		
144	7 4	Due by Collector 31st December, 1853,
		146 16 11
<u>£5,168</u>	<u>16 6</u>	
		<u>£7,982 5 0</u>

The whole amount of Revenue from Excise, collected in 1853, is £104,962 5s. 4d., being an increase over 1852 of £10,918 18s. 8d., of which revenue £19,829 8s. 10d., was collected at the Out-ports, being an increase over 1852 of £3101 2s. 5d.

The Light Duties collected in 1853, amount to £6205 1s. 8d., being an increase over 1852 of £365 6s. 2d.

The accounts of Collectors of Excise and Light Duties, are, with few exceptions, satisfactory; the attention of the Financial Secretary has been called to such as require special notice.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Expended for Government House,	£1344	9 6
Province Building,	882	13 10
Paid William Findlay, for estimate,	7	15 0
Gas Company,	95	11 3
	<u>£2330</u>	<u>9 7</u>

SCHOONER DARING.

Sundry expences for 1853, as per Bills, (carried to Sable Island account),	£968	8 4
CR.		
By freight, cargo, and materials of brig. Ottoman	180	0 0
Materials of Amazon,	40	0 0
Cargo and materials of Schr. Guide,	145	0 0
Amount allowed from fund for the protection of the Fisheries,	250	0 0
	<u>615</u>	<u>0 0</u>
(Carried to Sable Island account),	£353	8 4
		Sable

SABLE ISLAND.

Sundry expenses as per accounts,	£1329	0	9
Schr. Daring account,	968	8	4
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	£2297	9	1

Cr.

By sales of copper, boats, junk, &c., &c., &c., by Deblois and Merkel,	66	5	11		
Salvage on cargo and materials of brig. Ottoman,	320	0	0		
Salvage ship Amazon,	75	0	0		
Cash from Capt. Clarke, refunded from Capt. Parry,	45	0	0		
Proceeds of 52 ponies and old iron, from Deblois and Merkel,	63	5	11		
Proceeds of 52 ponies, sold at the Island by Superintendent,	113	0	0		
Salvage on cargo and materials of Schooner Guide,	470	0	0		
Proceeds of sales of molasses, by Deblois and Merkel,	178	5	4		
Sales of Sundries, by Deblois and Merkel, Nov. 19,	45	9	9		
Sales of 80 barrels Cranberries,	107	0	0		
Sales of Sundries,	22	11	4		
Amount of credits to Schr. Daring, as per account,	615	0	0	2121	8 3
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(Carried to Board of Works account),				£176	0 10

FISHERY PROTECTION.

Charter of Schr. "Bonita," 4 months and 11 days, at £100 per month,	436	1	4		
Charter of Schr. "Alice Rogers," 4 months and 10 days, at £110 per month,	476	13	4		
Amount allowed the Schooner "Daring,"	250	0	0		
Amount paid Pilots and Sundry other expences, as per account,	186	12	0		
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(Carried to account of Board of Works),				£1349	6 8

PENITENTIARY.

Expenses for 1853,				1104	10 10
	Cr.				
By Sales of pigs,	6	1	6		
Rations for Sailors confined there,	8	18	1		
Sales of Oakum,	9	0	0	23	19 7
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(Carried to account of Board of Works),				£1080	11 3

GOVERNMENT SCHOONER, "LADY VIVIAN."

Expences for 1853,	£178	19	3
The amount is settled by being charged to general and particular Light House Service.			

Board

BOARD OF WORKS.

Amount paid owners brig. Ottoman, for sales of materials and cargo,	£202	19	9
Protection of the Fisheries, as per account,	1349	6	8
Purchase of land for the Lunatic Asylum,	1750	0	0
Balance on account of Penitentiary, as per account,	1080	11	3
Sable Island and Schr. Daring, as per account,	2297	9	1
General Light House service, including St. Paul's and Scattarie,	7395	0	6
Paid for Light Houses, viz :			
Pubnico,	170	2	5
Gull Rock,	349	11	4
White Head,	335	7	8
Pictou Island,	350	16	0
Port Hood,	348	1	3
	<hr/>	1553	17 8
For public Buildings, as per account,		2330	9 7
For salaries of Board of Works, viz :			
Hon. H. Bell, Chairman,	250	0	0
William Condon, Clerk,	150	0	0
Jacob Millar, Superintendent,	150	0	0
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Advertizing, Postage, &c.,		87	3 7
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		18594	18 1

Received.

Cash from the Receiver General, on account of the Fishery protection,	1500	0	0
Do Lunatic Asylum,	1750	0	0
Do various services,	9350	0	0
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	12600	0	0
Cash from Deblois and Merkel, for sales of Oil Casks, &c., &c.,	40	8	3
Amount of credits of Sable Island, as per account,	2121	8	3
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Balance due Board of Works,		3833	1 7

Memorandum.

Due from Canada for Light House service, yearly grant, 1853,	500	0	0
Proportion of other expenditure,	80	19	8
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New Brunswick yearly grant for St. Paul's and Scattarie,	250	0	0
For Brier Island,	100	0	0
One half Seal Island Light,	138	19	7
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Prince Edward Island yearly grant to St. Paul's Light,	£30	0	0		
Proportion of over-expenditure,	4	17	3	34	17
				£1104	16
					6

PROVINCE NOTES.

The Committee have received from the Receiver General Two thousand pounds in torn and defaced Notes, and have destroyed them.

They have also received from the Provincial Secretary's Office two boxes, containing forty eight thousand pounds of unsigned Notes, of the blue impression; also a large number of an older issue, all of which your Committee have destroyed, and they have also defaced the plates.

The blue Notes above alluded to, were contained in two boxes comprising twelve packages of four thousand pounds each, instead of fifteen packages of one thousand pounds each, as mentioned in the letter of the Provincial Secretary.

The Boxes being full, the Committee are satisfied that the naming fifteen parcels in the letter of the Provincial Secretary instead of twelve, was an error.

The Report of the Committee for signing Treasury Notes, will appear in the Appendix to the Journals.

UNDRAWN ROAD MONEY,—31ST DECEMBER, 1853.

HALIFAX.

52 Forbes Black,	1852.	£50	0	0
77 Simeon Julien,	"	7	0	0
86 William Anderson,	"	10	0	0
87 William Anderson,	"	7	10	0
88 William Anderson,	"	7	10	0
90 William Anderson,	"	10	0	0
93 William Geddes,	"	5	0	0
126 W. J. Lydiard,	"	5	0	0
142	"	2	11	8
49 Peter Shea,	1853,	5	0	0
59	"	14	14	9
77 William Anderson,	"	10	0	0
115 William Anderson,	"	5	0	0
128	"	20	2	2
No. 8, 3s.; No. 24, 1s. 3d.; No. 64, 1s. 3d., "		0	5	6
		£159	14	1

ANNAPOLIS.

110 George Bruce,	1849,	5	0	0
121 John Gates,	1852,	2	0	0
126 William Wilkins,	"	1	0	0
21 James Buchler,	1853,	5	0	0
38 Philip Dukeshire,	"	7	10	0
80 John Buchler,	"	17	10	0
132 Josiah S. Harris,	"	10	0	0
Unappropriated,	"	6	0	0
		£54	0	0
		Cumberland		

CUMBERLAND.

129 Stephen Spencer,	1850,	5	0	0
98 John Glennie,	1852,	5	0	0
104 Daniel McLeod,	"	10	0	0
130	"	15	2	9
9	1853,	5	0	0
13	"	5	0	0
80 John McElmon,	"	12	0	0
82 Edward Davison,	"	10	0	0
99 James Corbet,	"	25	0	0
104	"	5	0	0
125 J. W. Wood,	"	7	10	0
132	"	10	0	0
142 James Ward,	"	6	0	0
144	"	5	0	0
154	"	75	0	0
162	"	37	18	2
163	"	44	8	0
158	"	11	10	0
No. 6, 2s.; No. 39, 3s.; No. 42, 2s. 3d.,	"	0	7	3
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		£294	16	2

DIGBY,

95 Daniel Rice,	1850,	9	17	0
16 James Cossaboom,	1853,	15	0	0
22 George Cook,	"	12	0	0
69 Luke Therrio,	"	10	0	0
89 J. S. Sonia,	"	7	0	0
91 Claude Temer,	"	7	0	0
118 Dunbar and Journeyay,	"	25	0	0
123	"	20	0	0
No. 37, 3s.; No. 49, 2s. and 10s.	"	0	15	0
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		£106	12	0

COLCHESTER.

11 Dickson Baird,	1852	£5	0	0
51 Robert Anderson,	"	15	0	0
135 Jacob Durning,	"	3	0	0
29 J. B. Woodworth,	1853	3	10	0
104 D. Fulton, Senr.	"	20	11	9
115 Josiah Crow,	"	9	0	0
119 James Seaton,	"	3	0	0
124	"	6	0	0
144 D. Williamson,	"	5	13	9
207	"	6	8	9
216, 217, 218, 219,	"	3	19	0
226	"	2	7	2
No. 32, 6d.; No. 80, 2s.; No. 189, 1s.6d.	"	0	4	0
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		£83	14	5

LUNENBURG.

72 J. Parks,	1848	1	17	6
52 Robert Fancy,	1851	7	0	0
86 Peter Herman,	1852	10	0	0
29 Thomas Retsy,	1853	8	0	0
149 William Simpson,	"	10	0	0
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		£36	17	6

KINGS.

81 J. G. Patterson,	1850	10	0	0
53 Rupert Eaton,	1852	5	0	0
118 Thomas Welton,	"	10	0	0
120 J. Selfridge,	"	5	0	0
164 George Gilmore,	"	7	10	0
174 Stephen Gould,	"	10	0	0
5 Alex. McConnell,	1853	14	0	0
23 Campbell Ruggles,	"	4	0	0
56 W. H. Magee,	"	2	0	0
63 T. C. Rand,	"	10	0	0
87 Wm. Foot,	"	4	0	0
114 George Munroe,	"	16	13	4
128 Joseph Lee,	"	10	0	0
130 Thomas Welton,	"	10	0	0
185	"	10	0	0
188 Robert King,	"	5	0	0
8	"	8	0	0
193	"	8	19	1
999	"	34	0	11
No. 95, 10s.; No. 199, 15s.	"	1	5	0
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		£185	8	4

PICTOU

34 Donald McDonald,	1852	30	0	0
74 John Fraser,	"	6	14	6
19 Kenneth Fraser,	1853	1	5	9
34 Donald McDonald,	"	14	12	9
95 John McDonald,	"	30	0	0
96 Alex. Chisholm,	"	2	19	0
129 Andrew Campbell,	"	15	0	0
Special Grant,	"	5	0	0
148 5s. 9d. Extra Grant, 6s.	"	0	11	9
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		£106	3	9

QUEENS.

7 Benjamin Smith,	1853	10	0	0
44 George Freeman,	"	25	0	0
87 James Nickerson,	"	5	0	0
96 William McGuire,	"	5	0	0
108 John Tobin,	"	5	0	0

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No. 2, 6s. 2d. ; No. 8, 14s. 10d. ; No. 21, 19s. ; No. 22, 14s. ;
No. 59, 3s. 9d. ; No. 63, 10s., 1853,

£3 7 9

£53 7 9

HANTS.

1 Gideon Reid,	1852	1 6 2
11 Theodore Harding,	"	8 0 0
30 William Greeno,	"	5 0 0
79 Dugald McDonald,	"	5 0 0
97 James Wood,	"	7 0 0
8 William McKay,	1853	5 0 0
25 John Murphy,	"	5 0 0
38 Charles Inglis,	"	5 0 0
47 T. Harding,	"	8 0 0
48 John Redding,	"	30 0 0
52 E. McLutchy,	"	7 0 0
Special Grant,	"	93 13 6
No. 3, 2d. ; No. 140, 6d.	"	0 0 8

£180 0 4

GUYSBORO.

14 John Ehler,	1851	7 10 0
85 John Godfrey,	1852	1 12 0
36 Thomas Cooper,	"	1 0 0
14 John F. Taylor,	1853	15 0 0
18 John Ehler,	"	12 10 0
19 Joseph David,	"	13 2 0
70	"	50 0 0
74 Eli Mattie,	"	8 15 3
97 Scott & Atwater,	"	133 6 8
No. 50, 8s. ; No. 51, 8s. ; No. 61, 8s. ; No. 96, 4s. 1853,		1 8 0

£244 3 11

SYDNEY.

Fraser & McKenzie,	1851	2 12 0
9 Duncan Grant,	1853	1 6 3
25 George Brennan,	"	12 0 0
84 George Lavender,	"	5 0 0
95 Alex. McKinnon,	"	3 0 0
115 A. McKenzie,	"	2 4 0
No. 82, 6s. 10d. ; No. 114, 11s. 8d.		0 18 6

£27 0 9

YARMOUTH.

62 David Hatfield,	1851	25 0 0
55 David Stanwood,	1853	5 0 0
81 Sub-division,	"	54 12 11
89 Sub-division,	"	9 4 6

£93 17 5
Cape Breton

CAPE BRETON.			
77	A. Howie,	1853	£2 6 0
50	Donald McNeil,	"	10 0 0
50		"	3 10 3
74		"	3 13 0
	Nos. 39, 60, 78, and 50,	"	1 8 6
			£20 17 9
INVERNESS			
103	McKeen & Forrestall,	1850	10 0 0
54	Malcolm McKay,	1852	4 16 0
134	Campbell & McMillan,	"	100 0 0
148	P. Godet,	"	3 0 0
156	McDonald & McKeen,	"	7 10 0
157	John McGregor,	"	7 0 0
43	D. McDonald,	1853	15 0 0
45	Neil McKinnon,	"	7 0 0
47	A. Cameron,	"	10 0 0
53	Angus Beaton,	"	7 0 0
72	Angus McDonald,	"	10 0 0
73	Angus Campbell,	"	12 0 0
75	D. Cameron,	"	10 0 0
76	D. Cameron,	"	10 0 0
81	John McDonald,	"	10 0 0
123	Malcolm McKay,	"	4 16 0
131	C. Lawrence,	"	20 0 0
48	Hon. W. McKeen,	"	8 0 0
	Special Grant,	"	60 15 0
	No. 17, 4s.; No. 40, 8s. 6d.; No. 119, 4s. 2d. 1853,	"	0 16 8
			£319 13 8
RICHMOND.			
58	Reserved for Little Arichat Bridge,	1851	32 0 0
59	Little Arichat Bridge,	1852	60 0 0
87	John McAulay,	"	6 0 0
39	Hugh McLean,	1853	4 19 0
40	Alex. Urquhart,	"	5 14 6
76	Little Arichat Bridge,	"	38 0 0
87	Charles Samson,	"	9 0 0
110	J. McKenzie,	"	15 4 0
	Unappropriated,	"	23 4 3
	No. 50, 6s.; No. 53, 1s. 6d.,	"	0 7 6
			£194 9 3
VICTORIA.			
1	F. W. McKenzie,	1853	20 0 0
13	F. W. McKenzie,	"	20 0 0
12	F. W. McKenzie,	"	10 0 0
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19 F. W. McKenzie,	1853	£5 0 0
24	"	36 8 0
23	"	237 0 0
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		£328 8 0

SHELburne.

11 William Matham,	1853	22 0 0
30 E. Nickerson,	"	15 0 0
No. 29, 8s.; No. 79, 4s.; No. 104, 4d.	"	0 12 4
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		£37 12 4
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		£2,526 17 7

Abstract of Advances made for Roads and Bridges in 1853, to be provided for in the Road Appropriations for 1854:

HANTS.

1853.	Unprovided for in 1853,	£117 12 7
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SYDNEY.

November 5.	Loan, in addition to Grant, Adam McKenzie,	£300 0 0 30 0 0
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		330 0 0

PICTOU.

September 24.	Alexander McLeod,	16 2 0
" 29.	Kenneth McLean,	30 0 0
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		46 2 0

ANNAPOLIS.

July 15.	G. F. Ditmars,	15 0 0
" 26.	Benjamin Starritt,	30 0 0
September 1.	Benaiah Morse,	7 10 0
December 14.	William Faulkner,	200 0 0
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		252 10 0

HALIFAX.

August 25.	John L. Sweet,	11 15 7
" 30.	John L. Sweet,	4 16 0
October 8.	John Parker,	175 0 0
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		191 11 7

COLCHESTER.

September 27.	William Falkner,	47 9 8
October 15.	David Campbell,	3 5 1
November 14.	James Hamilton,	18 5 0
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		68 19 9
		Cape Breton

CAPE BRETON.			
November 15.	James McKenzie,		£92 5 8
December 9.	J. D. Archibald,		9 4 2
			<u>101 9 10</u>
CUMBERLAND.			
September 29.	Jesse Fullerton,		10 0 0
November 24.	William Faulkner,		123 15 6
December 8.	John Clansy,		7 10 0
" 23.	Henry Purdy,		105 0 0
			<u>246 5 6</u>
RICHMOND.			
November 15.	James McKenzie,		16 15 6
October 22.	M. J. Kavanah,		10 0 0
			<u>26 15 6</u>
GUYSBOROUGH.			
August 3.	David Archibald,		4 8 6
LUNENBURG.			
October 31.	Henry Aulders,		30 0 0
DIGBY.			
November 25.	George Devou,		10 16 10
			<u>£1,426 12 1</u>
ROAD ADVANCES,—1854.			
VICTORIA.			
1854.			
January 6.	F. W. McKenzie,		48 0 4
HALIFAX.			
" 11.	William Anderson,		53 8 6
" 19.	J. L. Sweet,		46 8 0
			<u>99 16 6</u>
HANTS.			
" "	J. L. Sweet,		31 7 11
DIGBY.			
" 20.	William Aymar,		11 14 6
" "	John Brophy,		7 0 2
			<u>18 14 8</u>
PICTOU.			
" 21.	Adam McKenzie,		17 5 0
GUYSBOROUGH.			
February 9.	Angus Kirk,		19 7 1
HALIFAX.			
" 11.	William Dowling.		10 3 7
COLCHESTER.			
" "	William Dowling,		14 2 9
HANTS.			
" "	William Dowling,		5 10 3
			<u>£264 8 1</u>

Report of Committee for Signing Treasury Notes.

The Commissioners appointed to issue Province Notes, and to carry into effect the provisions of the Act passed in the year 1846, entitled, "An Act relating to the Treasury Notes, the Funded Debt, and the Halifax Savings' Bank," beg leave respectfully to report to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, for the information of the Legislature—

That, since their last Report, dated 4th March, 1852, they have received from the Receiver General, Four thousand pounds of Notes, comprising 747 Old Notes, and 3,253 Torn and Defaced Notes of the new impression, which they have cancelled, and given in exchange therefor £4,000 of New Notes only; numbered, dated, and signed as specified in the record thereof kept by them, pursuant to the said Act, a copy of which is hereunto annexed, marked "A"; and that they have delivered the Cancelled Notes to the Secretary of the Province, as prescribed by the said Act, as will appear by a copy of the Receipts, also hereto annexed, marked "B."

And they further report that the Province Notes, now in circulation, amount to	} £59864 10 0
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That, up to the present time, they have issued, of New Notes, to cancel Old,	} 54726 0 0
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Leaving, of Old Notes, still in circulation,	5138 10 0	£59,864 10 0
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That, in addition to the above new issue, to cancel Old Notes of	£54726 0 0
They have also issued, to cancel Torn and Defaced Notes of the new impression,	} 4274 0 0

Making the whole amount now issued, of new impression,	£59,000 0 0
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And they also report that there now only remains £1,000 to be issued to complete the £60,000, the full amount of the impression procured in 1846; and they beg to call this fact to the attention of the Government, that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and the Executive Council, may have such further impression struck from the plate as may be deemed necessary.

All which they respectfully submit,

L. HARTSFORNE,
W. A. BLACK,
CHARLES TWINING.

HALIFAX, Feby. 25, 1854.

A.

Provincial Notes (One pound) of the impression procured under the "Act 9th Victoria, Chapter 14," signed by the Commissioners, and delivered to the Receiver General in lieu of Old Notes previously in circulation, and of Defaced Notes of the present new impression; also, Memo. of Notes cancelled and lodged with the Secretary of the Province:

DATE.	BY WHOM SIGNED.	NUMBERED.	AMOUNT.	DATE OF CANCELLING.	10s.	£2.	£5.	OLD £1.	£1 OF PLATE 1828.	£1 OF NEW IMPRESSION.	TOTAL.
1851.	Brought forward,		£55,000		40	2	30	828	53,117	1,021	55,000 J. McNab.
Dec. 1 1852.	W. A. Black & C. Twining,	6. 5001 to 6. 6000,	1,000,	Dec. 28, 1852,					212	788	1,000
Oct. 1	C. Twining & L. Hartshorne,	6. 6001 to 6. 7000,	1,000,	Jan. 19, 1853,	20	8	15	5	117	854	1,000
Dec. 1 1853.	L. Hartshorne & W. A. Black,	6. 7001 to 6. 8000,	1,000,	Dec. 24, 1853,					203	797	1,000
Oct. 1	W. A. Black & C. Twining,	6. 8001 to 6. 9000,	1,000,	Feb. 20, 1854,				10	176	814	1,000
											59,000

L. HARTSHORNE,
W. A. BLACK,
CHARLES TWINING.

B.

*Provincial Secretary's Office,
Halifax, 19th January, 1853.*

Received from the Commissioners for issuing Treasury Notes, two sealed parcels, marked thus :

“ One thousand one pound Notes, cancelled 28th December, 1852.—L. H. C. T.”

“ £1,000 Province Notes, cancelled 19th January, 1853.—L.H. C.T.”

JOSEPH HOWE.

Deposited in the Receiver General's Office, 19th January, 1853.

JAMES McNAB.

Received the above, March 1st, 1853.

THOMAS KILLAM.

*Provincial Secretary's Office,
Halifax, 22nd February, 1854.*

Received from the Commissioners for issuing Treasury Notes, two parcels, sealed, marked as follows :

“ £1,000 one pound Notes, £1,000 cancelled, 20th February, 1854.—L.H. C.T.”

“ £1,000 one pound Notes, cancelled 24th December, 1853.—L.H. C.T.”

JOSEPH HOWE.

Deposited in the Receiver General's Office, 22nd February, 1854.

JAMES McNAB.

In reference to the expences connected with Education, your Committee beg to call the attention of the House to the necessity of fixing the Salaries of the Superintendents appointed during the last year.

The Grant for a single Superintendent, under the Revised Statutes, is £250, together with an allowance of £100 for contingencies of office and travelling expences.

Mr. Dawson's Salary for 1852 was not drawn in consequence of his having resigned the office, but he was paid £100 in pursuance of the Report of the Committee on Education last year who, recommended that the balance of £150 should be applied to partially defray the increased expence of employing two inspectors during the current year.

By a Resolution of the House, passed on the Fourth April last, the Governor is requested to carry out this recommendation, and the House pledged itself to make provision for any increased expence which it might be necessary to incur.

The whole amount paid out on this account for the past year to the 31st December, 1853, is £256 10s. which is within the amount already voted, but the expenditure of the coming year will necessarily exceed that amount, if made at the same rate.

The Committee are of opinion that the Salaries of all Public Officers should be fixed by the Legislature, and recommend that this should be done in respect of the Superintendents.

Statement

Statement of Fees collected at the Provincial Secretary's Office in 1853.

On Marriage Licenses,	£651 0 0
On Commissions issued Justices of the Peace,	22 0 0
“ Notaries Public,	25 13 4
“ Collectors of Duties,	21 8 4
“ Fish Wardens,	9 0 0
“ Judges of Probate,	7 0 0
“ Registrars of Probate,	2 6 8
“ Coroners,	4 13 4
“ Health Officers,	1 10 0
On Certificates of Lieutenant-Governor,	4 10 0
“ Provincial Secretary,	1 15 0
On Searches,	1 11 0
On Copies,	£6 1 9
On Patents,	2 0 0
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[E. E.]	£760 9 5

(Signed) JOSEPH HOWE,
Provincial Secretary.

Your Committee have examined the accounts of the expenditure of £100 granted by the Legislature for the relief of the Poor in the Counties of Halifax and Lunenburg, and find them correct. Over-expenditure £10 9s. 11d.

They have also examined the accounts of the expenditure of monies granted for the relief of the Colored Population. They find the accounts for Annapolis and Yarmouth for 1852 and 1853 correct. Those of Halifax, Hants, Cumberland, and Guysborough, for 1853, correct.

There are no returns of the expenditure in Queens, Sydney, Shelburne, and Kings.

All the monies granted for this purpose have been drawn from the Treasury, excepting that for the County of Digby, of which only Five Pounds have been drawn, and which has been accounted for correctly, leaving Five Pounds undrawn.

Your Committee recommend that all disbursements of public monies for this service should be vouched in the current year, in the same manner as other services.

Casual and Territorial Revenue for the year 1853.

Rent of Coal Mines for 1853,	£3750 0 0
Rent of reserved Mines do,	1 5 0
Royalty on 39156 chaldrons of Coals, at 2s.	3915 12 0
From Sales of Crown Lands,	6567 1 4
From Fees collected in Provincial Secretary's Office in 1852,	759 2 9
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Financial Secretary's Office.	£14993 1 1

CROWN LAND DEPARTMENT.

The quantity of land sold in 1853 to the 31st October, is 301 lots, containing 37-142 acres. The Officer's accounts for 1853, will appear in the Appendix of Journals of House of Assembly.

It appears by the accounts that the nett balance in favor of the Province, 31st December, 1853, is £5696 13s. 9d. including £67 12s. received on account of lands sold in previous years.

There are no vouchers accompanying these accounts.

The Committee do not find in the Receiver General's Account any payment on account of the sum of £197 18s. 6d. reported last year as due from Mr. Dill and Mr. Ward, and £176 1s. 6d. in the hands of Mr. Keating, which the Committee recommend should be paid into the Treasury.

STATE OF THE PROVINCE, 31ST DEC. 1853.

Treasury Notes in circulation,	£59862	0	0
Amount due depositors in the Savings' Bank,	50000	0	0
Undrawn for Roads and Bridges,	2526	17	7
Do for other services,	15350	0	0
Amount due to Board of Works for various services,	3833	1	7
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	£131571	19	2

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Balance in hands of the Receiver General,	£17266	2	7	
Due from Collectors at Out-ports,	6456	14	11	
" Halifax Excise,	188	17	7	
" Casual and Territorial Revenue,	7549	14	9	
" Canada, New Brunswick, and Prince Edw'd.				
Island, for Light Houses,	1104	16	6	
" different Counties for advance for Roads and				
Bridges,	1691	0	2	
Dalhousie College,	5000	0	0	
Canal Property,	1200	0	0	
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	Balance,	£91114	12	8
Amount of old Bonds in Halifax Excise Office—very doubtful,		£1336	12	6

The difference between the amount of indebtedness appearing by this Report, and that of the Account of the Financial Secretary, arises not from any incorrectness in the Account, but from a different mode of stating it adopted by the Committee.

The Committee have deducted the amount of the Excise Bonds at Halifax, also the sum paid for the Site of the Lunatic Asylum. The latter your Committee consider in the same light as the money expended in the Province Building and other public property, and not to be counted as assets to meet debts.

The Committee are of opinion that some effectual check should be imposed upon Excise Officers.

For the County they suggest, that of the quarterly Returns made by each Officer to the Financial Secretary, an Abstract shewing the name of the Vessel—of the Importers—the amount of duties, and date of payment—should be sent by the Officers to the Clerk of the Peace in each County, to be by him posted up in some conspicuous place in his office.

For the City they recommend that the Entries of Goods be made in duplicate, the one copy as at present, the other at the Financial Secretary's Office, the duty to be done by a special Clerk to be appointed for that purpose.

The Committee have taken into consideration the inadequacy of the Salary given to Mr. McCulloch, the Clerk in the Financial Secretary's Office, and they are fully of opinion that that Officer is well entitled to two hundred and fifty pounds a year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, Chairman, } Committee
A. KEITH, } of
J. McCULLY, } LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THOMAS KILLAM, Chairman for HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.
ADAMS G. ARCHIBALD,
JOHN J. MARSHALL,
STEPHEN FULTON,
HENRY S. JOST.

March 12th, 1854.

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